

At the end of January, our Jr. YBA co-hosted the Southern District Jr. YBL seminar with Venice and WLA. The Jrs. hold seminars several times a year. The host (or co-host) temple chooses the theme and plans an ice-breaker, workshops, and discussion.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the seminar was held virtually by using Zoom. The seminar ran smoothly and was an enjoyable event.

The theme of the seminar was impressive. They decided on “Our Virtue-al Reality,” which is a timely topic. I like the word “virtue-al.” We now share the dharma virtually through the internet, and for Buddhists, sharing the virtue is one of the important practices or religious deeds.

Virtue is *Kudoku* in Japanese.

Sometimes, it is translated as merit or merit-virtue. Virtue is a power or a force that brings us benefits, such as

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good happenings and good results. We can accumulate *kudoku*, virtue, by doing Buddhist practice and good deeds.

It is similar to studying to accumulate knowledge and to be smart. Many high school students study hard in order to get into a good college. If they study hard it can bring them good results

in the future. By entering college and receiving a scholarship, they can have a successful career.

Likewise, if we do Buddhist practice and good deeds, we would gain virtue and we will be able to have a better future life, such as being born in the Pure Land or attaining Nirvana.

For some Buddhists, chanting *sutra* is a popular way to accumulate virtue. Buddhists believe that Buddha's teaching has power. The teaching guides us in the right way of life and gives us

they do not chant a *sutra*. They just flip the pages of the *sutra* and they consider it equivalent to chanting the *sutra* so that they could accumulate the virtue.

The *Mani* wheel or Prayer wheel of Tibetan Buddhists is a similar idea. Inside of the wheel, they placed *sutra* and when they turn the wheel, they consider they chanted the *sutra*, and obtain the virtue.

Younger generation Buddhists found a speedier way. They copy the *sutra* from a website about Buddhism and paste it into word documents, and save it on their computer. Whenever they use the computer, the hard drive's disc is turning, very fast and countless times, so they consider they can obtain countless virtues.

In Asian Buddhist countries, more or less, they have this sort of belief. By chanting the *sutras*, they obtain virtue and it helps them to upgrade their quality while they are living and to be born in a better world

after their death. But as Buddhists, what they should do is share the virtue. Not for their own sake, but for others. For the benefit of others, they accumulate virtue and transfer and share the virtue with others.

The *Ekoku* or *Eko* mon is chanted at the end of *sutra* chanting to acknowledge the sharing of virtue. *Eko* means transferring the merit and *Ku* or *mon* means verse. Depending on the de-

nomination, the verse is different. We often use this *Ekoku*.

*Gan Ni Shi Kudoku*  
*Byodo Se Issai*  
*Do Hotsu Bodaishin*  
*Ojo Anrakkoku,*

which means: "May this merit-virtue, Be shared equally with all beings. May we together awaken the Bodhi mind, and be born in the realm of Serenity and Joy."

This was written by Master Shantao, or Zendo Daishi, Chinese Pure Land Master living in the 7th century. In general Buddhism, by chanting this verse, the person who chanted the *sutra* transfers the virtue. But in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, we have a different thought. Shinran Shonin thought that Amida Buddha transfers virtue to us. The reason is we are not able to accumulate enough virtue to attain birth in the Pure Land. And he thought that, because we receive the virtue from Buddha, we can equally share the virtue with others. Our idea is a little different from other Buddhism's idea of *Eko*, but sharing is emphasized which is in common with all Buddhists.

We are still unable to gather at the temple for services, but when you join the service and chant *sutra* virtually, please remember this idea of *Ekoku*, that we all are sharing the same virtue.

*Namoamidabutsu*

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

## 功德をシェア

古本龍太

1月末にジュニアYBAのセミナーがありました。ジュニアYBAは年に数回セミナーをしていて、各お寺が順番で主催し、テーマやワークショップなどを企画します。今回は洗心とベニスとウエストLAのジュニアYBAが共催して行いました。

コロナウイルスのパンデミックの影響で、セミナーはズームを使用して行いましたが、コンピューターテクノロジーに慣れている高校生たちは楽しみながら滞りなくセミナーを運営していただき感謝しました。

セミナーのテーマはVirtue-al Realityでした。バーチャルというのは、実質的という意味で、インターネットでの、学校のクラスや、お寺でのセミナーや法要は、実際には現地で行なっていないかもしれませんが、実質的には皆が集まって、学んだり、聴聞したり話し合っ

たが、コンピューターテクノロジーに慣れている高校生たちは楽しみながら滞りなくセミナーを運営していただき感謝しました。

仏の回向によって得られるとされている。日本や台湾ベトナムなど、アジアの仏教が盛んな国々では、お経を唱えることで功德をえるという考えが浸透していて、僧侶だけでなく信者の方々もお寺や自宅の仏壇などで読経しています。お経には仏の教えが書かれており、仏の教えは人生の問題を乗り越える力を与えてくれるので、お経にはパワーがあり、お経を唱えることで功德が得られる、とするのです。

読むのに何日もかかるお経になると、お経を読まずに、お経のページをめくるだけでお経を読んだことにする、という儀式化されたものもありますし、チベットなどではお経を入れた円筒の入れ物を回転させて、一回転したら、一回お経を読んだ功德を得られる、とするものもあります。現代の若者の中には、お経をコンピューターでワード文書にコピーアンドペーストして保存すると、ハードディスクという文書が保存されているところが回転するので、それで功德が得られるとする人もいます。

浄土真宗では、私たちがお経を唱えるとき、最後の方で「願以此功德、平等施一切、同発菩提心、往生安楽国」と唱えますが、それを回向句といいます。それは、お経を読んで得られた功德を他の人に回し向ける、あげる、という意味の句で、宗派によって文が違っていますが、功德を回向する

という点は同じです。この回向句は、中国の善導大師が書かれたもので、普通は、お経を読んだ自分が功德を



回向する、という意味になるのですが、浄土真宗では、阿弥陀さまが回向してくださる、という意味になります。親鸞聖人は、私たちにはお浄土に生まれ、仏になれるような功德は到底得られないので、阿弥陀さまがそういう力の及ばない凡夫をこそ救いたい、という願いを起こされ修行され、修行が完成されて得られた功德を回向してくださっているのだ、と説かれています。ですから、回向句は「私たちは皆平等に阿弥陀さまから功德をいただいているので、間違いなく往生できますよ」と、阿弥陀さまの功德を皆でシェアしていることをありがたく思っ、読経を終える、というようになっているのです。

まだお寺には集うことができませんが、インターネットで法要にお参りされた時は、このことを思い出されて、一緒に読経しましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏



たりしていることに関連したものでした。そして高校生たちが、英語のバーチャルと、仏教という功德(くどく)の英訳、バーチャーを組み合わせた単語を造ったことにも感心しました。

今はインターネットで仏法をシェアし、そして仏教では功德をシェアすることが強調されているので、なかなか良いテーマだと思いました。

功德とは、すぐれた特性、良い行いの結果得られる徳や力で、功德によって浄土に生まれることができたり、涅槃に至ることができ、功德は仏道修行や仏教での良い行い、または私たちの浄土真宗の教えのように、阿弥陀



the power to overcome the issue of our life. Teaching has the power, so some Buddhists believe that just by chanting *Sutra*, in which the Buddha's teaching is written, they can obtain virtue. So in Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam, and other countries, ministers, monks, and followers chant the *sutra* as their daily religious practice or ritual.

Sometimes they use a unique and quick way to chant the *sutra*. Actually,





Monthly Memorial MARCH  
Virtual Shotsuki Service March 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	Brother-in-law	Kawaye, Harry
Domoto, Lily	Husband	Domoto, Toshihiro
Hashimoto, Miwako	Mother	Nishimura, Tsuruyo
Ikegami, Sumiko	Father-in-law	Ikegami, Makitaro
Inouye, Chiyo	Husband	Inouye, Tadao
Iriye, Joji	Mother	Sakai, Mitsue
Iriye, Joji	Nephew	Sakai, Daniel
Kato, Douglas	Mother	Kato, Jessie
Kodani, Richard	Mother	Kodani, Motome
Koike, Alyssa Lugo	Father	Lugo, Peter
Kojima, Chikako	Husband	Kojima, George
Kojima, Chikako	Grandfather	Takaki, Teruji
Kojima, Chikako	Uncle	Kojima, Fred
Masada, Michiko	Father	Takahashi, Toyojiro
Matayoshi, Gene & Connie	Mother	Matayoshi, Yoneko
Matsuda Family	Brother	Matsuda, Manabu Ronnie
Matsuda, Michael	Aunt	Fujikawa, Sachi
Matsumura, Henry	Aunt	Nakano, Kimiko
Miyamoto, Dennis	Grandmother	Kawai, Yuri
Nakawatase, Yasuko	Father	Kuramura, Nisuke
Nishida, Kikuko/Nishida, Russell	Mother-in-law/Grandmother	Nishida, Yasuye
Nishikawa, Kelvin	Grandmother	Nishikawa, Sekiyo
Ogawa, Jerry	Aunt	Kikunaga, Shizue
Ogawa, Jerry	Aunt	Nagata, Kiyomi
Ota, Toshie	Mother	Matsumura, Fuyuno
Sato Family	Mother	Sato, Terry
Shimohara, Ellen	Father	Shinoda, Michio
Sonday, Reiko	Grandfather	Nimi, Kamezo
Sugano, Michiko	Father-in-law	Sugano, Takuya
Sugano, Michiko	Grandmother-in-law	Sugano, Tsugi
Takashima, Iris	Grandmother	Yasuda, Shige
Takashima, Iris	Grandmother	Jinde, Itsu
Takemoto, Jon	Mother	Takemoto, Chiyo
Takemoto, Jon	Grandmother	Fujiura, Osano
Tanezaki, Barbara	Husband	Tanezaki, Takashi
Toji, Suzanne	Father	Totsubo, Jack Muneo
Umemoto, Marty & Kathie	Brother	Matsuda, Manabu Ronnie
Ushirogata, Yukie	Father	Matsushita, Ichitaro
Usui, Aiko	Daughter	Usui, Gina
Wakinaka, Bernice	Son	Wakinaka, Mike
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Mother	Nakamura, Itono
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Sister	Iwasaki, Hatsuye

Senshin  
Spring Ohigan Seminar  
and Ohigan Service

March 20 and 21, 2021

Our Spring *Ohigan* (equinox) Seminar will take place on Saturday March 20, from 10:30a. The guest speaker will be Rev. Kerry Kiyohara. Some people haave heard this name. 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 the *Ohigan* Seminar. He will give a lecture from Maui via online.

He will be the speaker for *Ohigan* service on March 21. Please join the seminar and the service. If you plan to join the seminar, please contact the temple senshintemple@gmail.com or you can wait for the registration link for the seminar that will be sent to your email in March.

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。

South-Central to CEO to Buddhist  
Priest: A Journey on the Path of  
*Nembutsu*

How did a *sansei* son-of-a-gardener become an honor student and wannabe gangbanger in South Central Los Angeles, then integrate an all-white junior high school as part of affirmative action, win a full state scholarship, flunk out of UCLA, graduate from USC with BA and MBA degrees, become a PR flack, creative copywriter, account guy, regional managing director, CMO, COO, and

CEO of advertising agencies and start-ups in Los Angeles, Tokyo, Beijing, Shanghai, and Honolulu, and then become an ordained priest, overseas missionary, and temple minister in the Jōdo Shinshū Hongwanji-ha tradition of Shin Buddhism?

“The answer is always *Namo Amida Butsu*” —Kerry Kiyohara

Ohigan Study Class

This year, we will hold *Ohigan* study class via online, three days from, Wednesday, March 17 to Friday, March 19. The length of the class is just 25 minutes, from 6:30p to 6:55p. You can learn the basic teaching of Buddhism. Please call or email the temple to sign up to attend the class. If you prefer, you can wait for the registration link for the class that will be sent to your email in March.



Creating a Vision for  
Senshin's Future  
Visioning Committee Update

More than a year ago, the Senshin Board began a visioning process. The goal is to come up with a shared vision for our temple's future. This shared vision will help us to make decisions and plan for the future. We began the visioning work with gathering information about the temple. We produced a survey, which many of you completed. As our next step, we will be having small group Listening Sessions on Zoom.

We encourage you to sign up for one of the three Listening Sessions below. Everyone's opinion is valuable. We will be asking you to share; what about Senshin is important to you? What concerns you about Senshin's future? What would you like to see as part of Senshin's future?

If you prefer to speak in Japanese, the Listening Session on March 13 will include small group discussion sessions in Japanese.

The 3 Listening Sessions are scheduled for the following dates. Sign-up by contacting Chris Aihara, aihara.chris@gmail.com. Sign-up for only one session.

March 7, 11:30 – 1:30pm

March 13, 10:00 – 12:00pm

March 18, 7:00 – 9:00pm

It is our hope to complete the information gathering and develop a report to share with everyone before summer.

We appreciate your support and welcome your comments/questions/suggestions.

CHRIS AIHARA  
for the Visioning Committee



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**Special:** donation received with no specific reason given  
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**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.

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	Miki Fujimoto, Curtiss Rooks, Mariko Rooks	In memory of Rev. Art Takemoto
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	William Oyama	Funeral service for Mieko Oyama
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SHOTSUKI HOYO JANUARY 2021

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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.

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.

Senshin would like to acknowledge vehicle donations that have been received from the following individuals: Rev. Dennis Fujimoto and Craig Ogawa.



HOONKO 2021 DANA

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Akahori, Julie  
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Akamine, Don  
Asahi, Roy  
Ebata, Donna  
Harada, James & Karen  
Hatai, Kenneth  
Hayamizu, Sumiko  
Higa, Bert & Dorothy  
Higa, Stephanie  
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Hiramoto, Paul  
Hisamune, Catherine  
Hirayama, Kiyome  
Hori, Robert & Kok, Richard  
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Ishitani, Janis  
Ishizuka, Karen & Nakamura, Bob  
Isomoto, Glen & Joyce  
Iyemura, Cathy  
Kamikawa, Emi  
Kojima, Chikako  
Komai, Neil & JoAnn  
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Masushige, Natsuko  
Matsuda, Douglas  
Matsuyama, Laraine  
Minami, Jean

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Iyemura, Cathy  
Nakawatase, Terry & Roy  
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Warshal, Lisa & Marc

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Hirayama, Kiyome  
Ishitani, Janis  
Ishizuka, Karen & Nakamura, Bob  
Kuwata, Thomas  
Matayoshi, Connie  
Matsubayashi, Ikuko & Kazuo  
Nakashima, Margaret & Alan  
Nakawatase, Terry & Roy  
Oda, Sachie  
Segawa, James & Yuriko

Miyagishima, Lillie  
Miyamoto, Marilyn & Dennis  
Mizutani, Stephanie  
Murakami, Eugene & Elaine  
Mori, Johnny & Wendy  
Nishida, Lori  
Nishikawa, Kelvin & Yoko  
Nishisaka, Merrie  
Ogawa, Craig & Cindy  
Ogawa, Jerry  
Ohata, Ron  
Rogers, Beverly & Jennifer  
Sakakura, Michiko  
Shimabukuro, Marilyn & Leong, Gilbert  
Sunday, Mark & Reiko  
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Yokota, Carole  
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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

Thanks to a generous donation for the *Nokotsudo* from the late Yoshiko Takeuchi’s family, a committee was formed to upgrade the shelving in the *Nokotsudo* to ensure that there will be enough room for another generation of members and to examine how temples in Japan and the US manage their *Nokotsudo*. We started designing the interior and reaching out to others to learn more about their guidelines. Please contact me if you have information or suggestions that we may find useful. *Sensei* invites you to contact him if you want to visit the *Nokotsudo*.

Work on the former Reverend’s residence started. Our two tenants packed their belongings and moved to temporary housing. Then, on February 2nd, Chris McCabe’s construction team started demolition and removing decades of old furniture. This is a very old house and we expect a few surprises. However, we are optimistic that the project will go smoothly.

If you filled out a Vision Survey last year please keep an eye out for an invitation to participate in upcoming Zoom-based discussion groups. Your participation and input is needed to help us align for the future.

Thank you once again for regularly joining us on Zoom on Sundays.

Please consider joining in and/or sending a link to your grandchildren for Aki-*Sensei*’s Virtual Kid’s 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.

In Gassho,  
RUSSELL NISHIDA

*(Last month Richard Kok was accidentally left off of the 2021 Board of Directors roster. Thank you Richard for your contribution to Senshin and our Board.*

B W A

The warmth of Spring is finally here to chase away the cold of winter. Take time out to immerse yourself in the moment as nature rejuvenates itself along with invigorating our hearts and minds. Though this pandemic has lingered longer than we would all like, I hope it’s given you the time to notice the small things such as the colorful blooms in your neighborhoods or time to reconnect with family and friends and do the things that are the most important to you.

We welcome with warm embrace and high fives our 2 newest members: Lee Aguilar – our youngest member at 10 years of age, daughter of Sandra

Aguilar (see, you are never too young to join) and Jana Yokoyama, daughter of Arlene Yokoyama. Thank you both for sharing our vision and mission in supporting our temple and community.

Thanks to our Co-Presidents Sandra and JoAnn who represented Senshin at the First Quarter SDBWA Meeting on Feb 20th hosted by the Gardena BWA Chapter.

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous donors for their Dana for January:

- Karen Ishizuka *Special*
- JoAnn Komai *Special*
- Ikuko Matsubayashi *Special*
- Iris Takashima *Special*
- Ann Ogawa *Special*
- Debbie Hiramoto *In memory of Elso Kanagawa*

Although we are not able to meet in person, we continue to be active behind the scenes and have become experts in virtual meetings. Stay safe.

*Gassho*,  
Linda Uyemura

A B A

Our thanks to the generous friends who donated prizes for our Bingo session on February 20. We had even more games with Bingo Man Greg. Best of all, though, was the opportunity to socialize with our Senshin friends. Stay well, all.

Jr Y B A

Last month in February, some of our Jrs. participated in the SD Jr. YBL “Volleying Virtually” event. Since we are not able to have a tournament

2021 Membership

This is a gentle reminder that, if you have not already done so, your membership renewal is both welcomed and appreciated. Please refer to the February issue of the Prajna or senshintemple.org for the renewal form.

and play in person, the SD Cabinet came up with a creative way to “play” against each other by splitting everyone into teams and having us answer trivia questions in order to get points (similar to playing the actual game). We were able to meet people from different chapters and we had a lot of fun participating in this event. We are looking forward to the SD Jr YBL Religious Retreat on March 6th, Seminar 2, “The Game of Life”, hosted by Oxnard and Pasadena on March 13th, Coast District Conference, “Toy Story” on March 20th, and the virtual basketball event on April 3rd as well. 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.

## 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

## Reclaiming our Heritage

At the start of the 1940’s, Japanese nationals and their American-born children lived in de facto segregated ethnic communities in three Pacific Coast states. In the underlying Japanese culture that flourished in these communities, which were largely Buddhist in religion, the performing arts were particularly prominent. Buddhist temples, along with growing numbers of Christian churches, were central gathering places-their social halls filled with traditional Japanese music, dance, singing and poetry groups. At the same time, the second generation youth, the Nisei, were growing up in public schools and absorbing “dominant” American culture with their non-Japanese peers.

After December 7, 1941, the day of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, anything traditionally Japanese became suspect. In the months leading up to the mass removal of West Coast Japanese Americans into concentration camps, the FBI investigated and arrested community leaders and teachers of Japanese culture. The tradition of performing arts as an essential part of being truly “educated” died in the camps. A whole generation was made to see their cultural heritage as inferior or as a liability.

After World War II, Japanese American communities were reborn in a more American format and with increased numbers of Christian converts. But starting in the 1970’s, Nobuko Miyamoto was among the pioneering Japanese American artists who reminded us of what had been missing in camp; a generation of adults who sang, danced, and produced theater. At long last, we were able to recover our performing arts. We remember and embraced the arts as the civilized activity of expressing what cannot be expressed in any other way, and not simply as an activity relegated to children.

In the same spirit, at Senshin Temple in Los Angeles we endeavored to reclaim Buddhist ideas and attitudes. The temple’s relationship with Nobuko Miyamoto continues to be a mutually benefitting, mutually educating and mutually enjoyable journey. She was one of the first people to look at what we lost and to include it as an important part of what she is – a crucial process for all people of non-european heritage who have come to America. It is not a matter of pride or being ashamed of who we are, it is only to see what is - good,bad,positive,negative,sad and joyful.

#### Gassho

*This is an excerpt written by Rev. Mas from the liner notes from Nobuko Miyamoto’s newly released album "120,000 Stories" produced by Smithsonian Folkways Recordings / non profit record label of the Smithsonian Institution, the national museum of the United States.*

## 洗心仏教会

### 1月感謝録:

寄付:K&L植村,G深川,K松林,D白砂,Y小坂  
M小谷,D.Trihey,S菅野,R&D小谷,J下園,R高本  
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Covid-19寄付:E堀内,P本川  
マスク寄付:M藤本,C&M.Rooks  
除夜会:T赤堀  
納骨堂:G&C又吉,C小島,A本郷,E&H元金,K猪狩  
T&J赤堀,S臼井,G白砂  
Senseiの車:S比嘉,K/I松林  
本/備品:S東司  
ビルディングファンド:K/I松林  
お礼:J&W森

### 3月法要スケジュール:

4日(木)	午後	7:00	ヴァチャル理事会	
7日(日)	午前	8:15	ヴァチャル婦人会	
		9時半	ヴァチャル納骨堂法要	
		9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話	
		10時	ヴァチャル祥月法要	
14日(日)	午	デイトライトセイビングタイム開始		
	午前	9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話	
		10時	ヴァチャル家族礼拝	小谷正雄名誉開教使
17日-18日	午後	6時—6:30	お彼岸勉強会	
20日(土)	午前	10:30-12時	ヴァチャル春のお彼岸セミナー	ケリー清原開教使(マカワオ仏教会)
21日(日)	午前	9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話	
		10時	ヴァチャル春のお彼岸法要	ケリー清原開教使(マカワオ仏教会)
28日(日)	午前	9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話	
		10時	ヴァチャル家族礼拝	
4月1日(木)	午後	7時	ヴァチャル理事会	

**3月供花:** J&K原田,K猪狩,M西川,S速水,G&P白砂,J小川,C久宗,E上川,T&J赤堀,C横田,J南,M&R.Sunday  
C又吉,C小島(2),K磯本,G&J磯本,M島袋,M菅野,D松田

**3月のお花当番:** 6日C家村,13日M宮本,20日Y&K西川,27日Y&R宮川

**お寺当番:** アバ

**本堂当番:** D赤嶺,R山下,E吉村,B岩崎

**4月の予定:** 4/11花祭り法要

### 洗心寺ビジョン委員会報告:

ご存知のように、この1年余、お寺の将来の目標を作成するプロセスが行われています。皆様のご意見も既に収録しました。次のステップは小グループで皆さんにZOOMを通してディスカッションしていただきたいと考えています。

それで下記の日程を用意しました。

3月7日: 午前11:30—午後1:30

3月13日: 午前10時—12時

3月18日: 午後7時—9時

都合の良い日を選びChris Aiharaさんに、aihara.chris@gamil.com で登録してください。

日本語でお話されたい方は、3月13日を選んでください。

## 2021年3月

故M高木追悼:C小島  
故N菅野追悼:N&M.Lew  
故K福島追悼:福島一家  
故H藤本追悼:M藤本  
故F臼井追悼:D大江  
故M.Ambo-A本郷 故M小山追悼:P.Smith  
故G長野7回忌:L長野  
故Y西坂追悼:M西坂  
故R坪井&G加藤追悼:K猪狩  
故K藤田追悼:C久宗  
故Rev.A竹本追悼:A竹本,M藤本,C&M.Rooks  
故K実東,S實東,A平山追悼:S実東  
故M児玉追悼:N&E児玉  
故L稲富追悼:S.A.Kirkpatrick  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	10a Virtual Yoga	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 7p Virtual Temple Board Meeting		
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
8:15a Virtual BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:30a Virtual <i>Nokotsudo</i> Service 9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Monthly Memorial Service <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> .	10a Virtual Yoga	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		
<b>14 Daylight Savings Time</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Family Service, Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus	10a Virtual Yoga	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 7p Virtual <i>Zadankai</i>	6:30-6:55p Virtual <i>Ohigan</i> Study Session	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 6:30-6:55p Virtual <i>Ohigan</i> Study Session	6:30-6:55p Virtual <i>Ohigan</i> Study Session	9:30a-3:30p Virtual Spring <i>Ohigan</i> Seminar Rev. Kerry Kiyohara (Makawao Temple)
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Spring <i>Ohigan</i> Service Rev. Kerry Kiyohara (Makawao Temple)	10a Virtual Yoga	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 2</b>	<b>April 3</b>
9:45a Dharma School message 10a Virtual Family Service	10a Virtual Yoga	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 7p Virtual Temple Board Meeting		

## MARCH TOBAN:

**Sunday Service** A B A

**Hondo Toban** Don Akamine,  
Richard Yamashita, Evelyn Yoshimura,  
Bruce Iwasaki

## MARCH Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

**March 6** Cathy Iyemura

**March 13** Marilyn Miyamoto

**March 20** Yoko / Kelvin Nishikawa

**March 27** Yoko / Richard Miyagawa

## Upcoming in APRIL:

**April 11:**

Senshin *Hanamatsuri* Service

## 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.