



# SHIRAN SHONIN

*Shiran* is not a typo.

This was what Art Takemoto *Sensei* said about our founder, Shinran Shonin.

About twenty years ago, Art *Sensei* said,  
*“We should know about Shinran Shonin and his teaching. If we do not know about him, he would become Shiran Shonin.”*

This is sort of a joke, a Japanese play on words. It’s better not to explain the joke, but let me explain it because to understand this joke, we need to understand the Japanese word, *shiran*.

Shinran and *Shiran* sound similar. Shinran is the name of our founder and *shiran* means “Do not know” or “I do not know.” And Shonin means venerable or great master.

So, if you do not know Shinran Shonin, he would become “*shiran* Shonin,” which means venerable master whom we do not know. It’s an *omoshiroi* joke. Art Sensei told this joke to Senshin members and some other temple members that came to visit Arizona Buddhist Temple where I served about twenty

years ago. It was Obon time and I was selling Shinran Shonin T-shirts that I designed. But people did not buy it. To help me, Art Sensei told the joke and the T-shirts sold out. (I did not make a profit. It was just to propagate the Jodo Shinshu teaching.) I thank Art-Sensei.

I think *Shiran* Shonin has another meaning. It is “the venerable master who said I do not know.”

Usually, we think, Shonin, the venerable master who knows everything, but Shinran Shonin said, “I am the foolish one, not wise.” He called himself *Gutoku* (Foolish priest.) *Gu* means foolish and *toku* means shaved hair or bald head. And it implies an appearance-only priest.

In his *wasan*, hymns, he wrote,

*“I am such that I do not know right and wrong.*

*And cannot distinguish false and true;*

*I lack even small love and small compassion,*

*And yet, for fame and profit, enjoy teaching others.”*

Shinran Shonin called himself foolish even though he was not foolish. He practiced at Mt. Hiei for twenty years to study and practice Buddhism to attain Nirvana. He read a lot of sutras and commentaries, so he had great knowledge about the teaching. He also did various kinds of meditation

what his master Honen Shonin taught him. “*I recall hearing the late Master Honen who said, ‘Persons of the pure land tradition attain birth in the Pure Land by becoming their foolish selves,’ and he smiled.*” Shinran Shonin became the venerable master who could say “*I do not know.*” It is difficult to

practice, sitting meditation, visualization meditation, *nembutsu* meditation, walking meditation, and so forth. It was not a soft one, like ten minutes a day. What he did was hard and serious; he meditated more than ten hours a day for the several-month period for years and years. He also studied what was right and what was wrong, what was true and what was false, but after twenty years, his answer was, “I do not know. I am the foolish one who is attached to this self.”

However, what he said, “I do not know,” can mean “the more you know, the less you know,” or “the more you know, the more you realize you don’t know.”

And he understood that the only way he could attain Nirvana was to entrust himself to Amida Buddha. In his letter, Shinran Shonin wrote about

## しらん聖人

古本龍太

タイトルは「ん」を書き忘れたわけではありません。「しんらん」ではなくて、「しらん」と書いています。これは竹本アート先生が親鸞聖人についてお話しされたときに言われてたことで、漢字をあてると、知らん聖人です。20年ほど前、私がアリゾナ仏教会の駐在開教使だった時、洗心のメンバーの方と南部教区の他のお寺の方々がお盆に来てくだ

さったことがありました。お盆の少し前に浄土真宗や親鸞聖人に親しみをもってもらう目的で、親鸞聖人のご絵像をプリントした親鸞聖人Tシャツを作りました。お盆で多くの方が来てくださったら何枚かは売れるだろうと思ってたのですが、一枚も売れませんでした。それをアート先生が気づかれ

是非(ぜひ)しらず邪正(じゃしょう)もわかぬ このみなり  
小慈小悲もなけれども

名利(みょうり)に人師(にんし)をこのむなり」

程遠い存在であることが見えてきたのです。ものごとは、知れば知るほど、知らないことがでてきます。自分は全てを知っている、というのは本当の賢者ではない、と言われますが、親鸞聖人はまさに、そのことを悟られ、自分は愚かだと反省されたのです。

親鸞聖人の師である法然上人は浄土に生まれるには、愚か者になることだと、言われます。法然上人はそのことを話されるときは、笑顔で語っておられたといいます。親鸞聖人も法然上人からそのお言葉をいただいて、笑顔で「私は

て、tシャツのことを皆に宣伝してくれたのです。その時、「みんな親鸞聖人のことを知らないから、tシャツを買わないだね。私たちは浄土真宗の門徒として、親鸞聖人のことを知らん聖人にしてはいけませんよ。」とジョーク交じりに言ってくださったら、すぐにTシャツが完売したのです。竹本先生のおかげで親鸞聖人のことを皆に知っていただけのご縁もでき、赤字にもならなかったので、ありがたかったです。

竹本先生が言われた知らん聖人は、「私たちが知らない聖人」、という意味ですが、「知らんと言われた聖人」、という意味もあるように思えます。親鸞聖人は、ご和讃に、

と、自分は何が良いことで何が悪い事か、何が正しくて何が間違っているか、ということはわからない、知らない、と言われたのです。親鸞聖人20年ものあいだ、比叡山で厳しい仏道修行にはげみ、戒律を守り、さまざまな経典や経典の解説書を読んで勉強にいそまれたといわれています。その結果、聖人が行きつかれた境地は、私は自分の力では仏になることはできず、また仏道を歩むのに、一体何が正しくて、何が間違えているのか、わからない、知らない、というものでした。そして、深い内省から、愚禿(ぐとく)親鸞、と愚かでかっこうだけの僧侶だと、名乗ったのです。

愚かだとは言われますが、聖人は仏教の教えに詳しく、教えを通して真実とそうでないものを探求されており、博学で知識のある僧侶でした。けれども、勉強すればするほど、自分が無知だということを知らされ、仏とは

愚かだな、けれどもその愚かなものをこそ救ってくださる阿弥陀様がおられることがありがたい、と念仏されたことでしょう。

「愚かだ」、「知らない」、と言うのは難しいことではありますが、浄土真宗では、それが事実だといえます。それがいいか悪いかはわからないのですが、自分には、阿弥陀如来におまかせする以外に仏になる道はない、といただいて、愚かなまま往生する、ということです。知らん聖人にはそのような意味もあるように思えます。

南無阿弥陀仏

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# SHIRAN SHINRAN



Monthly Memorial FEBRUARY  
Virtual Shotsuki Service February 7 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	Akahori, Jean
Akahori, Julie	Grandmother	Uyetake, Kazuko
Domoto, Lily	Sister-in-law	Domoto, Emiko
Gleeson, David	Mother	Gleeson, Mary Kathleen
Hori, Robert	Mother	Hori, Lilly
Huey, Celia	Mother	Kanagawa, Elso
Inatomi Family	Father	Inatomi, Kiyohiko
Inatomi Family	Mother	Inatomi, Lily
Isomoto, Kiyoko/Glen	Husband/Father	Isomoto, Sam
Kato, Douglas	Father	Kato, Kay Sadao
Kiyohara, Ruby	Father-in-law	Kiyohara, Sasaichi
Kojima, Chikako	Grandmother	Takaki, Miyo
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Husband	Kunitake, Saburo
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Uncle	Wada, Fred
Matayoshi, Gene and Connie	Father	Matayoshi, Takeo
Matsuda Family	Mother	Matsuda, Misao
Matsumura, Henry	Father	Matsumura, Isamu
Meigneux, Kate/Tela and Emma	Mother/Grandmother	Kerr, Gwendy
Mori, Wendy	Brother	Sahara, Fred
Munekata, Yoko	Father	Matsubayashi, Rev. Shushin
Nagano, Lance	Father	Nagano, George
Nakamura, Bob	Mother	Nakamura, Kimiko
Nakashita, Arthur	Father	Nakashita, Ben
Nishisaka, Merrie	Mother	Nishisaka, Yuri
Sawada, Harry	Wife	Sawada, Nellie
Shimabukuro, Marilyn	Father	Shimabukuro, Shigeichi
Takashima, Wilbur	Great Grandfather	Takashima, Bunshiro
Takashima, Wilbur	Great Grandfather	Sato, Kaisouyemon
Takemoto, Jon	Grandfather	Fujiura, Itashiro
Terakawa, Alan	Father	Terakawa, Hiroji
Tomita, Misao	Mother-in-law	Tomita, Natsu
Toyama, Beverly	Grandfather	Murata, Daisaku
Ushirogata, Mutsuo	Mother	Ushirogata, Mitsu
Usui, Jim	Father	Usui, Otojiro
Usui, Jim	Mother	Usui, Kiyono
Usui, Suzuko	Father	Ariyoshi, Matabei
Uyeno, Matsuko	Husband	Uyeno, Masato
Uyeno, Matsuko	Mother-in-law	Uyeno, Ren
Uyeno, Matsuko	Sister-in-law	Nishida, Masako Marsha
Wakinaka, Bernice	Mother	Nagaoka, Chiyono
Wakinaka, Bernice	Brother	Nagaoka, Dick
Wakinaka, Bernice	Husband	Wakinaka, Asa
Wakinaka, Vickie	Father	Wakinaka, Fred
Yokota, Carole	Mother	Yokota, Sanaye

February Monthly Memorial, cont'd

Yoneda, Kiyoko	Father-in-law	Yoneda, Sanji
Yoshioka, Karen	Father	Taniguchi, Mitsugi
Yoshioka, Karen	Mother	Taniguchi, Yuriko
Yoshitomi, Hannah/Nagatani, Nick & Wendy	Husband/Father	Yoshitomi, Roy Rentaro

Nirvana Day - Nehanye

**February 15th is Nirvana day.** This year, we will observe Nirvana day on Sunday, February 14. Nirvana day is Shakyamuni Buddha's death day. Traditionally, Shakyamuni Buddha's death is called "entering into great Nirvana." This year, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka will be our speaker. Please join the online streaming Nirvana Day Service at 10 am.

2月15日はお釈迦様がお亡くなりになられた日とされています。仏教徒はお釈迦様が亡くなられたことを、完全な涅槃に入られた記念日とし、涅槃会を営みます。今年は2月14日に涅槃会を行います。ゲストスピーカーは田中ケン師です。前日の13日土曜日は念仏セミナーのご講師も田中師です。皆さまぜひお参りください。

BCA Eitaikyo Service

On February 28 at 10 am, we will join the BCA Eitaikyo online service. All BCA ministers and members are encouraged to join this service. Rev. Kodo Umezu, BCA Minister Emeritus will be the speaker. We will not hold a Senshin Sunday Service on that day. The Zoom link to the service will be sent to your email soon.

2月28日はBCAの開教使とメンバーはBCAの永代経にお参りするようになりました。午前10時からです。洗心の日曜日のサービスはございません。BCAの永代経のズームのリンクはemailでお知らせが送られます。

Senshin Spring Ohigan Seminar and Service

Our Spring Ohigan (equinox) Seminar will take place on Saturday, March 20, from 10:30 am. The guest speaker will be Rev. Kerry Kiyohara. The name may be familiar to some people. Yes, Kerry Kiyohara who grew up at Senshin became a minister several years ago and he now serves at Makawao Hongwanji in Maui. Kerry-sensei will be the speaker for our Ohigan Seminar. He will lecture from Maui via online. He will also be the speaker for our Ohigan service on Sunday, March 21. Please join the seminar and the service.

春のお彼岸セミナー並びにお彼岸法要のご案内

3月20日(土)10時半からお彼岸セミナーを行います。セミナーのご講師はマカワオ本願寺の清原ケリー開教使です。翌21日(日)はお彼岸法要を営みます。みなさま、お誘い合わせの上ぜひお参り下さい。

If you have any questions about these services, lectures, and seminars, please contact the temple, [senshintemple@gmail.com](mailto:senshintemple@gmail.com) or (323)731-4617.

DECEMBER 2020 DONATIONS

12/01/2020	Mari Ann Hiroshige	Dana
12/06/2020	Katherine Koyanagi	Dana
12/08/2020	Eugene & Elaine Murakami	Dana
	Judy Nakatani	Dana
	Mat Uyeno	In memory of Masutaro Nakamura
	Mat Uyeno	Rev. Taitetsu Unno 7th Cycle Memorial
	Kiyome Hirayama	In memory of Glenn Hirayama
	Kiyome Hirayama	In memory of Art Hirayama
	Satomi Saneto	In memory of Glenn Hirayama
	James & Karen Harada	Rev. Taitetsu Unno 7th Cycle Memorial
	Ed Ito	Donation
	Sumi Hayamizu	Donation
	Madalyne Adams	<i>Osaisen</i>
	Ted Akahori & Julie Akahori	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Jean Minami	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Beverly Rogers & Aki Rogers	Rev. Taitetsu Unno 7th Cycle Memorial
	Lori Nishida	In memory of Ritsuko Nishisaka
	Jean Nakashima	In memory of Howard Nakashima
	Jean Nakashima	In memory of George & Emi Shigeyasu
	Bob Miyamoto	Dana
	Wasabikai	Dana
	Wasabikai	Dana
	Wasabikai	Dana
	Bob Miyamoto	Dana
12/13/2020	B. Higa/D. Higa	Donation
	Katsuko Nakagawa	Donation
	Debbie & John Hiramoto	Rev. Taitetsu Unno 7th Cycle Memorial
	Carole Yokota	Rev. Taitetsu Unno 7th Cycle Memorial
	Kiyo Yoneda	In memory of Masutaro Nakamura
	Jane & Keith Hirayama	In memory of Glenn Hirayama
	Miki Fujimoto & Curtiss Rooks	Rev. Taitetsu Unno 7th Cycle Memorial
	Alan Terakawa	Donation
	Kubota Mortuary	Donation
12/17/2020	Chikako Kojima	COVID-19
	Joy & Duane Hirayama	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Lynn Taketomo	Donation
	Robert Takamoto	Donation
12/18/2020	Karen Broberg	In memory of Frank Usui
12/28/2020	Wasabikai	Dana
	Darryl Yagi	Donation
	Janice Shigaki	Donation
	Emi Kamikawa	COVID-19
12/30/2020	Rich & Joyce Yamashita	Donation
	Kyle Asano	Donation
	Cesar del Rosario	In memory of Ben & Yoshiko Nakashita
	Gary Shirasago	7th cycle memorial for Sally Shirasago
	Norman Noji	Donation
	Roger Sarvate	Donation

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.

December Donations cont'd

Jean Nakashima	Donation
12/31/2020 Tamiko Tada	Donation
Nick & Wendy Nagatani	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
Richard & Yoko Miyagawa	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
Stephanie Mizutani	Taitetsu Unno Memorial Lecture
Michael & Lilly Yanagita	70th Anniversary Fund
Reiko and Mark Sonday	In memory of Kiyoko Nimi
Wilbur & Iris Takashima	In memory of Peggy Jinde, Katsuye Takashima
Arlene Yokoyama	In memory of Harold Yokoyama, Richard Yokoyama

SHOTSUKI HOYO DECEMBER 2020

Donor	In Memory of
Julie & Ted Akahori	Yoshiko Uyetake
Miki Fujimoto & Curtis Rooks	Mamie Kirkland
Bruce Hirayama	Glenn Hirayama
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Emi Kamikawa	Violet Kamikawa
Ruby Kiyohara	Rev. Taitetsu Unno
Chikako Kojima	Harry Uneda
Reiko & Ken Koyanagi	Father Frank Usui
Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi	Moriichi Matsubayashi
Jean Minami	Yoshimi Minami
Jean Minami	Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno
Richard & Yoko Miyagawa	7th Year Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno
John & Wendy Mori	Yasuo Mori
Wendy & John Mori	Hiroshi Sahara
Russell & Lori Nishida	John Nishida
Ronald & Fujie Ohata	Father Shigetoshi Ohata
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Reiko & Mark Sonday	Kinu Fukumoto
Wilbur & Iris Takashima	Hikokichi Yasuda
Misao Tomita	John Tomita
Yoko Uneda	Harry Uneda
Susie Usui	Husband Frank Usui
Teresa & Kenny Wong	Frank Usui
Susan Shigaki & Edmond Young	Alfred & Doris Shigaki
Roy Marubayashi & Rose Kido	Morihiro Marubayashi (Oct)
Roy Marubayashi/Rose Kido	Setsuko Marubayashi (Aug)
Richard & Helen Nakawatase	Sachiko & Hideyoshi Nakawatase (Nov)

DECEMBER FLOWER DONATIONS

Kathy Ikari	Johnny and Wendy Mori
Anonymous	Mark and Reiko Sonday
Marilyn Shimabukuro	Marty & Kathie Umemoto
Emi Kamikawa	Aguilar Family
Ron & Fujie Ohata	
Ted Akahori	

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.

SENSEI PRIUS DONATIONS 2020

Kathy Ikari  
Julie Akahori  
Ted Akahori  
Don Akamine  
James & Karen Harada  
Kenneth Hatai  
Patricia Honkawa  
Denise Ishitani  
Chikako Kojima  
JoAnn & Neil Komai  
Drew Maddock & Marilyn Okano  
Jean Minami  
Doug Matsuda  
John & Wendy Mori  
Nick & Wendy Nagatani  
Lori & Russell Nishida  
Sachie Oda  
Jerry Ogawa  
Lauren Ohata  
Beverly Rogers  
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong  
Gary & Paula Shirasago  
Mark & Reiko Sonday  
Wilbur & Iris Takashima  
Misao Tomita  
Matsuko Uyeno  
Toshiko Yamaguchi  
Lilly & Michael Yanagita  
Oris Yamashita & Chris Komai  
Bernice Wakinaka



OSEIBO 2020 DANA

Anonymous	Miyamoto, Bob & Deb Nakatomi
ABA	Mizutani, Stephanie
Jr. YBA	Mori, Johnny
Aihara, Chris	Murakami, Eugene & Elaine
Akahori, Julie	Nakatani, Judy
Akahori, Ted	Nishida, Russell & Lori
Akamine, Don	Nishikawa, Kelvin & Yoko
Asahi, Roy & Jane	Ogawa, Craig & Cindy
Camara, Stacey	Oda, Sachi
Ebata, Donna	Ogawa, Jerry
Fukawa, Stan & Debra	Ohata, Lauren
Hatai, Kenneth	Ohata, Ron
Hayamizu, Sumiko	Rogers, Beverly
Higa, Dorothy	Sakakura, Richard
Higa, Stephanie	Segawa, James & Yuriko
Hiramoto, Paul	Shimabukuro, Marilyn
Hisamune, Catherine	Shirasago, Gary & Paula
Honkawa, Patti	Sonday, Mark & Reiko
Iriye, Kenneith & Joji	Suzuki, Kiyoe
Ishitani, Denise	Tada, Tamiko
Iyemura, Cathy	Takashima, Wilbur
Kamikawa, Emi & Wesley	Takeyama, Yo
Kiriyama, Ikuko	Tanezaki, Barbara
Kiyohara, Ruby	Tomita, Misao
Kojima, Chikako	Toji, Suzanne
Kok, Richard	Umemoto, Kathie and Marty
Komai, Neil & JoAnn	Uneda, Yoko
Kondo, June	Usui, Nancy
Kuwata, Tom	Uyeno, Matsuko
Matsubara, Tammy & Dale	Yamaguchi, Toshiko
Matsuda, Doug	Yamashita, Betty
Matsushige, Natsuko	Yamashita, Qris
Middo, Joy	Yanagita, Michael & Lilly
Minami, Jean	Yokota, Carole
Miyagawa, Richard & Yoko	Yokoyama, Stan & Arlene
Miyagishima, Lillie	Yoneda, Kiyoko
	Yoshihata, Dorothy
	Yukawa, Amy

Dana, お布施について

言葉に表す必要はないのですが、改めてお寺への寛大なお布施に感謝の意を表したいと思います。その皆様のご支援が正確に記録されるために、いくつかお願いがあります。

意図：まず、理事会とサンガにとっては、みなさんのご寄付の目的が重要です。ですから、チェックあるいは封筒に、なんのための寄付であるかメモを記してください。

便宜：これまで(コロナ以前)大多数のみなさんは、お歳暮とかお彼岸のダナはそれぞれの封筒に入れて、郵便で送っていただいていた。最近の一つの封筒に数枚のチェックが同封されています。それはいいのですが、それぞれのチェックの意図がわからないことがあります。どうか、何のためのダナか封筒に書くかメモをつけてください。例えば、チャシュバオの注文の数とか、お盆のラフルチケットの場合、早めに記録しなくてはなりませんので、明記していただけると会計担当者としては便宜で助かります。

オンライン ダナ：21世紀の現在、洗心寺もオンラインでダナを受理できるようになりました。

senshintemple.orgのwebsiteのページの最後に、オレンジ色のDonateリンクがあります。そこに読みくいかもしれませんがクレジットカードのアイコンがあります。寄付にはクレジットカードあるいはPaypalを利用できます。金額を記載して、次のページの“Add special instructions to the Seller”欄に‘Ohigan’とか‘Shotuki Hoyo for 誰そのため’etc.とタイプしてください。

オンラインは複雑だと思われる方もおられるでしょう。これまで通りでも構いません。皆さんのいい方法で今後とも洗心寺にご寄付をお願いします。ありがとうございます。

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.

Dana: Donating to Senshin Buddhist Temple

We want to thank you for your Dana, which goes without needing to be said, it is generous and much appreciated. But, we will say it anyway: *Thank you for your Dana*. To make sure your support is properly reflected, here are some suggestions.

**Clarity:** Your intended reason for the donation, if any, is important to the Board and the Sangha. Please clearly state your intent, either on the memo on the check, a note, or on the envelope.

**Convenience:** Before COVID, many of the Sangha would deliver your Dana to the Temple. *Oseibo* was in the Oseibo envelope, *Ohigan* in that envelope, etc. Today, most Sangha members place multiple checks into one envelope. We understand and that is fine with us. We do ask that if there is a time sensitive matter (ABA chashu bao sale, *Obon* raffle tickets, etc), please so note on the envelope so we know to give your matter priority.

**Online Dana:** Having entered the 21st Century, Senshin can now accept your Dana online. If you go to our website, senshintemple.org, and scroll or go to the bottom of our page, there is this little orange oval Donate link. Under the orange Donate link, are eye straining credit card icons. You can donate either by credit card or Paypal. After you enter the amount of the Dana, the next page has a recap of your donation and a space “Add special instructions to the Seller.” In that space you can type your designations, *Ohigan*, *Shotsuki Hoyo* for Ronald X., etc.

We hope this makes it easier for you to donate to our Senshin Buddhist Temple. If it seems too complicated, that is okay. Just do what you always do, and we will figure it out. Thank you again.

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Board News

Our Board of Directors has been meeting monthly via Zoom and continues to organize religious events and conduct the business of Senshin. By accepting our current situation, we’ve made many adjustments and things are proceeding smoothly. We would love to get some of our younger Sangha members onto the Board to help guide us to whatever the future holds.

- Here is our Board of Directors for 2021. Thank you all for your service to Senshin.
- Russell Nishida *Board President*
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- Denise Takehara
- Qris Yamashita

The former Reverend’s residence has been in need of modernization for a long time. Vacancies due to COVID gave us an opportunity to contemplate an extensive remodel. Starting February 1, McCabe Construction will commence work that will take approximately two months. Thank you Kate Meigneux for your time and talent to design a cost-efficient solution that will make the house safer and more comfortable for our tenants.

Sunday service participation on Zoom is very good. Children and adults will enjoy Aki Sensei’s Virtual Kids Talk at 9:45am. We’ll be Zooming for the foreseeable future but look forward to reopening when it’s safe. Please check out senshintemple.org for the link to Sunday services, the calendar, links and content that might interest you.

Thank you to the many respondents of the Vision Committee survey. Your participation in the next step will be most helpful and appreciated.

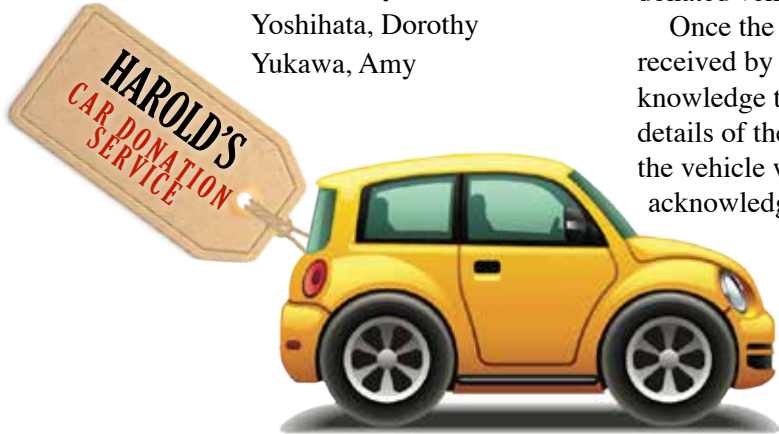
*In Gassho,*  
RUSSELL NISHIDA

BWA

Senshin’s BWA is still active behind the scenes. Thank you to our new 2021 cabinet members who will lead us into the new year and help guide us into the continued world of virtual gatherings.

While nesting at home in January, we learned to reduce clutter from the piles of paper accumulation with the help of our KonMari consultant Megan Ogawa 1/31/21. Now we all know what to do with that piece of paper.

All is quiet for February as we





洗心仏教会

2021年21月

12月感謝録:

寄付:,M広重,Kk小柳,E&E村上,E伊藤,S速水,B宮本  
わさび会(4),B&D比嘉,K中川,A寺川,Kubota葬儀  
L竹本,R竹本,D八木,J紫垣,R&J山下,K浅野,N野地  
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故海野大徹開教使 7 回忌: M上野,J&K原田,D&J平本  
B&A.Rogers,C横田,M藤本/C.Rooks,S水谷  
お寺70年記念: M&L柳田

2月法要スケジュール:

4日(木)	午後7時	ヴァチャル理事会	
7日(日)	午前8:15	ヴァチャル婦人会	
	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 ヴァチャル祥月法要	
13日(土)	午後4時	ヴァチャル念仏セミナー	Dr.田中ケン開教使
14日(日)	午前9:45 10時	ヴァチャルキッズお話 ヴァチャル涅槃会	
21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	
22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	
26-28日(金一日)		全国開教使&カウンセラー総会	
28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	小谷正雄名誉開教使

2月供花: K猪狩,M島袋,E上川,R&F大畑,T赤堀,J&W森,M&R.Sunday,M&K梅本,匿名  
2月のお花当番: 6日S東司,13日M藤本/C.Rooks,20日W&J森,27日L&K上村  
お寺当番: 婦人会  
本堂当番: J中島,C横田,E村上,R勝田  
3月の予定: 3/20ヴァチャル春のお彼岸セミナー (K清原開教使—マカワオ仏教会)、  
3/21ヴァチャル春のお彼岸法要—K清原開教使

**BWA cont'd**  
dream about how to continue our traditions from afar. How fortunate we are to have the ability to still stay connected with our Zoom chats. If you'd like to join us on these chats contact JoAnn Komai at jykamai55@gmail.com or Sandra Aguilar at sandrajoy-lee@gmail.com  
With great appreciation, we ac-

knowledge the following for their generous Dana:  
• Misao Tomita *In memory of John Tomita*  
• Madalyne Adams *Oseibo*  
• Sumi Hayamizu *Special*  
• Sumi Hayamizu *In appreciation for support during recovery*  
• Fujie Ohata *Special*

**ABA**  
Happy New Year from Senshin ABA. Our next popular Zoom Bingo is scheduled for Saturday, February 20th, at 1pm. Anyone can join us. Please contact Debbie Hiramoto if you would like to participate.

Jr Y B A

Thank you to the Sangha for all of the positive feedback we received for our 2020 Virtual Mochitsuki video. We're so happy you enjoyed it and hope it got you excited for Mochitsuki 2021! We'd like to thank the following for the great photos that were included in the video:  
• Rev. Furumoto  
• Rev. Kodani  
• Debbi Fukawa  
• Stan Fukawa  
• Hue Jackson  
• Carter Kawaguchi  
• Denise Kodani  
• Annie Lam  
• Kazuo Matsubayashi  
• Kelvin Nishikawa  
• Keith Uyemura  
• Koichi Uyemura  
• 2003 Senshin Temple Calendar (featuring 2002 mochitsuki) designed by Jean Nakashima  
• 31st Annual WYBL Conference Dharsabu 1973 Booklet  
• Senshin Buddhist Temple 50th Anniversary Book  
And thank you to anyone else we may have missed!  
We cohosted the first Southern District Jr. YBL seminar of the year with Venice and West LA on January 23 (virtually, of course). The theme was "Virtue-al Reality", where we focused on the importance of openness to multiple perspectives and detaching ourselves from our egos. We had Zoom meetings almost every Sunday for over two months to prepare for it, so we hope everyone enjoyed it and learned something from it. Special thank you to Rev. Furumoto for being our guest speaker.  
If you're a high school student and would like to know more about Jr. YBA, please contact Mrs. Joyce Yamashita at kyokosam@aol.com. We'd love for you to join us.

ZOOMING WITH



Our WasabiKai regulars held our first Zoom session of the new year thursday Jan. 7. It was an opportunity to catch up with one another after the holiday break. Everyone followed the guidelines and gatherings were non-existent or just with immediate family, A quiet beginning to 2021 for all. Of course there was the events of January 6th, which was the main topic. What a beginning for 2021! Looks like a challenging year awaits.  
I spoke with a longtime supporter of WasabiKai, Suzanne Toji. She was wondering how we were doing and if people were able to continue to work in clay. Although we are not having classes or open studio sessions, some are able to work from home. Suzanne also shared with me pictures of her Bodhi tree which Bob had taken cuttings from the Temple's tree many years ago. It had what looked like small red berries. I had no idea what they were so I called Rev. Mas and he said that the Bodhi tree is a fig tree and Suzanne's tree was bearing fruit. Amazing! Mystery solved.



Our hearts go out to WasabiKai member Miki Fujimoto and family for the loss of her mother and father. We were saddened by the news.  
So... 2021...  
Stay strong and don't be afraid to reach out if in need.  
*Gaman,*  
Bob

Senshin Activities

**THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES CONTINUE ONLINE**  
**Senshin Sangha Beginning Yoga**  
Beginner yoga classes through Zoom and taught by Riki Aihara. Email riki.aihara@gmail.com for more info.  
**Thinking Body/Moving Mind TBMM**  
Movement technique/exercise class continue on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30a via Zoom. For information please contact Young Ae at dancejourneyhome@yahoo.com.  
**Aruku-Kai "Let's Walk" Club**  
*Walking together, apart.* We encourage all Sangha members to walk, breathe fresh air, and take in your surroundings. Contact Lauren.Ohata@gmail.com for more information.  
**THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED**  
**Karate Club**  
**Kinnara Gagaku/Bugaku Classes**  
**Kids' Taiko, Taiko, WasabiKai Organizational meetings**



## Senshin Jr. YBA Scrip ORDER FORM

Make checks payable to "Senshin Jr YBA"

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Questions: Contact Harumi Kawaguchi 626/230-1433 or SenshinScripSale@gmail.com

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See's Candies \$25	9%		\$
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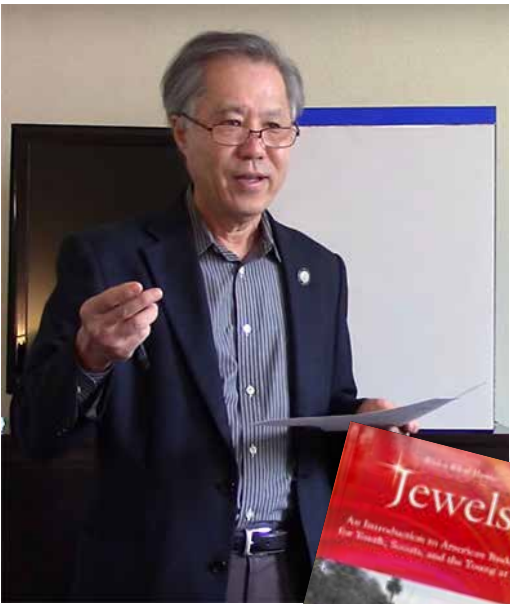
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# Senshin 2021 Nembutsu Seminar



February 13, 2021 4 PM

Dr. Ken Tanaka

Tanaka-sensei will present a lecture titled "**Being Buddhists in America Today**"

Hints from his new book –

***Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts, and the Young at Heart.***

It will be a 90 minute Zoom program with some time at the end for a Q & A session. If you would like to attend the program or if you have any questions, please contact Senshin at **[senshintemple@gmail.com](mailto:senshintemple@gmail.com)** or Neil Komai at **[nkomai49@gmail.com](mailto:nkomai49@gmail.com)**.

You will be sent a link for the Zoom lecture about one week prior to the event.

We hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will be under control and we will be able to hold our traditional Senshin Nembutsu Retreat in 2022.

There is no registration fee. Donations are welcome.

Born in 1947 in Yamaguchi, Japan, Dr. Tanaka moved to California at the age of 10. He has graduate degrees in Buddhism from the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Tokyo University and the University of California (Berkeley).

Tanaka-sensei served as Associate Professor and Assistant Dean at IBS for 10 years and a resident priest for 3 years at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church. He taught as a Professor of Buddhist Studies at Musashino University for 20 years.

He is the former President of the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies as well as the Japanese Association for the Study of Buddhism and Psychology.

Dr. Tanaka was the 2017 recipient of the 27th Nakamura Hajime Eastern Study Prize, awarded in conjunction with the Indian Embassy in Tokyo to scholars who distinguish themselves in the field of Indian and Buddhist studies. He was also the object of a one-hour NHK Educational Television documentary series entitled "The Age of Kokoro (heart/mind)."

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 10a Virtual Yoga	<b>2</b> 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 7p Virtual Temple Board Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:15a Virtual BWA <i>Reika</i> 9:30a Virtual <i>Nokotsudo</i> Service 9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> .	<b>8</b> 10a Virtual Yoga	<b>9</b> 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 4p Virtual <i>Nembutsu</i> Seminar, Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka
<b>14</b> 9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Nirvana Day Service, Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka	<b>15</b> 10a Virtual Yoga 7p Virtual <i>Zadankai</i>	<b>16</b> 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Family Service	<b>22</b> 10a Virtual Yoga	<b>23</b> 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	<b>26</b> February 26 Friday – 28 Sunday: BCA Ministers and Nat'l Council Meeting	<b>27</b>
<b>28 No Services at Senshin</b> 10a Virtual BCA <i>Eitaikyo</i> Service Rev. Kodo Umezu, BCA Minister Emeritus	<b>March 1</b> 10a Virtual Yoga	<b>March 2</b> 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	<b>March 3</b>	<b>March 4</b> 9:30a Virtual Exercise Class	<b>March 5</b>	<b>March 6</b>

## FEBRUARY TOBAN:

**Sunday Service** B W A

**Hondo Toban** Jean Nakashima,  
Carole Yokota, Eugene Murakami,  
Richard Katsuda

## FEBRUARY *Onaijin* Flower

**Arrangement:**

**Feb 6** Linda / Koichi Uyemura  
**Feb 13** Miki Fujimoto / Curtiss Rooks  
**Feb 20** Wendy / Johnny Mori  
**Feb 27** Suzanne Toji

## Upcoming in MARCH:

**March 20:**

**Spring *Higan* Seminar** (Rev Kerry Kiyohara, Makawao Buddhist Temple)

**March 21:**

**Spring *Higan* Service** (Rev. Kerry Kiyohara)

## SENSHIN ACTIVITIES

*Continue to be available online:*

- Virtual Yoga
- Virtual Exercise

## The following activities have been cancelled

- Taiko, Kids' Taiko, Gagaku, Bugaku and Karate
- Wasabi-kai
- Organization meetings
- Board and committee meetings will be conducted virtually.