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Hanamatsuri

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

We celebrate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha this month. We could say that it was the birth of our connection with True Reality. His Teachings have transcended time and cultures, because it is based on a reality that can be observed and experienced. The truth of this planet and universe, is that everything is inter-connected (interdependence) and everything changes (impermanence). Most significantly, the Buddha taught us about our human nature and how we might experience and deal with our negative and positive feelings in this ever-changing world. Because of the truth of his Teachings, Buddhism has influenced cultures toward harmony and equality. In our present climate of opposing ideologies, America could benefit from the Teachings of the Buddha.

Buddhism is known as being non-dual. This means that, as humans with an attachment to our ego, we can only see life from one perspective. Duality means that any view must have an opposite. Therefore, an "up" must have a "down"; inside/outside; good/bad; me/others; life/death. A non-dual perspective would see both or all sides as being valid. It is a "both/and" view, not an "either/or" view. This non-dual holistic perspective is the goal of monks, as they practice to minimize their ego desires. Shinran's honesty led him to admit his failure in controlling his ego desires, and his subsequent departure from Mt. Hiei. His thoughts are recorded in the Tannisho:

"I know nothing at all of good or evil. For if I could know thoroughly, as Amida Tathagata knows, that an act was good, then I would know good. If I could know thoroughly, as the Tathagata knows, that an act was evil, then I would know evil. But with a foolish being full of blind passions, in this fleeting world - this burning house - all matters without exception are empty and false, totally without truth and sincerity. The Nembutsu alone is true and real."

How might we take these words of wisdom in our current climate of opposing ideologies? It is very difficult to admit to being half right. A frightening, emerging ethos in 21st century America, is the attitude that there is only one side of an issue that is correct and that the opposing view is completely wrong. This is a change from previous attitudes of compromise. As Shin Buddhists, how might the Dharma help guide us in determining truth?

The truth of impermanence is experienced in the ebb and flow of life. Therefore, let us accept the **process of change** to be our goal, rather than a static condition of our idea of an ultimate condition. Even in the time of the Buddha, his Teachings of equality, could not completely eliminate the

caste system, nor the inferior status of women. As followers of the Buddha, we might continue to embody his Teachings by working to correct these inequalities in our present society. However, as followers of Shinran, we might first address our own attitudes toward these inequalities. This is a more challenging practice.

If I were to treat someone with disrespect, it may be due to my need to feel superior. It is probably due to my feeling of inadequacy. My attachment to my ego allows my ignorance to act inappropriately. My ignorance and abuse would be met with equal ignorance and opposition. With both sides demonstrating the 2nd Noble Truth, discontent would be the only result. In determining a path forward, segments of the opposing view need to be considered. Wisdom and compassion is demonstrated by hearing and acknowledging an opposing position. Progress is made incrementally, as the "middle path" zig-zags forward.

Heeding Shinran's words of caution, we still make choices to resolve problems. But we do so with a sense of humility, knowing that our view is only a part of the whole. As Shin Buddhist, we do have examples to remind us to restrict our ego-centric nature. We express our humility to others, as we bow. We *itadaku* (humbly receive with gratitude), before meals and opening our service books. Our *gassho* to Amida Buddha is our acknowledgment of our acceptance and oneness with others. Our entire lives are possible because of the efforts of others toward our well-being. When we voice *Namo Amida Butsu*, we express gratitude for the compassion of others toward us, and therefore, we can greet and treat others with loving kindness (*metta*). When we feel validated, just as we are without any conditions, we can feel humble enough to treat others in a similar fashion.

The Buddha's birth might remind us that his Middle Path is a path of harmony and progress. It takes all sides to represent the Buddha's view. As the Nembutsu validates me just as I am, I strive to live according to the Dharma of wisdom and compassion, for the benefit of all.

Namo Amida Butsu

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April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 DS Staff Mtg., 9 am, CR DS/FS/Shotsuki Service, 10 am BWA Meeting, 11:45, CR Taiko, Noon, AH	2 Office Closed	3	4 Crafts, 10 am, DR Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm	5 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Eco-Sangha Mtg. 7 pm, CR	6	7 Koto Class, 10 a.m., SH Hanamido Prep, 1 pm BEC Lecture with Rev Crane 7 pm, SH SD Jr. YBL Basketball at Orange County Buddhist Church	
8 Hanamatsuri , 10 am With Sensei Ellen Crane Potluck Luncheon	9 Office Closed Ways & Means Mtg. 7 p.m. CR	10 SD Ministers Mtg. At LA Betsuin 10 am	11 Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm	12 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Board of Directors Mtg., 6:45 pm	13	14 Chicken Pot Pie Benefit Dinner 4:30 - 5:45, AH BTSD/VFW Bingo, 6 pm, AH.	
15 DS/Family Service, 10 am Jr. YBA Mtg., 11:30 am, DR Kenji Sensei guest speaker at Parlier Buddhist Church	16 Office Closed Kaiho deadline,	17	18 Crafts, 10 am, DR Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm	19 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	20	21 Koto, 10 a.m. SH	
22 Earth Day Intro to Buddhism, 9 am, S Chanting, 9:15 am DS/Family Service, 10 am EcoSangha activities at Annex Hall and Balboa Park	23 Office Closed	24	25 Minyo, Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm Activities Mtg., 7pm	26 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	27 FDDSTL Conf. at Foster City	28 JAHSSD "More Stories of the Sun Café", AH Noon - 3 pm FDDSTL Conf. at Foster Foster City	
29 DS/Family Service, 10 am <u>JCC Keiro Kai, 1 pm, AH</u> FDDSTL Conference at Foster City (Bay)	30 Office Closed	LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY ... 6—Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) 12—Spring Furniture and houseware sale 12—BTSD/VFW Bingo 13—Mother's Day Breakfast hosted by Jr. YBA 21—Gotan-E (commemorating Shinran Shonin's birth) 29—Community Memorial Day services					

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President



At the end of February, I attended the National Council Meeting (NCM) in Sacramento. It was hosted by Northern California District and the theme was "Together in Gassho".

As I was reading the welcome letters in the NCM program, one made mention of the obsta-

cles and challenges of BCA and another hopes the decisions made will support the BCA in having a long term influence in the world. After reading these comments, I was curious to see how these next few days would unfold. The major point of business at the NCM meetings were to vote on the BCA Restructure of Assets Project.

This project was a plan to retire the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) \$4 million promissory note loan to the BCA Endowment Foundation (yearly payment is \$134,000) with recommendations from the Restructure committee to sell the BCA Headquarters (\$3.5 million). The headquarters is in need of deferred maintenance estimated to be over \$1.25 million.

On December 1, 2017, the option to sell the BCA Headquarters was presented to the National Board for endorsement so it could be presented to the National Council in February 2018 for approval.

Buddhist Church of San Francisco wrote a letter to all the temples of the BCA asking us to vote for a delay in the decision to authorize the sale. They state in the letter that BCSF is an integral part of the BCA's founding and history and other concerns were listed.

San Diego Board of Directors discussed the letter, proposal and after much discussion, decided to vote no to the sale of the property with the hope they will discuss other ways to reduce the loan.

As you can imagine, there was a lot of discussion at the National Council Meeting but in the end, the proposal was voted down, to not sell the properties. BCSF however made a motion and was approved to have a group consisting of all the Districts, BCA, CBE, IBS, Endowment Committee and Minister Representation meet four times this year to come up with a plan to present at the next NCM meeting. The theme of Together in Gassho will hopefully carry over to working together for a solution.

There is a 10-page detailed report from the Chair of the Restructure Project and the letter from San Francisco that will be available in the office for anyone that would like to review it or e-mailed on request.

Thank you all for letting me attend the NCM as I always enjoy listening to the special speakers and Dharmathon, attending the informative workshops, hearing new ideas and meeting new people from all over the U.S. plus two representatives each from both Canada and Hawaii.

On March 10 and 11, BTSD had a booth at the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. We sold delicious chicken skewers, tofu salad and daifuku. On Saturday, we had constant rain but the dedicated crew stuck it out and ended up selling about 900 skewers. Sunday we had sunshine and with that brought many customers. We sold over 1300 more skewers, 100 plus tofu salads and sold out of our daifuku.

A gigantic thanks to Michael Kinoshita for heading up this two-day marathon plus he worked the whole week purchasing

products, organizing and taking the supplies, setting up the area and so much more. Shout out to Ken Muraoka for the behind the scene help with transporting all the equipment especially the refrigerator! Also, need to thank brother Glenn Torio for heading up the barbeque all day both days. Carol Baker for heading up the prep day and Nancy Martinez is just too awesome as is her sister Jeannie Inouye (the rice lady).

See **President's Message** on Page 5

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Highlights from the March 8 Board of Directors meeting:

1. Contractors were selected for the PV Solar project and for the re-roofing of the annex where the array will be located. Work is anticipated to begin in a few weeks.
2. The Board was updated on the status of the income property - presently two units are leased.
3. President LuAnn Lee provided a summary of the actions taken at the National Council Meeting held in Sacramento at the end of February.
4. The Board approved funding for the College YBA Day that was held on March 18.
5. Funding was approved for Rev. Akahoshi to attend the Ministers' Continuing Education Seminar, April 25-27. The Minister's Assistants are required to attend two seminars a year and there is a line in the budget for the associated costs.
6. Thank you letters were received from the organizations to which Disaster Relief funds were donated.

BWA NEWS

Thank you to the BWA members who turned out to prepare salads, tofu, daifuku, sauces etc. for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival. Thank you to the ladies and gentleman for making Daifuku; Karen Akahoshi, Alice Aoyama, Quimiko Hagio, Ruby Hara, Mich and Naomi Himaka, Nancy Martinez, Laurine Ota, Aki Tomiyama, Betty Torio, Miyoko Yamanishi, and Kiku Graeber. We hope you had the opportunity to see the trees decked out in shades of pink. It was truly a spectacular sight.

Looking to spice up your week? Check out the **Craft Group** on the first and third Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafting experience not necessary. The next gathering is April 4. Give it a try.

In April, we celebrate the birth of Buddha. **Hanamatsuri** will be observed on the 8th and we will help Dharma School decorate the Hanamido on the 7th, at 1:30 p.m. Ellen Crane, Ministers Assistant, from the Orange County Buddhist Church will be the guest speaker. Members are encouraged to share their favorite side dish or salad for the luncheon following the service.

Please support our traditional Hanamatsuri **Bake Sale**. There will be a lot of delicious treats to purchase!

- ◆ Thank you to Group A for providing lunch for the March 4 meeting.
- ◆ Group B will host April meeting on the first
- ◆ May Chirashi event is chaired by groups A and C. B and D will have the Bazaar.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On Saturday, March 3, Sensei Laverne and I attended the Southern District Dharma School Teachers League Mini-workshop hosted by the Vista Buddhist Temple Dharma School Teachers. The theme was "My Buddha" and the keynote speaker was Sensei Ellen Crane from the Orange County Buddhist Church.

We were delighted that our friends from the Vista Buddhist Temple Dharma School and Sangha visited BTSD in the annual exchange on March 25. Our friends attended the service, students attended class while the adults listened to Kenji Sensei, and everyone enjoyed a nice lunch. Thank you to BTSD Sangha for sharing their favorite dish for the potluck luncheon.

Students, their family members and the Sangha are encouraged to decorate the Hanamido — the baby Buddha's floral enclosure on Saturday, April 7 at 1 p.m. in the dining room. Everyone is encouraged to bring their floral donations that day. Dharma School is also accepting monetary donations for the purchase of flowers. No roses please.

In preparation of Earth Day, April 22, students will be making recycled craft items for display.

Kenji Sensei and I will attend the Federation Dharma School Teachers League Conference April 27-29 in Foster City near San Francisco. Interactions is the conference theme that will be hosted by the Bay District Dharma School Teachers League. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Henry Adams of the San Mateo Buddhist Temple.

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

Kenji Sensei encourages new families who have infants and young children to participate in the Hatsumairi Service on May 20. The service is a child's initial presentation in front of the Amida Buddha. Please complete the form inside this issue and return it to the Dharma School mail slot by May 13. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Signups for the Dharma School Camping Trip, May 25-27 at Dos Picos County Park. Attend for the day or bring your tents, sleeping bags and camping gear for a weekend of fun in the beautiful oak groves of this Ramona treasure. Enjoy meals with the group, kids craft, more activities and all topped off with a lot of bonding and fellowship at the nightly campfires! The cost is \$40 per registered Dharma School family and \$50 for non-registered families. Please contact Leslie Seymour for more information. Hope to see you there!

Happy April Birthday wishes to: Juliana Kruse and Claire Matsumoto.

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

Gassho,
Avis Honda, Superintendent

JR. YBA NEWS

With college acceptances coming in for seniors and a brand-new retreat, March was an exciting month for the Jr. YBA. We're eternally grateful to Sara Matsumoto organizing the retreat "Stranger Teens." We've never had a retreat for just our chapter before and we were able to bond, literally with zip ties, and to form new connections with our peers. In the retreat, we did relay games, ate food without our senses and even wrote letters to our future selves. It was an amazing experience and I hope more Juniors will get to experience it in coming years. We also hosted the annual O Higan Udon Luncheon! Thank you all for coming out and it was a major success, we sold over 130 bowls of udon! In the coming month, we're looking forward to Seminar 2 at Camp Morningstar, the site of our favorite summer camp LABCC, and basketball at OCBC in April!

Thank you so much for your continued support!
In Gassho,
Hailey Sasaki, co-president

COLLEGE DAY HOSTED BY SR. YBA

On Sunday, March 18, the Senior Young Buddhist Association (Sr. YBA) hosted its first College Day during the temple's O Higan service. Although eight students had signed up, four attended the service and listened to a wonderful message provided by Rev. Tetsuo Unno.

Following the service, Isabel Bishop (SDSU), Breven Honda (SDSU), Emily Isakari (UCLA) and Amy Sanders (SDSU) enjoyed a delicious udon lunch prepared by the Jr. YBA and talked about the day's event and shared ideas for future gatherings.

The next College Day is planned for Sunday, April 8. This will be the temple's Hanamatsuri (birth of Sakyamuni Buddha) service beginning at 10 a.m. Following the service, the entire Sangha is invited to a potluck luncheon in the Annex Hall. Students and friends are invited for lunch.

College students attending the temple for class assignments, find an interest in Buddhism or are from another Jodo Shinshu temple and were involved with a YBA program, are welcome to attend services each Sunday.

Information regarding the April College Day has been sent to numerous area college students on the email list. For more information contact Breven Honda at brevh831@gmail.com and check the temple's facebook or web pages.

Gassho,
Breven Honda, event organizer

HELP SUPPORT THE JUNE BAZAAR EARLY!

This annual Japanese Cultural Bazaar (June 3) 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. Check out the advertisement on page 7. Thank you so much!

President's Message, Cont. from Page 3

We have the best volunteers that we can't thank enough; Aki, Arturo, Bill, Carolyn, Debbie, Don, Elizabeth, Florence K, Florence O, Fusako, Harold, Henry, Isaac, Janice S, Janna, Jennifer, Joyce, Juliana H, Juliana K, Kelvin, Kiku, Kimberly, Lara, Laura Y, Laurine, Laverne, LuAnn, Margo, Mateo, Mildred, Richard M, Shelly, Smitty, Tabo, Wilbur, Yasuko and Mrs. Yamanishi. Also, appreciation to our Daifuku helpers – Aki, Alice, Betty, Karen, Kiku, Miyoko, Naomi, Nancy, Quimiko, Ruby, Laurine and Mich. We appreciate the time you give to help the temple.

SPRING OHIGAN

I love this time of year, when the days are longer. I miss that hour of sleep though!

With the balance of day and night, comes Spring Ohigan and our guest speaker Tetsuo Unno. I truly enjoyed his BEC mini seminar and Sunday Dharma talks. He has a way of talking about things you can relate to. He told a story about his mom and even though at the time he was in his 60's, she asked him if he had underwear, money and a coat for a trip he was going on. Only a mom would ask these questions (especially the underwear part) and care so deeply about their child. A great reminder to appreciate your mom not only for the Dharma School classes but to adult children too.

Another story he told was about his trip to a temple in Central Cal. He was asked to join in an evening lecture. Farmers and their wives from surrounding areas were coming to listen to him after they got off work. After driving awhile, he turned off on what he thought looked familiar but it was all farm land. He pulled over and was irritated at himself for not writing the address down because he was lost and would be late. After sitting in his car, head down and feeling bad for potentially missing the talk, he looked up again and in the distance saw a building that looked like the temple. Sure enough, there it was and he made it right on time. This is something good to remember when we feel defeated or down, take a breath and wait for your ah ha moment.

As you can see it was a very busy month and lots of interesting things happening. As things calm down a bit, I hope to see you around the temple and thank you for your continued support.
Gassho

JCC KEIRO KAI IS APRIL 29 AT BTSD

The Japanese Coordinating Council (JCC) will host its annual Keiro Kai (Pioneer group) luncheon on Sunday, April 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the temple's Annex Hall. Temple members, 80-years-young and above will receive an invitation letter from JCC announcing the luncheon.

Activity during the party will include receiving a bento (box) lunch, entertainment from community organizations and more.

The temple also has tickets on sale for the event. Donation is \$25 for the under-80 attendees. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 8.

Members who are of this exclusive age group, and have not received a letter of invitation, are urged to contact the temple.

BTSD is proud to be a co-sponsor with this annual community event.

**EARTH DAY!****Sunday, April, 22**

Spring showers and flowers are here in full bloom. April brings the beginning of Padres baseball and Earth Day. This year we will celebrate at Temple (BTSD) on Sunday, April 22. The day will be centered on how we can be more considerate to our earth. The Dharma School students are working on Earth Day projects and will participate in the first ever, Temple Earth Day Parade! The Balboa Park Earth Day event is being held on the same day, We encourage one and all to visit Balboa Park after our temple event.

In Gassho,
EcoSangha Committee

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL THANK YOU

BTSD participated at the Japanese Friendship Garden Cherry Blossom Festival on March 10 and 11. We sold chicken skewers, rice, tofu salad and daifuku manju. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this fundraising event a success! Many individuals helped in the week prior in preparing for this event from making the daifuku, tofu salad and washing rice, getting the material from the temple to JFG, during the event and bringing everything back to the temple for clean-up after the event. This is rough summary of what we accomplished: (2200) chicken skewers sold, (127) tofu salads sold, (600) daifuku sold and approximately (500) servings of rice sold.

Along with our participation with the food sales, our Taiko Group and Bon Odori dancers performed on Saturday to the delight of the JFG visitors.

I greatly appreciate everyone's commitment to the Temple in making this event a great success!

Gassho, Michael Kinoshita

BTSD Ondo Dancers

On a drizzling Saturday at the 2018 Cherry Blossom Festival hosted by the Japanese Friendship Garden, fifteen dedicated temple members demonstrated five of our Bon Odori dances for an enthusiastic crowd. Practicing each Sunday for the last two months, our dancers included Laura Yoshida, Juliana Henschen, Trina Muraoka, Shirley Omori, Wilbur Shigehara, Janice Shigehara, Mani Ryan, Carolyn Wood, Margie Kitano, Evelyn Alroy, Wendy Nakamura, Chelsey Koga, Corinne Araki-Kawaguchi, Junko Kajita, and Bobby Koga on the taiko. We were well received by the audience as we invited them to dance Tanko Bushi with us. The BTSD Ondo Dancers serve as a fun way to share the meaning of our Bon Odori Observance and as an outreach to the community.

A special thank you to Shirley and Wendy for creating beautiful customized uchiwa for the dancers. Wendy painted lovely sumi-e cherry blossoms on one side, and Shirley printed up the Jodo Shinshu wisteria symbol to attach to the opposite side. Thank you to all of our wonderful dancers for giving their time and energy to spread the Dharma through Bon Odori at the Cherry Blossom Festival.

The following letter is a request from the Southern District Council of the BCA regarding the 2019 BCA Ministers and National Council Meetings that the district will host, March 6-10, in Phoenix, Arizona. At its quarterly meeting held on November 10, 2017, the council approved a fundraising effort to help underwrite expenses for the event. BTSD, along with the other temples in the district are being asked to help support the fundraiser. Sangha members are welcome to make a contribution specific to your comfort level of giving in assisting the Southern District achieve its goal. If you have any questions, please speak with Kenji Sensei, LuAnn Lee or Ralph Honda. *Gassho*.

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Dear Members of the Southern District and Dharma Friends,

The Southern District Council of the Buddhist Churches of America will have the honor of hosting the 2019 BCA Ministers' Association and National Council Meetings (NCM) in Phoenix, Arizona. The event will take place March 6-10 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Phoenix.

The annual gathering brings together our ministers, BCA leaders and staff, and temple representatives to conduct business matters, attend informational workshops and apply networking opportunities with delegates from other temples. In 2015, Southern District hosted the national meetings in San Diego with the strong and kind support of the Southern District ministers, temples and its members. Together, as a team, we put on a wonderful event.

The 2019 NCM Planning Committee has set a goal of raising \$18,000 to help underwrite expenses which will lower registrations fees for ministers, delegates and boosters planning to attend.

We kindly ask for your support as we bring together BCA's team of All Stars. Show your appreciation to our ministers and leaders by stepping up to the plate with a \$100 sponsorship. Each sponsor (individual, group, business) will be identified on our Southern District All-Star Team Banners that will be displayed throughout the five-day gathering.

Please make your gift payable to your temple. In turn, your temple will collect all gifts received and present your temple's contribution to the NCM planning committee. The deadline is May 1, 2018.

In advance, thank you very much for your consideration on helping us achieve our goal as we look forward to hosting the 2019 BCA meetings in the "Valley of the Sun."

In Gassho – Palms together in gratitude,

Arleen Miya
2019 NCM Chairperson

Rev. Kazuaki Nakata
SD Ministers' Association Chairperson

Roger Itaya
SD Council Chairperson

Buddhist Education Opportunities in April

Bill Teague, Buddhist Education Committee

Fourth Sunday Program

Long-time member of the Buddhist Education Committee **Kaytee Sumida** will offer our monthly one-time, one-hour Introduction to Buddhism presentation on the fourth Sunday this month, April 22, at 9 a.m. in the Sangha Hall. Kaytee will provide a brief overview of the history of Buddhism in the world, our sect, and our temple and temple etiquette. Excellent for beginners or visitors, the class is sometimes visited by long-time temple members who tell us they learned from the presentation too. At 10 a.m. the attendees are invited to attend the regular service in the Sangha Hall.

Something Special with Buddhism 1-2-3:

Living Shin Buddhism

Many of you know that each Wednesday we have a Buddhism 1-2-3 class of chanting, meditation, and Dharma, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the temple's Sangha Hall. While each class functions as a stand-alone experience, so that you can come to any session, sessions are usually related by theme, and in April, Resident Minister **Kenji Sensei** concludes the third and fourth parts of a four-part presentation on "Living Shin Buddhism--The Nembutsu Journey."

This is *the most direct discussion of the core of Jodo Shinshu or Shin Buddhism* yet in Buddhism 1-2-3. It correlates nicely with Crane Sensei's presentation (see page 12 for details on "What Is Amida Buddha?"). In the first two sessions in April Kenji Sensei will explore important ways to apply Jodo Shinshu teachings and Buddhist techniques to our personal challenges as we navigate this complicated world.

Kenji Sensei explains that he will focus on Shin as a process of waking up – by utilizing meditation, mindfulness, and gratitude to experience meaning and joy in life. Everyone is always welcome at Buddhism 1-2-3 but don't miss Sensei on April 4 and 11. Speakers on April 18 will be **Bill Teague** and on April 25, our Minister's Assistant **Maribeth Smith**.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Brief Membership Update

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

With thanks to all of you have renewed your membership over the last month, and with apologies to the several people who had renewed but were not listed, I am happy to announce as of the third week of March 58% of our Membership have paid or pledged their 2018 dues.

Next month we will list everyone who was not identified previously. Renewal of 2018 dues in the first quarter helps us budget and pay our bills!

Many thanks to you all.



Chicken Pot Pie Benefit Dinner is

April 14 and tickets are just \$8.

So, Come On Out and Enjoy Our Delicious Chicken Pie Dinner 4:30-5:45 and then Stay to Play Bingo at 6:00 p.m. with the VFW for a Chance to Yell BINGO!

BTSD Tai Chi



Our Tai Chi instructor is easy to follow and patient, so come and check it out. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per session, (optional).

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

Arts for Learning &
California Civil Liberties Public Education Program present
Asian Story Theater

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There and Home Again!



Experience a slice of life—and pie—at the iconic Sun Cafe when it was the gathering place for San Diego's Japanese American community. This updated version of the 2015 production from Asian Story Theater includes new stories and beloved favorites about actual people who epitomized the spirit of a San Diego landmark. Their tales are sure to touch your heart as well as make you laugh.

A one-time only public performance of more stories of the Sun Cafe,
THERE AND HOME AGAIN benefits the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego.

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Saturday April 28
2:00pm at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego
TICKETS: jahssd@sbcglobal.net OR (619) 338-8181
\$20 Early Bird (by April 2), \$25 advance, \$30 at the door; Students \$20
AsianStoryTheater.org



Furniture Sale
May 12,
8 am - 12 pm
Traditional Japanese
Wares are Needed.
Bring your items
to the Temple
Tues-Fri



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!



SCRIP NEWS

As we head into April and Spring, take a moment to reflect on the words of our guest speaker as he spoke about a mother's love and devotion to her children. Start thinking about Mother's Day and what stores she likes to shop at or what restaurants are her favorites and buy her gift cards to show your love and appreciation for all that she does for you.

We keep the popular gift cards in stock so that you don't have to wait for them to arrive. Check with Miyo or Nancy to see what we have available. Buy scrip and support the temple!

Just to let you know that I will be gone for a couple of Sundays in April, but Nancy Martinez will be more than happy to fill your order.

See her for scrip on April 8th and 15th.

Hatsumairi

Hatsumairi (young children's presentation) is a ceremony in which your child or grandchild is presented to Amida Buddha for the first time. In Japanese it is called *Shosan-shiki*, "The First Visitation." This year, *Hatsumairi* will take place on **Sunday, May 20 at 9 a.m.** preceding the Gotan-e Service. If you would like to have your child and/or grandchild take part in this ceremony, please complete the form below and return it by **Sunday, May 13, 2018** to either Avis Honda (Dharma School Superintendent) or to the temple's office.

We ask that the participants be there at 8:30am.

Hatsumairi Ceremony Participation Form

May 20, 2018

Participant's Full Name: _____

Participant's Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____



APRIL SHOTSUKI (MONTHLY MEMORIAL) LIST

The April Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held **Sunday, April 1, 2018** at 10 a.m.
 Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of April 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.

4月の祥月法要は18月1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
 へメールを送ってください。

DECEASED

Toyosaburo Yanagihara (4-23-1930).....	Yanagihara Family
Saburo Sugiyama (4-10-1936).....	Sugiyama Family
Seihachi Tsurudome (4-2-1943).....	Tamio Tsurudome
Shizuko Kasubuchi (4-27-1947).....	Naoye Kasubuchi
Masaichi Kuroda (4-30-1948).....	Toshio Kuroda
Toyojiro Yamashita (4-23-1949).....	Mildred Kawasaki
Yoshitaro Matsumoto (4-19-1952).....	Eiji Matsumoto
Yukichi Okuma (4-16-1953).....	Okuma Family
Yohichiro Torio (4-24-1954).....	Betty Torio
Hiroshi Moribe (4-26-1954).....	Lee Moribe
Mansaku Shinohara (4-6-1956).....	Shinohara Family
Yoshiko Haseyama (4-5-1958).....	Noboru Haseyama
Saburo Oyama (4-5-1963).....	Rodney Oyama
George Kozuma (4-9-1966).....	Tomiko Kozuma
Shinzaemon Fujii (4-28-1967).....	Katsumi Kida
Shizuyo Izumo (4-1-1970).....	Yanagihara Family
Ume Inouye (4-10-1970).....	Inouye Family
Iwaguma Tsuneyoshi (4-9-1973).....	Motoo Tsuneyoshi
Buheiji Tanaka (4-12-1975).....	Yoko Ozawa
Hajime Kyutoku (4-10-1978).....	Tamio Tsurudome
Ryohei Tsujimura (4-5-1980).....	Roy Tsujimura
Kuzo Sugiyama (4-23-1980).....	Sugiyama Family
Magoichi Hamano (4-3-1983).....	Toru Hamano
Isao Imaizumi (4-27-1983).....	Imaizumi Family
Kazumi Sugioka (4-29-1985).....	Sugioka Family
George Yukio Kodama (4-19-1986).....	Vivianne Jones
Chiyo Yamagata (4-27-1987).....	Harold Yamagata
Mike Hagio (4-7-1988).....	Quimico Hagio
Frank Tachiki (4-6-1989).....	Les Tachiki
Terry T. Doi (4-28-1989).....	Patrick Doi
Mine Takeshita (4-27-1991).....	Akira Takeshita
Zenbei Iwashita (4-11-1992).....	Iwashita Family

FAMILY MEMBER

DECEASED

Benso Tsuji (4-6-1993).....	Laura Katsue Tsuji
Setsugo Taniguchi (4-14-1993).....	Sumiko Taniguchi
Yoshiko Sueyoshi (4-2-1995).....	Sueyoshi Family
Shizuko Yanagihara (4-30-1995).....	Yanagihara Family
Ai Yamada (4-27-1996).....	Keisuke Yamada
James Kasubuchi (4-12-1998).....	Naoye Kasubuchi
Muneo Torimaru (4-30-1998).....	Ricky Torimaru
Hazel Ito (4-13-2000).....	Ito Family
Shigenori Tsurudome (4-30-2000).....	Tsurudome Family
Taro Matsui (4-29-2001).....	Jack Matsui
Kenshi Tachiki (4-30-2001).....	Lewis Tachiki
Haruko Muraoka (4-13-2002).....	Takenori Muraoka
Yoshiko Takashima (4-21-2002).....	Wilbur Takashima
Shinichi Okuyama (4-07-2003).....	Mai Kawaguchi
Kosaburo Ochi (4-27-2004).....	Emi Ochi
Toshio Hayakawa (4-11-2005).....	Emiko Hayakawa
Yoshiko Miyazaki (4-29-2005).....	Madoko M. Miyazaki
Armando Leal (4-11-2006).....	Rubio Family
Kaneko Houdek (4-09-2006).....	John Houdek
Kikuo Uyeji (4-21-2006).....	Chieko Takeguchi
Kattie Magotsugu Uyeji (4-15-2007).....	Masako Uyeji
Hidetoshi Akiyama (4-25-2007).....	Terry Akiyama
Masao Santohigashi (4-06-2008).....	Kiku Graeber
Judi Shigeko Shinohara (4-18-2009).....	Janice Shinohara
Shimako Uda (4-26-2009).....	Georgiana Uda
Setsuko Himaka (4-24-2011).....	Lynn Fuchigami
Earl Isoki Osaki (4-21-2013).....	Gail Furuya
Robert C. McDonald.....	Bruce McDonald
Kazuo Kiyono (4-6-2014).....	Norman Kiyono
James Noboru Nakashima (4-7-2014).....	Sumiye Nakashima
George Tachiki (4-22-2014).....	Miyako Tachiki
Hiro Tsurudome (4-19-2015).....	Joanne Tsurudome Garcia
Mildred Pocock (4-2016).....	Claudia Poquoc

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.

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

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

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BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Oto, June - Funeral Serv.
Mr. Jeffery Oto
Jones, Mikako
Easter, Yuki - February
Hashiguchi, John - Thank
You Cert. of Appreciation
Matsuda, Kent --
IMO Lily Yuriko Terusaki
Hara, Ruby
Russman-Halperin, Robert
IMO Lily Yuriko Terusaki
Sugiyama, Chiyeko -
Memorial Service
Nakamura, Gregory and
Linda
Sugiyama, Chiyeko - Memorial
Serv. for Mark Kasubuchi
Hara, Ruby - Service
Estes, Toshiye
IMO Michael Kawamoto
Oto, June
IMO Jeffery Oto-49 days
Easter, Yuki -March no use
Martinez, Nancy - Fundraising

DHARMA SCHOOL

Sandoval, Aimee & Eric
Kasubuchi, Naoye
Estes, Toshiye
Sandoval, Aimee

EITAIKYO FUND

Oto, June
IMO Jeffery Akira Oto

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Yamamoto, George & Ann

IMPROVEMENTS

Morinaka, Asako - Solar
Yonekura, Roy - Solar

MAP (Ministers Assist)

Sandoval, Aimee
Kasubuchi, Naoye
Estes, Toshiye
Tsuji, Masako
Teague, Bill
Moncrief, Mayko

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

We thank the following individuals / families for their recent renewals:

Easter, Yuki
Jones, Mikako
Azuma, Adam
Yamanishi, Alan
Tanizaki, Gary
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Kasubuchi, Naoye
Hendrix, Hiroko
Sakai, Jeff & Kathy

Williams, Yukari
Martinez, Nancy
Tsuji, Masako
Amano, Takeko
Teague, Bill
Brown, Jaime Teague

MOCHI

Muraoka, Ken - Mochigome

NIRVANA DAY SERVICE

Ishisaki, Emiko
Koga, Florence
Negoro, Glenn
Spears, Margo
Tomiyama, Steve
Nakamura, Jake K.
Kawasaki, Trace
Okuhara, Roy
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Morinaka, Asako
Takashima, Helen K.
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
Hill, Miyo
Ohara, Fumiko
Otsuji, Dennis
Aoyama, Rev Tesshi
Graeber, Kiku
Kawamoto, Yukio and
Mitsuko
Torio, Betty
Hagio, Quimico
Tanaka, Kelvin
Guiang, Cynthia
Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken
Kashima, Jeanie
Ong, Mike
Yamamoto, Hisashi
Lee, Harold & LuAnn
Kida, Katsumi
Hashiguchi, John
Tomiyama, Sayoko
Kajita, Timothy
Honda, Mikiye
Fuchigami, Lynn S.
Voorhies, Ruth
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Torio, Glenn
Jones, Mikako
Suyenaga, Mary
Nogata, Sumihiro
Tsuji, Masako
Kodama, Jay
Moriyama, Chieko
Shigehara, Wilbur
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
Monji, Kiyoshi
Honda, Ralph
Martinez, Nancy
Hendrix, Hiroko
Ishisaki, Emiko
Koga, Florence
Negoro, Glenn

OBON

Ojiri, Doug - 2017

O HIGAN SERVICE

Graeber, Kiku
Sumida, Floyd
Shigehara, Wilbur
Wiederkehr, Jeff & Laura
Tsuji, Masako
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
Kodama, Jay
Moriyama, Chieko
Suyenaga, Mary
Nogata, Yuriko
Kasubuchi, Naoye
Otsuji, Dennis
Hendrix, Hiroko
Oto, June
Ohara, Fumiko
Yamamoto, Koichi
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Morikawa, Kazuhiko
Yamamoto, Kengo
Jones, Mikako
Martinez, Nancy
Honda, Ralph
Schraeder, Susan
Moncrief, Mayko
Monji, Kiyoshi
Tomiyama, Sayoko
Yonekura, Roy
Hashiguchi, John
Omori, Shirley
Kida, Katsumi
Aoyama, Rev Tesshi
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsuo
Negoro, Glenn
Himaka, Michio
Honda, Mikiye
Amemiya, Mary O
Araki-Kawaguchi, Corinne
Ogasawara, Arikazu
Kiyono, Norman
Inouye, Jeanne M.
Torio, Betty
Voorhies, Ruth
Yagi, Chiyeko
Kawasaki, Trace
Sasaki, Sharon
Hill, Miyo
Okuhara, Roy
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Ong, Mike

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Ishisaki, Emiko
IMO Mary Sugimoto
Koga, Florence
IMO Bill Koga

Ishisaki, Emiko
IMO Eikichi Ishisaki
Martinez, Nancy
IMO Dad and Bachan
Ohara, Fumiko
Ohara, Fumiko
IMO Shizuko Tsukamoto
Inouye, Jeanne M
IMO Dad
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsuo
IMO Michael Kawamoto
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Torio, Betty
Tomiyama, Sayoko
IMO Kiyotaro Osaki
Honda, Mikiye
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
IMO Yoshito Yamamoto
Yonekura, Roy
IMO Tommy Yonekura
Kawasaki, Trace
IMO Kiyoko Kawasaki
Uyeji, Masako
IMO Eda Asamen
IMO Shokichi Kodama
Masumoto, Chiyoko
IMO Yuki Masumoto
Nakamura, Shari
IMO Oto Date
IMO Fuji Nakamura
IMO Pauline Nakamura
Clogston, Madeline
IMO Mike Moriyama
Kasubuchi, Naoye
IMO Masao Sugiyama
IMO Fumiko Momita
Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Bunshiro Takashima
IMO Patsy Yanagihara
Liss, Kathryn
IMO James Nicholas Link
Estes, Toshiye
IMO Patsy Yanagihara
Shigehara, Wilbur
IMO my mother,
Yoshiko Shigehara
Morinaka, Asako
IMO Suzy Yamada
Ishisaki, Emiko
IMO Mary Sugimoto
Moriyama, Chieko
IMO Bruce Ryou Moriyama
Suyenaga, Mary
Kasubuchi, Naoye
Rubio-Torres, Arturo
IMO Armando Leal
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Teague, Joyce
IMO Fred Nabeta
IMO Shimeno Nabeta
Amano, Takeko
IMO Sam Amano

食文化への偏見

駐在副教主 向嶋諦史

現在、私の息子は五歳なのですが、困ったことに食べ物
の好き嫌いが多く、よく残します。妻は、息子が食べやすい
ようにいつも工夫して料理をしますが、それでもだめ
です。彼の体の成長を考えると、今や息子の偏食が
私達の夫婦の大きな悩みの種です。

そんな息子にも、大好きな食べ物があります。それは、ス
パムむすびです。妻は、ほぼ毎日子供達にランチをつくって
学校へ持って行かせていますが、サンドイッチなどであれば
半分は残して帰ってくる息子も、スパムむすびであれば
弁当箱を必ず空にして帰ってきます。しかし、ある日、
学校から帰ってきた息子が妻に、「マシー、もう明日からス
パムむすびをつくらないで」といって言うてきたそうです。
その理由を聞いてみると、クラスの子供達がスパムむすびを
食べている息子を見て、「気持ち悪い！こんなものは食べ物じ
やない！」と言ったそうです。日系以外の子供からすると
海苔で巻かれた黒い食べ物あまり目にする事がないので
異質に感じたのでしょう。しかし、それが息子にとつて
相当ショックだったようです。

思い返せば、娘も小学一年生の時に、同じようにク
ラスの数人が「気持ち悪い！」と、スパムむすびを見てい
わるを言うてきたことがあります。しかし、その時娘は、
「え、これ知らないの？おいしいよ。食べていらん」と言っ
て、弁当箱に入っていたスパムむすびをその子達に勧めま
した。最初は、ためらっていたようですが食べてみると皆が
おいしいと感激して、挙句の果てに「お母さんに頼んで明日
のランチに僕達の方も余分に作ってくれるようお願いします

くない？」と娘に言ったそうです。その日以来、娘
のクラスでは、スパムむすびは人気の食べ物となって受
け入れられています。これは幸いでしたが、この件を
通して、食に対する私達の偏見の深さに改めて気
づかされました。

世界を見渡すと、その国々でいろいろな食文化を見る
ことができます。多くの国では牛、豚、鳥、魚が主流
で大変好まれています。中には、犬や猫、鯨やイ
ルカ、カンガルーや兎などを食するといった文化を
有する国もあります。しかし、これらは愛着のある
動物という理由で食することを拒絶する国がほとん
どです。そして今、問題になっているのは、これらの
動物を食べるのは野蛮だという風潮です。

そこには、可愛いから、可哀そうだから、知能が高い
動物だから食べてはならないという考え方が多くみ
られます。しかし、そうした考え方の底流には、「い
のちの平等」を否定する人間の傲慢さや自惚れが透
けて見えます。本来、この世には、人間に食するた
めに生まれてきた動物や、食するのに殺している
動物などは何一つとして存在しないのです。全てが
尊く、慈しむべき「いのち」なのです。ですから、飼育
された牛や豚、鳥であれば、食して当たり前という
考え方に違和感を覚えます。また、知能が高いとはど
こで線引きをするかも疑問です。この理論は、人間世界
においても通用するのでしょうか。またある宗教
からすれば、牛は神聖だから食しては駄目だという意見
もあり、豚や鳥は不浄だから口にしてはいけない
という考え方もあります。

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、蛾蝶には熱湯、天人には水が瑠璃
に見えるというのです。ですから、同じ牛でも、おしい

そうだと思う人、かわいそうだと思う人、神聖だと崇め
る人もいるのです。

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。ですから、食べ
ていいと思うのも、食べてはならないと思うのも、全て
自分の都合で判断してしまっているのです。自分の価値観
だけで善悪を決めているのです。しかし、いのちを奪う
方法が人道的でないとすれば改善していく必要はあり
ますし、絶滅危機にある動物に限っては当然が保護して
いく義務はありますから、そういった意味では食しては
なりません。

それ以外、私には他の食文化については是非を論じる
立場がありません。ここで大切なのは、「私のいのち」
は「他のいのち」を奪ってしか生きられないという事実で
す。それは、ベジタリアンであっても例外ではありません。
つまり、食事をいただくという行為は、不殺生戒、「生き
物を殺してはいけない」という仏教の根本的な教えを
犯し続けていくということに他ならないということに気
づくことです。自分以外の「いのち」を奪わずには生きて
いけないという事実、「私のいのち」にまでなってくれた
多くの「いのち」の事実、全て与えられたべきものの
「私のいのち」であったと深くうなずいていく姿こそ
が大切なのではないのでしょうか。

ですから、「いただきます」とは有難うという感謝の思
いと、「申し訳ない」という慚愧の思いを深くあわせ持つ
言葉として理解していかなければなりません。生かされて
生きている「私のいのち」です。

これまでいってきた多くのいのちの結晶が今の
私を生かして下さっていることに自覚め、感謝と慚愧の
中に、今ある「いのち」を精一杯輝かせていく生き方が
何よりも大切なのです。何を食べるかではなく、どうい
ただいていくかを私達人間は問うべきなのです。

HANAMATSURI: COMMEMORATING THE BIRTH OF SAKYAMUNI BUDDHA

Hanamatsuri, or flower festival, commemorates the birth of the historical Buddha, Sakyamuni.

During the weekend of April 7 and 8, the temple will commemorate this occasion with the following activities:

Saturday, April 7 (1:30 p.m.)

Dharma School sponsored flower decoration of the Hanamido for the baby Buddha. Everyone is welcome to help with decorating the Hanamido and hondo with beautiful flowers. Dharma School welcomes floral and monetary donations. No flowers with thorns, please.

Sunday, April 8

9:00 a.m. -- The hondo will be open for the Sangha to offer Kambutsu (sweet tea offering). The sweet tea offering symbolizes sweet rain that fell on the baby Buddha when he was born.

10:00 a.m. -- Hanamatsuri Service, the guest speaker will be **Ellen Crane**, Ministers Assistant from the Orange County Buddhist Church. Crane-sensei will provide English messages to the Dharma School and adult Sangha (See introduction next column).

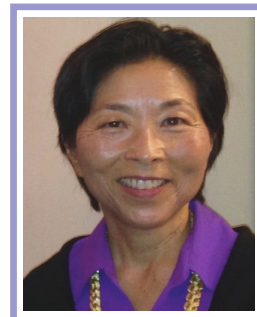
12:00 p.m. -- Following the service, everyone is invited to share their favorite side or salad for the Hanamatsuri potluck luncheon. The Board of Directors will provide main dishes. Support the **BWA Bake Sale** and have dessert with your lunch! Don't be left out on the many tasty treats that will be on sale.

An envelope is provided with this month's issue of the Bussei Script for your Hanamatsuri donation.

Please contact the temple for more information regarding Hanamatsuri activities. *Gassho*

BEC Lecture on evening of Saturday April 7

Our Hanamatsuri Speaker is **Ellen Crane**, Minister's Assistant at Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC). In addition to providing the Dharma Talks on April 8, she will also be providing a special presentation on **Saturday, April 7, at 7 p.m.** in the Sangha Hall.



What Is Amida Buddha?

Crane Sensei explains the presentation "**What Is Amida Buddha**" as follows: "The Buddhist sutras speak of myriads of Buddhas 'filling the ten quarters.' However, Shin focuses on only one such Buddha, Amida. Why is that the case? We will explore Amida's importance to Shinran and how he understood its meaning. Drawing upon the writings of Nobuo Haneda, we will explore our own understanding of this essential aspect of our Buddhist path."

About Ellen Crane

Ellen Crane has been a Minister's Assistant at Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) for the past nine years, receiving Tokudo ordination in 2014. She graduated from UCLA in 1972 and Georgetown University Law Center in 1982. Ellen's previous occupations included elementary school teacher and criminal defense attorney. She is married to Tom Crane, a retired corporate attorney, currently teaching at Chapman University Law School. They live in Irvine and have three grown sons. Besides minister's assistant duties, Ellen is on the OCBC Board, the Buddhist Education Center Board, and teaches the high school dharma class.



2018 BTSD DHARMA SCHOOL CAMPOUT

When: Memorial Day Weekend,
Friday May 25 evening to
Sunday May 27 morning

Where: Dos Picos County Park, Ramona
Cost: \$40 per BTSD Dharma School family,
\$50 for non-BTSD families,
includes site and food

Interested? Contact: Leslie Seymour
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