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# AMIDA'S CALLING JR. YBA JAPAN TRIP

This summer, from July 26 to August 4, I visited Japan with nine of our Senshin Jr. YBA kids and four adults. This was the third

Jr YBA Buddhist educational trip. The first was in 2016 and the second was in 2019.

The main purpose of this trip was to attend the morning service at our mother temple

Hongwanji in Kyoto and visiting some other famous temples in Kyoto such as Shoren-in temple where Shinran Shonin took ordination, Mt. Hiei, where Shinran Shonin studied and practiced for twenty years, and Ryoanji, Shoden-in,

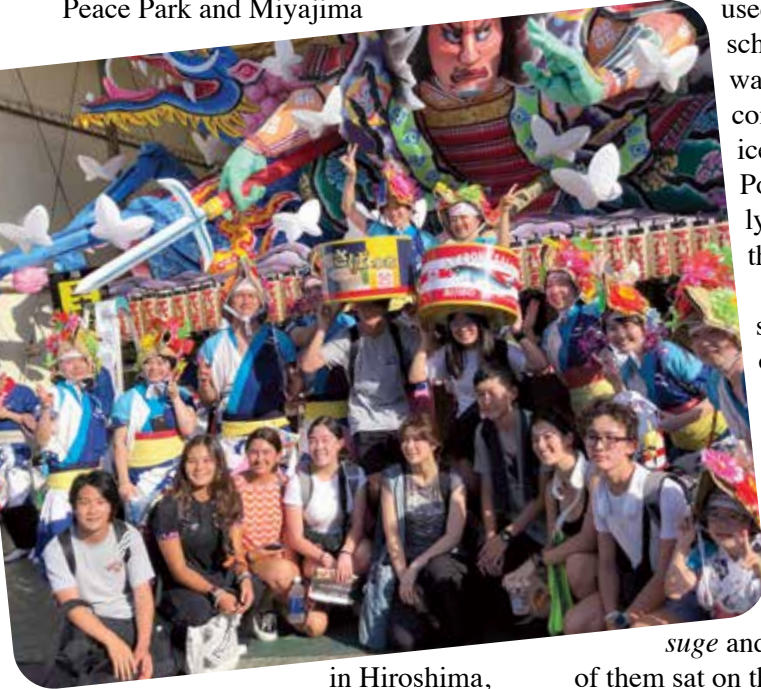




Daisen-in, and Ryogen-in temples that are known for the rock gardens.

The Jrs. also visited a temple-affiliated pre-school in Amagasaki in the Osaka area to perform Taiko, and they joined the Obon odori at Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo.

Besides visiting temples, we visited Peace Park and Miyajima



in Hiroshima, and the Nebuta Matsuri in Aomori. They also enjoyed the culture of Japan, watched a Japanese professional baseball game, and the latest Miyazaki's anime movie (without English subtitles!), visited teamLab, a notable digital museum, and ate many tasty food. They ate gorgeous shave ice, matcha kintoki, brown tea syrup with cream, peach and milk, etc. They promised they will try to make these kinds of shave ice for next year's Obon Odori at Senshin.

The temperature was near 90 to 100 degrees every day. Not only was it hot, it was humid, so it was superhot as if we were in a tropical rainforest. To visit temples and other sites, we walked about 20,000 steps or 8 to 10 miles per day. Some days, the schedule was so tight and since trains come on time, we had to walk fast and sometimes run and rush into the train, one platform to another platform.

Since the Jrs. woke up at 5:30am to attend the 6am morning service at Hongwanji and walked a lot in the hot/humid

weather, they were exhausted and they could not send any text messages and pictures to their parents for the first few days. But this was not a vacation trip, rather it was more like a boot camp, so it was good getting exhausted and, thanks to it, they slept well and recovered from jet lag rather quickly. They later got

used to the weather and the schedule, so they enjoyed walking, and stopping by convenience stores, eating ice-cream, and drinking Pocari Sweat, an electrolyte drink that prevents them from heat strokes.

The Jrs. are going to show us the presentation of the summary of their trip at one of the Sundays in September or October, so please look forward to it.

At the Hongwanji's morning service, the Jrs. chanted *Sambutsu* and *Shoshinge* well. Some

of them sat on the floor with *seiza* to chant. After the chanting, a minister gave a Dharma message in Japanese. There were no English subtitles, but they sat quietly and tried to listen to what the minister was saying. Maybe they were just sleepy, or maybe they thought if they moved, they would get sweaty, so they were sitting quietly. I do not know. Anyway, they were sitting in the *Hondo* with good manners.

One morning, after the service, I summarized the Dharma message for the Jrs. The message was very impressive to me. It was an explanation of why Amida Buddha's calling is calling Amida's name. The *nembutsu*, *Namo Amida Butsu* is a calling from Amida Buddha "Take refuge in me (Amida Buddha)." And as a response, we recite *Namo Amida Butsu*, which means "I take refuge in Amida Buddha." Because of Amida's calling, we can recite the *nembutsu*. *Namo* is *Kimyo* in Japanese and Shinran Shonin wrote in Chapter of *Gyo* (practice) of *Kyogyoshinsho*.

"*Kimyo* is the command of the Primal

vow calling to and summoning us." (CWS p. 38)

In the Primal Vow, Amida Buddha promises that those who are entrusting in Amida Buddha and saying Amida's Name, *Namo Amida Butsu* will be born in the Pure Land. This saying Amida's name is caused by Amida Buddha's calling. "Take refuge in Amida Buddha." This calling is sometimes interpreted as "You are okay, as you are," "No worries, I am here, you are not alone."

The *sensei* who gave the Dharma message at the morning service asked "Why is Amida's calling Amida's name." If it is calling, usually we call the name of the person who needs help, such as the name of the child who is sick.

The *sensei* explained by using a story of his own experience. When his daughter was small, she got seriously ill and was taken to the hospital. in the hospital bed, she looked very sick and in a lot of pain. At first he called his daughter's name. "Yuko, Are you okay?" "Yuko, can you hear me?" But she did not answer, no matter how many times he talked to his daughter and called her name. Then, he stopped calling his daughter's name but he called his name. "*Otosan* (father) is here." "*Otosan* is here, don't worry." When he said that to his daughter, he noticed this is the same with Amida Buddha. When we truly wish the safety and peacefulness of others, we say our name as the calling. That is why Amida's calling is Amida's name, *Namo Amida Butsu*.

When I told the Jrs. the *sensei*'s experience and explanation of Amida's calling, they looked still sleepy and were quiet. When I was young, I also did not understand this calling explanation very much, but when I became a parent, I have a better understanding of Amida's calling. So hopefully, in the future, as the Jrs. get older, they will appreciate the Amida's calling explanation. In addition, I believe what they learned in Japan will deepen their understanding of Jodo Shinshu. I thank the temple members for supporting this Jr YBA trip. *Namuamidabutsu*.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

## 阿弥陀仏の呼びかけ - Jr YBA 日本の旅

古本竜太

7月26日から8月4日までジュニアYBAの9名と付き添いの大人4名と日本を訪れました。これは3回目のジュニアYBA仏教教育の旅で、1回目は2016年、2回目は2019年でした。

今回の旅の主な目的は、京都の本願寺の朝のお勤めにお参りし、青蓮院や比叡山など親鸞聖人ゆかりの地や、石庭で知られる龍安寺、正伝院、大仙院、龍源院など、京都の有名なお寺を訪れることでした。また、尼崎のお寺の保育園での太鼓演奏、東京の築地本願寺でお盆踊りへの参加も旅のハイライトでした。

寺院訪問のほか、広島平和公園と宮島、青森のねぶた祭りを訪れ、平和や伝統文化を学ぶ良いご縁となりました。また、プロ野球観戦をしたり、デジタルミュージアムのチームラボを訪れたり、宮崎映画の最新作を英語字幕なしで観たりして、現代の文化もエンジョイしていました。そして、美味しいものをたくさん食べ、中でも抹茶金時、クリーム入り玄米茶、桃とミルクなどのゴーヤスナック氷を堪能し、来年の洗心のお盆踊りでは、このような氷を作ろうと感動していました。

気温は連日90度から100度近くになり、暑いだけでなく湿度も高く、熱帯雨林にいるような暑さでした。多くの寺院などを巡り、1日あたり約2万歩、8〜10マイル歩きました。スケジュールがタイトな日もあり、電車に間に合うよう、早足で歩いたり、時には走って電車で駆け込んだり、ホームからホームへ移動したりしました。

朝6時の本願寺での礼拝に出席するため、朝5時半に起床し、蒸し暑い気候の中をたくさん歩いたので、Jr.たちは疲れ果て、最初の数日間は両親にメールや写真を送ることもできなかったようです。けれども、これはバケーションではなく、むしろブートキャンプのようなものだったので、疲れ果ててよかったのです。おかげでよく眠れ、時差ボケもすぐに回復しました。ジュニアたちはすぐに気候やスケジュールにも慣れ、歩くのを楽しみ、コンビニに寄って、アイスクリームを食べたり、熱中症予防になるポカリス



エットを飲んだりしてました。

ジュニアたちは9月か10月の日曜日に、この旅行のスライドや学んだことを発表してくれるそうなので、楽しみにしててください。

本願寺の朝のお勤めでは、讃佛偈と正信偈を上手にとなえていました。正座をしておつとめするジュニアもいました。読経の後、僧侶が日本語で法話をするのですが、彼らは静かに座って法話を聞いていました。

ある朝のお参りの後、私はJr.たちのために法話の要約を英訳して話しました。そのメッセージは伝統的によくお話しされていることで、「なぜ阿弥陀仏の私たちへの呼びかけが、阿弥陀の名を呼ぶことなのか」という説明でした。私たちがとなえる「南無阿弥陀仏」は阿弥陀仏からの呼びかけでもあり、阿弥陀様の側からは「私（阿弥陀仏）に帰依しなさい」という意味で、その呼びかけに促されて、私たちは「南無阿弥陀仏」と称えることができます。「南無」とは「帰命」、または「帰依」することで、

親鸞聖人は「教行信証」行巻で「帰命は本願召喚の勅命なり。」と言われ、「南無阿弥陀仏」とは「衆生に帰せよと命じる如来の呼び声」だとされます。

阿弥陀如来は本願の中で、阿弥陀如来におまかせして、「南無阿弥陀仏」と阿弥陀様の名をとる者を浄土に生まれさせると約束しておられます。南無阿弥陀仏「私（阿弥陀仏）に帰依しなさい」という呼びかけは、「そのままでもいい」「私はここにいます、あなたは一人ではありません」の意味もあると解釈されることもあります。

朝のお勤めで法話をされた先生は、「なぜ阿弥陀様の呼びかけが阿弥

陀様の名前なのでしょうか」と問われました。普通、呼びかけであれば、助けを必要としている人の名前を呼ぶからです。

先生はご自身の体験談を交えてこのことを説明されました。先生の娘さんが幼い時、重い病気にかかって病院に運ばれたそうです。病院では、最初娘の名前を呼んだそうです。「ゆうこちゃん、大丈夫?」「ゆうこ、聞こえる?」しかし、何度声をかけても、名前を呼んでも、娘さんは返事をしなかったのです。それで、先生は娘の名前を呼ぶのをやめて、自分の名前を呼んだと言います。「お父さんだよ。」「大丈夫、お父さんはここにいるよ。」娘にそう言ったとき、これは阿弥陀様の呼びかけと同じであることに気づかれたそうです。人の安心や平穏を心から願うとき、私たちは自然と、自分の名前を呼びかけとして発するのです。そういう理由で、阿弥陀仏の呼びかけは阿弥陀仏の名、「南無阿弥陀仏」なのです。

ジュニアたちに先生の体験談と阿弥陀仏の呼びかけの説明をしたのですが、あんまり納得している様子ではありませんでした。私も若いときにこの説明を聞いた時は、あまり理解していませんでしたが、のちに親になると、この阿弥陀様の呼びかけの説明をより理解できるようになりました。将来、ジュニアたちが大人になったときに、阿弥陀様の呼びかけの説明がわかるようになるでしょう。また今回の旅行で日本で学んだことは、浄土真宗の教えの理解を深めてくれると思います。このJr YBAの旅をサポートしてくれたお寺のメンバーに感謝します。

南無阿弥陀仏



## Monthly Memorial September 2023

Shotsuki Service September 10 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Akahori, Ted <i>Wife</i> Akahori, Tomi	Miyata, Satoshi <i>Mother</i> Miyata, Taka	Takashima, Iris <i>Father</i> Jinde, Seichi
Akahori, Ted <i>Brother-in-law</i> Miyazaki, Dr. Fred	Mori, Johnny <i>Mother</i> Mori, Tsutaye	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Great Grandmother</i> Takashima, Haru
Harada, James <i>Father</i> Harada, Tom	Murakami, Eugene <i>Brother</i> Murakami, Raymond	Takeuchi Family Takeuchi, Yo
Hayamizu, Sumiko <i>Husband</i> Hayamizu, Robert T.	Nakamura, Bob <i>Father</i> Nakamura, Harukichi	Tanezaki, Barbara <i>Father</i> Kakita, Bene
Ikari, Kathy <i>Husband</i> Ikari, Kei	Nakawatase, Helen <i>Sister</i> Hosaka, Anna Lew	Terrell, Jackie <i>Father-in-law</i> Fukumoto, Katsumi
Ito Family <i>Mother</i> Ito, Toshiye	Nishikawa, Kelvin <i>Grandfather</i> Yoshida, Frank Eiichi	Tsunoda, Satsuko <i>Father-in-law</i> Tsunoda, Yaichi
Kitayama, Glen <i>Mother</i> Kitayama, Kimiko Esther	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Father</i> Ogawa, Kikuo	Umemoto, Marty & Kathie <i>Grandmother</i> Akamichi, Ishi
Kitayama, Glen <i>Grandmother</i> Kitayama, Kimiko	Rooks, Curtis, Rooks, Mariko <i>Mother, Grandmother</i> Rooks, Kikuyo	Umemoto, Marty & Kathie <i>Father</i> Matsuda, Miyoshi
Kitayama, Glen <i>Grandmother</i> Nakagawa, Ritzu	Sawada, Keith <i>Grandmother</i> Oshita, Umeko	Unno Family Unno, Rev. Enryo
Kok, Richard <i>Father</i> Kok, Yoke Chuan	Shimabukuro, Marilyn <i>Aunt</i> Oshiro, Misao	Usui, Aiko <i>Husband</i> Usui, Roy
Kodani, Masao <i>Wife</i> Kodani, Shirley	Shimabukuro, Marilyn <i>Grandmother</i> Shimabukuro, Yoshiko	Uyemura, Koichi <i>Father</i> Uyemura, Tamio
Kodani, Richard <i>Father</i> Kodani, Fred	Shimohara, Ellen <i>Father-in-law</i> Shimohara, Henry	Wakinaka, Bernice <i>Son</i> Wakinaka, Lester
Kojima, Chikako <i>Father-in-law</i> Kojima, Tom	Shirasago Family <i>Brother</i> Shirasago, Glenn	Wakinaka, Bernice <i>Nephew</i> Nagaoka, Rick
Kunitake, Kimiyo <i>Grandmother</i> Wada, Tamae	Shirasago Family <i>Father</i> Shirasago, George	Yamano, Fred and Patty <i>Daughter</i> Kent, Staci Yamano
Kunitake, Kimiyo <i>Grandmother</i> Yamada, Tsugi	Sugano, Michiko <i>Grandmother-in-law</i> Kanazawa, Fude	Yoneda, Kiyoko <i>Husband</i> Yoneda, Kazuo
Matsuda Family <i>Father</i> Matsuda, Miyoshi		

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.

# Senshin 2023 Fall Ohigan Seminar

## 2023 Senshin Fall Ohigan Seminar

Saturday, September 23

Speaker: Rev. Hibiki Murakami, Nishi Betsuin

Topic: "Buddhist Fairy Tales-How to use stories for kids"

10:30a Opening service

10:40a Lecture

Ends before noon

## Ohigan Service

Sunday, September 24

Speaker: Rev. William Briones Rimban, Nishi Betsuin

10a Ohigan service

Otoki served by AB A following service

## Altar (Onaijin) Flower Arrangement Class (in person)

Sunday, September 17,  
after the service

Rev. Masao Kodani

We will have a flower arrangement class for the altar. Rev. Mas will give a talk and a demonstration. Those who are interested in participating in the class, please contact Iris Takashima.

### 秋のお彼岸セミナー並び にお彼岸法要のご案内

9月23日(土)10時半より、お彼岸セミナーを行います。セミナーのご講師は西別院の村上響師です。お彼岸法要は9月24日(日)10時からです。ご講師は西別院のブリオネス・ウイリアム輪番です。みなさまお誘い合わせのうえ、ぜひお参りください。

### Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Classes (Online)

## Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu 2

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

September 20 and 27; Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:15pm

We will summarize the teaching of the seven Pure Land Masters and the basic doctrine of Jodo Shinshu. The classes are online and those who have not attended previous sessions are welcomed to join this session. If you have not signed up for this program before, please contact the temple. Those who have taken previous sessions will receive the link to join the classes.

JULY DONATIONS

Dennis & Marilyn Miyamoto  
Donation  
Chikako Kojima  
*Thank you Obon Raffle*  
Edward Neely  
*Funeral Orei* Michael  
Neely

Dennis & Celia Huey  
*Donation*  
Qris Yamashita  
*Senshin Gakuin*  
Ted & Julie Akahori  
*Nokotsudo*  
Denise Ishitani *In memory of*  
Yoshimi Ishitani  
Yukie Ushirogata  
*Donation* Obon Hoyo  
Tanioka Family *Donation*  
Stephanie Higa *Funeral for*  
Robert Takamoto  
Eugene Murakami  
*Book Club, Gakuin*  
Lisa Hashimoto-Elardo  
*Funeral for*  
Miwa Hashimoto  
Lisa Hashimoto-Elardo  
*Nokotsudo*  
Lance Nagano *In Memory of*  
Julia Nagano  
Bernice Wakinaka  
*7th Cycle for sister*  
Chiyoye Yamada  
Tammy & Dale Matsubara  
*Special*  
Tammy & Dale Matsubara  
*Special*  
Dale Shirasago *Donation*  
Judy Chang *In memory of*  
Bob Takamoto  
Kazuo Matsubayashi  
*Nokotsudo*  
Mayumi Kodani *Donation*  
Kenneth Englert  
*In memory of*  
Miwa Hashimoto

JULY FLOWER DONATION

Glen Isomoto  
Arlene Yokoyama  
Paula Shirasago  
Chikako Kojima  
Satoshi Miyata  
John and Debbie Hiramoto  
Anonymous  
Michiko Sugano  
Ted and Julie Akahori  
Marilyn Shimabukuro  
Paula Shirasago  
Lilian Tanaka  
Tammy and Dale Matsubara  
Ruby Kiyohara  
Ted and Julie Akahori  
Jean Minami  
Betty Yamashita  
Kazuo Matsubayashi

JULY/AUGUST 2023  
SHOTSUKI HOYO

Observant  
*In Memory Of*  
Steven Takeyama  
*Father* Ray Takeyama  
Arlene Yokoyama  
*Mother* Thelma Yamada,  
*Sister* Ellen Yamada  
Eugene Murakami  
*Father* Kazuo Murakami  
Yo Takeyama  
*Husband* Ray Takeyama  
Glenn Isomoto  
*Grandfather/Grandmother*  
Ikusuke & Sakuto Isomoto  
James Segawa  
Segawa/Kawamoto  
Family  
Catherine Hisamune  
*Mother* Shizuye Fujita  
John & Debbie Hiramoto  
*Grandmother* Mitsuru  
Kanegawa  
Satomi Saneto  
*Mother* Koima Saneto  
Keith Shimabukuro  
*Aunt* Doris Shigaki  
Marilyn Shimabukuro &  
Gilbert Leong  
*Aunt* Doris Shigaki

Johnny & Wendy Mori  
*Mother* Chiyo Sahara  
Michiko Sugano  
*Mother* Sayo Yoshimoto  
Wilbur & Iris Takashima  
*Uncles* Minoru Tasuda,  
Mitsuo Taniguchi  
Satoshi Miyata  
*Wife* Sue Miyata  
Chikako Kojima  
*Daughter* Noreen Kojima,  
*Aunt* Bonnie Kojima,  
*Mother-in-law* Natalie  
Kojima  
Paula Shirasago  
*Mother* Satsuki Shimada  
Joy Middo  
Segawa/Kawamoto Family  
Richard Kok  
*Mother* Toh Siew Yoke  
Ted Akahori  
*Brother-in-law*  
Keiso Uyetake  
Suzanne Toji  
*Husband* Bob Toji  
Ruby Kiyohara  
S. Nakawatase  
Dale & Tammy Matsubara  
S. Nakawatase  
Jean Minami  
*Father* Itsuto Yokomi  
Paula Shirasago  
*Father* Saburo Shimada  
Lilian Tanaka  
*Father* Rodney Shiosaki  
Ted & Julie Akahori  
*Friend* George & Emiko  
Shigeyasu  
Julie Akahori  
*Grandfather* Senichi Uye-  
take  
Michiko Sakakura  
*Father* Kotaro Sakakura  
Betty & Tak Yamashita  
*Grandmother* Toku Ito,  
*Mother* Nancy Takahashi  
Dana & Ann Saneto  
*Grandmother* Koima  
Saneto  
Glenn & Harumi Kawaguchi  
*Grandmother* Koima  
Saneto

Richard Nakawatase  
Toku and Toshinobu Na-  
kawatase  
Eugene Murakami  
*Grandfather & Grand-*  
*mother* Kenso & Komina  
Inouye

HATSUBON 2023

Observant  
*In Memory Of*  
Nick & Wendy Nagatani  
Hannah Yoshitomi  
Lynn Nakawatase  
Kazuko Nakawatase  
Fred & Patty Yamano  
Staci Yamano Kent  
Janice Funo  
Deborah Funo  
Tad and Shirlee Kato  
Debbie Funo  
Karen Ishizuka  
Azellie Aihara  
Kenneth Uyeno  
Mat Uyeno  
Chris Aihara  
Yae Aihara  
Chris Aihara  
Azellie Aihara  
Terry & Julie Yoneda  
Mat Uyeno  
Kiyo Yoneda  
Mat Uyeno  
Robyn Ogawa  
Mat Uyeno  
Erica Calzadias  
Andrea Yee  
Greg Yee  
Rose Yee  
Greg Yee  
Andrea Yee Lam  
Nakawatase & Warshal  
Families  
Roy Nakawatase  
Derek Lam  
Andrea Yee Lam  
Judi Taketa & Family  
Ronald Matsukawa &  
Family  
Kimiko Matsukawa  
Miki Fujimoto &  
Mariko Rooks  
Crystine Yuji Fujimoto

Chuck & Maya Chow  
and Family  
Sharon Koga  
Debbie & John Hiramoto  
Andrea Yee Lam  
Yamashita Family  
Takeshi Yamashita  
Koga Family  
Sharon Koga  
Qris Yamashita &  
Chris Komai  
Sharon Koga  
Jeanne Akashi  
Mat Uyeno  
Leala & John Stephenson  
Kazuko Nakawatase  
Kemi Nakabayashi  
Sharon Koga

OBON 2023

Fujie & Ron Ohata  
Mark & Reiko Sondag  
Michiko Sugano  
Glen & Joyce Isomoto  
Victor & Janice Huey  
Amy Yukawa  
Dale & Tammy Matsubara  
Don Akamine  
Sachi Oda  
Anonymous  
Catherine Hisamune  
Vickie Wakinaka  
Joy Middo  
Suzanne Toji  
Qris Yamashita &  
Chris Komai  
Chikako Kojima  
Yoko Uneda  
James Segawa  
Kiyoe Suzuki  
Jean Minami  
Emi Kamikawa  
Denise Ishitani  
Yoshio & Lillie  
Miyagishima  
Kenneth Hatai  
Johnny & Wendy Mori  
Doug Matsuda  
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa  
Kubota Mortuary

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Bernice Wakinaka  
Julie Akahori  
Ted Akahori  
Jane Asahi  
Donna Ebata  
James & Karen Harada  
Sumiko Hayamizu  
Debbie & John Hiramoto  
Paul Hiramoto  
Patricia Honkawa  
Robert Hori  
Cathy Iyemura  
Glenn & Harumi Kawaguchi  
Garren & Stephanie  
Mizutani  
Robert Nakamura &  
Karen Ishizuka  
Shelly Okamura  
Eugene & Elaine Murakami  
Susan Omori  
Beverly Rogers  
Michiko Sakakura  
Dana & Ann Saneto  
Wilbur & Iris Takashima  
Kathie & Marty Umemoto  
Marilyn Shimabukuro &  
Gilbert Leong  
Toshiko Yamaguchi  
Richard & Joyce Yamashita  
Betty & Tak Yamashita  
Arlene Yokoyama

Donation College  
Savings 529 Plan

Senshin has a College  
Savings 529 Plan to help  
with the costs of higher  
education for our minister's  
family.

Contributing to this fund  
will provide tax-free income  
for the minister's children  
when they are college age.  
In eight years at 7%, monies  
put in today could almost  
double by the time they are  
ready to go to college.

If you would like to  
contribute, you have two  
options:

1. Write a check out to  
Senshin Buddhist Temple  
along with a memo or  
note indicating you would  
like to contribute to the  
529 account.
2. You can write a check  
out to MESP (Michigan  
Education Savings  
Program) and mail it  
directly to PO Box  
55925, Boston, MA  
02205-5925. Be sure to  
send a note indicating  
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.

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.





# Updates

## & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### From the Board

Welcome back everyone! Many of our families originally started here as farmers. The Temple joined forces with these members by inserting a Harvest Holiday into the Senshin calendar to accommodate their busiest month of August. However, farmers were busy throughout the entire year. Early in the spring, the fields must be plowed. Seeds must be sowed and then watered, sometimes twice a day. Invasive weeds must be constantly pulled out until the harvest of the plants and vegetables. Even after the harvest, the soil must be tilled again to prepare for the next planting.

So, we continue this temple tradition of taking a break every August away from the temple. Although few of us plow the fields in the 21st century, we still must prepare to bulldoze our way through our new challenges every day. Problems seemingly pop up unexpectedly that require our imaginative solutions. Then, we must get up the next morning, and repeat it again, knowing that our work is never done. It is hope, disappointment, joy, frustration, beauty, life and death all rolled into one.

*In Gassho,*  
KOICHI UYEMURA

### B W A

Although August is typically a period of "time off for summer harvest," the BWA and the Temple still had some activities going on. The BWA had a series of well attended Sashiko workshops given by Reiko Soday. Much gratitude to Reiko for sharing her knowledge of the history and the techniques of *Sashiko* with us. Reiko has taught *Sashiko* at other places and still participates in the Nisei Week *Sashiko* exhibit and sale. It was nice to spend time together while learning something new. Thank you also to all the BWA members that came out and participated in *Osoji* at the end of the month.

Thank you for the following dana:  
Ikuko Matsubayashi *Kangi-e service*

### A B A

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed observing the Obon season

### Temple Film Showing "A Profound Silence"

On Sunday, October 8, the film *A Profound Silence* will be shown in the Social Hall after service. In this film, LGBTQ temple members, sensei, and allies share their personal stories in their own words. A question and answer session will follow, moderated by Mariko Rooks. The film is 30 minutes long, and light refreshments will be served.



as well as your various special summer travel. ABA wishes to thank all the donors who made the Yardsale such a success. Donations of goods and volunteer support made the event very exciting. This year we targeted the changing neighborhood demographics and reached out to the university community for support. We hope to continue growing this connection.

We invite you to come out to help with our next Bingo visit to Kei Ai coming up on December 10. This year is Senshin's 46th year of volunteer service. If you are interested please contact any ABA member for more information.

September begins ABA's 2024 membership drive. ABA is a young-at-heart service organization that supports religious and social events at Senshin. Please contact Debbie Hiramoto if you would like to become a member of this friendly and fun-loving group. Everyone is welcome!

### Jr Y B A

Jr YBA is open to 9th - 12 graders. We are having the first Jr's meeting on Sunday, 9/10 after service. If you are interested in joining, please plan to attend. For more information, please contact: Juriko Yamada, afstue@gmail.com, (310) 569-9052.

## Wasabi Kai

WasabiKai recently completed our first ceramic class since Covid. The *Kurinuki* class, taught by master potter Kazuo Ota, was a completely new class which uses the technique of subtracting clay to create unique one of a kind forms. It is very similar to sculpture in this respect. It was important to me to not offer previous classes as many temple members have taken them and some more than once. Time to move on.

Kaz had been exploring this technique for some time and was excited to share it with others. Over the course of five weeks / 2 ½+ hour sessions, students were able to make a number of pieces. They even took some home to work on and complete them. We used different colored clay bodies and two methods of firing to get different results. *Raku* firing using a white clay body and experiencing the process of firing, removing red hot pieces from the kiln and seeing the finished results the same day is an exciting process. The colored clay bodies were fired in our electric kiln and provided a completely different result.

The *Kurinuki* class, like the previous classes, provides an opportunity to get a deeper appreciation of an art form that has a long history in Japanese culture. Working with clay, seeing something take shape in your hands is



## Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa Memorial Scholarship Awardees

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 scholarships from the Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa Memorial Scholarship fund. The two awards this year were presented to high school graduates. Each of them received a \$1,000.00 stipend as well as a plaque that memorializes the award. Their names have also been added to the perpetual plaque that hangs in the temple's Social Hall.

The awardees are **Matz Furumoto** (daughter of Rev. Ryuta and Yoriyo Furumoto), and **Sam Yamashita** (son of Richard and Joyce Yamashita).

Matz will continue her education at the University of California in Berkeley, and Sam will pursue his studies at San Jose State University.

**We congratulate both Matz and Sam, and wish them well in their college career.**



a satisfying experience and puts you in the moment... Time passes quickly. The feedback from the students was very positive and perhaps we can offer the class again at some point.

Many thanks to Rev. Mas who joined us at the beginning of the class to provide us with some insights to all manner of things, especially in regards to aesthetics, culture and beyond. The students always say that they really enjoy his talks. I have been fortunate to hear many and I'm always grateful for his insights and his participation in these classes. Lastly, I would like to thank the Sangha for providing space and support of this program.

As always, I invite you to visit the studio, take a class and explore. Contact Bob Miyamoto, 323 791.271, for info and availability.



洗心仏教会

2023年9月

7 月感謝録:

寄付:Mayumi小谷,D白砂,D.&Cella Huey, 故Y石谷追悼:D石谷  
D/M宮本,谷岡一家 故J長野追悼:L長野  
特別寄付:T&D松原 故B高本追悼:J.Chang  
葬儀お礼: 故M.Neely:E.Neely 故M橋本追悼:K.Englert  
 故R高本:S比嘉 故C山田7回忌:B山田  
 故M橋本:L.H-Elardo 納骨堂:T&J赤堀, L.H-Elardo,K松林  
 仏教学院:Q山下,E村上 お盆ラフルお礼:C小島  
お盆法要:Y後潟

9月法要スケジュール

2日(土) 3:30p USC-Nevadaフットボール駐車場ファンドレイザー  
2-3日(土-日) Jr.YBL総会,主催:Gardena/Nishi Jr.YBA  
3日(日) お休み  
8日(金) 加州南部地区BCA役員会議  
9日(土) 7:30p USC-Stanfordフットボール駐車場ファンドレイザー  
10日(日) 8:30a 婦人会例会  
9a ABA会議  
9:45a 日本語法話  
10a 祥月法要  
11a 理事会,Jr.YBA,ドーナツ  
17日(日) 10a 家族礼拝  
11a 勉強会,お内陣供花教室(小谷先生)  
20日(水) 6:30-7:15p 仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門:古本先生  
23日(土) 10:30a 秋のお彼岸セミナー:村上響開教使(西別院)  
24日(日) 10a 秋のお彼岸法要:ブリオネス,ウィリアムズ開教使(西別院)  
11a おとし:ABA  
27日(水) 6:30-7:15p 仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門:古本先生

毎水曜日:本願寺プレイス

9月法要当番:ABA

9月本堂当番:緊那羅太鼓

9月お花当番: 2日S.Aguilar,9日L/K植村16日J/G磯本,23日I/K松林,30日W/J森10/7日S東司

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

10月の予定: 1日:古本先生就任10年記念8日:映画"Profound Silence"

22日:恵信尼/覚信尼/婦人会追悼:鬼倉千永美開教使

8月供花:G磯本,J南,T&J赤堀,J&D平本,R清原,T&D松原,M島袋,P白砂,L田中,B山下,  
K松林,A横山,C小島,S宮田,M菅野,匿名



SASHIKO: JULY/AUGUST, 2023



JR YBA: JAPAN 2023 JULY/AUGUST, 2023

WASABIKAI: KURINUKI CLASS  
JULY/AUGUST, 2023





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Sept 2&amp;3:</b> SD Jr YBL Conference, hosted by Gardena & Nishi Jr. YBA <b>3:30p</b> USC Football Parking (Nevada)
<b>3 No Services</b> <b>Sept 2&amp;3:</b> SD Jr YBL Conference, hosted by Gardena & Nishi Jr. YBA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>6</b> <b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place	<b>7</b> <b>10:30a-2p</b> Wasabi Kai Open Studio <b>7p</b> Kinnara Taiko	<b>8</b> <b>6p</b> SD BCA Council Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>7:30p</b> USC Football Parking (Stanford)
<b>10</b> <b>8:30a</b> BWA Reikai <b>9a</b> ABA Meeting <b>9:45a</b> Japanese <i>Howa</i> <b>10a</b> Monthly Memorial Service, September <i>Shotsuki</i> <i>Hōyō</i> & Family Service <b>11a</b> Donuts, Jr YBA Meeting, Temple Board Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>13</b> <b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place	<b>14</b> <b>10:30a-2p</b> Wasabi Kai Open Studio <b>7p</b> Kinnara Taiko	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>10a</b> Family Service, <b>11a</b> Altar ( <i>Onaijin</i> ) Flower Arrangement Class - In person, Rev. Masao Kodani	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>20</b> <b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place <b>6:30-7:15p</b> Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class (online) Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu 2, Rev. Furumoto	<b>21</b> <b>10:30a-2p</b> Wasabi Kai Open Studio <b>7p</b> Kinnara Taiko	<b>22</b>	<b>23 Fall Ohigan Seminar</b> <b>10:30-12</b> Fall Ohigan Seminar, Rev. Hibiki Murakami (Nishi Betsuin)
<b>24 Fall Ohigan Service</b> <b>10a</b> Fall Ohigan Service, Rev. William Briones (Nishi Betsuin) <b>11a</b> <i>Otoki</i> , Senshin ABA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>27</b> <b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place <b>6:30-7:15p</b> Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class (online) Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu 2, Rev. Furumoto	<b>28</b> <b>10:30a-2p</b> Wasabi Kai Open Studio <b>7p</b> Kinnara Taiko	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

## SEPTEMBER TOBAN:

**Service Toban:** A B A  
**Hondo Toban:** Kinnara Taiko (Johnny Mori Assigns)

## SEPTEMBER Onaijin Flower TOBAN:

**Sept 2** Joyce/Glen Isomoto  
**Sept 9** Linda/Koichi Uyemura  
**Sept 16** Sandra Aguilar  
**Sept 23** Ikuko/Kazuo Matsubayashi

**Sept 30** Wendy/Johnny Mori  
**Oct 7** Suzanne Toji  
(Note: If you are unable to fulfill the week you are scheduled, please contact Iris at (310) 951-0160 or itakashima@aol.com)

## OCTOBER Upcoming Events

**Oct 1** Rev. Furumoto's 10th Anniversary  
**Oct 8** "A Profound Silence", film  
**Oct 22** Eshinni-ko/ Kakushinni-ko / BWA Memorial Service and Seminar. Guest speaker, Rev. Chiemi Onikura (Minnesota)



SENSHIN CELEBRATES  
REVEREND FURUMOTO'S  
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

12 NOON AT SENSIN



ADULT SENSIN MEMBERS \$25 – CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$15

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_ and # Children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian meal available upon request.

RSVP BY September 11, 2023 to

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attn: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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