

prajna



IGNORING IMPERMANENCE

Almost never living in the present, we remember our past and worry over the future. This is the stuff of dreams and disconnected analysis. Buddhism itself has a self-destruct theory. All things are born, live, and die – and this, only in the eternal present. Like China, America has absorbed all cultures and religions, but into a west European cultural base. It is fundamentally western and Christian in its orientation. Yet each incoming group, especially those entirely different from the base foundation, have added to and changed the definition of “American”. If we are the same as the base culture, we have nothing to offer it or enrich it.

I do not see the need for our Jodoshinshu temples to become more American – we are American. Not only are we American, we are American in every way, as American as any U.S. President or Boston blueblood. We are as American as apple pie and sushi. But unlike most historic minorities in America, we are American with a religion significantly different from the American norm. And the Jodoshinshu temples are the oldest Buddhist Sanghas in America. It is a living Buddhist tradition of communities into their fourth and fifth generations here. And if our temples are still

“Japanesey” in their expression of Buddhism, could it not be because our Japanese cultural background is profoundly Buddhist? The transition from majority Japanese-American to a more mixed racial makeup of our Sanghas has been a natural one, without fanfare or friction – a most Buddhist attitude. The only contentiousness seems to come from our fellow Japanese-Americans calling upon us to be less “Japanesey”. If *sushi, teriyaki, tsunami, samurai, sukosh, typhoon, shibui*, etc. can become part of the English language, why can’t Jodoshinshu terms like *shinjin, nembutsu, hakarai, gokuraku*, especially when they have no exact English translation?

Our success does not lie in becoming like everyone else, or looking at Buddhism through Christian eyes, as most of us who are born and raised in America are unconsciously wont to do. There is much we can offer to American ideas and culture: Our sense of community; the importance of practice over theory; the identification of the ego-self as the primary destructive force in our life and in the world; the de-emphasis of objective reality; the misperception that life is a struggle and constant battle between the forces of good and evil; the delusion that wealth

and power bring happiness; that the arts are as important as the sciences, that morals and ethics cannot be mandated; the idea of instant evolution in the present, etc.

In the always changing present, nothing is make it or break it, absolutely right or wrong, beautiful or ugly. What you grasp, you must let go. Meeting is the first moment of parting. Happiness the beginning of unhappiness and vice-versa. If you are unhappy, don’t worry, it will go away, and vice-versa. But all of this, only when we live in the present moment – so get ready for when that moment comes-a-calling. Namoamidabutsu.

Gassho, Masao Kodani

MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE MAY SUNDAY 9:30 AM, MAY 6, 2012

The monthly memorial service is usually held on the first Sunday of each month in memory of those who have passed away in that month. At the service, the list of names of the deceased, the person observing the memorial and the person's relation to the deceased is read. The Monthly Memorial List is also published in the Prajna newsletter. To have a name entered into the Monthly Memorial List, please call into the office, as names are not automatically entered after a funeral.

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
AKAHORI, TED	SISTER	AKAHORI, HELEN
ASAI, FRED	WIFE	ASAI, MITSUKO
EBATA, HOKODA, DONNA	HUSBAND	EBATA, DUANE
HARADA, YUKI	BROTHER	HIROTAKA OKUBO
HASHIMOTO, MIWA	DAUGHTER	HASHIMOTO, JANICE, MIYO
HAYAMIZU, SUMIKO	FATHER	NAKASHIMA, HASHIGORO
HIRAMOTO, SUMIKO	HUSBAND	HIRAMOTO, GEORGE
IKEGAMI, SUMIKO	MOTHER-IN-LAW	NOZAWA, SHINAKO
IRIYE, KENNY	MOTHER	IRIYE, MIDORI
KIGUCHI, MARGIE	FATHER-IN-LAW	MATSUI, HIDEO, ROBERT
KUWATA, YURIKO	HUSBAND	KUWATA, KIJIRO
KUWATA, YURIKO	BROTHER-IN-LAW	KUWATA, KIEMON
KUWATA, YURIKO	SISTER	OGURA, TOYOKO
MIYAGISHIMA, LILY	HUSBAND	MIYAGISHIMA, YOSHIMI
MUNEKATA, RYO	FATHER	MUNEKATA, TADAJIRO
MURAKAMI, YOMIKO	STEP-MOTHER	INOUE, HISAKO
MATSUMURA, ISAMU	MOTHER-IN-LAW	YAMAGUCHI, FUJIKO
MOTOKANE, ED	MOTHER	MOTOKANE, KANEYO
NAKAGAWA, FRED	FATHER	NAKAGAWA, MOTOHARU
NAKAMOTO, TAJI	NEPHEW	NAKAMOTO, TADASHI
NIMI, KIYOKO	MOTHER-IN-LAW	NIMI, KAMEYO
NISHI, CHITOSE	MOTHER	TOKAJI, MASANO
NISHI, CHITOSE	STEP- FATHER	TOKAJI, KANAME
NISHIKAWA, YOKO	GRANDMOTHER	UYEMURA, MINOE
NISHIKAWA, YOKO	MOTHER	UYEMURA, CHIZUKO
NISHISAKA, YURIKO	FATHER-IN-LAW	NISHISAKA, YOSHIO
OHATA, RON	BROTHER	OHATA, KEVIN
OKAZAKI, JAMES	MOTHER	KUROI, OSAE
SAKAMOTO, YOSHIE	FATHER-IN-LAW	SAKAMOTO, KIKUJIRO
SATO, TERRY	FATHER	KISHIBA, UICHI
TAKASHIMA, WILBUR	GRANDMOTHER	TAKASHIMA, TSUME
TAKASHIMA, WILBUR	FATHER	TAKASHIMA, KATSUMI
TAKEMOTO, CHIYOKO	SISTER-IN-LAW	ABE, YOSHIE
TANAKA, NOBUKO	HUSBAND	TANAKA, MASUO
TERRELL, JACKIE	MOTHER-IN-LAW	FUKUMOTO, TOMIKO
TOJI, BOB	FATHER	TOJI, MAMORU
TORIO, TAYE	MOTHER	SUGIMOTO, SHIZUE
TOSHIMITSU, TSUTOMU	FATHER	TOSHIMITSU, INOSUKE
TOYAMA, JOHN	FATHER	TOYAMA, SEIKICHI

MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE MAY CONTINUED

TSUJI, HISAKO
USHIROGATA, YUKIE
USUI, AIKO
UYEMURA, KOICHI
UYEMURA, KOICHI
YAMASHITA, BETTY
YOSHIDA, MIYEKO

HUSBAND
MOTHER
MOTHER
GRANDMOTHER
MOTHER
FATHER
FATHER

TSUJI, SHOICHI
MATSUSHITA, TSUNE
NISHIYAMA, CHIYEKO
UYEMURA, MINOE
UYEMURA, CHIZUKO
TAKAHASHI, TOKUSO
SUZUKI, URAO

FLOWER DONATIONS APRIL

Toshiko Yamaguchi
Isamu Matsumura
Anonymous
Yukie Ushirogata

Nobuko Tanaka
Miwa Hashimoto
Kiyome Hirayama
Michiko Masada

Asa & Bernice Wakinaka
Jean Minami
Kik Nishida
Masaru Ota

Yo Takeuchi
Anonymous
Kik Nishida (March)
Motoko Saneto

CLASSES

GAGAKU

1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 7:30PM

BUGAKU

2nd & 3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 7:30PM

KAZAN TAIKO

THURSDAYS - 6PM

KINNARA TAIKO

THURSDAYS - 8:00PM

MORNING EXERCISE CLASS

TUESDAY & THURSDAY - 9:30AM

TÖBAN LISTS MAY

Onaijin Flower Arrangement

Töban:

5th - Mat Uyeno, Doris/Al Shigaki

12th - Lynn Akamine, Miki

Fujimoto

19th - Susie Usui, Ellen Shimohara

26th - Sheri Lovall, Debbie

Hiramoto

Hondo Cleanup Töban

Jean Nakashima, Carole Yokota,
Eugene Murakami

Service Chairman Töban

Dharma School

TEMPLE UPDATE MAY 2012

Religious Activities

*Götanye & Hatsumairi -

Shinran Shōnin's Birthday &
Infant Presentation, **May 20th**,
Sunday service at 9:30 am.

***Memorial Day Services** - With
Rev. Kodani, **May 28th**, Monday:
Rose Hills Cemetery at 10 am and

Rosedale Cemetery at 2 pm.

***Howakai** - **May 14th** at 7:30
p.m. Contact JoAnn Komai or Ted
Akahori for details on this study
group.

***Religious Committee** - Meeting
scheduled for **April 29th**.(after

Osoji) Contact Eugene Murakami
or Rev. Mas if you can help.

Organizations

***BWA/Fujinkai** - (see report)

***Dharma School Schedule** -
May 6th & 20th, June 3rd & 24th,
July 15th & 29th, (August rest)

TEMPLE UPDATE MAY 2012 CONTINUED

September 9th & 23rd, October 7th & 21st, November 4th & 25th, December 2nd & 16th.

Sangha Teen News: Sunday, **May 6th**, we have *tentatively* scheduled for Pasadena Sangha Teens to host Senshin and Nishi Sangha Teens with service at their Temple, followed by a visit to the Buddhist art collection at the Norton Simon Museum and lunch. For more information, please contact Sangha Teen Advisors Miki Fujimoto and Koichi Uyemura.

***Book Club** – Everyone is invited to book club meetings. The last meeting was **March 11th** after service, discussing the book The Buddha's Wish for the World by Monshu Koshin Ohtani. Next meeting – April 15th after service. New members and suggested readings are welcomed anytime. For more info, contact Lilly or Mike Yanagita at (818) 956-1070 or email n7willow@sbcglobal.net.

***2012 Southern District Buddhist Conference: "b.e. me"** – Saturday, **June 9, 2012**, 9am to 4pm, hosted by Gardena Buddhist Church, (310) 327-9400. Senshin's BWA is taking care of registration of Senshin

members. See Kathy Ikari before May 11th; registration cost is \$50.

***Hongwanji Place Bookstore** – Now housed at Senshin! Hours: Wednesday thru Saturday, 10am to 3pm; Sunday, 11:30am to 2pm. www.hongwanjiplace@yahoo.com. Sponsored by BCA Southern District Dharma School Teachers' League.

Fundraising

***Teriyaki Chicken Fundraiser on June 17th** – With White Elephant Sale, Dessert Sale and Silent Auction (see flyer)

***Fundraising Committee** – If you have ideas, please contact Chris Aihara or James Okazaki.

Announcements

***Facilities & Maintenance** – All the roofs have been recently cleaned and repaired by All Cities Roofing. Lighting and some wiring in and around the Hondo has been fixed, thanks to H. Matsukawa and H. Sawada. The main inner doors of the Hondo are damaged, have fallen off of their hinges and the outer doors are also damaged; all need to be replaced. Door stops should not be used to prop open the main inner Hondo doors. The west wall of the main parking lot is

being painted.

***Movie Nite & Potluck** – Call the Office for details.

***Wedding April 1, 2012** - Titus Levi & Christine Macainan-Muicos

***Otoki Cookbook** – Only a few remain! Proceeds go to the Senshinji Building Fund. Come to the office or see Wendy to get the cookbook or contact Hongwanji Place Bookstore c/o Wilbur (310) 398-9558 for orders to be mailed.

***Vision for Senshin** -- Sangha meeting on **June 3rd** with Alan Nishio, facilitator. Contact Chris Aihara for more details.

BWA UPDATE MAY

June 17, Chicken Teriyaki Sale During Chicken Teriyaki sale, BWA will be sponsoring a White Elephant sale, Silent Auction, Homemade

Dessert sale and also a Craft sale. Please visit these sales when you come to pick up your chicken teriyaki. Please contact Kathy Ikari if you

have any items to donate to the above mentioned sales.

Next BWA Meeting, May 6, 11:30 am after study class.

DANA MARCH

Listed below are donations handled by the Regular Treasurer.

special = donation received with no specific reason given.

orei = donation for use of temple facilities, equipment, etc.

Nokotsudo = donation by families who have family cremains in the Nokotsudo (columbarium)

The Regular Treasurer is required to send receipts for donations \$250.00 and over. Receipts for all other donations will not be sent unless requested by the donor. Membership dues are \$184.00 per individual (\$354.00 per couple). The dues include BCA membership fees. Members 80 years of age and over need not pay temple dues but may pay \$94.00 for BCA dues which includes the Wheel of Dharma newsletter.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Reason for Donation</u>
3/1/2012	Kiyome Hirayama	In memory of the 100th birthday of the mother of Jean Minami
	Nell Sawada	In memory of brother Mitsuo Oshita
3/2/2012	Brett & Susan Yoshimura	100th day memorial service for Deklan Yoshimura & for Nokotsudo
3/12/2012	Anonymous	49th day memorial service for Mary Haramoto
	Anonymous	49th day memorial service for Mary Haramoto
	Anonymous	49th day memorial service for Mary Haramoto
	Anonymous	49th day memorial service for Mary Haramoto
	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Usui	Nokotsudo for Gina Usui
3/14/2012	Yo Takeuchi	Nokotsudo
	Kazue Maesaki	Nokotsudo
	Master Yao Qi Gong Class	Orei
3/21/2012	Katsuko Nakagawa & Ayako Sakaguchi Edith Nishikawa	Annual service for Takamine & Sakaguchi families 13th cycle memorial service for George Nishikawa
3/22/2012	Young-Ae Park	First Fruit Offering
3/23/2012	Neil & JoAnn Komai	Special Donation
3/26/2012	Chikako Kojima Craig Ichinose	Nokotsudo Special Donation
3/28/2012	Helen Motokane Hongwanji Place Bookstore Hongwanji Place Bookstore	In memory of Keizo Motokane Orei (March) Orei (April)

SHINRAN SHONIN GOTAN-E HOYO/HATSUMAIRI

Sunday, May 20, 2012

The birthday observance of Shinran Shōnin, who was born on May 23, 1173, will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Members and friends are invited to participate in this celebration as a family. The Hatsumairi or Infant Presentation to the Senshin Sangha will be conducted during this service. This is a presentation of infants born in the past year to the Senshin Sangha with parents vowing to see to the religious upbringing of the child. The Senshin BWA will serve congratulatory mochi after the service.

English Speaker:
Japanese Speaker:

Rev. Masao Kodani
Rev. Kakuyei Tada, BCA Minister Emeritus

Gassho,
James Okazaki, Board President

宗祖親鸞聖人降誕会法要
洗心寺初参り式
五月二十日 午前九時半

英語 小谷政雄開教使
日本語 多田覺英、BCA名誉開教使

親鸞さまのご誕生をお祝い下さい。皆々様、お家族うちそろわれてどうぞお詣り下さ

います様ご案内申し上げます。

幼童の初参り式も兼修いたします。

婦人会特製の「祝い餅」を供養もうしあげます。

合掌
洗心寺
岡崎上 ジェイムス、理事長



SENSHIN'S FAMOUS CHICKEN TERIYAKI DINNER Sunday, June 17, 2012

When: Sunday, June 17, 2012
Time: 10:00am~4:00pm
Cost: \$10.00 Advance Ticket Sales Only!!!

What's included: One half chicken sauced twice and barbequed to perfection!
Served with rice, string beans, cabbage tsukemono, and orange slices.

Make checks payable to: Senshin Buddhist Temple. All proceeds will go to the Temple fund.

What to mail back: Your check, the sold ticket stubs, and any unsold tickets.

Mail to: Senshin Temple - Teriyaki (please write Teriyaki on envelope)
1311 W. 37th St.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90007

Deadline for ordering: Ticket stubs and money must be received by Sunday, June 5, 2012 !!!
We cannot honor tickets that have not been paid for and received by June 5th.
Onegaishimasu!!!

Need Extra Ticket Call Nell Sawada at (323) 291-3275 as soon as possible.

Pick up Dinners: Sunday, June 17th at Senshin Temple inner parking lot at 1341 W. 37th St.
Los Angeles from 10am to 4pm.
*Special Dessert Sale, White Elephant Sale, and Silent Auction

On June 17th, we will be setting up, cooking, and then cleaning-up from 5:30am to 4:00pm. Please come, help and share the day with us.

Gassho,
Senshin Buddhist Temple
Eugene Murakami, Chicken Teriyaki Chairperson



SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

May 2012

Dear Members,

Greetings! This is our annual request to our members to remit their membership dues for the year 2011. The dues, together with fundraising events and donations, generate the income to operate Senshin so that our members can enjoy the many temple activities and services. The dues allow us to provide the privilege of having a full time minister.

Seniors (80 years this year or over) are exempt from paying Senshin membership dues. However, seniors wishing to receive the *Wheel of Dharma* newsletter must pay the \$94 BCA membership. For couples with one senior member, the spouse is asked to pay the "Individual Adult Membership".

If you have already remitted your membership dues for 2011, please accept our thanks. For any questions please feel free to call me at (310) 541-7821.

Thank you for your support and participation in making Senshin a very special place.

In Gassho,

Denise Kodani, Membership Chairperson

------(Please cut or tear off the bottom portion and return with your check)-----

Name_____

Birth date_____

Name_____

Birth date_____

Address;_____

(street)

(city)

(state)

(zip code)

Phone(____)_____

E-mail_____

Senshin membership fee includes the \$80 per adult BCA assessment. Membership categories are:

Couple/Family Membership - \$354 Individual Adult Membership - \$184

Seniors (**with** BCA -over 80 years old) \$ 94

Seniors (**without** BCA-over 80 years old) -Free

Amount enclosed \$_____

Please remit fee in full by May 1, 2012 along with this form. Please make your check payable to:

SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE
ADDRESS & MAIL AS:

Senshin Membership
1311 West 37th Street
Los Angeles, Ca 90007

感謝録

特別寄附：一之瀬クレグ、駒井ニール&ジョアン
 南ジーンの母百才追悼 平山きよめ
 故西川ジョージ十三回忌西川イデイス 納骨堂 ロイ臼井夫妻、竹内よう、前崎かずえ、
 故高峰、坂口家族例年追悼 中川かつこ、坂口あやこ 小島ちかこ、吉村ブレット/スザン
 故原本メリ四九日 匿名（四名） お礼 本願寺書店（三、四月）
 故吉村デクラン百日 吉村ブレット/スザン お礼 ヤオチゴングクラス

五月の日程

三日（木）	午後七時半	理事会	
六日（日）	午前九時半 午前十時半	祥月法要 英語 日本語 日曜学校	小谷政雄師 広田徹然名誉開教使
十三日（日）	午前十一時半 午前九時半 午前十時半	婦人会例会 家族礼拝 英語	小谷政雄師
二十日（日）	午前九時半 午前十時半	親鸞聖人降誕会、初参り式 英語 日本語 日曜学校	小谷政雄師 多田覚英名誉開教使
二七日（日）	午前十一時半 午前九時半 午前十時半	おとき 家族礼拝 英語	小谷政雄師 小谷政雄師
二八日（月）	メモリアルデイ法要 午前十時 午後二時	ローズヒル墓地 ローズデール墓地	

三月供花：正田みちこ、竹内よう、田中のぶこ、松村勇、脇中あさ/パニス、橋本みわ、南ジーン、平山きよめ、
 大田まさる、西田きく（三月）、後潟ゆきえ、実藤もとこ、匿名

内陣活け花当番：五日:M.上野/D.&A.志垣、十二日:L.赤嶺/M.藤本、十九日:S.臼井/E.下原、二六日:S.ロヴオル/D.平本
 本堂当番：四月：J.中島、C.横田、E.村上

世界で一番おいしい洗心寺チキン照り焼きセール。予約セールのみです！

六月十七日（日）、午前十時—午後四時

一箱\$10（-halfチキン、ライス、ストリングビーン、キャベジ漬物、オレンジスライス）

エクストラチケットの必要な方は、おはやめにネル沢田323-291-3275まで）

チケットスタブとチェック(Senshin Buddhist Temple名義)と余分のチケットを、六月五日まで送付してください。売り上げは全てお寺に寄付されます。

Senshin Temple-Teriyaki

1311W. 37th St., Los Angeles, CA 90007

（支払い無しでは予約になりませんので、よろしく）

皆さん！一緒にチキンクッキングの準備、あと片付けの手伝いをしましょう！

六月十七日、日曜、午前5時半—午後四時

この日はまた、デザートセール、ホワイトエレファントセールとサイレントオークションもあります。

三月お彼岸セミナーで、桑原浄信先生の“大雨のなかで畑仕事をしてビショ濡れの源左が、たいへんじゃのと声をかけられて、でも鼻の穴が下を向いて助かかると答えた”というお話はおもしろかったですね。

カラスの糞が頭に落ちて、口が頭の上になくてよかったと思いたいものです。



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MAY 2012 CALENDAR OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Tōban: Dharma School

Date	Day	Time	Service or Activity
3	Thu	7:30pm	Temple Board Mtg.
6	Sun	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki Hoyo) Study Class – Rev. Kodani Japanese Sermon – Rev. Tetsunen Hirota. BCA Minister Emeritus Dharma School BWA Fujinkai Reikai
13	Sun	9:30am 10:30am	Family Service Study Class – Rev. Kodani
20	Sat	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Gotanye & Hatsumairi Infant Presentation Service Eng: Rev. Masao Kodani Jpn. - Rev. Kakuyei Tada, BCA Minister Emeritus Dharma School Otoki
27	Sun	9:30am 10:30am	Family Service Study Class – Rev. Kodani
28	Mon		Memorial Day Services at Cemeteries Rev. Kodani: Rose Hills – 10:00am Rosedale – 2:00pm