

Prajna

This message was written by Rev. Mas a few years ago. There are a few reasons why I chose this article for this month's message.

One is my schedule.

Around the time when the Prajna article is due, I will be in India and it will be difficult for me to send a message from India. So I chose to share Mas-sensei's message.

I was going to write my message a few weeks before my trip, but, usually for me, a topic for the message comes to my mind when the deadline is closer. Therefore, this month, I had a difficult time starting to write the message. As I was looking for a good topic, Mas-sensei's article appeared from out of nowhere. Actually, it was sitting on the chest behind my desk in my office. The message was about the Sangha in Jodo Shinshu. I read the article about a year ago when I was just transferred to Senshin. I thought it had a really meaningful message that should be read by everyone in our Sangha. Hence, I have kept it for about a year waiting for the time to put it in our newsletter. And now, the time has come.

It is useful for us to read such an informative message repeatedly. Even the same message we have already read/heard before, depending on our situation, experience and surroundings, can be received differently. Rennyo Shonin stated that "listen to any dharma message as if you hear it for the first time." Please find new meanings from the message in Rev. Mas's article.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



The Jodo Shinshu Sangha by Rev. Mas

The Jodoshinshu Sangha is unique in Buddhism. Instead of "I take refuge in the Buddha, Dharma and the monks", for us, it is "I take refuge in the Buddha, the Dharma and our fellow-travellers in the Dharma. Because our founder, Shinran Shonin, ended monasticism, the meaning of the Sangha has changed drastically. No longer is the study and practice of Buddhism a full-time occupation for monks, our full-time occupation is our study and practice of Buddhism. Our Sangha is a communal endeavor, although our awakening and awakenings are profoundly individual. The life

of the temple is the life of the Sangha, and without it Jodoshinshu would join the ranks of other scholarly hair-splitting and lofty ideas with no life-giving blood flow. Not wanting to be a part of temple life is like not wanting to test a theory. The experience of the

Nembutsu is exactly that – an experience. The calculating mind, self-power, other power, just Namoamidabutsu, suchness, things as they are, etc. are all words used to describe an experience that included but is not only an objective observation. It is not something someone “acquires” or “gets”, then ceases to “be” or “do”. Our self-centered life is a sham, and yet, it is all we have. It is all we have, and yet, there is always so much more. It is Namo and Amidabutsu. A lifetime of ignorance enlightenment.

In terms of a science class, Buddhism is life lecture and lab. The lecture can be in a group or alone, but the lab must be in a group. If the theory of Buddhism is about the ego-self, then that encounter must be with and off other ego-souls. To say I can understand Bodhi without the interference of other human beings is called “a Buddha for himself” – in Mahayana, a flawed achievement. It is very much like a hermit saying he understands human beings and therefore wants no contact with them – unless of course it is to tell them so. In America, in old neighborhood communities, albeit weekend – commuter communities, the temple-Sangha therefore is the *dojo*, the original word for temple when Buddhism first enters China. *Dojo* means “Bodhi-place” or the “place where Bodhi was cultivated”. A *dojo*’s primary function is a place where one can encounter one’s own ego-self, not a place to unconsciously or consciously indulge it. The function of ritual too, is to challenge the ego, not to entertain it. If a temple’s

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community gathers together to encounter their individual ego-self over a lifetime, and learning the unique definition Buddhism has of Oneness and interconnectedness. Those cultural and social activities that help us in this endeavor should be encouraged – those that tend to encourage our penchant for ego-inflation should be discouraged. Our Sangha is a full-blown community, from the hells up to and including the heavens – it is a living, breathing, blood-flowing entity. Anyone who finds himself in it can’t help but be changed. Anyone who stands by and observes such communities, remains an observer, watching life go by.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. MAS

primary function is to preserve a culture, serve community needs, be a fun place, then it is a cultural center, a community center, or a playground – but it is not a temple. A temple or *dojo* is a place where a com-

浄土真宗サンガ

八月のメッセージ:

今月のメッセージはマス先生がブラジュナに数年前に書かれたものを掲載したいと思います。というのは、このブラジュナのメッセージを提出する締め切り日には私はインドにいるからです。インドからメッセージを書いて送れるかどうかかわからないので、マス先生が以前に書かれたメッセージを掲載することにしました。

旅に出る数週間前からメッセージを書こうとしてはいましたが、私は締め切りが近くなるとなかなかメッセージのアイデアが浮かんでこないで、どうしたものかと考えていたところ、ちょうど助け船のようにマス先生のメッセージが出現したのでした。出現したといいましたが、そのメッセージは私が一年くらい机の近くに置いていたのです。昨年洗心に赴任したばかりのときに、マス先生のメッセージを読んで、皆さんがそのメッセージを忘れないようにと思い、それをいつかもう一度ブラジュナに掲載しようと思っていたのですが、どうやらその時が来たようです。蓮如上人「ご法話を聞くときは常に初めて聞くメッセージだと思って聞きなさい」と。同じメッセージでも自分が置かれた状況や経験値などによって受け止め方が違ってきます。このメッセージは皆さんが数年前にも読まれたものですが、今の皆さんはどのように味われるでしょうか？

古本竜太開教使

浄土真宗のサンガとは仏教において特殊なものです。“仏、法、僧侶に帰依いたします”の代わりに、私達は“仏、法、そして仏道を旅する仲間”に帰依する”と唱えます。なぜなら、開山者である親鸞聖人が修道院制度を廃止された為、サンガの意義が根本的に変わったからです。仏道の勉強と実践は僧侶の専業ではなく、私達信徒がそれを専業とするのです。サンガは信徒共同で行われますが、目覚め（悟り）は、それぞれの個人の深い体験に基づきます。お寺の生活は参賀の生活と同一で、そうでなければ、浄土真宗は他の重箱の隅をつつくような質疑に明け暮れる、深遠のようにみえながら、血の通わない空論だけの学問的宗派となってしまいます。お寺の生活に参加しないのは、理論を実践しないことです。念仏の体験とは、まさに体験です。はからい、自力、他力、唯南無阿弥陀仏、自然（じねん）、ありのまま、などなど、こうした言葉は体験を述べるために使われますが、客観的に観察できるものではありません。体験は“得る”とか“手にする”、そして“有る”とか“行う”ものではないのです。自己中心の生活は偽物です、が、私達はその事実を受け入れるしかありません。しかしまた、そこに必ず、他の何かが存在します。南無であり阿弥陀仏です。一生をかけての無知／悟りの体験なのです。

科学の授業に例えれば、仏教は人生講義／実験といえます。講義はグループでも一人でもかまいませんが、実験はグループで行います。仏教が我—自己について学ぶのであれば、数多くの他の我—自己との遭遇、対面が必要なのです。他の人間の干渉なしに仏の教えが解けるとするのはマハヤナ仏教では“自分の為の仏”と呼ばれ、誤った行動とみなされます。ちょうど、隠遁者が自分は人間を理解している、だから人との接触を避けると主張する（他人にそう伝える場合以外は）ようなものです。お寺のサンガは道場（仏教が中国に紹介された当初に使われた名称）であり、“仏の場所”または“Bodhiが培われる所”を意味します。道場の主な機能は、そこで私達は自分の我—自己に対面することです。意識的にも、無意識にも自分を讃える場所ではありません。儀式も我を挑戦する為に行うもので、楽しむのが目的ではありません。もしお寺の機能が文化保存、コミュニティ奉仕、楽しい所であるとすれば、それは文化、コミュニティセンター、または遊園地です。でも、お寺ではありません。お寺／道場はコミュニティが一堂に集まり、夫々が我—自己に出逢い、仏教独特の解釈であるOneness(全ては一体)について生涯に亘り学ぶ場所です。文化的社会的な活動は、こうした仏教の教えの助けになるのであれば、奨励されるべきですが、エゴを拡大する為であれば、薦められません。私達のサンガは地獄から天国、すべてを包容する息吹きのある、血の通う生き活きとしたコミュニティです。そこに居れば誰でもが自然に変わっていきます。サンガを外から眺める者は傍観者に止まり、人生はただ過ぎ去ってしまいます。

南無阿弥陀仏

REV MAS

Fall Ohigan Seminar / 秋のお彼岸セミナー

Saturday, September 13, 2014

The Essential of Jodo Shinshu / [浄土真宗の教え]

Guest Speakers: Rev. Koho Takata, Los Angeles Betsuin
Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi, West Covina Buddhist Temple
ご講師: 高田興芳開教使 (ロサンゼルス別院)
見義信香開教使(ウエストコビナ仏教会)

Our guest speakers, Rev. Takata and Rev. Miyoshi, are both originally from Toyama, Japan. Toyama is known as a devoted Jodo Shinshu region since Rennyo Shonin’s time in the 15th century. The theme of our seminars has always been the same, “The Essential of Jodo Shinshu”. Our guest speakers, both raised in a Jodo Shinshu hard core region, will present their *Ajiwai* (taste) of the nembutsu teaching.

After lunch, we will screen the Japanese movie *Departure*. This academy award winning movie is about the life of a “coffin man,” who works in a mortuary. The author of the original story was from Toyama prefecture and he was influenced by the Jodo Shinshu teaching.

秋のお彼岸セミナーと法要が営まれます。日程は下記をご覧ください。今回のご講師は、二人とも富山県のご出身です。富山は蓮如上人の時代から、浄土真宗の信仰の盛んなところで知られています。講題は「浄土真宗の教え」で、富山のお寺でお育てを受けた先生方がお念仏の教えの最も大切なことをお話していただきます。午後からは、映画「おくりびと」を観ます。映画のオリジナルは「納棺夫日記」という小説で、作家の青木新門さんは富山の出身で浄土真宗の教えにたいへん影響をうけておられます。みなさま、お誘い合わせのうえお参りください。

Saturday, September 13 / 9月13日(土)

9:30am Omairi / お参り Hondo / 本堂

9:45am Lecture 1: English / Hondo
Japanese / Classroom

10:30am Break / 休憩

10:45am Lecture 2: English / Hondo
Japanese / Classroom

12noon Lunch / 昼食
Lunch may be ordred for \$7 per person by calling Doris Shigaki at (323) 276-0072.
Order must be recieved by September 7th.

1pm Movie *Departures* (Okuribito)
映画「おくりびと」

3:30pm Omairi / お参り Hondo / 本堂

Sunday, September 14 / 9月14日(日)

Speaker: Rev. Koho Takataご講師: 高田興芳開教使

9:30am Japanese Class / 日本語

10am Higan service / お彼岸法要、英語法話

11am Study class / スタディクラス

12noon Otoki served by ABA

Monthly Memorial Service SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 7, 2014 10:00am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED’S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Harada, James	Father	Harada, Tom
Hayamizu, Sumiko	Husband	Hayamizu, Robert T.
Ito Family	Mother	Ito, Toshiye
Kitayama, Glen	Mother	Kitayama, Kimiko Esther
Kitayama, Glen	Grandmother	Kitayama, Kimiko
Kitayama, Glen	Grandmother	Nakagawa, Ritzu
Kishi, Mabel	Father	Ota, Shigetaro
Kok, Richard	Father	Kok, Yoke Chuan
Kodani, Masao	Wife	Kodani, Shirley
Kodani, Richard	Father	Kodani, Fred
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandmother	Wada, Tamae
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandmother	Yamada, Tsugi
Matsuda, Misao	Husband	Matsuda, Miyoshi
Matsumoto, Hisako	Husband	Matsumoto, Tsutomu
Miyata, Satoshi	Mother	Miyata, Taka
Murakami, Yomiko	Son	Murakami, Raymond
Nakamura, Bob	Father	Nakamura, Harukichi
Nakawatase, Helen	Sister	Hosaka, Lew, Anna
Ogawa, Jerry	Father	Ogawa, Kikuo
Rooks, Curtis	Mother	Rooks, Kikuyo
Rooks, Mariko	Grandmother	Rooks, Kikuyo
Sawada, Nell	Mother	Oshita, Umeko
Shimabukuro, Shigeichi	Mother	Shimabukuro, Yoshiko
Shimohara, Ellen	Father-in-law	Shimohara, Henry
Shirasago, Sally	Husband	Shirasago, George
Sugano, Leo	Grandmother	Kanazawa, Fude
Takashima, Wilbur	Great Grandmother	Takashima, Haru
Takemoto, Chiyoko	Brother	Fujiura, Henry
Tanaka, Nobuko	Father	Sugimoto, Seitaro
Tanaka, Nobuko	Son	Tanaka, Harumitsu
Tanezaki, Barbara	Father	Kakita, Bene
Terrell, Jackie	Father-in-law	Fukumoto, Katsumi
Tsunoda, Satsuko	Father-in-law	Tsunoda, Yaichi
Unno Family		Unno, Rev. Enryo
Uyemura, Koichi	Father	Uyemura, Tamio
Wakinaka, Asa and Bernice	Son	Wakinaka, Lester
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Husband	Yoneda, Kazuo

Addendum to July Shotsuki List

Ito, Maryann	Father	Ito, Tokuo
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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.

7/5/2014	Rick Ken Taketomo Kubota Nikkei Mortuary Neil & JoAnn Komai	Donation Obon Donation Nokotsudo
7/13/2014	Saishin Dojo Saishin Dojo Chikako Kojima Misao Matsuda Marty & Kathie Umemoto Nancy Leibowitz Tak & Betty Yamashita Kathy Ikari Deborah & John Hiramoto Bessie Tanaka Jean Minami Dennis & Marilyn Miyamoto Neil & JoAnn Komai Cathy Iyemura Satoshi Miyata Kay Fukuhara Isamu & Henry Matsumura Hideko Noriyuki	Orei Lunchtime supervision Orei 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 1st year memorial, Noreen Kojima 13th year service
7/20/2014	Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi	Nokotsudo
7/28/2014	Sumiye Okita Sachiko Murata Miki Fujimoto & Mariko Rooks	Memorial Service Orei, July Howakai In memory of Bobby Hearn

July & August 2014 Flower Donations

Ted and Tomi Akahori Sumiko Hiramoto Chikako Kojima Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi Mr. & Mrs. Hidehiro Matsukawa Bill & Mieko Oyama	Yo Takeuchi Arlene Yamada Yokoyama Anonymous Ted & Tomi Akahori Kiyome Hirayama Isomoto Family Isamu Matsumura	Jean Minami Nell Sawada Nobuko Tanaka Barbara Tanezaki Tak & Betty Yamashita
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2014 Hatsubon Donations

DONOR	DECEASED
Carolyn & David Calica Mr. & Mrs. Ken Nishi Isamu & Henry Matsumura F. Toni Yamada and Fumiye Yamada & Family	Chitose Nishi Chitose Nishi Yurie Uesugi Suyenori Yamada Tommy Tamaki Toshiko Yoshida David Fujikawa Kay Komai Kay Komai John Tomita John Tomita John Tomita Mary Gleeson & Paige Kiyoko Gleeson Sachi Fujikawa & David Fujikawa
James Takahashi & Josyel Castellon Yumi Saiki Donna Fujikawa Jack & Karen Komai Margolis Daniel J.A. Margolis Misao Tomita Kiyoko Yoneda Matsuko Uyeno D.J. Gleeson & L.T. Kanda Karie & Michael Matsuda Diane & Larry Jung Mary Mariko Roath Masao & Yoneko Okayama Kimiyo Kunitake Helen & Ray Kato Masao & Martha Kuwaki Bert & Dorothy Higa Mr. & Mrs. Mamoru Kando Elaine Takahashi & Gedun Phuntshog Shigeichi Shimabukuro Keith Shimabukuro Marilyn & Gilbert Leong Alfred & Doris Shigaki Susan & Edmond Young Elaine S. Higa Barbara Tanezaki & Family Chris Komai & Qris Yamashita Neil & JoAnn Komai Chikako Kojima Mutsuo & Yukie Ushirogata Dorothy Yoshihata Harry Sawada Harry & Nell Sawada Christy Wada Crabtree Sandra Wada Dennis & Shoko Tsujimoto Minako Nishihira Mary Nagano Family James Harada	Masako Wada Masako Wada Masako Wada Masako Wada Masako Wada Masako Wada Masako Wada Masako Wada Masako Wada Masako Wada Mary Gleeson Tom Tamaki Fumie Shimabukuro Fumie Shimabukuro Fumie Shimabukuro Fumie Shimabukuro Fumie Shimabukuro Takashi Tanezaki Kay Komai Kay Komai Noreen Kojima Yuzo Fuchiaki Sam Matsumura’s sister Fumie Shimabukuro Noreen Kojima Masako Wada Masako Wada Masako Wada

Senshin-ji Vehicle Donation Fund

This is a reminder that Senshin Buddhist Temple has a vehicle donation program that benefits the Senshin-ji Building Fund. Here is a brief description of the program:

This program makes it very easy and convenient for any member or friend of Senshin to dispose of a vehicle for which they no longer have any use. “Vehicle” refers to automobiles, pickups, trucks, motorcycles and boats.

We work with a company named “Harold’s Car Donation Service” (HCDS). The owner, Harold Beach, will arrange to pick up any donated vehicle from the donor’s location of choice (home, office or other). The vehicle does not have to be in running condition. It will be picked up by a tow truck if it cannot be safely driven from the pick-up location. After the vehicle is received by HCDS, it is evaluated, and if it is in running condition, the vehicle is detailed to prepare it for the auction block. Once sold, and after the auction preparation expenses are deducted, the proceeds are split 50/50 between Senshin and HCDS.

Even if the vehicle is not running and may be in poor condition, HCDS will take it to a salvage company, and the salvage proceeds will again be split 50/50.

Once the proceeds from the vehicle donation are received by Senshin, a letter is sent to the donor to acknowledge the vehicle donation. The letter includes details of the donated vehicle and the amount for which the vehicle was sold or salvaged. That entire amount (before the 50/50 split) can be claimed by the donor as a contribution to Senshin for tax deduction purposes. All donors will be acknowledged in the *Prajna*.

If you have any questions about the program, or wish to donate a vehicle, please contact either Jean Minami (323) 938-0048 or Wilbur Takashima (310) 398-9558.

Senshin-ji Building Fund

We have just about worked out the final details of the improvements to the kitchen, flooring and HVAC systems. We hope that by the end of September, we will be able to have a full set of design plans that can be submitted to the Building & Safety Department (and other agencies) for their initial reviews and plan checks.

It is likely that we will have a combination of natural cooling/ventilation and a lighter service HVAC system for the main hall. It was determined that the kitchen’s cooling needs are currently met with the existing wall air conditioning unit, but that a replacement unit might be more energy efficient and effective. We will have the option to install a make-up air and exhaust system in the kitchen if we find that we would want to further enhance the capabilities of the wall A/C unit. Heating should not be a problem in the kitchen.

As mentioned previously, we will attempt to strike a reasonable balance in addressing HVAC issues.

We have also resolved the plumbing concerns for the new restrooms and for the kitchen. Although we still need to settle upon specific plumbing hardware in both areas, the major issues have been addressed.

If any other major changes are made to the designs, we shall keep you informed. Based upon the current

projections, the work on the Social Hall will likely begin in mid-October. Even so, we have already begun preparations for the remodeling by removing (via rummage sale or trash bin) a number of items from the kitchen and storage rooms. We will be accelerating such removals within the next month because the storage rooms have to be completely emptied prior to the beginning of demolition work.

As has been announced at our services, the remodeling work is going to create a major disruption to our normal temple activities that involve the kitchen and hall. *Otoki* activities of major services and funerals will be very difficult, if not impossible, to hold. Our annual *Mochitsuki* may also be cancelled, as well as our October “Day of the Gaki” activity. We will attempt to update issues as soon as we learn of them.

The temple’s Board of Directors very much appreciates the many generous donations that have been received during the past two months. The Board members will be very grateful for any contributions that you are able to provide to the Senshin-ji Building Fund.

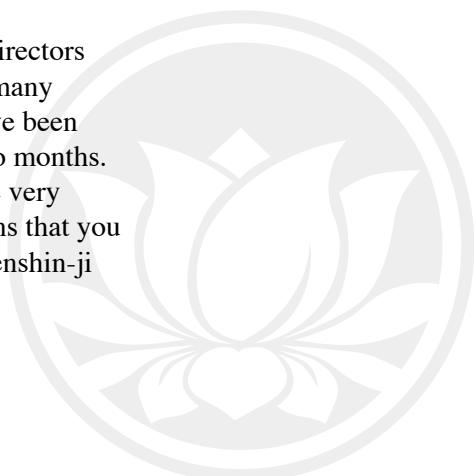
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Wilbur Takashima

DONATION RECEIVED IN JULY:

Hirayama, Kiyome
Inatomi, Lily
Kamikawa, Emi
Kojima, Chikako*
Matsubara, Dale & Tammy
Murakami, Eugene & Elaine
Nishikawa, Edith
Ogawa, Jerry
Ogawa, Craig**
Ogawa, Jerry**
Ogawa, Susan**
Shimabukuro, Shigeichi
Yamano, Patty**
Yamashita, Tak & Betty
Yanagita, Michael

* In memory of Noreen Kojima, from family & friends

** In memory of parents, Kikuo & Kaoru Kay Ogawa



Senshin-ji Building Fund

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Name(s)		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	
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.



B W A

Hope you enjoyed the Summer Harvest!

Thank you to all who came out to help with the *Kangi-e Chirashi Otoki*.

BWA gratefully acknowledges the following Dana:

Kiyome Hirayama, *in memory of mother Koima Saneto*
Senshin Jr. YBA, *orei for Seminar 3*
Saishin Dojo, *orei for BWA help at Saishin Dojo*

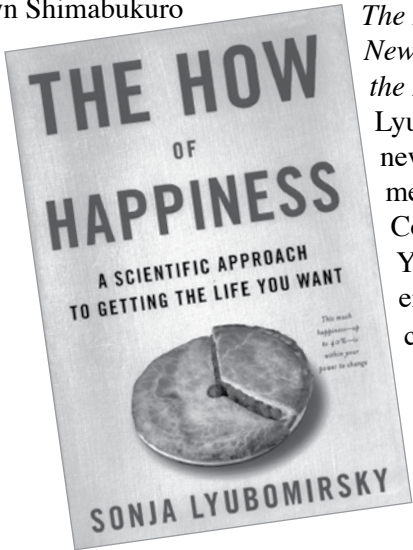
Next meeting: September 7, 2014

A B A

The ABA’s would like to thank everyone who contributed to and helped out at the Rummage Sale on August 2nd. It was another successful event! The proceeds will help the students at Weemes Elementary School. In September, ABA will be serving *otoki* for the fall Higan. We would like to acknowledge the *dana* from the Senshin Jr. YBA.

Jr. Y B A

Anyone interested in joining Jr. YBA, please contact Marilyn Shimabukuro at (818) 248-4720 or Lana Wiemer at (323) 936-8701.



Facilities

The watering timer on the south side of the Hondo stopped working. Yanase Landscaping replaced the timer along with two watering valves, pcv tubing and sprinkler heads on the south side of the *Hondo* between the *Hondo* and walkway. In the men’s restroom one toilet valve was leaking, so Satoh Bros. referred us to Curtis Watanabe who repaired the leak. Save that water! Also, we have been advised that the cherry trees at Senshin have been infected by bark beetles, so enjoy those precious trees while you can. If you notice something broken, not working correctly or missing, please tell Rev. Furumoto or leave a note in the office. Continuing thanks to the mysterious ButsuButsuKai!

During the summer heat, Kooler AC repaired the air-conditioning unit in the Library and the AC water leak in the Study Classroom.

Book Group

Our next Book Group meeting is September 28th. We will be reading, *The How of Happiness: A New Approach to Getting the Life You Want* by Sonja Lyubomirsky. New titles, new authors and new members are welcome. Contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email n7willow@gmail.com.

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Make Keiro Kai a Successful Family Event

Our **Keiro Kai & Family Fun Day** is coming up soon on Sunday, October 5th at Senshin. On that day, we honor all our temple members 80 years and older, and we also raise some funds for the temple.

We need your help to make the event successful:

1. Senshin Members 80 years and older, be sure to sign up as soon as possible by completing the enclosed form.
2. Senshin members and friends, sign-up too.
3. Join our planning committee and help us put the event together.
4. Contribute a gift basket for our Silent Auction. Individuals can donate items for a gift basket to be sold at the event as part of our fund-raising. Baskets will be provided.
5. Contribute an item for our Live Auction. For the Live Auction we look for one-of-a-kind things like, “Lunch prepared by Rev. Mas & Friends,” jewelry, time-share stay, golf foursome, 4 tickets to a museum with lunch.

Questions? For more information, contact Chris Aihara, aihara.chris@gmail.com or call (213) 247-6931

Updates

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Senshin Temple Picture Directory: Scheduling Appointments

After reviewing schedules, it was decided to move the picture-taking appointments to September. Based on the current temple membership roster, all temple members will receive a correspondence or personal phone call from one of the Committee members for your family, or individual, appointment and to answer your questions. If you have not received a call, by September 1st, please call anyone on our committee to make an appointment. We have the following weekends and weekdays during the hours of 10am to 2pm for your appointments:
Sunday 9/7; Thursday 9/11;
Friday 9/12; Monday 9/15 ;
Saturday 9/27.

Alan Miyatake is offering in-studio dates at his San Gabriel studio for those who need to make special dates before or after September. Again, the prices will remain at the 2008 level, with a nominal sitting fee of \$20 which includes one copy of the directory. Portrait packages will also be available to be selected at your appointment.

We are setting aside Sunday, October 19th after study class, for organization photos: Temple Board, ABA, BWA, Dharma School, Jr YBA, Kinnara, Book Club, and Maintenance Committee.
Directory Committee members are
Jean Minami (323) 938-0048
Satoshi Miyata (310) 324-7971
Suzanne Toji (310) 478-1731
Kiyome Hirayama (213) 625-1938
John Hiramoto (714) 746-7788
Debbie Hiramoto (626) 232-4736.

Where is Furumoto Sensei?

Sensei was traveling in India and Japan, from late July thru mid-August. He emailed us some photos from a few of his stops. Next month's *Prajna* will include reflections of his trip.



Vulture's Peak near Rajgir



Train ride from Gaya to Varanasi

Special Report / Reminder: *Mottainai*

***Mottainai* – to not be wasteful.**

A Japanese and Japanese American value derived from the Buddhist principle that acknowledges all things exist in a state of mutual interdependence and in realizing this, one should live with a sense of gratitude and responsibility.

...A Buddhist term meaning “accordance with the non-self-existing nature of things.” A fundamental tenet of Buddhism is that there is no self-existing thing but rather that all things are the result of various causes and conditions and exist in a state of mutual interdependence. To realize this is to have a deep sense of gratitude and connectedness to all sentient beings and a sense of responsibility for each other.

In observing nature, nothing is seen to be wasted, but rather everything is seen to be recycled. This is the essential way of things. Not to be in accord with this essential way of things is not to see the non-self-existing nature of all things, it is *mottainai*, i.e. wasteful. This view has socially resulted in a strong reluctance to throw away things, from ribbons and wrapping paper to saving the three leftover peas to be used in the next days meal. Why? Because it is not in accordance with the essential nature of things. It is *Mottainai*.

KODANI, MASAO
Cocktails, Senshin Buddhist Temple,
1992

洗心仏教会

2014年9月

8月感謝録:

寄附: 竹本リックケン、 故ハーンズボビー
藤本ミッキ/マリコルックス
追悼
沖田すみえ
お盆寄附: 久保田日系葬儀 故小島ノリーン 1 回忌
小島ちかこ、松田みさお、猪狩キャシ
梅本マーティ/キャシ、リボイッ
ナンシ
お礼: 西心道場、村田さちこ (7 月法話会)
山下タック/ペティ、平本デボラ/ジョン
納骨堂: 駒井ニール/ジョアン
田中ベッシ、南ジーン、家村キャシ
松林和夫/郁子 宮本デニス/マリリン、松村勇/ヘンリ
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9月日程:

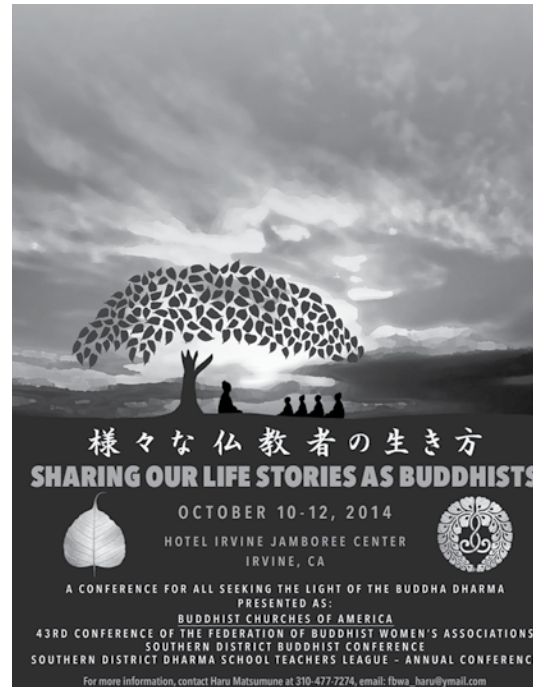
4日(木)	午後7時半	理事会	
7日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要	
	午前10時	祥月法要	古本竜太開教使
	午前11時	英語勉強会	
		日曜学校	
		婦人会例会	
12日(日)	午後6時	南カリフォルニア地区仏教会会議	
		於: 洗心寺	
13日(土)	午前9時半—4時	秋のお彼岸セミナー	
		講師: 高田興芳開教使、西本願寺別院	
		見義信香開教使、ウエストコビナ	
		仏教会	
14日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要	
	午前10時	お彼岸法要	高田興芳開教使
	午前11時	英語勉強会	
	正午	おとし	ABA
21日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要	
	午前10時	家族礼拝	小谷政雄名誉開教使
	午前11時	英語勉強会	
		日曜学校	
27日(土)		USC/Oregon St.フットボール、	
		駐車ファンドレイジング	
28日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要	
	午前10時	家族礼拝	古本竜太開教使
	午前11時	英語勉強会	

供花: 赤堀テッド/とみ、竹内よしこ、平本すみこ、南ジーン、小島ちかこ、
松林和夫/郁子、松川ひでひろ夫妻、小山ビル/みえこ、横山アリ
ーンやまだ、平山きよめ、磯元一家、松村勇、沢田ネル、田中のぶ
こ、種崎バーバラ、山下タック/ペティ、匿名

内陣活花当番: 6日:M.宮本/C.小島、12日:K.松川/Y.後潟、20日:K.石塚/B.
中村、27日:J.入江/S.東司

本堂当番: W.高島、I.高島、G.磯元、J.磯元

古本開教使が来られて1年経ちました。日本語のお話も、掛け軸メッセ
ージも勉強になります。いつもありがとうございます。



43rd Conference of the Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Southern District Buddhist Conference

If you are interested in attending,
please contact James Okazaki for more
information.

Email: jokazaki@sbcglobal.net

MESSAGE

Succession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition

Today, according to my predecessor, Sokunyo *Monshu*'s wishes, I was inaugurated into the posts of Hongwanji *jushoku*, resident priest and *Monshu* of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha institution.

On this occasion, I would like to extend my deep gratitude to him for his many years of nurturing and guidance. At the same time, I acknowledge the monumental responsibility of succeeding the Jodo Shinshu tradition and am resolute in carrying out my duties to the best of my ability.

The teaching on how we are saved by Amida Tathagata's Primal Vow was set forth by Sakyamuni Buddha, and it was transmitted by the seven Pure Land masters to Shinran Shonin, who clarified it into the Dharma of Jodo Shinshu. That tradition has been passed down to us through the efforts of successive *Monshu* of Hongwanji, fellow Jodo Shinshu followers, and many people who have supported their work until today. In inheriting this illustrious tradition, I will exert every effort to convey the Dharma of Jodo Shinshu to the future.

Looking back on the past, there were occasions during which the Hongwanji institution addressed some issues in ways that contradicted the Jodo Shinshu teaching, sometimes by not questioning or doubting some common practices that were accepted in the society during a certain era, and sometimes by having to make harsh decisions in order to enable the Hongwanji to survive. Learning from such history, we must constantly keep a careful eye on social conditions and ourselves so that we will never again indiscriminately accept common, popular behavior and tendencies of a particular time nor return to the kind of society that would compel us to make painfully bitter decisions again.

In reflecting on the present circumstances of our organization, it is significantly important to consider how we can approach and reach out to persons who have never had any contact with a Buddhist temple, as well as those who are already involved with one. The *nembutsu* teaching that is based on Amida Buddha's Primal Vow remains unchanged, regardless of the changing times and society. However, the methods for transmitting and sharing it needs to evolve and adapt according to social changes. Now is the time for our Hongwanji institution to utilize our collective wisdom and knowledge for considering approaches to convey the Buddha Dharma to our contemporaries today.

There are also other numerous issues and problems that we must deal with, such as "What is the most appropriate and effective manner we can offer support to the many victims and disaster-stricken locations of the East Japan Great Earthquake to facilitate their recovery?"

Let us always keep in mind the venerable words, *jishin kyo ninshin*, "secure our own entrusting heart to the Dharma, guiding others to the same path" as we cope with the various problems and hardships of the contemporary world, walking together towards realizing a society in which everyone is equally respected.

June 6, 2014

SHAKU SENNYO
OHTANI KOJUN

Monshu, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



Keiro Kai & Family Fun Day

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Senshin Buddhist Temple

We are honoring our senior temple members, 80 years and older, and we've planned an afternoon of food and fun activities for the family.

Honorees: FREE

Adults: \$20

Children: \$10
(11 years and under)



Schedule of Activities

10:00a Omairi/Service
Keiro Kai Honorees will be recognized at the service

11:30a Reception

12noon Lunch

12:30p Program

This event is a mini-fundraiser for Senshin Buddhist Temple.

Keiro Kai Honorees Registration Form:

Honoree Name:	Honoree Name:
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:
Birthdate:	Birthdate:

I (we) want to attend **Keiro Kai & Family Fun Day**

Name(s)	Phone/email	Adult or Child	\$20 or \$10
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Total Amount Enclosed

Please return form along with your check made payable to **Senshin Buddhist Temple**

Write **Attention: Keiro Kai** on the envelope

Mail to: **Senshin Buddhist Temple**, 1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Or deposit in **Keiro Kai** mail slot in the Temple Office

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Ohigan Seminar
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> 11a Study Class / Dharma School <i>BWA Reikai</i> (following Study Class)		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko	6p SD/BCA Coordination Council Mtg	9:30a Ohigan Seminar <i>Guest speakers:</i> Rev. Koho Takata, Nishi Hongwanji Betsuin Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi, West Covina Buddhist Temple
14 Ohigan Service	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Ohigan Service: Rev. Koho Takata, Nishi Hongwanji Betsuin 11a Study Class / Kids Club 12noon <i>Otoki</i> served by ABA		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Fundraiser
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service: Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus 11a Study Class / Dharma School		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		Fundraiser: USC Parking (USC/Oregon State)
28	29	30				
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Club		9:30a Exercise Class				

SEPTEMBER TOBAN:

Sunday Service A B A

Hondo Toban Wilbur Takashima, Iris
Takashima, Glen Isomoto, Joyce Isomoto

September Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

Sept 6 Marilyn Miyamoto, Chikako Kojima

Sept 12 Kimiko Matsukawa, Yukie Ushirogata

Sept 20 Karen Ishizuka, Bob Nakamura

Sept 27 Joji Iriye, Suzanne Toji

Upcoming in October:

Oct 5 Keiro Kai

Oct 19 Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko,
BWA Memorial Service

All classes subject to change without notice.

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