



KAKI AND JODO SHINSHU

The *kaki* (persimmon) is a popular autumn fruit among the *Jodo Shinshu* community in the U.S. Many of our temple members have planted a *kaki* tree in their backyards. Some of them are sweet *kaki* and some are *shibugaki* (astringent/bitter).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30a Virtual <i>Nokotsudo</i> Service 9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Monthly Memorial Service 11:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> via Zoom	10a Virtual Yoga Class 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 7:30p Virtual Temple Board Meeting	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10:00a Virtual Family Service Rev. Kodani, speaker	10a Virtual Yoga Class 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10:00a Virtual Family Service	10a Virtual Yoga Class 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 7:00p Virtual Temple Board Meeting				10:00a Dr. Taitetsu Unno Memorial Lecture by Zoom

NOVEMBER TOBAN	NOVEMBER Onaijin Flower Toban	Upcoming in DECEMBER 2020	All classes subject to change without notice. Please call a group member to confirm meeting/rehearsal.
Sunday Service Temple <i>Hondo Toban</i> TBD	Nov 7 Orie Yamashita Nov 14 Ariene Yokoyama or Megan Ogawa Nov 21 Paige Morkawa Nov 28 Akiko Rogers Dec 5 Jean Nakashima	Dec 5 Virtual Lecture by Rev. Dr. Mark Unno Dec 6 Bodhi Day Service, Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Mark Unno Dec 31 Virtual <i>Joya-e</i> , End of Year Service	

According to a recent Japanese news article, the Nara Medical College found astringent bitterness or the tannin of the *shibugaki* can detoxify the Covid-19. By mixing the juice of the *shibugaki* and saliva and adding it into a liquid containing Covid-19, they found the Covid-19 became non-toxic. This is still under further research and not tested with humans so we should not eat *shibugaki* as protection from the virus yet. It will take some time for the test results so it is better to use *shibugaki* to make *hoshigaki* (dried kaki) rather than waiting to sell *shibugaki* to pharmaceutical companies.

Hoshigaki is often related to Jodo Shinshu teachings. It illustrates the transformation of the astringent *shibugaki* into sweet *hoshigaki*. The *hoshigaki* was once too bitter to eat. If you took a bite of it, your mouth would pucker and become numb.

The sweet, dry *kaki* was once a bitter *kaki*. When the bitter *kaki* was hung under the roof for several weeks, somehow, it became a sweet *kaki*. Due to the sunlight and the autumn breeze, it became a sweet *kaki*. Bitterness was not removed; bitterness turned into sweetness.

Bitterness is compared to our desire rooted in our ego, *Bonno*, such as greed, anger, envy, high self-esteem, and low self-esteem. Undesirable experiences and past misconduct can

also be the bitterness of *kaki*. But, because of the sunlight and autumn breeze, which is compared to Amida Buddha's vow power, we will be alright. Bad experiences can turn into meaningful experiences. Our *Bonno* is not the obstacle to be born into the Pure Land and become the Buddha.

Shinran Shonin composed a *wasan*:
Obstructions of karmic evil turn into virtues

It is like the relation of ice and water
The more the ice, the more the water
The more the obstructions, the more the virtues

Karmic evil is the power or energy that causes us troubles and blocks our way to attain Buddhahood.

Shinran Shonin meant that *Bonno*, past misconducts and failure, is okay. It is a part of us and we are unable to remove it. Because of our unremovable *Bonno*, Amida Buddha transfers the virtue that enables us to detoxify the working of *Bonno*.

The more we are aware of the working of *Bonno*, we try to be less ego and try not to be a problem to others. The more we are aware of our past misconducts, we try to reflect on them and improve ourselves.

The more the ice, the more the water. The more the obstructions, the more the virtues of Amida Buddha. The more the mistakes, the more the opportunities to improve.

Without removing the *Bonno*, we can attain our birth in the Pure Land. We manage to live together with our *Bonno* and our mistakes. When you eat the *hoshigaki*, please remember this and enjoy eating it.

Namoamidabutsu.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



柿と浄土真宗

柿は日本では秋の果物として親しまれています。アメリカでも日系の方は、自宅の裏庭に柿の木を植えておられる方が多いです。その中には甘い柿もあれば、渋い柿もあります。多くの1世や2世の方は渋柿を干し柿にされていましたが、三世や若い世代はどうでしょうか？もし渋柿を捨てようと思っておられたら、ちょっと待ってください。

最近の日本のニュースによると、奈良県立医科大学が渋柿の渋がコロナウイルスを無害化することを発見したそうです。渋柿の汁と唾液を混ぜて、コロナウイルスを含む液体に加えてみたら、ウイルスが無害化されたそうです。でもこれはまだ研究中の段階で、人間の口の中でのテストはしていないので、コロナ対策として渋柿を食べるのはまだやめた方がいいです。もしかしたら製薬会社へ渋柿を売ることができるようになるかもしれませんが、今の所は、干し柿を作った方が良いでしょう。

干し柿は浄土真宗の教えを表す食べ物として真宗の念仏者から好かれています。「渋柿の渋がそのまま甘みかな」という法語があります。渋柿は渋すぎて、一口食べると数時間は口の中がしびれて麻酔を打ったようになります。けれども、その渋柿を屋根の下に数週間吊るして日光と秋風に晒しておく、なぜか甘い柿になるのです。渋味を取り除くのではなく、渋味が甘味に変わるのです。

渋味とは、貪欲、怒り、妬み、エゴに根ざした欲、などの煩悩にたとえられます。思い出したくない経験や過去の失敗も柿の渋だといえます。けれども、阿弥陀仏の本願力

にたとえられる太陽の光と秋風のおかげで、嫌な経験が意味のある経験に変わることもあり、また私たちの煩悩が、浄土に生まれて仏になる功德がはたらくところとなるのです。

親鸞聖人のご和讃で

「罪障功德の体となる、こほりとみづのごとくにて、こほりおおきにみづおほし、さほりおほきに徳おほし」

と、煩悩と阿弥陀仏からの功德の関係を氷と水のお示ししてくださっています。

煩悩は、私たちに仏に成る道を塞いでしまうのですが、私たちの力では煩悩を取り除くことはできません。そのため阿弥陀仏がそういう者を救うとの願いを起こされ、その願いが成就し、その功德によって私たちが浄土に生まれ、仏に成ることができるのです。

煩悩や、過去の失敗は私たちの一部であり、それを取り除くことができません。その取り除けない煩悩を、阿弥陀仏の功德によってその働きを無害化して、仏になれる道を歩ませてくださるのです。

氷が多ければ多いほど、とけると、水も多い、というように、煩悩や失敗が多くても、阿弥陀仏の功德も多くはたらいてくださる、ということです。

干し柿を食べるときは、柿の法語や親鸞聖人のご和讃を思い出して、念仏していただきましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial NOVEMBER
Virtual Shotsuki Service November 1, 2020 at 10a

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	Friends	Imai, Harry and Ida
Akahori, Ted	Brother	Akahori, Bob Yoneo
Imamura Family	Mother	Imamura, Kikuye
Imamura Family	Uncle	Yoshimura, Toshiyuki
Isomoto, Glen	Mother	Isomoto, Satoko
Kammerer, Michele	Father	Kammerer, William
Kiyohara, Ruby	Husband	Kiyohara, Akira
Kojima,Chikako	Grandmother	Uneda, Yoshiko
Kuwata, Tom	Grandmother	Yamada, Tosao
Matsumura, Henry	Grandmother	Matsumura, Satomi
Minami, Jean	Mother	Yokomi, Misako
Minami, Jean	Brother	Yokomi,Tadashi Ted
Murakami, Eugene	Mother	Murakami, Yomiko
Murakami, Hisako	Mother	Takahashi, Koito
Nakagawa, Fred	Mother	Nakagawa, Kiyo
Nakawatase, Richard	Father	Nakawatase, Hideyoshi
Nakawatase, Richard	Mother	Nakawatase, Sachiko
Nakawatase, Yasuko	Father-in-law	Nakawatase, Anzaemon
Nishisaka, Merrie	Father	Nishisaka, Arthur
Okazaki, James	Friend	Chan, Donald
Otamura, Katherine	Husband	Otamura, Roy
Sato Family	Father	Sato, Gene
Shimohara, Ellen	Husband	Shimohara, Jerry
Shimohara, Ellen	Mother-in-law	Shimohara, Chiyoko
Sonday, Reiko	Father	Nimi, Shinichi
Takamoto, Robert	Wife	Takamoto, Sachi
Takashima, Iris	Uncle	Yasuda, Shig
Tanaka, Lillian	Mother	Shiosaki, Ethel
Toji, Dean/Toji, Suzanne	Mother/Mother-in-law	Toji, Evelyn
Ushirogata, Mutsuo	Father	Ushirogata, Kiichi
Ushirogata, Yukie	Brother	Matsushita, Hiroshi
Uyeno,Matsuko	Father-in-law	Uyeno, Yoshisuke
Wakinaka, Bernice	Father-in-law	Wakinaka, Yorinosuke
Wakinaka, Bernice	Mother-in-law	Wakinaka, Tane
Wakinaka, Bernice	Father	Nagaoka, Tokuzo
Yamaguchi, Toshiko	Husband	Yamaguchi, Frank
Yamasaki, Reiko	Husband	Yamasaki, George
Yamashita, Betty	Brother	Takahashi, Paul
Yokoyama, Arlene	Father	Yamada, Harold
Yokoyama, Arlene	Brother	Yamada, Richard
Yoshimura, Brett and Susan	Daughter	Yoshimura, Deklan

Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno 7th
cycle Memorial Lecture.

Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno passed away on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at his home in Eugene, Oregon. Taitetsu-sensei served as our minister from 1959 to 1962. It has been six years since he passed away and, in observance of his 7th cycle memorial service year, his son, Dr. Mark Unno, will present a lecture, “The Wisdom of Great Compassion.” It will be a Zoom lecture starting at 10:30am on Saturday, December 5. He will also be the speaker at our Bodhi Day Service on Sunday, December 6.

A registration link will be sent via email. For further information, please email senshintemple@gmail.com or call the temple at (323)731-4617. Anyone is welcome and there is no registration fee needed but donations are appreciated.

海野大徹先生 7 回忌 特別講座

海野大徹先生が 2014 年 12 月 13 日に亡くなられてもう 6 年がたちました。海野先生は 1955 年から 1962 年まで洗心の駐在開教使をしてくださいました。先生の 7 回忌にあたり、記念講座を開催しますのでどうぞみなさまご参加ください。講義のタイトルは “The Wisdom of Great Compassion” で、大徹先生のご子息でオレゴン大学教授の海野マーク師が講義をされます。講義は 12 月 5 日（土）10 時 30 分開始の予定です。

The Wisdom of Great
Compassion

On Bodhi Day, we celebrate the enlightenment or awakening of the Buddha. In Shin Buddhism, we emphasize the working of Amida’s Great Compassion. Does the wisdom of awakening contain great compassion? Or, does great compassion contain the wisdom of awakening? Through teachings and stories, we will explore the relation between wisdom and compassion and how they come to life in our own everyday experiences.

Mark Unno is the fourteenth generation Shin Buddhist priest in his family lineage. He is Professor of East Asian Buddhism in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Oregon, and Vice President of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies. His research is in Japanese Buddhism, Buddhism and psychotherapy, comparative religion, and interrreligious dialogue, and he is the recipient of the Thomas F. Herman Faculty Achievement Award for Distinguished Teaching. He is the author of *Shingon Refractions: Myoe and the Mantra of Light* (2004), editor of *Buddhism and Psychotherapy Across Cultures* (2006) as well as articles on an array of topics including *Zen and Pure Land Buddhism*. He has published in Buddhist journals such as *Tricycle*, *Lion’s Roar*, and *Buddhadharma: The Practitioner’s Quarterly*. His essays can be found at: <https://mtunno5.weebly.com>

REOPENING UPDATE

It’s already fall and we’re still not back at Senshin. The temple is ready, but the pandemic continues to block its doors to us. We have been able to have a soft opening with private funeral services over the past few months. However, the temple will not be open to regular services until next year, most probably the spring at the earliest.

If you have the need to come to the temple for any reason, please be sure to go to the office and sign in using one of the registration forms from the binder on the desk. Even if your business is not in the office, we need to know who has been on the temple grounds for contact tracing purposes. We are asking that people providing services and deliveries also sign in. It might seem bothersome to do so, but our utmost priority is to keep everyone safe. It’s important for not only your well-being, but for the health and safety of others as well. Please respect the protocol.

A Monitoring Committee has been established which will continue to assess and evaluate the established protocol and make adjustments where needed. They will also keep abreast of any updated CDC/County Guidelines.

We’re very fortunate to have the Sunday services streamed each week during this challenging time. Our deepest gratitude to Rev. Furumoto, Rev. Aki and the technical crew. There are also some other virtual opportunities available for members to see and talk with each other. Even though it’s not the same as seeing each other in person, these gatherings have enabled us to stay in touch. If you’re interested in finding a group to virtually connect with, please contact JoAnn Komai at jykomai55@gmail.com and she can help direct you to the right place.

Take care. Stay safe. Stay well. Stay in touch. Even though we can’t physically be there at Senshin right now, Senshin is always there for us.



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.

SEPTEMBER
FLOWER DONATIONS

Gary & Paula Shirasago
Arlene Yokoyama
Chikako Kojima
Nishikawa family
Ellen Shimohara
Paul Hiramoto
Reiko Sondag
Merrie Nishisaka
Tammy & Dale Matsubara
Ruby Kiyohara

SEPTEMBER 2020 DONATIONS

9/04/20	Lily Yanagita Chikako Kojima Wasabi-kai Miki Fujimoto Wilbur & Iris Takashima	Donation In memory of Tom Kojima Dana Parent's 67th Anniversary In memory of Dr. Frank Nakano, Satsuki Mae Shimada, Jan Steward, Gary Matsuno Covid-19 donation Covid-19 Donation 1st yr memorial, Etsuko Yamashita Funeral, Gary Matsuno In memory of Gary Matsuno In memory of Gary Matsuno In memory of Gary Matsuno Nokotsudo Covid19 Dana Nokotsudo In memory of Kazuo Yoneda Donation, Covid and facemasks Dana
9/12/20	Mayumi Kodani	Dana
9/14/20	Kazuo Matsubayashi Yoshiko Takeuchi	Dana Covid19 Dana
9/15/20	Rick Ken Taketomo Doug Matsuda Doug Matsuda Doug Matsuda Jean Minami Miki Fujimoto, Curtiss Rooks Janis Ishitani June Kondo Betty Yamashita Sandra Aguilar Juriko Yamada Megan Ogawa Betty Yamashita	Donation Nokotsudo In memory of Baachan, Ishi Akamichi In memory of Father, Miyoshi Matsuda Osaisen In memory of Kikuyo Rooks In memory of Yoshimi Ishitani Donations, Service book Donations, Service book Donations, Service book Donations, Service book Donations, Service book Mask Project
9/27/20	Doug Matsuda	Donations, Service book
9/29/2020	Senshin Jr YBA Susan Shigaki Young Kathleen & Martin Umemoto Deborah Hiramoto Sumiko Hayamizu	Donation Dana Dana Covid 19 Nokotsudo Nokotsudo
9/30/20	Dale Shirasago	Dana

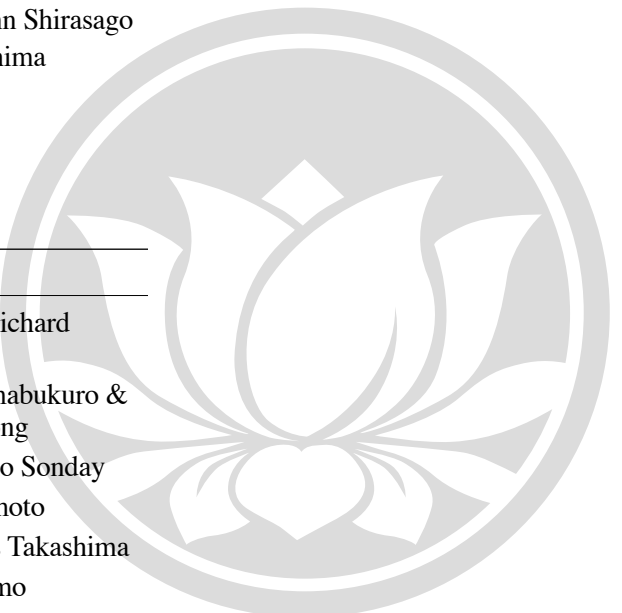
SHOTSUKI HOYO SEPTEMBER 2020

Donor	In Memory of
Ted & Julie Akahori	Tomi Akahori
Ted & Julie Akahori	Dr. Fred Miyazaki
Sumiko Hayamizu	Robert Hayamizu
Katherine Hayashi	Parents, Tsugio & Haruye Takeuchi
Richard Aiklim Kok	Father, Yoke Chuan Kok
Garren & Stephanie Mizutani	Rev. Enryo Unno
Eugene & Elaine Murakami	Raymond Murakami
Edith Nishikawa	Frank Eiichi Yoshida
Craig & Cindy Ogawa	Kikuo Ogawa
Jerry Ogawa	Kikuo Ogawa
Ellen Shimohara & Family	Father-in-law Henry Shimohara
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong	Yoshiko Shimabukuro
Dale & Susan Shirasago	George Shirasago & Glenn Shirasago
Gary & Paula Shirasago	George Shirasago & Glenn Shirasago
Wilbur & Iris Takashima	Seichi Jinde, Haru Takashima
Yoshiko Takeuchi	Kazumi Takemoto
Kathleen & Marty Umemoto	Father, Miyoshi Matsuda
Arlene Yokoyama	Stan Yokoyama
Kiyoko Yoneda	Kazuo Yoneda

OHIGAN SEPTEMBER 2020

Anonymous	Doug Matsuda	Michiko & Richard Sakakura
Julie Akahori	Hidehiro & Kimiko Matsukawa	Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong
Ted Akahori	Jean Minami	Mark & Reiko Sondag
Don Akamine	Richard & Yoko Miyagawa	Robert Takamoto
Roy Asahi	Bob Miyamoto & Deb Nakatomi	Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Carmen Chiu	Marilyn & Dennis Miyamoto	Lynn Taketomo
Debra & Stan Fukawa	Satoshi Miyata	Yoshiko Takeuchi
Kenneth Hatai	Garren & Stephanie Mizutani	Barbara Tanezaki
Sumiko Hayamizu	John & Wendy Mori	Misao Tomita
Dorothy Higa	Eugene & Elaine Murakami	Kathy & Marty Umemoto
Stephanie Higa	Russell & Lori Nishida	Yoko Uneda
Paul Hiramoto	Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa	Nancy & James Usui
Patty Honkawa	Merrie Nishisaka	Matsuko Uyeno
Kenny & Joji Iriye	Craig & Cindy Ogawa	Vickie Wakinaka
Denise Ishitani	Jerry Ogawa & Roy Natividad	Toshiko Yamaguchi
Janis Ishitani	Ronald & Fujie Ohata	Betty Yamashita
Cathy Iyemura	Susan Oda Omori	Qris Yamashita & Chris Komai
Emi Kamikawa		Carole Yokota
Chikako Kojima		Arlene Yokoyama
Richard Kok		Kiyoko Yoneda
Neil & JoAnn Komai		Amy Yukawa
June Kondo		
Martha Kuwaki		
Kazuo Matsubayashi		

OBON
Misao Tomita
HATSUBON
Susan Kirkpatrick Lily Inatomi Mark & Irene Sato Terry Sato
70th ANNIVERSARY
Masao Kodani Vickie Wakinaka & Gary Asano Michael & Lily Yanagita



2020年11月

洗心仏教会

9月感謝録:

寄付:M小谷,M小谷,D白砂,D.Trihey,J&N臼井,B竹本
D&C.Huey,K畑井,R宮本,D八木,J.Chinn,E村上
K植村,L.Wong,S宮田,C.Wong

ヴァチャル法要寄付:G&P白砂

お賽銭:M.Adams

お祝い:孫誕生ーC&C小川

Covid-19: P本川,S水谷,T赤堀,西川一家,R&H中渡瀬

サービスブック寄付:G.Wong,K&M梅本

お礼:わさび会

納骨堂:M西川,S水谷,Y宮川,M宮本,J&K原田

葬儀故J.Steward:Ronі, Frank&Friends

故E筒井追悼:M筒井
故B竹本追悼:M藤本
故K竹本追悼:E岩政,J.Holinsky

故Dodgey追悼:C.Rooks,M藤本

故B.Hearns追悼: C.Rooks,M藤本

故Dr.F中野追悼:R&R金子

故M&E神田追悼:LT神田,DJ.Gleeson

故Y藤田追悼:J&J.Fauley

故K桑田追悼:M.Adams

故J.Steward追悼:M小谷

故L.Enfield追悼:K林
故Y石谷追悼:D石谷

9月供花: J&K原田,G磯本,K磯本,C小島,R&Y宮川,M島袋,M&K梅本,B脇中 Y竹内,B山下

10月供花:G&P白砂,A横山,C小島,西川一家,E下原,P平本

11月のお花当番: 7日Q.山下,14日A横山 or M小川,21日P本川,28日A.Rogers,12/5日J中島

お寺当番: お寺

本堂当番: TBD

12月の予定: 12/5ヴァチャルお話し—Dr.マーク海野開教使、12/6ヴァチャルボデイデイ法要、Dr.マーク海野開教使、12/31:ヴァチャル除夜会

お寺の再開:

コロナでお寺が閉鎖されてからすでに7ヶ月経ちました。皆様とお寺で再会できる日が待ちどろしいこの頃です。各家族だけの小規模のお葬式などは行っていますが、正式の再開は、残念ながら今しばらく（早くても来年の春？）我慢しなくてはならないようです。

もしお寺に来る必要の方は、オフィスのデスクにある記録簿に記名してください。これは、万が一の場合に際して、追跡をする場合の為であり、皆さん全員の健康を保つ為でもあります。お寺の当番や配達で来る方も、同じようにお願いします。

お寺のMonitoring Committeeは州衛生局のガイドラインを守り、今後の変更を追従していきます。

幸いにもオンラインによるお寺の法要に、みなさんが参加されています。古本、アキ先生、それとテクニカルの一同のおかげです。感謝します。

そのほかにも、色々とヴァチャルで話し合う機会があります。参加されたい方は

JoAnn Komai, jykomai55@gmail.com までに遠慮なく連絡ください。

どうぞ体に気をつけて、お元気で過ごしてください。直接にはお会いできませんが、洗心寺はいつも、皆さんの側に居ます。会

November 2020

Thank You for Your Support and Participation in the Senshin Sangha Survey

Dear Temple Members:

The Board thanks you for your participation in the Senshin Sangha Survey. From July 5, 2020, through July 24, 2020, the Senshin Sangha Survey was open to all Senshin members, Friends of Senshin, and non-members. We received 156 survey responses submitted online or through the mail. The survey responses inform the work of the Senshin Visioning Committee focused on how we can continue to be a vibrant center for the practice of Jodoshinshu.

Survey highlights:

- Survey respondents' profile:

The average survey respondent is between the age range of 56-70 (44%). 28% of survey respondents are in the age range of 18-55 and 27% are in the age range of 70+. 87% of the survey respondents are Senshin members. 72% of the respondents' first contact with Senshin was through a family member, parent, or spouse

- The top 5 reasons why people come to Senshin and continue to attend are:

Minister
Funeral or Memorial services
Sangha community
Service/study class
Temple Events

- Top three answers on what can we do to fulfill our mission:

Look at new ways to deliver the dharma message
More programs for families (religious and social)
New Dharma study programs

- Top three barriers to attend Senshin are:

Schedule
Distance
Other conflicting activities

- Top change we can do to enable more participation:

Web links to the service

We will host focus groups in the coming months to gather additional sangha input and explore why Senshin matters to our Sangha. We want our vision for Senshin's future to be rooted in our "why" or "reason for being." In 2021, we will hold a general meeting and share a plan for achieving the future vision of Senshin. We are grateful for your opinions, ideas, input, and continued support.

In gratitude,

Senshin Visioning Committee

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Board News

On behalf of the board, I hope that everyone is safe and healthy and that everyone continues to donate whatever they can to keep the temple active due to the COVID-19.

Here is some of what is going on at the temple even though we are closed:

- Getting more information on renovating the rental property.
- Fundraising plans to purchase a new car for Rev Furumoto.
- General meeting on Sunday, November 15 at 11:30 am via zoom. Sangha members are invited to participate. Please contact Chikako Kojima chikak@att.net for further information.

Again, everyone please stay safe and healthy.

Gassho,

CHIKAKO KOJIMA

B W A

After a long hiatus, we've started having regular meetings again. Our next meeting will be on November 1 at 11:30 am via Zoom. If you're interested in becoming a member please contact JoAnn Komai at jykomai55@gmail.com. We'd love to have you join us! Please continue to reach out to our senior members who don't have email. Send a card. Write a letter. Give a call. Stay connected. They appreciate the contact so much!

We gratefully acknowledge the following for their generous dana:

Ikuko Matsubayashi

Special

Debbie Hiramoto

In memory of Sumiko Hiramoto

SDBWA Report

At the General Meeting held before the beginning of the 2020 Southern District/SDBWA Conference on October 3, the recently formed Las Vegas BWA was voted into the network of 13 other chapters that make up SDBWA.

Welcome LV!

Awardees for the newly inaugurated SDBWA Grant Program were also announced. The goal of the program is to support the dissemination of *Jodo Shinshu* teachings in our Southern District temples and community. This year's awardees are Orange County Buddhist Church/Vista Buddhist Temple; Everyday Buddhist; Pasadena Buddhist Temple; Message to the Sangha; Venice Buddhist Temple; Vista Buddhist Temple; Community Gathering; and West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple: Introductory Class on Pure Land Buddhism.

Each year the SDBWA recognizes SD Dharma School teachers for their service upon their 25th and 50th milestone years. This year there were four honorees celebrating 25 years of teaching:

Merry Hiroshima, OCBC

Arlene Miya, Gardena

Terry Omori, Vista

Sally Yasukochi, Vista

Our congratulations, with gratitude, to the honorees for their dedication to sharing the Buddha Dharma with our children.

ABA

The Chashu Bao Sale was a success. ABA would like to thank everyone for their support. We would also like to thank John Hiramoto for his help in arranging the Sale. Enjoy your Chashu Bao.

ABA is also looking forward to the upcoming ABA elections.

Jr Y B A

Another semester of distance learning has started for us juniors. We've been getting back into gear for virtual learning, zoom sessions, at home workouts, and completing numerous virtual assignments. These times are not easy, but we are human, we can adapt to a new situation and work with it. At our most recent meeting, Senshin's Jrs. have been given new cabinet positions. Due to a shortage of members however, the historian now acts as the athletic coordinator. If you know any teenagers interested in joining, please refer them to Joyce Yamashita, the new Jr. YBA parent. The new positions have been occupied by the following:

President:	Paige Mizutani
Vice President:	Sam Yamashita
Treasurer:	Halle Fukawa
Secretary:	Carter Kawaguchi
Religious Chair:	Chloe Fujii
Publicity:	Matz Furumoto
Historian/Athletics Coordinator:	Jordyn Saiki

On top of that, the previous president of Senshin's Jr. YBA, Halle Fukawa, has been promoted to the Southern Districts Jr. YBA second vice president, congratulations!

For upcoming events, the Jrs. will continue to meet via Zoom. Upcoming virtual events for Jr. YBA are the delegates meeting on October 10th,



followed by Southern District Jam Session on November 14th. I hope everyone continues to adapt and stay safe during the rest of this year. If you have any questions regarding Jr. YBA, please contact Joyce Yamashita at kyokosam@aol.com.

Zooming with



Every two weeks members of the open studio have a zoom session to keep up with each other. Although the studio remains closed, members can access

Donation 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.
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 Eugene Murakami at (909) 861-0697 or genemura@roadrunner.com.

alternative. I will try to give you updates and other info on her progress.

I have been working on finishing different pieces and experimenting with



some traditional Japanese techniques. I also try to maintain the Bodhi tree area and keep the plants watered. The Bodhi is ready for a big trim. It has been dropping a lot of leaves, but it looks healthy and strong.

I enjoyed the Lynn Akamine video on *Ikebana*. As a potter I'm interested in their choice of vessels in their arrangements. I'll always remember the special opportunity I had to walk through the *Nisei* week *Ikebana* show with Saneto-sensei. She wore a beautiful full length gown and looked like the rock star she is. I very much miss seeing her and wish her well. Stay safe and strong.

— Bob



Senshin Jr. YBA Scrip ORDER FORM Make checks payable to "Senshin Jr YBA"
Place in Senshin Jr YBA cubbie in main office of Senshin Buddhist Temple; OR
Mail to: Senshin Jr YBA Scrip Order c/o Harumi Kawaguchi, 3170 Bear Creek Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320
Questions: Contact Harumi Kawaguchi 626/230-1433 or SenshinScripSale@gmail.com

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Clothing & Accessories	%	Qty	Total
Bloomingdales \$25/100	12%		\$
Kohl's \$25/100	4%		\$
Macy's \$25/50	10%		\$
Old Navy \$25/100	14%		\$
Nordstrom \$25/100	6%		\$
TJ Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGds \$25/100	7%		\$
Dining	%	Qty	Total
Applebee's \$10/25/50	8%		\$
Baja Fresh \$25	10%		\$
California Pizza Kitchen \$25	8%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25	10%		\$
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf \$25	9%		\$
Islands Burgers \$25	8%		\$
Olive Garden \$10/25/100	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$5/10/25/50	8%		\$
Rubio's Restaurant \$25	10%		\$
Starbucks \$5/10/25/50	7%		\$
Subway Restaurant \$ 10/50	6%		\$
Taco Bell \$5/10/15	5%		\$
Discount Store	%	Qty	Total
Sam's Club \$25/100	2.5%		\$
Target \$10/25/100	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25/50/100	2.5%		\$
Electronics & Office	%	Qty	Total
Best Buy \$25/100	4%		\$
GameStop \$25	3%		\$
Office Depot/Office Max \$25/100	5%		\$
Staples \$25/100	5%		\$
Entertainment	%	Qty	Total
AMC Theatres \$25/50	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10/25/100	8%		\$
Disney \$25	3%		\$
Fandango \$25	4%		\$
Regal Theatres \$25	8%		\$

Gas & Auto	%	Qty	Total
76 Gas \$25/100	1.5%		\$
ARCO \$50	1.5%		\$
Chevron CA Only \$50/100/250	1.5%		\$
Exxon \$50/250	1%		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30	8%		\$
Mobil \$50/250	1%		\$
Shell \$25/50/100	1.5%		\$
Grocery	%	Qty	Total
Albertsons/Vons \$25/100	4%		\$
Marukai/Tokyo Central \$10	n/a		\$
Smart & Final \$25/50/100	3%		\$
Sprouts Market \$25/50/100	5%		\$
Whole Foods \$25/50/100	3%		\$
Health & Beauty	%	Qty	Total
Bath & Both Works \$10/25	12%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25	6%		\$
Sephora \$25	5%		\$
ULTA \$25	4%		\$
Home Décor	%	Qty	Total
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25/100	7%		\$
Cost Plus World Market \$25	7%		\$
Home Improvement	%	Qty	Total
Home Depot \$25/100	4%		\$
Lowe's \$25/100	4%		\$
Online & Catalog	%	Qty	Total
Amazon.com \$10/25/100	2.25%		\$
Apple App Store & iTunes \$15/25	5%		\$
Groupon.com \$25	7%		\$
Specialty Retailer	%	Qty	Total
Container Store \$25/100	9%		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric & Crafts \$25	6%		\$
Michaels \$25	4%		\$
PetSmart \$25	5%		\$
See's Candies \$25	9%		\$
Sporting Goods	%	Qty	Total
Bass Pro Shop \$25/100	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25/100	8%		\$
REI \$25	8%		\$

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NOVEMBER 2020

Dial the Dharma

With the Coronavirus crisis, BCA created “Dial the Dharma.” By calling “Dial the Dharma” 800-817-7918. You can listen to Bishop Rev. Harada’s Dharma message in English or a Japanese Dharma message by various Japanese speaking ministers. Both English and Japanese messages will be renewed every other week on Wednesday. For English, press 1 and for Japanese press 2.

ダイヤルザダルマに日本語法話

現在、BCAでは電話をすれば5分間の法話を聞くことができるプログラムを始めていて、コンピューターをあまり使わない門信徒の方から好評を得ています。5月からは日本の法話を聞くことができるようになりました。（800）817ー7918に電話すると、原田総長の声で英語の方は1を日本語の方は2を押すように言われますので、2を押してください。日本語の法話は2週間に一度、水曜日に更新されます

Beginning Yoga Class for Senshin Sangha Online!

Now more than ever is the time to keep your body moving and your mind calm. Beginner yoga classes offered online through Zoom and taught by Riki Aihara. No experience necessary or equipment required. We will cover basic yoga techniques, meditation and stretching. Most of class can be done in a chair. Take care of your physical and mental health during this time. Email riki.aihara@gmail.com for more info.

Thinking Body/ Moving Mind TBMM

Young Ae Park will resume her movement technique/exercise class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30a via Zoom. For information please contact Young Ae at dance-journeyhome@yahoo.com.

Aruku-Kai “Let’s Walk” Club!

Let's walk together, apart! We encourage all Sangha members to walk, breathe fresh air, and take in your surroundings. Please share moments you capture with Lauren.Ohata@gmail.com; we will include your photos as space allows.

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 WilburTakashima (310) 398-9558.

Hongwanji Place

Since Senshin will continue to be closed for an indefinite period of time. If any of our sangha wishes to make any purchases from the Hongwanji Place store, please go to our website: **www.hongwanjiplace.com**. It is being continually updated with more of our items displayed online. We hope to add more items as time permits. If you have any questions about availability of merchandise, or a general question, please contact Wilbur Takashima at (310) 994-1627 or at wktakashi@aol.com.

PLEASE TREAT SCRIP/GIFT CARDS LIKE CASH

Gift cards purchased are not returnable/refundable/exchangeable. With *one* exception: Gift card(s) are found invalid or declined. If you have an exception, please contact above.

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