

Happy New Year - Akemashite Omedeto!

2549 B.E. (Buddhist Era)

From the Parinirvana
(death of the Buddha)
From May to May by the
Lunar calendar

2006 C.E. (Common Era)

From the Birth of Christ

Heisei Juhachinen

18th year of the
Heisei Emperor's Reign

Chinese Calendar Year

Year of the Dog

In a time of decreasing membership, financial worries, and a serious ministerial shortage among BCA temples, our Sangha at Senshinji has launched a vigorous program of refurbishing our present facilities, expanding our Nokotsudo, securing surrounding properties, and rebuilding the social hall. It is also looking into possibilities of supporting ministerial candidates to serve at Senshin, working with the Socho Koshin Ogui of the BCA office. Even with the passing of the Issei generation and the aging of the Nisei generation, Senshinji has managed to increase its membership since I first came to this very interesting Sangha in 1968. Our fundraising program is progressing nicely as you can see by the monthly graph in the "Prajna". You will soon be getting a mailing from the BCA in regards to their campaign for our future. We ask that you do whatever you can.

On November 30th, a group of 21 people returned from a 15-day pilgrimage to the Buddhist countries of Bhutan, Laos, and Cambodia. Made up of Senshin members and supporters, the pilgrimage was, like all real pilgrimages, an inner journey – the self encountering itself in a new surrounding, new circumstances, new relationships, new realities. From this point of view, all pilgrimages are successful – but our visit to the circumstances of Bhutan, Laos, and Cambodia made it extra successful.

As our Sangha moves on into its unknown future, let it be a pilgrimage; done with fear and trembling, joy and delight, and awakening to self - but above all, let us do it. And thank you for 37 years of my fascinating, crazy, and deeply enriching pilgrimage here at Senshinji.

Gassho,

Rev. Mas

Our Future