

恩
心



ON

Happy New Year! I hope the New Year,

Buddhist Era:
2562 (2563)

二五六二年 (二五六三年) *

Common Era: 2019 二〇十九年

Japanese Era:

Heisei 31 平成三十一年

Year of Boar (Pig) 亥年

will be a
joyful and
meaningful year
for all of you.



Prajna



This year let us try to notice, become aware and appreciate what we have received from others. The *kanji* 恩, is read “*On*” in Japanese. “*On*” means “benevolence, an obligation and debt of gratitude.” If you know 恩 (*on*), you are “*on*” the right path of Buddhist life.

This *kanji* consists of two parts. The upper part, 因 (*in*) means “cause, source of and origin of.” The lower part is 心. In Japanese, this reads “*kokoro*,” which means “heart and mind.” So *kanji* 恩 (*on*) can mean to remember the cause of our existence in our heart and mind. Our existence can be possible due to the support of others, somebody or something. When we can think about it, we feel the debt of gratitude.

We are living in countless 恩 (*on*), benevolence, although we tend to forget or are unaware of them.

One thing we receive from others is our lives. We receive our lives from our parents and our ancestors. Our lives are sustained by many other lives such as vegetables, pigs and fishes. We receive air and water, too, for without them, we are not able to live for even a moment.

You might also ask, “How can we read this message?” We can read this because we learned English from our parents, school teachers, authors of books and articles. Without others’ help, we would not be able to speak, read or write.

When we realize “why we are here,” or “how did we learn to read,” we recognize that we have been receiving a lot from others. And, we feel grateful to the many other lives and the air and water to sustain us. We feel gratitude to our many teachers.

Such gratitude makes us humble. We would not be insolent to whom we thank. We would respect them and bow to them. Gratitude and humility are

less-egocentric attitudes that bring us a peaceful life. Buddhism is teaching us how to live peacefully, hence, knowing 恩 (*on*) is an important practice for Buddhists.

Hoonko is the most important service for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. It is a memorial service for our founder Shinran Shonin. *Hoonko* is the gathering to repay the debt of gratitude to Shinran Shonin. “*Ho*” means repay, recompense or reciprocate. “*On*” is 恩, and “*Ko*” means gathering. Thanks to Shinran Shonin, we are able to learn the *Nembutsu* teaching that gives us guidance on how to live our lives with less ego. This year, our *Hoonko* will be on January 19th and 20th. Please come to the service to show gratitude to Shinran Shonin.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

*Regarding Buddhist Era (B.E.), there are several ways of counting. A popular one is from the Theravada Buddhists. They count the beginning of the B.E from the year Shakyamuni Buddha entered perfect *Nirvana* (passed away), but depending on the countries, the interpretations of the first year is different. According to them, the Buddha passed away in B.C. 544. Thus, by adding 544 to the Common Era, we will arrive at the Buddhist Era (544 + 2019 = 2563.). This calculation is used by Sri Lanka or Myanmar. Other Theravada countries, such as Thai or Laos, add 543 to the Common Era. They start counting B.E. from the next year after Shakyamuni Buddha’s passing (543 + 2019 = 2562). However, some traditions or scholars have their own interpretation and they say the Buddha passed away in the year B.C. 486 or 383, etc.

恩 古本龍太

2019年、仏歴2562年（2563年）、平成31年となりました。新年もどうぞよろしくおねがいいたします。

平成31年になりましたが、天皇陛下が4月30日に退位されたあと、皇太子さまが翌日の5月1日に天皇に即位され、その時から新しい元号になるそうです。次はいったいどのような元号になるのでしょうか？

仏暦のことですが、今年は2562年もしくは2563年になります。仏暦にはいくつかの数え方があるのですが、一番ポピュラーなのが上座部仏教徒の数え方で、西暦の年に544年から543年を足したものです。東南アジアの仏教徒はお釈迦さまが入滅された（亡くなられた）年を仏暦1年として数えます。上座部仏教では紀元前544年がお釈迦さまの入滅された年だとしているのですが、ややこしいのは、スリランカやミャンマーでは544年を仏暦1年として数え、タイやラオスなどの国では入滅の次の年を仏暦1年にするそうです。ですから、今年は仏暦の2562年か2563年となります。けれども国や学者によって486年とか383年が入滅の年だとして、仏暦の数え方に違いがあります。

ところで、浄土真宗本願寺派で1月といえば、報恩講です。親鸞聖人のご命日の法要で、親鸞聖人が教えを開いてくださったことへのご恩を思い、つとめる法要です。聖人は1263年1月16日に往生されました。それで、京都の本願寺では1月9日から16日まで毎日特別な行事や法要をします。日本の一般のお寺では、本山でおつとめされる報恩講と同じ日にならないように11月や12月に報恩講をされるところが多いのですが、アメリカではだいたい1月16日前後に報恩講をおつとめします。

洗心寺では1月19日、20日に報恩講のセミナーと法要をおつとめしますので、カレンダーにマ

ークしておいてください。マークするだけでなく、セミナーと法要におまいりください。

報恩講は、恩に報いる集いの意味があります。親鸞聖人がお念仏の教えを伝えてくださったおかげで、我々が生きている間に往生が決まり、さらに仏になることが約束されている、現生正定聚（げんしょうしょうじょうじゅ）という身にさせていただけです。

そのことを思い、感謝するのが報恩講です。報恩講の恩の漢字ですが、漢字の恩は、原因を心にとどめる、と読めます。私が今、ここにいることができる原因、今、南無阿弥陀仏と念仏させていただける原因、それを心にとどめる。他の人がしてくださったことを心にきざみ、忘れない、というのが恩だということです。私たちは、数えきれないほどの恩によって生かされ、また念仏させていただける、ということがいえます。今、生きていて、このメッセージが読めるには、いろんな原因があります。まず両親とご先祖のおかげで私の命があり、命を維持するのに毎日たくさんの他の命をいただいています。そして、両親や学校の先生、本の作者たちのおかげで、日本語を学ぶことができ、漢字やひらがなをよむことができます。

命があること、読むことができることをとっても、数多くのご恩をうけているということに気づかれます。

われわれ仏教徒は気づきを大事にします。どのようにしてお念仏を称える身とならせていただいたのか、このことを思うと、親鸞聖人にご恩を感じるようになる、ということです。ぜひ報恩講におまいりください。

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial Service JANUARY

Sunday, JANUARY 6, 2019 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 | Father | Akahori, Mitsuo |
| Harada, James | Mother | Harada, Grace |
| Hayamizu, Sumiko | Mother | Nakashima, Tsune |
| Hirayama, Kiyome | Husband | Hirayama, Art |
| Hisamune, Catherine | Father | Fujita, Katsujiro |
| Ikari, Kathy | Grandfather | Kato, Genichi |
| Ikari, Kathy | Mother | Tsuboi, Ruth |
| Ikegami, Sumiko | Sister | Shigaki, Kazue |
| Ikegami, Sumiko | Stepfather-in-law | Nozawa, Gentaro |
| Iriye, Kenneth | Sister | Carlson, Diana Chizuko |
| Kamikawa, Emi | Father | Kamikawa, Glenn |
| Kitagawa, Linda | Father | Matsuura, Clifford |
| Kodani, Denise | Father | Goto, James M. |
| Kojima, Chikako | Grandfather | Uneda, Izaemon |
| Kunitake, Kimiyo | Father-in-law | Kunitake, Masamitsu |
| Kunitake, Kimiyo | Grandfather | Wada, Zembei |
| Matsuda, Misao | Father | Akamichi, Junichi |
| Matsumura, Henry | Grandfather | Yamaguchi, Kenji |
| Minami, Jean | Husband | Minami, Tatsuo |
| Miyamoto, Dennis | Father | Miyamoto, Masaru |
| Murakami, Eugene | Brother | Murakami, Arthur |
| Murakami, Eugene | Grandmother | Murakami, Rui |
| Nakashima, Alan | Mother | Nakashima, Hana |
| Nakawatase, Sachiko | Father-in-law | Nakawatase, Nisoji |
| Nakawatase, Yasuko | Husband | Nakawatase, Shigemi |
| Nakawatase, Yasuko | Mother-in-law | Nakawatase, Naka |
| Ogawa, Jerry | Mother | Ogawa, Kaoru |
| Ogawa, Jerry | Grandfather | Shimada, Kanetaro |
| Ogawa, Jerry | Grandmother | Shimada, Satsu |
| Ogawa, Jerry | Grandmother | Ogawa, Hisayo |
| Ohata, Ron | Mother | Ohata, Fumiko |
| Saiki, Yumi | Father | Yoshida, Kazuhiro |
| Saneto, Motoko | Father-in-law | Saneto, Kanaye |
| Sato, Terry | Father-in-law | Sato, Kazue |
| Shimabukuro-Leong, Marilyn | Mother | Shimabukuro, Fumie |
| Shirasago, Gary & Dale | Mother | Shirasago, Sally |
| Sonday, Reiko | Grandfather | Fukumoto, Kazue |
| Sugano, Michiko | Mother-in-law | Sugano, Aiko |
| Takashima, Iris | Aunt | Nakashima, Hana |
| Takashima, Iris | Grandfather | Jinde, Eiji |
| Takashima, Wilbur | Grandfather | Taniguchi, Hisaichi |
| Takemoto, Jon | Grandfather | Takemoto, Toyosuke |
| Takemoto, Kazumi | Father-in-law | Takemoto, Toyosuke |
| Takemoto, Kazumi | Brother | Sanwo, Mack |
| Terrell, Jackie | Father | Howard, Jack |
| Ushirogata, Mutsuo | Sister-in-law | Ushirogata, Ineko |
| Ushirogata, Yukie | Brother | Matsushita, Bunji |
| Usui, Suzuko | Mother | Ariyoshi, Kiyo |
| Watanabe, Marsha | Brother | Imai, Randy |
| Yokota, Carole | Father | Yokota, Hiroshi |

Shusho-ye/Gantan-ye, January 1, 2019, 10:00am

Shusho-ye, or Gantan-ye, simply means “Service for the New Year.” The literal translation of *Shusho-ye* is “a gathering for a revision, modification or correction.” New Year Day is an opportunity for us to refresh our hearts and minds by reflecting upon the past year’s mistakes so that we can correct them and begin the new year in the right direction. Our New Year Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 1st. Please join us for the service followed by *ozoni* and *sake* in the Social Hall. We are going to have a *taiko* and *Shishimai* performance at the courtyard.

修正会（しゅしょうえ）

一月一日にお勤めする法要を修正会といいます。新年の最初の日に心を正しい方向に修正するということがあります。浄土真宗では、阿弥陀如来に「お金がもうかりますように」、「病気になりませんように」とか「いい大学にはいれますように」などのことを祈りません。そういう願いはたいがい自分のエゴを拡張することになるので、本当の安心をえることが難しくなるためです。修正会は、そういう自己中心の願いがある自分を反省し、その自分を受け入れてくださる阿弥陀如来に感謝し、一年を心安らかに生きていくきっかけとなる法要です。

なさま、ぜひお参り下さい。

Hoonko Hoonko Study Class, January 15–18 Hoonko Seminar, January 19 Hoonko Service, January 20

Hoonko is the most important service for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. It is a memorial service for Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Shinran Shonin passed away on January 16,1263 (November 28 in the lunar calendar) at the age of 90, 751 years ago. Kakunyo Shonin, the great-grandson of Shinran Shonin started *Hoon ko* when he observed Shinran Shonin's 33rd memorial service. *Hoon* means to pay the debt of gratitude, and *ko* means gathering. Hence, *Hoonko* denotes “the gathering to recompense Shinran Shonin for his teaching.” There are several ways to thank Shinran Shonin: By listening to the teaching, chanting *Shoshinge* (that was written by Shinran Shonin,) reciting the *Nembutsu*, etc. In some areas of Japan, the followers invite their minister to their homes to hold the *Hoonko* service and listen to the teaching of Shinran Shonin with their family members.

Our *Hoonko* Service will take place on **Sunday, January 20**. The guest speaker will be **Dr. Mark Blum**. Prior to *Hoonko* Service, we are going to have *Hoonko* Study Sessions and *Hoonko* Seminar. For the *Hoonko* Study Session, we will gather on January 15, 16, 17 at 7pm and 18th at 10:30am. On Saturday 19th, we will have a *Hoonko* Lecture with **Dr. Blum** and **Rev. Mas Kodani**. Please call the office for more information.

報恩講（ほうおんこう）

今年も報恩講の集いを開催しますのでぜひお参り下さい。報恩講は浄土真宗の開祖、親鸞聖人のご命日法要です。親鸞聖人は1263年、1月16日（旧暦11月28日）に往生されました。親鸞聖人のひ孫で三代目門主の覚如上人が親鸞聖人の33回忌をお勤めされたのが報恩講の始まりです。報恩とは、感謝すること、親鸞聖人が念仏の教えを伝えてくださったこと、また私たちをお浄土にうまれさせ仏にしてくださる阿弥陀如来さまへご恩をおもい、そのご恩に報いるようにお念仏をとえ、聞法させていただく、という意味があります。報恩講のサービスは1月19日（日）で、ご講師はカリフォルニア大学バークレー校のブラム・マーク教授です。15日（火）から18日（金）まで毎日、報恩講の集いを行いますので、スケジュールをご確認ください。19日（土）はブラム教授と小谷先生によるセミナーがございます。時間は1時からです。

NOVEMBER 2018 DONATIONS

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| 11/2/2018 | Madalyne Adams | <i>Nokotsudo</i> |
| | Madalyne Adams | In Memory of Tosao Yamada |
| 11/4/2018 | Toshiko Yamaguchi | <i>Nokotsudo</i> |
| | Toshiko Yamaguchi | <i>Dana</i> |
| | Evelyn Yoshimura, Suzanne Toji | <i>Dana</i> |
| 11/10/2018 | Bob & Kimi Makuta | <i>Hoji</i> |
| | Wendy Mori | <i>Orei</i> , Use of Sink |
| 11/18/2018 | Family of Alice Okayama | Funeral Service |
| | Family of Alice Okayama | Use of Social Hall |
| | Family of Alice Okayama | Parking |
| 11/24/2018 | Dawn Omori & Justin Lui | Wedding |
| | Anonymous | <i>Dana</i> |
| | Kikuye Imamura Family | Funeral, Reception |
| | Qris Yamashita & Chris Komai | Day of the <i>Gaki</i> |
| | Denise Takehara | Birth of Grandson, Kadon Yutaka Santiago |
| | Jordan Shojinaga | Moving for Promotion |
| | Kiyoko Yoneda | Donation |
| | Ted & Julie Akahori | <i>Nokotsudo</i> |
| | Chikako Kojima | <i>Nokotsudo</i> |
| | Tammy & Dale Matsubara | <i>Nokotsudo</i> |
| | Kazuo Matsubayashi | <i>Nokotsudo</i> |
| | Yoshiko Takeuchi | <i>Nokotsudo</i> |
| | Misao Tomita | <i>Nokotsudo</i> , John Tomita |
| | Mark & Reiko Sondag | <i>Gobutsuzen</i> |
| | Kazuo Matsubayashi | <i>Naijin</i> Restoration |
| | Jean Nakashima | <i>Naijin</i> , In Memory of Howard Nakashima |
| | Ted & Julie Akahori | <i>Buppo Otoki</i> |
| | Yuriko Nishisaka | <i>Dana</i> |
| | Frank Nakano | <i>Ohigan</i> |
| | Mrs. Tamiko Tada | <i>Ohigan</i> |

NOVEMBER FLOWER DONATIONS

Ted & Julie Akahori
Anonymous
Emi Kamikawa
Chikako Kojima
Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi
Kikuko Nishida
Yuri Nishisaka
Jennifer and Beverly Rogers
Doris & Al Shigaki
Mark & Reiko Sondag
Yoshiko Takeuchi
Misao Tomita
Mutsuo Ushirogata
Matsuko Ulyeno
Kyoko Yoneda

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.

SHOTSUKI HOYO NOVEMBER 2018 *cont'd*

| <i>Donor</i> | <i>In Memory of</i> |
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| Jean Minami | Misako & Ted Yokomi |
| Eugene Murakami | Yomiko Murakami |
| Richard Nakawatase | Hideyoshi Fred Nakawatase |
| Yuri Nishisaka | Art Nishisaka |
| Katherine Otamura | Yomiko Murakami |
| Katherine Otamura | Roy Otamura |
| Ellen Shimohara | Husband, Jerry Shimohara, Mother-in-law, Chiyoko Shimohara |
| Wilbur & Iris Takashima | Shig Yasuda |
| Lilian Tanaka | Ethel Shiosaki |
| Yukie Ushirogata | Brother, Hiroshi Matsushita |
| Matsuko Uyeno | Father-in-Law, Yoshisuke Uyeno |
| Toshiko Yamaguchi | Frank Yamaguchi |
| Betty Yamashita | Paul Takahashi |
| Arlene & Stan Yokoyama | Harold Yamada |
| Arlene & Stan Yokoyama | Richard Yamada |

Prajna Paperless Program

We are taking a survey of our *Prajna* readers to see if we can reduce the cost of mailing hard copies of the monthly newsletter and encourage you to read the *Prajna* by e-mail.

Each month, about 430 copies of the *Prajna* are mailed out to members and friends. The printing of the *Prajna* is not only time-consuming but uses an average of 1,500 sheets of 11x17 computer paper in addition to toner and the wear and tear on the printer. After the 430 copies are printed, they require collating, folding and inserting into pre-labeled envelopes before taken to the post office for mailing. All of this is done by the mailing crew of volunteers.

Considering the labor of the *Prajna* mailing crew, we would like to encourage our readers to receive their *Prajna* via e-mail. If enough of our members would agree to go this route and remove their names from the *Prajna* mailing list, this would help immensely. Our goal is to reduce our mailing list down to 100.

These are some of the benefits to making the change from receiving a hard copy of the *Prajna* by mail to reading the

Prajna by e-mail:

1. The photos in the *Prajna* online are in color, whereas the mailed *Prajna* are in black and white.
2. You can share the *Prajna* easily between family and friends.
3. You can read the *Prajna* wherever you are, at home or out of town.
4. You are helping the environment by using less paper.
5. You can use your own printer to print a hard copy.
6. Most of all, you are helping our temple production and mail out crew of volunteers.

COMPLETE, CUT, RETURN

NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS

..... I would like to participate in the program by receiving the *Prajna* by e-mail.

..... I would like to continue to receive the *Prajna* by mail.

Please drop off your response to the temple: 1311 W 37th St, LA 90007. Thank you.

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 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.

Your participation in the survey will be very helpful to the *Prajna* crew. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Rev. Furumoto or e-mail senshintemple@gmail.com.

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

TEMPLE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all the Sangha members at Senshin.

I hope that 2019 will bring exciting and new ventures to everyone. This year as president, I will try my best to fulfill my obligation to serve and represent Senshin with the support of the Sangha. Thank you very much.

Shinnen akemashite omedeto gozaimasu. Kotoshimo mata president to yu taiyakuo itadaki gambaranakereba, ikenaito omotte orimasu. Mina-samano goshien wo ukenagara oyakuni tachitaito negatte orimasu. Dozo yoroshiku goshido kudasaimase.

Gassho,
CHIKAKO KOJIMA

Religious Committee

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.

The next Buppo & Lunch

Buppo & Lunch with Rev. Tets Unno will not meet in January. The next meeting is scheduled for **February 13, Wednesday at 10:30am**

SAVE THE DATE!

February 2 & 3, 2019

Senshin Nembutsu Retreat

Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks

We're pleased to announce that Rev. John Iwohara will be speaking at our 2019 retreat. Please come and join us. Rev. Iwohara will lead us in a discussion about "The Essence of Jodo Shinshu." For 2019, we have moved the retreat one week earlier to February 2 & 3. The retreat will begin

Saturday morning followed by afternoon and evening sessions. The retreat will conclude Sunday with a morning session and lunch. Registration forms with 2019 fees will be available online (senshintemple.org) and in the foyer of the Hondo. Please make plans for attending. Contact Neil Komai for more information.

BWA

Senshin's Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) celebrated its 80th Anniversary in 2018. We're so fortunate that the *Issei* and *Nisei* women of this temple worked so hard to establish an organization in which we can share the teachings of the Dharma with one another as well as enjoy the friendships of our Sangha. Over the course of its many years, the BWA has evolved as our membership has changed. The *Issei* have all passed on and the number of *Nisei* members has gradually decreased, although there are still some who continue to provide sup-

port in the organization even though they're in their 80's and 90's. They are definitely a strong and vibrant group whose contributions are so invaluable and appreciated.

As we look to our future, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to become a member. I know what many of you are saying. . . "I'm too young for the *Fujinkai*! BWA is for my mother's generation!" To be quite honest, I said the same thing. I joined when I was in my late 40's and I want to tell you that despite all the "myths," BWA is truly a cross-generational organization. We've had the opportunity to learn so much from the *Issei* and *Nisei*, and it's not just about cooking. Working alongside them, we've seen and experienced the strength and commitment that they have so unselfishly given to Senshin to make it such a special place. We've gained an insight and appreciation for the values that have driven them. And if that's not enough, it's just fun to be around them!

Now it's our turn as *Sansei* and *Yonsei* to take the lead. We really need your ideas, your energy and your passion for Senshin to move us forward and implement the changes that are needed to make the BWA a relevant organization in the 21st century. Trust me when I tell you that it will be a WIN-WIN situation for both you and the temple. Please feel free to contact me at jykomai55@gmail.com or (626) 484-8806 (call/text) or any other BWA member if you're interested or have any questions. Hope to see you aboard!

Gassho,
JOANN KOMAI

Next BWA meeting is January 6, 2019 at 8:30am. We welcome all ladies to join us.

ABA

Join ABA--we help with temple activities and have fun. Contact Russell Nishida at nishida257@cox.net.

Jr. YBA

Three Jr's went to Jam Session (see photo) in December at the Pasadena Buddhist Temple for their fun theme Studio Ghibli! They had a lot of fun meeting new people and participating in fun film-themed activities with the other chapters.

Jr. YBA would like to thank everyone for coming to help at *Mochitsuki*! It was a very successful few days and we



appreciate everyone's support. Thank you also for supporting our fundraising scrip sales for our 2019 Japan trip!

If you are a high school student and are interested in joining Jr. YBA, please contact Debby Fukawa at Debfukawa@gmail.com.

Facilities

The Temple sprinkler system has been repaired, replacing all the broken sprinkler heads. The timers have been readjusted from two days a week 15 minutes watering time to three days a week five minutes watering time. We were advised that 15 minutes watering time is wasting water because it just runs off. Five minutes should be better with less run-off, less wasted water.

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.



I have just returned from a visit to Japan with my family which included a visit to Mashiko, birthplace of the *Mingei* movement (*Mingei* means craft works which are closely connected to the daily lives of ordinary people). Shoji Hamada who brought this idea to Mashiko and made it a reality. We visited the Mashiko Museum of Ceramic Art which was formerly his residence, studio and kiln. We viewed his work and saw his studio, both of which have left a lasting impression on potters in this area today and influenced many potters around the world including myself. It's been an inspiration for the classes WasabiKai offers.

The cultural based classes WasabiKai offers has given our members

Dharma School Kids' Taiko Class

Do you have a child who is in first grade and you would like to introduce to Taiko? Well, here is your chance to have your child learn taiko from members of Kinnara Taiko, Derek Oye and Johnny Mori. They will teach basics of taiko playing and help them learn a piece which will be performed at next year's Senshin Obon on Saturday, June 29, 2019. No previous taiko experience necessary. The class includes kids from first grade through high school. Classes will meet on Sundays right after service from about 11am to 12pm.

The following is the **Kids' Taiko Class Schedule**:

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| January 13, 27 | May 12, 19 |
| February 3, 17 | June 9, 23 |
| March 3, 17 | June 29 Senshin Obon <i>Horaku</i> (culmination performance) |
| April 21 | |

If you are interested in having your child learn taiko, please contact Johnny Mori at (323) 493-1210 or by email at jmori888@gmail.com, or Derek Oye at oye.derek@gmail.com.

and friends a deeper appreciation of pottery and its connection to our culture. I believe we have a unique program here at Senshin-Ji. Our Japanese dinnerware/plating class and *Raku* tea classes been well attended. Last year we offered the *Goinkyo Yakimono* class which was an opportunity for some of our elders to explore clay and eat a meal from the work they created. Rev. Mas provided an amazing *nabe* meal as part of the final class.

I will be offering the *Goinkyo Yakimono* class again this year along with the *Raku/Tea* classes this year. A Pottery/Home *Ikebana* class will also be offered. I will post dates for these classes hopefully next month. Please look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

Please visit WasabiKai on Facebook.... Questions, contact Bob Miyamoto, 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.

Social Media

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Kinnara Gagaku/ Bugaku Classes

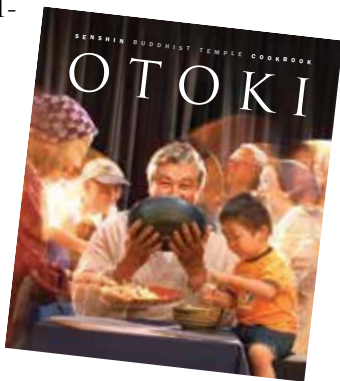
Classes are held at Senshin on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Beginners or experienced are welcomed.

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.

Otoki 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.



TOYO MIYATAKE STUDIO Memorial Portrait and Family Group Portrait Project

March 3, 2019 and March 10, 2019

Toyo Miyatake Studio will be coming to Senshin for individual and group sittings. Discounted sitting and portrait packages are offered as follows:

Package A: Two 5x7", \$65

Package B: One 8x10", \$65

Package C: One 8x10" and Two 5x7", \$80

Other larger packages are available and all prices include \$10 sitting fee and retouching. Sittings are by appointment and open to members, friends and family. At this time we will not be creating a directory book.

Please contact **Debbie Hiramoto** (626) 232-4736 for questions and to make an appointment.

A portion of the sitting fee will be donated to Senshin.

Buddhism Behind Barbed Wire

The untold story of Japanese American Buddhists during WWII will arrive in the public eye on February 19, 2019. Written in plain English with a storytelling approach, the book *American Sutra* looks at Buddhists in the camps, under martial law in Hawaii and in the U.S. military. The book is based on over 120 interviews with mostly BCA families, translated diaries of Issei ministers and others, and countless hours combing the BCA archives. It's our very own history, the story of our Issei and Nisei forefathers who refused to renounce their religion in the face of intense pressure and persecution. How did the Dharma guide them under these difficult conditions, and how did they practice their faith? Find out!

Saturday, 2pm, February 23, 2019

Book talk by Rev. Duncan Ryuken Williams
Japanese American National Museum
RSVP requested

February 19-26, 2019

Book launch, Harvard University Press

Please see www.americansutra.com.

We kindly request that you purchase your book during this week.



洗心仏教会

2019年1月

12月感謝録:

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| 葬儀: | A岡山一家 | 栄転お祝い: | J.Shojinagga |
| 葬儀レセプション: | K今村一家 | 故T山田追悼 | M.Adams |
| お祝い: | 孫K.Y.Santiago | 誕生: | D竹原法事: B&K.Makuta |
| お礼: | ソーシャルホール/駐車場使用: | A岡山一家 | 納骨堂: M.Adams,T山口, |
| 結婚式: | D大森/J.Lui | お礼: | 流し使用: W森 |

1月日程:

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| 3日 (木) | 午後7時半 | 理事会 | |
| 6日 (日) | 午前8時半 午前9時半 10時 11時 | 婦人会例会 日本語法要 祥月法要 英語勉強会,日曜学校 | お寺各役員就任式 |
| 13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 | |
| 15,16,17日 | 午後7時 | 報恩講勉強会 | |
| 18日 (金) | 午前10時半 | 報恩講勉強会 | |
| 19日 (土) | 午後1時 | 報恩講セミナー | Dr.Mark Blum(UC Berkeley),小谷正雄開教使 |
| 20日 (日) | 午前9時半 10時 11時 12時 | 日本語法要 報恩講 (親鸞聖人メモリアル) 英語勉強会,日曜学校 おとし | |
| 27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 | |

1月法要当番: お寺

本堂当番: W&I高島, G&J磯元

内陣お花当番: 5日:Y宮川,K米田,12日:M宮本,C小島,19日:M上野,D.紫垣,26日:M藤本,Y古本,

12月供花: T&J赤堀,C小島,Y西川,M上野,K米田,E上川,K西田,D&A紫垣,M&R Sunday, M富田,M後潟, K&I松林,Y竹内

2019,2月の予定: 2-3日 (土・日) 念仏レトリート: Palm Garden Hotel, 10日 (日) 涅槃会法要
新年明けましておめでとうございます。今年も楽しく精進しましょう。

Hoonko, Kinnara 50th Anniversary Lecture

Saturday, January 19, 2019, 1pm



Long, Strange Trip: My Dharma Search in 1970's California & Kyoto

Speakers **Dr. Mark Blum** and **Rev. Mas Kodani**

Dr. Mark Blum will speak about his Dharma search in the 1970's in California and Kyoto.

Fifty years ago, **Rev. Mas Kodani** started **Kinnara** as a Buddhist Study group mainly for young adults who are interested in Japanese Buddhism. They gathered to discuss the teaching, to practice *Zazen*, and to chant sutras. Young **Dr. Mark Blum**, a UCLA student in the 70's, attended the Kinnara retreat at San Luis Obispo. He later went to Kyoto to study further and received his Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies from UC Berkeley. **Dr. Blum** will talk about his journey and how he understood the teaching of Buddhism through his experience.

Rev. Kodani will also speak about **Kinnara** and how it was started. A panel discussion with **Dr. Blum** and **Rev. Kodani** will be held after the talks. This *Hoonko* lecture will take place in conjunction with the **Kinnara** 50th anniversary lecture. All are welcome.

Mark Blum, Professor and Shinjo Ito Distinguished Chair in Japanese Studies, received his M.A. in Japanese Literature from UCLA and his Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies in 1990 from the University of California, Berkeley. He specializes in Pure Land Buddhism throughout East Asia, with a focus on the Japanese medieval period. He also works in the area of Japanese Buddhist responses to modernism, Buddhist conceptions of death in China and Japan, historical consciousness in Buddhist thought, and the impact of the *Nirvana Sutra* (*Mahāparinirvā-sūtra*) in East Asian Buddhism. He is the author of *The Origins and Development of Pure Land Buddhism* (2002), and co-editor of *Rennyo and the Roots of Modern Japanese Buddhism* (2005) and *Cultivating Spirituality* (2011), and his translation from Chinese of *The Nirvana Sutra: Volume 1* (2013). He is currently working on completing *Think Buddha, Say Buddha: a history of nembutsu thought, practice, and culture*.



Kinnara Taiko/Gagaku/Bugaku

Kinnara Gagaku/Bugaku

had a Full Moon Day Concert and Workshop on Friday, November 23, 2018. About 100 people came to the event which was named "Heian Evening." Half of the crowd were the temple members and the other half were the friends and friends' friends of the temple members. Some of them visited the temple for the first time. Kinnara set up the Bugaku dance stage in the Courtyard and the Gagaku players were seated in front of the Education Building, facing to the Courtyard. The attendees were seated on and in front of the porch of the Social Hall. At 4:30pm, Rev. Mas started to explain about the history of Gagaku and the Heian period, when Gagaku/Bugaku flourished. He showed how to put on the costume that was worn by the peers of Heian. Around 5:30pm, when the full moon was supposed to appear right above the roof of the Hondo, the Gagaku performance started. They played several popular Gagaku tunes, Bairo and Etenraku. Later, one Bugaku piece, Nasori, was danced. During and after the performance, Sake and the food related to the Heian period was served for the attendees: Soup, gohan and tsukemono. Everyone liked to eat tsukemono, so a few people had the second bowl of rice. They also enjoyed Sake made in Vernon, Los Angeles. Around 7:30pm, when the event was almost over, the full moon finally appeared above the roof of the Hondo. It was little late for the performance. According to Mas-sensei, Togi-sensei who taught Gagaku to Kinnara and UCLA, said once a year, Kinnara should play the music at outside on full moon day. Although the moon did not show up at a good time, at least Kinnara could keep the promise with their master



Togi-sensei. Thanks to support of the event helpers, we were able to have a successful evening. Rev. Mas said the donations totaled about \$5,000. Kinnara deeply thanks the helpers, attendees and the temple.

Kinnara will welcome their 50th year in 2019 and this event was the kick-off event of the 50th anniversary. In 2019, Taiko/Gagaku/Bugaku performances will be held as follows:

2019

Tuesday, January 1 at 11:00am
Shusho-ye Service (New Year Day) *Shishi-mai* (Taiko) with Dharma School Kids; at Senshin

Sunday, January 20 at 9:45am
Hoonko Service (Gagaku); at Senshin

Saturday, February 16 at 8:00am
Buddhist Taiko Workshop (Taiko); at Senshin

Sunday, March 24 at 9:45am
Higan Service (Gagaku); at Senshin

Sunday, April 7 at 1:00pm
LA Buddhist Federation Hanamatsuri Service
Kinnara Taiko with Arpana Bharatanatyam Indian Dance Company
Hosted by Senshin at Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Sunday, May 26 at 9:45am
Gotanyo Service (Gagaku); at Senshin

Saturday, June 8 at TBD
Southern District BCA Conference (Gagaku/Taiko)
Hosted by Senshin; at Senshin.

Saturday, June 29 All Day
Senshin *Obon* (Taiko)

Saturday & Sunday, August 10 & 11
"Taiko Jam" North American Taiko Conference;
at Portland State University (Taiko)

Saturday & Sunday, September 7 & 8
Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple 50th Anniversary Service (Gagaku);
at Nishi Hongwanji

Sunday, November 10 at 5:00pm
Full Moon Concert (Gagaku/Bugaku); at Senshin

ALL PERFORMANCE DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

KINNARA UPDATE:

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

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | 1 <i>Shusho-e</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | 10a <i>Shusho-e</i> , New Year Day Service | | 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko | | 1p Sr. YBA Event |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> ; Installation of Temple Board / Affiliated Organizations 11a Dharma School 11:45a <i>Tannisho</i> Study Class | | 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio | 7:30p Kinnara Gagaku and Bugaku | 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7:30p Temple Board Meeting 8p Kinnara Taiko | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 <i>Hoonko</i> Seminar |
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JANUARY TOBAN:

Sunday Service Temple

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

JANUARY Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

Jan 5 Yoko Miyagawa, Kiyo Yoneda
Jan 12 Marilyn Miyamoto, Chikako Kojima
Jan 19 Mat Uyeno, Doris Shigaki
Jan 26 Miki Fujimoto, Yoriyo Furumoto

Upcoming in FEBRUARY:

Feb 2-3 *Nembutsu* Retreat, Palm Garden Hotel
Feb 10 *Nirvana* Day Service

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