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NEMBUTSU JOURNEY



Happy New Year! Let us join the Nembutsu journey in 2018. In almost every skill we have, there has been a process or series of steps of learning. It may be helpful to assume a process in our Nembutsu journey. I played Baritone saxophone in high school. I started by playing a small saxophone from the fifth grade through Jr. high school.

I learned the basics of the saxophone keys, scales, and reading music. In the beginning, it was difficult to read the music, press the right fingers, blow with the appropriate strength, and hold the note for the correct count. Eventually, with practice, much of it became natural. By learning and practicing, I was able to play in the high school marching and dance band. My goal was never to be as great as John Coltrane, but I was able to play at a level where I enjoyed myself.

The Nembutsu is the heart of Shin Buddhism. In chapter 10 of the Tannisho, Shinran said the Nembutsu "is beyond description, explanation, and conceptual understanding." Even with this challenging definition, we continue our attempt to share this wonderful experience. Since it is essentially an experience, no words can fully describe it. So, how do we progress from the rote recitation of "Namo Amida Butsu," to the most sacred experience of a Shin Buddhist?

I have had the fortunate experience of living in a family and community of members who lived the Nembutsu. No verbal explanation was necessary, as I was able to witness people who lived this experience. The lives of the Issei and even the Nisei were deeply formed by the culture and language of Japan. The bowing, the attitude of *arigattai*, *itadaku*, *enryo*, and the language of "*okagesama de*," express humility, gratitude, respect, and the inclusion of the other. These core Shin principles, are incorporated within the daily culture of Japan. Since these values are not natural cultural habits of the west, some conscious, deliberate steps may be necessary.

In the Contemplation Sutra, the Buddha instructs Queen Vaidehi in a process of sequential meditations as a process to awakening. Also in the Contemplation Sutra, the Buddha describes nine levels of practitioners.

Those of the highest level were not born to that position. A child does not automatically ascend to the highest level without cause. As we grow from childhood to adolescence to adulthood, we mature into different levels of mastery. It might be assumed that those of the highest level were at a lower level at some point. But through a process of practice and maturation, the highest level could be reached.


The Eight-Fold Path of the Fourth Noble Truth offers a guide to awakening. But as Shin Buddhists, we do not expect this practice to achieve what a monk might expect. However, it can be followed in a different way. It has been said that our practice is one of hearing. Our effort might be to hear the Dharma more clearly. Our awakening is not due to any personal achievement. It is due to the efforts of countless others, which is represented by the Vow of the Bodhisattva Dharmakara. The Vow of Awakening showers us all, like the light of the sun. It is our task to hear what is always present. Without the ears to appreciate the music, we slumber in discontent. How might we focus our hearing to the song of the Vow, among our modern cacophony of advertisements and false promises? It is like hearing our mother's voice, above the din of playground chatter. It would be helpful to have a process or practice to learn how to listen, to hear, and to receive.

I would suggest a minute of meditation to acknowledge something that was received from others. With some effort, our mindfulness of gratitude would influence our conduct as we fulfill our livelihood. We can focus on benefits received by finding situations to say "thank you." With our thoughts and speech on gratitude, our view or perspective will change from what we don't have, to appreciate what we do have. Rather than a life focused on controlling the desires of the ego, a Shin life would focus on the benefits already received. These initial mindful steps of receiving and gratitude will lead to the ultimate awakening that all of life has been a gift.

Our pioneer Issei and Nisei Shin Buddhists were able to bring joy into their difficult and challenging lives by this mindful recitation of Na Man Da Bu. As we interchange our initial steps of "Thank you" with "Na Man Da Bu," our ordinary lives are enhanced and lead to the natural experience of Namo Amida Butsu. The Ho-Onko Service honors Shinran for his teachings that gratitude and joy are gifts along the Nembutsu journey.

Gassho,
Kenji Sensei

JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day 10 am -- Shusho-E	2	3 12 pm -- Minyo, SH 6:30 pm -- Taiko, AH 7 pm -- Buddhism 1-2-3, SH	4	5	6 10 am -- Koto Class, SH SD Jr. YBL Leadership at Gardena
7 9 am -- DS Staff Mtg., CR 10 am -- DS/FAM. SHOTSUKI SERV. 12 noon, Taiko	8 Temple Closed 7 pm -- Ways & Means	9 10 am -- SD Ministers Mtg., L.A. Betsuin	10 12 pm -- Minyo, SH 1 pm -- Shigin, CR 6:30 pm -- Taiko, AH 7 pm -- Buddhism 1-2-3, SH	11 10 am -- Tai Chi 6:45 pm -- Board Mtg.	12	13 6-9 pm -- BTSD/VFW Bingo Kenji Sensei Ho Onko Speaker in Utah
14 10 am -- DS/FAMILY SERVICE 11:30 am -- Jr. YBA Meeting, CR 12 noon, Taiko Kenji Sensei Ho Onko Guest Speaker at Salt Lake B.T.	15 Temple Closed Kaiho Deadline	16	17 12 pm -- Minyo, SH 1 pm -- Shigin, CR 6:30 pm -- Taiko, AH 7 pm -- Buddhism 1-2-3, SH	18 10 am -- Tai Chi	19	20 10 am -- Koto Class 7 pm -- BEC Lecture with Rev. Hirano, SH SD Jr. YBL Seminar I At Venice
21 10 am -- HO ONKO Guest Minister: Rev. Jerry Hirano Of Salt Lake Buddhist Temple 12 pm -- New Year Party, AH	22 Temple Closed	23	24 Bussei Script mailing 12 pm -- Minyo, SH 1 pm -- Shigin, AH 6:30 pm -- Taiko, AH 7 pm -- Activities Mtg, CR 7 pm -- Buddhism 1-2-3, SH	25 10 am -- Tai Chi	26	27
28 9 am -- INTRO TO BUDDHISM, SH 10 am -- DS/FAMILY SERVICE 11:30 am -- GENERAL MEETING & Sangha Potluck Luncheon, AH	29 Temple Closed	30	31 12 pm -- Minyo, SH 1 pm -- Shigin, CR 6:30 pm -- Taiko, AH 7 pm -- Buddhism 1-2-3, SH	Reminders and looking ahead: Craft Group is taking a vacation until February Feb. 4 -- Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial, 10 a.m. Feb. 11 -- Nirvana Day and BWA Memorial, 10 a.m.		

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2018



Well, another Mochitsuki has come and gone and New Years is right around the corner. I want to thank Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro for co-chairing Mochitsuki and all of you out there that helped with prep, day of duties, clean up and purchasing the kasane and komochi. It was delicious as usual and

can't wait to have it in ozoni (soup).

I saw a lot of new young faces mixed with temple friends and families. I hope everyone had a good time and will come back next year.

During the holiday season, it seems as though there are so many fun events to get together with co-workers, friends and family. This year was no exception. I really enjoyed myself at the BWA Bonenkai at Kanpai Restaurant. The ladies really know how to put on a party filled with presents, good food and socializing. The BWA (Fujinkai) is a group that is so supportive with anything the temple decides to do. Recently when they were asked to make some cookies for the Growing up Sansei reading, they asked how many do you need. With a few crafter friends they made over 50 dozen cookies! Homemade cookies were enjoyed by all that attended.

The Board of Directors also had a Bonenkai prior to their monthly meeting on December 14. We enjoyed Peking Café food, dessert provided by Ralph Honda and everyone that attended received a small raffle prize. I want to acknowledge the Board members (including the affiliated groups) and thank them for their dedication to the temple and participating whenever the board needs representation. I am so lucky to be a part of this dynamic group.

As the year comes to a close, I also want to thank you, the Sangha, for your constant support with volunteering, donating monies and attending events that we have. Without all of you, we would not exist. For me, the temple is a place where people feel comfortable coming and sharing the Dharma without really knowing they do so. It is the way we treat each other and live our daily life. I wish you and your families a very Happy New Year and all that is good throughout 2018 and beyond. Hope to see you at the New Year party on January 21st.

In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Summary of the December 14 Board of Directors meeting:

1. The Board held its annual Bonenkai before the meeting. Thank you to Kenji Sensei and Karen Akahoshi for decorating and to President LuAnn Lee for the raffle prizes.
2. Condolences to the families of the late Mr. Saburo Kodama and Mr. Tamio Tsurudome.
3. An update on the projected Fiscal Year end was given. The temple has received many generous donations, met its fundraising activities goals for the year, and the Ways & Means Committee has worked on reducing operating expenses. Many members are renewing their 2018 memberships early which is helping with the 2017 deficit.
4. A committee selected organizations to which to distribute donations given for Disaster Relief in the wake of Hurricane Harvey's impact on Texas and for other events in Puerto Rico, Florida, and California. 100% of the donations will be distributed.
5. Affiliate organizations and committees provided reports of their recent activities. Members are encouraged to attend the January 28th General Membership meeting at which time review of 2017 activities will be given as well as fiscal updates and projections and proposals for 2018 made.

BWA NEWS

We celebrated Mrs. Aoyama's birthday at the Dec. meeting.

Rev. Kenji Akahoshi was the guest speaker for the BWA Memorial Service at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Reverend Mukojima wanted to say hello to our sangha. His children are growing fast; Kurumi is 9 years old and bilingual and Oji is 5 years old.

The craft group and BWA Ladies were happy to bake 624 cookies for the "Growing Up Sansei" event. At the last minute, the BWA women helped serve lunch to assist with quantity control for the amount of food available. The lunch and reading of the play was a huge success and everyone loved our cookies.

On Dec. 7 the craft group, headed by Ruby Hara, set up tables and handmade gifts for sale at San Diego State University. It was a very windy day and the crafters had to serve, not only as sales people, but weights to keep the canopy from flying away.

Bonenkai was held at Kanpai in Chula Vista. We had a great turnout, good food and everyone had a wonderful time thanks to Laurine and Mani.

We sold out of brittle! Thank you all for your support.

***Please note that the crafters will be taking a vacation during the month of January.** We hope your new adventure for 2018 will be to join us for crafts, beginning in February.

We hope to see you at the New Year's Party on January 21 and at the General Membership Meeting on Jan. 28.

The next BWA Meeting will be on February 4. Toban Group D will host. Thank you to Toban Group C for the birthday cake and setting up the luncheon for the Jr. YBA luncheon sale.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of the Dharma School Teachers and Staff, I would like to wish everyone a very memorable 2018 with good health and a very prosperous year.

On Sunday, December 10, many of our DS students came and helped at the Temple's annual Mochitsuki. It was nice to see the students and their families participate. We also had former Dharma School students helping with the Mochitsuki.

Joya-E and Shusho-E Services. **The Joya-E (New Year's Eve) Service, December 31**, falls on a Sunday this year, so the service will begin at **10 am**, not 7 pm. As 2017 comes to an end, we express our gratitude to Amida Buddha's guidance throughout the past year. After the service, people will be able to hit the Kansho to get rid of the evil karma of the past year. The Kansho bell is rung 108 times. **The Shusho-E (New Year's Day) Service, January 1**, will be at 10 am. DS students attending the Joya-E Service and the Shusho-E service will receive extra credit for attendance.

Happy January Birthday wishes to: Finn Seymour, Trevor Muraoka, and Ellie Yanagihara.

The next teacher-staff meeting will be on **Sunday, January 7 at 8:45 a.m.** in the conference room

Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

JR. YBA NEWS

December was a great finish of the year for the Jr. YBA! We'd like to thank everyone for coming out to the Chicken Karaage luncheon. It was a huge success and we are fortunate that it was the first time we ran out of chicken! Hopefully you all enjoyed it.

We also enjoyed working at both Mochitsuki and the annual temple cleanup! Members were grinding, pounding and delivering mochi! That's all the Jr. YBA was up to in December but we're looking forward to a great 2018! Southern District Leadership (Jan. 6 and 7) and Seminar One (Jan. 20) are just two of the events that we're looking forward to this month.

As a final note, thank you for the continued support throughout the year! Jr. YBA wouldn't be what it is without the support of the temple members. We couldn't have done Southern District Conference, recycling, and the thanksgiving basket without the tremendous support of all of you! We are so grateful and are looking forward to make an even better 2018!

Gassho,
Hailey Sasaki
Co-president

DISASTER RELIEF

When Hurricane Harvey hit the greater Houston area and the Gulf Coast in late August, we watched as families and communities were impacted by the largest hurricane to hit the U.S. in decades. This disaster was followed by hurricanes causing devastation in Florida and Puerto Rico. The fires in Northern California were of unbelievable magnitude and ferocity; and more recently, the fires in Southern California and closer to home.

The BTSD Sangha is a very compassionate group. We wanted to help as we could and to show our awareness of our interdependence with all living beings no matter where they are in our world. Donations were collected September through November. A committee met and selected organizations to which the funds, totaling \$6,382.00, would be distributed.

·**Direct Relief** – a humanitarian aid organization, active in all 50 states and more than 80 countries – a non-profit, non-partisan organization with a stated mission “to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty or emergency situations by mobilizing and providing essential medical resources for their needed care.”

·**Habitat for Humanity Disaster Relief** — “We believe that safe, reliable shelter provides the foundation” from which humanity can “begin to re-emerge during the relief and rebuilding process.”

·**Society for the Prevention of Cruelty for Animals** – directed toward Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and California emergency response efforts for the care of injured, lost or abandoned animals.

·**North Bay Fire Relief** – a fund created by the Redwood Credit Union Community Fund, in partnership with the Redwood Credit Union, the Press Democrat, and Senator Mike McGuire to support victims and relief efforts of the devastating 2017 North Bay Fires. RCU is covering all administrative costs so 100% of all donations will go to the fire victims and relief efforts in Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino and Lake Counties.

Thought the temple will no longer be leading an organized effort, we urge Sangha members to help those in need by donating to organizations of their choosing. We wish to thank – our many anonymous donors and Floyd and Kaytee Sumida, Daniel and Nancy Martinez, Jake and Patty Nakamura, Lara Dean and Kelvin Tanaka, Kiyoshi and Itsuko Kawasaki, George and Ann Yamamoto, Ruth Voorhies, Trace and Mildred Kawasaki, Rev. Dr. Kenji and Mrs. Karen Akahoshi, Ed and Miyo Hill, Margo Spears, Mike and Ann Ong, Koichi and Joyce Yamamoto, Shirley Omori and Efton Woodford, Ann Sumida-Johnson, John and Tsune Hashiguchi.

Gassho,
The Temple Board of Directors

MAJOR SERVICES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

During 2018, the temple has confirmed its guest speakers for its major services. BTSD has invited a wonderful variety of speakers and hopes that family members and friends take advantage of the opportunity to listen to the Dharma.

Here is a list of this year's guest speakers:

January 21, Ho Onko (Shinran Shonin memorial): **Rev. Jerry Hirano**, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple.

February 11, Nirvana Day (Shakyamuni -- the historical Buddha's -- memorial)/BWA Memorial: **Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi**, West Covina Buddhist Temple

March 18, Spring Higan: **Rev. Tetsuo Unno**, BCA Minister emeritus.

April 8, Hanamatsuri (birth of the Buddha commemoration): **Sensei Ellen Crane**, Minister's Assistant, Orange County Buddhist Church.

May 20, Gotan-E (birth of Shinran Shonin commemoration): **Rev. Laverne Sasaki**, BCA Minister emeritus.

July 29, O Bon and Hatsubon: **Rev. John Iwohara**, Gardena Buddhist Church.

September 16, Fall Higan: **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi**, BTSD

November 11, Eitaikyo (perpetual memorial): **Rev. Zukei Taniguchi**, BCA Minister emeritus.

SHOTSUKI HOYO (MONTHLY MEMORIAL)

In addition to the major services, the Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial) services for loved ones will take place on the first Sunday of most months. During the summer, the July and August memorials will be combined on July 1. Dharma messages for all of the monthly memorials will be offered both in English and Japanese.

If you wish to have a family member added to the monthly memorial list for the month that a loved one passed away, please contact the temple office.

The services are held in conjunction with the Dharma School/Family services, starting at 10 a.m.



Folks gather for a photo opportunity with Rev. Tesshi Aoyama following his Bodhi Service Japanese Dharma message on Dec. 3.

BTSD SERVES UP LUNCH AT VILLA GARDENS

The temple was in charge of the Villa Gardens Friday senior lunch program on December 1.

Many thanks to Margo Spears and her crew for preparing and cooking "Pakkai" Sweet and Sour Pork with the fixings for approximately 65 hungry diners. It was nice to see temple members, along with community seniors at the luncheon.

Margo's kitchen crew included: Kenji Sensei, Janice Cooper, Miki Honda, Ralph Honda, and Ruth Voorhies, plus the Villa Gardens volunteers that includes Mildred and Trace Kawasaki. Thank you to Sumi Yanagihara for baking cookies that were passed out to all diners.

Senior members of the temple are encouraged to partake in the community lunches at Villa Gardens, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista. The price is right, too -- \$3 for a hot meal.

BTSD will offer lunches on Feb. 2, March 30 and May 25.

MOCHITSUKI THANK YOU

There was a lot of energy buzzing around the temple that included the aroma of steamed sweet rice beckoning the parking lot and the pounding of mochi on a warm summer-like December Sunday.

With many Dharma School children and staff, Sangha Teens, Jr. YBA, YABA, ABA, BWA, the temple Sangha and community friends, a large throng of volunteers gathered for the annual mochitsuki on Dec. 10.

On behalf of the temple, we wish to thank everyone for participating in the temple's annual Japanese cultural tradition of making mochi, the glutinous round morsels and kasane mochi for the New Year.

In addition to the tremendous outpouring of Sangha volunteers, the temple welcomed support from community groups.

Many thanks to students from Madison, Canyon Crest, Point Loma and Torrey Pines high schools, students from USD and friends from the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City, Japanese Friendship Garden and San Diego-Tijuana Japan Society. Everyone had a great experience with a New Year's tradition.

Thank you to the many individuals who made monetary donations towards the event. Donations received help underwrite costs for the supplies purchased and equipment upgrades. BTSD is fortunate to have received so many monetary donations that the total mochi sales was a 100% net profit for the temple.

A REWARDING WEEKEND OF WORK

Volunteers came out on Friday, Dec. 8 to wash 800 pounds of mochigome (sweet rice). On the next day, a handful of strong arms, set up all of the equipment. Then, on Sunday, early risers gathered as early as 4:30 a.m. to light the stoves for cooking.

By sunrise (6:15 a.m.), the first batch of freshly cooked steamed rice was ready to be ground and pounded into a pasty dough. The cooking process continued until the last batch was removed from the stove at 1:30 p.m.

Youngsters were grinding the hot sweet rice into a doughy consistency, while many of the young arms used their muscle and energy to pound the mochi.

In the Annex Hall, ladies were cutting and forming the mochi into bite-size pieces. Others were preparing the O kasane mochi for the temple O Naijin and family home O Butusdans (altars).

After being shaped, the mochi was placed on tables to cool where many volunteers fanned and turned the mochi until completely cool.

From there, the mochi was sent to the packing station where volunteers bagged the mochi ready for pick up.

The final destination was the holding station where people picked up their fresh mochi!

Many thanks to the lunch crew and folks who brought food to share for the potluck luncheon. The crew fed many hungry tummies after a long work day.

The BWA was selling their brittle, popcorn and crafts, while the white elephant and Kris Tokunaga's Tupperware and houseware sales all had brisk business.

COMPLETELY SOLD OUT!

For all our efforts, approximately 1,200 pounds of mochi was produced. And with that, the temple completely sold out!

The 2018 Mochitsuki is set for Sunday, December 9. We hope everyone will circle the date and look forward temple's end of the year activity.

Gassho,
Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro
Co-chairmen



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

Mr. Saburo Kodama ~ November 10, 2017

Mr. Tamio Tsurudome ~ November 29, 2017

JANUARY SHOTSUKI LIST

The January Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Dharma School and Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of January are urged to attend and burn incense. If there are any errors in the list, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or e-mail info@btsd.net

1月の祥月法要は、1月7日(日)午前8時より行います。先亡者のご遺族の方々はずい、仏教会へ御参詣ください。尚、名簿に間

DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER	DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER
Kotake Kondo (1-14-1923)	Ruth Voorhies	Shizuko Shimizu (1-11-1989)	Shimizu Family
Mitsuko Kuwada (1-28-1938)	Kanji Kuwada	Shigeru Tabata (1-20-1989)	Takako Tabata
Sutematsu Iwata (1-4-1941)	Teruko Iwata	Noboru Nakada (1-18-1993)	Ted Nakada
Tsunekichi Higuchi (1-7-1942)	Higuchi Family	Elaine Matsumoto Barrett (1-26-1993)	Lisa Miller
Jiro Niizawa (1-13-1942)	Norman Kiyono	Setsuko Uchida (1-24-1992)	Kashima Family
Chosaburo Yamashita (1-27-1954)	Emiko Yamashita	Masako Nadahara (1-12-1994)	Mami Nakagawa
Bill Koga (1-22-1956)	Florence Koga	Frank T. Torio (1-6-1995)	Juliana M. Torio
Matsuno Fujimoto (1-5-1957)	Amano Family	Chieno Okuma Moribe (1-20-1995)	Lee Moribe
Chiyono Tomiyama (1-15-1957)	Sayoko Tomiyama	Tetsuyo Kashima (1-4-1996)	Jeanie Kashima
Hisaichi Taniguchi (1-31-1959)	Wilbur Takashima	Frank Akira Kajita (1-6-1996)	Tim Kajita
Mitsuyoshi Shindo (1-14-1959)	Ochi Family	Kesao Muraoka (1-29-1997)	Yoshiko Muraoka
Teiichiro Miyoshi (1-4-1960)	Miyoshi Family	Kiyoko Santohigashi (1-3-1998)	Kikue Graeber
Usaburo Ito (1-26-1961)	Masako Nagata	Haruko Iguchi (1-15-1998)	Iguchi Family
Shokichi Kodama (1-21-1961)	Masako Uyeji	George Furuya (1-16-1998)	George Furuya Jr.
Nobuo Hagio (1-6-1961)	Hagio Family	Yukiko Wutzke (1-14-1999)	Wutzke Family
Harue Okumura (1-19-1962)	Yamashita Family	Miwako Kosaka (1-19-1999)	Emi Killeri
Shigeko Takeguchi (1-24-1962)	Takeguchi Family	Kazumi Yamada (1-20-1999)	Carol Yamada
Satoru Hata (1-25-1963)	Hamada Family	Robbie Jon Nishiguchi (1-5-2001)	Nishiguchi Family
Masakichi Saito (1-30-1964)	Takashi Saito	Seiji Saito (1-7-2001)	Ayako Saito
Hashio Yonekura (1-4-1969)	Yonekura Family	Takenori Ohara (1-28-2001)	Fumiko Ohara
Toshiko Funaki (1-18-1971)	Funaki Family	Sumiko Kendall (1-1-2003)	Bennie P. Kendall
Sojiro Torimaru (1-18-1973)	Otsuka Family	Mitsuko Kodama (1-11-2004)	Jay Kodama
Kiyotaka Kusumoto (1-9-1973)	Yoshiko Kusumoto	Yoshiko N. Kusumoto (1-31-2004)	Chiyo Nakagawa
Shinhichi Kawamoto (1-16-1974)	Kawamoto Family	Sumiko Tsubakihara (1-31-2005)	Kent Tsubakihara
Hisayo Ogawa (1-22-1975)	Steven Yagade	Harry Yamada (1-8-2006)	Yamada Family
Hachiro Honda (1-5-1976)	Honda Family	Kimie Fukamizu (1-18-2006)	Rochelle Carroll
Motoo Kobayashi (1-16-1976)	Wayne Takuya	Pro Takanori Nimura (1-28-2006)	Saburo Nimura
Mitsutarō Shimizu (1-25-1976)	Miyoko Hashiguchi	Ishiguchi Igen (1-05-2007)	Iguchi Family
Mitsuyo Urata (1-2-1977)	Urata Family	Yoshinobu Sueyoshi (1-02-2008)	Annie Yumiko Gristina
Kuni Kawamoto (1-12-1978)	Kiku Koga	Osao Himaka (1-31-2008)	Lynn Fuchigami
Saye Tsurudome (1-28-1978)	Mitsuo Tsurudome	Dorothy Alroy (1-8-2011)	Evelyn Alroy
Seki Kawasaki (1-30-1943)	Kisae Ohara	Mitsuru Amano (1-5-2012)	Nobuko Amano
Kiyō Muraoka (1-10-1979)	Yoko Shinohara	Dorothy Matsumoto (1-10-2012)	Troy Matsumoto
Ryu Yonekura (1-9-1980)	Yonekura Family	Gary Yukio Kodama (1-4-2013)	Vivianne Jones
Harry Matsumoto (1-9-1982)	Troy Matsumoto	Leonard Joseph Allison (1-21-2013)	Elizabeth Dawn Homah
Claude Holt (1-30-1981)	John Holt	Mitsuyo "Mitsi" Ota (1-23-2013)	Kenneth Ota
Jon Konishi (1-19-1983)	Steven Konishi	Michiko Causey (1-12-2014)	Robert Causey
Nobuo Honda (1-31-1984)	Amy Honda	Toru Shiraiishi (1-17-2015)	Shiraiishi Family
Ikuyo Takeshita (1-5-1985)	Akira Takeshita	Masami Iwataki (1-5-2016)	Patricia Iwataki
Oshie Shimizu (1-1-1988)	Miyoko Hashiguchi	Pricilla Ishizaki (1-30-2017)	Sheryl Ishizaki

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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.

2018 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2017	3rd Year Memorial	2016	7th Year Memorial	2012
13th Year Memorial	2006	17th Year Memorial	2002	25th Year Memorial	1994
27th Year Memorial	1992	33rd Year Memorial	1986	50th Year Memorial	1969

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

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BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Kodama, Jay
 IMO Saburo Kodama
 Hara, Ruby -- Service
 Honda, Mikiye -- Garage Door Opener - Growing Up Sansei
 Honda, Mikiye -
 Special Donation
 Alvarez, Colleen A.
 Rev. Jim Yanagihara Service
 Bus expense
 Kodama, Jay
 Saburo Kodama Serv. Prog.
 Hara, Ruby
 Operating Expenses
 Rexroat, Alonzo T
 IMO Hinako Rexroat
 Omori, Shirley
 IMO Cynthia Kashiwagi
 Tsuneyoshi, Patricia
 IMO Azusa and Haruko
 Tsuneyoshi
 Hara, Ruby - Service
 Uyeji, Masako
 Tomiyama, Steve
 IMO Taiji Santohigashi
 IMO Sachiko Santohigashi
 IMO Noboru Tomiyama
 Dutton, Jeanette
 Bill Teague - 90th
 Honda, Ralph
 Wood, Carolyn
 Garcia, Joanne Tsurudome -
 Tamio Tsurudome Service
 Kitano, Margie - BEC
 Kitano, Margie - BWA
 Szechinski, Hiroko
 Smith, Maribeth "Smitty" -
 Contribution
 Sakai, Kathleen
 Koga, Florence - Year End
 Ishisaki, Emiko - Year End
 Kuroiwa, Sonoko
 Nokotsu Shiki -Kuroiwa Fam.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Honda, Margaret - KCP
 Yamamoto, June - KCP
 Martinez, Nancy - PV Solar
 Teague, Bill - PV Solar
 Muraoka, Roy - PV Solar
 Sumida, Floyd - PV Solar
 Ohara, Kisae - PV Solar
 Ohara, Ann - PV Solar
 Yamamoto, Koichi - PV Solar
 Hashiguchi, John - PV Solar
 Tanaka, Terry - PV Solar
 Omori, Shirley - PV Solar
 Hill, Miyo - PV Solar
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko -
 PV Solar

Nakamura, Jake K - PV Solar
 Kawasaki, Trace - PV Solar
 Voorhies, Ruth - PV Solar
 Ota, Laurine - PV Solar
 Gladsjo, Julie - PV Solar
 Doi, Mike - Kitchen
 Teague, Bill - 90th Build. Imprv.
 Kitano, Margie - PV Solar
 Hasegawa, Arlene - PV Solar
 Tsuneyoshi, Motoo - PV Solar
 Shigehara, Wilbur - PV Solar
 Masumoto, Chiyoko - PV Solar
 Moriyama, Chieko - PV Solar
 Hasegawa, Arlene - Kitchen
 Schraeder, Susan
 Benson, Agnes - PV Solar
 Iwashita, (Jan) Jeanette -
 PV Solar
 Ishino, Isabel - PV Solar
 Okuhara, Roy - PV Solar

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Morinaka, Asako
 Sasaki, Lorin
 Kawasaki, Trace
 Kashima, Jeanie
 Hill, Miyo
 Hashiguchi, John
 Ohara, Fumiko
 Honda, Mikiye
 Honda, Ralph
 Himaka, Michio
 Omori, Shirley
 Tanaka, Kelvin
 Yamamoto, June
 Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsu
 Yamanishi, Miyoko
 Kida, Katsumi
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Torio, Betty
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken
 Graeber, Kikue
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Torio, Glenn
 Hiding, Holly
 Teague, Bill
 Baker, Carol
 Jensen, Richard
 Seymour, Leslie
 Ryan, Mani and Ed
 Spears, Margo
 Negoro, Glenn
 Aoyama, Rev Tesshi
 Jones, Mikako
 Otsuji, Dennis
 Shigehara, Wilbur
 Suyenaga, Mary
 Masumoto, Chiyoko
 Moriyama, Chieko
 Kuwada, Howard Kanji
 Nogata, Yuriko

Iwashita, (Jan) Jeanette
 Koga, Florence
 Ishisaki, Emiko
 Gladsjo, Julie
 Yamamoto, Koichi
 Benson, Agnes

DHARMA SCHOOL

Muraoka, Roy
 Doi, Mike
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Iwashita, (Jan) Jeanette
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Wiederkehr, Jeff
 Honda, Margaret
 Kawamoto, David H.
 Hiding, Holly
 June Yamamoto
 Muraoka, Ken
 Moriyama, Chieko
 Kasubuchi, Naoye
 Ohara, Ann
 Ohara, Kisae
 Oyama, Rodney
 Hasegawa, Arlene
 Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken
 Schraeder, Susan
 Hill, Miyo
 Nakatani, Fred
 Yonekura, Roy
 D'Orsi, Ruby
 Muraoka, Tad
 Otsuji, Dennis
 Graeber, Kikue

EITAIKYO FUND

Otsuji, Dennis
 IMO Ayako Otsuji
 IMO Haruhiko Otsuji
 Terusaki, Steven
 IMO William "Bill" Terusaki
 IMO George Terusaki

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Tomiyama, Steve
 Teague, Bill
 Baker, Carol
 Hiding, Holly
 Seymour, Leslie
 Ryan, Mani & Ed
 Spears, Margo
 Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken
 Kubota, Hiroshi
 Ohara, Kisae
 Ohara, Ann

END OF YEAR (JOYA-E)

Hiding, Holly
 Teague, Bill
 Baker, Carol
 Seymour, Leslie
 Spears, Margo
 Benson, Agnes

FLORAL OFFERING

Muraoka, Roy
 Doi, Mike
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Iwashita, (Jan) Jeanette
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Wiederkehr, Jeff
 Honda, Margaret
 Kawamoto, David H.
 Hiding, Holly
 Yamamoto, June
 Muraoka, Ken
 Moriyama, Chieko
 Kasubuchi, Naoye
 Ohara, Ann
 Ohara, Kisae
 Hasegawa, Arlene
 Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken
 Schraeder, Susan
 Hill, Miyo
 Nakatani, Fred
 Yonekura, Roy
 D'Orsi, Ruby
 Muraoka, Tad
 Otsuji, Dennis
 Graeber, Kikue

GEN MAINTENANCE

Muraoka, Roy
 Doi, Mike
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Iwashita, (Jan) Jeanette
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Wiederkehr, Jeff
 Honda, Margaret
 Kawamoto, David H.
 Hiding, Holly
 Yamamoto, June
 Muraoka, Ken
 Moriyama, Chieko
 Kasubuchi, Naoye
 Ohara, Ann
 Ohara, Kisae
 Suyenaga, Mary
 Sakow, Toshiko
 Oyama, Rodney
 Hasegawa, Arlene
 Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken
 Kitano, Margie
 Schraeder, Susan
 Hill, Miyo
 Nakatani, Fred
 Yonekura, Roy
 D'Orsi, Ruby
 Muraoka, Tad
 Otsuji, Dennis
 Graeber, Kikue

HOONKO

Benson, Agnes

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Donations, continued

MOCHI GOME DONATIONS

Hidinger, Holly
 Seymour, Leslie
 Tomiyama, Steve
 Ohara, Ann
 Negoro, Glenn
 Muraoka, Roy
 Graeber, Kikue
 Masumoto, Chiyoko
 Honda, Mikiye
 Tanaka, Terry
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Tom, Karen
 Benson, Agnes
 Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
 Yamamoto, George
 Isakari, Henry & Marcia
 Lee, Harold & LuAnn
 Muraoka, Tad
 Teague, Bill

MEMBERSHIP

We thank the following individuals / families for their recent renewals

2017

Doi, Mike
 Honda, Margaret
 Yamamoto, June
 Ishizaki, Sheryl
 Oyama, Rodney
 Ong, Mike

2018

Muraoka, Roy
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Ohara, Fumiko
 Araki-Kawaguchi, Corinne
 Iwashita, (Jan) Jeanette
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Wiederkehr, Jeff
 Kawamoto, David H.
 Hidinger, Holly
 Masuda, Peter
 Azuma, Adam
 Spears, Margo
 Williams, Yukari
 Takashima, Helen K
 Moriyama, Chieko
 Kasubuchi, Naoye
 Ohara, Ann
 Yamada, Jean
 Ohara, Kisae
 Sakatani, Tomomi
 Suyenaga, Mary
 Sakow, Toshiko
 Kitano, Margie - Other
 Nakatani, Fred
 Tomiyama, Steve
 Kitano, Margie - Other
 Nakatani, Fred
 Tomiyama, Steve
 Shigehara, Wilbur
 Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
 Hasegawa, Arlene

Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken
 Schraeder, Susan
 Hill, Miyo
 Yonekura, Roy
 Yonekura, Roy
 Kiyono, Norman
 Honda, Tom
 Nakashima, Sumiye
 Honda, Mikiye
 Otsuji, Dennis
 Isakari, Henry & Marcia
 Yamamoto, Hisashi
 Sugiyama, Chiyeko
 Graeber, Kikue

OHIGAN

Ohara, Ann

OSEIBO

Sumida, Floyd
 Ota, Laurine
 Morinaka, Asako
 Teague, Bill
 Hara, Ruby
 Tanaka, Terry
 Gadsjo, Julie
 Muraoka, Roy
 Benson, Agnes
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Yamanishi, Miyoko
 Ohara, Fumiko
 Torio, Betty
 Kawamoto, Yukio
 Sugiyama, Chiyeko
 Ohara, Ann
 Ohara, Kisae
 Kasubuchi, Naoye
 Yamamoto, Koichi
 Moriyama, Chieko
 Omori, Shirley
 Schraeder, Susan
 Sugiyama, Yukiko
 Hamada, Gary
 Yonekura, Roy
 Hill, Miyo
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 Hashiguchi, John
 Nakamura, Jake K.
 Okuhara, Roy
 Wiederkehr, Jeff
 Kida, Katsumi

Kawasaki, Mildred
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Spears, Margo
 Hidinger, Holly
 Seymour, Leslie
 Masuda, Peter
 Masumoto, Chiyoko
 Nakatani, Fred
 Araki-Kawaguchi, Corinne
 Otsuji, Dennis
 Hasegawa, Arlene
 Takashima, Helen K
 Amano, Takeko
 Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
 Morikawa, Kazuhiko
 Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
 Shigehara, Wilbur
 Jackson, Carolyn
 Sato, Steve
 Kitano, Margie
 Hotta, JoAnn Katsuda
 Tsuji, Masako
 Nishiguchi, Richard
 Honda, Mikiye
 Iwashita, (Jan) Jeanette
 Jones, Mikako
 Ishizaki, Sheryl
 Koga, Florence
 Ishisaki, Emiko
 Ishino, Isabel
 Negoro, Glenn
 Honda, Ralph
 Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
 Oyama, Rodney

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Kinoshita, Michael
 IMO Nobue Nishii
 IMO Kasuke Ogata
 Ogata Family Trust
 Kashima, Jeanie
 Torio, Glenn
 Tomiyama, Steve
 Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken
 Graeber, Kikue
 IMO Taijo Santohigashi
 Honda, Ralph
 IMO Ben Honda
 Nakashima, Sumiye
 IMO Shigeo Amano

Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Honda, Mikiye
 IMO Ben and Dad
 Yamamoto, June
 IMO Kaitlyn Yotbounmy
 Negoro, Glenn
 IMO Yukiko Negoro
 Gary Hamada
 IMO Shigeto Amano
 Sugiyama, Chiyeko
 IMO Yasu Akiyama
 Amano, Nobuko
 IMO Daniel Amano
 IMO Yutaka Amano
 Takashima, Wilbur
 IMO Ben Honda
 Uyeji, Masako
 IMO George S. Kitagawa Jr
 Benson, Agnes

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Muraoka, Roy
 Doi, Mike
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Iwashita, (Jan) Jeanette
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Wiederkehr, Jeff
 Honda, Margaret
 Kawamoto, David H.
 Hidinger, Holly
 Yamamoto, June
 Muraoka, Ken
 Moriyama, Chieko
 Kasubuchi, Naoye
 Ohara, Ann
 Ohara, Kisae
 Oyama, Rodney
 Hasegawa, Arlene
 Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken
 Schraeder, Susan
 Hill, Miyo
 Nakatani, Fred
 Yonekura, Roy
 Muraoka, Tad
 Akahoshi, Glenn
 Otsuji, Dennis
 Graeber, Kikue



JOIN BTSD & VFW

On January 13 at 6 p.m. In the Annex Hall

Buy-in package is \$10 and includes 12 crazy games of BINGO with monetary and consolation prizes. The final game of the night will be a blackout game.

Arrive early and purchase the VFW's world famous hot dogs and chili for dinner. Food sales begin at 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening with family and friends and have a chance to win by yelling BINGO! (Players must be 18 years old and up)

Dates for 2018

January 13	July 14
February 10	August 11
March 10	September 8
April 14	October 6
May 12	November 10
June 9	December 1

Benefit dinners dates are in boldface

BTSD will have a Beef Stew dinner on **February 10**. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at the **Jan. 13 BINGO Night** or temple office.

Membership Notes

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Early Renewals and Rate Increase

A big thank you to all of you who have already renewed dues for 2018 – over 15 percent of our current members halfway into December!

We sent outreach letters to 2017 members with information on renewing at 2017 rates if the renewals reach us before Monday, January 8.

(If you did not get the mailing I apologize for the error; if you renewed already for 2018 but would like to take advantage of the discount, just let us know as shown at the end of the article.)

If you find yourself in arrears for 2017, you can play catch up on 2017 *and* 2018 and still take advantage of the discount, again subject to the Monday, January 8 deadline.

Early Renewals Helped Us Make Our Budget in 2017

Some of you know that we were facing a shortfall in funds for the year, and the increased early renewals, along with better than expected donations and fundraiser results, mean that we expect to come close to meet our revenue goals for the year. We will be able to confirm the outcome at our General Meeting. (Our annual budgets recognize revenue in the year received. 2018 memberships received in 2017 affects the 2017 budget for accounting purposes.)

Membership Goals in 2018

In 2018, we hope to make it easier for younger families to join us now that we emphasize monthly payments and the ability to start at any time. We also plan on sending out passive renewal statements next November to encourage members on an annual payment system to renew before the next year starts.

How You Can Help

Let us know if you see other improvements to make the membership renewal process easier for you and easier for future members. You can also help if you have friends or family who would benefit from getting more involved in the Temple to join as a member as well.

Please direct all feedback to us care of the Temple or to Bill Teague, Membership Chair, at 619-248-3749 or bill.teague@cox.net.



SCRIP NEWS

As the year comes to a close, we want to thank everyone who has participated in the Great Lakes Scrip program this year. We also have families participating in the Ralph's and Food 4 Less programs and a percentage of your bill comes to us in a check each quarter unless the amount is less than \$25.

We have an assortment of different gift cards on hand. In home improvement in \$25 amounts, we have Home Depot; Lowes; Bed, Bath & Beyond and \$100 Home Depot gift cards. In restaurants, we have in \$25 gift cards, Chili's, IHOP, Black Angus, Outback, Claim Jumper, Olive Garden, and Panera Bread. We also have \$10 gift cards for Denny's and Subway.

For on-line, we have \$25 gift cards for Amazon and iTunes. If you're looking for grocery stores, we have gift cards for Albertson's, Smart & Final, Sprouts, Stater Bros., and Vons.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!
Miyo Hill, Scrip Chairperson



WINTER PACIFIC SEMINAR

21ST CENTURY

CONVERSATIONS ON SHIN BUDDHISM TODAY

SATURDAY, January 27, 2018

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Orange County Buddhist Church

909 South Dale Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804

In English and Japanese

Keynote Speakers:

Rev. Tetsuo Unno

Shin Buddhist Lecturer & BCA Minister.

Rev. Dr. Mark Unno

Professor of Religious Studies University of Oregon

And more...

REGISTRATION: \$40 (Includes lunch)

Make your check out to BTSD

Deadline: January 17, 2018

Presented by: The Institute of Buddhist Studies,

Buddhist Churches of America

Center for Buddhist Education &

Shinshu Center of America

Hosted by:

BCA Southern District Ministers Association

And Buddhist Education

For more information please contact BTSD.

CLEAN UP DAY THANK YOU



The temple extends a heartfelt thank you to volunteers who helped with sprucing up the hondo and cleaned other parts of the temple on December 17.

All of the areas that were cleaned looks very refreshed for the New Year!



BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO
2018 NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
Happy New Year!

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is having a party!

All temple members and friends are encouraged to make plans to attend the annual New Year's Party that will take place following the Ho Onko Service on Sunday, January 21. The festivities will be from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Annex Hall.

Attendees will have a choice of ordering a traditional Japanese-style bento (box) regular or vegetarian lunch for \$15. An alternative KFC Chicken lunch may be purchased for \$9.

As a token of its appreciation, the temple will like to offer complimentary meals to members of the exclusive 88-years-young and above Keiro Kai (pioneer club) group and to new members who have joined the temple since the 2017 New Year's Party.

In order to ensure your reservation, please fill out the order form with your meal selection. Please include your reservation form, along with payment and mail it to the temple. You may also call the temple at (619) 239-0896 or send an email to info@btsd.net with your reservation. The reservation deadline is **Sunday, Jan. 7.**

Entertainment, special recognitions and a lot of celebrating will be part of the program.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us as BTSD kicks off 2018 with a grand celebration!

In Gassho,
 Laura Yoshida
 New Year's Party Chairperson



2018 Year of the Dog

2018 NEW YEAR PARTY LUNCHEON RESERVATION

NAME(S) _____ **PHONE** _____

E-MAIL _____

*PLEASE RESERVE:	Regular Bento	_____	x \$15	= \$ _____
	Vegetarian Bento	_____	x \$15	= \$ _____
	KFC Chicken	_____	x \$9	= \$ _____
	TOTALS:	_____		\$ _____

- _____ I am "88 & Great!" and will attend, so please reserve a complimentary bento for me (Please check-off your meal selection. Payment not required)
- _____ I/we became new members in 2017 and will attend the party. Please reserve a complimentary bento(s) indicated above.

Please fill out the order form, include payment and use the enclosed envelope for mailing. Make check payable to BTSD. Ordering by phone: 619-239-0896. Email order: info@btsd.net Reservation deadline is Sunday, January 7.

— 怒みからはなれる —

駐在開教使 向嶋謙史

新年明けましておめでとうございます。旧年中はご門徒の皆様には本当に温かいご厚情を寄せて頂き、ご支援ご協力を賜りました事、誠に有難く心から厚く御礼申し上げます。本年も宜しくお願いいたします。さて、皆さんご存知のように、「目には目を、歯には歯を」という有名な言葉があります。これは、ハンムラビ法典の教えで、誰かを傷つけた場合、加害者への罰は同程度のものではないという意味です。もともとこの報復法は、イスラエル地方の砂漠で遊牧生活を送っていた人々が、厳しい生活環境の中で、他民族との争いに勝ち残る為に、目をくりぬかれたら報復に相手の目をくりぬき、歯を抜かれたら相手の歯を抜くといった遊牧民社会の伝統に拠るものであると言われています。当時、この報復法は、過酷な環境の中で生き残るために必要な教えだとされています。しかし、残念ながら、こうした報復主義的行為は、文化が発達し、経済的にも豊かになった今日でもなお色濃く残っています。

一〇〇一年に同時多発テロが発生して以来、アフガニスタンへの報復攻撃をはじめ、アメリカはイラクやシリアに軍事介入し、それに対抗する勢力が世界各国で報復テロを頻発させています。正義という名の報復攻撃で、何の罪のない数多くの尊い生命が奪われ、世界中が悲嘆にくれています。更に、現在、北朝鮮の核開発とミサイル発射実験などの挑発行為からアメリカと今までにないほどの緊張状態が続いています。どちらかが暴走すれば、報復攻撃として悲惨な戦争が始まってしまいます。落ち着かない日が続きますが、今一度、世の中安穏なれという親鸞聖人のお言葉を思い出し、真の世界平和について深く考えていかななくてはなりません。

私は、その事について考える度に、親鸞聖人の師である、法然上人のご生涯を思い出さずにはいられません。法然上人がわずか九歳の頃、目の前で父親が夜討ちを受けて殺されてしまいました。父親は息を引き取る前に、泣き叫ぶ上人に対して苦しい息の下から「敵を恨むな、そなたが、この父の敵を打てば、その子は、そなたを仇とねらうであろう。このようにして仇は仇をよび、絶える事はあるまい。そなたはどうぞ、この悲しい人間の業を切り切ってくれ。そして、敵も味方も共に救われていく道を求めてくれ」と言い残して世を去られました。法然上人の父親が残された言葉には、「目には目を」という思想も、仇討ちという思想もありません。討つ方も、討たれる方も、共に人間としての苦悩を背負ったもの同士であるという、仏教の平等の思想が生きています。「殺し合う事だけでは何の解決にもならない。悲しみを繰り返すだけだ」という父親の悲痛な想いを悟った上人は争いのない平和な世界を願って出家されました。

もし、自分の家族が誰かに襲われたならば、相手に復讐して同じような苦しみ味わわせてやりたいと思う気持ちは誰にでもあります。それは、ごく自然であり、残された家族の悲痛な感情だと思えます。しかし、もし私達が法然上人のお父様の立場であったならば、私達も同じように、我が子に対して「敵を恨むな」という言葉を残すのではないでしょうか。我が子が敵を打てば、今度は敵の子が、我が子のいのちを狙いに来ると知っていたら、我が子に仇討ちを頼む事など決してできません。また、それ以上に、恨み乗り越えることによつて、報復という悲劇の繰り返しに終止符を打ち、平穏で豊かな生活を送ってもらいたいというのが残していく家族や子供に対する切なる願いではないでしょうか。これこそが、我が子に対する真の親の願いであり、慈悲の実践だと思います。ですから、私達一人ひとりに向けられている亡き人の願いに気づくことが何よりも大切なことなのです。

法然上人のご生涯は、権力者からの念仏弾圧や迫害などといった多くの障害を抱えた苦難の道でありました。しかし、上人は「口で念仏を称えることを禁じられれば、心で称えよ、心の念仏までとりしめることはできない」と言われるほど、誰よりも深い信仰の生活を送られ、父親の遺言通り、恨みの念を抱くことなく最期まで穏やかな生き方を実践されました。妙好人として有名な源左さんは、「世間さまにこらえてもろうてます」と言われたそうです。「こらえてやる」というのは、他を責め、他ののちまで奪いかねない傲慢な生き方です。しかし、「こらえてもろうてます」という生き方は、争いようがありません。この言葉にこそ、「自己を正義化せず、相手を責めない」という真の教えに生きる念仏者の姿があるのです。

阿彌陀仏の智慧に照らされ、他を責めてやまないという己の愚かさ、頭を垂れて、罪を作りつづける「己であつたことに慚愧することが、真の世界平和への第一歩なのではないでしょうか。

『法句経』に、「怒みは怒みによつては決して鎮まらな。怒みをはなれてこそ鎮まるのである」というお釈迦さまの教えがあります。怒みを捨てることは至難の業ですが、お念仏を心の鏡として、互いの存在を認め合い、互いの幸せを願っている慈悲の心に満ちた年にしたいものです。怒みを乗り越えたところに互いに敬い合える究極の安穏の世界があると信じています。

MAJOR ACTIVITIES RING IN NEW YEAR

SHUSHO-E/New Year's Day Service (Jan. 1, 10 a.m.) — Is the first gathering of the year. Kenji Sensei invites the Sangha to attend the New Year's Day service.

SHOTSUKI HOYO Monthly Memorial (Jan. 7, 10 a.m.) — Will be held in conjunction with the Dharma School /Family Service. The January memorial list of loved ones can be found on Page 6.

HO ONKO Shinran's Memorial (Jan. 21, 10 a.m.) — Commemorating the memory of the founder of Jodo Shinshu, Shinran Shonin, who passed away on January 16, 1262. Followers of Shinran gather each January to express deep appreciation and gratitude for the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha that he has shared with us. **Rev. Jerry Hirano**, resident minister of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, will be the guest speaker. Rev. Hirano's bio and information on his special Dharma Presentations can be found in the next column.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY after Ho Onko at 12, noon — The annual **NEW YEAR'S PARTY** will be immediately following the Ho Onko Service. Reservation deadline is January 7. Please fill out the reservation form that can be found on page 10 and turn it in as soon as possible.

GENERAL MEETING (Jan. 28, 12, noon) — The once-a-year business meeting involving the Sangha will place in the Annex Hall. Details included in article below.

More activities are listed inside this edition.

Envelopes for your Ho Onko offering and New Year's party reservation are provided with this month's issue. Thank you for your continued support of BTSD's spiritual services and programs. In Gassho.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 28

The temple's annual General Membership meeting will be on Sunday, January 28, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Annex Hall.

This once-a-year business meeting gives the Sangha the opportunity to join Kenji Sensei, President LuAnn Lee, the Board of Directors, committees and affiliated organizations as they recap 2017 and provide what is planned for 2018. Members will be asked to approve the fiscal year budget and Board of Directors slate.

All dues paying members and interested Sangha members are invited to attend the meeting.

Temple bylaws states that notification will be delivered to all dues paying members at least 10 days prior to the meeting date. A quorum of 25 members is required to qualify as official.

Everyone is encouraged to share their favorite dish for the potluck luncheon.

Rev. Akahoshi, President Lee and the Board of Directors look forward to seeing many temple members at the annual meeting. *In Gassho*

Buddhist Education In January



Saturday BEC Talk
January 20, 2018 – 7:00 PM
Rev. Jerry &
Dr. Carmela Hirano
"Interfaith and Our Temple"

Rev. Jerry Hirano and his wife,

Dr. Carmela Hirano, will give a BEC presentation on Saturday evening, January 20, at 7 p.m. in the Sangha Hall. Rev. Hirano is the resident minister of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. Dr. Carmela Hirano has a private psychiatric practice where she and her staff include Shin Buddhist principles in their therapeutic efforts. Both serve on the Salt Lake City Interfaith Board. It will be interesting to hear how Shin Buddhism prospers in a city that is dominated by the Mormon Temple. He will be our speaker on Sunday for our Ho-Onko Service.

Buddhism 1-2-3 Resumes January 3

In 2018 we resume our opportunity to undertake three simple actions together so we can chant, meditate, and share the Dharma. We meet each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the one-story Sangha Hall for 90 minutes or so. Light refreshments are served. We are grateful that Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi leads two sessions each month, usually the first and second Wednesdays. In January as he is out of town, he will lead the second and third sessions. Other sessions in January will be led by various Temple members.

Fourth Sunday on January 28

We are also grateful that Kaytee Sumida will continue to offer the one-hour Introduction to Buddhism class on the fourth Sunday of most months in 2018. Usually there is no class in August and December. The class meets at 9 a.m. in the Sangha Hall and attendees are welcome to then continue over to the Hondo or Main Hall for the Buddhist service. The class is informal, great for basic questions, and is meant as a one and done introduction. By the time attendees are done, they will have a better understanding of basic concepts and a sense of other resources offered by the Temple.

January						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
2018 BCA Calendars-Ready for Pick-up						
The 2018 BCA calendars have arrived, and are available to all dues paying members. To help the temple defray mailing costs, we are asking all members to pick-up your calendar in the office on your next visit.						
Pick-Up Deadline is January 21! <i>Thank you!</i>						