

Prajna

Kangaku* Speaks ... about *Shinjin

On Monday, February 2nd, we were honored to welcome Rev. Chiko Naito, who is ranked as *Kangaku*, a top scholar of *Jodo Shinshu* Buddhism and a Professor Emeritus at Ryukoku University, to conduct a *Gojidan* (Q and A session on the teaching and belief) at our temple. Over fifty people attended this excellent opportunity to deepen their understanding of the *Nembutsu* teaching.

A few weeks prior to the *Gojidan*, we had a meeting to gather questions to submit to *Kangaku Naito* in advance, so that we could avoid the typical Q and A situation

where only a few people ask questions, no one asks questions or a question such as, “How many kids do you have?” might be asked.

Although I wrote in last month’s message, “Any question is a good question,” and trifle questions can lead to important answers, we only had 90 minutes, so we wanted to focus on questions on the teaching and the belief.

Our *Gojidan* turned out to be a really constructive session. *Kangaku Naito* said he wanted to have more time so that he could answer all the questions. We were able to learn so much and everyone enjoyed listening to the explanation of the teaching through many impressive metaphors and stories.

The questions we asked him were as follows:

- Q1** I cannot accept the 18th vow or stories of Amida Buddha as a real story. What should I do?
- Q2** *Jodo Shinshu* teaching sounds too much like Christianity. I do not like it.
- Q3** Can we practice meditation at *Jodo Shinshu* temples?
- Q4** What is the *Jodo Shinshu* view on sub-consciousness or unconsciousness?
- Q5** What is the *Jodo Shinshu* view on the issues of same sex marriage, transgender or incest?
- Q6** Although I have been listening the teaching, I don’t change a bit. I know the teaching is “As you are, you are okay,” but I think I should change in some way.
- Q7** Could you teach me about one thought moment awakening to *Shinjin* (*Ichinen Kakuchi*)? I heard we should not attach to when or where I receive *Shinjin*.
- Q8** I heard that *Gojidan* should be taking place on a “one on one session” style. Since *Shinjin* is a very personal matter, if we have Q and A session with other people, we cannot go into a deeper level.
- Q9** I heard that *Shinjin* is Buddha’s mind, so it is wrong if I say, “I have *Shinjin*.” Is it true?
- Q10** Reflecting on my ego thought, my gratitude is always stained with my self-centeredness. We are often taught *Nembutsu* is an expression of gratitude toward Amida Buddha, but is it okay to recite the *Nembutsu* with my egoistic gratitude?
- Q11** Where is the Pure Land? Some *sensei* say we are born in the Pure Land after death but other *sensei* say Pure Land is here and now. Which is true?
- Q12** What will be born into the Pure Land?



These are the questions *Naito Kangaku* answered at the *Gojidan*. Those people who attended the *Gojidan* probably remembered the answers. I took notes of *Naito Kangaku*’s answers, but I am not able to write all the answers here. If you are interested in the answers, please talk to me. At this time, I would like to write about the answer to the question on *Shinjin* (awakening, faith, entrusting mind), which is the essence of *Jodo Shinshu* Buddhism.

Kangaku Naito explained *Shinjin* in a very kind and skillful manner. He taught us that, “*Shinjin* is the state of mind when we give up relying on our ego-self power in order to be born in the Pure Land and concurrently, *Shinjin* is the mind leaving everything to Amida Buddha.” He also added “Although we entrust ourselves to Amida, we, the foolish beings, cannot know if we can be born in the Pure Land or not.” To illustrate this, he told a story about a devoted follower of *Jodo Shinshu* Buddhism.

In the 18th century in Japan, there was a devoted follower, called Shoma. He took an affirmation ceremony, at his main temple, Koshoji in Kyoto. During the ceremony, he suddenly grabbed the sleeve of the robe of the head priest of the temple and asked, “Hey Brother, are you ready to go to the Pure Land?” The head priest was very surprised at his sudden unusual behavior, but he quickly replied to Shoma, “How about you? Are you sure you can be born in the Pure Land?” Then Shoma pointed to Amida Buddha’s statue in the altar and said, “Don’t ask me, ask Amida.”

I heard this story many many times but thanks to *Kangaku Naito*’s guidance I understand the message of the story more impressively than before. Thanks to having this *Gojidan*, we can all deepen our understanding of *Jodo Shinshu* Buddhism.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

ご示談（その２）、信心について

今回は２月２日（月）にお寺でご示談がありましたので、そのお話をしましょう。ご示談とは浄土真宗の教えや信仰に関しての質疑応答のことです。質問に答えるのは、たいていは勧学という本願寺派が定める学階の最高位の僧侶です。

２月に日本から内藤知康勧学が訪米されたので、そのご縁に洗心寺でご示談をしてくださるようお願いしました。ご示談には５０名をこえる人々が集い、勧学から信心や教えのことについて、詳しく学びました。

ご示談では自他の信仰が深まるような、ためになる質問がありましたので、以下にどのような質問があったかを挙げてみましょう。

- ・ １８願の内容を聞いたり読んだりしても、絵空事のように実感わきません。どうしたらよいのでしょうか？
- ・ 「救われる」とか「お浄土に生まれる」とか聞くと、「神に救われて天国に生まれる」と説くキリスト教とあまりかわらないように思えます。浄土真宗がキリスト教に似た教えなら、アメリカにはもうキリスト教があるので、浄土真宗がアメリカに存在する必要がないのではないのでしょうか？
- ・ 浄土真宗でメディテーションをするのはよいのでしょうか？
- ・ 浄土真宗では無意識とか深層意識をどのように捉えていますでしょうか？
- ・ 浄土真宗で同性結婚、トランスジェンダー、近親相姦などに対してどのように考えていますか？
- ・ 教えを聞いてもあまり自分が変わらないように思います。そのままでもよい、とは聞かせていただきますが、信心をいただければ、何か心に変化が起こるのではないのでしょうか？
- ・ 一念覚知について教えてください。いついただいたとかにこだわるのは間違いだと聞きました。
- ・ ある信頼できる先生から信心をさずかるタイプのご示談があると聞きましたが、どういうことでしょうか？
- ・ 昔、若いときご示談は一对一で行っていたと聞きました。信心は個人、個人がいただくものなので、多人数で質疑応答をしても、信心をいただけないのではないのでしょうか？最初は多人数でもよいと思いますが、教えの理解や信仰が深まると、信頼のおける先生と一对一でお話して、質問をぶつけて疑問を晴らさないで信心がいただけないと思うのですが、どうでしょうか？
- ・ お浄土はどこにあるのでしょうか？先生によって説明がちがうので混乱しています。ある先生は今、ここである、と言われたり、他の先生は死後の世界で、どこといえるものではない、と言われますが、お浄土とは一体どこに存在するのでしょうか。また同様に、地獄もどこにあるのでしょうか？こちらは今と言われたり、死後と言われたり、どちらが正しいのでしょうか？
- ・ 輪廻について教えてください。仏教では生まれ変わるような魂や私の存在を否定していると聞いています。けれどももしそうならば、何が生まれ変わるのでしょうか？また、浄土真宗ではお浄土に生まれさせていただくといいますが、その場合、何が往生するのでしょうか？

などの質問です。この紙面ではすべての答えを書くことができませんので、内藤勧学がどのようにお答えくださったかを知りたい方がおられましたら、私にご連絡ください。内藤勧学の答えをメモしていますので、それをお伝えします。

質問の中の一つに信心に関しての問いがありました。「信心をいただくとお浄土に生まれることがはっきりと自覚されるのではないか」というものです。内藤勧学の答えは「信心は自力の心に頼るのをやめ、阿弥陀様にお任せした心」だとおさえられ、「私たちは凡夫なので、信心をいただいてもお浄土に生まれるかどうかはわからない。」とお答えくださいました。そのことを説明するのに、明治時代の妙好人、庄松（しょうま）さんのことをお話ししてくださいました。

庄松さんが本山で帰依式を受けたときのこと、ご門主が式に参加した一人一人にカミソリを頭にあてる儀式で、庄松さんは急にご門主のお衣の袖をひっぱって、「兄貴、用意はいいか？」とたずねたそうです。「用意はいいか？」とはお浄土に生まれることが決まっているのか？との意味です。突然、びっくりするようなことをされたご門主ですが、ご門主も落ち着いて問い返します。「お前はどうか？お浄土に行けるのか？」と庄松さんに問うと、庄松さんはお内陣の阿弥陀様の仏像をさして、「俺に聞くな。阿弥陀様に聞いてくれ」と答えられ、その教えの要をついた答えを聞かれたご門主はたいへん感心されたそうです。

このお話は有名なお話で、何度も聞いたことがありますが、今回のご示談ではこのお話をたいへん印象深く聞くことができました。私だけでなく、ご示談に来られた方々も、教えの理解を深められたようです。勧学のご指導のおかげで、たいへん実りのある集いになりました。

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial Service MARCH

Sunday, March 1, 2015 10:00am

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 the office as names may not automatically be entered after a funeral.

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Ted & Tomi	Brother-in-law	Kawaye, Harry
Domoto, Lily	Husband	Domoto, Toshihiro
Fujikado, Matsuye	Husband	Fujikado, Rev. Hoshin
Hashimoto, Miwako	Mother	Nishimura, Tsuruyo
Ikegami, Sumiko	Father-in-law	Ikegami, Makitaro
Inouye, Chiyo	Husband	Inouye, Tadao
Iriye, Joji	Mother	Sakai, Mitsue
Iriye, Joji	Nephew	Sakai, Daniel
Kodani, Richard	Mother	Kodani, Motome
Kojima, Chikako	Husband	Kojima, George
Kojima, Chikako	Grandfather	Takaki, Teruji
Masada, Michiko	Father	Takahashi, Toyojiro
Matayoshi, Gene & Connie	Mother	Matayoshi, Yoneko
Matsuda, Michael	Aunt	Fujikawa, Sachi
Matsumura, Isamu	Sister	Nakano, Kimiko
Miyamoto, Dennis	Grandmother	Kawai, Yuri
Nakawatase, Yasuko	Father	Kuramura, Nisuke
Nishida, Kikuko	Mother-in-law	Nishida, Yasuye
Nishikawa, Edith	Mother-in-law	Nishikawa, Sekiyo
Ogawa, Jerry	Aunt	Kikunaga, Shizue
Ogawa, Jerry	Aunt	Nagata, Kiyomi
Ota, Toshie	Mother	Matsumura, Fuyuno
Sawada, Nell	Sister	Oshita, Amy
Shimohara, Ellen	Father	Shinoda, Michio
Sondai, Reiko	Grandfather	Nimi, Kamezo
Sugano, Leo	Father	Sugano, Takuya
Sugano, Leo	Grandmother	Sugano, Tsugi
Takashima, Iris	Grandmother	Yasuda, Shige
Takashima, Iris	Grandmother	Jinde, Itsu
Takemoto, Chiyoko	Mother	Fujiura, Osano
Tanezaki, Barbara	Husband	Tanezaki, Takashi
Toji, Suzanne	Father	Totsubo, Jack Muneo
Ushirogata, Yukie	Father	Matsushita, Ichitaro
Usui, Roy & Aiko	Daughter	Usui, Gina
Wakinaka, Asa & Bernice	Son	Wakinaka, Mike
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Mother	Nakamura, Itono
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Sister	Iwasaki, Hatsuye

Senshin Spring Ohigan Seminar

Our Spring *Ohigan* (equinox) Seminar will take place on Saturday March 21, from 9:30am. The guest speakers will be Rev. Yuki Sugahara from Florin Buddhist Temple and Rev. Shumyo Kojima from Zenshuji Temple in Los Angeles. Rev. Sugahara will lecture on “The Essence of *Jodo Shinshu* Buddhism.”

Rev. Kojima, a Soto Zen priest, will teach us “the *mottainai* spirit” through his lecture on Zen meal etiquette followed by a typical lunch served at a temple of *miso* soup, rice and *tsukemono*. We will have an opportunity to practice the meal etiquette during the designated lunch hour as this will be our menu for lunch. For those with dietary restrictions, please provide food for yourself that will accommodate your restrictions. There will be a morning break with healthy snacks.

After lunch, we will screen the film, *Stories from Tohoku*, a documentary about the aftermath of Japan's earthquake and *tsunami* that occurred on March 11, four years ago. The co-director of the film, Debra Nakatomi, will be present for a Q and A session following the screening.

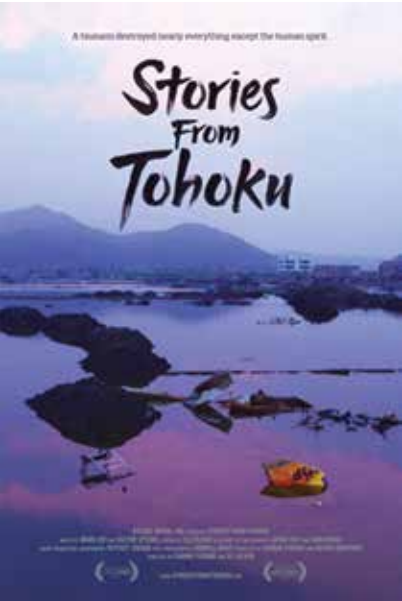
The *Ohigan* service will take place on Sunday March 22. Please come with your family members and friends.

春のお彼岸セミナー並びにお彼岸法要のご案内
3月21日（土）22日（日）にお彼岸のセミナーと法要を行います。
セミナーのご講師はフローリン仏教会の菅原祐軌先生とLA禅宗寺の小島秀明先生です。菅原先生は浄土真宗でもっとも大切なことの講義、小島先生は曹洞宗での食事作法を通じてもったいないの精神についての講義をして下さいます。昼食後は日本の東北大震災のその後を取り上げたドキュメンタリー映画「ストーリーズフロム東北」を鑑賞、その後プロデューサーの中富デボラさんとの質疑応答があります。翌22日（日）はお彼岸法要を営みます。みなさま、お誘い合わせの上ぜひお参り下さい。

Spring Ohigan Seminar, Saturday, March 21

Speakers: Rev. Yuki Sugahara (Florin Buddhist Temple) and Rev. Shumyo Kojima (Zenshuji in LA)

- 9:30am: Gathering 集合
- 9:40am: Opening Service 開会のお勤め
- 10am: Lecture 1 (English/Japanese)講義 1
- 10:50am: Break 休憩
- 11am: Lecture 2 (English/Japanese) 講義 2
- 12pm: Lunch 昼食
- 1pm: Film Screening *Stories from Tohoku* 映画「ストーリーズフロム東北」
- 2pm: Q and A with Debra Nakatomi 質疑応答
- 2:30pm: Closing Service 閉会のお勤め



Spring Ohigan Service, Sunday, March 22

Guest speaker: Rev. Yuki Sugahara (Japanese/English)

- 9:30am: Japanese Study Class
- 10:00am: Spring *Ohigan* Service
- 11:00am: Study class / Kids' Club
- 12:00pm: *Otoki* served by ABA

Tokonoma

This month, Mas-sensei picked a different type of artwork for the *tokonoma* in our office. They are pins and broaches. Usually, a painting or calligraphy on a scroll is displayed in the *tokonoma*, therefore this art display is unusual, but if we can detach ourselves from our preconception of art, this display allows us to break our fixed-view. It is nice to see pins and broaches in the *tokonoma*.

These art crafts are meaningful to us because they were carved from fruit and vegetable crates by Japanese American inmates imprisoned in the internment camps during World War 2. The pins and broaches on display came from a temple member who lived near the temple and whose surname started with “Matsu.” Mas-sensei and other old-timers could not remember the whole name of this person. She was in Poston where she taught how to make the broaches. She carved birds, coyotes and plants, probably whatever she saw at or around the camp. They are beautiful.

This type of art can be called *Mingei-hin* in Japanese, which means handcraft or folk art. These arts are made for daily use and the artists are unknown. A Japanese thinker, Soetsu Yangai (1889-1961) focused on the aesthetics of these folk art and the connection with the essence of Buddhism.

From the end of February 1942, 120,000 *Issei* and *Nisei* were sent to internment camps.

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Photo caption:

The tree stump was also from Poston camp.



床の間のアート： ポストンキャンプでつくられたピンとブローチ

古本竜太、訳：松林和夫

今月の床の間に、マス先生はこれまでとは異なるアートを選ばれました。ピンとブローチです。床の間には絵とか文字の掛け軸をかけるのが通常ですので、異例といえます。しかし、通念を捨てて観れば、この美術品は私達の固定観念

を打破してくれます。床の間にピンとブローチが飾られているのを見るのはとても新鮮な体験です。

この手工芸品は、私達日系人には特に意味があります。第二次世界大戦中、収容所に閉じこめられた方々は、果物の種だとか野菜を運ぶ箱を再利用し多くのクラフトを



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作品の作者は、
お寺の近くに住んで
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も、フルネームをおぼえてい
ません。この女性はポスト
ンキャンプでブローチの作
り方を教え、ごらんのように、
小鳥、コヨテ、植物など、何
でもキャンプの中で目にしたもの
を彫ったのでしょう。じつに美
しいですね。

こうした手工芸品を、日本では民芸品と呼びます。日常生活の実用品として作られ、作者は無名です。柳宗悦(1889-1961)は優れた日本文化の考察者ですが、こうした民芸品の美は仏教の教えの根本に繋がると説いておられます。

1942年の2月末から、12万人の一世、二世の方々が収容所に送り込まれました。

Senshin Shinran Shonin Pilgrimage Tour Meeting on Sunday, February 22

We are planning a pilgrimage to Shinran Shonin's historical sites in Ibaraki, Niigata, and Kyoto in October 2015. The 8 to 10 day tour will start on Monday, October 19, 2015. At this time, we are not sure if there will be an extension to Okinawa after the pilgrimage. For those who are interested, please attend a meeting on Sunday, February 22, at 12 noon. For those unable to attend the meeting, Rev. Furumoto can be reached at the temple for information.

The tentative schedule is:

Tokyo 3 days: Visiting Temples in Ibaraki where Shinran Shonin stayed, Tsukiji Betsuin and others.

Niigata 1 day: Visiting Shinran Shonin sites where he was exiled and Eshinni (his wife) Museum.

Fukui 1 day: Visiting Yoshizaki, Rennyō Shonin's site and Eihei-ji temple, Soto Zen main temple.

Kyoto 3 days: Visiting Hongwanji, Hieizan, birthplace, temples in Osaka and others.

On this tour, basically, we will visit temples because the theme of this trip is to follow Shinran Shonin's footsteps. However, we are also planning to visit other famous sightseeing sites and stay at an *onsen* hotel. Detailed information will be presented and discussed at the meeting.



2015年、洗心寺、親鸞聖人の足跡をたどるツアー

2月22日(日)、正午より親鸞聖人の史跡をめぐるツアーのためのミーティングを行います。ツアーは10月19日(月)から8日ないし10日を予定しています。ツアーに興味のある方は、ミーティングにお越し下さい。ミーティングに来れない場合は、古本開教使にお知らせ下さい。今の時点では、聖人のツアーの後に沖縄に行くかはまだ決まっています。このツアーは基本的にお寺へお参りすることが多いですが、他の観光名所を訪れることもあります。詳細はミーティングにてお知らせします。

Senshin-ji Building Fund March 2015 Update

Although the decision to postpone the Social Hall remodeling work has been made, we still invite those who are interested in the plumeria plants that are in front of the Social Hall building to help themselves to cuttings from the plants. If anyone is interested in the small palms adjacent to the plumeria, please feel free to dig one out and take it with you.

An inquiry was made as to the duration of the fundraising for the remodeling project. We are planning to stay with the original deadline of April 30, 2015, whether or not we reach the \$500,000 level. As has happened

in the past, even though the official fundraising stops on a certain date, the Building Fund still receives, and gratefully accepts, any donation made beyond that termination date.

The Board of Directors has been immensely grateful for all the financial support that Senshin members and friends have provided over the past year. We look forward to the start of construction in late July following the completion of this year's Saishin Dojo program.

The construction plans should have been submitted to the Building and Safety Department by the time you receive this issue of the Prajna.

As always, we will provide updates each month as we proceed with the design/review/approval/permitting process.

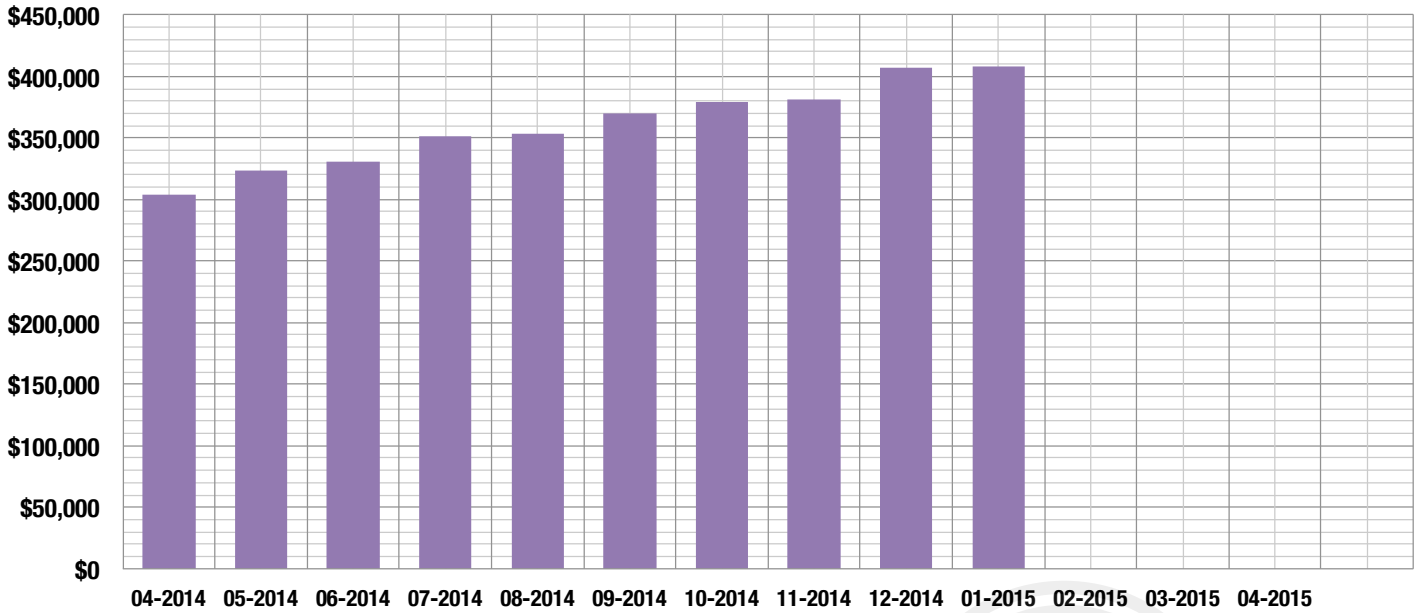
Gassho,
Wilbur Takashima

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN JANUARY:

Murakami, Eugene & Elaine
Okamoto, Tom & Ruby*
Senshin ABA
Senshin Dharma School
Toji, Bob & Suzanne
Uyeno, Matsuko**

* In memory of Taitetsu Unno
** In memory of Arthur Murakami

Senshin-ji Building Fund: Social Hall
Goal: \$500,000 by April 30, 2015



Senshin-ji Building Fund
1311 West 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Donation Amount: \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to: Senshin-ji Building Fund)

NOTE: In order to maintain compliance with IRS policy, whenever we receive a check in the amount of \$250.00 or more, we will send an acknowledgement letter to the donor for his/her records. For amounts less than \$250.00, your cancelled check will serve as a receipt for the donation. However, if you wish to have a letter of receipt sent to you, regardless of the donation amount, please let us know and we will be most happy to comply.

1/4/2015	Shuko Yoshikami Hidehiro & Kimiko Matsukawa Chikako Kojima Ed & Anne Ito Jean Minami Ted & Tomiko Akahori Mendell & Lois Spruill and Rich & Marietta Richemann Kiyome Hirayama	Special 2015 Donation Nokotsudo In memory of Roy Otamura In memory of Roy Otamura In memory of Roy Otamura In memory of Tsuneo Muramaru Nokotsudo
1/8/2015	Chiyoko Takemoto Chiyoko Takemoto Chiyoko Takemoto James Harada Andea Takemoto Reeve	Nokotsudo, Takemoto Family In memory of father-in-law, Toyosuke Takemoto In memory of brother-in-law, Rev. Arthur Takemoto Renewing wedding vows service In honor of Rodger Takemoto & Cynthia Takemoto
1/11/2015	Kimiyo Kunitake Frank & Susie Usui Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi Joyce Tonooka Young-Ae Park	Get well orei Nokotsudo 25th memorial, Moriichi Matsubayashi Special First Fruit Donation
1/18/2015	Denise Kodani, Hans Goto	25th cycle memorial, James M. Goto
1/25/2015	Aileen Hongo Akira, Mayako Takemoto	7th year memorial, Michiko Ambo Takemoto memorial
1/31/2015	Darryl Yagi Lena Murakami & Family Diane Kawaguchi Craig Minami Minako Nishihara Elaine Higa Doris & Al Shigaki Gilbert & Marilyn Leong Shigeichi Shimabukuro Keith Shimabukuro Janice Shigaki Edmond & Susan Young Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey Lily Inatomi	Thank you for book Funeral of Arthur Murakami Urns for Doris & Nat Kawaguchi 5th cycle memorial, Tatsuo Minami 1st cycle memorial service, Fumie Shimabukuro 1st cycle memorial service, Fumie Shimabukuro 1st cycle memorial service, Fumie Shimabukuro 1st cycle memorial service, Fumie Shimabukuro 1st cycle memorial service, Fumie Shimabukuro Special Piano tuning cost

Listed 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 of \$250.00 and over. Receipts for all other donations will not be sent unless requested by the donor.

January 2014
Flower Donations

Ted & Tomi Akahori
Glen & Joyce Isomoto
Kiyoko Isomoto
Denise Kodani
Chikako Kojima
Kimiyo Kunitake
Gene & Connie Matayoshi
Roy & Terry Nakawatase
Yoneko Okayama
Nell Sawada
Yo Takeuchi
Misao Tomita
Matsuko Uyeno
Mutsuo Ushirogata
Frank & Susie Usui
Kiyoko Yoneda
Hannah Yoshitomi



Senshin Temple 2015 Board of Directors

The following people have been named to the Senshin Temple Board for 2015:

Doug Aihara	Jean Minami
Chris Aihara	Satoshi Miyata
Ted Akahori	Eugene Murakami
Kathy Ikari	Kelvin Nishikawa
Ed Ito	James Okazaki
Cathy Iyemura	Nell Sawada
JoAnn Komai	Mark Sunday
Neil Komai	Wilbur Takashima
Sheri Lovall	Denise Takehara
Doug Matsuda	Frank Usui
Misao Matsuda	James Usui
Henry Matsumura	Qris Yamashita
Kate Meigneux	

Board members who were unable to attend at least 6 of the 12 meetings, according to prior agreement, are automatically removed from the board list. If you have been approached to serve on the Senshin Temple Board of Directors, and are able to attend the minimum number of meetings for this coming year, please contact Rev. Furu-moto to be included on the new board.

B W A

BWA gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

John and Debbie Hiramoto: Return to Health
Shigeichi Shimabukuro: One year memorial for Fumie Shimabukuro
Kiyome Hirayama: Orei
Shirasago Family: In memory of Sally Shirasago

Next BWA Meeting: March 1st after Study Class

We welcome all women to join the BWA in 2015. If you are interested, contact any BWA member. 2015 dues are \$10.

A B A

The ABA had a quiet February, but in March we are busy with the *Hi-gan* Luncheon and also chairing the monthly service. We also will be taking pre-orders for our famous Cha Shu Bao Sale. We will be packaging and filling the orders out on April 5th for Hanamatsuri Day pick up. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any ABA member. Upcoming event is our famous Morongo Casino trip in April.

The ABA meeting is held the first Sunday of every month at 9:30am in the kitchen or wherever we can meet. Please join us.

Jr Y B A

The Jr's have their next meeting on Sunday, March 1st.

Book Group

The book group will be meeting Sunday, March 15th after Study Class. We have two books that we will be reading. First is *The Awareness of Self* by Gyodo Haguri. Second is *the life-changing magic of tidying up – the Japanese art of decluttering and organizing* by



Marie Kondo. We hope to explore our attachments and relationships to our possessions and why it's so difficult to get rid of our stuff.

New titles, new authors and new members are welcome. Contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email n7willow@gmail.com.

Membership

It's that time again. Temple membership renewal notices will be coming soon. Look for them in March.

Social Media



Senshin's Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser: May 3

Order forms will appear in next month's *Prajna*.

Get ready! Make sure to place your orders. Tell your friends. Don't miss it.

洗心仏教会

1月感謝録:

特別寄附:	吉神しゅうこ, とのおかジョイス セリアヒュイ&金川エルソ	追悼: 故おたむらロイ: 伊藤エド/アン 南ジーン, 赤堀テッド/とみ
葬儀:	故村上アーサ	村上レナー家
寄附:	2015年寄附	松川夫妻
回復お祝い		国武きみよ
納骨堂:	平山きよめ, 小島ちかこ, 竹本ちよこ 臼井フランク/スジー, 川口ダイアン 八木ダリル (本)	追悼: 故竹本ようすけ 竹本ちよこ 追悼: 故竹本アーサ開教使 竹本ちよこ 追悼: 故竹本ロジャ/シンシア リーヴ竹本 追悼: 故竹本メモリアル 竹本あきら/まやこ 故南たつお5回忌 南クレイグ 故あんぼみちこ7回忌 ほんごアイリン 故後藤ジェムス25回忌 小谷デニース 後藤ハンス 故松林守一25回忌 松林和夫
お礼:		
初果物		ヤングエパク
ピアノ調律		稲富リリ
結婚再誓約式		原田ジェムス
故島袋ふみえ一回忌:	西原みなこ, 比嘉エレイン 紫垣ドリス/アル, レオンギルバート/マリリン 島袋しげいち, キース, 紫垣ジャニス, ヤングエド/スザン	

Senshin Board members

2015年度理事会会員名: みなさんご苦労さまです。

相原ダッグ、相原クリス、赤堀テッド、猪狩キャシ、伊藤エド、家村キャシ、駒井ジョアン、駒井ニール、ロヴァルシェリ、松田ダッグ、松田みさお、松村ヘンリ、メグニケイト、南ジーン、宮田さとし、村上ユジーン、西川ケルビン、岡崎ジェムス、沢田ネル、ソンデイマーク、高島ウイルバ、竹原デニス、臼井フランク、臼井ジェムス、山下クリス

洗心寺理事会に勧誘され、少なくとも6回の会議に出席できる方は、古本先生まで連絡してください。

3月日程:

1日(日)	午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時	日本語法要 祥月法要 小谷政雄名誉開教使 英語勉強会、日曜学校 婦人会例会
5日(木)	午後7時半	理事会
8日(日)	午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時	日本語法要 サマータイム開始(1時間早い) 家族礼拝 英語勉強会、キッズクラス
15日(日)	午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会、日曜学校
21日(土)	午前9時半	午後3 春のお彼岸セミナー、日本語/英語 菅原祐軌開教使、小島秀明、禅宗寺
22日(日)	午前9時半 午前10時 11時 12時	日本語法要 春のお彼岸法要 菅原祐軌開教使 英語勉強会、キッズクラブ おとき
29日(日)	午前9時半 午前10時 11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会、キッズクラブ

供花: 中渡瀬ロイ/テリ, 磯元グレン/ジョイス, 磯元きよこ, 赤堀テッド/とみ, 小谷デニース, 後潟六男, 竹内よ, みやとしジーン/コニー, 臼井フランク/スジー, 岡山よねこ, 沢田ネル, 米田きよ, 小島ちかこ, 吉富はな, 国武きみよ, 富田みさを
内陣花当番: 7日: M. 宮本/C. 小島, 14日: M. 上野/D. 紫垣, 20日: L. 宮城島/T. 中渡瀬, 28日 Y. 宮川/K. 米田
本堂当番: J. 森、D. 相原、D. ほこだ江畑、Q. 山下

Building Fund

ソーシャルホール改装工事について: 詳しくは英文記述されていますが、簡単に現況をお知らせします。着工は夏の西心道場が終了した直後と予定しています。

工事費募金運動は、別記のチャートの通りに進んでいます。目標の50万ドルが達成できなくても、一応4月30、2015に締め切りますが、今後ともご支援をお願いします。別附のSenshin Building Fundの申し

込む書を利用ください。これまでご寄附して頂いた方々に深く感謝します。寄付金が\$250を超える場合は領収書をさしあげますが、それ以下はキャンセルされたチェックを領収証とさせていただきます。

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus 11a Study Class / Dharma School BWA Reikai (following Study Class)		9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Kinnara Gagaku		9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		
8 <i>Daylight Savings begins</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Taiko / Kids' Club		9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Kinnara Bugaku		9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Spring Higan Seminar</i>
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Dharma School		9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Kinnara Gagaku		9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		9:30a – 3p Spring Higan Seminar Japanese / English Rev. Yuki Sugahara, Florin Buddhist Temple Rev. Shumyo Kojima, Zenshuji Temple
22 <i>Spring Higan Service</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Spring Higan Service with Rev. Yuki Sugahara, Florin Buddhist Temple 11a Study Class / Kids' Club 12noon Otoki by A B A		9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Kinnara Bugaku		9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
29 <i>BWA Chow Mein Sale! (pre-order)</i>	30	31				
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Taiko / Kids' Club 11:30a – 1p BWA Chow Mein Sale (Pre-order only)		9:30a Exercise Class				

MARCH TOBAN

Sunday Service A B A

Hondo Toban John Mori, Doug Aihara,
Donna Hokoda-Ebata, Qris Yamashita

March Onajjin Flower Toban

March 7 Marilyn Miyamoto, Chikako Kojima

March 14 Mat Uyeno, Doris Shigaki

March 21 Lily Miyagishima, Terry Nakawatase

March 28 Yoko Miyagawa, Kiyo Yoneda

Upcoming in April

April 5 Hanamatsuri Service

April 25 ABA Morongo Turnaround

April 26 *Osoji* (Temple Cleanup)

*All classes subject to change
without notice.*

*Please call a group member to
confirm meeting/rehearsal.*

PRE-ORDER FORM

Senshin BWA Chow Mein Take Out or Eat In

Sunday, **March 29, 2015** • **\$8** per person

Pick up or eat in, 11:30am – 1pm, **Senshin Social Hall**

Pre-orders only, due March 22, 2015

Name: _____



_____ # of servings: _____

☐ Payment (check / cash) included

☐ Will pay at pick-up

Please return to any Senshin BWA Member or drop in Senshin office BWA mail slot.

Questions or phone-in pre-orders, please contact:

Betty Yamashita, 1.562.598.2928. tbyamy@aol.com

Patti Honkawa, 1.310.625.3349, pahonkawa@gmail.com

Jean Minami, 1.323.394.9353, jeanminami@aol.com



SABA CHA SHU BAO SALE

PRE-ORDER FORM

4 Bao for \$5.00

Please Order by: Sunday, March 29, 2015

Pickup Date: Sunday, April 5, 2015, 10:30am to 12noon

Question?: Chikako Kojima (310) 516-0562

Quantity: _____ orders of (4 Bao for \$5) = \$ _____

Name: _____



Please make checks payable to **SENSHIN ABA**