

Praina

On July 25, thirteen temple members and I visited Japan. Six high school students, two college students, one middle school student, chaperones and I began our ten-day trip to Japan. The main purpose of this trip was to introduce and expose our Jr. YBA members to the Japan where Jodo Shinshu had its beginning. We visited temples every day.

Every morning, we attended morning services, chanted *Shoshinge* with other attendees at the Hongwanji in Kyoto and Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo. We visited twenty-two temples and shrines in Kyoto, Nara, Tokyo, and Hiroshima. We saw a variety



20,000 Steps, 9 Miles a Day



of statues of Buddha, Bodhisattvas and deities. Some were as tall as fifty feet high or as small as five inches, some standing and some sitting, some outside and some inside of the temple. Some were National Treasures and some were sold at shops. We visited temples to see the statues but we also had *zazen* sessions

and sang with temple nursery school students at the temples. We passed by a lot of temples. It is said that the number of the temples in Kyoto is greater than the number of convenience stores, so consciously and unconsciously, the Jr. YBA kids were soaked in the Buddhist atmosphere of Japan.

Not only did we visit temples, we went to a Japanese professional baseball game, saw *hanabi* (fireworks), sang *karaoke*, and ate many tasty food. They enjoyed the safe environment of Japan. On the second night of the trip, we had dinner at a restaurant in the Kyoto station after which I told the Jrs. to go back to their hotel at Hongwan-ji by themselves. It was around 9 p.m. so they looked a little uneasy, but, unlike L.A., Japan is very safe and once they understood the safeness of the night in Japan, they voluntarily went back to the hotel without chaperones. They enjoyed convenience store hopping, from Lawson to Seven Eleven, buying sodas and ice creams.

The Jrs. learned a lot from this trip. One thing they learned is how fast I walk. We walked a lot, about 20,000 steps, 8 to 10 miles per day, visiting temples and other sites. Some days when our schedule was tight, we had to walk fast and sometimes run from one platform to another to catch a train. Trains in Japan come on time and leave on time. The Jrs. are young enough to catch up with me, but sometimes I had to look back to make sure everyone was following me. Then I remembered a famous statue of Amida Buddha in Kyoto. The statue is called Mikaeri Amida, which means “look-

ing back Amida Buddha.” This statue is enshrined in Eikan-do which is a Jodo Shu temple in the eastern part of Kyoto. The face of the statue cannot be seen from the front because the face is looking back. According to temple history, when a monk, Eikan, did a walking *Nembutsu* meditation, Amida Buddha’s statue stepped down from the



altar and led Eikan to walk. Then Amida Buddha looked back and said “Hurry, are you following me?” In order to remember this, the statue was carved and enshrined in the temple. When I looked back as we walked the streets of Kyoto, I did not think “Hurry,” I just counted to make sure everyone was coming with me. I took the Jrs. to the Eikan-do to see this statue so they may associate the statue with me.

On another day, we visited Nara where we saw another rare statue of Amida Buddha. It is enshrined in Shunjo-do temple in Todai-ji temple. This Amida Buddha is a standing statue with a nail through the left foot. It is said that Shinran Shonin stayed

in this temple, where he studied at Todai-ji for certain period when he was very young. According to a minister of this Shunjo-do, “Shinran Shonin was so handsome like me, so when Shinran Shonin finished his study and on the day he returned to Hieizan, Amida Buddha’s statue did not want Shinran Shonin to leave.” If Shinran Shonin

left the temple, Amida Buddha’s statue would also leave the temple to follow Shinran Shonin. Therefore, a monk drove a nail on the left foot of the statue. This statue is called *Kugiuchi no Amida* which means driven nail Amida Buddha. When I saw the statue and heard the story, I thought the Jrs. may also want to drive a nail on my foot so that I could not walk so fast.

On this trip, we saw many statues of Amida Buddha. The Jrs. may wonder “why are there so many different statues of the same Buddha?” and why are there

so many fancy stories related to the statues. And for now, that is OK. In the future, as they continue listening to the teaching, they will appreciate the stories and their hidden meanings. Amida Buddha is trying to reach us by using various ways and various forms. This trip was very meaningful to reach a deeper understanding of Jodo Shinshu. I appreciate the financial support from the temple to the Jr YBA members for this trip. I believe the Jrs. will support the temple in the future and give support to the future Jr. YBA members.

Namoamidabutsu
REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

Jr.YBAとの旅

7月25日から8月3日の10日間、お寺のメンバー13名と日本旅行に行ってきました。この旅行は主にJr.YBAの仏教教育目的で、Jr.YBAの6名と、大学生2名、中学生1名と付き添いの大人4名のグループでした。Jr.YBAたちは毎朝本願寺の朝の法要に出て正信偈を

となえまし、合計22ヶ寺を訪れて日本仏教の歴史と雰囲気学びました。親鸞聖人ゆかりの比叡山、青蓮院、六角堂をはじめ、奈良の東大寺など歴史ある寺院、座禅会への参加、幼稚園のある寺院で園児と交流するなど、毎日さまざまなお寺にお参りしました。それ以外にも、新幹線の車窓からや街中を移動中にかなりの数のお寺をいたるところで見たので、Jr.YBAたちは、仏教がいたるところに浸透している日本の雰囲気から、多くを感じ取ったことだと思います。

寺院の他には、プロ野球の観戦、花火大会、カラオケに行くなどして、アメリカとは異なる文化をとてんこ盛りにしていました。また、夜に高校生たちだけで街を歩けることも驚いていたようです。旅の二日目に、京都駅から宿泊先の本願寺、聞法会館に高校生たちだけで帰らせるようにしました。食事後、夜9時頃だったのですが、最初、異国の地で、日本語も話せず、女の子2名を含めた6名で、夜に歩いて帰ることに不安なようでしたが、帰る途中、なんの危険にもあわず、他にも歩いている人がいて、ロサンゼルスとの違いに驚いていました。日本はとても安全なところだとわかってからというもの、次の日からは、夜お腹が減ったら、自分たちだけでローソンやセブンイレブンなどのコンビニエンスストアに行って、アイスクリームやソーダなどを買うのを楽しんでいました。

今回の旅では、よく歩きました。1日に平均で2万歩、約8から10マイルくらい歩いたり走ったりしました。ある日は電車の乗り換えが分刻みだったので、プラットホームからプラットホームを走って電車に乗り込みましたし、バスの集合時間に間に合うように

競歩に近いスピードで移動したこともあり、私は特に歩くのが速いので、Jr.YBAたちも私に追いつくよう、小走りになることもありましたが、徐々に慣れていったようです。それでも、徒歩で移動中は何度も振り返り、皆がついてきているか確認しました。

何度も振り返るうちに、京都の永観堂の見返り阿弥陀を思い出しました。



この浄土宗の寺院のご本尊の阿弥陀様のお顔は、前をむいておらず、振り返って後ろを向いておられるのです。11世紀の僧侶、永観がお堂で歩行しながら念仏行をしていた時、ご本尊の阿弥陀さまが仏壇から降りてきて、永観の前を歩き導いたそうです。そして阿弥陀さまが振り返り、「永観、遅し」と励まされたという言い伝えから、このユニークな阿弥陀さまの仏像がつくられました。Jr.YBAたちを永観堂につれていき、見返りの阿弥陀さまをみせたので、振り返っておられる阿弥陀さまと京都の小道で振り返っているわたしを重ね合わせたかもしれません。

この旅では他にもめずらしい阿弥陀さまの像を拝観することができました。奈良の東大寺にある、俊乗堂では釘打ちの阿弥陀像というのが安置されています。親鸞聖人がお若い時に東大

寺に勉強に来られ、このお堂に滞在されたそうです。仏像の説明をしてくださった僧侶によると、「聖人が勉強を終えられて、比叡山へ帰られるという時、聖人は私のようにハンサムだったので、阿弥陀仏像が聖人にお堂を去ってほしくなかった。もし聖人が去ってしまうと、阿弥陀さまも後を追って、お堂を去ってしまうおそれがあるの

で、ある僧侶が阿弥陀さまの左足に釘を打って、歩けないようにされた。」と言われます。そのお話を聞いて、私はJr.YBAも、私が速く歩けないように私の足に釘を打ちたいのではないかと邪推してしまいました。

他にもアフロボツダと呼称される五劫思惟阿弥陀像など、いろいろな阿弥陀さまのお像を拝観、お参りしました。Jr.YBAたちは、なぜこんなにさまざまな種類の阿弥陀像があり、現実味の無いようなエピソードが言い伝えられているのかと、混乱したかもしれませ

ん。けれども、今はそれでいいと思います。今後、聞法を続けていけば、いろんなお話やいろんな姿の阿弥陀像があることを受け入れ、理解し、阿弥陀さまはいろいろな手立てやお姿で私たちにそのおはたらきを知らせてくださっているのだと、味わっていくことになるでしょう。そして、この旅行をご縁としてJr.YBAたちは、浄土真宗の教えに関心を持ち続け、近い将来、お寺を活発にサポートしていく人材になっていくことだと、期待しています。

この旅行はJr.YBAたちにとってたいへん有意義な旅でした。この旅行のために寄付をしてくださった方々、高校生たちにスカラシップをくださったお寺に感謝します。

南無阿弥陀仏
南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial Service SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 4, 2016 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 and Tomi	Brother-in-law	Miyazaki, Dr. Fred
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, Keith	Grandmother	Oshita, Umeko
Shimabukuro, Shigeichi	Mother	Shimabukuro, Yoshiko
Shimohara, Ellen	Father-in-law	Shimohara, Henry
Shirasago, Gary and Dale	Brother	Shirasago, Glenn
Shirasago, Gary and Dale	Father	Shirasago, George
Takashima, Iris	Father	Jinde, Seichi
Takashima, Wilbur	Great Grandmother	Takashima, Haru
Tanaka, Nobuko	Father	Sugimoto, Seitaro
Tanaka, Nobuko	Son	Tanaka, Harumitsu
Tanezaki, Barbara	Father	Kakita, Bene
Terrell, Jackie	Father-in-law	Fukumoto, Katsumi
Unno Family		Unno, Rev. Enryo
Uyemura, Koichi	Father	Uyemura, Tamio
Wakinaka, Asa and Bernice	Son	Wakinaka, Lester
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Husband	Yoneda, Kazuo

Senshin Fall Ohigan

Our **Fall Ohigan (equinox) Seminar** will take place on **Saturday September 17, from 9:30a.** The guest speaker will be Rev. Tetsuo Unno and Rev. Dr. Mark Unno.Both Rev. Unnos will lecture on **“The Essence of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.”**

The Ohigan Service will take place on **Sunday September 18.** Please come with your family members and friends. 案内 9 月 1 7 日（土）にお彼岸セミナーを行います。セミナーのご講師は海野徹雄師と海野マーク師す。講題は「浄土真宗でもっとも大切な教え」です。翌 1 8 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。

Fall Ohigan Seminar, Saturday 9/17

Speakers: Rev. Tetsuo Unno & Rev. Dr. Mark Unno (Japanese/English)

9:30a: Gathering 集合
9:40a Opening Service 開会のお勤め
10a: Lecture 1 講義 1
10:50a: Break 休憩
11am: Lecture 2 講義 2
12noon: Lunch* 昼食
1p: Q and A 質疑応答
2:30p: Closing Service 閉会のお勤め

* PREORDERED OBENTO LUNCHES (\$6.00) WILL BE SERVED. FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO ORDER OBENTO, PLEASE CALL JOANN KOMAI AT 626 484 8806 OR THE TEMPLE OFFICE 323 731 4617 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 11. 昼食のお弁当の申し込みをお寺に電話するようお願いします)

Fall Ohigan Service, Sunday 9/18

Guest speakers: Rev. Tetsuo Unno & Rev. Dr. Mark Unno

9:30a: Japanese Study Class
10:00a: Ohigan Service
11:00a: Study Class / Dharma School
12noon: Otoki

MEMBERSHIP



SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Senshin membership dues for 2016, together with fundraising activities and donations throughout the year, generate the funds that enable us to enjoy Senshin temple program activities and services (including a full-time minister), as well as maintain the temple grounds. The 2016 Senshin dues include the BCA assessment paid for each Senshin temple member.

Please return the form with your payment, so we can keep our information updated. If you have any questions or wish to make special payment arrangements, please feel free to leave a message for Kathy Ikari at Senshin (323) 731-4617 or senshintemple@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continuing support and participation in making Senshin a very special place. We look forward to seeing you at Temple.

Name	Birthdate*		
Name	Birthdate*		
* Required if claiming Senior Membership Category			
Address	City	State	Zip
☎ Phone	Email		

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

☐ Couple/Family (includes children up to 18 years of age): **\$395**

☐ Individual: **\$205**

☐ Senior (80 years+ without BCA membership): Complimentary**

☐ Senior (80 years+ with BCA membership): **\$115****

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

**For couples, if there is only one qualifying senior, the non-qualifying spouse is asked to pay for an Individual membership.

Please make checks payable to: **Senshin Buddhist Temple**

Send/bring to: 1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, California 90007



JULY 2016 DONATION

7/2/2016	Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey	Special
	Richard, Helen Nakawatase & Family	Memorial service, Suekichi & Toku Nakawatase
	Dale & Tammy Matsubara	Memorial service, Suekichi & Toku Nakawatase
	Betty Nakawatase, Ron Nakawatase, Jerry & Rose Nakawatase, Mike & Vicki Shimaji, Pam Nanson	Memorial service, Suekichi & Toku Nakawatase
	Roy & Terry Nakawatase	Memorial service, Suekichi & Toku Nakawatase
	Kubota Nikkei Mortuary	Obon Donation
	Norman Sugano	Donation in memory of Sue Sugano
	Jean Minami	In honor of Karen Ishizuka and Robert Nakamura
	Phylis Nakagawa	25th cycle, H.Haratani, Obon
	Marilyn Tang	Special
7/10/2016	Lynn Takemoto	Special
	Chikako Kojima	Nokotsudo
7/13/2016	Patrick & Midori Williams	Nokotsudo, in memory of Ben & Chiyo Takemoto
7/17/2016	Saishin Dojo	Orei
	Saishin Dojo	Lunchtime Assistance
	Mae Shimada & family, Paula & Gary Shirasago, Yosh & Lil Miyagashima & family, John & Wendy Mori, Karen Shimada & Michael, Linda & Tony Anothy	3rd memorial, Saburo Shimada
	Gary & Paula Shirasago	3rd memorial, Saburo Shimada
	Todd Shirasago	3rd memorial, Saburo Shimada
	Satsuki Shimada	3rd memorial, Saburo Shimada
	John & Wendy Mori	3rd memorial, Saburo Shimada
	David Gleeson & Lynn Kanda	In memory of Mamoru Kanda
	Kiyoko Kanda	In memory of Mamoru Kanda
	Paiton Kanda Gleeson	In memory of Mamoru Kanda
	Montgomery Kanda Gleeson	In memory of Mamoru Kanda
	Emery Kanda Gleeson	In memory of Mamoru Kanda
	James & Patricia Kanda	In memory of Mamoru Kanda
	Lori Kelly	In memory of Mamoru Kanda
7/24/2016	Karen Ishizuka	Bob's 80th B'day, Karen's PhD
	Miwa Hashimoto	Nokotsudo
	Kazuo Matsubayashi	Nokotsudo

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.



	Kathy & Dean Watanabe	Special
	Nick Nagatani	In memory of John & Diane Nagatani
	Satoshi Miyata	In memory of Sue Miyata
7/31/2016	Chochin Fund	Donation
	Anonymous	Special
	Lillian Kuwata	In memory Kogiku Kuwata, Chizuko Yamada
	Marion Stewart	In memory of Thelma Tokiko Yamada
	Anonymous	In memory of Julia T Nagano
	Barbara Tanezaki	In honor of Karen Ishizuka and Robert Nakamura
	Randall Onishi	Special
	Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey	Special

JULY BUILDING FUND DONATIONS

Miki Fujimoto*	Frank & Judy Nakatani*
Catherine Hisamune	Scott Nishisaka*
Margaret Kishaba*	Tom Okabe*
Gerald & Jane Kitano	Yoshiko Takeuchi
Lillian Yuriko Kuwata	Kathy Yamashita*
Michiko Masada	Ken Yoshihata*
Eugene & Elaine Murakami	* Procees from vehicle donation
Norman Nakamura	

COLLEGE SAVING 529 FUND

Janis Ishitani
Matsuko Uyeno

College Savings 529 Plan

Senshin has a College Savings 529 Plan to help with the costs of higher education for our minister's family.

Contributing to this fund will provide tax-free income for the minister's children when they are college age. In eight years at 7%, monies put in today could almost double by the time they are ready to go to college.

If you would like to contribute, you have two options:

1. Write a check out to Senshin Buddhist Temple along with a memo or note indicating you would like to contribute to the 529 account. Doing it this way, your contribution will be considered a tax-deductible donation.
2. You can write a check out to

MESP (Michigan Education Savings Program) and mail it directly to PO Box 55925, Boston, MA 02205-5925. Be sure to send a note indicating the contribution is to go to the Senshin Buddhist Temple, Account #9393725.

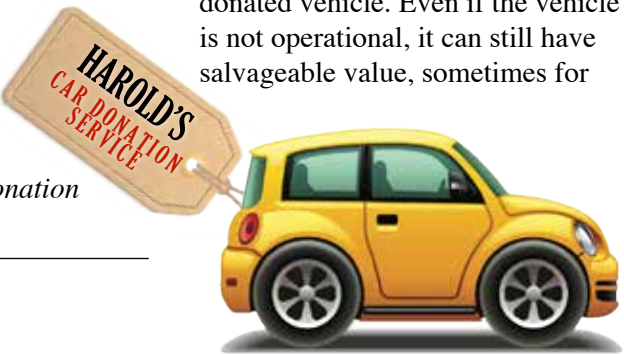
If you write a check to Senshin, there is no minimum. If you write a check to MESP, the check must be \$25 or more.

Owned by the temple, the intention of the fund is to provide additional support to its minister and family. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Doug Aihara at (213) 626-9625 or at douga@aihara-associates.com.

Senshin Vehicle Donation

This is a reminder that Senshin will take any vehicle (car, pickup, truck, motorcycle, and even boat) as a donation to the temple. The funds realized from these donations are earmarked for the Senshin-ji Building Fund. Donors can report the full amount of funds received from the vehicle donation as a deduction on their tax returns.

We work with Harold's Car Donation Service (HCDS) to have the vehicles picked up, processed and refurbished as necessary to bring in the highest sale amount for the donated vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not operational, it can still have salvageable value, sometimes for



more than we could expect.

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. 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 September 2016 Update

The construction fence around the Social Hall was erected on Friday, August 5 and the demolition crews arrived on Monday, August 8. We finally were able to get the remodeling work under way!

We are hoping to have the remodeling/construction work completed by the end of January 2017. We realize that during the course of construction, there are likely to be some "surprises" as with any type of construction project of this scope and size. We will hope for the best and plan for the worst.

As for the termite issue noted in the previous month's article, it was found that the termite infestation in the basement was due to subterranean termites. With that information in hand, the treatment of the soil around the perimeter of the Social Hall will be undertaken in coordination with the demolition of the concrete surfaces surrounding the building. Once the new concrete forms and reinforcement bars are set in place, the Satoh Brothers crews will call in the pest exterminator crews who will inject the soil with the appropriate chemicals to terminate the termites.

In conjunction with the inspection of the Social Hall, we also asked for

an inspection of the garage that is on the temple rental house property adjacent to the Social Hall. The garage was infested with dry wood termites and it was decided to tent and fumigate that structure and the storage shed that is attached to it. That process was concluded on August 5 as well, so the garage is now pest free for at least two to three years (hopefully).

The garage will become a general storage structure for the temple and will be able to hold larger items that need to be housed. Much of what is in there currently are equipment and materials that had to be removed from the Social Hall storage rooms and kitchen for the duration of the remodeling work. Other items that were in need of temporary storage are in two of the Education Building classrooms, while the other items are in the two "crying" rooms of the Hondo. Once the Social Hall work is completed, equipment and materials will be transferred back to that building which will have been configured to handle all of its storage needs.

As the construction work progresses, we will continue with these monthly articles to keep you informed of the status and to let you know if we run into any specific problems.

At this point, we know that several of our annual temple activities will have to be cancelled, the most important of which is the December Mochitsuki. We will have to make adjustments, as well, to the serving of otoki following some of our special services. The BWA and the ABA organizations will accommodate these situations as needed.

We wish to express our thanks to the many individuals who worked so hard to clean out the Social Hall in preparation for the remodeling work. Without their efforts, there is no way that we could have started the work in a timely manner.

Most importantly, we owe a deep debt of gratitude to all of you who have so generously provided financial support for this project. Without your Dana, the remodeling of the Social Hall would have been only wishful thinking.

In *Gassho*,
WILBUR TAKASHIMA

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.

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

2016 Kikuo and Kaoru Ogawa Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the two scholarships that were awarded recently to two of our graduating high school seniors. These annual scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 each, are awarded to individuals who met the qualifications set up by the Ogawa Scholarship committee, and were deemed to be deserving of recognition.

Due to scheduling issues for both the scholarship presenters and the recipients, we were unable to schedule a presentation at the Obon Service, nor at either of the final two July Family Services. However, we congratulate the two recipients, Gavin Fukuwa and Mina Mizutani, both of whom are active members of the Senshin Jr. YBA. We wish them well in their further educational pursuits. Gavin will be attending Wake Forest University in North Carolina, and Mina will be enrolled at Willamette University in Oregon.



Religious Committee

ZadanKai on Monday, September 19 at 7:30pm. For more information, please contact JoAnn at (626) 484-8806, or jykamai55@gmail.com for more information.

B W A

Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) National Conference, October 7-9, 2016, at Bellevue, Washington (near Seattle.) Deadline for registration is August 31, 2016. See Kathy Ikari or www.buddhist-churchesofamerica.org/2016fbwaconference for more information.

A B A

August was very, very quiet for ABA, unless you were near the (former)

Social Hall. The last Obons, the Getty Caves, a little beer, and Keiro Bingo. A little religion, a little culture, a little yeast, and a little community service. For September, ABA has refreshments Toban, including otoki for the September 18, Ohigan Service. We will see you there..

Jr Y B A

If you're a high school student and want to join, please contact Marilyn Shimabukuro at (818) 248-4720.

Book Group

The next meeting will be September 25, discussing the Pema Chodron's book, *When Things Fall Apart—Heart Advice for Difficult Times*.

New titles, new authors and new members are welcome. Contact Lilly &

Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email n7willow@gmail.com.

Butsu Butsu Kai

A new light timer and new LED light fixture were installed on the east exterior wall of the Social Hall, right near the steps; hopefully, this will help prevent future missteps and falls. Also, a new light sensor in the men's restroom in the Education Building was installed. Thank you Matsukawa-san and Dougie-san!!



We will be offering an "Intro to Raku and Tea Workshop." Tentative dates are Sundays, August 7, 14, 21, 28, September 11, and Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18. Time to be determined. In our first class, Rev. Mas will talk about the history of tea in Japan and we will begin to create simple tea bowls and a plate for a sweet.

In our last class, we will learn to whip matcha and drink from the cups we make. Rev. Mas will also give us insight to the teas we grew up with.

This is an exciting process and very informative. Class size is limited, cost \$65. Must have taken a previous class or have some experience working with clay.

We may try to squeeze in another beginning/intermediate class in fall. Details to follow.

Sign up or questions? Please contact Bob at bmiyamoto@mac.com or (323) 791-2719.





Social Media

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Kinnara Gagaku and Bugaku

Classes are held at Senshin on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Beginners or experienced are welcomed.

GAGAKU (the music) meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. BUGAKU (the dance) meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

Call (323) 731-4617 for more info.

Senshin Karate Club

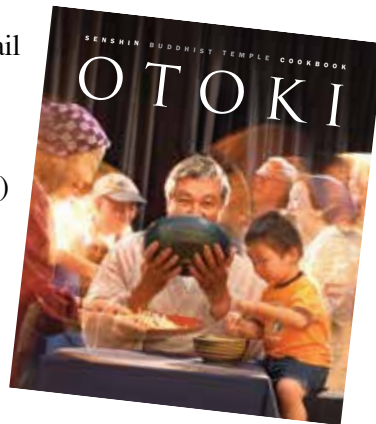
We are now forming a Karate Club. The purpose of this club is to enhance the physical and mental health of the temple members and their friends as well as learning Buddhist thoughts through the training.

We will have Senior class (over 60), Adult class (younger than senior or who think they are young), and Children class. Senior class focuses on balance training and good blood circulation. Children class focuses on self discipline and strengthen the energy and body coordination. Adult class focuses on everything. Instructor

is Rev. Furumoto. If you are interested, please ask Rev. Furumoto for more information.

Otoki Cookbooks

Copies are still available from the Hongwanji Place Bookstore, located next to the Library at Senshin. For price and details, email Hongwanjiplace@yahoo.com or call (323) 731-4617.



“虎と龍” 曾我蕭白

この掛け軸は大き過ぎてお寺の床の間には収まらず、軸の下部は巻かれたままで全部が見られません。

この躍動感溢れる絵は、江戸時代（1730 - 1781）の著名な画家蘇我蕭白の作品です。

マス先生が1960年代日本に滞在されていた時、約2万円（現在のレートで\$200）で入手されたのですが、

当時としては大学卒業者の平均月給に相当し、かなり高価に思われました。

“その頃は日本では西洋のアートが好まれ、古い日本の芸術品は割安だった”とマス先生は言われます。

この絵の主題の虎と龍は、中国では勇敢、勇気を象徴し、その故日本でも侍達に好まれていました。

中国の伝統では龍は東、虎は西を示しますので、龍は右側、虎は左側に配置されます。

マス先生がこの絵をLACMAの専門家に見せたところ、多分蕭白の弟子が大部分を描いたのだろう、龍の鼻毛が蕭白の作品としては軽すぎる、蕭白だったらもっと大胆にダイナミックに描いたに違いないと言われたそうです。確かに鼻毛は白く軽い感じがしますが、力強い印象深い作品です。

古本龍太開教使
訳松林和夫



洗心仏教会

8月感謝録:

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9月日程:

1日(木)	午後7時半	理事会
4日(日)	9時半 10時 11時	日本語法要 祥月法要 英語勉強会,日曜学校
10日(土)	午前11時	USC-UTAHフットボール駐車場(ファンドレイジング)
11日(日)	午前8時半 9時半 10時 11時	婦人会例会 日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会、キッズクラブ
17日(土)	午前9時-午後4時	秋のお彼岸セミナー 講師: 海野徹雄,海野マーク開教使
18日(日)	午前9時半 10時 11時 11時半	日本語法要 お彼岸法要 及び海野円了開教使追悼法要 海野徹雄、海野マーク開教使 日曜学校 おとし ABA
25日(日)	午前9時半 10時 11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会、キッズクラブ

9月法要当番: ABA

本堂当番: D.赤嶺,D.松原,T.松原,K.植村

内陣お花当番:3日:R.堀/R.コク,10日:L.宮城島/Y.古本,16日:S.東司,J.入江,24日:K.石塚/B.中村

ソシャルホール改装工事が始まりました。2017年の1月30日完成を目指していますが、改装工事には予測できないこともあり、ただ全てが滞りなく進行することを願います。ホールまた裏の車庫は白蟻駆除がされました。キッチンが使えませんので今年の餅つきは行われません。おとしなど、いろいろの面で不便が生じますが、それぞれのグループで対応してください。時間がかかりましたが、多くのお寺の会員の献身的な努力で着工にたどりつけました。ご苦労様でした。また今後ともビルディングファンドにご協力をお願いします。

洗心寺開教使のご子息(娘)の為に設立されたカレッジファンドには税制で大きな利点があります。みなさんで支援しましょう。詳細についてはダググ相原さん(213) 626-9625にお尋ねください。

2016年度小川きくお、かおる夫妻メモリアル度奨学金が洗心寺のJr. YBAメンバーである次の二人に授けられました。お二人の成功を願います。

Gavin Fukuwa: Wake orest University, North Carolina

Mina Mizutani: Willamett University, Oregon

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> and Family Service 11a Study Class / Dharma School		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		Fundrdaiser: USC Football Parking (Utah)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Fall Ohigan Seminar</i>
8:30a BWA Reikai 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Club		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		Speakers Rev. Tetsuo Unno and Rev. Dr. Mark Unno
18 <i>Fall Ohigan Service / Rev. Enryo Unno Memorial</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Fall Ohigan Service & Rev. Enryo Unno Memorial Guest Speakers Rev. Tetsuo Unno and Rev. Dr. Mark Unno 11a Dharma School 11:30a <i>Otoki</i> by ABA		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Club 12noon Book Group Meeting		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		

SEPTEMBER TOBAN

Sunday Service A B A

Hondo Toban Don Akamine, Dale Matsubara, Tammy Matsubara, Koichi Uyemura

September *Onajin* Flower Toban

Sept 3 Robert Hori, Richard Kok

Sept 10 Lily Miyagishima, Yoriyo Furumoto,

Sept 16 (Friday) Suzanne Toji, Joji Iriye

Sept 24 Karen Ishizuka, Bob Nakamura

Upcoming in October 2016

Oct 16 Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni, Lady Kujo,
BWA Memorial Service

All classes subject to change without notice.

Please call a group member to confirm meeting/rehearsal.