



# The Padma



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Berkeley Buddhist Temple Newsletter

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Dharma School Bodhi Day Offering  
The Dharma Gives Us 20/20 Vision

Gantan-e / New Year Service

January 1

Our Vision  
A Community Where Our Spiritual Life And True Self Can Be Realized

Our Mission  
To Live A Life Of Joy In The Nembutsu And Share The Dharma With Others

# January 2021

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
					1 <b>10a</b> Livestream – Gantan-e / New Year Service	2
3 <b>9:30a</b> Livestream - Dharma Family & <b>Shotsuki Memorial Service</b> Installation of BBT Officers	4	5	6 <b>7p</b> Evening Meditation	7	8	9
10 <b>9:30a</b> Livestream - Dharma Family Service Virtual New Year Party	11	12 <b>7p</b> Board of Directors Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 <b>9:30a</b> Livestream - Dharma Family Service Gst Spkr: Rev. Matsumoto Padma articles due	18	19 <b>10:30a</b> Padma Newsletter Production	20 <b>7p</b> Evening Meditation	21	22	23
24 <b>9:30a</b> Livestream - Dharma Family Service	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <b>9:30a</b> Livestream - Dharma Family Service Gst Spkr: Rev. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez (UK)						



# FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri  
**1**  
JAN Livestream 10am  
Gantan-e / New Year Service

Sun  
**14**  
FEB Livestream  
Nirvana Day Service

Sun  
**3**  
JAN Livestream  
Shotsuki Memorial Service  
Installation of BBT Officers

Sun  
**21**  
FEB Livestream  
General Meeting

Wed  
**6**  
JAN Evening Meditation 7pm

Sun  
**10**  
JAN Livestream  
Virtual New Year Party

Sun  
**17**  
JAN Livestream  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Matsumoto

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**20**  
JAN Evening Meditation 7pm

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**31**  
JAN Livestream  
Guest Speaker:  
Rev. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez (UK)

**HOLIDAY  
SCHEDULE**

The temple office will be closed for the holiday season from December 16 to January 5th.

If you have important questions or need assistance during this period, please contact us at:  
[info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org).



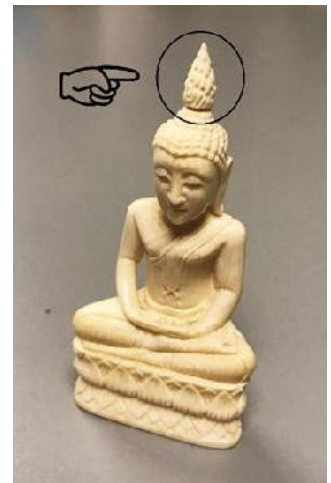
## How is Buddha Feeling?

I am writing this message on December 13th, after we conducted Bodhi Day Service at our temple today. I hope those who watched the service on Youtube enjoyed the video presentation by Dharma School students. I deeply appreciate all the efforts that Dharma School teachers and students made for this video presentation. Bodhi Day Service is a celebration of Sakyamuni Buddha's attainment of Buddhahood or enlightenment. On this occasion, please let me share one of the lessons that I received from Buddha.

Before I started serving the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, my family had lived in Alameda. One day in June, my wife Hitomi took our sons to a swimming pool. When they returned home, before she opened the front door, she found it was already open a little bit and wondered why. But my second son, Eight, rushed into the house without knowing anything. The next moment, they saw a stranger in our house. Hitomi caught hold of Eight and took him out of the house while the thief ran away through the back door. Receiving a call from Hitomi, I made a call to 911 and rushed back home from the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley.

The thief made a mess of our house while he was looking for valuables. He took two laptops, one iPad, a watch, a spare car key, our sons' videogame and Japanese yen cash, putting them in Takato's school backpack. (We received support from temple members as soon as they knew of this incident. My family is still grateful for their kindness and generosity.)

The inside of our house was really messy. While Hitomi and I were cleaning up the mess, I found a small statue of Buddha on the floor. There was a fireplace in the living room where we put a home altar on the ledge. I placed a sitting Buddha statue gifted from a friend next to the altar. Amida Buddha's image, a candle stand, an incense burner and a flower base were all scattered on the floor with this sitting Buddha statue. When I picked up the statue, I found the top part of his head chipped off. The next moment, this question came to my mind "How is this Buddha feeling now?", because I myself had various feelings in my mind. While a thief was looking for valuables, driven by his greed, this small Buddha was violently thrown off the ledge and crushed onto the floor. A part of his body was broken. If we were this Buddha, our natural reaction would be anger. But I didn't think so when that question came to my mind, but I thought "This Buddha must have felt sorry that this happened." When this thought came to my mind, I somehow calmed down.



Buddha is one who has attained wisdom and performs compassion, freed from the three poisons of greed, anger and ignorance. Theft is a crime and should be chastised. However, the teaching of Buddha, for example, dependent origination, may allow us to have different views, such as "Why did he sneak into my house and steal things?" The issue of poverty, economic inequality and many causes and conditions drove him to this theft, which is the tough reality of samsaric life. Since Buddha knows the tough reality of samsaric life with his eyes of wisdom, he does not merely accuse or punish those who have committed the wrong, but sincerely tries to embrace, awaken and guide them so that they can improve or live better, which is compassion in Buddhism. Since this is my understanding of what a Buddha is, when I picked up a damaged Buddha statue, I thought this Buddha was not in anger but must have felt sorry that this happened or even sorry for this guy who had committed theft.

I totally understand it is not easy to feel or see things like Buddha, especially when we are victimized or in a difficult situation. However, I believe we can always learn something from Buddha, which allows us to deal with difficult situations in different ways. Although this incident was a bitter experience to me, I could receive a Buddhist lesson from this small Buddha statue.

In gassho (palms together),  
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2020 has been a challenging year. On behalf of the temple leadership team, I would like to thank you for your support throughout the year. In April, out of caution for the safety of our temple members and the community, we closed the temple for all in-person events. We rapidly shifted and moved a majority of our in-person events to a virtual format. As with anything new, our first set of virtual events might have been a little "rough," but after time and practice, things have gotten a lot smoother. It is apparent to me that 2021 will be somewhat similar, with a focus on virtual events opposed to in-person events. Temple leaders are constantly trying to think of different ways to keep us all connected virtually. If you have any suggestions or thoughts about how to do this, please contact a temple board member. We welcome and value your feedback.



With the new year quickly approaching, 2021 will bring about some changes to our temple leadership team. With the New Year, we will say goodbye to long-standing board members Emi Nakao, David Ushijima, and George Yin. Patty Fujiwara will also be departing as our 1st Vice President of Religious Affairs. I am extremely grateful to each of these individuals for the contributions that they have made to the temple. Their leadership will be greatly missed. I am happy to announce that Lorin Bond, Tony Hale, and Pam Matsuoka will be joining the Board of Directors in 2021. I would like to welcome and thank each of them for volunteering to serve the temple in this capacity.

As we wrap up the month of December, I would like to once again thank everyone for your patience and support. Our temple would not be what it is today without each of you. Although we cannot meet in person, I hope that you continue to stay connected with each other and participate in temple sponsored virtual events. Please remember to join us on December 31st for our year end virtual Joya-e service. On January 1st, please join us to welcome in the new year at the virtual Gantan-e Service. On behalf of the temple's Board of Directors, I would like to wish each of you a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year. I look forward to the time when we can meet again in person. Until then, and until it is safe to do so, I hope to see you virtually at upcoming temple events.

Gassho,  
Bradley



BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Wishing You a Happy Holiday Season and New Year

# COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Sunday, January 3, 2021*  
9:30 am

Live Stream Only: <https://www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org/dharma-live>

The following persons will be remembered during the Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial service) for *January*.

Patricia Kaoru Abe-Calef	Tad Kawamura	Emiko Shimada
Charles Tokiuchi Aoki	Toku Kimura	Calvin Carl Steimetz
Masako Doi	Toshio Kenneth Kono	George Jiro Sugihara
Masako Egawa	Mitsuko Kono	Iwao Lewis Suzuki
Chika Takasaki Fujikawa	Uhachi Kubo	Sada Takahashi
Shima Fujioka	Shizuo Ken Kurakazu	Sachio Takeda
Lily Yuriko Fujioka	Grace Marie Lindquist	Sally Tamie Takeda
Isamu Fujita	Mary Misako Maekawa	Chotaro Taketa
Goroku Furukawa	Menichiro Marubayashi	Bumtaro Takita
Hidemi Furuzawa	Kikuyo Marubayashi	Takuma Tanada
Yoneo Tom Futatsuki	Roy Maru Marubayashi	Kunika Tom
Leonce Gervais	Chitoye Louise Matoba	Mitsue Toriumi
Therese Guilbert	Tsuyo Matsui	Ronald Uchiumi
Rev. Gyodo Haguri	Shigeji Matsumoto	Sam Takenoshi Uchiumi
Tamekichi Haraguchi	Akie Mayeda	Rose Chiyo Uda
Fusa Haraguchi	Yoshiko Muranishi	Shikano Umawatari
Seitaro Hataye	Katsumi Nakagaki	Shawn C. Utsumi
Masami Sam Hataye	George Y. Nakahara	Iyono Wakaye
Catherine Yoshiye Hiraga	Shirley Isao Nakahara	Mamoru Wakida
Takeo Hirahara	Lawrence S. Nakano	Rev. Ryujo Yamada
John Jitsutaro Hiramoto	Jiro Nakaso	Mike Minoru Yamamura
Ann Yoshiko Imada	Kimiko Nishimoto	Ichitaro Yamasaki
Tomomi Ito	Masayo Nitta	Matsue Yamasaki
Rev. Kakusho Izumi	Nancie Haruko Oda	William Mamoru Yamasaki
Tokuo Izumi	Chiyono Okimoto	Kimi Yamashita
Kimi Kami	Fumiyo Okita	Rev. Seishin Yamashita
Hisashi Kaneko	Sangoro Ouye	Sam Masaji Yamoto
Kojiro Kaneshita	David Hiroshi Sano	Frank Yokoi
Masakazu Kawaguchi	Kimiko Sasaki	Minoru Yonemura
Masa Kawai	Kimiko Sato	Yuhei Yoshiura

Note: If there are any additions, corrections or deletions to the above list, please notify the Berkeley Buddhist Temple at [510-841-1356](tel:510-841-1356).

## A 2020 Christmas Story about Our Need for Patience in 2020

By Diane Ames

By Christmas all those in the Chicken family who had gotten COVID-19 at their Thanksgiving gathering (which they attended despite the warnings of Chicken Little) had recovered, although Grandma Chicken was still in pulmonary rehab and Uncle Chanticleer had “long COVID” (post recovery symptoms) and was often too weak to crow at dawn. These survivors, figuring they were now immune, decided to gather for Christmas dinner to sooth their frazzled psyches.



Chicken Little, who had wisely chickened out of the Thanksgiving dinner and avoided COVID, ZOOMed in on the party a bit late, when his relatives were already pecking at the worms and grain. “Merry Christmas!” he said.

“Well, you don’t have to be smug!” squawked Aunt Henny. “We’ve really suffered, you know, and you haven’t. You don’t have to think you told us so!”

“Come now!” squawked Chicken Little’s mother. “My son may be an alarmist like his late Dad, but he meant well! After all, all he did was warn you idiots!”

“Doesn’t that make you the queen of idiots?” squawked Aunt Henny. “You hosted the disaster!”

Feathers flew. Then Uncle Chanticleer tried to start a political argument, as he always did at family reunions, but he couldn’t get a word in edgewise.

“Can’t we eat in peace?” squawked Aunt Cluckie. “How did this get started anyway?”

“I didn’t mean ...” sobbed Aunt Henny. “It was just that Little seemed ... smug.”

By then Chicken Little was lying under his Christmas tree, pretending to be a package.

Chicken Little’s mother hastily served the dessert, which was candied popcorn, to calm everybody down. “All I did was say ‘Merry Christmas!’” sighed Chicken Little.

“There, there,” said his protective gandharva as he flew through the window. (His protective gandharva had feathers.) “Try to understand that just now, your relatives are emotional wrecks. So are a lot of people in this awful year. In times like these, you must learn to exercise the paramita of patience. Your relatives do love you. They’ve sent you a nice Christmas dinner and presents.” (He didn’t say what kind of presents chickens would give each other.) “Now enjoy these things, and do your best to be patient and understanding.”

Buddhist moral: When things are awful, as they are now, and people are stressed out, it is especially important to cultivate the paramita of patience.

**JAN  
1**

## **Livestream 10am GANTAN-E / NEW YEAR SERVICE**

Join us new year's morning with a renewed resolution and optimism for 2021.

# BLEND



Interested in joining the BLEND Committee?

Buddhists Living in Equity and Non-Discrimination (BLEND) was created by Rev. Matsumoto in 2009. The inequities and injustices faced by members of our society and our Sangha then are still very much present today.

A few BBT members are starting an inclusivity/diversity committee to support the temple in ensuring that our temple space and activities are safe and welcoming to everyone, while being mindful of the unique identities each member brings. A few things we are working on are a BLEND Lens Toolkit to assist folks while planning temple activities, educational presentations and discussions on diversity and inclusion, a diversity panel, and more!

If you are interested in joining us, please email [info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org).

### **Draft Mission Statement:**

To bravely create a safe space where everyone feels welcome and included with all of our different identities and parts of who we are as individuals. To uphold the values of diversity and inclusion by learning and growing with our Sangha and community to continually work towards expressing compassion for all people as they are.

### **Values:**

We value diversity and inclusion which are expressions of the primal vow - compassion for all sentient beings.



The following is a list of special service years.  
If you have a departed relative who has passed away  
in any of the listed years,  
and would like to make arrangements  
for a memorial service,  
please contact Rev. Kuwahara at (510) 841-1356.

### 2021 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2015	7 <sup>th</sup> Year
2009	13 <sup>th</sup> Year
2005	17 <sup>th</sup> Year
1997	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
1989	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
1972	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
1922	100 <sup>th</sup> Year





- Friday, Jan. 1: Gantan-e; no regular Dharma School classes
- Sunday, Jan. 3: Regular Dharma School classes
- Sunday, Jan. 10: New Year's Party; no regular Dharma School classes
- Sunday, Jan. 17: Regular Dharma School classes
- Sunday, Jan. 24: Regular Dharma School classes
- Sunday, Jan. 31: Regular Dharma School classes

The Dharma School classes will continue to meet online via Zoom.

Last month, the students learned so much about awareness and the Eightfold Path by helping to film Irene Sensei's Bodhi Day Dharma School Offering.

We are so fortunate and happy to have Berkeley Higashi Honganji high school students meeting with our high school class on a regular basis. Welcome, Ohtani!



**Akemashite  
omedetou  
gozaimasu!**

**Happy Year of the Ox!**

**Happy New Year!**

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
EVENING MEDITATION



Session Dates: Wed. Dec 2, 16, Jan 6, 20  
Time: 7-8 PM

Please register at:

**<https://bbtevents.info/meditation>**

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Rev. Gyodo Kono  
(April 5, 1911-December 30, 1975)

by Detlev (Ted) Gempf

Giving inspiring sermons regularly, or writing thought-provoking articles illustrating Shin Buddhist beliefs and values, can be quite a challenge. I often wonder and am awed by how our own capable priests and scholars are able to present so many interesting sermons on a regular basis.

A sermon or article should never be too technical nor academic, yet truthfully draw upon Shinran Shonin's teachings to stimulate temple members' interests and contribute to their insights. And the sermons should get to the point early on, lest you lose the attention of your audience. Berkeley Buddhist Temple's very own Rev. Hamasaki quoted his parents: "Keep your sermons brief.", to which I would add: "succinct and forthright".

In thinking about this process of effectively transforming an idea into a stimulating sermon, I thought of Rev. Gyodo Kono. He was born in Hiroshima, Japan and immigrated to California in 1937, where at 26 he began his career as the resident minister in the Hanford Buddhist Church. He had graduated from Ryukoko University, Kyoto as the 24th successive generation of ministers in his family.

During the Second World War, starting in 1942, Japanese Americans and Japanese citizens living on the West Coast were incarcerated. Sensei Kono was sent to the Jerome Arkansas Relocation Center. In 1944, upon being released, he moved to Chicago. There, together with other Issei and Nissei residents, he founded the Midwest Buddhist Temple. He was the resident minister there until his death in 1975.

Judging from the two books containing his sermons, he was a gifted orator. It was a pleasure and inspiration to visit the hondo of the Hanford Buddhist Church a few years ago where his portrait is dutifully displayed. Sadly, many Japanese Americans did not return to Hanford after the war, significantly decreasing the number of church and community members.

Kono Sensei did not keep written notes, so sadly we have no record of the sermons he gave while in Hanford. Only the sermons in Chicago were taped, translated and subsequently published. I found them to be inspiring and personal, attractive in their simplicity, and yet possessing a gifted ability to transmit the Dharma in a succinct, clear and concise way. Furthermore, he never elevated himself above the sangha through intellectualization, thereby not obfuscating the subject matter nor the point he was trying to make. Each sermon was so polished it

sparkled like a little jewel.

Sensei Kono would usually introduce his sermon with a simple personal experience to arouse interest. Then he would expand upon that message, transforming it into a vibrant academic insight, and subsequently bring the story back again to a simple but profound conclusion. This is exactly the method I was taught in graduate school about writing a good thesis.

For example, in one particularly touching sermon, to illustrate the transience of all our lives, he tells the story of a sparrow he observed through his office window on a cold autumn day in Chicago, and which subsequently died before his eyes. He comments on this small but touching event with "shogyo mujo": all things are transient (1).

After preparing a box to bury the sparrow, including a handwritten Namu Amida Butsu note tucked in with the dead bird, he chanted a short sutra and preached:

"The falling cherry blossoms...  
Even those that remain  
Will eventually fall"<sup>1</sup>.

He thereby paraphrased the famous quote made by Shinran Shonin while applying to be accepted into the Shoren Temple in Kyoto at the age of nine:

"Cherry blossoms that are felt  
To last till the morrow,  
May well blow away  
During the night."

Sensei Kono thereby combined Shinran Shonin's words and Jodo Shinshu dogma with his personal insight into an inspiring sermon. He finished it with: "We walk through life from darkness to darkness, from delusion to delusion"<sup>2</sup>, therefore we should listen to the Buddha and the teachings of the Jodo Shinshu Masters who preceded us.

Sadly Rev. Kono died at the relatively young age of 64. As the founder of the Midwest Buddhist Temple, he also was instrumental in helping the largely displaced Japanese community adapt to their economic difficulties, social exclusion and prejudice after the Second World War. As a talented priest, temple founder and community organizer his legacy is memorable and profound.

He has given me the inspiration to write as good an article or sermon as I can, although I will never be equal to his ability nor as inspiring.

Namo Amida Butsu

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<sup>1</sup> Shinjin Sho-in, Jodo-Shinshu Essays 1953-1962, Gyodo Kono, The Nembutsu Press, Los Angeles 2001, pg. 238.

<sup>2</sup> *ibid*, pg. 240.



謹賀新年

### Greeting Cards for the Holidays

BBT New Year's Greeting Cards for sale to the sangha designed by our very own CJ Sensei and incorporating our "Blend" community outreach philosophy.

A "box" of 12 cards costs \$20.00 plus \$2.40 for postage.

If you are interested in buying a box, please call [510-841-1356](tel:510-841-1356) and leave a message or email: [info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org).

If recipients live in the East Bay, I will hand-deliver the cards to save on postage. If no one is home, I will leave them in the mailbox and recipients can send me a check.

All profits will go to benefit the Berkeley Buddhist Temple and LGBTQ+ organizations.

Gassho,  
Ted

### Featured Keiro Member - Mrs. Nora Hataye

Nora recently celebrated her 102 birthday! She was born to the Sakaki family in Irvington, CA (now part of Fremont) on Oct. 28, 1918 (she's told the family, that it took a day or 2 for her birth to be recorded with the county, so most likely the 28th is the day it was recorded rather than the actual day it happened).

She grew up on her parents' farm, the 4th of 6 girls, but also had a brother who died very young. Tatsuo Hataye, worked on the neighboring farm and had seen Nora and her sister watching him. (Nora said it was love at first sight!)

Tatsuo was drafted in March 1941, so he was already in the army when WWII began. He was stationed at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. They married on Sept. 4, 1944 while Nora and her family were detained in the Topaz, UT camp.

Their son David was born in San Antonio, TX in 1945. Upon returning to the Bay Area after the war, the family lived at the Alameda Buddhist Temple for a short time before moving to the Cordineces Village (Albany Village).

Their daughter Donna was born in 1948 and they bought their home on Carlton Street in 1950. As members of the BBT, Donna remembers being in the kindergarten class taught by Mrs. Imamura, around 1952-53. Both Tatsuo and Nora were active in temple affairs and served as Presidents of temple and BBWA. Tats passed away in 2008. Nora chaired the bazaar's Homemaking department for many years and she was famous for her deliciously golden baked kuri manju!

(Thank you to Donna and David for providing details for this article!)



## 2020 Membership Pledges

The Temple would like to gratefully acknowledge the following members for their generous contributions:

Kiyo Eshima	Art Nishimura	Akira Rouche
Alan Hirahara	Yoshiye Nonaka	Dennis Sakurai
Ron & Mimi Kagehiro	Laurie Omori	Makiko Shimoda
Vernon & Karen Kato	Hide Oshima	Bill Seibold
Kimberly Leo	Emiko Ota	Wayne Sugihara
Aki & Emi Nakao		

Thank you all for your generosity and continuing support!

If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Kagehiro.



### **Featured Keiro Member – Mrs. Chizuko Nakashita**

Mrs. Nakashita lives in Pleasant Hill and has been a member of BBT since 1965. Prior to that she and her husband, Shizuo James Nakashita, immigrated from Tokyo, Japan to Chicago in 1960 where they were members of the Midwest Buddhist Temple.

They joined the BBT in 1965 where she joined the choir and got to know Etsuko Steimetz and her family. She has 3 children, Akira Fred, Yuko Grace and Kenji Jin. As they lived in Pleasant Hill, they were active in the Japanese American community in Concord. Mr. Nakashita passed away in 1987.

Mrs. Nakashita is a very healthy and cheerful 93 year old and was a joy to speak with! Before COVID she enjoyed her morning walks. She also really enjoys receiving the cards from the Dharma School students.

## TOBAN

### Coordinators

Lena Yin & Pat Takeda

### **JANUARY 2021 TOBAN**

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Judy Kono

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Patty Fujiwara

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Dina Honda

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Ron & Julie Kono Manning

Sam Mori

Shizu Okino\*

Makoto Oto\*

Beryl Potter

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David & Emily Ushijima

Carl Wilmsen & Patty Fujiwara

### **FEBRUARY 2021 TOBAN**

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Caroline Fernandez

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Evelyn Nakano Glenn

#### Toban

Miki Adachi

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Toban duties optional



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Nishi Hongwanji Pilgrimage Fundraiser*



**SAVE THESE DATES!**  
**2021 CBE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS**  
**JANUARY ~ APRIL** All events listed in Pacific Time.

<p><b>SATURDAY</b>  <b>JANUARY 9</b>  11 am - 1 pm  <a href="#">Register online</a></p>	<p><b>SHIN BUDDHISM AND SCIENCE FICTION</b>  Speakers: <b>Rev. Harry Bridge</b> Buddhist Church of Oakland  <b>Rev. Jon Turner</b> Orange County Buddhist Church  &amp; <b>Rev. Landon Yamaoka</b> Palo Alto Buddhist Temple  <i>Venture into dharma explorations inspired by science fiction films.</i></p>
<p><b>SUNDAY</b>  <b>JANUARY 10</b>  1 pm</p>	<p><b>BCA YOUTH CONCERT!</b>  <b>JODO SHINSHU ARTISTS &amp; MUSICIANS SHOWCASE (JAMS)</b>  <i>Enjoy a variety of performances by BCA youth.</i></p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b>  <b>JANUARY 30</b>  5 pm - 6:30 pm  <a href="#">Register online</a></p>	<p><b>RELEVANT AMERICAN BUDDHISTS (RAB)</b>  Speaker: <b>Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka</b> Musashino University  <i>Who and what were the RAB? Stories from BCA's 1970s program for young adults.</i></p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b>  <b>FEBRUARY 6</b>  10 am - 11:30 am  <a href="#">Register online</a></p>	<p>EVERY DAY BUDDHISM BOOK TALK  <b>"DISCOVERING BUDDHISM IN EVERYDAY LIFE"</b>  Speaker/author: <b>Rev. Marvin Harada</b> BCA Bishop  <i>Listen to the stories behind this collection of heartwarming essays.</i></p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b>  <b>FEBRUARY 13</b>  11 am - 1 pm  <a href="#">Register online</a></p>	<p><b>"HONEN AS RELIGIOUS REVOLUTIONARY:  THE PERSON WHO DEFINED THE BUDDHISM WE IDENTIFY AS JAPANESE TODAY."</b>  Speaker: <b>Dr. Mark Blum</b> University of California at Berkeley</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b>  <b>MARCH 6</b>  11 am - 1 pm  <a href="#">Register online</a></p>	<p>ZEN &amp; SHIN BUDDHISM - PART 1  <b>"LETTING GO: A ZEN &amp; SHIN APPROACH TO LIBERATION"</b>  <b>Rev. Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams</b> Author, <i>AMERICAN SUTRA</i></p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b>  <b>MARCH 13</b>  11 am - 1 pm  <a href="#">Register online</a></p>	<p>ZEN &amp; SHIN BUDDHISM - - PART 2 (Please note change of date)  <b>"ZEN PRACTICE"</b>  Speaker: <b>Rev. Anton Tenkei Coppens Roshi</b> Zen River Temple, Netherlands</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b>  <b>APRIL 10</b>  5 pm - 6:30 pm  <a href="#">Register online</a></p>	<p><b>SOCIALLY ENGAGED BUDDHISM</b>  Speakers: <b>Prof. Mitsuya Dake</b> Ryukoku University  <b>Rev. Kiyo Kuwahara</b> Berkeley Buddhist Temple</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b>  <b>APRIL 17</b>  11 am - 1 pm  <a href="#">Register online</a></p>	<p><b>3 BISHOPS: "WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF BUDDHISM IN THE WEST?"</b>  <b>Rev. Marvin Harada</b> Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America  <b>Rev. Eric Matsumoto</b> Bishop, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  <b>Rev. Tatsuya Aoki</b> Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada</p>

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# ONLINE HOONKO SHINRAN SHONIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE



## **January 10 (Sunday) 10:00 AM Dharma Messages**

Rev. Koe Umezu, Kaikyoshi Assistant, West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple (English)  
Rev. Koho Takata, Resident Minister, West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple (Japanese)

## **January 11 (Monday) 7:00 PM Dharma Message**

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto, Resident Minister, Senshin Buddhist Temple (English)

## **January 12 (Tuesday) 7:00 PM Dharma Message**

Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Manager, Jodo Shinshu International Office (English)

## **January 13 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Dharma Message**

Rev. Yushi Mukojima, Resident Minister, Mountain View Buddhist Temple (English)

## **January 14 (Thursday) 7:00 PM Dharma Message**

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, Resident Minister, Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple (English)

## **January 15 (Friday) 7:00 PM Dharma Message**

Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America (English)

## **January 16 (Saturday) Hoonko Seminar "True Essence of Pure Land Way: True Teaching" 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (Japanese), 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM (English)**

Rev. Kenneth Fujimoto, Minister Emeritus, Buddhist Churches of America (English)  
Rev. Ryoso Toshima, Minister Emeritus, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (Japanese)

## **January 17 (Sunday) 10:00 AM Hoonko Service**

Rev. Kenneth Fujimoto, Minister Emeritus, Buddhist Churches of America (English)  
Rev. Ryoso Toshima, Minister Emeritus, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (Japanese)

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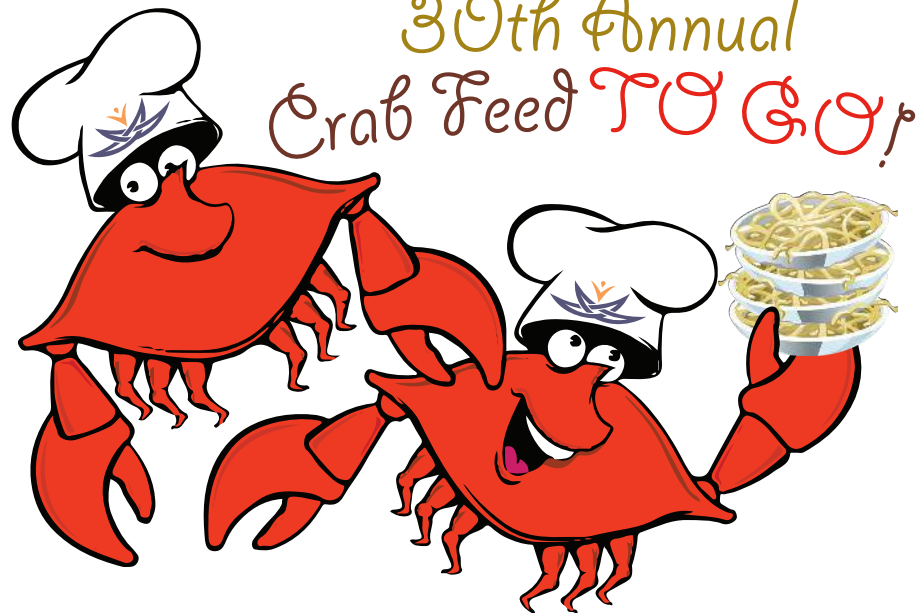


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*Pick-up Between 1pm to 4pm  
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Cheers to crab! **The 30th Annual J-Sei Crab Feed**  
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Fresh Dungeness crab, Asian salad, garlic noodles, bread, and dessert  
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Walk up or drive up at your assigned time (between 1pm to 4pm)  
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**Services**

Our regular Sunday program begins with a Chanting Service at 8:30am followed by a Family Service at 9:30am. A Dharma talk is available after the Family Service while Dharma School classes are convened for students.

Special Services

January 1	Gantan-e	New Year's Day Service
February	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May	Gotan-e	Birthday of Shinran
July	Kangi-e	Obon
September	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin Memorial
December	Jodo-e	Bodhi Day
December 31	Joya-e	Year End Service

A Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Service is held the first Sunday of each month.

**Dharma School**

Our Dharma School (Sunday School) has classes from preschool through high school. Our teachers are happy to discuss the appropriate level of spiritual enrichment for your student.

**Monthly Discussions**

In our discussions, we strive to experience the Buddha-Dharma with our entire selves – with our bodies (quiet sitting and other forms of meditation), voices (chanting and other liturgy) and minds (study and discussion).

Our sessions focus on ways in which Buddhist teaching and practice can impact our everyday lives. Each session will take up a different topic and you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

**Visitor Information**

Please feel free to ask any of our greeters for information. We are here to assist you with whatever level of participation you may be seeking.

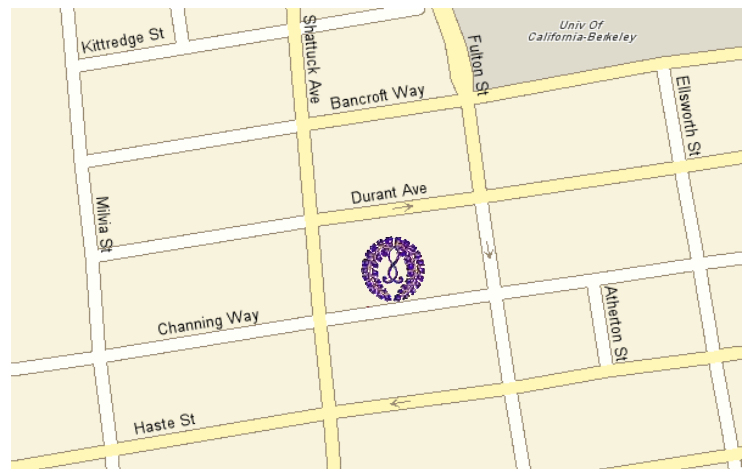
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

**Membership Information**

Membership is open to all who view our Temple as their religious home and seek the Buddha-Dharma.

To join, complete a membership form, have your name entered on the membership roll and support the Temple through a pledge and participation.

To inquire about becoming a member, please speak with our Membership Chair or Minister.



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