



Blood Stained Sacred Book

In Japan, traditionally, the color of the cover of the *Jodo Shinshu*'s service book is red. It is said that the color red is related to Rennyo Shonin's disciple's deep respect for the *Nembutsu* teaching. Rennyo Shonin was the 8th head priest of our denomination, *Jodo Shinshu*. He lived about 500 years ago in Japan. He was known as an innovator of *Jodo Shinshu*.

According to a researcher, he acquired five million followers which was almost half of the population of Japan in those days.

He did not use SNS, such as Tiktok or Instagram. But he used a conventional social networking method. He sent letters to propagate the teaching. These letters are now called *Gobunsho*.

Gobunsho means venerable letter. After Rennyo Shonin passed away, his grandson collected the letters from all over Japan. He collected about 200 letters from which he selected 80 letters to make five volumes of his letters.

We now read the *Gobunsho* at our Sunday services led by Rev. Aki. She reads “*Shonin Ichiryu Sho* (The Chapter on the Teaching of Shinran Shonin)” and “*Matsudai Muchi no Sho* (Chapter on the Ignorant Beings of the Final Age).” “*Hakkotsu no Sho* (White Ashes)” which is read at funeral services is also a part of the *Gobunsho*.

In his letters, Rennyo Shonin wrote mainly about *shinjin*.

In his first line of “the chapter on the teaching of Shinran Shonin,” he wrote, “Shinran Shonin taught that the essence of Jodo Shinshu is *shinjin*.”

Shinjin is entrusting heart and mind to Amida Buddha. Shinran Shonin thought that the quality of the people was deteriorating compared to Shakyamuni Buddha’s time, so no one can complete any kind of practices. The only way we can attain enlightenment is to entrust ourselves to Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha enables all beings to be born in the Pure Land and attain enlightenment.

Entrusting or *shinjin* is most important for Jodo Shinshu followers; therefore, we do not have any practices such as long hours of sitting

meditation. Doing Dana or keeping precepts is not required to attain enlightenment. We don’t have to be vegetarians. Having a secular life-style, we can attain enlightenment. It is a unique feature of Jodo Shinshu teaching. The teaching is for everyone; children, adults, seniors, any sex, any occupation, celibate, married, etc. Anyone can recite the *nembutsu* and attain enlightenment.

Five hundred years ago, due to Rennyo Shonin’s propagation, many people were saved by the *nembutsu* teaching. They deeply respected Rennyo Shonin, and also the founder, Shinran Shonin. Rennyo Shonin’s disciple was one of them.

This story is called “Blood Stained Sacred Book” or “Shinran Shonin’s writing inside of the stomach.”

Toward the end of March in 1471 when Rennyo Shonin was writing a letter in his temple in the present time Yoshizaki in the Fukui prefecture, the temple caught fire. The fire spread quickly into the room where Rennyo Shonin was writing and he had to quickly escape.

But as he ran out, he remembered, “Shoot! I forgot *Kyogyoshinsho* in my room.” *Kyogyoshinsho* is a major work of Shinran Shonin. Rennyo Shonin, who was a descendant of Shinran Shonin, had the original handwritten *Kyogyoshinsho*. It contains the most important writings. But in his haste to escape from the fire, he forgot to take it with him.

One of his disciples, Ryoken-san volunteered, “I will go get *Kyogyoshinsho*.” And he went into the burning temple. He was able to get into

Rennyo Shonin’s room and found the original copy of *Kyogyoshinsho*. But when he got the *Kyogyoshinsho* in his hands, it was too late to escape from the fire. So what he did was disembowelment. He cut his stomach, took out his guts, and put the *Kyogyoshinsho* in his stomach.

After the fire, they found Ryoken-san, burned and dead, protecting *Kyogyoshinsho* from the fire.

Kyogyoshinsho was stained red. Rennyo Shonin felt deep sorrow and gratitude to him. It is said that, to praise Ryoken-san’s devotion, the cover of the Jodo Shinshu’s service books were colored red.

Senshin’s service book is brown. But it’s okay. Sometimes, the color of blood becomes brown after a time. So, we are in the right tradition.

This Ryoken-san’s story has been told for years to teach people the importance of *Kyogyoshinsho* and the *nembutsu* teaching that was established by Shinran Shonin. Shinran Shonin and Rennyo Shonin emphasized *shinjin*, entrusting Amida. Let’s keep learning to deepen our understanding of the teaching.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

血染めの聖教

古本竜太

日本では、浄土真宗のサービスブックの表紙の色は赤のことが多いです。なぜ赤が多いかというと、蓮如上人のお弟子さんがお念仏の教えを深く信奉されたお話に関係があると言われています。

蓮如上人は、浄土真宗の八代目のご門主です。蓮如上人は中興の祖と言われ、今から約500年前の室町時代に念仏の教えを日本中に弘められました。当時の日本の人口の半分に近い500万人がフォロワーになったそうです。

上人の時代にはTiktokやInstagramのようなSNSはありません。伝統的なコミュニケーションの一つである、「手紙」を送って教えを弘められたのです。この手紙を「御文章」と呼んでいます。蓮如上人が亡くなられた後、全国から手紙を集め、約200通の中から80通を選んで5巻の御文章を製作しました。

日曜礼拝で拝読する『親鸞聖人一流章』『末代無智の章』や葬儀で読まれる『白骨の章』は『御文章』の一部です。

蓮如上人は手紙の中で、主に信心について書かれています。

『親鸞聖人一流章』の一行目には、「親鸞聖人は、浄土真宗の要は信心であると説かれた。」（筆者意訳）と書かれています。

信心とは、私の成仏を阿弥陀如来におまかせすることです。親鸞聖人は、釈尊の時代と比べると、人間の質が低下しているから、どんな修行をしてもこの世で悟ることはできない、と考えておられました。そして、私たちが悟りを開くには、阿弥陀如来におまかせして、念仏をとえお浄土に生まれ、仏となる方法しかない、と言われます。

浄土真宗ではこの信心が要で、座禅や滝に打たれるような修行はありません。ダーナをしたり、戒律を守ったりすることは、お浄土に生まれるには必須ではありませんし、ベジタリアンである必要もありません。世俗的な生活をしながら、悟りを開く道を歩むことのできる教えなのです。これは、浄土真宗の教えの

特徴です。子供、大人、高齢者、性別、職業、独身、既婚などの違いに関わりのない、すべての人のための教えです。誰でも念仏をとえ、悟りを開くことができるのです。

500年前、蓮如上人の布教により、多くの人々がこの念仏の教えによって救われました。その念仏者たちは、蓮如上人、そして宗祖の親鸞聖人を深く尊敬していました。蓮如上人の弟子、良顕さんもその一人でした。

このお話は、「血染めの聖教」あるいは「腹ごもりの聖教」と呼ばれています。

1471年の3月末、蓮如上人が現在の福井県吉崎のお寺におられたとあります。突然、お寺が火事になりました。火はあっという間に蓮如上人の部屋にも燃え広がり、すぐに逃げ出さなければならなくなりました。

上人は外に出た後、「しまった！」と思いました。部屋に『教行信証』を置いてきてしまったのです。『教行信証』は親鸞聖人の主著で、聖人の子孫である蓮如上人は、直筆の書を持っておられました。浄土真宗の教えが書かれた最も大切な書物なのですが、緊急事態で出て出るのを忘れてしまったのです。

そこに弟子の良顕さんが、「蓮如さま、私が取って来ましょう。」と言われ、燃え盛る寺の中に入って行きました。そして、蓮如上人の部屋で『教行信証』を見つけたのですが、そのときにはもう火から逃れることはできなくなってしまいました。そこで良顕さんがされたのは、割腹です。『教行信証』を守るため、腹を切って内臓を取り出し、その腹にお書物を入れたのです。

火事の後、火の粉から大切な聖教を守った良顕さんの遺体が見つかりました。

その『教行信証』の表紙は血で真っ赤に染まっていた。蓮如上人は、良顕さんの死を悼み、深く感謝されました。この良寛さんの献身をたたえ、浄土真宗の聖教、経本やサービスブックの表紙の色を赤にしたといわれています。

この良顕さんのお話は、親鸞聖人が説かれた念仏のみ教えの大切さを伝えるために、語り継がれてきました。親鸞聖人や蓮如上人は、阿弥陀さまにおまかせする「信心」がもっとも大切だといわれています。良顕さんや他の多くの先達のおかげで、今み教えを聞かせていただいている私たちは、ご信心をいただき、み教えの理解を深めるよう、これからも学んでいきましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏



Monthly Memorial APRIL

Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 10am

Seshu (Observant)
Deceased Relation To Observant, Deceased

Gleeson, David & Lynn
Daughter Gleeson, Paige
Kiyoko Kathleen

Hashimoto, Miwako
Mother-in-law Hashimoto, Tatsuyo

Imamura Family
Father Imamura, Dick

Inatomi Family
Sister Inatomi-Howard, Linda

Kammerer, Michelle
Mother Kammerer, Julia Lundquist

Komai, JoAnn
Father Yamada, Yoshito

Kuwata, Tom
Grandfather Yamada, Takeo

Masada, Michiko
Mother Takahashi, Toshi

Masada, Michiko
Father-in-law Masada, Kentaro

Masada, Michiko
Husband Masada, Yamato

Matsumura, Henry
Uncle Tsubaki, Hideo

Minami, Jean
Father-in-law Minami, Kichitaro

Miyamoto, Dennis
Grandfather Kawai, Sosuke

Motokane, Eddie
Father Motokane, Keiso

Munekata, Yooko
Mother Matsubayashi, Ayako

Nagano, Lance
Mother Nagano, Mary

Nakashima, Jean
Father Shigeyasu, George

Nakashita, Arthur
Mother Nakashita, Yoshiko

Nakawatase, Richard
Uncle Nakawatase, Hideo

Nishida, Russell
Grandfather Nishida, Joe

Nishida, Russell,
Grandmother Yamaguchi, Misa

Yamaguchi Toshiko
Mother-in-law Yamaguchi, Misa

Nishida, Lori
Father Nishisaka, Harry

Nishikawa, Kelvin
Father Nishikawa, George

Nishikawa, Kelvin
Grandfather Nishikawa, Wasaku

Ogawa, Jerry
Grandfather Ogawa, Konai

Okazaki, James
Mother Okazaki, Akiko

Onishi, Randy & Susan
Mother Onishi, Mitsume

Rogers, Beverly
Grandfather Aramaki, Chido

Sakakura, Michiko
Mother Sakakura, Chizu

Saneto Family
Father Saneto, Tsukasa

Shimabukuro, Marilyn
Grandfather Shimabukuro, Shikko

Shimohara, Ellen
Mother Shinoda, Kimi

Takahashi Family (Elaine,
Sumiji, Zen, Joseyl Castellon,
Gedon Phuntshog)
Grandmother/Great-Grandmother/
Great-Great Grandmother

Nakamura Komatsu

Takahashi Family (Elaine,
Sumiji, Zen, Joseyl Castellon,
Gedon Phuntshog)
Father/Grandfather/
Great-Grandfather

Takahashi, Yoshiharu

Takashima, Wilbur
Mother Takashima, Yoshiko

Takashima, Wilbur
Uncle Taniguchi, Setsugo

Unno Family
Unno, Hanako

Ushirogata, Yukie
Sister Matsushita, Fumie

Wakinaka, Bernice
Son Wakinaka, David

Yoshimura, Evelyn & Brett
Mother/Grandmother
Yoshimura, Shizuko

SHOTSUKI HOYO February 2022

Observant
In Memory Of

Akahori, Ted & Julie
Jean Akahori

Akahori, Julie
Grandmother Kazuko Uyetake

K. Iris Nishina Gee
Sue Uematsu

Harada, James & Karen
Isamu Matsumura

Hori, Robert
Mother Lily Hori

Inatomi, Lily
Daughter Diane Trihey

Janis Ishitani
Nell Sawada

Isomoto, Kiyoko
Sam Isomoto

Kato, Douglas
Kay Sadao Kato

Kawaguchi, Glenn & Christine
Kanaye, Koima, Satoshi Saneto

Kiyohara, Ruby
S Kiyohara

Matoyoshi, Connie & Gene
Father Takeo Matayoshi

Matsubara, Tammy & Dale
S Kiyohara

Matsuda, Doug
Mother Misao Matsuda

Mori, Wendy
Sahara, Fred, Brother

Julia & Lena Murakami
Arthur Ichiro Murakami

Nagano, Lance
George Nagano

Nagatani, Wendy & Nick
Roy Rentaro Yoshitomi

Nakawatase, Frank
Mother Yasuko Nakawatase

Nakawatase, Frank
Father Shigemi Nakawatase

Nishikawa, Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
Edith Nishikawa

Merrie Nishisaka
Yuri Nishisaka

Onishi, Randy & Susan
Masato Onishi

Saneto, Satomi
Art Hirayama

Saneto, Satomi
Kanaye Saneto

Saneto, Satomi
Satoshi Saneto

Shimabukuro, Marilyn &
Gilbert Leong
Father Shigeichi Shimbukuro

Uyeno, Matsuko
Husband Masato Uyeno

Uyeno, Matsuko
Ren Uyeno

Wakinaka, Bernice
Chiyono Nagaoka, Dick Nagaoka

Yokota, Carole
Sanaye Yokota

Yoneda, Kiyoko
Father-in-Law Sanji Yoneda

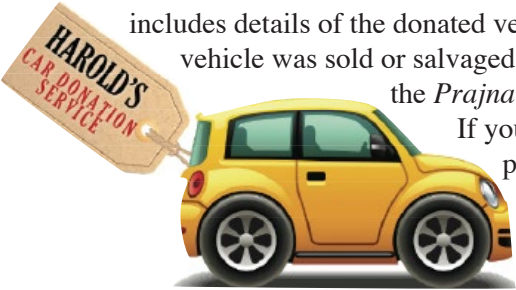
Yoshitomi, Hannah
Roy Yoshitomi

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.

Donation College Savings 529 Plan

Senshin has a College Savings 529 Plan to help with the costs of higher education for our g the contribution is to go to the Senshin Buddhist Temple, Account #9393725.

If you write a check to Senshin, there is no minimum. If you write a check to MESP, the check must be \$25 or more.

Owned by the temple, the intention of the fund is to provide additional support to its minister and family. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eugene Murakami at (909) 861-0697 or genemura@roadrunner.com.

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.



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.

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 DONATION

Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
 Kiyo Yoneda
 Connie & Glenn Matayoshi
 Mat Uyeno
 Ted & Julie Akahori
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 Doug Matsuda
 Tammy & Dale Matsubara
 Ruby Kiyohara
 Chikako Kojima

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 Maya Sugano
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*In Memory of
 Rodger Takemoto &
 Cynthia Takemoto*
 Jean Minami
*13th Cycle Memorial for
 Tatsuo Minami & 25th
 Cycle Memorial for
 Suma Minami*
 Wilbur & Iris Takashima
*1st Year Memorial for
 Edith Nishikawa*
 Koichi & Linda Uyemura
*In Memory of
 Edith Nishikawa*
 Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
*1st Year Memorial Service
 for Edith Nishikawa*
 Marty & Kathie Umemoto
*1st Year Memorial Service
 for Edith Nishikawa*
 Marty & Kathie Umemoto
*Birth of Granddaughter
 Rylee Umemoto*
 Chikako Kojima
In Memory of Miyo Takaki
 Dennis & Celia Huey
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 Keith Sawada
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 Keith Sawada
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 Glen & Joyce Isomoto
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 Kiyoko Isomoto
Nokotsudo
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 Mieko Oyama*
 Jill & Fred Katsuda
*13th Cycle Memorial for
 Tatsuo Minami & 25th
 Cycle Memorial for
 Suma Minami*

Connie & Glenn Matayoshi
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 Kenneth Hatai
Dana
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Nokotsudo
 Douglas Kato
Nokotsudo
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*1st Year Memorial Service
 for Edith Nishikawa*
 John & Debbie Hiramoto
*1st Year Memorial Service
 for Edith Nishikawa*
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Nirvana Day
 Ruby Kiyohara
Nokotsudo
 Tammy & Dale Matsubara
Nokotsudo
 Mat Uyeno
Nokotsudo
 Doug Matsuda
Nokotsudo
 Doug Matsuda
*In Memory of
 Ronnie Matsuda*
 Merrie Nishisaka
Orei
 Merrie Nishisaka
*3rd Cycle Memorial for
 Yuri Nishisaka*
 Bernice Wakinaka
*3rd Cycle Memorial for
 Asa Wakinaka*
 Paula Shirasago
Donation
 Wasabikai
Orei
 Yasuhiro Osako
Donation
 Lynn Nagano-Choi
Donation
 Kyle Asano
Donation
 Dale Shirasago
Donation
 Susan Hori
Donation
 Diane Trihey
In Memory of Lily Inatomi
 Diane Trihey
*In Memory of
 Kiyohiko Inatomi*

Diane Trihey
Nokotsudo
 Mayumi Kodani
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 Richard Nakawatase
Buddhist Studies
 Miki Fujimoto
Bukkyo Gakuin
 Alan Terakawa
Hoonko
 Miki Fujimoto
Kisaragi
 Miki Fujimoto
Nirvana Day
 Michael Yanagita
*70th Anniversary/
 Building Fund*
 Debra Nakatomi
*Nov. Shotsuki Hoyo
 Bette Nakatomi*

Senshinji Hanamatsuri Service

Sunday, April 3,
10:00am

Combined with April Shotsuki Service

On Sunday, April 3, from 10am, Senshin Temple will observe the birthday of Siddhartha Gautama, an Indian prince who became the Buddha, the Awakened One, *Shakyamuni* (the Sage of the Shakyas). This auspicious and special Buddhist holiday is observed in the Japanese Buddhist tradition on the 8th day of April. The birthday of Prince Siddhartha is called **Hanamatsuri**, or the "Festival of Flowers," recalling the flowers that bloomed everywhere and were said to have fallen from the sky when Siddhartha was born.

The speaker for the **Hanamatsuri Service** will be **Rev. Mas Kodani**. This year, the **Hanamatsuri Service** will be combined with the **April Shotsuki Service**.

花祭りのお知らせ

4月3日(日)午前10時より、お釈迦様の誕生をお祝いする花祭りの法要をおつとめします。ご講師は小谷先生です。

Virtual Butsuren Hanamatsuri Service

Sunday, April 10,
10:00am

No Services at Senshin

The *Butsuren* (Los Angeles Buddhist Temple Federation) will hold its annual *Hanamatsuri* service on Sunday, April 10th at 10:00am. All *Butsuren* temple members are encouraged to join the *Butsuren Hanamatsuri* via online, as done last year. The ministers will gather at Higashi Betsuin to conduct the service. **The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Mark Unno** (University of Oregon) *Butsuren* comprises eight temples with the common goal of sharing the timeless teachings of the Buddha. The eight temples are Jodo Shu, Higashi Honganji, Nishi Honganji, Senshin Buddhist Temple, Zenshujji, Long Beach Buddhist Church (Soto Zen), Koyasan (Shingon), and Nichiren Shu (Nichiren).

The Zoom link will be sent to your email at the end of March. If you have any questions, please contact the temple at senshintemple@gmail.com.

4月10日は洗心寺での日曜日のお参りはありません。その日はロサンゼルス仏教連合の花まつりにお参りします。時間は10時からです。法要に参加するためのズームのリンクを皆さんのEメールに送ります。ご質問がある方はお寺に連絡してください。(323) 731-4617 senshintemple@gmail.com

Gotan-ye and Infant Presentation Ceremony

We will observe **Gotan-ye** on Sunday, May 22 at 10am. The speaker will be Rev. Mas Kodani. **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. We will also hold an infant presentation ceremony in conjunction with **Gotan-ye**. The attendees will receive a Senshin teddy bear and a small *nenju* as a gift and will take a footprint to commemorate the special occasion. If you wish your children or grandchildren to attend the ceremony, please call the temple by May 15.

降誕会および初参りのお知らせ

2022年の降誕会法要および初参りを5月22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。

初参りは子や孫が仏さまの教えを聞いて立派な大人になるようにと願ってお勤めされる式で、親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いする降誕会の法要の時にあわせて式を行います。参加者にはお念珠やギフトが贈られ、記念に手形と足形をとります。新しく生まれたお子さんやお孫さんとぜひ一緒にお参りください。お子さまの年齢が2才か3才くらいまででしたら初参りに参加できますので、お申し込みやご質問はお寺に電話してください。申し込み用紙は英語欄にあります。法要後、スタジオクラスがあり、その後はおときの接待があります。

Senshin *Bukkyo Gakuin* April 19, 26, and May 3

Course title: “Chanting for Bonbu people: What are we chanting?”

Description: Have you ever wondered just what it was that you were chanting? Or maybe you're curious about the significance of pieces like “**Sanbutsuge**”, “**Juseige**”, or “**Junirai**” beyond appreciating them for their brevity. This three-class series will briefly introduce the history, context, and importance of some of the sutra selections and gathas we frequently recite during temple services.

Classes 6:30pm–7:15pm

April 19 Overview of Invitationals, Gathas, and Sutras

April 26 Selections from the Three Pure Land Sutras

May 3 Shoshin Nembutsu-ge and Wasan

If you would like to join the class, please email senshintemple@gmail.com

To register. Those who attended previous sessions will receive the link.

Hatsumairi Registration Form

Name of Child:

Name in Japanese Characters, if applicable:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Sex: M F

Name of Parents:

Address:

Phone:

email address:

Please mail to: **Senshin Buddhist Temple Hatsumairi Registration**
1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

or please phone: **(323)731-4617**

or email: **senshintemple@gmail.com to register**

洗心仏教会

2022年4月

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故M高木追悼:C小島
故M小山追悼:J.Middo
故R松田追悼:D松田
故L稲富&K稲富追悼,D.Trihey
故Y西坂3回忌:M西坂
故A脇中3回忌:B脇中
故N沢田7回忌:K沢田
故T南13回忌&S南25回忌:J南&S南

4月法要スケジュール:

3日(日)午前8:30 10時	恒例婦人会 ヴァチャル花祭り及び祥月法要（お釈迦様誕生）小谷政雄名誉開教使
6日(火)午後6:30	仏教学院
8日(木)午後7時	ヴァチャル理事会
10日(日)10時	ヴァチャル仏連花祭り法要 Dr.Mark海野開教使(オレゴン大学)
	洗心寺での法要はありません。
	BWAガーデンセミナー
17日(日)10時 11時	ヴァチャル家族礼拝 日曜学校 キッズ太鼓
21日(木)午後6:30	仏教学院(凡夫のための読経)
24日(日)午前10:00 11時	ヴァチャル家族礼拝 日曜学校 キッズ太鼓
26日(火)午後6:30	仏教学院

3月法要当番: Jr.YBA

3月本堂当番: K&Y西川,S&D深川

4月お花当番: 2日A横山,9日F大畑,16日D江畑,23日M島袋、G.Leong,30日J駒井,5/7日J南

もし予定日に当番ができない時には、Iris(310-951-0160)または
itakashima@aol.comまでご連絡ください。

5月の予定: 22日降誕会／初参り

3月供花: T&J赤堀,C小島、M島袋,C横田,K&Y西川,K米田,C&G又吉,M上野,M西坂,D松田,K磯本,G&J磯本
W&J森,T&D松原,R清原

Updates

& ANNOUNCEMENTS!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The temple is gently coming back to in-person *Sangha* life. As of this writing it appears that we will soon open up to hybrid Sunday services. Hybrid, a term that we might use for a while, means folks who choose to participate in person can come to Senshin while others connect on Zoom. There has been a thoughtful debate on maintaining Zoom capability after we return to normal. Thank you to Stan Fukawa, Marty Umemoto, Henry Matsumura, Gilbert Leong who have been coming to Senshin for every Sunday service and funeral to operate the cameras and microphones and queue the content you see on screen.

Planning for Saishin Dojo, our kid's Buddhist summer program, is in progress. It is scheduled to run from June 20 to July 15. It's been over two years since our last Saishin Dojo and we may not have reached you with a registration form. If you would like to receive a registration form for your 1st-6th grade child or grandchild, please contact us at senshintemple@gmail.com. We are currently accepting early registration.

Please check www.senshintemple.org for the link to Sunday services, the calendar and links to interesting content. We'll continue to conduct Sunday Services via Zoom starting at 9:45 for Aki-Sensei's Virtual Kid's Talk, and then 10:00 am for the regular service.

In Gassho,
RUSSELL NISHIDA



BWA

The COVID 19 pandemic has left us with many mixed emotions and we are grateful that we have our close BWA sisterhood to comfort and embrace us throughout the good and the bad.

Congratulations to Taye Torio for her 100th Birthday milestone in 2021. Rev. Furumoto, Sandra Aguilar and JoAnn Komai delivered our Senshin Temple and BWA well wishes. We are grateful for her family's foundational generosity and vision in establishing Senshin and BWA support.

Thank you to the following for their generous *dana*:

D Hiramoto —

In memory of Nell Sawada

Iris Takashima —

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In memory of Elso Kanagawa

Iris Takashima —

In memory of Edith Nishikawa

Harry Sawada and Keith Sawada —

7th Cycle for Nell Sawada

Special —

*Ted Akahori, Chikako Kojima
and Yoko Uneda, Kazue Maesaki,
Yo Takeyama, Rev. and Mrs. Tets
Unno, Betty and Tak Yamashita*

Please, everyone continue to stay safe.

ABA

ABA enjoyed each other's company on March 12, at our New Year's Luncheon (belatedly). We enjoyed pastrami, corned beef, and salads from Langer's Delicatessen. It was delicious!

For our *Ohigan* Seminar, ABA served a modified otoki of chashu bao and tea. We hope to have our ABA chashu bao fundraiser later this year!

Our Kei-Ai Bingo was postponed until later in the year due to COVID protocols. ABA did join BWA in gifting the residents some personal amenities. They expressed their appreciation.

Jr YBA

April has been a productive month for us juniors. As we see pandemic restraints ease at school, and across the city, many of us are wondering how much longer until we get back to "normal." It now seems much closer and more realistic. We attended the Jr. YBL Basketball Activity, as well as Seminar 2 which was virtually hosted by Nishi and Higashi and was a lot of fun. If you would like to contact us, would like to join, or have questions, please email our parent advisor, Joyce Yamashita, at kyokosam@aol.com. Thank you

Dharma School News

We will be starting in-person Dharma School in April after more than two years! A long time in a child's life! And we have made some changes to our program.

Dharma School will be meeting twice monthly and will begin at 11:00 am with a brief 15-minute Kids Service in the hondo. Afterwards we will have an open classroom for children beginning at 3 years old to early elementary age. Ms. Chris Aihara and Ms. Jana Yokoyama will be the classroom teachers. Older elementary school children will have a hands-on class with Mr. Wilbur Takashima, focusing on all the aspects of conducting service, from chanting to serving as doshi.

Dharma School class dates are:

April 17, 24

May 1, 15

June 12, 26

July 17, 31

We welcome Ms. Jana Yokoyama who is joining us as a Dharma School teacher. She is currently a teacher at Nishi Preschool and is an alumni of Saishin Dojo. Ms. Jana has great energy, teaching experience and is a welcome addition. Our veteran Dharma School teacher, Ms. Jean Nakashima, has been hospitalized and is unable to continue as one of our teachers.

We encourage our families with children to join us for Dharma School. We will be putting out a schedule of activities in the near future. We know that families are busy and have lots of demands on their time, so join us when you can. We will always be happy to see you.

For more questions, contact Chris Aihara, aihara.chris@gmail.com.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30a BWA Reikai (in person meeting) 10a <i>Hanamatsuri</i> Service – Shakamuni Buddha's Birthday Combined with April <i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i> , Monthly Memorial Service Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus		10:30a–2p WasabiKai Open Studio 6:30p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu 1-4		10:30a–2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Virtual Temple Board Meeting		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10a Virtual <i>Butsuren Hanamatsuri</i> Service Rev. Dr. Mark Unno (University of Oregon) No Service at Senshin 12 noon BWA Garden Seminar		10:30a–2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a–2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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APRIL TOBAN:

Service Toban Jr. YBA

Hondo Toban

Kelvin Nishikawa, Yoko Nishikawa,
Stan Fukuwa, Debby Fukuwa

APRIL ONAIJIN Flower Arrangement:

April 2 Arlene Yokoyama

April 9 Fujie Ohata

April 16 Donna Ebata

April 23 Marilyn Shimabukuro

Gilbert Leong

April 30 JoAnn Komai

May 7 Jean Minami

Upcoming in MAY

May 22 *Gotanye* and
Hatsumairi Service

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