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"Karma is a Relaxing Thought"

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



We, most of us, are pretty heavily burdened by negative karma. We are held back by the thrust of all our deluding desires, petty hatreds, and downright foolishness. Nonetheless, our darkness is dissolved by the brilliant light of Amida's Vow Power [Hon Gan Riki]. To the Buddha we are no problem. To us, our negative deeds, our unwholesome karma is burdensome. To the Buddha, 'they ain't heavy, they're my children'.

That way of putting it may strike some of you as being too simple, too florid. But we do need ways of putting it. Shinran was struck by an analogy he found in the texts of Tan Luan. Imagine your negative karma being a huge boulder. Then imagine Amida Buddha's Compassion as a huge ship, vast almost beyond imagining. Such a vessel could carry even a massive boulder on over to the other side.

This is the basic idea, Amida adds their sizeable meritorious karma to our little bundles of some good, some neutral-ish, some very bad karma. Another analogy Shinran enjoyed, and often used, is that Amida Buddha's Vow is a vast

and pure ocean into which our tiny, tangled, muddy little streams flow. The result is a boundless body of pure water.

A certain recent song, quoted above, can be adapted to express the feeling of someone who relies upon, and rides upon, Amida's Vow power; ... how it feels to know that your lifetime (to date) of mostly bad karma has been dissolved in the purity of the Buddha's karma: "Sweet like honey, karma is a cat, purring in my lap 'cause it loves me. ... Me and karma vibe like that."

Many of you know, although I would not have a week ago, that this is from the song "Karma" by Taylor Swift. Pretty much every other pop reference to karma in the last 65 years has been negative. These particular lyrics quoted here express just what we should feel if we say the Nembutsu and rely upon the Buddha's kindly help; ... "karma takes all my friends to the summit."

These lyrics, and my remarks here may seem slight, the matters they address are not insubstantial. To the persons who open their hearts and minds to the Buddha's direct address to them in the Nembutsu, "Karma is a relaxing thought." Their/Our karma has joined the Buddha's vast pure karmic goodness. What is left is one, boundless body of pure karma. So, for each follower of the Nembutsu path, "Karma is my bestie".

BTSD Welcomes Ichi-Mi and Film, *A Profound Silence*

Following the Service on Sunday, March 24, BEC hosts the showing of *A Profound Silence* and brief comments from the film's producers, Ichi Mi. BEC will host a free lunch following the film. Note: We will continue discussing the film at the Wednesday night Buddhism 1-2-3 at 7 pm via Zoom on March 27. More information will be posted on the website and sent by email.

About Ichi-Mi

Their mission statement: "We pledge our best efforts as Jōdo Shinshū Buddhists to provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ identifying people within the Sangha, their family members, and allies, in order to create conditions for everyone to safely hear the Nembutsu teaching." The name *Ichi-Mi* derives from the Jodo Shinshu expression that we are all alike, of one taste or one flavor.

About *A Profound Silence*

This 30-minute film shares thoughtful and non-preachy comments from Jodo Shinshu members, mostly from BCA and some from Hawaii, on making sure we support a safe environment for all of our followers. Among those interviewed is our own Supervising Minister, Rev. Gregory Gibbs.

To learn more, you can search online; enter BCA and *A Profound Silence*.

Interfaith Food Drive Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Drive Benefiting The SD Food Bank

BTSD is supporting the Food Bank's Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Drive. March 1st through March 23rd drop off nonperishable donations in the red collection barrel at temple, or use the convenient drive-up option on the 23rd from 9-11am.

Among the San Diego Food Bank's most needed food items are: canned chicken and tuna, canned fruit, peanut butter, beans, cereal & nonperishable milk.



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MARCH CALENDAR

The monthly Shotsuki memorial service, March 3, and Spring O Higan, March 17, highlight the special services in March.

Sunday Dharma Family services are held in-person with everyone encouraged to attend. Services will be livestreamed on the temple's YouTube page for those who are unable to attend in-person. Meetings and activities will be conducted either in person or virtually on Zoom (Z).

Here is the March calendar (activities and times subject to change):

- 1 – ~~BWA sushi making practice~~, POSTPONED
- 3 – New members breakfast, 9 a.m. (Dining room), Odori practice for Cherry Blossom, 9 a.m. (Annex Hall), Sutra chanting, 9 a.m. (Hondo), Shotsuki Hoyo/Dharma Family Service, 10 a.m. (Hondo/livestream), BWA meet, 11:30 a.m. (Conference room), Taiko prac., 11:30 a.m. (AH), Teen meet., 11:30 (Rm 7)
- 4 – Dharma School staff meeting, 7:15 p.m. (Z)
- 6 – Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 7 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
- 10 – Sutra chanting, 9 a.m. (H), Dharma Family Service, 10 a.m. (H/LS), Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH), DS Staff meeting, 11:30 a.m. (CR), BTSD at JFG Cherry Blossom Festival, Balboa Park: Odori dancers, 3 p.m.; Taiko, 6 p.m.
- 12 – Ways and Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 13 – Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 14 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), BOD meeting, 7 p.m. (CR),
- 15 – BWA Sushi prep, 9 a.m. (Kitchen)
- 16 – Gomeinichi service, 10 a.m. (H), BWA Sushi prep, 10 a.m., K, Anju Madoka, Shaminsen, 11 a.m., AH, Folk Group practice, 2:30 p.m. (AH)
- 17 – Sutra chanting, 9 a.m. (H), **O HIGAN**, 10 a.m. (H/LS), BWA Sushi Sale, 11:30 a.m., Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH), Jr. YBA meeting, 11:30 a.m. (Room 1)
- 19 – Book Club, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 20 – Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 21 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), SD Conference meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 23 – Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Drive, 9-11 a.m. (parking lot), Southern District BWA meeting, 10 a.m. (Z)
- 24 – Intro to Buddhism, 9 a.m. (SH), Dharma Family service, 10 a.m. (H/LS), Ichi-Mi film "A Profound Silence," 11 a.m. (AH)
- 25 – Ministerial Team meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 27 – Bussei Script mailing, 9:30 a.m. (DR), Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z), 100th Anniversary committee meeting, 7 p.m. (CR)
- 28 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), Activities meeting, 7 pm. (Z)
- 31 – Sutra chanting, 9 a.m. (H), Dharma Family Service, 10 a.m. (H/LS), Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)



The Spanish-language Dharma message will be posted on the temple's YouTube page.

Office hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. The temple is closed on Mondays.

More information: Call the temple at 619-239-0896. Please leave a message if your call is not answered. Email the temple at info@btbsd.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

ACTIVITIES NEWS

First up in March (7-10) is the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Japanese Friendship Garden. We will not host a food booth this year, though there will be several other food vendors to select from. The Temple Odori and Taiko groups will be performing on Sunday and our Minister Assistants will be hosting an information booth in the JFG Exhibit Hall. Be sure to stop by and say hello while on your way to see our Taiko and Odori groups' performance.

On March 24th, our BEC committee will host the showing of the film "A Profound Silence" along with a lunch. More details on page 1 in this issue and on the Temple web site.

Coming up on April 7th will be our second annual Tostada/Bingo event. Last year's event was fun and successful. For those who will be attending for the first time, you can expect a delicious tostada lunch with all the fixin's, prepared by our own Temple members. Following lunch will be bingo, details for the bingo lunch can be found on page 8.

June will be a busy month with Bazaar, a Panda Express fundraiser and the Temple Golf Tournament.

In Gassho, Activities Committee

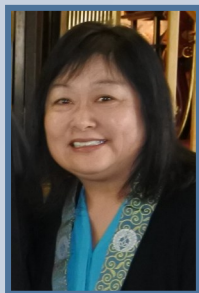


**The Annual Japanese Friendship Garden's
Cherry Blossom Festival**
March 7-10 10am - 6pm
On the 10th, check out the BTSD
Ondo Dancers at 3pm & Taiko at 6pm

**Please Join Us for
the BWA English Tea on
May 4, 2024, 11:30am-2pm**

Sit with Friends & Family, 6 Seats per Table
Contact: Aki Tomiyama 858-722-5449 or
Junko Kajita 858-722-9655

Fee: \$35 to Benefit the
Lahaina Hongwanji Mission and BWA
Payable by cash, check or PayPal
More info: buddhisttemplesandiego.org



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As many of you know, we have elected a new President for Buddhist Temple San Diego 2024.

I want to thank Curt Yasuhara for accepting the position and I know he will do an excellent job.

As he will be writing the President's report starting in April, I wanted to take this opportunity to say a few parting words.

Even though I won't be President, I will still serve on the Board of Directors as the ex-officio and I am going to chair the 100 year celebration in 2026 with Karen Okuhara. Also, I am serving as chair of the Southern District Council for 2024, leading four quarterly meetings for the thirteen chapters and affiliated groups.

Joining me as a part of the Southern District Executive Board will be Ann Ong as Secretary. BWA Co-Presidents Junko Kajita and Sue Moribe will be attending these meetings as they are Southern District BWA Chairs. Reverend Gibbs will be our Advisor.

I want to thank our Ministerial advisors, Reverend Gibbs for making time to be at our many zoom meetings and making the trips to San Diego and to Reverend Laverne for always being there for us, all hours of the day and night. Appreciation to Reverend Smitty and to all the Minister Assistant's for filling in to provide wonderful Dharma talks and services for our Sangha.

Thank you to the Best Board Members, throughout my eight years as President and Activities Chair before that, they have been lifting me up with their constant support and guidance.

Together with all of you, the Sangha, we will continue to keep the temple thriving.

It's been my honor to represent the Temple, I will forever be grateful for the Temple members, friends of the Temple, Linda Redenbaugh and Dr, Reverend Kenji and Karen Akahoshi for their kindness and support to me. Special thanks to my family for understanding how important it was to dedicate my time and give it my all.

I look forward to the future and all that we can accomplish together.

Gassho, LuAnn



BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on February 8th -

1. Koden was approved for the family of the late Rev. Dr. Seigen Yamaoka,
2. Thank you to all who helped plan and make the New Year Party fun and successful.
3. Travel, lodging and registration fees were approved for our voting delegates to the 2024 BCA National Council meeting, Sacramento.
4. The 2024 Executive Board slate was approved -
President - Curt Yasuhara
1st Vice President (Ways & Means) - Michael Kinoshita
2nd Vice President (Activities) - Glenn Torio
3rd Vice President (Membership) - Bill Teague
Treasurer - Aki Tomiyama
Recording Secretary - Nancy Martinez
Ex-Officio - LuAnn Lee
Board installation is scheduled for the Nirvana Day service
5. An upgrade for our Google account storage was approved.
6. An honorarium and travel expenses coverage were approved for the moderator for discussion with the temple's March 24th showing of "A Profound Silence".

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT

The annual General Membership meeting was held on January 28th following the service -

1. 45 members attended to receive updates on the work of the temple Board of Directors, temple operations, finances and the activities of the ministerial team, affiliated organizations, and standing committees.
2. The 2024 slate for the Board of Directors was approved. Directors serve two-year terms. Directors, along with representatives from the affiliated organizations, attend monthly meetings and vote on the business for the temple.
3. The budget for the operating account and the Improvements account were approved.
4. A summary of the 800th/850th Shinran Shonin/Jodo Shin Shu Celebration Japan trip was provided.
5. Planning for the 2024 Southern District Conference (hosted by San Diego) and the 2026 100th Anniversary celebration for the temple was covered.
6. A copy of the meeting packet (agenda, all reports, financials, etc.) is available for review in the office.

A 100th Anniversary Contest!

Please submit your ideas for BTSD's **100th Anniversary Theme**. The prize will be small, but the notoriety will be large! Bring or email your submission to the temple at info@btbsd.net. Be sure to add your name and phone and keep it short to go with the emblem we choose. Place submissions in the flowered box on the counter in the office. **All submissions due 3/25.**

BWA NEWS

Our BTSD BWA is heading the Southern District BWA this year with a little help from 2 other temples. The cabinet consists of Junko and Sue sharing president and VP positions, recording secretary Mani, corresponding secretary Gail Furuya (Vista), treasurer Kathy Hori (Gardena), auditor Aki, BWA grant Gale, advisor Kathy Kumagai (Pasadena). Please let Junko or Sue know if you would like to be involved.

Rev. Etsuko Mikame delivered all three messages – Dharma School, adult, and Japanese, as well as chanted for the

Kisaragi (Lady Takeko Kujo) and BWA memorial service on Feb. 11. A big thanks to our kinako mochi otoki makers—Mits, Jeanie, Naomi, Alice, Katsumi, Ruth, Aki, and Junko. Everyone enjoyed either mochi or Poki after the Kisaragi/BWA memorial service. Thanks also to Ken Ota, who picked up delicious bentos from Kanpai for the after-service luncheon.

Bookies (BWA Book Club) met at our monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday to discuss questions prepared by Lorena for the book The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. It's a little book, but packs a big punch. A lively discussion was had by all. For the next 2 months we will be reading Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Please contact Sue (858) 699-8876 for more info.

We are sorry, but the **Sushi Workshop has been postponed.**

Our BWA annual sushi fundraiser will be on March 17, with pickup after O-Higan service. \$10/roll. Order forms to buy sushi are in the office.

We have a great start on our sign-ups for our English Tea on Saturday, Mary 4, 11:30-2pm. It'll be a lot of fun with raffle, prizes, and sweet and savory treats. Come dressed up in tea attire to get in the mood. Why stop there, when you can wear a hat and win the best hat prize? Other surprises await. Sign up today on-line or in the office. Seats are \$35, with net proceeds going to benefit the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission in Hawaii.

Happy Birthday to our March members: Rev. Laverne, and Angie!

SANGHA TEEN NEWS

Sangha Teens held its first activity of the year in conjunction with the 4th-8th grade class on Sunday, February 11 where we learned how to make spam musubi from Ms. Avis. Then, it was our turn to assemble the musubi. After making them, our spam musubis looked great! We can't wait to make it at home. Thank you to the parents who helped us with this activity.

With this being our first activity, we learned how to plan and organize this activity from set up to clean up. We are looking forward to planning our next activity.

Our busy month of February continued the following Sunday when we hosted the Hospitality after the Nirvana Day Service. Thank you to the members and parents who helped us with this activity.

Juliana Kruse, President



Junko Kajita presents gifts from BWA to Jr YBA and Sangha Teens

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Dharma School classes were held and enjoyed every Sunday in February. Thanks to the leadership of Ricky Cheeks, Dharma School Scouts led the annual Scout Sunday Service, and we learned about Ralph Honda's journey in the Scouting program. Our 4th-8th Grade Class had fun making delicious Spam Musubi after the BWA and Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service.

This month, our Pre-K through 3rd grade class invites everyone to donate items for "Little Kids Can Do Big Things", a program to support Ronald McDonald House, which is a "home-away-from-home" for families with children being treated for serious, often life-threatening conditions at local hospitals. Until March 31, we'll accept donations of brand-new board games, jigsaw puzzles, crayons, markers, coloring books, word search books, puzzle books, and crossword puzzle books.

We're looking forward to our Dharma School Camping Trip, led by Lisa Umekubo and Leslie Seymour, the weekend of April 19-21 in Mount Laguna. Let Lisa or Leslie know if you'd like to join us.

On April 6th, Dharma School and friends will decorate the Hanamido, the flower altar, in preparation for the April 7th Hanamatsuri service at which we celebrate the birth of the Buddha.



Molly, Ruth & Charlott share some quality time

DONATIONS

BTSD

Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Nakamura, Jake K.
1 yr. Memorial for
Wade Watanabe
Yamakawa, Nao
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin -
Where needed most
Neal, Mika
Sonoko Kuroiwa Serv.
Oyama, William - Honorarium
Akiko Oyama Mem. Serv.
Anonymous - Gen. Fund
Morinaka, Ron
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin -
Where needed most
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Sasaki, Sharon - Most needed
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet -
Building needs
Cross, Joe - Storm repairs
Shigeoka, Blanche - Kaiho

BWA Service

Graeber, Kiku
Moncrief, Mayko
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
Tsukamoto, Wayne
Yamamoto, Jane

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Morinaka, Ron
Yamamoto, Jane

DHARMA SCHOOL

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Yamanouchi, Aya
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Ota, Kenneth & Laurine
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
Morinaka, Ron
Yamamoto, June
Shultz, Bob & Yoko
Kawahara, Quinton & Silvia
Uchiyama, Tissa & Chris
Oyama, Candice
Kashima, Jeanie
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Yamada, Patrick
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Gladso, Julie
Kao, Philip and Megan Dixon
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Umekubo, Lisa
Spears, Margo
Niwa, Yuko
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
Yamamoto, Mae

EITAIKYO FUND

Ishizaki, Sheryl
IMO Joe Ishizaki
IMO Pat Ishizaki
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
IMO Fuji Hashiguchi

IMO Kasuke Hashiguchi

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Morinaka, Ron
Yamamoto, Jane

END OF YEAR

Morinaka, Ron
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Yamamoto, Jane

FLORAL OFFERING

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Yamanouchi, Aya
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Ota, Kenneth & Laurine
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Graeber, Kiku
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
Morinaka, Ron
Yamamoto, June
Uchiyama, Tissa & Chris
Oyama, Candace
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Yamada, Patrick
Honda, Mikiye
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Gladso, Julie
Kao, Philip and Megan Dixon
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Spears, Margo
Kawasaki, Mildred
Shultz, Bob & Yoko
Yamamoto, Mae

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Yamanouchi, Aya
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Ota, Kenneth & Laurine
Yamanishi, Alan
Graeber, Kiku
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
Morinaka, Ron
Yamamoto, June
Uchiyama, Tissa & Chris
Oyama, Candice
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Yamada, Patrick
Honda, Mikiye
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Gladso, Julie
Kao, Philip and Megan Dixon
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Spears, Margo
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
Yamamoto, Mae

HO ONKO SERVICE

Moncrief, Mayko
Graeber, Kiku
Martinez, Nancy
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice

Tsukamoto, Wayne
Tomiyama, Akie
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Spears, Margo
Morinaka, Ron
Negoro, Glenn
Yamamoto, Joyce
Honda, Mikiye
Jensen, Richard
Hagio, Quimico
Ogasawara, Michiko
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Himaka, Michio & Naomi
Ochi, K Kay
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Ong, Mike & Ann
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Kida, Katsumi
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Aoyama, K. Alice
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
Koga, Florence
Yamamoto, Jane

JOYA E KANE

Ochi-Fontanott, Janet

MAP

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Yamanouchi, Aya
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Kaneshiro, Gale
Ota, Kenneth & Laurine
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Graeber, Kiku
Nakatani, Nancy
Morinaka, Ron
Shultz, Bob & Yoko
Kawahara, Quinton & Silvia
Uchiyama, Tissa & Chris
Oyama, Candice
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Anonymous
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Yamada, Patrick
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Gladso, Julie
Kao, Philip and Megan Dixon
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Spears, Margo
Kawasaki, Mildred
Yamamoto, Mae

MEMBERSHIP 23 & 24

Yokotobi, Fusako
Bradford, Qamar, A.
Negoro, Glenn
Brown, Plover
Rubio-Torres, Arturo
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Yamanouchi, Aya
Ogasawara, Michiko
Mac Alpine, John

Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Ota, Kenneth & Laurine
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Graeber, Kiku
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
Martinez, Nancy
Morinaka, Ron
Kawai, Noriko
Sakai, Jeffery & Kathy
Kaneshiro, Gale
Masuda, Peter & Amy
Kawahara, Quinton & Silvia
Ishizaki, Sheryl
Uchiyama, Tissa & Chris
Poquoc, Claudia
Oyama, Candice
Oyama, Garrick
Kashima, Jeanie
Haseyama, Jeanette
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Matsumoto, Lauren
Schmidt, Mariel & Jayson
Guiang, Cynthia & Orlando
Seymour, Leslie
Tsuneyoshi, Angelina
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Yamada, Patrick
Honda, Mikiye
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Gladso, Julie
Kao, Philip and Megan Dixon
D'Orsi, Linda
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Yamamoto, June
Shultz, Bob & Yoko
Taira, Yuriko
Spears, Margo
Yamada, Laurence
Niwa, Yuko
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
Fuchigami, Lynn S. & Stephen
Yamamoto, Jane
Katsuda Hotta, Jo Ann Akiko
& Eugene
Yamamoto, Mae

MOCHI

Ochi-Fontanott, Janet

NEW YEARS DAY

Moncrief, Mayko
Graeber, Kiku
Martinez, Nancy
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Tsukamoto, Wayne
Spears, Margo
Morinaka, Ron
Sasaki, Helen T
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Sato, Steve
Yamamoto, Jane

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MARCH SHOTSUKI LIST

The Shotsuki Hoyo honors the memory of loved ones who passed away during the month. This month's service will be held on March 3 at 10 a.m. If you find an error in the Shotsuki listing or wish to add a name, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email info@btsd.net Gassho.

*The Sangha extends deepest condolences to the family and friends of:
Clarence Noburo Haseyama ~ February 12, 2024*

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Tsugiyo Ishisaki (3-16-1913)..... Florence Koga
Tomiye Torimaru (3-18-1923) Torimaru Family
Sadao Kinoshita (3-28-1923) Kinoshita Family
Senkichi Yanagihara (3-12-1924) Yanagihara Family
Iwakichi Okumura (3 -23-1934)..... Yamashita Family
Matsu Yamanishi (3-26-1945)..... Miyoko Yamanishi
Sakuhichi Yano (3-2-1954)..... Kathryn Moriyama-Liss
Yonekichi Tsubakihara (3-27-1959) Kent Tsubakihara
Mizuno Nakano (3-28-1959) Nakano Family
Shina Shindo (3-28-1959) Friends
Tokumatsu Shiosaki (3-14-1960) Iwata Family
Yoshigoro Mamiya (3-8-1961) David Kawamoto
Kura Hashimoto (3-16-1961) Kuko Mayeda
Dennis Suyenaga (3-24-1961) Suyenaga Family
Sawa Yamanishi (3-18-1962) Miyoko Yamanishi
Taiki Ikemi (3-22-1964) Charles Ikemi
Ichinosuke Kiyono (3-7-1965) Norman Kiyono
Tsune Haseyama (3-5-1966) Haseyama Family
Fude Hirai (3-9-1967)..... Dorothy Mansfield
Shuji Kaneko (3-17-1967) Kaneko Family
Zenkichi Iwashita (3-8-1968)..... Iwashita Family
Yoshito Yamamoto (3-9-1969) Kanji Kuwada
Akira Date (3-18-1969) Shirley Umekubo
Fusamatsu Morimoto (3-19-1971) Morimoto Family
Motonoto Oto (3-22-1972) Oto Family
Matsu Higuchi (3-26-1972) Yasuko Higuchi
Shina Nishiuye (3-18-1975) Nishiuye Family
Shimeno Nabeta (3-30-1975) Joyce Teague
Shunzo Sakamoto (3-29-1976) Amano Family
Buyemon Ohara (3-1-1977) Ohara Family
Roy Yamada (3-10-1977) Kimi Yamada
Teru Kiyono (3-27-1978) Kiyono Family
Kiyotaro Osaki (3-13-1979) Tomiyama Family
Yuku Hosaka (3-20-1980) Hosaka Family
Masaaki Tanizaki (3-25-1981) Friends
Hanano Matsui (3-11-1983) Imori & Curtis Family
Tets Tachiki (3-18-1983) Tachiki Family
Masaru Yanagihara (3-9-1984)..... Yanagihara Family
Suna Torio (3-24-1985) Betty Torio
Haruhiko Otsuji (3-3-1986) Otsuji Family
Sukeichi Yamada (3-16-1986) Keisuke Yamada
Grace Hosaka (3-6-1987) Hosaka Family

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Kimi Terada (3-24-1987) Etsuko Smith
Shiro Takahashi (3-19-1988) Sugioka Family
Susumu Yagi (3-23-1989)..... Yagi Family
Zenpachi Kubota (3-28-1989)..... Kubota Family
Tsune Yamasaki Atsuko Thomas
Hideo B. Watamura (3-10-1990) Elizabeth Takasaki
Hisaji Taniguchi (3-15-1993) Robert Taniguchi
Miyuki Takanashi (3-31-1994) Minoru Takanashi
Thomas Yonekura (3-1-1995) Yonekura Family
Haruki Koba (3-25-1995) Duane Koba
Mieko Holt (3-29-1995) Joe Holt
Masaru Niwata (3-29-1995) Joe Niwata
Shoichi Nomura (3-28-1997) Kiyoko Nomura
Chisato Kuroye (3-18-1998) Roy Kuroye
Kiyo Kawasaki (3-22-1998) Trace Kawasaki
Rosie Yamada (3-4-2001) Laurence Yamada
Fumie A. Martin (3-23-2001) Tazuno Lowell
Masahito Iwanaga (3-6-2002) Masami Iwanaga
Kiyoko Hazel Baker (3-10-2002) Miyo Tanaka
Michael S. Kawamoto (3-13-2003) Mitsuko Kawamoto
Misao Kawasaki (3-5-2005) Kawasaki Family
Mark Isao Kasubuchi (3-27-2005) Naoye Kasubuchi
Rui Nemoto (3-11-2007) Fumiko Hayashi
Fred Nabeta (3-14-2007) Joyce Teague
Sam Amano (3-6-2008) Amano Family
Yoshiko Kawato (3-28-2009) Nancy Nakatani
Susumu Kawato (3-22-2010) Nancy Nakatani
Tadami Maruyama (3-12-2011) Michi Maruyama
Katie Tomoe Krause (3-28-2011) Pamela Lopez
Shizuko Tsukamoto (3-3-2012) Wayne Tsukamoto
Mary Haruko Yagura (3-5-2013) Ron Yagura
Ben Shizuto Sekishiro (3-30-2013) Victor Sekishiro
Bruce Ryou Moriyama (3-24-2014) Moriyama Family
Gilbert Shuji Wakisaka (3-27-2015)..... Gail Susan Wakisaka
Tohoru Hidutsu Shimizu (3-1-2016)..... Paula Shimizu
Richard Iwao Ito Sr. (3-21-2016)..... Richard Ito
Ayako Otsuji (3-27-2017)..... Otsuji Family
Emiko Ishisaki (3-12-19)..... Florence Koga
Mary Sayoko Tomiyama (3-31-21)..... Tomiyama Family
Kengo Yamamoto (3-5-2022)..... Mae Yamamoto
Rev. Laverne Sasaki (3-31-2023)..... Sharon Sasaki

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 death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives.

2024 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2023	13th Year Memorial	2012	27th Year Memorial	1998
3rd Year Memorial	2022	17th Year Memorial	2008	33rd Year Memorial	1992
7th Year Memorial	2018	25th Year Memorial	2000	50th Year Memorial	1975

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二四年三月法話

種をまく

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先月、お寺の車をぶつけられてしまいました。事の発端はこうです。妻が息子を補習校に送りに行った際、校舎近くの住宅街の通りで車を駐車しました。そこから息子を歩いて学校まで送り届けた後、再び車のほうに戻ると、ある男性が車の横で立っていたそうです。妻がそれを見て不審に思っていると、その男性が妻に近寄ってきて妻がその車の所有者であることを確認すると、男性は急に頭を下げて謝ってこられました。男性が言うには、妻の車の前に駐車スペースがあったので、そこに自分の車を止めようとしたところ、ハンドル操作を誤って彼の車右後方の側面と妻の車の左前方が接触してしまっただけです。妻は駐車時の接触だから大したことないだろうと思つて車前方に目をやると、予想以上にフロントバンパーとヘッドライトが損傷していて結構驚いたそうです。それを見ていた男性も何とも申し訳なさそうな顔で再度妻に頭を下げられたそうです。その後、運転免許証や自動車保険など必要な情報を互いに交換し、妻は車を運転して帰宅しました。しかし、その道中スピードを出すと損傷したフロントバンパーが路面に擦れて今にも外れそうだったので、高速道路に乗らずゆっくりと下道で帰ってきたというのでした。その話を妻から聞いた私は年始早々に起きたこの災難に愚痴を漏らしていたのですが、よくよく考えて

みますと、相手方の男性が正直であつたことに救われたように思いました。まず、いつ戻ってくるか分からないにもかかわらず、私の妻を現場で待っていたことにとても感謝しました。もしそのまま逃げていても誰も彼が車をぶつけたとは分からなかったはずで、そうなら修理代を相手方に請求できなかったでしょう。また、男性の隣には幼い娘さんが立っていて、学校に遅れるのを不安になりながらもお父さんと一緒に辛抱強く待っていたそうです。そんな話を聞いたうえで、その親子の姿を想像すると、ぶつけられたという文句よりも、待つてくれて有難うという感謝の気持ちが次第に強くなってきました。車をぶつけられはしましたが、人として正直であることの素晴らしさを改めて気づかされました。

「正直」とは、嘘やごまかしのないこと、素直で正しいことを意味します。この言葉には、「正直は一生の宝」などといったことわざがあり、人の世を生きる上で正直であることが如何に大切なことであるかを説いています。しかしその反面、「正直者は馬鹿を見る」などといったことわざもあり、正直な人を皮肉ることもあります。確かに、不誠実な者がずる賢く立ち回つて得をし、秩序を大切にする正直者が損をするということが多々あります。その度に、正直者が報われない矛盾した社会を悲しく残念に思います。

皆さんもご存じのように、仏教の根幹となる教えに「因果の道理」があります。因果とは、原因と結果を意味するもので、どんな結果にも必ず原因があり、原因のない結果は存在しないというのが原因と結果の関係です。更に仏教には、「善因善果」、「悪因悪果」、「自因自果」というこの世の真理を教えています。つまり、善い行いも悪い行いも全て自分に返ってくるということです。そのことをお釈迦様は「まかぬ種は生えぬ。またた種

は必ず生える。刈り取らねばならぬ全ては自分のまいたものばかり」と分かりやすく伝えておられます。また、「またた種は必ず生えるが、生えてくる時期には、前後がある」とも教えられています。

例えば、嘘ばかりつく(原因)ことで友人から信用を失う(結果)のは早かれ遅かれ自分に必ず返ってきます。また反対に、相手をつねに理解し約束を守る(原因)ことで周りの人から尊敬と信頼を勝ち取る(結果)ことが出来ます。これは自分の日々の行いが、全て自分の幸・不幸となつて最終的に現れてくるということです。このように仏教では、人間の生きるとなみは行為(カルマ)によると教えています。それは、私達の自由意志によって自己の未来を選び、決断し、自由に自らの世界をきり開いていくことができるということを説いています。この因果の道理や私達の行為(カルマ)の教えは、未来に向かって苦を減する絶対自由の世界を目指して、人間が努力することを促しているのです。

ですから、またた種が生えてくる時期には前後がありますが、今の努力に決して無駄はありません。必ずそれにともなう結果が現れてきます。逆に、努力をしないといっているとその報いが必ず自分に返ってきます。自分の未来を幸せなものにするか不幸なものにするかは私達の日々の行為(言葉・思考・行動)、そして努力一つにかかっているということなのです。

そのことを考えた時、車をぶつけた男性が逃げることなく正直に謝罪された行為は人として尊敬に値します。また幼い娘にとつて、お父さんが人さまの車をぶつけてしまったという不安と学校に遅れるという心配で大変な思いをした一日だったと思いますが、彼女の父親のこの行動が必ず、彼女の心の中で「誠実に正直な私のお父さん」と胸を張って自慢する日が来ると確信しています。車をぶつけはしましたが、人として父親として素晴らしい種をまかれた方のお話です。

MEMBERSHIP IS OFF TO A GREAT START

Almost Halfway Home. Within the first three weeks of February, we are **renewed at almost 50%!** That is, we have 92 renewed members so far, not counting some whose auto-renew will be updated soon. The current list is posted in the Office Level hallway.

More Books for Member Library. You'll find extra copies of popular books like *Jewels* and *Ocean*, as well as even more recent books like these from **Scott Mitchell**, Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies: *The Making of American Buddhism*, *Buddhism in America*, and *Buddhism Beyond Borders*. Plus almost all books by our dear belated former minister, **Rev. Tesshi Aoyama**. Just fill out a card for the book you borrow, following instructions in the Conference Room.

New Member Breakfast. We welcome all new or returning members from 2023 and 2024 for a breakfast of morning goodies on Sunday, March 3, at 9 a.m. in our Office Level dining area. Please let us know if you can come! Invites will have been sent out already.

Growing List of Renewed Members

Space limitations keep us from listing everyone but we will celebrate our new or returning members in 2024 so far: **Quinton & Silvia Kawahara**, **Lauren Matsumoto**, and **Shunichi & Betty Santohigashi**.

Renew Now! Forms are available in the office, or online, or call or email the office so we can send them out to you.

~ Bill Teague, Membership Chair

**Intro to Buddhism: Join Minister's Assistant
Kaytee Sumida in the Sangha Hall
at 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 24.**

TOSTADA/BINGO 2 FUNDRAISER SET FOR APRIL 7

Proceeds to Support Lahaina Hongwanji Wildfire Relief

The temple will host a Tostada/Bingo Fiesta fundraiser on Sunday, April 7 starting at 12:00 noon following the Hanamatsuri service.

Net proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund.

DONATON for the luncheon is \$12 for adults and teens (13-years-old and up) which includes two beef tostadas,* dessert, beverage and five games of Bingo. The price for youths 12-under is \$5 and includes one beef tostada, dessert, beverage and five games of Bingo.

Additional tostadas may be purchased for \$5.

Purchase your tickets in advance to ensure your tostada lunch/Bingo. Reservations and payments are due by March 28. You may make your reservation by calling the temple at (619) 239-0896, email at info@btsd.net or on your next Sunday temple visit.

PRIZES FOR BINGO: Donations are being accepted for Bingo prizes for both adults and youths. Your donation may be in the form of gift cards, gift baskets or merchandise and will be accepted up until the day of the event.

For more information regarding the fundraiser, contact the temple or co-chairs Ralph Honda and Arturo Rubio.

Join the fiesta with family and friends by enjoying a delicious lunch and a chance to yell BINGO!

** If you'd like a tostada without the beef, just ask.*

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NIRVANA DAY

Morinaka, Ron
Tanaka, Kelvin
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Suyenaga, Irene
Kuwada, Howard Kanji & Kaneko
Nogata, Sumihiro & Yuriko
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
Aoyama, K. Alice
Honda, Mikiye
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Ogasawara, Michiko
Kida, Katsumi
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Spears, Margo
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Tomiyaama, Aki
Graeber, Kiku
Moncrief, Mayko
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice

Tsukamoto, Wayne
Martinez, Nancy
Negoro, Glenn
Ong, Mike & Ann
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
Voorhies, Ruth
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Yamamoto, Jane

OHIGAN

Morinaka, Ron
Yamamoto, Jane
OSEIBO
Lee, Harold and LuAnn
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Yamanouchi, Aya
Mac Alpine, John
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Ota, Kenneth & Laurine
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Graeber, Kiku
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
Morinaka, Ron

Yamamoto, June
Shultz, Bob & Yoko
Uchiyama, Tissa & Chris
Oyama, Candace
Kashima, Jeanie
Kuwada, Howard Kanji & Kaneko
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Yamada, Patrick
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Gladsjo, Julie
Kao, Philip and Megan Dixon
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Taira, Yuriko
Spears, Margo
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
Yamamoto, Mae

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Ishizaki, Sheryl
IMO Pricilla Ishizaki
Kashima, Jeanie
IMO Tetsuyo Kashima
Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Hisaichi Taniguchi
IMO Tetsuyo Kashima

Oto, June
IMO Jeffery Oto
Kuwada, Howard Kanji & Kaneko - January
Yagura, Ron & Sheila
IMO Iwao Yagura
Masumoto, Chiyoko
IMO Yuki Masumoto
Baker, Carol
IMO Mari Tanizaki
IMO Patsy Yanagihara
Honda, Mikiye - February
Ong, Mike & Ann
IMO Masanori Koba
IMO Masami Honda
Yoshida, Laura
IMO Kino Yoshida - Feb.
IMO Ruby Yoshida - Feb.
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
IMO Tome Yamashita
Himaka, Michio & Naomi
IMO Suma Shimada
Yanagihara, Sumiko
IMO Patsy Yanagihara
IMO Mariko Tanizaki