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The Practice of Living

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister



The Buddhist practices of meditation and mindfulness are very popular in America today. The common thought is that practice can lead to a spiritual awakening. There may be an assumption that perfecting these practices will lead to some spiritual insight. Most people may not be aware that the continuous, dedicated practices of monks

and nuns in a monastic setting, is very difficult to replicate by a few hours of practice by ordinary people in the complex, competitive lifestyle of conventional life. Shinran admitted that his egocentric desires prevented him from any true awakening, even as a monk. His integrity and honesty in his self-reflection, revealed this flaw in our human nature.

Sometimes the question is asked, “what is the practice of a Shin Buddhist?” There may be confusion because of this concern that any practice has an egocentric motive. That may be true, but this warning can lead to the dilemma of non-action or apathy. One method around this concern, would be to consider the practice of “receiving.” In chapter two of *Kyogyoshinsho*, Shinran’s thoughts on “Practice,” emphasizes hearing the Name. Here, I am equating “receiving” with “hearing.” Of course, hearing still involves the desires of the ego. But the practice of receiving is not an individual means of achieving spiritual bliss. We are receiving the Name of Amida Buddha.

What does it mean to receive the Name of Amida Buddha? In the *Jodo Wasan, Hymns of the Pure Land*, Shinran presents dozens of equivalent Names for Amida. Many Names are some version of light, such as “Immeasurable Light,” “Light of Wisdom,” and “Light of Joy.” He continues with explanations of the beneficial effects this light has on our lives. He also presents the benefits of hearing the Name of Amida. Shinran concludes by relating that those who become aware of the light and hearing the Name, respond with gratitude.

D.T. Suzuki is well known for introducing Zen Buddhism to America. In his later, mature years, his interest turn toward Shin Buddhism. It may be that the wisdom of his maturity, revealed the impactful, relevance of Shin. He translated the first four chapters of Shinran’s major work, *Kyogyoshinsho*. The second chapter, *Gyo*, is usually translated

as “practice.” Suzuki translated *gyo*, as “living.” He felt that the practice for Shin Buddhists was living. I think this is a very appropriate translation and guide for us.

How might “living” be a practice? At the end of this chapter, Shinran has written a gatha that is chanted and is usually identified with its abbreviated name of “*Shoshinge*.” He gives a beautiful description of the light of compassion breaking through the clouds of ignorance, greed, and hatred. “Beneath the clouds and mists there is brightness, not dark.” As we realize this gift, great joy is experienced. The message of these verses is that the light of Truth and Compassion is always shining. But the ignorance of our ego covers this truth. But regardless of the gloom, there is brightness, not dark.



I think it was this awareness of the Light of Compassion that supported the Issei and Nisei through the clouds of immigrant discrimination, the depression era, WWII, forced internment, and social inequality. The Nembutsu was their spiritual connection. Voicing *Namo Amida Butsu* during the struggles of the day, was a reminder that the light of compassion was always available. By appreciating the basic gifts of everyday life, they were able to persevere, to provide the Dharma for us.

We have become accustomed to an extravagant life style in the last half century, that has caused an ecological imbalance. Look at the inventory of any store in any mall and the warnings of shortages of natural resources. As the truth of impermanence of material wealth becomes apparent, we might look for guidance from our predecessors. Their practice of living was guided by hearing the Dharma. To counter the gloom of their physical inadequacies, they received the light of wisdom. Awakening to the gift of human life, one can respond by expressing a life of gratitude.

Hearing the Dharma alerts us to the cause of our discontent: the desire and attachment to material goods and social status. A balance is found by appreciated the many things that life affords. A shift from “please” to “thank you” may take a practice. Whenever we find ourselves complaining of the gloom of life, we might develop a practice of “thank you.” Find a simple gift of life, breaking through the cloud of ignorance. A life of gratitude will expand our experience of joy. *Namo Amida Butsu* is our practice of living a life of gratitude. It expresses our awareness of our unconditional acceptance in this world. Let us share this truth that the compassionate light of Amida, affects us all.

Gassho

MAY 2017

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28 9 am– INTRO. TO BUDDHISM , SH 10 am – FAMILY SERVICE Noon – Taiko, AH 1 p.m. – Ft. Rosecrans Cemetery Service	29 Memorial Day Temple Closed 8:30 am-Cypress View 9:30 am-Mt Hope	30	31 12 pm – Minyo Group, SH 1 pm – Shigin, CR 6:30 pm – Taiko @ AH 7 pm – Buddhism 1-2-3, SH	Notes: Gotan-E Osonae toban: ABA June 4 – Japanese Cultural Bazaar			

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee Board President

As I write this, I realize that May is a couple of weeks away.

This time of year will bring a string of activities and fundraising events. It will start with a Furniture and Houseware sale on Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to noon, then VFW Bingo that evening and our annual bazaar on Sunday, June 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

I wanted to acknowledge a couple of generous donors (underwriters) for the upcoming bazaar. **Please join me in thanking Sets and Jan Iwashita for sponsoring the opportunity drawing tickets AND underwriting the cost of the Chow Mein Booth with a \$1000 donation! Also, please thank Gale Kaneshiro for underwriting the delicious strawberry mochi ingredients.**

We are also looking for silent auction baskets, gift cards, sodas for our snack booth or be an underwriter for our chicken or taco booths.

I hope to write more new names as underwriters or donations in next month's newsletter. A challenge to see if we can get all our bazaar expenses sponsored and it's a great way to support the temple!

On April 6, Aki Tomiyama, Gregg Yonekura and myself attended the 60th Anniversary of sister city relations between Yokohama and San Diego. There were about 20 delegates from Japan and many special local guests. The city of Yokohama donated 15 Cherry trees and the event featured the ground breaking ceremony. We met a few of the dignitaries although most spoke Japanese. The lady translators were nothing short of amazing. We are so glad we were able to support this event and look forward to continuing and growing our partnership with the Yokohama Sister City group.

A few days later, on Sunday, April 9, we celebrated Buddha's birthday during Hanamatsuri. Thank you to all that helped decorate the Hanamido and donated the beautiful flowers and monetary donations.

I hope you were able to hear Reverend Jon Turner from Orange County. His story of Bad News/Good News was very true and most of us can relate to the ups and downs in our daily lives. He also talked about the Four Great Disciples and their personalities at the BEC talk that followed the Potluck. We thank him for making time to share his thoughts with our Sangha.

I look forward to seeing you around the temple and please feel free to give ideas or concerns to me, Sensei or any of the board members.

In Gassho



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on April 13th -

1. The Board approved the registration fee for our participation in the Pride Parade, July 15.
2. Approved Rev. Akahoshi's attendance at the Hawaii Ministers Association Meeting, June 13-15 in Honolulu, representing the BCA. Transportation and lodging are covered by the BCA.
3. Transfer of the Tanizaki Scholarship funds from a non-interest earning account to the Fidelity investment account was approved.
4. Planning for the May Furniture Sale and June's Japanese Cultural Bazaar is on-going. The food booth at the Japanese Friendship Garden's Cherry Blossom Festival was successful.
5. Twelve people attended the BTSD-sponsored CPR/AED class. March 25.
6. The temple is in charge of the Community Memorial Day service on Monday, May 29. Imperial Valley memorial services will be held May 27.
7. The Board approved co-sponsoring the Women's Taiko Conference, August 8-10. The group will be using the annex.
8. Registration fees for the June 10 Southern District Conference were approved for Rev. Akahoshi and Rev. Aoyama.

Gassho,
Nancy Martinez

BWA NEWS

Many Thanks to Dharma School students, families and Sangha members who did a wonderful job for Hanamatsuri on April 9. **Thank you, Rev. Jon Turner**, of the Orange County Buddhist Church for the memorable service and BEC Lecture that afternoon. The potluck lunch was enjoyed by all. **Thank You** everyone that shared their love through baking AND to everyone who supported the BWA through your purchases.

We would also like to thank the BWA members who assisted at the otoki after the funeral for Mrs. Otsuji. She was a valued member of the BWA and her presence will be greatly missed. The BWA was honored to do what we could in support of her family.

DON'T FORGET to sign up for the Southern District & BWA Conference being hosted by the San Fernando Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on **SATURDAY, JUNE 10** at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills. Registration Fee: \$65 per person which includes lunch and conference activities with English and Japanese speakers. The deadline for registration is Sunday, May 7. Make checks payable to BTSD. (Late registration is \$85 and due by May 28).

May 14, at 8:30 am will be the **Annual Mother's Day Breakfast** at the Annex prepared by Jr YBA (moms are free). Come on out and enjoy a great way to start the day.

HELP NEEDED: for "CHIRASHI" preparation for "Otoki" on MAY 21st. Please mark your calendar- We will need a lot of help on: SATURDAY, 20th at 9:30 am

SUNDAY, 21st: Rice Cookers at 6:00 am

Everyone else at 7:00 am, (Led by BWA Groups B & D)

There are two ways to get to the BWA website: southendistrictbwa.weebly.com, or through the direct link from the website for the temple at btsd.net. The next BWA meeting will be held on MAY 7, at 11:45 am, when Group B will be hosting. Hope to see you then!

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, April 2, around 35 Dharma School families and Sangha members visited the Vista Buddhist Temple and participated in their service for our annual Dharma exchange. Sensei Jim Pollard of the Orange County Buddhist Church provided a message to the Dharma School about our interdependency with insects and microbes. It was interesting. Thank you, Sensei Jim. We enjoyed our visit to the Vista Temple and would like to thank the Vista Dharma School and their Sangha members for their hospitality. See you next year in San Diego!

On Saturday, April 8, our beautiful Hanamido was decorated by students Paulina and Andrea Covarrubias, Tabo Isakari, Julianna Henschen, and Trina Muraoka. You did a fabulous job! Thank you to Miki Honda, Henry and Marcia Isakari, Sue Moribe, Roy and Karen Okuhara, Claudia Poquoc, Laura Yoshida, and Yukari Williams for helping with floral arrangements for our Hondo. Thank you to Paulina and Andrea Covarrubias, John and Tsune Hashiguchi, and Miki Honda for your monetary donations and to Naomi Himaka, Kaytee Sumida, and Yukari Williams for your floral donations. A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Morinaka for all the cymbidium orchids. Oh yes, thank you to Carlos Warner and Roger Coppock for making sure the flowers were put in the right spot.

We wish to thank Rev. Jon Turner, from the Orange County Buddhist Church, for giving Hanamatsuri Dharma Message. We would also like to thank him for the book, *Good News Bad News*, which he gave to our Dharma School.

I attended the Federation Dharma School Teachers League Conference in Fresno, April 22-23. The theme was *Music: A Path to the Dharma*. The keynote speaker was Rev. Peter Hata, Higashi Hongwanji, Los Angeles Betsuin. The conference was hosted by the Central Cal Dharma School Teachers League. Thank you CCDSTL! I brought back some information for our teachers to share with their students. It was nice to see familiar faces and meet new teachers. Hope to see you next year!

CAMPING TRIP: Sign-ups are still being accepted for the annual camping trip. This year it will be at William Heise Park in Julian, May 26-28. For San Diego Dharma School families, the cost will be \$40. For non-Dharma School families, the cost will be \$50. Last day to sign up will be on Sunday, May 21.

LOOKING AHEAD: The final Dharma School gathering of the term will take place on June 18, during the annual temple picnic at Rohr Park in Chula Vista. Service will begin at 10 am. We will recognize the Fathers, hand out attendance awards and recognize our high school graduates. Following the service, there will be lunch and games. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Dharma School will provide hot dogs and hamburgers.

GRADUATION SEASON: Please let me know if there are any high school or college students graduating this year that have been in our Dharma School program.

Planning for the Southern District Dharma School Teacher's Conference that San Diego will host on September 2, continues. The committee met on March 26 to discuss workshops.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY WISHES: Andrea Covarrubias, Makoto Enochs, Julianna Henschen, and Cassidy Muraoka.

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on Sunday, June 11, at 9 a.m.
Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

JR. YBA NEWS

The Jr. YBA had many events during April.

To kick off last month, Kyle Baker, Jill Yamanishi and I attended the Southern District Basketball event at Nishi on April 1. We all had a fun time. Also, we submitted two ideas to the Southern District Endowment Fund and Jill submitted her name to run for the Southern District Jr. YBL 1st VP. Elections for the 2017-18 term will take place on May 20 at Seminar 3.

Members participated in Hanamatsuri the weekend of April 8 and 9. Members helped decorate the hanamido. Members prepared tea and water for the Hanamatsuri potluck luncheon. Following the luncheon, we had our monthly chapter meeting.

On April 29, seven members attended Seminar 2 co-hosted by San Fernando and Pasadena at San Fernando. The theme was Super Buddhas. We all had a great time expressing our "inner superhero." Thank you to Mr. Ralph and Mrs. Avis for taking us to the seminar, along with Mr. Tad Muraoka who helped with transportation and chaperoning.

We will have our annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday May 14. All mothers will be free. Kids 10-and-under will cost \$3. Regular price of \$5 for everyone else. Tickets can be purchased from any Jr. YBA member.

Members are looking forward to attending the Gardena Jr. YBA on May 13 and Seminar 3 hosted by Orange County on May 20. The seminar theme is "I Got That Feeling." We hope to have a great time at these two events.

We wish to thank the Sangha for recycling contributions in March and April. CRV (California Redemption Value) aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles are being accepted. Please drop off your recyclables in Annex Room 4 on your next visit as we promote the EcoSangha of the temple.

Planning for the annual Southern District Jr. YBL Conference that we will host, along with Vista, September 2 and 3 continues. The group had a planning meeting on April 16. Our workshops are starting to take shape revolving around the theme "Finding the Path Out of Chaos." The next meeting will be on June 17 at Vista at 10 a.m. We have been receiving inquiries from several Jr. YBA groups from outside of Southern District about attending. We hope they can participate in our Conference activities.

In June, we will host the games for the temple Japanese Cultural Bazaar on June 4, and at the temple picnic on June 18.

Thank you for your continued support towards the Jr. YBA at its activities.

In Gassho,
Breven Honda, Co-President



In May, time is taken to reflect and honor the men and women who served in our nation's armed forces.

Locally, the Japanese American community gathers to remember the men and women who served our country, along with the many loved ones who have passed away.

During the weekend of May 27, 28 and 29, the temple will conduct the following Memorial Day observances:

Saturday, May 27: Imperial Valley Cemetery visitations – Calexico Cemetery (9:00 a.m.), El Centro Cemetery (10 a.m.) and Brawley Cemetery (11:30 a.m.).

Sunday, May 28: BTSD Family service at 10 a.m. Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery service at 1 p.m. Service will be at the gazebo located at the farthest south gate entrance of the cemetery's bayside.

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day observances – El Camino Mortuary (formerly Cypress View) in Japanese columbarium section (8:30 a.m.) and Mt. Hope Cemetery Nikkei Community Service (9:30 a.m.). The temple is serving as host for the community Memorial Day service.

Please contact the temple if you have questions regarding the Memorial weekend activities.



Shin Buddhist Retreat

Human Nature within Buddha Nature
WAKING UP TO A PATH OF HARMONY

June 23 - 25, 2017

This annual retreat, led by Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, will be held at the Yokoji Zen Mountain Center near Idyllwild in the San Jacinto Mountains, Ca. (www.zmc.org) Information and a registration form can be accessed by contacting the office (info@btسد.net)

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Membership

Bill Teague

Calling New Members

If you have enjoyed the sharing of Dharma and our friendly Sangha at the Temple, we encourage you to join with us as a member of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego.

Members receive the Wheel of Dharma, discounts on facilities, voting privileges at our General Meeting, and a more active role in Temple activities.

On the financial side, annual member fees are pro-rated based on the month you join, and we can set up your payments for automated monthly payments. For questions about membership please call the Temple, speak with Sensei, or chat with Bill Teague, membership chair, or any other member of the Temple board.

Keeping a strong membership helps keep our Temple strong at the core. Won't you join us?

2017-2018 Academic Scholarship Applications

The BTSD Scholarship Committee is glad to announce scholarship applications are available in May for all students about to enter college or who will be continuing with their higher education this Fall.

Application forms are available starting May 1 from the Temple in hard copy or as a word processing file.

We name our two scholarships to honor two pillars of the Temple in the Post-War period, both of whom passed away far too soon in the mid-1990s.

Ben Honda Memorial Graduating High School Graduate Scholarship

Mr. Honda was dedicated to the Junior YBA students and he and his wife Mikiye advised and inspired the Jr. YBA for decades. As an advisor, Mr. Honda valued education highly.

Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship

Mr. Kashima was the older son of our resident minister following the war, and, as a Science teacher at San Diego High School, he likewise inspired our youth and valued education highly.

All students whose parents or guardians are members of the Temple are eligible to apply. Students graduating from high school will be candidates for the Ben Honda Scholarship, and students continuing on to higher education are candidates for the Tets Kashima Scholarship. Typically, the value of the scholarships are of equal amount.

WHY APPLY? In addition to the grant, the scholarships are useful as a distinguishing addition to students' resumes as they compete for academic opportunities during their schooling and for jobs upon graduation.

DEADLINE: Applications are due July 1, and may be turned in as hard copy or sent via email attachment. Contact the Temple office for more details.

SPRING FURNITURE/HOUSEWARE SALE MAY 5th

Re-Think – Re-Use – Re-Sale!!!

Volunteers will be staffing the temple's Spring Furniture "Plus" Sale on Saturday, May 6, 8 a.m. to Noon. Proceeds go toward the temple's operating expenses.

Gently used furniture, housewares, bedding, luggage, sporting goods, and other items will be sold. Come browse, and consider buying something "tried and true" rather than new.

We need your help to make this sale a success – sorters, pricers, sales people, cashiers, security and other volunteer positions are needed. If you are available to help out in any way, please sign up to volunteer.

Please know we cannot take mattresses or child car seats.

SCRIP NEWS



"THANK YOU" to all the people who shop at Ralph's. We just received a check from them. Thanks to everyone who re-registered in September and are using their cards whenever they make a purchase!

Hope that you purchased your gift cards for Mother's Day. We have gift cards to restaurants (such as Olive Garden, Panera, Chili's, Denny's, and IHOP), to department stores (Macy's, in stock and Nordstrom's), and to many other places.

The month of June are Father's Day and graduation. We have gift cards to home improvement stores (Home Depot and Lowes) as well as Nike and Big 5. If reading is something that your mother, father, or graduate likes to do get him/her a gift card to Barnes and Noble.

Stores that carry a variety of things are Walmart, Target, and Walgreens. If you don't know what to get-just get a gift card from one them. You can't go wrong, as the person can chose from a variety of things.

Remember - Gift cards are handy and a safe way to spend money.

BINGO UPDATE

Don't be shy. Give BINGO a try on May 13!

It is an enjoyable activity for players (18-years-old and up) with a chance to win cash and door prizes. BTSD and Asian Pacific VFW Post 4851 hosts BINGO sessions starting at 6 p.m. in the Annex Hall.

Each session requires a \$10 buy-in for up to 2 ½ hours of BINGO. Extra cards are \$.50 each. Purchasing pull-tabs offer another winning opportunity.

The VFW will sell their famous hot dogs and chili dogs at the non-benefit dinners BINGO nights.

On Saturday, June 10, prior to BINGO, the temple will have a benefit dinner from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

On Saturday, July 8, VFW will have a Chicken Teriyaki dinner fundraiser from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Donation is \$10. The temple is selling tickets!

Buddhist Education Opportunities in May

Gohan-E Observance Supported with Special Lecture

Rev. Fumiaki Usuki of the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple will be the special guest minister for the observance. A special presentation will take place on Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m. The Gotan-E service is the following day at 10 a.m. Please see detailed information on next page.

Buddhism 1-2-3

There's no better antidote to our crazy lives then a little bit of peace and calm in the middle of the week! Please join us for calming chanting and meditation, and recalibrate your views in the fullness of the Dharma during lively and informal Dharma discussion. We meet each Wednesday night at 7 pm.

Kenji Sensei will present on May 3: The nature of the ego-self. May 10: How to experience a settled, Shin mind in our modern world. Other sessions are led by one of our awesome minister's assistants or various members of our Buddhist Education Committee. Free and open to all; light refreshments will be served.

Fourth Sunday

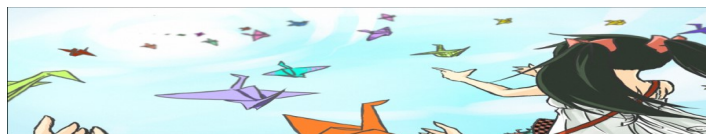
On Sunday, May 28, at 9 a.m. in the Sangha Hall. Please feel free to join us for an informal overview of Buddhism in the world and our own Temple. Ideal for students or people just starting out, the session lasts an hour and then attendees are invited to join the family service in the Hondo (main hall).

HELP SUPPORT THE JUNE BAZAAR EARLY!

Many of you know that the annual Japanese Cultural Bazaar in June is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and funds go directly to the maintenance and improvement of our Temple. It takes a lot of small repairs and upgrades to make the temple look so nice!

Gregg Yonekura and Bill Teague help solicit prizes for the benefit drawing each year, and they are asking for your help either for the raffle or (especially for higher end items) for their Dharma friends who organize the Silent Auction.

If you have a special item you would like to donate, or are able to make a cash donation to support the grand cash prize, please let Gregg and Bill know via the Temple. Thank you so much!



TALK...LISTEN...Keep Your
Fingers Busy Making SOMETHING!

CRAFTS

First & Third Wednesdays

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

In the BTSD Dining Room

Bring something to share for the pot-luck lunch

GOTAN-E

COMMEMORATING THE BIRTH OF SHINRAN SHONIN

Founder of Shin Buddhism

Observance on Sunday, May 21

OUR GOTAN-E GUEST SPEAKER

Please join the temple in welcoming Rev. Fumiaki Usuki, resident minister of the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple.

Usuki-sensei will provide the Dharma message to the Dharma School students and adults for the Gotan-E service on May 21. The service begins at 10 a.m.

On Saturday, May 20, Rev. Usuki will deliver a special presentation to expand our appreciation of our Gotan-E observance. The lecture begins at 7 pm in the Sangha Hall (one story building on the south side of the temple's parking lot).

Rev. Usuki is a dynamic speaker with helpful insights in living an authentic Buddhist life as embraced by Amida Buddha. The lecture is expected to last some 90 minutes, including time for questions and answers. The event is free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

An envelope is enclosed if you would like to make an offering for Gotan-E. For those who subscribe to the Bussei Script online, we invite your Gotan-E donation. As always, the Temple looks forward to your participation and is very grateful for your support.



Rev. Fumiaki Usuki

Rev. Usuki received his Tokudo and Kyoshi ordination in Kyoto, Japan in December 2000, and his Kaikyoshi status in November 2001. Prior to beginning his assignment at Betsuin in September 2001.

Before choosing the path of a Jodo Shinshu minister, Rev. Usuki began his working career in the 1970's at National Semiconductor and Fairchild Systems, both well-known high-tech companies in Silicon Valley.

In 1986 he became an instructor in San Jose State University's Division of Technology, teaching CAD/CAM (Computer-Aided Manufacturing) and worked in the technology field. This was his last industrial experience before entering the Institute of Buddhist Studies to study for the Jodo Shinshu ministry.

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ BUDDHISM 1,2,3 -- May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31
- ◆ CRAFTS -- May 3 & 17
- ◆ SHOTSUKI HOYO MONTHLY MEMORIAL -- May 7
- ◆ SPRING FURNITURE "Plus" SALE -- May 6
- ◆ MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST -- May 14
- ◆ BEC LECTURE WITH Rev. Usuki -- May 20
- ◆ GOTAN-E -- With Guest Speaker, Rev. Fumiaki Usuki of the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple - May 21
- ◆ IMPERIAL COUNTY MEMORIAL SERV.- May 27
- ◆ DHRMA SCHOOL CAMPOUT -- May 27 - 28
- ◆ INTRO TO BUDDHISM -- May 28
- ◆ MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE-- May 29

For more information please check out articles inside the Kaiho

Mother's Day Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

8:30-10:00 a.m., BTSD Annex Hall

Mothers = FREE

**Donation: \$5 adults, \$3 kids ages 3-10
HOSTED BY THE JR. YBA**

2017 BTSD DHARMA SCHOOL CAMPOUT

When: Memorial Day Weekend,
Friday May 26 evening to
Sunday May 28 morning

Where: William Heise County Park, Julian
Interested? Contact: Leslie Seymour or Sharon Sasaki sharonhsasaki@yahoo.com

ANNUAL LABCC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Campers ages 8-13 are encouraged to register for the annual Los Angeles Buddhist Coordinating Council (LABCC) Summer Camp program. The camp will take place July 29 through August 5 at Camp Morningstar in the San Gabriel mountains east of Los Angeles.

Registration fee for the week-long event is \$375 per camper. All fees must include parent signatures, temple minister approval, health history physical exam and copies of health insurance and immunization record.

Up to 150 campers, who come from the numerous Buddhist temples throughout the Southern District Council of the BCA, attend this annual camp. San Diego Dharma School has been sending students to camp continuously for the past 10 years. The program has been active for over 60 years.

Pre-registration is being accepted starting May 1. Printed mail-in registration packets are due no later than June 1.

Campers may register online at www.labcc.org or check with Dharma School for more information.

WELFARE COMMITTEE BEING REACTIVATED

The temple's welfare committee is being reactivated to better-serve the temple's elderly members and other Sangha friends both young and young at heart.

Temple member Laurine Ota, along with the guidance of Kenji Sensei, is spearheading the committee. Members of the BWA met with Laurine on April 5 to discuss ideas. The group looked at providing better opportunities to assist the Sangha and community friends with various programs.

The session was very active and informative. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 3 at 11 a.m. Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome to attend and participate.

**Bon Odori practices will be on
Thursdays and Sundays this year, so**

Save These Dates:

Thursdays:

July 6, 13, 20, 27

Aug. 3 at 7:00 pm

Sundays:

July 9, 16, 23 at 11:00 am



**Bon Odori: Temple - July 30
Balboa Park- Aug. 5**

Every Day is Earth Day



In Your home

Declutter your home
Adopt a tree, plant flowers
Use natural pest control

Saving Energy

Change your air filter
Seal the door
Take cooler, shorter showers
Install a smart thermostat
Check your fridge
Lower your water heater
Put on a sweater
Keep cool, naturally
Turn on the fan
Let there be sunlight
Use gentle, safe cleaners
Reuse glass containers

Lifestyle

Eat less meat
Unplug and go outside
Support sustainable business

Get a reusable water bottle
At the Office
Take a plant to work
Take a mug to work
Pack a lunch
Stop printing

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2017 Southern District Buddhist & SD BWA Conference

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Granada Hills

“American Jodo Shinshu; Everyday Joe”

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR SOUTHERN
DISTRICT CONFERENCE IS MAY 7**

“Jodo Shinshu for the Average Joe” is the theme this year's annual Southern District and BWA Conference.

The event will take place on Saturday, June 10 at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills. The San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple is serving as host.

Keynote presenters will be Rev. Koyo S. Kubose (English) and Rev. Kazuaki Nakata (Japanese). Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America will also be featured as a speaker.

Rev. Kubose is founder of the Bright Dawn Center of Oneness Buddhism – universal teachings for everyday living. Rev. Nakata is minister at the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.

Registration deadline for San Diego Sangha members to attend is Sunday, May 7. The fee to register is \$65. Late fee of \$85 is due no later than May 28. Please make your check payable to BTSD.

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The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:
MRS. AYAKO OTSUJI March 27, 2017

MAY SHOTSUKI (MONTHLY MEMORIAL)

The May Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service.
日本文化バザー 「米」 2017 年5月7日(日)、午前 10 時より行います。先亡者のご遺族の方々はぜひ、仏教会へご参詣下さい。
尚、名簿に間違いがある場合、お手数ですが、仏教会までご連絡下さい。(619) 239-0896. または、info@btsd.net
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Fujiye Oya (5-18-1958).....	Paul Oya
Kisaemon Kato (5-18-1964).....	Dennis Otsuji
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Yoshi Morimoto (5-31-1971).....	Morimoto Family
Asao Tanaka (5-18-1972).....	Tanaka Family
Hiroshi Mayumi (5-6-1973).....	Mayumi Family
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Shoichi Hamatake (5-17-1974).....	Masako Prestidge
Magotaro Adachi (5-6-1975).....	Yoshioka Family
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M E M O R I A L S E R V I C E S

MEMORIAL SERVICES allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

2017 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2016	13th Year Memorial	2005	27th Year Memorial	1991
3rd Year Memorial	2015	17th Year Memorial	2001	33rd Year Memorial	1985
7th Year Memorial	2011	25th Year Memorial	1993	50th Year Memorial	1968

先月三月二十一日に本山で開かれた伝灯奉告法要に参拝してまいりました。親鸞聖人から数えて二十五代目となる専如さまがご門主に就任されるという大変重要でおめでたい法要にマウンテンビュー仏教会から私を含め三十五名、米国仏教団からは百八十八名が参拝致しました。その日の法要は、北米のみならず、ハワイ、カナダといった海外開教区を始め、日本各地から大勢のご門徒方が、前ご門主である即如上人から専如上人へ法灯が伝承される瞬間を二目するため、本願寺へ駆けつけられ、阿弥陀堂と御影堂がお念仏の声で溢れる中、厳肅かつ盛大に行われました。

私達、海外教区の参拝者は、阿弥陀堂での法要に参加したのですが、喚鐘後、美しくも迫力のある雅楽の音色が響き渡る中、ご門主が阿弥陀堂に入堂され、それと同時に、前ご門主が御影堂に出座されるご様子が柱に設けられたモニターで見ることができました。そして、ご門主導師のもと、法要が進められ、満堂となった両堂からは正信偈をあげる大勢の声が一つとなって私達、参

て請したとオオ膝間、油夕巻の戸根の間で、響声が上がるほどみんな感激いたしました。また五歳にもかわらず、大勢の参拝者の前で、手話も交え、元氣よく話される頼もしいお姿に、将来のご門主を思い浮かべ、「次の伝灯奉告法要は三〇年後くらいになるかもしれないが、また参拝したいものだ」と門徒の間で話しておりました。本当に、素晴らしい、華やかな伝灯奉告法要でありました。

その翌日、門徒さんを連れて、私の自坊がある福井県の小浜市と向かいました。自坊は蓮實寺といつて一四七二年に本願寺第八代門主であった蓮如上人によつて建てられたお寺ですが、蓮如上人が吉崎御坊から船で京都に帰省される途中で大しげに遭われ、安全の為に寄港されたのが小浜でした。小浜での滞在中、あるお寺の一角を借りて、お念仏のみ教えを広められていたのですが、蓮如上人のお話を聞きに来る人の数が日に日に増え、その場所では手狭になったことから、守護大名に依頼し、寺領の寄進を受けて、向島山蓮實寺を建てられました。その後、弟子の妙観に蓮實寺を託して京都に帰省され

いまして、カシミアに上ってききました。訪ねて後、第二十九代である父から歓迎の辞と、私達家族をアメリカで支えて下さっているご門徒の方々へ感謝の言葉が述べられました。そして、蓮實寺で代々受け継がれている蓮如上人が書かれたお名号の掛け軸を披露して、みなさんに写真を撮っていただきました。

一つ残念だったのは、母が一月前に手術を終えたばかりで、門徒さん一人ひとりに挨拶をして回れなかつたことです。母はいつも明るく、話好きの気さくな人柄なのですが、疲れていたこともあつて、口数もあまり多くありませんでした。母自身マウンテンビューの門徒さんに会えることを人一倍楽しみにしていただけに、本当に残念だったことと思います。それでも、「昼食で、門徒さんが郷土料理を楽しんで下さるお姿を見ることができて、とても嬉しかった」と言っていました。私も、わずか一時間ほどでしたが、順調に回復してくれている母の姿を見ることができて大変安心いたしました。今度は、両親をマウンテンビューに呼んでみなさんに紹介できたらと願っています。

この度の日本旅行では、華やかな伝灯奉告法要に参

Buddhist Temple of San Diego

Japanese Cultural Bazaar

June 4, 2017 11am -4pm

2017 Theme **Mottainai:**

The term expresses a feeling of regret at wasting the intrinsic value of a resource or object, and can be translated as 'don't be wasteful'.



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