

AMIDA KYO

“Blue lotuses emit blue lights. Red emit red lights.”

Unique and Equal

This year, we will hold our *Hatsubon* Service on Saturday, June 26. It will be a virtual service like was held last year. We usually chant *Amidakyo* at the *Hatsubon* service. Some people think that I chant *Amidakyo* very fast, it takes about fifteen minutes to chant. But it is the proper speed. If we chant *Amidakyo* regularly, we can get used to the words and phrases and we can chant faster. In Japan, some followers memorize the *Amidakyo* and they chant it every day at their *Obutsudan*. They

chant it in about five minutes. It is very fast. Compared to that, fifteen minutes is a good speed. One of the important matters for chanting at the temple is to chant together. So when everyone comes back to the temple and we chant together in the *Hondo*, I can slow the speed of chanting since chanting together

is important. How about eighteen minutes to chant Amidakyo?

Amidakyo is one of the three Pure Land principle sutras. This sutra describes the scenery of the Pure Land and states that all other Buddhas praise Amida Buddha and the *Nembutsu*. One of the famous phrases of this sutra is “*Shoshiki Shoko, Oshiki Oko, Shakushiki Shakko, Byakushiki Byakko...*”

In this portion of the sutra, it states that, in the pond of the Pure Land, lotus flowers bloom and each flower has its color and emits light. “The lotus flowers in the lakes, large as chariot wheels, are blue-colored with blue splendor, yellow-colored with yellow the Buddha’s view”. Poor person, rich person, average person, young, old, healthy, sick, any skin color, cultural background, etc, each has his own uniqueness.

One person can do something special that another person cannot do. But he can do other special things. One person is very good at sports but the other person is not very athletic. But he is very good at painting. Or some may say “I don’t have anything special. I am very ordinary.” But very ordinary is very special too. You are a special ordinary person while other people are little ordinary. In the Pure Land, all are valuable and equal. And *Jodo Shinshu* followers try to see others as equally as possible while we are living in this world.

“Blue lotuses emit blue lights. Red emit red lights.” Misuzu Kaneko (1903-1930), a Buddhist poet, expressed the equality and uniqueness in

her poem inspired by the Pure Land Buddhist view.

“A Bell, A Bird and Me”

Even if I spread my arms

I cannot fly in the sky at all.

But the bird that can fly

Cannot run on the ground as fast as I.

All are different and all are good.

Even if I shake my body,

I cannot produce pretty sounds,

But the bell that can ring

Doesn’t know as many songs as I.

The bell and the bird and I---

Unique and equal.

All are different but equal. It is the Buddhist view. In this poem, it seems that “I” try to find something better than the bird or the bell. But even though we are not better than others, it is good. Everyone is unique and it is okay. I think It is expressed in the last part of the poem, “All are different and all are good.” This good means to transcend the “good” and “bad,” such as the “good” in “Good morning.” Whether we feel good or bad, we say “Good morning.”

Jodo Shinshu followers need to know, we have such value and try to see others as unique and equal. Everyone and everything is good. Such a view, called Buddha’s wisdom view, we receive from the Pure Land and Amida Buddha. When we chant *Amidakyo*, please get used to the phrase, “*Shoshiki Shoko, Oshiki Oko, Shakushiki Shakko, Byakushiki Byakko...*” and appreciate the meaning of it.

Namoamitabutsu.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

ユニークでイコール 古本龍太

今年は、6月26日（土）に初盆法要を行います。昨年に引き続き、ご自宅からインターネットでお参りしてください。初盆のお勤めでは、通常、阿弥陀経を読経します。私が阿弥陀経をとなえるスピードがとても速いと言われる方もおられますが、私は15分くらいでとなえてい

るので、そんなに速いわけではありません。阿弥陀経を何度もとなえていると、経中の言葉やフレーズに慣れてきて、自然と速くとなえられるようになります。日本では、阿弥陀経を暗記して毎日お仏壇で阿弥陀経をとなえている方がおられます。そういう方々は約5分でとなえることができ、そのスピードは速いです。それに比べれば、15分くらいというのはちょうど良いスピードです。けれどもお寺で読経するときに大切なことの一つは、みんなでとなえることです。ですから、みんながお寺に戻ってきて、本堂で一緒にとなえるときは、みなさんと一緒に阿弥陀経をとなえられるよう、スピードを遅くしましょう。18分くらいの速さではいかがでしょうか？阿弥陀経は、浄土三部経の中の一つのお経です。阿弥陀経にはお浄土の様子が描写されているほか、無数におられる仏さま方が阿弥陀仏と念仏を讃嘆されていると書かれています。このお経の中の有名なフレーズのひとつに、「青色青光、黄色黄光、赤色赤光、白色白光」というのがあり、お浄土の池には車輪のような大きな蓮の花が咲き、それぞれの花が赤や青などそれぞれの色を持ち、光を放っていると示されています。ここでは、浄土の蓮の花は、私たち一人一人を意味し、すべての人々のユニークさと平等性を表現しています。私たちはそれぞれの特徴を持ち、一人ひとりちがっていますが、阿弥陀仏の目からはすべてが違ったままで、そのままよく平等なのだというメッセージが込められています。

この世には、貧しい人、豊かな人、平均的な人、若い人、年配の人、健康な人、病気の人、などいろいろな方がおられます。また、肌の色、文化的背景などそれぞれちがっていて、私たちの目では、違いで区別し、それが差別になることもあります。浄土では、違ったままで、すべての人が敬われ、平等だといいます。そして浄土真宗の念仏者は、その阿弥陀仏の智慧の見方を教わり、この世でも、できるだけ他の人々を平等に見ていこうとするのです。

仏教詩人の金子みすゞ(1903-1930)は、そのような浄土真宗の見方に基づいて、平等とユニークさを詩で表現されました。

「私と小鳥と鈴と」
私が両手をひろげても、
お空はちっとも飛べないが、

飛べる小鳥は私のように、
地面（じべた）を速くは走れない。

私がかradをゆすっても、
きれいな音は出ないけど、
あの鳴る鈴は私のように、
たくさんな唄は知らないよ。

鈴と、小鳥と、それから私、
みんなちがって、みんないい。

すべての人はちがっているが平等である。それが仏教の見方です。この詩では、「私」が鳥や鈴よりも優れている特徴を見つけようとしているように読めますが、他の人より優れていなくても、それは良いことなのです。誰もがユニークであり、それでよいのです。それはをこの詩の最後の部分、「みんなちがって、みんないい。」で表現されているように思えます。

浄土真宗の念仏者は、すべての人々や生き物をユニークで平等に見るようにつとめ、「みんなちがって、みんなよい」としていくのです。阿弥陀経の「青色青光、黄色黄光、赤色赤光、白色白光、、、、」のご文をとなえるときには、その意味を味あわせていただきましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏



Monthly Memorial JUNE
Virtual Shotsuki Service June 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	Kawaye, Kathryn
Enami, Mariko	Mother	Kuramoto, Tsutayo
Enami, Mariko	Husband	Enami, Frank
Hisamune, Catherine	Mother	Fujita, Shizuye
Ikegami, Sumiko	Mother	Shigaki, Suzu
Isomoto, Kiyoko	Friend	Furutani, Yasuko Jean
Kitayama, Glen	Grandfather	Kitayama, Eizaburo
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandfather	Yamada, Shigenosuke
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Father	Yamada, Masao
Matsumura, Henry	Uncle	Yamaguchi, Tetsuro
Minami, Jean	Mother-in-law	Minami, Suma
Murakami, Eugene	Grandfather	Murakami, Shinkichi
Murakami, Hisako	Father	Takahashi, Hirokichi
Nakashita, Achi	Brother	Nakashita, Hiroshi Clark
Nakawatase, Richard	Grandmother	Nakawatase, Toku
Nakawatase, Richard	Uncle	Nakawatase, Toshinobu
Nakawatase Family	Grandmother	Kuramura, Kikue
Nishida, Kikuko	Father	Yamaguchi, Kinai
Nishida,Russell	Grandfather	Yamaguchi, Kinai
Nishikawa, Kelvin	Grandmother	Yoshida, Isayo
Nishisaka, Merrie	Grandfather	Sanada, Yukimasa
Rogers, Beverly	Mother	Nishi, Chitose
Rogers, Beverly	Father	Nishi, Soichiro
Sato Family	Grandmother	Kishaba, Fusa
Sugita, Hideo	Father	Sugita, Yoshiaki
Takahashi Family (Elaine, Sumiji, Zen, Joseyl Castellon, Gedon Phuntshog)	Mother/Grandmother/ Great-Grandmother/ Grandmother-in-Law/ Mother-in-Law	Takahashi, Misuko
Takashima, Wilbur	Great Grandmother	Sato, Mika
Takashima, Wilbur	Grandmother	Taniguchi, Hisayo
Takashima, Wilbur	Uncle	Taniguchi, Kiyoshi
Takemoto, Jon	Grandmother	Takemoto, Kanayo
Terakawa, Alan	Aunt	Matsumune, Hisayo
Terakawa, Alan	Mother	Terakawa, Yoshiko
Uyeno, Matsuko	Sister	Nakamura, Agnes
Watanabe, Marsha	Father	Imai, Akio
Yamaguchi, Toshiko	Father-in-law	Yamaguchi, Kinai
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Mother-in-law	Yoneda, Tsugi

Senshin
Virtual Hatsubon

We will hold virtual *Hatsubon* service on **Saturday, June 26**. The service will begin at 4:30pm in the Hondo and we will continue our observance with the *Hatsubon* families in the courtyard. *Hatsubon* will be virtual so please join

the online service and activities from your home. We will send the zoom link when the *Hatsubon* date will get closer. After *Hatsubon*, Kinnara Taiko will present a piece to represent *Horaku*.

We will not have Sunday service on Sunday June 27, so please join the virtual *Hatsubon* on June 26 from your home.

初盆とお盆踊りのお知らせ
6月26日(土)、4時半より初盆法要をおつとめします。初盆法要の後、お盆踊りと緊那羅(きんなら)太鼓による演奏があります。今年は初盆法要も踊りもインターネットで行いますので、ご自宅から法要と踊りにお参りください。初盆の日が近づきましたら、ズームのリンクを送ります。



Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin

Senshin *Bukkyo Gakuin* is the name of the study class program. *Bukkyo* means Buddhism and *Gakuin* means school or institute.

Senshin Buddhist Temple started as Senshin *Gakuin*, a Japanese Language school and Dharma School for children of the Japanese immigrants living in the Southwest LA area in 1928. In 1951, Senshin became an independent temple, and Senshin *Gakuin* continued as a Japanese language school until it closed in 1983. To remember the history of Senshin, we will rename Senshin *Gakuin* to Senshin *Bukkyo Gakuin* as adult classes to learn basic Buddhist teaching and Jodo Shinshu teaching

We will begin online study classes in June, twice a week (Tuesday and Wednesday), 45 minutes long, three times per session. The classes will be helpful to deepen the understanding of Jodo Shinshu, and the Buddhist thoughts, values, and perspectives.

The Basic Teaching of Buddhism

Rev. Aki Rogers,
Tuesday, June 1, 8, 15 at 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm
The class will cover the Life of Shakyamuni Buddha, the history of Buddhism, the Eightfold Noble Path, Six Paramitas, etc. We will also focus on the connection between Jodo Shinshu teaching and basic Buddhist teaching.

The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto,
Wednesday, June 2, 9, 16 at 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm
The class will cover important terms such as *Shinjin*, *Nembutsu*, *Tariki* (Other Power), *Ojo* (Birth in the Pure Land), etc. The class will also cover the life of Shinran Shonin, the history of Jodo Shinshu, and an introduction to the teaching of the Seven Pure Land Masters.

Everyone is welcome. Please sign up to take classes at senshintemple@gmail.com You can take two classes or just one class. You can receive Collected Works of Shinran for free as a sign-up gift! There is no registration fee but we will accept donations.

Obon Raffle: Sunday July 11, 2021

Drawing held immediately following service

RE MINDER: This year's **Senshin Obon Raffle will be held Sunday, July 11**, immediately following service. Your raffle ticket mailing should reach you in early June!! The suggested donation is \$30 per book or \$60 for two books. (Again this year a free ticket in each book is included for you in the mailing.) If you are able to support the fundraiser please send back the ticket stubs and a donation check in the envelope provided. **Please mail in your envelope early enough so it is received at Senshin by Monday, July 5.**

If you are not making a donation for the

tickets, no worries, however, please do send in two (2) stubs at no cost – we would love to have everyone participate in this year's drawing. **Winners will be drawn on Sunday, July 11** immediately following our Kangi-e service and contacted using the information filled in on the winning ticket stubs.

The Raffle Committee is also requesting your help with prize donations. We appreciate any prize donation you can give and hope this extra request will not be a hardship. Gift cards from any vendor in any amount are very popular and allow us to easily mail out to winners as we are unsure



to what extent we will be able to gather.

We are grateful for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you all in person very soon when it is safer. If you haven't received your mailing or have any questions please contact Debbie Hiramoto at 626.232.4736 or debhiramoto@gmail.com. *In Gratitude,*
Obon Raffle Committee

The Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa 2021 Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of these scholarships is to honor the late Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa, and to recognize the efforts of a graduating high school senior and/or a person wanting to change her or his direction in life via continuing education. This could be through a college, university, trade or technical school. Those with the desire to further their education will be considered for these scholarships. Consideration will first go to members of Senshin Buddhist Temple. If qualified recipients are not found, the scholarships will be opened to members of any Buddhist Temple in the Los Angeles area.

Scholarship Award:

A one-time scholarship of \$1,000 to be used for tuition, fees, books and other educational expenses will be awarded to each of two individuals.

Requirements:

Must have graduated high school or passed the GED (General Educational Development) test by June of the application year or earlier.

Applicant must be accepted by or enrolled in a college, university, trade school or technical school, or must show intention of attending one of those institutions.

Must obtain and complete the application as stated below.

Scholarship funds must be applied towards tuition, fees, books and other educational expenses as deemed appropriate by the scholarship benefactors.

Must be the member of a Buddhist Temple/Sangha if over 30 years of age. For high school graduates, their parent(s) must be a member(s) of a Buddhist Temple/Sangha.

Application:

An application may be obtained via email by contacting Wilbur Takashima at: wktakashi@aol.com. The application will require a two-page essay and two separate recommendations. Details are provided in the application package. The application (including both recommendations) MUST be received by June 20, 2021. Tentatively, the scholarships will be presented in a July 2021 service at Senshin, predicated upon the status of the Coronavirus guidelines that are in effect at that time.

Vehicle Donation

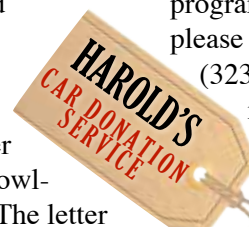
This is a reminder that Senshin will take any vehicle (car, pickup, truck, motorcycle, and even boat) as a donation to the temple. Donors can report the full amount of funds received from the vehicle donation as a deduction on their tax returns..

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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Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Temple News

During our May Board of Directors meeting we considered the latest COVID trends and guidelines and decided to start making some plans assuming that conditions continue to improve. None of the activities described below are set in stone and may be modified or cancelled depending on the situation at that time.

- **We hope to resume** in-person Sunday service starting September 12. The Re-opening Committee did a great job getting us prepared for this wonderful milestone. It will be so nice to see you again!
- **Our Hatsubon service** will be on June 26. Normally we have *Obon* after the *Hatsubon* service but unfortunately *Obon* is cancelled this year. It's just too soon. However, immediately following the service, we will continue our observance with the *Hatsubon* families in the courtyard. Due to headcount limitations, *Hatsubon* will be open only to the observing families and the Senshin folks who are helping to make it happen. For the rest of us, it's on the calendar as a Virtual *Hatsubon* and will be live-streamed on Zoom.
- **Senshin's 70th Anniversary** celebration is scheduled for November 20th. The 70th Anniversary celebration will be combined with our bi-annual *Keiro Kai* event (honoring Sangha members who are +80 years) and we hope the day will be very special and we want as many people as possible involved in the fun. We're asking all of the organizations to do something to entertain

the Sangha.

Join us on Sundays on Zoom. At 9:45am Aki-Sensei gives a Virtual Kid's talk that the young and older will enjoy. 10:00am is our regular service. Rev. Furumoto conducts a monthly Virtual *Nokotsudo* Service at 9:15am so check the calendar for the date.

Please check out our new website at senshintemple.org for the link to Sunday services, the calendar, links and content that might interest you. *In Gassho*,
RUSSELL NISHIDA

BWA

It's now halfway through 2021 and we are still separated physically, yet connected virtually. The Senshin BWA ladies continue to hold fast to our traditions and calling to support the Sangha. We are patiently waiting for the time when temple activities can safely begin again.

As a reminder, during our last normal June which was in 2019, you would have found the ladies swirling around in the kitchen lovingly preparing *oden* and Spam *musubi* for our *Obon* sale. Although the work was hard, and there probably was some *monku*-ing going on, we all had fun and enjoyed the time together. Now that we can't get together for another year, I find myself remembering the wisdom that freely flowed throughout that kitchen. I'll always be grateful for the BWA lady who rescued me while I was struggling to not burn the fried rice over the fiery hot wok or another lady who gently corrected my haphazard food prep style. It's not all about

the food preparation that I miss, it's also the togetherness and storytelling about our joys and sorrows. Some of these ladies have passed and I miss them greatly, but they will still remain in my heart and will be remembered this *Obon*. In their memory, I became a BWA member to carry on their legacy to support the Sangha. I hope you find inspiration in my story to join our group.

With great appreciation, we acknowledge the following for their generous Dana:

- Madalyne Adams *In memory of Takeo Yamada*
- Debbie Hiramoto *Hanamatsuri*

ABA

ABA wishes to thank our friends for their kind Dana:

- Tammy and Dale Matsubara *Bingo*
- Iris and Wilbur Takashima *Bingo*
- Mrs. Kiyo Yoneda *Bingo*

Jr YBA

Jr. YBA will attend Seminar 3 in June, hosted by OCBC with the theme, "Neverland". May was a busy month due to AP exams, so the Jrs. took a break from activities. If you are a high school student and are interested in joining or would like to know more about our program, please contact Mrs. Joyce Yamashita at kyokosam@aol.com.



In response to April's WasabiKai's *Goinkyo* Project, a temple member, Mike Yanagita, wrote: "In 1999 I was planning a solo trip to India. I had my plane ticket and was scheduled to land in New Delhi. But a month before I was to leave my mother passed away. My father had passed away in 1983. My energies shifted from my mid-life crisis trip of

洗心仏教会

4月感謝録:

寄付:D&C.Huey,N&W永谷,D白砂,G上島,M小谷	故Jとつぼ追悼:S東司
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S岡村	故M長野追悼:L長野
お祝い:孫誕生—K&Y西川	故H海野追悼:S&G水谷
お寺の車:E堀内,I桐山,J近藤,M&D宮本,	故K和田追悼:J石谷
C森田,S岡村	故L稲富—Howard追悼:D.Trihei
	故B中富追悼:D中富

6月法要スケジュール:

毎週火、水曜日(6月1,2,8,9,15,16日に仏教学院(ヴァチャル仏教基礎講座)を行います。

3日(木)午後7:00	ヴァチャル理事会
6日(日) 午前8:30	ヴァチャル婦人会例会
9:20	ヴァチャル納骨堂法要
9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話
10:00	ヴァチャル祥月法要
13日(日)午前9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話
10:00	ヴァチャル家族礼拝
20日(日)午前9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話
10:00	ヴァチャル御誕会法要(親鸞聖人誕生の日)
26日(土)午後4:30	ヴァチャル初盆
27日(日)	お休み

5月供花: L西田,K&Y西川,M島袋,S速水,K&M梅本,M菅野,J&D平本,匿名

6月のお花当番: 5日R堀/R.Kok,12日D江畑,19日A横山,26日F大畑,7月3日I高島

お寺当番: お寺

本堂当番: J森,D相原,D江畑,Q山下

7月の予定: 11日ヴァチャルお盆、歓喜会

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a lifetime to dealing with my mother’s small estate with my brother.

The next year, Senshin was planning a trip to India called “In the footsteps of the Buddha” tour. My travel agent then asked Reverend Mas if I might be able to join in this trip since I missed out on my own. I feel so fortunate that I was able to go. When we landed in India I was so glad to be part of this group. I realized I wouldn't have survived on this trip by myself. India is very rough for the inexperienced traveler.

This was my first real exposure to Senshin and fellow sangha travelers. The trip was so successful that I decided to attend a service upon



returning. I remember telling some the members that I was not into organized religion. The service was the first of the year installation for the board and installation of all the groups in Senshin. I got my first exposure to a very organized religion. But the strength of the sangha and the Buddhist messages has kept me interested in returning now for over 20 years.

I find the whole concept of “other power” resonates with me the most. Allowing the power of Amida to guide one through life. When I look at my life, the best things happen when I allow the “other power” to prevail.

I grew up in Ann Arbor as part of a very small Asian community and came to Los Angeles in 1970 to a very large Asian community. Having dropped out of school led to almost getting drafted going to Vietnam. I



worked in Little Tokyo at the Japanese American Community Services (JACS) Asian Involvement as a draft counselor. I read a couple books on how to avoid the draft published by the Quakers which saved me from going to Vietnam. Shortly after, I met my future wife, Lilly, in 1974. After working many jobs I wasn't suited for, I decided to go back to school to pursue a career as a chiropractor and acupuncturist. Lilly and I married in 1981 and had two boys in the early 80's, raising them to successful careers. Now most of my projects involve simple hand and power tools and

half the skill involves learning to sharpen your tools. Here are some photos of my recent projects, many involving wine barrel staves.

Namu Amida Butsu

Social Media

Instagram: Users are now able to not only follow accounts, but hashtags. You can follow **#SenshinEverything** and also tag your posts of Senshin with the hashtag if you'd like others to see solely your Senshin pics.

That's #SENSHINEVERYTHING.

You can now view the **Senshin Google Calendar here: <https://bit.ly/2GbhC27>**

If you would like to add the Senshin Calendar to your iPhone or iPad:

1. Launch the Settings app on your iPhone or iPad.
2. Tap on Mail, Contacts, Calendars.
3. Tap on Add Account...under the Mail section.
4. Tap on Other.
5. Tap on Add Subscribed Calendar under the Other section.
6. Enter or copy in the following link: **<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/jr9b2e26vovo0a0rhht9kt6i0k%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>**

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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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 6:30p Sushin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual Basic Buddhism Class	6:30p Sushin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual Basic Jodo Shinshu Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 7p Virtual Temple Board Meeting		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30a Virtual BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:20a Virtual <i>Nokotsudo</i> Service 9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Monthly Memorial Service/Shotsuki Hōyō	10a Virtual Yoga Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 6:30p Sushin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual Basic Buddhism Class	6:30p Sushin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual Basic Jodo Shinshu Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		
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27 No Service	28	29	30	July 1	July 2	July 3
	10a Virtual Yoga Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		

JUNE TOBAN:

June Service Toban Temple
June Hondo Toban John Mori, Doug
 Aihara, Donna Ebata, Qris Yamashita
July Hondo Toban John Hiramoto,
 Deb Hiramoto, Kenny Iriye, Henry
 Matsumura

JUNE Onaijin Flower TOBAN:

June 5 Robert Hori / Richard Kok
June 12 Donna Ebata
June 19 Arlene Yokoyama
June 26 Fujie Ohata
July 3 Iris Takashima

UPCOMING IN JULY 2021

July 11 Virtual Obon Kangi-e 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.