



HONEN SHONIN NON-HATRED

For Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, May is the month to hold *Gotan-ye*, Shinran Shonin's birthday service. Shinran Shonin was born in Kyoto, on May 21, 1173. This year, we will observe Shinran Shonin's birth at our *Gotan-ye* Service on May 16. Honen Shonin, Shinran Shonin's Master, was also born in May... May 13, 1133. Here, I would like to write about Honen Shonin.

Honen Shonin (1133-1212) is known as the founder of Jodo Shu. He was an eminent scholar priest at Mt. Hiei, which was sort of a Buddhist University in those days. He was admired by other priests and was called "Honen the Wise." The characteristic of his teaching is exclusive *Nembutsu*. It is said that he read the whole

sutras and commentaries five times to understand all teachings of Buddhism. His conclusion was that reciting the nembutsu was the best way for anyone to attain birth in the Pure Land and attain enlightenment. One of his points was equality. Anyone can be born in the Pure Land. In order to share it with the lay

people, he descended Mt. Hiei, where he had practiced and studied Buddhism for 28 years, and opened *Nembutsu Dojo* in Kyoto. At his *Dojo*, many people, regardless of the differences in class, occupation, or gender, gathered to listen to the *nembutsu* teaching and to recite the *nembutsu*.

Shinran Shonin was one of them and he deeply respected Honen Shonin. He wrote a wasan to praise him.

Genku at the age of fifteen,

Became aware of the reality of impermanence;

Manifesting a long-cherished aspiration to reject this defiled world,

He entered the path to enlightenment



In this wasan, Shinran Shonin wrote about the reason Honen Shonin became a priest. Genku is the Buddhist name of Honen Shonin. When Honen Shonin was 15 years old, he deeply understood impermanence, the changing nature of this world. Because of impermanence, this world was not stable and the people could not live peacefully. Our peace is temporal. Peacefulness changes to unpeacefulness and vice versa. Hence, he began to study Buddhism that teaches the way to attain perfect peace.

One of the examples of impermanence Honen experienced was his father's death. When he was 9 years old, his father was killed at his home. It is said that because of this experience, he

decided to become a priest.

Honen Shonin's father was a samurai and had a position similar to a police chief in a region of Okayama prefecture at present time. One day, an enemy attacked him at his home. On his deathbed, the father told Honen Shonin, **"Don't retaliate back."** In those days, for a samurai class, when a father or mother was killed, the son was allowed to take revenge and kill the person who killed his parent.

Honen Shonin's father, who followed Buddhism, once learned the words of Shakyamuni Buddha. "Hatred never ceased by hatred, only non-hatred can cease the hatred." If young Honen Shonin kills his enemy, the enemy's son will retaliate back to Honen Shonin. It will never end. Hence, Honen Shonin's father told Honen Shonin "Do not retaliate back" and asked him to become a Buddhist priest and learn the path of non-hatred that gives him and others perfect peace. After his father's death, Honen Shonin went to live in a temple and later became a priest at Mt. Hiei.

"Hatred Never ceased by Hatred, Only Non-Hatred can cease the Hatred." This is the famous verse from the Dhammapada. It teaches us how Buddhists react toward anger or hatred. Not only Honen Shonin, but also many Buddhists practiced this way for over thousands of years.

No retaliation may be difficult sometimes. But we try no-hatred as much as possible.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

法然上人、怨みを捨てる

古本龍太

五月は親鸞聖人の誕生日をご縁として聞法をする降誕会(ごうたんえ)が営まれます。聖人は1173年5月21日にお生まれになりました。親鸞聖人の師である法然上人も5月に誕生されていたのをご存知でしょうか。法然上人は1133年の5月13日にお生まれになりました。ですから今月は法然上人

のお話をしましょう。

浄土宗の開祖として知られる法然上人(1133-1212)は、比叡山で仏道を究めようと修業と勉学に励まれ、「智慧第一の法然房」と呼ばれるほど多くの僧侶から尊敬されていました。法然上人の教えの特徴は、専修念仏といい、ただ南無阿弥陀仏だけをとなえる、というものです。一説によると、上人は仏教の教えを理解するために、すべての經典と注釈書を5回読んだと言われています。それで出された結論は、悟りを開き仏となるために最もよい方法は、念仏をとなえること、というものでした。上人が着目されたことの一つは「平等」です。念仏をとなえれば、能力や年齢や性別などの違いに関わりなく、誰でも浄土に生まれる、ということを強調されました。

それを多くの人々に伝えるため、28年間修行した比叡山を降りて、京都に念仏道場ともいうべき、草庵を開いたのです。この草庵には、階級や職業、性別を問わず、多くの人々が集い、念仏の教えを聞き、念仏をとなえたといえます。

親鸞聖人もその草庵で念仏をとなえた一人で、法然上人を深く尊敬していました。高僧和讃で、

源空三五のよはいにて 無常のことわりさとりつつ 厭離(えんり)の素懷をあらはして 菩提のみにぞいらしめし

と、法然上人が僧侶になられた理由を書いておられます。源空とは、法然上人の法名です。三五とは



三かける五で十五のことです。法然上人は15歳の時に、この世の変化する性質、「無常」を深く理解され、その無常のために苦しみや悩みが出てくるこの世を厭い、菩提という、完全な心の静寂と平静を得る道説く仏教を学び始めた、というのがこの和讃の意味です。

法然上人が経験した無常のひとつに、父の死があります。法然上人が9歳のとき、父親が敵に殺されたのです。この経験から、法然上人は僧侶になることを決意したと言われ

ています。

法然上人の父は武士であり、現在の岡山県の美作で警察署長のような役職に就いていましたが、ある日、敵に襲われ死んでしまったのです。その父が臨終の際に法然上人に言った言葉が「報復せず、仏道を歩め」だったそうです。当時の武士階級では、父や母が殺された場合、息子は親を殺した者を殺して復讐することが許されていましたが、かつて仏教の教えを聞いたことがあった上人の父は、「怨みは怨みによって、決してやむことがない。怨みを捨ててこそやむ、これは永遠の真理(法)である。」というお釈迦様の言葉を上人に伝えたといわれています。

もし法然上人が敵を殺せば、その敵の息子が法然上人に報復し、それは決して終わることがありません。それで上人の父は、上人が僧侶になり仏道を歩まれるように願われたのです。父の死後、法然上人はお寺に住み、後に比叡山の僧侶となりました。

この法然上人の父が覚えていた『ダンマパダ(法句経)』の句は、仏教徒が怒りや憎しみに対してどのように対処するかを教えてくれています。受けた暴力や暴言に対して、報復をしない、ということは時に難しいかもしれませんが、けれども、仏教徒としてできるだけ、うらみを捨てるようにできたらよいと思います。

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial MAY
Virtual Shotsuki Service May 2 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	Akahori, Betty Chiyoko
Akahori, Ted	Sister	Akahori, Helen
Arita Family	Mother	Arita, Yoshi
Burtis, Chris	Wife	Nishida, Gwen
Ebata, Donna	Husband	Ebata, Duane
Harada, Yuki	Brother	Okubo, Hirotaka
Hashimoto, Miwa	Daughter	Hashimoto, Janice Miyo
Hayamizu, Sumiko	Father	Nakashima, Hashigoro
Hiramoto, John	Father	Hiramoto, George
Hori, Robert	Father	Hori, Takashi
Ikegami, Sumiko	Mother-in-law	Nozawa, Shinako
Iriye, Kenny	Mother	Iriye, Midori
Komai, JoAnn	Mother	Yamada, Alice
Koyanagi, Katherine	Mother	Koyanagi, Miyoko
Kuwata, Tom	Father	Kuwata, Kijiro
Kuwata, Tom	Uncle	Kuwata, Kiemon
Kuwata, Tom	Aunt	Ogura, Toyoko
Miyagishima, Lily	Husband	Miyagishima, Yoshimi
Murakami, Eugene	Father-in-law	Tamura, Jimmy
Murakami, Eugene	Grandmother	Inouye, Hisako
Matsumura, Henry	Grandmother	Yamaguchi, Fujiko
Nakagawa, Fred	Father	Nakagawa, Motoharu
Nishida, Lori	Grandfather	Nishisaka, Yoshio
Nishida, Russell	Sister	Nishida, Gwen
Nishisaka, Merrie	Grandfather	Nishisaka, Yoshio
Nishikawa, Yoko	Grandmother	Uyemura, Minoe
Nishikawa, Yoko	Mother	Uyemura, Chizuko
Ohata, Ron	Brother	Ohata, Kevin
Okazaki, James	Mother	Kuroi, Osae
Rogers, Beverly	Grandmother	Tokaji, Masano
Rogers, Beverly	Step-Grandfather	Tokaji, Kaname
Saiki, Yumi	Mother	Yoshida, Toshiko
Shigaki Family	Father	Shigaki, Al
Sato Family	Grandfather	Kishaba, Uichi
Sugano, Michiko	Husband	Sugano, Leo
Takashima, Wilbur	Grandmother	Takashima, Tsume
Takashima, Wilbur	Father	Takashima, Katsumi
Takemoto, Ron	Mother	Takemoto, Kazumi
Terrell, Jackie	Mother-in-law	Fukumoto, Tomiko
Toji, Suzanne	Father-in-law	Toji, Mamoru
Torio, Taye	Mother	Sugimoto, Shizue
Toyama, John	Father	Toyama, Seikichi
Tsuji, Hisako	Husband	Tsuji, Shoichi

Monthly Memorial MAYcont'd
Virtual Shotsuki Service May 2 at 10a

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Umemoto, Marty & Kathie	Grandson	Ito, Jayden
Ushirogata, Yukie	Mother	Matsushita, Tsune
Usui, Aiko	Mother	Nishiyama, Chiyeko
Uyemura, Koichi	Grandmother	Uyemura, Minoe
Uyemura, Koichi	Mother	Uyemura, Chizuko
Yamashita, Betty	Father	Takahashi, Tokuso
Yoshida, Miyeko	Father	Suzuki, Urao

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.

Obon Raffle July 11, 2021

Hi Everyone! Happy May 2021 to members and friends!

We are still awaiting a final decision from our Temple Board on holding Bon odori, however we have a green light to hold the annual Obon Raffle fundraiser. The Obon Raffle is one of the Temple's major fundraisers and although we aren't sure about holding our Bon odori, we are asking for your raffle support this year from a distance.

The raffle ticket mailing is headed your way in late May. 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 and 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 special 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 have any questions please contact Debbie Hiramoto at 626.232.4736 or debhiramoto@gmail.com.

Gotan-ye and Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation Ceremony)

We will observe **Gotan-ye** on Sunday, **May 16th**.

Gotan-ye is the celebration of **Shinran Shonin's** birth.

Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1173. *Gotan* means birth and *Ye* means gathering. The speaker will be Rev. Mas Kodani and the service will be an online streaming service starting at 10am.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, *Hatsumairi*, (infant presentation ceremony) will be postponed. When it becomes a safe situation for the infants and young children, we will reschedule the *Hatsumairi* ceremony. If you wish your children or grandchildren to participate in the ceremony, please call or email the temple at (323) 731-4617 or senshintemple@gmail.com

降誕会および初参りのお知らせ

2021年の降誕会法要および初参りを5月16日(日)10時から行います。降誕会は親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いする法要です。ゲストスピーカーは名誉開教使の小谷政雄先生です。今年もインターネットを通じて法要にお参りしてください。インターネットでの法要の参加の仕方がわからない方は、お寺に連絡してください。初参りは延期にいたします。新しく生まれたお子さんやお孫さんがおられ、初参りに参加されたいようでしたら、お寺に電話してください。コロナウィルスの状況がよくなり次第初参りの日程を決めてお知らせします。

Memorial Day Nokotsudo Visitation and Rosedale cemetery visitation

This year, we will open the Nokotsudo on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, from 8 am to 12 pm. Please wear a face cover when you visit the *Nokotsudo*. If you have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home. For those who plan to attend the service at Rosedale cemetery, please contact Rev. Furumoto.

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.

MARCH 2021 DONATIONS

3/4/2021	Garren & Stephanie Mizutani	<i>Hoonko</i> Seminar w/ Rev. Adams
	Bernice Wakinaka	1st Cycle for Asa Wakinaka
	Masao Kodani	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Lena H. & Julia Murakami	In memory of Arthur Murakami
	Fukushima Family	49th day service for Mr. Kay Fukushima
	Diane Kawaguchi	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Kenneth Hatai	Donation
	Susan Kirkpatrick	Donation
	Joyce Chinn	Donation
	Dennis & Celia Huey	Donation
	Neil & JoAnn Komai	Lily Inatomi's 1yr memorial
	Mat Uyeno	Lily Inatomi's 1yr memorial
	Jean Minami	Lily Inatomi's 1yr memorial
	Debbie & John Hiramoto	Lily Inatomi's 1yr memorial

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.

FLOWER DONATIONS

MARCH

Kelvin Nishikawa
Connie Matayoshi
Kiyo Yoneda
Chikako Kojima
Ellen Shimohara
Doug Matsuda
Ted & Julie Akahori
Ruby Kiyohara
Tammy & Dale Matsubara
Jean Minami
Anonymous

3/8/2021	Kazuo Matsubayashi	Donation
	Douglas Kato	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Douglas Kato	Memorial Service for Jessie Kato
	William Oyama	In memory of Mieko Oyama
	Joy & Paul Middo	In memory of Mieko Oyama
	Ellen Shimohara	Nirvana Day Service
	Ellen Shimohara	<i>Nembutsu</i> Seminar w/ Rev. Ken Tanaka
3/14/2021	Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa	49th day service for Edith Nishikawa
	Bruce Hirayama	Donation
3/21/2021	Suzanne Toji	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Doug Matsuda	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Kenneth Hatai	Dana
	William Oyama	Dana
	Ted Akahori	Covid-19
	Lori Nishida	Higan Seminar
3/25/2021	Gayle Wong	Donation
	Sachie Oda	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Sachie Oda	33rd Cycle for Frank Tsutomu Oda

SHOTSUKI HOYO MARCH 2021

Donor	In Memory of
Ted & Julie Akahori	Harry Kawaye
Miki Fujimoto	Hisako Tomoike
Kiyome & Bruce Hirayama	Kanae & Koima Saneto
Robert Hori & Richard Kok	Lily Hori
Randy & Susan Onishi	Masato Onishi & Mitsume Onishi
Ruby Kiyohara	S. Kiyohara
Richard & Denise Kodani	Mother Motome Kodani
Chikako Kojima	George Kojima, Fred Kojima, Teruji Takaki
Doug Matsuda	Manabu Ronnie Matsuda
Tammy & Dale Matsubara	S. Kiyohara

SHOTSUKI HOYO MARCH 2021 *cont'd*

Donor	In Memory of
Gene & Connie Matayoshi	Yoneko Matayoshi
Russell & Lori Nishida	Yasue Nishida
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa	Sekiyo Nishikawa
Ronald & Fujie Ohata	Uncle Ichiro Uyeno
Craig & Cindy Ogawa	Aunts Shizue Kikunaga & Kiyomi Nagata
Jerry Ogawa	Laura Kikunaga
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Kathy & Marty Umemoto	Ronnie Matsuda
Matsuko Uyeno	Ren Uyeno & Marsha Nishida
Matsuko Uyeno	Masato Uyeno
Matsuko Uyeno	Itono Nakamura & Hatsuye Iwasaki
Kiyoko Yoneda	Sariji Yoneda
Kiyoko Yoneda	Hatsue Iwasaki & Itono Nakamura
Karen & Larry Yoshioka	Mitsuye Taniguchi & Yuriko Taniguchi
Edmund & Susan Shigaki Young	Doris Shigaki

OHIGAN MARCH 2021

Anonymous	Natsuko Masushige	Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong
Madalyne Adams	Jean Minami	Ellen Shimohara
Julie Akahori	Lillie Miyagishima	Mark & Reiko Sondag
Ted Akahori	Marilyn & Dennis Miyamoto	Kiyoe Suzuki
Don Akamine	Garren & Stephanie Mizutani	Wilbur & Iris Takashima
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Bert & Dorothy Higa	Deb Nakatomi & Bob Miyamoto	Barbara Tanezaki
Sumiko Hayamizu	Richard & Helen Nakawatase	Suzanne Toji
Paul Hiramoto	Roy & Terry Nakawatase	Kathy & Marty Umemoto
Deb & John Hiramoto	Russell & Lori Nishida	Yoko Uneda
Catherine Hisamune	Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa	Rev. Tetsuo & Sumi Unno
Patty Honkawa	Merrie Nishisaka	Nancy Usui
Robert Hori & Richard Kok	Sachie Oda	Matsuko Uyeno
Kenny & Joji Iriye	Craig & Cindy Ogawa	Bernice Wakinaka
Denise Ishitani	Jerry Ogawa	Vickie Wakinaka
Janis Ishitani	Ronald & Fujie Ohata	Lisa Warshal
Cathy Iyemura	Michael & Carol Okuda	Toshiko Yamaguchi
Emi Kamikawa	Susan Omori	Qris Yamashita & Chris Komai
Kristine & Glenn Kawaguchi	Randy & Susan Onishi	Betty & Tak Yamashita
Chikako Kojima	Beverly Rogers	Carole Yokota
Neil & JoAnn Komai	Michiko & Richard Sakakura	Arlene Yokoyama
June Kondo		Kiyoko Yoneda
Tammy & Dale Matsubara		Amy Yukawa
Douglas Matsuda		

SENSEI'S PRIUS DONATIONS: MARCH

Thai Checel
David Gleeson & Lynn Kanda
Kenneth Hatai
Bruce Hirayama
Robert Hori & Richard Kok
Lillie Miyagishima
Craig & Cindy Ogawa
Denise & Tom Okabe
Randy & Susan Onishi
Margaret & Alan Nakashima
Merrie Nishisaka
Robert Takamoto
Suzanne Toji
Michael Tsutsui

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Board News

During our Board meeting last night, we discussed reopening for Sunday services and a few later-in-the-year temple events. This is our 70th anniversary year and we are finally able to seriously consider an event to celebrate this milestone. It's important to understand that the CDC has relaxed rules for places of worship but they are guidelines to satisfy freedom of religion rights and are not necessarily best medical practices. Our reopening planning will implement the best, safest practices that we know at the time and will be modified as conditions change. This message lags real-time so we will keep you updated on reopening and activities through the Sunday announcements, the *Prajna* and our website.

Speaking of our website, have you seen our new website?! Thank you to Qris Yamashita, Keith Sawada, and Eugene Murakami for their years of effort to organize content and present it so beautifully. A very special thank you to Claudio Aguero and his computer technical services company QoS-Net for donating his time and expertise to transition it from a development site to the web.

We've been productive during our closure with improvements and repairs to maintain our temple in good condition. We have two freshly-paved and striped parking lots with motorized gates, new mangaris fencing on the north side of the courtyard, a beautifully refreshed minister's cottage for our USC student tenants, and a suite of security cameras covering our

parking lots and courtyard. Rev. Mas even got in on the action and refurbished the *Shishi Odoshi* outside the *Nokotsudo*.

The next major focus of attention is our *Nokotsudo*. The *Nokotsudo* guidelines and interior refresh plans are progressing steadily and implementation will happen this year. This is inspired and made possible by the generous dana provided by the late Yoshiko Takeuchi. In the meantime, there is a regularly-scheduled on-line opportunity to visit the *Nokotsudo*. At 9:30am on the Sunday of *Shotsuki Hoyo* (monthly memorial service) Rev. Furumoto conducts a live-streamed service in the *Nokotsudo*. At it's conclusion we ask participants to direct us to urns of their family member or friend so that we may provide a close-up viewing.

One takeaway from our Vision



workshops is how important Senshin is to our younger Sangha members and that they want Senshin to be there for their children and grandchildren. We will be better aligned for the future

if we prepare our younger generation to lead the Board of Directors starting now. In the past our Board consisted of many folks in their 30's and 40's. Over the years our median age has climbed up. Way up. I ask our younger folks assume that one day you'll be serving on the Board of Directors. We're all so busy and the time seems to never be right but a seat on the Board is an honorable *toban* (duty) that will help ensure Senshin's and vitality for future generations.

Our live-streamed Sunday services on Zoom continue to have very good participation. We intend to continue to live-stream services after we reopen for Sangha members who can not come to Senshin. We don't yet know how that'll work. Please contact Russell Nishida if you can join a committee to address post reopening live-streaming to you. Check out senshintemple.org for the link to Sunday services, the calendar, links and content that might interest you.

BWA

The BWA ladies still continue to meet monthly via Zoom. Thanks to Sandra Aguilar and JoAnn Komai, our Co-Presidents for keeping our group

unscathed from the demonic pandemic. With their leadership, we continue to press forward with our mission to serve the Sangha and promote the *Nembutsu*. We look forward to the day

洗心仏教会

3月感謝録:

寄付:D&C.Huey,K畑井,S.Kirkpatrick,J.Chinn
K&I松林,B平山,W小山,G.Wong

涅槃会:E下原

念仏セミナー:E下原

納骨堂:D松田,M小谷,S東司,S小田,D川口
D加藤

お彼岸セミナー:L西田

報恩講:G&S水谷

Covid-19:T赤堀

4月法要スケジュール:

2日(日)	午前8:30 9:20 9:45 10:00	ヴァチャル婦人会例会 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
6日(木)	午後7:00	ヴァチャル理事会
9日(日)	午前9:45 10:00	ヴァチャルキッズお話 ヴァチャル家族礼拝
16日(日)	午前9:45 10:00	ヴァチャルキッズお話 ヴァチャル御誕会法要(親鸞聖人誕生の日)
23日(日)	午前9:45 10:00	ヴァチャルキッズお話 ヴァチャル家族礼拝
30日(日)	午前9:45 10:00	ヴァチャルキッズお話 ヴァチャル家族礼拝
31日(月)	メモリアルデイ法要(於:各墓地) 納骨堂お参り(TBD)	

4月供花:T&J赤堀,C小島,K西川,C又吉,K米田,E下原,D松田,R清原,T&D松原
J南,匿名

5月のお花当番:1日S.Lovall,8日P本川,15日P森川,22日A.Rogers,29日J中島
6/5日R堀/R.Kok

お寺当番:日曜学校

本堂当番:K西川,S深川,J&C.Espinoza

5月の予定:4/16降誕会

お盆ラッフルについての、デビー平本さんからの通達:

今年の盆踊りをするか、まだ理事会で決まっていますが、
恒例のラッフルは継続します。お寺にとっては重要なファンドレイジングですから、皆さんの
ご協力をお願いします。

ラッフルチケットは5月末に郵送します。一冊につき\$30、2冊で\$60の寄付を願っています。
チケットのスタブと寄付金チェックを同封の封筒に入れて、6月15日(月)までに送り返
してください。(今年も一枚ずつ、ただのチケットが含まれていますので、もし寄付できなくて
も、みなさん全員に参加して頂きたいので、ご心配なく2枚の無料のスタブを送って下さい)
ラッフル賞金の結果は7月11日、歓喜会法要が終わり次第発表します。

また、ラッフル委員会は、皆さんのできる範囲内で賞品の寄付もお願いします。ギフトカード
は皆さんにも人気があり、簡単に郵送できますので助かります。

改めて皆さんの参加とご協力に感謝します。

まもなく、一緒に集える機会がありますよう、合掌。

なお、ご質問がありましたら、Debbie Hiramoto:626-232-4743
debhiramoto@gmail.comまでにご連絡ください。

2021年5月

故E西川49日: K&Y西川
故K福島49日:福島一家

故M小山追悼:W小山,J&P.Middo

故A脇中追悼:B脇中

故A村上追悼:L&J村上
故L稲富追悼:N&J駒井,M上野,J南

D&J平本

故F.T小田33回忌:S小田

故J加藤追悼:D加藤

when we can all meet again.

With all the disruptions in the past year, we are grateful for our regular virtual meetings and privileged to be welcomed into this venerable group of women who are all committed in supporting one another, emotionally and spiritually in this journey of life. We know that we are not alone,for any one of us is just an email, phone call, text, or letter away. If you'd like to join us on these chats, please contact JoAnn Komai at jykomai55@gmail.com or Sandra Aguilar at sandrajoy-lee@gmail.com. We welcome your presence, and there is no pressure to share. It's okay to just enjoy the company. In the meantime, we need to hang in there for a little longer. Please keep up your guard against this invisible pandemic menace and stay vigilant.

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

- Megan Ogawa *Special*
- Connie Matayoshi and Gene Matayoshi *In memory of mother, Yoneko Matayoshi*
- Ikuko Matsubayashi *Special*

A B A

Though we could not gather in person for *Hanamatsuri* and charsiu bao, over 60 friends joined our April Bingo party online. As usual, we had a lot of laughs as we competed and cheered each other on. We hope to schedule a summer session, so stay tuned for updates. Thank you everyone for your support and participation!!

Jr Y B A

In April, some Jrs. got to go to the first ever Southern District Olympics, which replaced what would have normally been the

annual basketball event. In the virtual Olympics hosted on April 3rd, Jrs. had a blast testing their speed by folding cranes as fast as they can, their memory by guessing popular songs, and their teamwork skills by trying to win at a game of charades. There was some fierce competition, and the Jrs. had fun making new friends with their team members. In April Jrs. also chaired Sunday service, and wrote letters to the senior members at Senshin. We look forward to going to Seminar 3 in June, which is themed “Neverland,” and the upcoming Southern District cabinet elections.

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.



In response to last month's WasabiKai's Goinky Project a former WasabiKai participant wrote:



Background: Sansei, born and raised in L.A. My parents were both born in California—mom was incarcerated at Rowher and dad was incarcerated at Manzanar during WWII. I have a background in studio art (MFA exhibit theme was “Manzanar: ashes and sage brush”) and a teaching credential in art. Following college, I worked for various non-profit organizations, including the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the 80s. Our mission was to

serve people of diverse backgrounds (Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, etc.) on issues affecting churches in their communities. We also networked with other community leaders around issues of Race Relations, Refugee Resettlement and Immigration, Peacemaking, among others. After working there for 11 years, I was able to take a solo trip to visit Asia, the birthplace of many of my colleagues. I returned home after the L.A. riots and met my future born-in-Hawaii, Buddhahead husband. After we married, and started a family, I became a stay-at-home mom. We have two grown daughters—a college freshman and a college grad.

Passions: I am interested in the natural world and human's place in it. About a decade ago, I began the process of turning my backyard into a place where nature is welcome and where people of all backgrounds and ages might share their stories. I enjoy the art of nature.

Influences: I think the seed was planted by my father who liked art, the great outdoors, and talking to people. When I was little, my parents noticed that the pumpkin seeds I inadvertently dropped on the ground had sprouted. They let nature take its course, and soon pumpkin vines covered the entire backyard. Wow, I was impressed!



Growing up, our family would take camping trips, often stopping in the Eastern Sierras around Manzanar. We'd stop and explore the sights and chat with people we'd meet. My

interests were further cultivated by my *senseis* and the many diverse people I met through school, church, and work. Becoming a wife and mother helped turn these interests into a passion.

Vision: Recent events signal that our world must confront the consequences of living a life out of balance with mother Earth, of which humans are but one species. The nature in my backyard has caused me to reflect on the cycle of life, impermanence, inter-connectedness, and how we might become whole again if we take the time to look with joy and wonder at the rich diversity of people and nature that encompass us all.

I am Lynn Tamiko Akamine. I live in Culver City with my husband, Don, and my daughters Michelle and Erin.

Men's Discussion Group

I was recently approached by a temple member who asked if we might see if there is interest in starting a Men's Discussion Group. The initial thought was that there may be a number of men who would be interested in talking about care giving for a parent, spouse or child. Dealing with the healthcare establishment can be a daunting, frustrating and time consuming experience. Those of us who have experience in care giving could share

their experiences with those who see the potential for care giving on the horizon. Please contact me, Neil Komai via email, nkomai49@gmail.com, if you would be interested in taking part. The topic is only a suggestion and the group can decide

its own direction. We are stronger as a group, smarter as a team, more effective as a community than we are by ourselves.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	7	8	
8:30a Virtual BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:20a Virtual <i>Nokotsudo</i> Service 9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i>	10a Virtual Yoga Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 7p Virtual Temple Board Meeting		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Family Service	10a Virtual Yoga Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		
16 <i>Gotan-ye</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual <i>Gotan-ye</i> (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) Rev. Masao Kodani	10a Virtual Yoga Class	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 7p <i>Zadankai</i>		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Family Service	8a-12n Nokotsudo Visitation 10a Virtual Yoga Class TBD Memorial Day Services at cemeteries	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 6:30 Virtual Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin: Rev. Aki	6:30 Virtual Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin: Rev. Furumoto	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class		

MAY TOBAN:

May Service Toban Dharma School
May Hondo Toban Kelvin Nishikawa,
 Jake Espinoza, Catherine Espinoza,
 Stan Fukuwa
June Hondo Toban John Mori, Doug
 Aihara, Donna Ebata, Qris Yamashita

MAY Onaijin Flower TOBAN:

May 1 Sheri Lovall
May 8 Patti Honkawa
May 15 Paige Morikawa
May 22 Akiko Rogers
May 29 Jean Nakashima
June 5 Robert Hori/Richard Kok

UPCOMING IN JUNE 2021

June 1, 8 & 15 6:30-7:15p,
 Virtual Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin: Rev. Aki
June 2, 9 & 16 6:30-7:15p,
 Virtual Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin:
 Rev. Furumoto

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.