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Only One Time

Ichigo – Ichi E – “Treasure each encounter - It will never recur.”

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident Minister



This little saying has the depth of the Dharma within it. It is a reminder of the unique treasure we have as a human being. How easy it is to take life for granted. How fortunate it is for us Buddhist, that the core intent of our religion, is to wake up to the joy of ordinary life.

Since I am in the autumn of my life, I tend to identify with our fall Ohigan, more than the spring Ohigan. The foliage of leaves and plants are falling, not springing. There is a melancholic sense of introspection. There are more seasons behind me, than those of the future. Therefore, *Ichigo – Ichi E* chimes a much clearer message now than it did 30 years ago. The names in the obituary are now of my friends, and not those of my parents.

The benefit of old age, is that I see the folly of maintaining a belief on something that was true, yesterday. The many truths and techniques that I learned in dental school in the 1960's are no longer valid in the 21st century. Of course, certain basic ideas remained, but research, technological advances in equipment and instruments, and long-term analysis of treatment, altered many aspects of dentistry and dental education. Many dental and medical procedures that were feared in the past have been replaced by more modern, non-invasive, and less traumatic procedures. My cousin had postponed a medical procedure because of his painful experience on one shoulder. When he finally submitted to a correction of his other shoulder, he discovered that a new procedure had basically eliminated the post-surgical pain. This is true for many fields and for our conventional life.

In childhood, as we grew from elementary to Jr. high to high school, we easily dropped our old assumptions as our education and experience revealed a truer perspective of reality. Notice how our views about our birthdays have changed over time. As we matured into young adulthood and later into middle and older adulthood, our ability to change our minds may have decreased. Things may be taken for granted. Each day and

each encounter may seem to be similar. But that is where *Ichigo, Ichi E* might wake us up to reality. The illusion of sameness may lead us to slumber. We need a wake-up call.

When we encounter a negative experience, our first impulse may be to blame another source. Yet we can't change the other source to prevent it from happening again. What we can change, is our reaction to the event. Rather than seeing the incident as a negative, we can view it as a positive wake-up call. It is a challenge to change our perspective.

Every time we have a negative experience, it demonstrates our discontent (1st noble Truth). Its source is our attachment to some aspect of our ego (2nd Noble Truth). Rather than defend our little ego, we might shift our strategy to expand our ego. Try to get a sense of our opposition. Try to feel what the other person is feeling (4th Noble Truth). This is one aspect of compassion (feeling the feelings of another).

However, since it is so hard to feel another's feelings, we might just recite the Nembutsu. *Namo Amida Butsu* affirms our limits as humans. Because we can't control our egos, the Nembutsu still affirms us as worthy individuals. The essential message is that we can treasure every encounter, because we have the unique gift of human life. Our negative experiences lead us to awaken to our shortcomings. Our positive experiences lead us to joy. Our expanded self affirms the reality of both sides. A sign of our maturity is the balance of positive and negative encounters (3rd Noble Truth). Therefore, all encounters can be viewed as unique, human experiences of life. *Ichigo, Ichi E*. “Treasure each encounter - It will never recur.”

The more I realize that each new day and encounter will not recur, I become concerned with the quality of each day. It seems foolish to hold on to negative thoughts and beliefs. I'm inspired to find joy in the mundane routine of ordinary life. It has always been around me. I need only to open my eyes, with the lens of gratitude, to see the beauty of life and light. *Namo Amida Butsu* is the call to awaken and the response of joy to this treasure of each ordinary moment.

Gassho,
Kenji Sensei

We will have the “All Life Forms Memorial” on October 29. You may place the names of pets or any life form that you would like to memorialize into the “All Life Forms Memorial Box” in the foyer of the Hondo.

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 DS Staff Mtg, 9 am, CR DS/FS/Shotsuki, 10 am BWA Mtg., 11:45 am, CR Taiko, 12 noon, AH	2 Office Closed	3	4 Crafts, 10 am, DR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH	5 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	6 Koto, 10 am, SH BTSD-VFW Bingo, 6 pm	7	
8 DS/Family Service 10 am Jr. YBA Mtg., 11:30 am, CR Taiko, 12 noon, AH	9 Office Closed Ways & Means mtg, 7 p.m. CR	10 SD Ministers Mtg. at L.A. Betsuin, 10 .am	11 Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3,7 pm SH	12 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Board of Directors Mtg, 7 pm. CR	13 JAHSSD Kansha, 10 am, Annex Hall SD Jr. YBL Religious Retreat at Nishi	14	
15 Chanting Practice, 9:15, Hondo DS/Family Service 10 am Taiko, 12 noon, AH EAT Lecture, 11:30, CR	16 Office Closed Nov, articles dead- line	17	18 Crafts, 10 am, DR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm. SH	19 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	20	21	
22 Intro to Buddhism 9 am DS/Family Service, 10 am Okinawa Kenjin-kai Party, 12 noon, AH	23 Office Closed	24	25 Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7p, SH Activities Mtg, 7p, CR	26 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	27	28	
29 DS/Family Service, 10 am All Life Forms Service DS Halloween Party 11:30 am	30 Office Closed	31 Halloween	<p>Looking ahead to November</p> <p>5 - Family Service/Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial), 10 a.m. 12— Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial Service, 10 a.m. 18— "Growing Up Sansei" (stage production), 1 p.m.</p>				

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

August was a very busy but profitable fundraising month for the temple. We had three fundraisers that netted at least \$22,000. All the events were successful because of the Sangha and friends of the temple. We deeply appreciate the time spent volunteering, donations that were received and the support of kindness and generosity. It is truly a group effort.

Since the Obon and Rummage Sale, we had our Annual Golf Tournament. I would like to thank the Golf Tournament Committee Ralph Honda, Ron Yagura and Rich Kaneko and their assistants. They worked hard and put on a nice event that was enjoyed by all that attended. They even had a few golfers from out of the San Diego area. Thank you for inviting me to join you for lunch. Maybe one day, I'll learn how to golf!

September brought over 200 people to the temple for the annual Junior YBL and Southern District Teacher Conferences. Vista and San Diego Junior YBA co-hosted the Jr. YBL Conference and Dharma School hosted the Teachers Conference. As you can see from the number of delegates, it was well attended and the theme "Finding Our Path out of Chaos" was well received. Thank you to all the Junior YBA members, Dharma School Staff, Advisors, Parents and families for making this a special event.

On Saturday, September 9th, we had a delicious spaghetti dinner before the VFW Bingo night. I want to say thank you to this wonderful group of volunteers - Nancy, Lena, Tad, Glenn T., Bill, Joyce, Jeannie, Mildred, Gregg and Harold. They came together in a very short time frame to put on a dinner that seemed like it was planned months ago. They all had positive attitudes and worked hard in the hot weather. Almost 80 meals were served with an approximate net profit of \$667.00. Thank you to the VFW for lending us their wood dividers for the noodle prep. We also appreciate their efforts in promoting our dinners.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, we decided to give the Sangha an opportunity to donate monies towards the Hurricane Harvey/Irma disaster relief efforts. You will find a shoebox in the office area and possibly other locations TBD starting Ohigan (September 24th) through end of November 2017 – see more details in this issue of the Kaiho.

As many of you already know, we lost one of our long-time temple members and friend. Tommy Yanagihara passed away with his family by his side on September 3rd. He dedicated so much time to the temple and instilled in his family to do the same. We are thankful for his generosity and vision to make Buddhist Temple of San Diego a comfortable place to listen to the Dharma and Socialize. He always had a smile on his face when people would point out that his birthday was the same day as the Buddha. He will be missed but his memory will live on and his good deeds remembered. The service will be on September 30th at 2 pm at the temple. *Write your memories of Tom at: Yanagiharameories@gmail.com

BWA NEWS

Many members enjoyed Mr. Yagi's insightful BEC presentation on bullies and his message for our Ohigan service. Thank you to all who shared the delicious food for the potluck luncheon which followed the service. As always it was a warm and friendly gathering.

Karen Akahoshi asked everyone to save the date of November 18th for the reading about Growing Up Sansei, called: "Garage Door Opener." This is a story of siblings who are faced with the task of cleaning out their parent's home. They learn about the lives of their parents as they are confronted by stacks of tofu containers and masses of wide broccoli rubber bands. Their dialogue helps them realize the struggles their parents had. This reading is not a fundraiser, but a community outreach. There is a reservation form in this issue of the Bussei Script and located on the counter in the office.

Be sure to bring your kids/grandkids to the Dharma School annual Halloween party this year to be held after 10 am service on Sunday Oct. 29.

It's almost that time of year...please be on the lookout for our annual almond brittle sale!

Also in November, we will have our annual fund raiser sushi sale after the Eitaikyo/Lady Eshinni service. Please look for the future work schedule.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on Oct 1, at 11:45 in the Conference Room, Group A will host.

Groups A and C have hospitality on Oct. 8th and Groups B and D have hospitality on Nov. 12.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on September 14th -

1. Condolences to the family and friends of Cynthia Kashiwagi
2. Condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Tom Yanagihara. Tom served the temple as President of the Board of Directors and was an active temple and community member.
3. Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Akahoshi on the marriage of their son Kirk.
4. The Board approved an adjustment to the payment for the kitchen cabinet drawer customization. Funds were still available in the Kitchen improvements account.
5. The Board was updated on the summer's fundraising activities and on the activities and work by all committees and organizations.
6. President LuAnn Lee will attend the dedication of the Orange County Buddhist Church sanctuary building and present a congratulatory gift. BTSD member Michael Kinoshita was the architect.
7. BTSD will be represented at the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana event, October 19th. Honorary Consul General Kate Leonard will receive the Phillips Community Award.
8. Representatives will attend the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego's annual meeting and Kansha Award presentation, October 14th.
9. A donation will be made to the Institute of Buddhist Studies Minister Training fund in memory of the late Rev. John Doami.
10. The Board approved a temple effort to collect funds for disaster relief in response to the destruction caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.
11. BTSD will sponsor the San Jose Taiko workshop on Nov. 4th.

JR YBA NEWS

Dear members of the Temple and friends of the Jr. YBA,

This past month has been extremely eventful. From prepping for a conference of over one hundred teenagers from everywhere in Southern District to electing the cabinet for our own organization, it has been a time of great change.

Around this time last month, our group prepared for the Southern District Jr. YBL conference, which we were hosting in conjunction with Vista Buddhist Temple. We worked on three workshops that revolved around the theme, "Finding the Path out of Chaos." In these workshops, we categorized the three poisons in everyday life through a Kahoot, engaged in some meaningful discourse in speed dating and aimed to learn about the ways to escape chaos in a scavenger hunt. Despite the heat, we managed and finished the workshops in time to go to the Four Points Hotel and have a banquet and dance that night! It was an amazing project that I was happy to take on, with my peers. We would like to thank everyone who made this happen, including Reverend Matt Hamasaki, the keynote speaker, and all the other ministers, participants and advisors of different chapters. Special thanks to Alex and Davis for chairing the massive events and for all the parents and advisors, Mr. Ralph and Ms. Avis, for guiding us along the way!

We also have gone through some organizational changes. With the transition of the board, came a transition of advisors. I would like to take the time to thank our advisors over the past year, Mr. Ralph and Ms. Avis Honda. They have led this group for the past two years and many other years. We would not have become the organization we have become or have an organized conference without them. My fellow members and I are extremely grateful for their leadership. Our organization looks forward to working with Mr. Ken and Ms. Sharyn Muraoka over the next year and we hope to make it as great as the previous year.

Though our new cabinet is not installed, I'd like to acknowledge the old and new cabinet. Thanks to Breven Honda for being a loyal and dedicated co-president over the '16-17 term through thick and thin. We'd also like to welcome the new members of our Jr. YBA group! Some of them join us on the board, led by Jill Yamanishi and myself. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support over the transition into the 2018 school year!

In Gassho,
Hailey Sasaki

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

We had a busy start to our Dharma School 2017-18.

On September 2, we hosted the 70th Annual So. Dist. Dharma School Teachers League Conference. The theme was "Finding the Path out of Chaos", which was developed by our San Diego and Vista Jr. YBA groups. The conference was held simultaneously with the Jr. YBL Conference that the two Jr. YBA groups co-hosted. Rev. Matt Hamasaki of Fresno Betsuin was the keynote speaker.

Forty (40) teachers from throughout the district attended and participated in three workshops that consisted of discussions and a craft. The workshop discussed more about the theme and how it applies to the Dharma School classroom. The craft workshop had to develop a craft lesson plan with two given items plus a "pantry" of craft items in 30 minutes. We had some good craft ideas like, a Golden Chain, Wheel of Dharma, Gratitude Boxes, and a picture of hands in gassho.

Many thanks to Kenji Sensei, Laverne Imori, Nancy Martinez, Richard Matsumoto, Sharon Sasaki and Jamie Shimizu for leading the workshops. Thank you to the Jr. YBA parents who prepared breakfast and lunch, set up the meeting space, and checked in ministers and guests at the hotel. And, to Curt Yasuhara for taking the group photo and to Ralph for making sure we stayed within our budget. The conference was a great success.

Dharma School resumed on September 10. It was nice to see the students again. Seems like they all grew an inch over the summer. In class, the students received a registration form, a parental medical consent and insurance form. Please complete these forms and have your child return it to their DS teacher. Sangha Teens and Jr. YBA members need to turn these forms in or they will not be able to attend their respective organization's activities.

The next SDDSTL Mini Workshop will be on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Oxnard from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Theme is "Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Values for Children". The guest speaker will be Rev. Jon Turner from the Orange County Buddhist Church.

On October 29, we will have our Halloween Service and Party. Service will begin at 10 a.m. We will also observe our *All Life Forms Memorial Service*. Forms will be handed out in class or in the temple office. The party will begin following the service. Lunch will be a potluck. Dharma School will provide the main dishes (pizzas and two other items). We would like the Dharma School families to bring a side dish, salad, or a dessert. Thank you in advance to the Jr. YBA for hosting the games.

Happy October Birthday wishes to: Molly Iwashita, Tabo Isakari, and Naomi Tanaka.

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on Sunday, October 1 at 9 a.m. in the conference room

Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

Craft Days

**1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS,
10AM-2 PM, BTSD Dining Room**

Join us for some crafty fun,
good conversation and great memories!
Bring a dish to share for
the pot-luck!



BINGO UPDATE

Join us for the next BTSD/VFW Bingo Night

In the Annex Hall on October 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Buy-in for BINGO is \$10 for the 12-game session.

Support the temple and enjoy an evening of BINGO.

DONATIONS

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their recent donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a correction, please inform our secretary at (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Uyeji, Masako
Yonekura, Roy
Anonymous
Sugiyama, Chiyeko
Cross, Joe

DHARMA SCHOOL

Graeber, Kikue
Hasegawa, Gene
Omori, Shirley
Baker, Michael

FLORAL FUND

Graeber, Kikue
Hasegawa, Gene
Baker, Michael

GEN. MAINTENANCE

Graeber, Kikue
Hasegawa, Gene
Baker, Michael

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Yanagihara, Tom
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
Benson, Agnes
Ito, Robert
Terada, Keiju
Hashiguchi, John
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
Otsuji, Dennis
Tomiyama, Alan
Tom, Karen
Yagura, Sheila
Sato, Steve
Himaka, Gary
Honda, Mikiye
Hill, Miyo
Kaneko, Richard
Sushi Ota
Yonekura, Roy
Terada, Seiju
Muraoka, Roy
Honda, Ralph
Yamamoto, Jane
Yamamoto, George

IMPROVEMENTS

Hasegawa, Gene
Baker, Michael
Tomiyama, Sayoko
Kasubuchi, Naoye
IMO Uta Sugiyama
IMO Isa Kasubuchi

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

We thank the following individuals / families for their recent renewals

Graeber, Kikue
Torio, Glenn
Hasegawa, Gene
Baker, Michael
Kinoshita, Michael
Lee, Harold & LuAnn

OBON

Amano, Takeko

OHIGAN

Tomiyama, Steve
Spears, Margo
Ryan, Mani & Ed
Seymour, Leslie
Jensen, Richard
Hidinger, Holly
Baker, Carol
Teague, Bill
Moriyama, Chieko
Nogata, Yuriko
Jones, Mikako
Otsuji, Dennis
Gladsjo, Julie
Shigehara, Wilbur
Martinez, Nancy
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
Oto, June
Yamamoto, Kengo
Tsuji, Masako
Hendrix, Hiroko
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Kodama, Jay

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Graeber, Kikue
Hasegawa, Gene
Omori, Shirley
Baker, Michael

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Tomiyama, Steve
IMO Noboru Tomiyama
Honda, Mikiye
Kawamoto, Yukio
IMO Mrs. Tamio Mayumi
Henschen, Laura
IMO Sho Yoshida
Moriyama, Chieko
IMO Seikichi Moriyama

Clogston, Madeline
IMO Seikichi Moriyama
Clogston, Michael
IMO Seikichi Moriyama
Moriyama, Chieko
IMO Tokihiro Yano
Clogston, Madeline
IMO Tokihiro Yano
Clogston, Michael
IMO Tokihiro Yano

Himaka, Michio
IMO So Yamada
Oto, June and Randall
IMO Ikuji Oto
Yamashita, Emiko
Sugiyama, Yukiko
IMO Yasuyuki Sugiyama

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Teague, Bill

Temple Membership at 72%!

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Our members are the best, and so far almost three quarters of our members have renewed memberships for 2017. We reported on members to date in our March, April, and June issues, and now want to update that list for other renewals. As of mid-September, here are our most recent renewals or newer members:

Corinne Araki-Kawaguchi; Adam Azuma; Carol & Michael Baker; Agnes Benson; **Lorena Covarrubias**; Jackie Goor & Maribeth "Smitty" Smith; Kikue Graeber; Cynthia & Orlando Guiang; Jeanette Haseyama; Holly & Ronald Hidinger; Avis & Ralph Honda; June K. Hosaka; Mitsuo & Sally Ishihara; Doreen Kamada-Fujii; Richard & Ruth Kaneko; Gale Kaneshiro; Naoye Kasubuchi; Mildred & Trace Kawasaki; Michael and Yasuko Kinoshita; Howard and LuAnn Lee; Jake & Patricia Nakamura; Minako Nakano; Yuko Niwa; Sumihiro & Yuriko Nogata; Arikazu Ogasawara; Shirley Omori; Sharon Sasaki and Robert Yamamoto; Leslie Seymour; Tsuruko Sueshi Stark; Yukiko Sugiyama; Ann Sumida-Johnson; Mary Suyenaga; Naomi and Terry Tanaka; Kristine & Ron T. Tokunaga; Wayne Tsukamoto; Kengo & Mae Yamamoto; Sachio Yamamoto; Alan & Karen Yamanishi; Sumiko Yanagihara; Curt Yasuhara; Mildred & Paul Yasuhara; Gregg Yonekura; and Laura Yoshida.

Two new members are shown in boldface. Welcome!

If we somehow missed your renewal, please let us know! If you need 2017 membership form, we can send you one by email or pick one up at the Temple office.

New Members can join at any time. If you are thinking about joining us, don't wait for 2018. We can set up your membership pro-rated on a monthly basis and join with us in 2017. Call the office for more information.



The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:

Cynthia Kashiwagi, September 2, 2017

Tom Yanagihara, September 3, 2017

OCTOBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The October Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of October are urged to attend and offer incense. If there are any errors in the list, please notify the temple at (619) 239-0896 or e-mail info@btsd.net.

10月の祥月法要は10月1日(日)、午前10時より行います。先亡者のご遺族の方々にはぜひ、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へメールを送ってください

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Ikichi Ito (10-25-1930).....	Ito Family
Itsuemon Tanaka (10-9-1939).....	Dr. Brian Tanaka
Yasaku Nakamura (10-29-1945).....	Yukiko Sugiyama
Tatsujiro Yonekura (10-18-1947).....	Yonekura Family
Masaichi Yamada (10-21-1950).....	Yamada Family
Sueichi Azuma (10-25-1950).....	Shizuka Azuma
Ito Fukamizu (10-11-1959).....	Ninomiya Family
Jinkichi Yamasaki (10-11-1959).....	Yamasaki Family
Rev. Guzei Nishii (10-25-1959).....	Nishii Family
Nobuzo Kida (10-22-1961).....	James Kida
Katsue Takashima (10-17-1962).....	Wilbur Takashima
Tsuneichi Hirata (10-20-1963).....	Katsi Hirata
Otoshichi Ochi (10-19-1965).....	Janet Ochi-Fontanott
Kazue Himaka (10-5-1966).....	Himaka Family
Tsuneichi Sameshima (10-11-1966).....	Takashi Sameshima
Kanzo Okuni (10-11-1967).....	Akira Okuni
Koichi Fujii (10-19-1967).....	Katsumi Kida
Zentarō Asamen (10-7-1971).....	Masako Uyeji
Toshino Hamano (10-8-1972).....	Emiko Hamano
Takeshi Monji (10-5-1974).....	Monji Brothers
Tomoyo Kuwada (10-31-1976).....	Kanji Kuwada
Fukuyo Matsumoto (10-9-1977).....	Shintaro Matsumoto
Mitsuye Sugioka (10-23-1977).....	Sugioka Family
Ume Tsurudome (10-1-1979).....	Tamio Tsurudome
Kotono Takahashi (10-11-1980).....	Ruth Voorhies
Kasuke Hashiguchi (10-28-1980).....	Hashiguchi Family
Sam Sugita (10-7-1981).....	Gene Sugita
Gen Iwasaki (10-18-1981).....	Yayoi Kubota
Mine Imai (10-25-1981).....	Fumiko Ohara
Katsu Yamaguchi (10-4-1983).....	Yamaguchi Family
Matsu Kusaka (10-3-1984).....	Patricia Kusaka
Hatsu Shibata (10-22-1987).....	Ishikawa Family

DECEASED

Family Member

Shimako Hanaoka (10-22-1987).....	Kaeko Hanaoka
Roy Hosaka (10-10-1988).....	Hosaka Family
Fujiye Ochi (10-1-1989).....	Janet Ochi-Fontanott
Haruyo Tsuneyoshi (10-15-1989).....	Miki Tsuneyoshi
Ritsuko Abe (10-8-1990).....	Walter Gilday
Michiye Kuroiwa (10-22-1995).....	Sonoko Kuroiwa
Muto Kawahara.....	Takeshi & Yoshito Kawahara
Helen Haruyo Kawahara.....	Takeshi & Yoshito Kawahara
Charley Torio (10-21-1996).....	Betty Torio
Jimmie Shinohara (10-6-1997).....	Janice Shinohara
Tomi Yada (10-28-1997).....	Itsuko Yada
Aiko Tachiki (10-28-1998).....	Tachiki Family
Tadashi Yano (10-6-1999).....	Tamako Yano
Chiseko Oya (10-25-1999).....	Ayako Linda Seu
Haruno Mayekawa (10-19-2000).....	Ahren Mayekawa
Minoru Takasugi (10-16-2001).....	Takasugi Family
Nancy Tsukiko Imai (10-22-2001).....	Fumiko Ohara
Toyoko Yonekura (10-1-2003).....	Roy Yonekura
Tsuruko Louise Osaki (10-27-2003).....	Gail Furuya
Emi Himaka Shimizu (10-13-2004).....	Gordon Shimizu
Ayako Kaminaka (10-21-2004).....	Wayne Kaminaka
Frank Doi (10-7-2006).....	Doris Doi
John Inouye (10-16-2006).....	Craig Inouye
Aiko Muraoka (10-08-2007).....	Roy Muraoka
Takashi Mayumi (10-11-2008).....	Mitsuko Kawamoto
Tom Tamotsu Sugioka (10-6-2010).....	Dennis Sugioka
Yusaku Kuroiwa (10-31-2010).....	Sonoko Kuroiwa
Tatsuo Richard Takashima (10-21-2011).....	Kikuko Takashima
Robert Susumu Sasaki (10-19-2013).....	Gail Slemmon
Raymond John Sakow (10-5-2014).....	Toshiko Sakow
Kimiye Date (10-29-2014).....	Shirley Umekubo
Teruko Hobbs (10-20-15).....	James N. Hobbs

PASSING OF A DHARMA FRIEND

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Rev. Jim Yanagihara, BCA Minister Emeritus, on September 19 in Fresno. He was 85 years old.

A native San Diegan, Rev. Jim served the BCA as a kaikyoshi minister for over 30 years, serving the Gardena, Watsonville, San Jose, San Luis Obispo and Guadalupe Buddhist temples.

Upon his retirement, Rev. Jim, along with his family relocated to his home town. He served as associate minister Emeritus of BTSO for seven years.

A funeral service will take place on Saturday, October 28 at 2 p.m. at the Buddhist Church of Fowler. A BCA-sponsored memorial service will take place at the Gardena Buddhist Church, Rev. Jim's first ministerial assignment. Date and time are pending.

The temple extends deepest condolences to Rev. Jim's son Dale (Boku) and their family members.

Please contact the temple office for more information regarding services for Rev. Yanagihara.

Namo Amida Butsu.

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇一七年一〇月法話

「一水四見」の教え

駐在開教使 向嶋謙史

先日、ブラジルの開教総長と随行の開教使が二年後に開催される世界仏教婦人会大会の代表者会議出席のため、サンフランシスコに來られました。

忙しい日程を組まれていたのですが、幸いお二人が滞在されているホテルで会うことができ、久しぶりの再会を喜びながら、思ひ出話に花を咲かせました。

私は北米に來る前、ブラジルのサンパウロにある伯國別院で一九九九年から二〇〇二年までの二年間、開教使としてお世話になりました。二年という僅かな期間ではありますが、ブラジルでの貴重な開教生活を通して多くのことを学ばせていただきました。その中には多くの失敗もありましたが、ブラジルでのさまざまな経験が現在の開教生活の糧となつています。

伯國別院では、数人の開教使が住み込みで働いていました。そして、別院には毎日当番制があり、当番にあたるよなか、電話番と朝夕の梵鐘係をしなくてはなりません。梵鐘は毎日朝六時と夕方六時に一〇分かけて十回突きます。

私が従事しているときの話ですが、ある朝、事務所に一本の苦情の電話がありました。その方は、最近別院付近に引越してきたそうなのですが、毎日朝早くに梵鐘の音で起こされて困ると言うのです。梵鐘の音がうるさくてゆっくり眠れないから明日からやめてくれとお

願いされました。しかし、梵鐘を鳴らすという習慣は別院が建立されて以来五〇年ほど続いていたから、地域住民と同じように理解してほしいと何とか説得しました。

その教壇前後、仲の良かった開教使が日本に帰国するということで、別院で送別会がありました。夕食時間に開かれた送別会は大いに盛り上がり、その後、若い者だけが集まって、帰国する開教使との別れを惜しみながら深夜遅くまで杯を交わしました。しかし、次の朝、梵鐘を突く当番だった私はすっかり寝過ぎてしまい、梵鐘を打ち損ねるという失態を演じてしまいました。その日の朝礼では、副輪番からきつくお咎めを受けました。

更には、事務所に教本の電話が入り、「梵鐘がならなかったから、寝過ぎしたじゃないか!」「いつも目覚まし代わりにしていたのに!毎日定時に鳴らしてもらわないと困る!」という厳しい苦情がありました。私の不注意で近隣住民の方々に迷惑をかけたことを心から反省すると同時に、同じ梵鐘の音でも「うるさい!もう鳴らすな!」と言う人もいれば、「鳴らしてもらわないと困る!」という人もいるというこの事実が大変驚くとともに大変面白くも感じました。

人間の目は真実を見ることができないと仏教では教えています。煩惱に苛まれた私達の心はつねに自分の都合や自分の知識はからいでしかものを見ることができないのです。ですから、もはや私達の目ではありのままのものを、ありのままには見ることができないといわれています。

仏教には「一水四見」という教えがあります。同じ水を見ても、見るものによって、それぞれ見方が違

うという意味です。例えば、同じ水であっても、人間には飲み水、魚には住処、餓鬼には熱湯、天人には水が瑠璃に見えるというのです。

もつと言えば、同じ雨でも、憂鬱な雨と思う自分もいれば、恵みの雨と思う自分がある。また、同じ人であっても、自分と意見があれば好意的に思う自分と、自分の意見と違えば敵意を感じる自分があります。

私達人間は、自己中心という眼鏡をかけてしかものを見ることも考えることもできません。そして、自分に都合の良いものを善とし、自分に都合の悪いものを悪として価値判断をしているのです。つまり、美しく見えるのも、醜く見えるのも、全て自分の目の都合で判断してしまっているのです。畢竟、人間は自分さえも見えないのです。この真の自分を見ることができないと分かると、自分の姿や心を、他の人から教えてもらおう以外に道がないとことに気がかされます。これを教えて下さるお方が阿彌陀仏なのです。

智慧の光であるお念仏に遇うことによって、本当の自分が見えつくりと見えてきます。お念仏は、世の中を色眼鏡で見ている自分中心の生き方に深い反省を促し、全てをありのままに見ていく生き方へと導いて下さいます。私達のものごしらえ方ひとつで人生は大きく変わってきます。学校や仕事に悩んでいる人であっても、人間関係に悩んでいる人であっても、つねにお念仏を申し出ていく中で、正しいものの見方が養われ、あらゆる局面をも乗り越え、前進する力が備わり、実り豊かな人生を自ずと歩むことができるのです。

ブラジル開教使との再会を思い出した何とも取すかしい失敗談ではありますが、改めて、色眼鏡で一喜一憂している日々の自分を猛省するとともに、念仏生活の尊さに気づかせていた次第です。

TEMPLE WILL ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR U.S. STORM DISASTER RELIEF

At its September meeting, the Board of Directors voted to invite monetary donations for U.S. disaster relief from the Sangha and visitors to the temple starting at the Ohigan Service. The collection—to aid victims of recent and anticipated hurricane and flood disasters in the U.S.—will continue through the end of November. By that time, the board will have completed research to determine which charitable organization will receive the funds.

In the spirit of dana, donations in any amount are welcome to benefit those people in need of disaster aid. Members and Dharma friends can mail their donation to the temple or leave it in a special collection box which will be displayed upstairs on Sundays and in the office during the week. Except for anonymous or cash donations, contributions will be acknowledged in the year-end statement the temple sends to its members. All others for whom we have contact information will also be sent an acknowledgment and receipt. If offering a check, please make it payable to BTSD.



OCTOBER Tai Chi

We have found a new Tai Chi Instructor. Please come out and show your support. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per session, (optional).

Thursdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10-11 a.m. in the Annex Hall



SCRIP NEWS

To our shoppers who regularly shop at Ralph's and Food 4 Less, I hope that you have signed into your account (www.ralphs.com) and have re-enrolled in the Community Rewards Program or that you have called (1-800-443-4438) to re-enroll in the program.

It's not too late to begin making your lists for Christmas. If we don't have the gift cards you need in stock, they will have to be ordered and you never know how the mail is running due to weather and other conditions. So start making your Christmas lists and order early.

Remember to buy gift cards and carry them with you so that you can use them and buy more! The gift cards that we have in stock are Albertson's; Amazon; Bed, Bath, & Beyond; Chili's; CVS; Dick's Sporting Goods; Darden (Olive Garden and Red Lobster); Denny's; Home Depot; Honey Baked Ham; IHOP; iTunes; JoAnn's; Lowe's, Macy's; Michael's; Panera; Ross; Smart & Final; Starbucks; Stater Bros.; Target; Von's; Walgreen's; and WalMart.



Growing Up SANSEI

November 18, 2017 at 1:00 pm

A Community Event about Our Uniquely JA Upbringing

Just the mention of a "Japanese American Dysfunctional Family Play" has brought smiles and laughter from Baby Boomer Sansei who grew up in a uniquely JA family environment.

A live reading of a "JA Dysfunctional Family Play" by Soji Kashiwagi, with a post-reading discussion by Dr. Satsuki Ina In "Garage Door Opener" we meet Glenn and Sharon, a brother and sister cleaning out the garage after their parents have passed away. As they sift through dozens of empty tofu containers and thick broccoli rubber bands, they find a better understanding of their parents and themselves.

Please join us on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego

General Admission \$15, includes reading and discussion only \$25 includes admission and a **buffet lunch at noon**

Growing Up SANSEI

"Garage Door Opener"

November 18, 2017 at 1:00 pm

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Reading Only \$15 X _____ = _____

Reading Plus Buffet Lunch

\$25 X _____ = _____

Total \$ _____

Enclosed Check No.: _____

Credit: Visa, MC, American Ex.

No.: _____

Exp. Date: _____