



We've Got a Friend in Buddha

I like the song, “You’ve got a friend in me.” It’s the theme song of the Disney animated movie, “Toy Story.” The voice of Randy Newman is catchy and the familiar melody is nostalgic. And, further, people can sing the title very easily: “You’ve got a friend in me.” It is a very good song, but I don’t understand why it says “in me.” The title translated in Japanese says, “Kimi wa Tomodachi.” It means you are a friend or you are my friend, so I understand the meaning of the title, but in English grammar, it is hard for me to understand. I am confused about

the usage of “in.” I understand “you’ve got a friend,” but I don’t understand why it happens “in me?” I looked it up on the internet and found several explanations, but, I still don’t quite understand it. According to the website, a lot of non-native English speakers also have the same question as mine. But maybe most of them, including me, decided to just memorize the phrase and just enjoy singing, “You’ve got a friend in me.”

Shakyamuni Buddha once mentioned about a good friend:

“A true friend is the one who will always lead his friend to the right way, will worry secretly about his friend’s welfare, will console his friend in unhappiness, will offer his friend a helping hand when he needs it, will keep his friend’s secrets, and will always give good advice.” And Shakyamuni Buddha added, “It’s difficult to find a friend like this, and therefore, you should try hard to be a friend like this.”

We hope we can be a good friend, as Shakyamuni Buddha taught, but I wonder how many of us can shield our friends when they are in trouble? Unfortunately, we are selfish (on a deep level), so our own profit and safety tend to take priority and we cannot give all of our possessions to help our friends in need.

Therefore, Shakyamuni Buddha stated that he himself will be our friend and our protector. We’ve got a friend in Buddha! In the Larger Sutra, he said, “The one who hears and never forgets Amida Buddha’s vow, and sees it and reveres it in their hearts and minds and greatly rejoices in receiving it—that person is my true companion.”

Shinran Shonin was impressed by these words, so he quoted them several times in his writings and letters. In the letter, Shinran Shonin suggested that



those who entrust themselves to Amida Buddha and recite the *nembutsu* are equal to Buddha, so they can be friends of Shakyamuni Buddha.

We can also think that the Dharma, the Buddha’s teaching or the principle of the universe become our good friend and helps us. The teachings tells us

how to deal with the issues in our lives and protect us from many troubles.

Impermanence is one of the basic teachings. If we know this, it is helpful for us to accept the wear and tear of our cars. It is in accordance with impermanence that a new car will become an old car. The teaching guides us to feel less sadness and frustration when we see the scratches and dents on our cars. Buddha and Dharma, our good friends, protect us and we can live with ease.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

友、お釈迦様が親友に 古本竜太

友という漢字は二つの部分からなりたっています。カタカナのナの部分と漢字の又です。一説によりますと、ナも又も曲げた腕を表しているそうです。それは、二人の人がお互いに腕を曲げて、相手を守りあっていることを表現しているのです。敵や危険から相手を守り、その相手も私が困難な状況におかれたら守ってくれる、そういう関係性が友だといえます。

私たちはそのような友となることができているのでしょうか？ ややもすれば、友達から守ってもらえばかりで、あまり友達を助けてない、とか、反対にいつも友達をヘルプして、友達はあまり自分をヘルプしてくれないな、と不満をもってしまうような関係性になってしまっているかもしれません。また、状況によっては友達をだましたり、裏切られたりすることもあります。友達とのつきあいがストレスともなることもあります。お互いを守りあい、いつも喜びがあればいいですが、そうはいかないことが多いのです。

お釈迦様は35歳のときにこの涅槃の境地に達して、仏となられました。けれどもこの涅槃は、まだ完全な涅槃の状態ではない、と考えられていて、死によって、パーフェクトな涅槃に入られたのだ、としています。それを入般涅槃（にゅうはつねはん）とよびます。

お釈迦様は、そういう状態にある我々を不憫に思い、お釈迦様ご自身が私たちの友になってくださるとのご文があります。

大無量寿経に、「法を聞きてよく忘れず、見て敬ひ得て大きに慶ばば、すなはちわが善き親友なり。」とあり、このご文を親鸞聖人はたいへん注目しておられ、聖人のお書きになられたものに何回か引用されておられます。

お弟子さんにあてられたお手紙には、上のご文を引かれて、信心の人をお釈迦様が親友になって守ってくださり、その上、信心をいただいた方は諸仏と等しく尊い存在だともいわれています。

また正像末和讃には「他力の信心うるひとを うやまひおほきによるこべば すなはちわが親友ぞと 教主世尊はほめたまふ」と、お釈迦様が親友となってくださることが、特別で素晴らしいことなのだとお示しくださっています。

お釈迦様が友となってくださって私たちをお守りくださるというのはたいへんありがたいことですが、具体的にどのように私たちを守ってくださっているのでしょうか？ いろいろ考え

られますますが、ひとつには、教えを示して下さって守ってくださっているといえます。たとえば、諸行無常の教えを私たちがいただくことで、心が守られます。友達が急にそっけなくなったり敵になったりすることがあるかもしれません。それが起こるとたいへんショックを受けますが、諸行無常の世を生きている我々にとって、それは起こるほうが自然なのです。友達の状況や気分は変わりますし、私たちの状況や思いも変わります。昨日は友達だったけど、今日は敵となるということが起こりうる、というのが諸行無常です。それを知っていると、裏切られたということを受け入れやすいですし、気持ちを切り替えやすくなります。ショックはうけますが、立ち直りが早くなるということです。というように、お釈迦様の教えを聞くと心が守られる。それは頼もしい親友が守ってくださっているのだとのありがたいお示しどおりなのです。

南無阿彌陀仏

Monthly Memorial Service FEBRUARY

Sunday, FEBRUARY 2, 2020 10:00am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Ted	Sister-in-law	Akahori, Jean
Akahori, Julie	Grandmother	Uyetake, Kazuko
Domoto, Lily	Sister-in-law	Domoto, Emiko
Gleeson, David	Mother	Gleeson, Mary Kathleen
Hori, Robert	Mother	Hori, Lilly
Huey, Celia	Mother	Kanagawa, Elso
Isomoto, Kiyoko & Glen	Husband/Father	Isomoto, Sam
Kato, Douglas	Father	Kato, Kay Sadao
Kiyohara, Ruby	Father-in-law	Kiyohara, Sasaichi
Kojima, Chikako	Grandmother	Takaki, Miyo
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Husband	Kunitake, Saburo
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Uncle	Wada, Fred
Matayoshi, Gene & Connie	Father	Matayoshi, Takeo
Matsuda Family	Mother	Matsuda, Misao
Matsumura, Henry	Father	Matsumura, Isamu
Meigneux, Kate, Tela & Emma	Mother/Grandmother	Kerr, Gwendy
Mori, Wendy	Brother	Sahara, Fred
Munekata, Yoko	Father	Matsubayashi, Rev. Shushin
Murakami, Eugene	Brother-in-law	Shiraga, Roy
Nagano, Lance	Father	Nagano, George
Nakamura, Bob	Mother	Nakamura, Kimiko
Nakashita, Arthur	Father	Nakashita, Ben
Sawada, Harry	Wife	Sawada, Nellie
Shimabukuro, Marilyn	Father	Shimabukuro, Shigeichi
Takashima, Wilbur	Great-Grandfather	Takashima, Bunshiro
Takashima, Wilbur	Great-Grandfather	Sato, Kaisouyemon
Takemoto, Jon	Grandfather	Fujiura, Itashiro
Terakawa, Alan	Father	Terakawa, Hiroji
Tomita, Misao	Mother-in-law	Tomita, Natsu
Toyama, Beverly	Grandfather	Murata, Daisaku
Ushirogata, Mutsuo	Mother	Ushirogata, Mitsu
Usui, Jim	Father	Usui, Otojiro
Usui, Jim	Mother	Usui, Kiyono
Usui, Suzuko	Father	Ariyoshi, Matabei
Uyeno, Matsuko	Husband	Uyeno, Masato
Uyeno, Matsuko	Mother-in-law	Uyeno, Ren
Uyeno, Matsuko	Sister-in-law	Nishida, Masako Marsha
Wakinaka, Bernice	Mother	Nagaoka, Chiyono
Wakinaka, Bernice	Brother	Nagaoka, Dick
Yokota, Carole	Mother	Yokota, Sanaye
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Father-in-law	Yoneda, Sanji
Yoshioka, Karen	Father	Taniguchi, Mitsugi
Yoshioka, Karen	Mother	Taniguchi, Yuriko
Yoshitomi, Hannah/ Nagatani, Wendy	Husband/Father	Yoshitomi, Roy Rentaro

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.

BOOK STUDY CLASS:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
12PM TO 1 PM

RIVER OF FIRE, RIVER OF
WATER: AN INTRODUCTION TO
THE PURE LAND TRADITION
OF SHIN BUDDHISM

We are going to read Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno's book, River of Fire, River of Water. We just finished reading Tannisho in January 2020. From February, we will start reading Taitetsu-sensei's book that helps us to understand the basic teaching of Jodo Shinshu. Taitetsu-sensei was our Senshin minister from 1959 to 1962, giving a great influence to our Nisei members. He passed away on December 13, 2014. As a commemoration of his 7th cycle memorial year, let's read his book and deepen our understanding of the Nembutsu teaching. Anyone is welcome.

If you need a book, please contact Rev. Furumoto.

Senshin Religious/Cultural
Lecture Series 2020

Religious Landscape in Urban, Rural
and Residential Space:
Buddhism in Thailand and Myanmar

Dates: February 9, 16, 23, and March 1,
following Sunday Services

With Dr. Reiko Kitahara, Visiting Scholar, Center for Japanese Studies, U.C. Berkeley. Faculty of Department of Housing and Architecture, Japan Women's University Dr. Kitahara received her Ph.D. in architecture from the University of Tokyo in 2012. Her thesis was, "The Influence of International Labor Migration from Bangladesh on the Living Environment of Both Sending and Accepting Countries." As an architect and city planning researcher, she visited Asian and European countries to investigate their living environment, writing papers about their housing, architecture, and lifestyle. She visited California and her recent paper was, "A Study on Race Structure and Space Structure of Old Japantown in Walnut Grove, Northern California." She is now visiting California, researching the Japanese American community.

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2月9日, 16日, 23日, 3月1日:
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講演者:
Dr.Reiko Kitahara
Visiting Scholar,Center for Japanese
Studies,U.C.Berkeley

日本女子大学,住居／建築学科教授
略歴: 2012年東京大学建築学科、博士号

卒論テーマ: "The Influence of International Labor
Migration from Bangladesh on the Living Environ-
ment of Both Sending and Accepting Countries"

現在はカリフォルニアの日系人コミュニティの
研究をされています。

最近の論文: "A Study On race Structure and
Space Structure of Old Japantown in Walnut Grove,
Northern California"



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	Chikako Kojima	In memory of Harry Uneda
	Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
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12/14/2019	Mary Wada Roath	7th year memorial, Masako Wada
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	Yuri Nishisaka	49th day Service
12/29/2019	Deborah Hiramoto	Winter Youth Program
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	Juriko Yamada	Winter Youth Program
12/31/2019	Kubota Nikkei	Dana
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SHOTSUKI HOYO DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020

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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 vehicles picked up, processed and refurbished as necessary to bring in the highest sale amount for the donated vehicle.

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.



Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Religious Committee

Our 2020 *Nembutsu* Retreat will take place on Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks. Our retreat leader will be Rev. Kenji Akahoshi of the San Diego Buddhist Temple. He will help us to explore the topic, "Elevating Human Nature with Buddha Nature—How the *Nembutsu* Enhances Our Daily Life." For more details, contact Neil Komai by email at nkomai49@gmail.com or by calling (626) 252-1714.

The Religious Committee welcomes anyone with an interest in providing religious themes or guidance for temple activities. If you would like to participate, please contact Neil Komai, nkomai49@gmail.com. *Gassho*.

We gratefully acknowledge the following for their generous dana: Richard Nakawatase & Family and Bob Nakawatase & Family Assistance with funeral for Sachie Nakawatase Sumiko Hayamizu – Special Misao Tomita – In memory of John Tomita Madalyne Adams – *Oseibo* Suzanne Toji – In gratitude for support of her catering efforts as Feast from the East

Gassho,
Linda Uyemura

ABA

ABA had their Luncheon on January 25th at Diamond Buffet in Los Angeles. As usual, we had good food, games and a great time.

This year, ABA will NOT have a Turnaround to Morongo and the Outlet. In December, we will have a signup for those that are interested for the next year.

Join ABA. No qualifications or requirements. Contact any ABA member if you wish to join. Contact Marilyn Miyamoto at mmiyamoto1953@gmail.com for questions or details

Jr. Y B A

A few of the Jrs. attended the Winter Dharma School Program. Working with Dharma School students during winter break, they had a fun time at the Science Center and doing the *shishimai* at the New Year Service.

They also helped the kids with winter break homework, which was a good experience for both the Jrs. and the Dharma School students..

Jr. YBA is continuing to sell Scrips (gift cards) again as a general fundraiser. Gift cards are great for birthdays, thank you's, everyday expenses, and any other occasions. Orders are submitted on the 2nd and last Sundays of the month. Forms are available at SENSHINTEMPLE.ORG and in the Temple Office. For more info, please call/text Harumi Kawaguchi at (626) 230-1433.

If you are a high school student interested in learning more about Jr. YBA, feel free to contact Debbi Fukawa at Debfukawa@gmail.com.

College Y B A

College YBA Is Still Active!
We hosted a Southern District College YBA Seminar on Friday, January 3rd at Senshin. This is because Rev. Furumoto is the advisor of the Southern District Sr. YBA and Russell Uyemura is the president. This year, six students attended the seminar: Russell, Ross, Gavin, and Paiton from Senshin, and Jenny Kawate and Keith Kujiraoka from Oxnard. Since college students sleep in the morning during the break, they gathered at the temple around 2pm. We had a service, chanting *Sambujo* and *Amida kyo* followed by meditation. After the service, they moved to the office and had a snack, *mikan* (tangerine) and chocolate, and plain hot water. Rev. Furumoto instructed them to keep silent while they were preparing the snack and eating *mikan* and chocolate. They used eye-contact and the ability of empathy, they prepared the snack smoothly, and they noticed how loud the sound of biting and chewing can be. During meditation, they kept silent and did not speak for about an hour. They enjoyed this unique experience.

Mas-sensei gave a talk about the meaning of meditation in Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu teaching. Around 4pm, we moved to West LA Temple, talked with Rev. Usuki, who is also an advisor of Sr. YBA. Everyone went to eat *udon*. This time there was no silence. They enjoyed chatting and eating. They are the future of our temple. It was a very meaningful session for us.

Winter Youth Program

Ten boys and girls participated in the Winter Youth Program at the end of December. This program is like a mini-Saishin Dojo to enhance the sanghaship of the youth, including members of the Jr. YBA, Sangha Teens, Dharma School, and pre-Dharma School. Halle, Liam, Gen, Jake, Kai, Goh, Ella, Annie, Aliah, and RJ attended the program which was held on December 26th and 27th. Unfortunately, a few kids caught a cold and could not participate in some of the program. In the morning, we did meditation followed by chanting sutras. They practiced *Taiko* and *Shishimai* for the New Year’s Day service performance in the courtyard. Everybody, including parents, enjoyed visiting the Science Center to see the exhibition about Dogs. There was also homework time and we also watched a movie. The boys were very excited to play videogames using the projector and the big screen in the Social Hall. The gaming time was much longer than the homework time. But sometimes, it is okay. They thanked Kinnara for teaching *Taiko* and the cooking crew for preparing the lunch.

Dharma School 2020

Our students and families are busier than ever, so **we are moving to a once a month Dharma School schedule.** Topics presented depending upon appropriateness for the grade level.

We welcome you to join us at any of those Sundays. Feel free to bring friends.

If there is interest in bringing back the nursery class, for children under 4 years old, please let us know. If you would be interested in volunteering in the nursery class, let us know that too.

If you have any questions, contact: Ms. Jean Nakashima (jean.nakashima2@gmail.com), Ms. Chris Aihara (aihara.chris@gmail.com), or Mr. Wilbur Takashima (wktakashi@aol.com).

Dharma School Schedule 2020:

January 5	Celebrating the New Year Changing of the seasons Why do we observe <i>Hoonko</i> ?
February 9	Buddhist Etiquette The parts of the <i>Butsudan</i> <i>Hana-mi</i> (Flower-viewing)
March 8	Impermanence What is <i>Ohigan</i> ?
April 5 May 3	<i>Hanamatsuri</i> : the birth of the Buddha What is <i>Gotanye</i> ?
June 7	Who is <i>Shinran Shonin</i> ?
July 12 Sept 13	Obon 3 Treasures Interconnectedness
Oct 4 Nov 8	8 Fold Path What is <i>Ohigan</i> ?
Dec 6	3 Poisons Gratitude Senshin History Importance of Bodhi Day Enlightenment 4 Noble Truths <i>Mochitsuki</i>

Karate Club

Wednesdays, 4:30pm

Senshin Karate Club is now gathering on Wednesdays from 4:30pm.

One of the mottos of the class is “no injury.” Seniors, Adults and Children all practice together and teach each other.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Rev. Furumoto at the temple.

Facilities

If you notice anything around the Temple grounds that requires repair or looking into, please notify Rev. Furumoto or a Board member. Thank you. *Gassho*, Doug Matsuda



The dates for the Pottery and Home *Ikebana* class will be Saturdays, March 28, April 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 10am to 12:30pm. Rev. Mas will provide insights the origins and basic principles of *Ikebana*, the *Tokonoma* and simple arrangements for it and home use. This is by no means a formal *Ikebana* class, but an effort to broaden our understanding of some basic aesthetics of this art form.

These classes are designed to use some basic pottery skills to create vessels for the *Tokonoma* and home use. No previous experience necessary. A common response is, “I’m not creative,” but if you have seen the work from previous classes I think you would surprise yourself. I encourage you to visit the Temple Library and



see arrangements in the *Tokonoma* and the display case. Our goal is to gain a better understanding of this aspect of our culture in an effort to preserve it. This will be the only offering of this class for this year. Fee is \$70 for temple members, \$140 for Friends of Senshin. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Open Studio sessions for temple members who have taken a previous class are on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30am–2pm. Please take advantage of our beautiful studio facility the temple has provided us.

Questions: contact Bob Miyamoto (323) 791-2719, 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com.

Exercise Class / TBMM
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30–10:30a

Thinking Body, Moving Mind (TBMM) (TBMM) is a movement technique/exercise class, held on every Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30am to 10:30am. The class is designed for senior adults, but all are welcomed.

Aruku-Kai
“Let’s Walk” Club

Join us for regular hikes around SoCal. Senshin members and friends of members of all ages are welcome. February's hike will be February 8. The goals of Aruku-Kai Club are: (1) to strengthen our Sangha, and (2) to practice mindfulness by exercising our minds and bodies in nature. Please contact Lauren Ohata at lauren.ohata@gmail.com or Russell Nishida at nishida257@cox.net if you're interested or have questions. Let's *aruku* (walk)!

Cookbooks

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



Social Media

Instagram: Users are now able to not only follow accounts, but hashtags. You can follow **#SenshinEverything** and also tag your posts of Senshin with the hashtag if you'd like others to see solely your Senshin pics.

That's **#SENSHINEVERYTHING**

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Kinnara Gagaku/
Bugaku Classes

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 information.

Kinnara *Gagaku* is looking for several *Okoto*. If you have *Okoto* that you do not use, please contact Rev. Kodani.

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12月感謝録:

寄付: C駒井,C山下,Y堀本,B宮本,
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ソシャルホール使用: B中渡瀬
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故S中渡瀬追悼法要:B中渡瀬一家
R中渡瀬一家,K米田
49日回忌: Y西坂

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2月日程:

1/2日(土/日)	念仏リトリート	
於: Palm Garden Hotel Kenji Akahoshi開教使		
2日(日)	午前 9時半	日本語法要
	10時	祥月法要
	11時	英語勉強会
6日(木)	午後 7時半	理事会
9日(日)	午前 9時	ABA会議
	午前 9時半	日本語法要
	10時	成道会法要
	11時	英語勉強会
16日(日)	午前 8時半	婦人会例会
	9時半	日本語法要
	10時	家族礼拝
	11時	英語勉強会
18/23日	BCA全国総会、	全国理事会
23日(日)	9時半	日本語法要
	10時	家族礼拝
	11時	英語勉強会
		キッズ太鼓
	12時	婦人会新年会

2月法要当番: 婦人会

本堂当番: W/I高島,G/J磯元

内陣お花当番: 1日:I高島,S.Aguilar 8日:I/K松林, 15日:D/R小谷, 22日:B山下,K猪狩,
29日C家村,J磯元

1月供花: T/J赤堀,S速水,C久宗,E上川,D小谷,D松田,J南,J小川,M&Y後潟,M島袋G&P白砂,
M菅野,K&M梅本,匿名

3月の予定: 21日定: 春のお彼岸: マーク海野先生(オレゴン大学教授),22日春のお彼岸法要、
29日大掃除

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2020年度洗心寺宗教／文化講演シリーズ

2月9日,16日,23日,3月1日: 各日曜法要の後

講演者: Dr.Reiko Kitahara,Visiting Scholar,Center for Japanese Studies,U.C.Berkeley

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>Nembutsu</i> Retreat – Palm Garden Hotel Rev. Kenji Akahoshi (San Diego)
2 <i>Nembutsu</i> Retreat – Palm Garden Hotel Rev. Kenji Akahoshi (San Diego) 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> and Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Taiko	3	4 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	5 7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	6 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko	7	8
9 9a ABA Meeting / Jr. YBA Meeting 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Nirvana Day Service Rev. Aki Rodgers 11a Study Class Dr. Reiko Kitahara / Dharma School	10	11 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	12 7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	13 9:30a Exercise Clas 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko	14	15
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23 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service, Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus 11a Study Class Dr. Reiko Kitahara / Kids' Club 12p Fujinkai BWA New Year Party	24	25 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	26 7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	27 9:30a Exercise Clas 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7:30p Kinnara Taiko	28	29

FEBRUARY TOBAN:

February Sunday Service BWA
February Hondo Toban Wilbur Takashima,
Iris Takashima, Glen Isomoto, Joyce Isomoto

FEBRUARY Onajin Flower Arrangement:

February 1 Iris Takashima, Sandra Aguilar
February 8 Ikuko & Kaz Matsubayashi
February 15 Denise & Richard Kodani

Upcoming in March:

March 21 Spring *Higan* Seminar
(Rev. Mark Unno, University of Oregon)
March 22 Spring *Higan* Service
March 29 *Osoji*

All classes subject to change without notice. Please call a group member to confirm meeting/rehearsal.