



KANSHA 感謝

GRATITUDE

SORRY AND TO THANK

“Gratitude” is “感謝 *kansha*” in Japanese.

Kansha is made up of two *kanjis* and literally means feel and apologize.

Roughly, *kan* means “feel” and *sha* means “apologize.” Originally 感(*kan*) meant “to be hit” or “to be struck” in the heart and mind by something.

The *kanji* 感(*kan*) consists of three parts.

They are 一 and 口 and 戈 and 心.

The upper right side’s *kanji* 戈 is read *hoko*, and it means “a halberd” or “a pike.”

The upper left side 一 and 口 represents a mouth that is closed and the bottom part 心(*kokoro*) means heart and mind.

So, *kan* means “as if the heart and mind is hit by a halberd and, because of the shock, no words come up”. This is how ancient

Chinese people explained the meaning of “feel.”

謝(*sha*) means “apologize.” To apologize in old Chinese thought was “to release the burden of the heart and mind”. 言 on the left side means “word” or “speak.” 射 on the right side means “release arrow”. Why do you think the

combination of the two meanings, “to speak” and “to release an arrow” can mean “apologize?” When you pull the string of the bow, the string is tense. Ancient Chinese *Kanji* creators thought that the state of feeling sorry for others is tense and stressful and it is a burden on the heart and mind. So, by expressing the feeling of sorry to others by words, the arrow is released and the tensed string is loosened. It connotes that, by apologizing to oth-

Jodo Shinshu is the teaching of *Kansha*. We thank Amida Buddha and showing gratitude to Amida is one of the important daily religious deeds for the followers. Recitation of “*Namoamidabutsu*” is considered an expression of gratitude to Amida. Shinran Shonin taught that Amida Buddha can reach our hearts and minds by the form of the *Namoamidabutsu* to transfer the merit enabling us to be born in the Pure Land where we can be free from self-centeredness. The sutra states that because we, foolish beings, are not qualified to be born in the Pure Land, Amida Buddha established the vow to save us. When the foolish beings recite *Namoamidabutsu*

da’s benevolence and of responding in gratitude to his virtue.”

Once we begin to *Kansha* to Amida, we also can be aware of the benevolence we are receiving from other people and other beings, hence we hear many *Jodo Shinshu* followers say “*Okagesama* (thanks to you and many others).” When they are asked, “how are you?” “*Okagesamade* I am fine. Thank you.” Before a meal, they thank the other lives for sustaining our lives, and say “*Itadakimasu* (receive other lives with respect).”

Jodo Shinshu is a teaching of *Kansha* that helps us to live peacefully. Let’s recite the *nembutsu* in our daily lives.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

“*The benefit of being aware of Amida’s benevolence and of responding in gratitude to his virtue.*”

ers, we are able to relax, release stress, and feel serenity.

I recently read an article that says, “No apology costs higher.” The author said that, according to research, if you say “sorry,” it alleviates the others’ anger and results in fewer lawsuits and less compensation. I do not know what kind of research he did, but I hope this is true and more people will say sorry to each other as well as *Kansha*. It brings us a peaceful life.

in accordance with Amida’s wish, Amida’s wish is fulfilled. The intoning *Namoamidabutsu* is a response to Amida and the response is to thank Amida.

At first, many people think “why am I foolish and why do I have to be saved?” But later, as the understanding of the teaching deepens, we begin to be aware of our foolishness which is a synonym for self-centeredness, and we feel sorry for our self-centeredness and thank Amida’s compassion.

In his major work *Kyogyoshinsho*, Shinran Shonin listed the ten benefits that we gain while the *nembutsu* followers are living and one of them is “The benefit of being aware of Ami-

感謝

古本龍太

ありがたいことを表す意味の「感謝」は「感じる」と「謝る」という二つの漢字でできた言葉です。

漢字の辞典を調べてみました。辞典によると、もともと感（かん）は、何かに心を打たれる、という意味だそうです。感(かん)という漢字は3つ

の部分で構成されています。「一口」と「戈」と「心」です。右上の「戈」は「ほこ」と読み、槍のような武器のことです。左上の一口は閉じた口を表し、下の部分は心です。つまり、感とは「心が打たれて、その衝撃で言葉が出てこない」という意味です。古代中国の人々はこのように「感じる」という意味を捉えていました。

そして、謝（しゃ）は 謝るという意味です。辞典の漢字の説明に、謝ることは「心の重荷を解く」ということだとあります。左側の「言」は 言葉 や 話すという意味で右側の射は矢を放つことです。「話す」と「矢を放つ」という二つの意味の組み合わせが「謝る」という意味になるのはなぜでしょうか？古代中国の漢字制作者は、人に申し訳ないと思っている状態は緊張してストレスがかかり、心に負担がかかることだと考えました。その状態を矢を放つ前に弓の弦がピンとはって"いる状態のようだとたとえたの

です。矢が放たれると、緊張していた弦が緩むように、他人に申し訳ないという気持ちを言葉にして表現することで、心がストレスから解放され、穏やかな気持ちになれる、という意味を持つのが「謝」なのです。

最近、"謝らない方が高くつく"という記事を読みました。ある研究によると「ごめんなさい」と言えば、相手の怒りが和らぎ、結果的に訴訟や賠償金が少なくなるということです。それがどのような研究なのかわかりませんが、本当だといいですね。それでお互いに謝りあう人や、感謝を表す人が増えたらいいと思います。

浄土真宗は感謝の教えです。阿弥陀仏に感謝することは、浄土真宗の門信徒にとって日々の大切な行いの一つです。南無阿弥陀仏を称えることは、阿弥陀仏への感謝の気持ちを表す行為で称名報恩と言います。親鸞聖人は、阿弥陀如来が「南無阿弥陀仏」の形となって私たちの心に届き、その功德をいただくことで、私たちが自己中心から解放される境地のお浄土に生まれることができる」と説かれます。私たち凡夫は浄土に生まれる力がないので、阿弥陀如来が私たちを救うための願いを建ててくださったとお示しくださっています。凡夫が阿弥陀如来の願いを受けて念仏するということは、阿弥陀如来の願いが凡夫の心に確かに届いたということです。それで、念仏を称えるということが、阿弥陀さまのご恩に報うこととなり、感謝する行為になるのです。

最初は "なぜ自分は愚かな凡夫とよばれ、救われなければならないのかと疑問に思う人が多いですが、教えの理解が深まるにつれ、凡夫と呼

ばれる自己中心性の愚かなさに気づくようになり、自己中心的な自分を反省し、阿弥陀さまの慈悲に感謝するようになります。

親鸞聖人は「教行信証」の中で、現生十益という、念仏者が生きている間に得られる十の利益を挙げておられますが、その中の一つに「知恩報徳の益」という、阿弥陀の慈悲を知り、その徳に感謝できる利益というものがあります。

阿弥陀さまへの感謝のお念仏が出てくると、他の人や生き物、出来事からいただいている力やエネルギーにも気づくようになってきます。それで、多くの浄土真宗の念仏者が「お蔭様です」とよく言われますし、食事の前には、私たちの生活を支えてくれている他の命へ感謝する言葉、「いただきます」と言われるのです。

また、お寺へのお布施も喜んで行われます。お寺をサポートすることで、阿弥陀仏やお寺に感謝の気持ちを表すのです。このCOVID-19の年に洗心が金銭的に困らないのは、このような理由からだと思います。例年以上に多くの方が寄付をしてくれています。ありがたいことです。

浄土真宗は、私たちが平和に生きるための感謝の教えです。報恩感謝の念仏とともに生活していきましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial DECEMBER

Virtual Shotsuki Service December 6 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	Sister-in-law	Uyetake, Yoshiko
Domoto, Lily	Mother-in-law	Domoto, Tsuchiyo
Hashimoto, Miwa	Father-in-law	Hashimoto, Thomas K.
Hirayama, Kiyome	Son	Hirayama, Glen
Ikari, Kathy	Grandmother	Kato, Kikuyo
Ikegami, Sumiko	Father	Shigaki, Uichiro
Iriye, Kenny	Father	Iriye, Kazunori Henry
Kamikawa, Emi	Mother	Kamikawa, Violet
Kojima, Chikako	Father	Uneda, Harry Kazushi
Lew, Judy	Mother	Matsuda, Mickey
Matsubayashi, Kazuo	Father	Matsubayashi, Moriichi
Minami, Jean	Brother-in-law	Minami, Yoshimi
Mori, Johnny	Father	Mori, Yasuo
Mori, Wendy	Father	Sahara, Hiroshi
Motokane, Eddie	Mother	Motokane, Helen
Nishida, Kikuko/Nishida, Russell	Husband/Father	Nishida, John
Nishisaka, Merrie/Nishida, Lori	Grandmother	Nishisaka, Ritsuko
Nishisaka, Merrie	Grandmother	Sanada, Tsuta
Ohata, Ron	Father	Ohata, Shigetoshi Michael
Ota, Joanne	Father	Ota, John
Sondai, Reiko	Grandmother	Fukumoto, Kinu
Takashima, Iris	Grandfather	Yasuda, Hikokichi
Tomita, Misao	Father	Nakamura, Masutaro
Tomita, Misao	Husband	Tomita, John
Tsuji, Hisako	Mother-in-law	Tsuji, Takiye
Ushirogata, Mutsuo	Sister	Hagiwara, Naruko
Usui, Aiko	Brother	Nishiyama, George
Usui, Aiko	Father	Nishiyama, Masakichi
Usui, Nancy	Mother	Shimabukuro, Kiyoko
Usui Family	Father	Usui, Frank
Wakinaka, Vickie	Mother	Wakinaka, Esther
Yoshihata, Dorothy	Husband	Yoshihata, Sokumei
Yoshimura, Brett and Susan/Yoshimura, Evelyn	Father/Brother	Yoshimura, Victor

The Wisdom of Great Compassion

Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno 7th cycle Memorial and Bodhi Day 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 for our Bodhi Day Service on December 6.**

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。

Oseibo Service

We are going to hold the **Oseibo service on Sunday, December 20 at 10am.** The Japanese word *Oseibo* literally means “the end of the year”. “*O*” is an honorific prefix, “*sei*” means year, and “*bo*” means the end; however, in Japanese, the word *Oseibo* indicates “year-end gift”. In our tradition, we present *Osei-bo* gifts to ministers and others who help to maintain the temple functions as an expression of our appreciation for their support, guidance, and kindness during the year. We usually have an *Oseibo* year-end luncheon following the service, but this year, due to Covid 19, it has been cancelled. We hope we can gather next year to have a big party to thank each other.

Jyoya-ye/End of Year Service (Virtual Service)

December 31, 2020, Thursday at 5:00pm

We are going to hold a virtual *Jyoya-ye* service on New Year's Eve. *Jyoya-ye* is a year-end service that literally means the

gathering (*ye*) of *Jyoya* (eliminating the night). “Eliminating the night” implies “the night, wishing to remove the dirt or filth collected during the year.” In this case, the dirt or filth means our blind attachments, the memories of misconduct, and troubles that accumulated during the year. With the wish of dispelling these undesirable wants, thoughts, and memories, we hold the year-end service, welcoming the New Year with a refreshing mind.

除夜会

除夜会とは年末の法要で、「夜を除く集まり」と書きますが「夜を除く」とは、その年に身に付いた埃や垢を取り除くという意味です。埃や垢とは、私たちの煩惱、またこの一年間に起きた間違いや悩みごとなどを指します。そういった煩惱や嫌な思い出を取り除くことを願ってお勤めするのが除夜会ですが、浄土真宗では、そういった煩惱や嫌な思い出を引き受けてくださる阿弥陀さまに感謝し、「煩惱を断ぜずして涅槃をうる」とはどういうことなのかを考えるご縁でもあります。12 月 31 日の午後 5 時からはじまります。今年はインターネットで参加してしてください。

Shusho-ye, or Gantan-ye Service/New Year Day Service (Virtual Service)

January 1, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

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 10a.m. This year, unfortunately, we will not have *ozoni* and *sake* in the Social Hall.

修正会（しゅしょうえ）、元旦会（がたんえ）
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意味があります。また、元旦にお勤めするので、元旦会ともいいます。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。今年はインターネットでお参り下さい。



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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. 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.
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Senshin would like to acknowledge vehicle donations that have been received from the following individuals:
Richard Nakawatase
Sachie Oda
David Yamada
Yumi Saiki

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.

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Board News

On behalf of the Board, I hope everyone is safe and healthy and will continue to support the temple by donating whatever they can to keep the temple functioning during the COVID-19 closure.

Here is some of the news on what is going on at the temple although we have been closed:

- Getting more information on renovating the rental property.
- Fundraising plans to purchase a new car for Rev Furumoto.
- Marilyn Shimabukuro has accepted the Regular Treasurer position, replacing Eugene Murakami. The Board thanks Eugene Murakami for serving as Regular Treasurer for many years.

I would like to thank all the Sangha members for their support and guidance for the past almost 3 years of serving as Senshin president. There have been some fun, wonderful, exciting and rough times at Senshin; but with the help of the Sangha, we came through. Please provide your support to our next President, Russell Nishida, and his cabinet in 2021. Again, thank you and everyone please be safe and healthy. *Gassho,*

CHIKAKO KOJIMA

Religious

Senshin Nembutsu Retreat

The 2021 Senshin Nembutsu Retreat has been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We hope and expect to be able to resume our annual retreat in February 2022.

Rev. Furumoto has asked Rev. Ken Tanaka to hold a 90 minute seminar on February 13, 2021 at 4 PM via Zoom. The title of Rev. Tanaka's lecture will be "Being Buddhists in America Today: Hints from the New Book" – Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts and the Young at Heart.

Please contact Neil Komai, nko-mai49@gmail.com if you would like to attend the Zoom seminar. You will be sent a link approximately one week prior to the seminar.

B W A

To say the least, the last 2 years have been so interesting. 2019 was an exceptionally busy year for us— serving as *toban* for SDBWA, hosting the Southern District Buddhist Conference, the World Buddhist Women's Convention and the *Gomonshu's* visit. We also had an *Ikebana* and KonMari Tidying Up workshop and a private tour of the Huntington Gardens in ad-

dition to all of our various temple responsibilities throughout the year like Chicken Teriyaki, *Obon*, and several *otokis*. It was really an exciting and fulfilling year! We were very grateful to have all of those opportunities.

What a totally opposite experience we've had looking back on 2020! For the majority of the year all of our regular activities have been cancelled. Doing nothing has absolutely been so much more difficult than every-

thing that we did together last year. Being apart has been so challenging; however, one of the positives that has come out of the pandemic has been the awareness that the bonds that we've developed as an organization have enabled us to remain connected even though we are separated for now. We do look forward to returning

to the Temple when it's safe to once again share the Dharma, work together to support the Temple and enjoy the special friendships that have been cultivated in our group.

As we come to the end of the year, our special thanks to Rev. Furumoto and our advisor, Yoriyo Furumoto, for their guidance. Thank you also to the 2019-2020 Cabinet: JoAnn Komai, Qris Yamashita, Suzanne Toji, Debbie Hiramoto, Fujie Ohata, Iris Takashima, Pat Honkawa, Linda Uyemura, Jean Minami, Barbara Tanezaki and Kathy Ikari.

In trying to navigate the holidays amidst the pandemic, most of us will be having much smaller family gatherings this year. However, the pandemic has helped us be more mindful of



Winter Youth Program

In the previous years during the winter breaks for students, we had a youth program at the temple that combined Buddhist teachings, Japanese culture/cooking and outings. However, due to the current Covid 19 closures, the program will not take place this year. Although we could plan a virtual online program, we believe the youngsters should take a break from the computer.

If they wish to run around, they are welcome to come to the temple. They can safely run around the enlarged parking lot. Please contact the temple to run.

what's really important and to accept and be grateful for what we do have. Enjoy the time with your loved ones. Please take good care and have a healthy and happy holiday season. We'll see you next year!

With gratitude, we acknowledge the following for their generous dana:

- Jean Minami, Mat Uyeno, Debbie Hiramoto *Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Takeko Kujo, and Senshin BWA Memorial Service* -
- Madalyne Adams *In Memory of Mother, Lillian Kuwata*
- Wendy Mori *2 Large Kitchen Prep Bins*

A B A

Senshin ABA would like to thank everyone for their support throughout this year. The Corona Virus has kept us apart and we miss all our Senshin Friends. We hope 2021 will be a better year for all of us.

Jr Y B A

This month, the Juniors have been hard at work finalizing plans for the rest of the year. One of the most recent developments is the start of planning for Seminar 1 which will be held in

January over Zoom. Furthermore, we are happy to announce that we will be planning this event jointly with Venice and West LA both of which we are extremely excited to work with. On another piece of news, unfortunately, due to the current state of the pandemic, *Mochitsuki* has been canceled for 2020. However, if you still need to get *mochi* be sure to support small local businesses like Fugetsu-Do!

Recently, our Juniors also attended the Southern District Jr. YBL Jam Session which was held on November 14th. Our juniors were given a valuable opportunity to bond with other Buddhist youth in an online environment.

With the holiday season quickly coming upon us, many of you may be in need of some gifts and what better way to do that than through gift cards! Jr. YBA is still selling our Scrips (gift cards) as a general fundraiser which serve as great gifts for the holidays or any occasion. Orders are submitted on the 2nd and last Sundays of the month. Forms are available at SENSIN-TEMPLE.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 Joyce Yamashita at Kyokosam@aol.com.

Facilities

The sliding glass door in the library has been difficult to open and the screen door was also difficult to open and lock. Both doors and locks have now been repaired. The large shade facing the courtyard has also been repaired. The electronic gate opener at the Mon has been repaired. Thank you, Doug Matsuda, for taking care of our temple.

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Ronnie's Garden

An early and consistent supporter of WasabiKai was Ronnie Matsuda. Ronnie spent most of his days off at the Temple, reading the paper, having lunch and just hanging out. He was a constant companion to Rev. Mas and always a friendly greeter to anyone who stopped by. He was always ready to lend a hand to anyone who needed help. I was one of those people.

As WasabiKai began classes, he would help set out the tables, carry equipment and clay up the stairs, and do anything that needed to get done. He was curious and excited to see what we were about to do. He would always stop by to see what people had made in those early classes we had upstairs. He loved to take pictures and recorded our progress and work.

After Ronnie retired he was able to spend more time at the Temple and, as usual, ready to help when called upon. WasabiKai was given a permanent space and, as I spent more time here, we had an opportunity to hang out more often. One afternoon we were walking around the Temple grounds and ended up in the old Temple entrance which is now the social hall.

Hondo Toban

Hondo Toban groups have been reorganized due to the retirement of 10 existing volunteers and the addition of three new volunteers. Six of the original 12 groups will continue with the same four volunteers in their respective groups. Four of the groups have been reorganized with four volunteers each. We have lost the equivalent of two four-person groups, so the monthly assignments will be rotated among the remaining 10 groups.

With the Coronavirus situation continuing to prevent the temple from holding normal weekly in-person services, the Hondo Toban groups will be asked to clean the Hondo only twice a month as opposed to each week of an assigned month. With services being held via Zoom streaming, only 5 to 7 individuals are in the Hondo to produce each Sunday service, so the maintenance and cleaning requirements are drastically reduced.

Hondo Toban assignments will resume in January 2021, and the toban group for each month will be listed in the Prajna. Each Hondo toban volunteer will be receiving a list of the groups and a set of modified responsibilities that will be used until we can resume full and normal temple services.

洗心仏教会

10月感謝録:

寄付: M小谷,C.Huey,K畑井,Y大迫,M小谷 D&G上島,N永谷	葬儀故M小柳:K小柳 故M和田追悼:M.Roath
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12月法要スケジュール:

3日(木)午後7:30	ヴァチャル理事会
5日(土)午前10時半	ヴァチャル海野大徹開教使
	7回忌法要 Dr.マーク海野開教使
6日(日)午前9時半 9:45 10時	ヴァチャル納骨堂法要 ヴァチャルキッズお話 ヴァチャル祥月/成道会法要 Dr.マーク海野開教使
13日(日)午前9:45 10時 11時半	ヴァチャルキッズお話 ヴァチャル家族礼拝 ヴァチャル婦人会例会
20日(日)午前9:45 10時	ヴァチャルキッズお話 ヴァチャル家族/お歳暮礼拝
27日(日)午前9:45 10時	ヴァチャルキッズお話 ヴァチャル家族礼拝
31日(木)午後5時	ヴァチャル除夜会
1月1日(金)午前10時	修正会、お正月

11月供花: C小島,E下原,A横山,Aguilar Family,R清原,T松原,T&J赤堀,J南

12月のお花当番: 5日,J.中島,12日,I.高島19日,F.大畑,26日,古本先生,31日,古本先生,1月9日,J南

お寺当番: 婦人会

本堂当番: TBD

2021,1月の予定: 1日,修正会／お正月,報恩講

お寺の車の買い換え

先生の車(Prius)は2010年に買われ、すでに150,000マイル近く走っています。この度、理事会は新しいPrius V (plug in hybrid) の購入を決めました。そのために皆様のご寄付をお願い致します。チェックには”Prius” 或いは”car” と付記して、お寺宛に送ってください。ご厚意有り難うございます。

2020年12月

Fundraising for New Prius for Sensei

We want to take this opportunity to let you all know that we are beginning our fundraising campaign to replace Sensei's 2010 Prius, now in its 11th year, and approaching 150,000 miles. The Temple Board has authorized the purchase of a Prius V, plug in hybrid. It has great gas mileage and commuting EV (electric) capabilities. If you can, we ask that you consider a donation towards Sensei's replacement car. Please send your donation to the Temple, designating the donation as "Prius" or "car."

Thank you very much for your generous support.

WASABIKAI cont'd.

He observed that no one really comes to this area anymore and the space wasn't being utilized at all. He wondered out loud if he could plant something in the used planters. We looked at each other and I said "why not?" He quietly took it as his personal project, cleaning up the area and prepping the soil. I just kind of forgot about it. Soon he would show up to the Friday



lunches with handfuls of chili peppers for anyone to enjoy. Sometime later he quietly planted a Sago palm and some succulents. It became unofficially "Ronnie's Garden". Few people even know it exists. Sometime later, Achi refurbished and installed the old Senshin Buddhist Temple sign that hung over the entrance to the parking lot to the area. Ronnie's brother, Doug, maintains the garden. It's a nice area and I encourage people to check it out.

Weeks before Ronnie's sudden passing, he would, as usual, stop by to see what the WasabiKai's regulars were making. His eye caught a platter

Jean Minami was working on. It was on a shelf waiting to be bisqued, fired and then glazed. For weeks he would ask if it was finished and my reply was always, "not yet". He was so anxious to see the finished piece. Sadly the piece wasn't completed till after his passing. When we opened the kiln, the platter had a massive crack which looks like yin/yang...almost intentional. We've kept that platter as our own memorial to a dear friend. It's a great remembrance of Ronnie and his love of ceramics. – Bob

Beginning Yoga Class for Senshin Sangha Online!

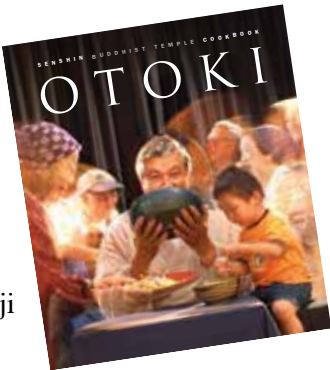
Now more than ever is the time to keep your body moving and your mind calm. Beginner yoga classes offered online through Zoom and taught by Riki Aihara. No experience necessary or equipment required. We will cover basic yoga techniques, meditation and stretching. Most of class can be done in a chair. 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 dancejourneyhome@yahoo.com.

Hongwanji Place

Senshin will continue to be closed for an indefinite period of time. If any of our Sangha wishes to make purchases from the Hongwanji Place store, please go to our website: www.hongwanjiplace.com. It is continually updated with more items displayed online. 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.



Aruku-Kai "Let's Walk" Club!

Aruku-Kai "Let's Walk" Club: *Walking Together, Apart!*

While Aruku-Kai members cannot *aruku* "walk" together, we can *aruku* apart, together. We encourage all Sangha members to walk, breathe fresh air, and take in your surroundings. If space allows, we may be able to share our photos from our walks apart, together in future *Prajnas*. Please share photos for inclusion, to Lauren.Ohata@gmail.com.

Following Activities have been cancelled

Karate Club

Wednesdays 4:30p

Kinnara Gagaku/Bugaku Classes

Kids' Taiko, Taiko

WasabiKai

Organizational meetings

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 29	November 30	1	2	3	4	5
	10a Virtual Yoga	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 7p Virtual Temple Board Mtg		10:30a Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno 7th Cycle, Virtual Memorial Lecture, Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, Speaker
6 Bodhi Day Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30a Virtual <i>Nokotsudo</i> Service 9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Monthly Memorial Service And Bodhi Day Service, Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, Speaker	10a Virtual Yoga	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 11:30a Virtual BWA <i>Reikai</i>	10a Virtual Yoga	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		
20 Oseibo Service	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual <i>Oseibo</i> Service	10a Virtual Yoga 7p Virtual <i>Zadankai</i>	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		
27	28	29	30	31	January 1	January 2
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Family Service	10a Virtual Yoga	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 5p <i>Joya-e</i> , Virtual End of Year Service	10a <i>Shusho-e</i> , Virtual New Year Day Service	

DECEMBER TOBAN:

Sunday Service B W A
Hondo Toban T B D

DECEMBER Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

Dec 5 Jean Nakashima
Dec 12 Iris Takashima
Dec 19 Fujie Ohata
Dec 26 Rev. Furumoto
Dec 31 Rev. Furumoto
Jan 9 Jean Minami

Upcoming in JANUARY 2021:

Jan 1 *Shusho-E*, New Year Day Service
Jan 16 Virtual *Hoonko* Seminar, Rev. Henry Adams,
San Mateo Buddhist Temple
Jan 17 Virtual *Hoonko* Service, Rev. Henry Adams,
San Mateo Buddhist Temple

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED:

- Karate. Yoga and exercise classes, available online
- Taiko, Kids' Taiko, gagaku and bugaku
- Wasabi-kai
- Organization meetings
- Board and committee meetings will be conducted virtually.

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, Rev. 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。大徹先生は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。講義はズームを使用して行われます。ズームの使用方法などのご質問はお寺にご連絡ください。



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 interreligious 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>



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