



# Tiger and the Prince

Buddhist Era: 2565 (2566)  
二五六五年（二五六六年）\*

Common Era: 2022 二〇二二年

Japanese Era: Reiwa 4 令和四年

Year of the Tiger 寅年

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Happy New Year!

I hope the new year will be a joyful and meaningful year for all.

This year is the year of the Tiger. There is a famous story in Buddhism regarding the tiger. The story is called “*Shashin Shiko*” in Japanese and it means to give one’s body to a starving tigress. The story has been taught as an ideal Dana, selfless giving, for

2565 (2566)



寅年

many centuries among Buddhists.

The story appears in Jataka tales. Jataka tales are a collection of stories and fables that teach Buddhist lessons. The main character of these stories is often Shakyamuni Buddha in previous lives. The story would start with the sentence, “Once

Shakyamuni Buddha was a rabbit,” or “When Shakyamuni Buddha was a deer,” etc. The Indian people thought that it was impossible for a person to become a Buddha in just one lifetime. But Shakyamuni Buddha became a Buddha when he was 35 years old, after his six years of practice. In order to understand such miracles, people thought that Shakyamuni Buddha practiced for many many long years in his previous lives; therefore, he was able to attain enlightenment in this lifetime.

It is said that some of the Jataka tales were originally from India’s old fables. Some of the stories were introduced to other countries, and they were compiled in Greek’s Aesop fables, “One Thousand and One Nights”, and in Chinese/Japanese folktales.

Many of the stories tell the importance of unselfishness. Through reading the stories, the Buddhists learn the character/quality of the Buddha and the ideal way of Buddhist life.

This story starts with, “Once Shakyamuni Buddha was a Prince.” When the Prince was taking a walk in the forest, he came across a tigress and her seven cubs. They were lying on the ground. They were skinny and weak. They looked as though they were starving to death. The compassionate Prince wanted to save them. They were dying and there was no food. So the Prince decided, “I will give my body.” He climbed up the cliff near the starving tigress and from the top of the cliff, he threw himself. Thanks to the Prince’s sacrifice, the tigress and her cubs could feed on his body and they survived.

This story is one of the famous Buddhist stories. Most people think, “Giving his life for the tigress and her cubs? They are just animals, forget about them.” But the Buddhist ideal thought is, “All lives are equal, I am you, you are me.” The tiger’s life and the human’s life are equal, and I am tiger and tiger is me, so the Prince saved the tigress.

In this story, the tigress did not ask the Prince to save them nor did it not say the tigress felt gratitude to the Prince. The tigress just ate the Prince’s body.

The Prince did not expect anything from the tigress. He just wanted to save her with no expectation of reward or acknowledgement. This is the ideal *Dana* in Buddhism.

This story lets people think what *Dana* means to many people over the millennia. The Japanese Buddhists in the 7th century were impressed by this story, so they painted an illustration of this story on the panel of the *Obutsudan* (Buddhist Altar) and it is preserved as a national treasure.

In *Jodo Shinshu*, it is not necessary to perform *Dana* like the Prince. Our *Dana* is often conditional and we cannot help everyone, let alone animals.

That is *Bonbu*: ordinary, foolish, unenlightened beings. But because we are such *Bonbu*, *Amida* Buddha *Dana* has great merit for us, enabling us to be born in the Pure Land and to attain Nirvana. *Amida* Buddha is like the Prince and we are like the tigress.

Those who receive such *Dana* can try to practice ideal *Dana*. It is a very difficult practice and, again, it is not mandatory for *Jodo Shinshu* Bud-

dhists. Our way is to see our *Bonbu* nature, reflect on it and enjoy *Dana*.

This year of the tiger, when we practice *Dana*, let’s remember the story of the Tiger and the Prince and try to help others as much as possible.

*Namoamidabutsu*

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

*\*Regarding the Buddhist era, abbreviated “B.E.”, there are several ways of counting. A popular one is from the Theravada Buddhists. They count the beginning of the B.E from the year Shakyamuni Buddha entered perfect Nirvana (passed away) but depending on the countries, the interpretations of the first year are different. According to them, the Buddha passed away in B.C. 544. Thus by adding 544 to the Common Era, we will arrive at the Buddhist era (544 + 2022 = 2566.) This calculation is used by Sri Lanka or Myanmar. Other Theravada countries, such as Thai or Laos add 543 to the Common Era. They start counting B.E. 1 year, next year from Shakyamuni Buddha’s passing. (543 + 2022=2565.) However, some traditions or scholars have their own interpretation and they say the Buddha passed away in the year B.C. 486 or 383, etc*



## 虎と王子

古本竜太

新年あけましておめでとうございます。2022年も有意義な一年となるよう、お念仏をとなえて日々を送っていきましょう。

2022年は寅年です。仏教には、虎にまつわる有名な話があります。それは飢えた虎に身を捧げるという意味の「捨身飼虎（しゃしんしこ）」というお話です。このお話は、何世紀にもわたって、理想的なダーナ（布施）がどのようなものなのかを教えてきました。

この物語は『ジャータカ物語』に掲載されています。ジャータカ物語とは、仏教の教えを説いた物語や寓話を集めたもので、物語の主人公は、前世のお釈迦さまです。お話には、「かつて釈迦牟尼仏がウサギだった時」とか「釈迦牟尼仏が鹿だった時」というように語られています。昔のインドの人たちは、お釈迦さまがたった6年間の修行を経て、悟りを開かれたことに驚きました。このような奇跡的な出来事を理解するために、人々は、お釈迦さまはこの世に生まれる以前に、何度も生まれ変わり死に変わって、修行を積まれたので、今世で悟りを開くことができた、と考えたのです。そしてお釈迦さまが前世で活躍された様々なお話を編纂したのがジャータカ物語です。

ジャータカ物語の中には、もともとインドの古い寓話に由来するものがあると言われていて、その一部が多文化に伝わり、ギリシャの「イソップ物語」やイスラム世界の「千夜一夜物語」、中国や日本の民話などに影響を与えたと言われています。

お話の多くは、ダーナの精神、自分を忘れて他を助けることを説いています。仏教徒はそのような物語を読むことで、仏の性質や仏教徒の理想的な生き方を学ぶのです。

虎の物語は、「かつてお釈迦さまがある国の王子であったとき」のお話です。王子が森を散歩していると、母虎と七匹の子虎に出くわしました。王子はびっくりしたのですが、よく見ると、虎たちはやせ細って弱っています。いまに

も餓死しそうで、動くこともできません。そのことに気づいた慈悲深い王子は、虎たちを救おうとしました。けれども周りには虎たちが食べられるような食料がありませんでした。そこで王子は、「この虎たちを救うために、自分の体を捧げよう」と決心しました。そして餓えた虎たちの近くの崖に登り、崖の上から身を投げたのです。そのおかげで、虎の親子は、王子の体を食べて生き延びることができた、というお話です。

この話を初めて聞くと、「虎のために命を捧げるのか?」と思われる方が多いです。けれども仏教の教えでは、虎の命も人間の命も平等であり、動物を助けるのも人間を助けるのと同じようにするのが理想的な尊い行いだとしているのです。

そしてこの物語では、虎が王子に「助けてください」と言ったわけでも、虎に自分の身を捧げた王子に虎たちが感謝したとも書かれていません。ここが人々に本当のダーナ、布施とはどういうことかを考えさせるポイントとなっています。

王子は虎から何かを得ようとしていないのです。虎を助けて、何かの報酬を得たり、感謝の言葉を期待することなく、ただ困っている者を救おうとしたのです。これが仏教の理想的なダーナ、布施です。

七世紀の日本の仏教徒はこの物語に感動し、玉虫厨子という仏像などを安置する

お仏壇にこの物語のイラストを描いていて、その厨子は、今は国宝となっています。

この王子のように布施をすることが理想なのですが、私たちの

布施は条件付きのことがほとんどで、すべての人を助けることはできませんし、ましてや動物を人間と同じ価値のある命をもっていると尊重し助けることはたいへん難しいことです。

けれどもそれが凡夫であり、愚かで、いまだ悟っていない証拠なのです。浄土真宗では、凡夫は自分の力では悟りを開くことはできない、と理解します。けれどもそのような凡夫を助けようと、阿弥陀仏が私たちに功德を布施してくださっており、そのおかげで凡夫が念仏をとなえ、浄土に生まれ、涅槃に至ることができるのです。ジャータカのお話でいうと、阿弥陀仏が王子、私たちは虎のようなものです。

このような阿弥陀さまからのダーナを受けた凡夫は、理想的なダーナを実践してみようとつとめるようになってくるようです。親鸞聖人は、阿弥陀さまの功德をいただいたものは、阿弥陀仏の大悲を伝えるようになり、それを「常行大悲の益」をいただいたことだともみられています。阿弥陀仏の救いや念仏を伝えることのほか、できるだけ他人を助けてあげよう、という思いも起こってくることもあります。凡夫には理想的なダーナを実践することはできませんが、それを反省し、できるだけ人を助けていこうとするのが浄土真宗の凡夫のひとつの楽しみです。

今年の寅年は、「虎と王子」の話の思い出しながら、できるだけ人の役に立てるように、ダーナを試みましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏



Monthly Memorial JANUARY  
Virtual *Shotsuki* Service January 2, 2022 at 10am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED’S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Aihara,Chris	Father	Iwanaga, James
Akahori, Ted	Father	Akahori, Mitsuo
Akahori, Ted	Sister-in-law	Higashi, Kiyoko (Kiyo)
Fujimoto, Miki	Father	Fujimoto, Ted
Harada, James	Mother	Harada, Grace
Hayamizu, Sumiko	Mother	Nakashima, Tsune
Hirayama, Kiyome	Husband	Hirayama, Art
Hisamune, Catherine	Father	Fujita, Katsujiro
Ikari, Kathy	Grandfather	Kato, Genichi
Ikari, Kathy	Mother	Tsuboi, Ruth
Ikegami, Sumiko	Sister	Shigaki, Kazue
Ikegami, Sumiko	Stepfather-in-law	Nozawa, Gentaro
Iriye, Kenneth	Sister	Carlson, Diana Chizuko
Kamikawa, Emi	Father	Kamikawa, Glenn
Kitagawa, Linda	Father	Matsuura, Clifford
Kodani, Denise	Father	Goto, James M.
Kojima, Chikako	Grandfather	Uneda, Izaemon
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Father-in-law	Kunitake, Masamitsu
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandfather	Wada, Zembei
Matsuda Family	Grandfather	Akamichi, Junichi
Matsumura, Henry	Grandfather	Yamaguchi, Kenji
Middo, Joy	Mother	Oyama, Mieko
Minami, Jean	Husband	Minami, Tatsuo
Miyamoto, Dennis	Father	Miyamoto, Masaru
Murakami, Lena/Julia	Husband/Father	Murakami, Arthur
Murakami, Eugene	Grandmother	Murakami, Rui
Nakashima, Alan	Mother	Nakashima, Hana
Nakawatase, Richard	Grandfather	Nakawatase, Nisoji
Nakawatase Family	Father	Nakawatase, Shigemi
Ogawa, Jerry	Grandfather	Shimada, Kanetaro
Ogawa, Jerry	Grandmother	Shimada, Satsu
Ogawa, Jerry	Grandmother	Ogawa, Hisayo
Ohata, Ron	Mother	Ohata,Fumiko
Okita, Ronald	Mother	Okita, Sumiye
Saiki, Yumi	Father	Yoshida, Kazuhiro
Saneto Family	Grandfather	Saneto, Kanaye
Shimabukuro-Leong, Marilyn	Mother	Shimabukuro, Fumie
Shirasago, Gary & Dale	Mother	Shirasago, Sally
Sonday, Reiko	Grandfather	Fukumoto, Kazue
Sugano, Maya	Husband	Sugano, Norman
Sugano, Michiko	Mother-in-law	Sugano, Aiko
Takashima, Iris	Aunt	Nakashima, Hana
Takashima, Iris	Grandfather	Jinde, Eiji
Takashima, Wilbur	Grandfather	Taniguchi, Hisaichi
Takemoto, Jon, Takemoto, Ron	Grandfather	Takemoto, Toyosuke
Takemoto, Ron	Father	Takemoto, Arthur
Terrell, Jackie	Father	Howard, Jack
Umemoto, Marty & Kathie	Grandfather	Akamichi, Junichi
Ushirogata,Mutsuo	Sister-in-law	Ushirogata, Ineko
Ushirogata, Yukie	Brother	Matsushita, Bunji
Usui, Suzuko	Mother	Ariyoshi, Kiyo
Watanabe, Marsha	Brother	Imai, Randy
Yokota, Carole	Father	Yokota, Hiroshi

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.

SHOTSUKI HOYO NOVEMBER 2021

Observant <i>In Memory Of</i>	Jean Minami <i>Misako &amp; Ted Yokomi</i>	Wilbur & Iris Takashima <i>Shirley Kodani</i>
Madalyn Adams <i>Tosao Yamada</i>	Eugene & Elaine Murakami <i>Yomiko Murakami</i>	Wilbur & Iris Takashima <i>Shig Yasuda</i>
Julie & Ted Akahori <i>Brother Bob Akahori</i>	Richard & Helen Nakawatase <i>Sachiko Nakawatase</i>	Lilian Tanaka <i>Ethel Shiosaki</i>
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Kikuye Imamura Family <i>Kikuye Imamura</i>	Katherine Otamura <i>Roy Otamura</i>	<i>Yoshisuke Uyeno</i>
Glen & Joyce Isomoto <i>Satoko Isomoto</i>	Ellen Shimohara <i>Jerry Shimohara</i>	Vickie Wakinaka <i>Yorinosuke Wakinaka</i>
Kiyoko Isomoto <i>Satoko Isomoto</i>	<i>Chiyoko Shimohara</i>	Vickie Wakinaka <i>Tane Wakinaka</i>
Chikako Kojima <i>Yoshiko Uneda</i>	Mark & Reiko Sondag <i>Shinichi Joe Nimi</i>	Toshiko Yamaguchi <i>Frank Yamaguchi</i>
	Robert Takamoto <i>Sachiye Takamoto</i>	Betty Yamashita <i>Paul Takahashi</i>
		Arlene Yokoyama <i>Richard &amp; Harold Yamada</i>

Senshin  
*Shusho-ye/Gantan-ye*  
January 1, 2022, 10:00 am

*Shusho-ye*, or *Gantan-ye*, simply means “Service for the New Year.” The literal translation of *Shusho-ye* is “a gathering for a revision, modification or correction.” New Year’s Day is an opportunity for us to begin the new year with refreshing hearts and minds. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 1. It will be both in-person and online service.

This year, ozoni and sake are TBD. We are planning to have a *Taiko* and *Shishimai* performance following the service. If you would like to attend the service in-person at the temple, please contact the temple

修正会（しゅしょうえ

一月一日にお勤めする法要を元旦会または修正会といいます。新年の最初の日に心を正しい方向に修正するという意味があります。浄土真宗では、阿弥陀如来に「お金がもうかりますように」、「病気になるませんように」とか「いい大学にはいれますように」などのことを祈りません。そういう願いはたいがいが自分のエゴを拡張することになるので、本当の安心をえることが難しくなるためです。修正会は、そういう自己中心の願いがある自分を反省し、その自分を受け入れてくださる阿弥陀如来に感謝し、一年を心安らかに生きていくきっかけとなる法要です。

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Hoonko

*Hoonko* is the most important service for *Jodo Shinshu* Buddhists. It is a memorial service for *Shinran Shonin*, the founder of *Jodo Shinshu* Buddhism. *Shinran Shonin* passed away on January 16, 1263 (November 28 in the lunar calendar) at the age of 90. *Kakunyo Shonin*, the great-grandson of *Shinran Shonin* started “Hoon ko” when he observed *Shinran Shonin*’s 33rd memorial service. “Hoon” means to pay the debt of gratitude, and “ko” means gathering. Hence, “Hoonko” denotes “the gathering to recompense *Shinran Shonin* for his teaching.” There are several ways to thank *Shinran Shonin*: By listening to the teaching, chanting *Shoshinge* (that was written by *Shinran Shonin*,) reciting the *Nembutsu*, etc. In some areas of Japan, the followers invite their minister to their homes to hold the *Hoonko* service and listen to the teaching of *Shinran Shonin* with their family members.

Our *Hoonko* Service will take place on Sunday, January 16. Prior to the *Hoonko* Service, we will have Online *Hoonko* Study Classes, a workshop and a *Hoonko* Seminar.

報恩講（ほうおんこう）

今年も報恩講の集いを開催しますのでぜひお参り下さい。報恩講は浄土真宗の開祖、親鸞聖人のご命日法要です。親鸞聖人は1263年、1月16日（旧暦11月28日）に往生されました。親鸞聖人のひ孫で三代目門主の覚如上人が親鸞聖人の33回忌をお勤めされたのが報恩講の始まりです。報恩とは、感謝することで、親鸞聖人が念仏の教えを伝えてくださったこと、また私たちをお浄土に生まれさせ仏にしてくださいとお念仏をとなえ、聞法させていただく、という意味があります。報恩講のサービスは1月16日（日）で、ご講師はウエストコビナ仏教会の見義信香先生です。10日（月）から14日（金）まで毎日、報恩講の集いを行いますので、スケジュールをご確認ください。15日（土）は見義先生によるセミナーがございます。時間は10時30分からです。

HOONKO WEEK SCHEDULE

**January 10 to 12, 6:30pm to 7:15 pm** *Hoonko* Study Class, Basic *Jodo Shinshu* Class

This will be the Senshin *Bukkyo Gakuin*, Basic *Jodo Shinshu* Class 1-4. Anyone can join the class.

**January 13, 6:30pm to 7:15pm** *Hoonko* Study Class, Rev. Mas Kodani, speaker,

**January 14, 6:30pm to 7:30pm** *Hoonko* LGBTQ workshop  
Rev. Aki and Mariko Rooks will conduct a *Hoonko* LGBTQ workshop.

Please call or email to the temple to sign up to attend the classes. For those who signed up the Basic *Jodo Shinshu* class will receive the class link.

HOONKO SEMINAR

On **Saturday, January 15th, at 10:30 am**, we will have a *Hoonko* Seminar. The speaker will be Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi, West Covina Buddhist Temple. The seminar will end around noon.

HOONKO SERVICE

On Sunday, January 16th, at 10:00 am., we will have a *Hoonko* Service. The speaker will be Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi, West Covina Buddhist Temple.

Please call the office or email the temple for more information.



## Vehicle Donation

We 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.



## Hongwanji Place

Senshin will continue to be closed for an indefinite period of time. If any of our Sangha wishes to make purchases from the Hongwanji Place store, please go to our website:

**www.hongwanji-place.com.** It is continually updated with more items displayed online. If you have any questions about availability of merchandise, or a general question, please contact Wilbur Takashima at (310) 994-1627 or at wktakashi@aol.com.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Happy New Year! *Akemashite omedetō gozaimasu!*

Thank you to the Sangha, Rev. Furumoto, Aki-Sensei and the Board of Directors for your contributions to help us thrive in 2021 despite the numerous challenges. Looking back at 2021 through the lens of COVID, it was not the best of years and, frankly, it's a relief that it's behind us. But from a Buddhist perspective, 2021 was a year of great uncertainty and impermanence and a valuable test of our patience, resilience and adaptability. Sunday service attendance on Zoom was often higher than pre-COVID days. We carried on with our funerals and memorial services. The *Prajna* and Sunday services on Zoom kept us connected. Important remodeling and maintenance projects got done. Our new website came online. We survived financially thanks to your support. Here we are at the dawn of 2022 and Senshin Buddhist Temple remains in good shape and in some ways, changed for the better.

We're hopeful that Senshin can return to in-person services and activities in 2022 and we look forward to seeing you and your family at Senshin and on Zoom. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our plans as needed. Please check out our website at [senshintemple.org](http://senshintemple.org) for the calendar, a link to Sunday services and content that might interest you.

*In Gassho,*

RUSSELL NISHIDA

## & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## B W A

Here's to a Happy and Healthy 2022 New Year! January marks the time to wash away our regrets and restart refreshed and renewed. I know I'll be striving to be more kind, patient, compassionate, empathetic, generous, content, healthy, and more. I'm sure we are all grateful to be able to cast away all of the bad of the past year, which was like no other! Though we were hampered by the pandemic in our efforts to gather and partake in all of our traditions, we were still able to hold on to our cherished BWA connections. The BWA ladies' resiliency, innovation with technology, and fearlessness have kept us all together and led us to several successful in person BWA meetings. It was uplifting to be in the *hondo* to hear the enlightening Dharma message and the melodic sutra chanting. Most heart warming was to see and greet everyone at temple. Thank you to all for keeping each other safe while we together follow the shining guiding light of the *Nembutsu*.

December 2021 events included Senshin BWA *Toban* duties that kept the temple running seamlessly and orderly. BWA provided the refreshments to all the hardworking volunteers for the much needed temple *Osoji* 12/12/21. Thank you to our representatives, who attended on 12/4/21, the last quarterly meeting of the Southern District BWA that was graciously hosted by Gardena Buddhist Temple.

Hold the date of 3/6/2022 after Sunday service if you are interested

in learning about sustainable edible gardening. Florence Nishida, master gardener and founder of LA Green Grounds, will conduct a gardening seminar with an emphasis on growing Asian vegetables. More details to follow later.

Please consider joining our BWA group and save the date for our next BWA meeting 1/9/2022.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous dana from the following:  
Chiyo Inouye - *Special*  
Madelyne Adams - *In memory of Tosao Yamada*

## Jr Y B A

This December was very exciting for the Jrs., who were able to participate in a small in-person *Mochitsuki*, which they have not done in two years. The *Mochitsuki* was a lot of fun and it was great to see everyone's faces. The Jrs. had a great time catching up with each other and making memories together. The older Jrs. also taught the younger Jrs. about the responsibilities of *Mochitsuki*. Hopefully next year we can do a bigger event and make mochi for more people.

We would also like to thank some people for their generosity and kindness to the Jrs. Thank you to the anonymous Senshin member who donated



a \$10 Panera gift card from the Obon raffle, which we used to buy scones and cookies for the mochi rice-washing night. Thank you to Johnny and Wendy Mori who donated the 100 lbs. of mochi rice for the event. Thank you to Johnny for making his famous (and delicious) breakfast fried rice for the *Mochitsuki* helpers. Thank you to the BWA members and other friends for providing all of the tasty desserts and refreshing fruit salad for the *Mochitsuki* lunch. Thank you to the set-up committee and everyone who helped out in the kitchen as well. And last, thank you to everyone who generously made donations to the Jr. YBA



for *Mochitsuki*. *Mochitsuki* is an event that reminds the Jrs. of how amazing our Sangha is, and we are so grateful for everyone who came out to help.

The Jrs. additionally helped out with *Osoji*, which followed the day of *Mochitsuki*. If any high school students are interested in Jr.YBA, please contact Joyce Yamashita at [kyokosam@aol.com](mailto:kyokosam@aol.com) for more information.

## Maintenance and Repairs

A few repairs were done around the *Hondo*. A water leak next to the *Hondo* was repaired, and some of the automatic sprinkler system watering stations that were not working have also been repaired.



HAPPY NEW YEAR  
From the Potters of WasabiKai



After celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2019, we embarked on an archiving project. This project has kept us busy during the pandemic as we identified and reviewed 50 years worth of photography, videos and artifacts that marked our growth at Senshin and in the taiko community. We continue to walk down "memory lane," identifying people and places in photos and setting up interviews with people instrumental to our development.

We would like to invite you to witness our process on Sunday afternoon, February 20, in the Social Hall.

More information regarding time will be posted in the February *Prajna*. Thank you!



洗心仏教会

12月感謝録:

寄付:D&S Lovall,E上川,D\$C.Huey,\$D深川,  
R竹本,城山一家,B&Y深川,R堀&R.Kok  
M小谷,D白砂,D.Trhey,D.Brown,  
お礼:T中島一家,4世バスケットクラブ  
C&E.Whittig  
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マスク寄附:M藤本&C.Rooks,  
仏連: M藤本  
お盆: J近藤  
故E.Y.元金追悼:E元金  
車寄附:D相原  
お賽銭:M.Adams  
故E福本法事: S浅見  
お寺 7 0 周年記念:M&L柳田

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故L.Estrada追悼:M藤本  
故Y堀本追悼:J堀本,R&G後藤,M&C宗村  
B&L小原,A&A Chinn,W前田,A&M Kutchins  
故S中渡瀬 3 回忌:R中渡瀬  
故M横見 7 回忌:S横見,J南,J&F勝田,  
納骨堂:M.Adams,J南,J今村,G&D白砂,D加藤  
T&S海野,V&B脇中,D藤川,M竹本,E&H元金  
T山口,J&D平本,H稲作,C又吉,D江畑,S東司  
N&W永谷,K松林

1月法要スケジュール:

12月31日(金)午後5時	除夜会,大晦日法要
1日(土) 午前10時	ヴァチャルおよびインパーソン修正会法要
2日(日) 午前9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話
10時	祥月法要,理事会会員及び各部役員就任式
6日(木) 午後7時	ヴァチャル理事会
9日(日)午前9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話
10時	家族礼拝
午前11時	小谷正雄名誉開教使
10日(月)午後6:30	恒例婦人会 (インパーソン)
11日(火)午後6:30	ヴァチャル報恩講勉強会
12日(水)午後6:30	ヴァチャル報恩講勉強会
13日(木)午後6:30	ヴァチャル報恩講勉強会
14日(金)午後4:30	ヴァチャル報恩講勉強会
15日(土)午後10:30	ヴァチャル報恩講LGBTQ勉強会
16日(日)午前9:45	ヴァチャル報恩講セミナー
10時	ヴァチャルキッズお話
	ヴァチャル報恩講法要
	(宗祖親鸞聖人追悼)
23日(日)午前9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話
10時	家族礼拝
30日(日) 午前9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話
10時	家族礼拝

1月法要当番: お寺

1月本堂当番: J中島,C横田,E村上,R勝田

1月お花当番: 1日古本先生,8日M宮本,15日D平本,22日Y/K西坂,29日Y/R宮川,2/5日Qやました。もし予定日に当番ができない時には、Iris(310-951-0160)またはitakasima@aol.comまでご連絡ください。

2月の予定: 6日成道会法要、12-13日念仏セミナー: Peter Hata開教使,18日BCA開教使,ナショナルカウンセル総会

12月供花: T赤堀,C小島,Jm南,L田中,The Rogers,Y後潟,M西坂,B山下,M&R.Sunday,E下原,M上野,K松林

2022年1月

Nokotsudo Reopened December 5, 2021

The Senshin *Nokotsudo* reopened Sunday, December 5, 2021 with a limited number of *Sangha* members in attendance. Thanks to a major bequest by former *Sangha* member, Yo Takeuchi, and additional donations by many *Sangha* members the *Nokotsudo* now has new reinforced shelves and a brand-new coat of paint making it clean and brighter. The *Nokotsudo* is a fitting home for many *Sangha* members who have gone before us. A few more cosmetic touches will be applied such as paint treatments on the double doors as well as outdoor signage.

Thank you to the guidance of Rev. Ryuta Furumoto and the *Nokotsudo* Committee Members: Russell Nishida, Kate Meigneux, James Okazaki and Fujie Ohata. Additional *Sangha* volunteers helped to move the urns to the temporary space in the Crying Room and then moved them back into the renovated *Nokotsudo*. We are sincerely grateful to all the volunteers!

The Board authorized the drafting of the Senshin *Nokotsudo* Guidelines to help *Sangha* member families understand their roles and responsibilities entailed with interring a loved one into the *Nokotsudo*. If any family still has not turned in a signed Guidelines document, please do so as soon as possible.



In order to keep the renovated *Nokotsudo* clean, the Board has asked the Committee to set up toban cleaning teams to volunteer on a quarterly basis. Tasks may include mopping the floor, dusting around the altar, wiping down the flower shelves and washing flower vases. The proposed quarterly cleaning day will coincide with the weekend prior to Spring *Ohigan*, *Hatsubon*, Fall *Ohigan* and on *Osoji* Day in December. If you are interested in signing up for a toban team, please contact Fujie Ohata at fuji2va@gmail.com.

Again, we are grateful and appreciative for all the assistance and cooperation rendered before and during the renovation period.

このたび 竹内よしこさんやその他の方のご寄付により、納骨堂の改装工事（棚の補強、塗装）が終わり、12月5日に再開の式が行われました。古本先生をはじめ納骨堂委員会のラッセル西田、Kate Meigneux, ジェイムス岡崎、ふじえ大畑さん達のご尽力に感謝いたします。また骨壺を移動する作業には多くの方がお手伝いをしてくださいました。

今回理事会で納骨堂ガイドラインが採用されました。このガイドラインをまだ読んでおられない方は、署名してお寺に送り返してください。さらに納骨堂を常時清潔に保つため、当番制の設置を検討しています。

私たち浄土真宗の信者にとりましては、納骨堂はお亡くなりなれた方々を敬い、その思い出をとどめ、みなさんがご家族や友人と再会できる大切な「ホーム」の一つです。

どうぞいつでもお参りに来られて、往生されたご家族、お知り合いに感謝の意を表し、手を合わせお焼香をしてください。

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Dec 31	<b>1</b>
					<b>8p</b> <i>Joya-e</i> , New Year Eve Service	<b>10a</b> Virtual and in-person <i>Shusho-e</i> , New Year Day Service
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9:45a</b> Virtual Kids' Talk <b>10a</b> Monthly Memorial Service ( <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> ) Installation of temple board and affiliated organizations		<b>9:30a</b> Virtual Exercise Class <b>10:30a–2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio		<b>9:30a</b> Virtual Exercise Class <b>10:30a–2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7p</b> Virtual Temple Board Meeting		Sr. YBA gathering
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>9:30a</b> BWA meeting (in person) <b>9:45a</b> Virtual Kids' Talk <b>10a</b> Virtual Sunday Service	<b>6:30p</b> Virtual <i>Hoonko</i> Study Class	<b>9:30a</b> Virtual Exercise Class <b>10:30a–2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>6:30p</b> Virtual <i>Hoonko</i> Study Class	<b>6:30p</b> Virtual <i>Hoonko</i> Study Class	<b>9:30a</b> Virtual Exercise Class <b>10:30a–2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>6:30p</b> Virtual <i>Hoonko</i> Study Class – Rev. Mas Kodani	<b>4:30p</b> Virtual <i>Hoonko</i> LGBTQ Workshop – Rev. Aki and Mariko Rooks	<b>10:30a</b> Virtual <i>Hoonko</i> Seminar – Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi, West Covina
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>9:45a</b> Virtual Kids' Talk <b>10:30a</b> Virtual <i>Hoonko</i> Service – <i>Shinran Shonin</i> Memorial – Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi, West Covina	<b>7p</b> Virtual <i>Zadankai</i>	<b>9:30a</b> Virtual Exercise Class <b>10:30a–2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio		<b>9:30a</b> Virtual Exercise Class <b>10:30a–2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio		
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>9:45a</b> Virtual Kids' Talk <b>10a</b> Virtual Family Service		<b>9:30a</b> Virtual Exercise Class <b>10:30a–2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio		<b>9:30a</b> Virtual Exercise Class <b>10:30a–2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio		
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5
<b>9:45a</b> Virtual Kids' Talk <b>10a</b> Virtual Family Service						

## JANUARY TOBAN:

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

## JANUARY ONAIJIN Flower Arrangement:

**January 1** Rev. Furumoto  
**January 8** Marilyn Miyamoto  
**January 15** Deb/John Hiramoto  
**January 22** Yoko/Kelvin Nishikawa  
**January 29** Yoko/Richard Miyagawa  
**February 5** Qris Yamashita

## Upcoming in FEBRUARY

**February 6** Nirvana Day Service  
**February 12-13** *Nembutsu* Retreat, Rev. Peter Hata  
**February 18** BCA Ministers and National Council Meeting

(Note: If you are unable to fulfill the week you are scheduled, please contact Iris at (310) 951-0160 or itakashima@aol.com)