



# UPAYA

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## Message from Rev. D.

### BODHI DAY

Holiday decorations are beginning to sprout up all around us as we drive through town. Soon we will see **HO, HO, HO!!** painted on the storefront windows, meaning **DHARMA, DHARMA, DHARMA!!** This is evident across America, reminding one and all that Bodhi Day is upon us. December 8 is recognized as **Bodhi Day, the day that Prince Siddhartha** became enlightened and thus **became the Buddha**. It is through his example that we can know that all human beings have the potentiality to attain this same enlightenment. This potential is known as Buddha Nature.

Who would have thunk it that Jesus Christ would come to this world with his message of love and hope that would then evolve into the Christmas season and the story of Santa Claus with his team of reindeer brinaina aifts around the world while shoutina Dharma, Dharma Dharma, Dharma in the form of HO, HO, HO just to remind all beings of their potential of enlightenment just like Prince Siddhartha did to become the Buddha!!! Holy Cow!! **This year our Bodhi Day Service will be held on December 11 at 10:00 AM.** All families are encouraged to come to this special service or to find us on YouTube on the Buddhist Temple of Alameda website.

Little by little, our members are becoming more comfortable to attend our services in person. Bravely, we step out to see if the world is still out there. Gathering at the temple gives us the opportunity to see and visit with others who have chosen to value their connection to the temple community. As part of our Sangha, we strive to be supportive, kind, and harmonious with the rest of our Dharma friends. This is our practice and our check-in. We make the effort to connect with others rather than enclosing ourselves in our own world and in our own minds of self-importance.

In the simple gesture of coming to the temple and sharing time at the service, we give and receive acknowledgement and reinforcement both to and from each other. All the while, we recite the Nembutsu. In both the acknowledgement of the others and the recitation of the Nembutsu, we ground our own lives in this moment of now. We are caused to recognize all that is beyond ourselves, and in doing so we grow our awareness of self, other, and life.

We grow towards awakened awareness quite naturally instead of "seeking to become enlightened". It is this process that we want to encourage in ourselves and in our families and friends. It is not a stagnant repetition of coming to the temple, but a spiraling evolution and growth towards awakening our highest potentials. We are moved to awaken our Buddha Nature. Realign your priorities, come to the temple and see for yourself.

We will close out the year of 2022 with the **JOYA E, Year End Service**. This will take place **December 31, 3:00 PM**. All who attend will be allowed to hit the Kansho a total of 108 times to symbolically ring away the 108 BONNO, or blind passions, that bind us to the world of delusion. We will then be ready to take on a new year and to continue our journey towards awakened awareness. We'll see you at the temple.



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## Members Welcome to Attend Services “In Person”

*We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.*

### December

- 4** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo Service
- 11** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 **Bodhi Day**  
*Annual General Meeting*
- 18** 10:00 Family Service
- 25** No Service – Holiday
- 31** 3:00 **Joye-E Year End Service**

### January

- 1** 10:00 **Shusho E New Year Day Service**
- 8** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Alameda Shotsuki Service
- 15** 10:00 **All Beings Memorial Service**
- 22** 9:30 Dharma School  
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. Dennis
- 29** NO SERVICE 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**While we are not asking for  
proof of vaccination,  
we kindly request that visitors  
to the service be vaccinated.**

**Masks and social distancing  
are required and temperatures  
will be checked upon  
entering the hondo.**

**Thank you  
for your understanding.**

## Holiday Greetings!

We look to enjoy the upcoming Holiday  
Season with you all!!

Both Sharmon and I extend our deep  
appreciation for your friendship and  
support throughout the year.

We look forward to  
more shared times  
in the light of the Dharma.

Gassho,  
*Dennis & Sharmon*  
*Fujimoto*

## JAPANESE GOODS SALE Hidden Treasures

Do you have Japanese items at home  
that you don't know what to do with?  
BTOA will be having a sale/fundraiser  
with these types of items to benefit the  
temple!

Start thinking about what you might  
have in your closets & basement.  
Dishes, Trays, Kimonos, Tansu, Artwork

Please bring these types of  
items to the temple, sooner the better.  
Now accepting items for the sale.  
Thank you!

**SALE DATE:  
SATURDAY, March 4, 2023**



## **ABWA NEWS**

### **2023-2024 ABWA Cabinet:**

A new term will be beginning in January. I have volunteered to serve another term as president. I am pleased to announce that our current cabinet has agreed to continue on as well. Thank you to Vice President, Joyce Maniwa, Recording Secretary, Kimberly Kato Chambliss, and Treasurer, Jackie Ito-Woo who have been such great officers! I could not have done this job without their hard work and support. I look forward to working with them next term. There will be an official Installation Service in January.

I would be remiss if I did not mention how supportive our ABWA members and toban helpers have been these past years. They have stepped up when asked and always offered to help when needed. Although we do not have a large membership, we have a great group of people. Arigato to all!

### **FBWA Conference Recordings:**

We have received several links to the recordings of the conference workshops and talks. Let Joyce or me know if you are interested in seeing them and we can email them to you. Also, we can provide you with the link to the recording of Dr. Paula Arai's lecture.

### **Dana Food Drive:**

So far, we have received quite a lot of donations, thanks to your generosity! This year, we will be applying to the BCA Social Welfare Committee, Temple Charitable Match Program, where they will match collected donations (up to \$3K) that will be given to a charity. In this case, it will be to both the Alameda Food Bank and the Alameda County Community Food Bank. More updates to come in the next Upaya.

### **Future Meetings:**

At our last meeting, we discussed whether to continue with Zoom meetings or return to in-person meetings. At least for the next few months, we will continue with Zoom meetings. As the year progresses, we will revisit the situation.

### **Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, December 5 at 7PM**. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed close to the meeting date.

Gassho,  
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

## **ASK REV. DENNIS – January 22nd**

“Ask Rev. Dennis” sessions will resume as part of the in-person service on January 22nd.  
We welcome questions to be sent to Rev. Dennis in advance of that service.

**[revdioshin@gmail.com](mailto:revdioshin@gmail.com)**



## Dharma School News

Did we say Halloween? It's one of our favorite holidays here..... we all had a good time.... And yes, we ate our snacks mindfully!







## Calling all Warriors Fans!

We've scheduled a group outing to a Warriors game against the Nets.

**Sunday Evening,  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**

**Tickets are \$115 sold  
directly to BTOA.**

*Note: Online \$185.*

Section 214,  
rows 12, 13 & 14.

**Deadline is 12/11/22.**

We can take the ferry  
from Main St. terminal.

Contact Yumi for more info.  
[Yumiyasuda50@gmail.com](mailto:Yumiyasuda50@gmail.com)

**GO DUBS!**

## Welcome New BTOA Members:

Brian and Maria Piper

## Welcome to our Dharma School:

Cora, Caelan and Clara Piper



# SHOTSUKI – HOYO /MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

## Sunday, December 4, 2022

### In Person & Living Streaming on YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the October Memorial Service for those listed below. If 2022 is a special service year as indicated below, please contact Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto to arrange a special memorial service for your family.

Special Service	Year of Death	Special Service	Year of Death
<b>1 year</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>17 year</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>3 year</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>25 year</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>7 year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>33 year</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>13 year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>50 year</b>	<b>1973</b>

Akinaga, Mrs. Kosuzu 2009  
 Arai, Mrs. Mariko 1986  
 Ago, Mr. Matao 1952  
 Date, Mr. Seitaro 1978  
 Endo, Mrs. Michiyo 2013  
 Fuji, Mrs. Aso 1925  
 Fujikawa, Infant Haruko 1928  
 Fujishima, Mrs. Shige 2003  
 Fukuda, Mr. Kasuke 1921  
 Goto, Mrs. Kazuo 1999  
 Hamachi, Mr. Arajiro 1950  
 Haramaki, Mr. Saburo 1962  
 Hashimoto, Mr. Inokichi 1922  
 Hirai, Mr. Yasoji 1952  
 Hirotaka, Mr. Yoshitaro 1924  
 Honda, Infant Patty Ann 1956

**Ikeda, Darlene 2021**

Ikegaki, Mr. Shima 1957  
 Imazumi, Mr. Shigetoshi 1988  
 Imazumi, Mr. Tetsujiro 1958  
 Ishii, Infant 1926  
 Iwamuro, Mrs. Yoshiko 1995  
 Kadowaki, Infant Seisen 1921  
 Kamiji, Mr. Sakuei 1958  
 Kanda, Mr. Mitsugi 1957  
 Kato, Mr. Teiju 1958  
 Kanzaki, Mrs. Sen 1933  
 Kawahara, Infant Masaru 1927  
 Kawakami, Miss Momoye 2005  
 Kihara, Mr. Tomekichi 1937  
 Kikugawa, Mr. Sadaichi 1931  
 Kitashima, Mrs. Yoshino 2005  
 Koga, Mrs. Toki 1920  
 Komatsu, Mr. James 2002  
 Komatsu, Mr. Shintaro 1943  
 Kuge, Mr. Utsuru 1919  
 Kumagai, Mr. Masakichi 1922  
 Kumamoto, Mrs. Kiyo 1934

**Kuroki, Mrs. Susie 2016**

Kwan, Mrs. Kazuko Hideshima 2017  
 Lu, Mrs. Yongju 2015  
 Matsuzaki, Mrs. Sue 1970

Maeda, Mr. James Shunso 2003  
 Mayeda, Mr. Sentaro 1973  
 Maruyama, Mr. Hatsutaro 1980  
 Maruyama, Infant Samantha 1991  
 Matsumoto, Mrs. Miyeko 2004  
 Matsumoto, Mr. Shoji 2007  
 Matsushita, Mrs. Jiu 1919  
 Miyazaki, Mr. Jinkichi 1955  
 Mori, Mrs. Hisayo 2003  
 Morikawa, Mr. Frank 2011  
 Morikawa, Mrs. Ida 2017  
 Murakoshi, Mr. Keitaro 1937  
 Naito, Rev. Shozen 1964  
 Nakai, Mr. Ronald S. 2014  
 Nakamura, Mr. Aisaburo 1937  
 Nakamura, Infant Yoneo 1920  
 Nakano, Infant 1940  
 Nakano, Mrs. Haruye Lillian 2014  
 Nakano, Infant Mitsuo 1941  
 Nakaso, Mr. Jiro 2000  
 Nakayama, Ms. Hanae 2003  
 Nemoto, Mr. Yone 1929  
 Nishida, Mrs. Fude 1974  
 Nishida, Mr. Uichi 1969  
 Nomura, Infant Shizuye 1919  
 Nomura, Mr. Tomojiro 1959  
 Noriye, Mr. Tomojiro 1972  
 Ogata, Mr. Kijiro 1957  
 Ogawa, Mrs. Tsurue 2004  
 Ohye, Mr. Dick M. 2004  
 Okada, Infant Akira 1920  
 Okada, Mr. Noboru 2005  
 Patell, Mrs. Ryoko 1989  
 Poon, Mr. Jerome Parry 2022  
 Rice, Mrs. Susie 2011

**Rodriguez-Berriz (Endo), Fumiko 2016**

Saito, Mrs. Kamekichi 1936  
**Sato, Mrs. Kimiko 1990**  
 Sekigahama, Infant Chizuko 1937  
 Shibata, Mrs. Koyuri 1968  
 Shintani, Mrs. Harumi 1994  
 Shintani, Mr. Kazuo 2003

Sueyasu, Mr. Kiyono 1952  
 Suga, Mrs. Setsuko 2014  
 Sugaya, Mrs. Hisako 2003  
 Sugiyama, Mr. Matsutaro 1938  
 Sugiyama, Mr. Osamu Dennis 2022  
 Sugiyama, Mr. Shigeki 2019  
 Takada, Mr. Fusaji 1938  
 Takagi, Mrs. Machi 1941  
 Takano, Mrs. Ine 1978  
 Takeshima, Infant Isao 1927  
 Tamura, Mrs. Tatsuno 1983  
 Tateyama, Mrs. Umeko 2008  
 Tou, Mrs. Kinran 1991  
 Tsuchiya, Infant Kazuo 1919  
 Umene, Miss Mitsuko 1980  
 Wada, Mr. Chozo 1980  
**Yamagami, Mr. Yoneichi Tom 2010**  
 Yamamoto, Mr. Kiyoshi 1954  
 Yamamoto, Infant Yoshio 1959  
 Yamaoka, Ms. Yoshiko 2005  
 Yamasaki, Miss Yoneko 2004  
 Yamashita, Mr. Kitaro 1940  
**Yano, Mr. Juro 1973**  
 Yokoyama, Mr. Ralph 2015  
 Yonekura, Mrs. Moyo 1926

#### ***Food Offering at Shotsuki Hoyo Services***

*You are once again  
 (like pre-pandemic) welcome to  
 bring food offering for the  
 buddha at our Shotsuki Hoyo  
 Service. Since it will be enjoyed  
 by the sangha immediately after  
 the service, please package the  
 items into individual servings.*

*Thank you.*

## Condolences

Louise Yasuda-Ota passed away October 26, 2022. Louise joined BTOA after moving to Alameda in 2002 when she married Gary Ota.

Louise was a regular at our Sunday services pre-pandemic and helped Jackie washing rice and cleaning out the rice containers at our annual bazaar and obon festivals. Over the years, she traveled with other BTOA members to Japan, Seattle, and on various other local field trips. Louise also participated in senior activities with Extending Connections.

A memorial service was held on December 1, 2022, at Chapel of the Chimes Oakland.

Condolences can be send to her children:

Joe and Cyndie Yasuda  
1 Sanderling Court  
Alameda CA 94501

### VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



#### **DHARMA FORWARD CAMPAIGN PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER**

Take the night off from cooking! Eat and support Dharma Forward! Join us for TWO upcoming fundraising event on February 4, 2023, as we raise funds together for the Dharma Forward campaign. Simply purchase your meal online at [order.pandaexpress.com](https://order.pandaexpress.com) or via the Panda Express app and include code 911232 for Feb. 4, 2023. when ordering. Have trouble applying the code? E-mail your receipt to Michiko Inanaga at [minanaga@bcahq.org](mailto:minanaga@bcahq.org) by the following day.

Thank you for your continued support of BCA and IBS through Dharma Forward!

### **850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shinran's Birthday and 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of Jodo Shinshu Teaching**

In conjunction with the Hongwanji's Observance of the 850<sup>th</sup> & 800<sup>th</sup> Celebration Services in May of 2023, the Bay District Ministers are planning a Bay District Observance to take place on **March 12<sup>th</sup>** at the **Palo Alto Buddhist Temple.**

The emphasis will be for us to have a district wide in-person service in Palo Alto. A virtual element will be available for those unable to travel.

**SAVE THE DATE: March 12, 2023**





## Merritt College Pruning Club

We are grateful to have the **Merritt College Pruning Club** return to our temple each Fall and Spring to care for our maple and pine trees.

Thank you to the temple volunteers, **Jane Naito, Yumi Yasuda, Judy Oda, Gary Oda, Howard Shintani, Hiko Shimamoto, and Ron Tsuchiya** who helped prepare the breakfast and lunch, plus sweeping and cleaning up after the pruners.



Special thank you to **Jill Mizono** for donating delicious Ike's sandwiches for all of the pruners and temple volunteers.

## Hoonko – Otoki

We're back at the Temple with in-person services. Being cautious, we have not resumed our wonderful otoki lunches after major services. We wanted to do something, so we created a mini obento for take out for those who attended our Hoonko service. It was a vegetarian meal.

*Persimmons were donated by the **Akiyama, Maniwa and Yoshimura families.** Hawaiian cookies were donated by **Jane Naito.***

*Cooks: **Jane Naito, Joyce Maniwa, Yumi Yasuda** with Prep Cook **Hiko Shimamoto.***



## 2023 Bay District Ministers' Association Officers:

Kyokucho:	Rev. Dennis Joshin Fujimoto
Vice-Kyokucho:	Rev. Takashi Gishin Miyaji
Secretary:	Rev. Kiyonobu Joshin Kuwahara
Treasurer:	Rev. Henry Toryo Adams
At Large:	Rev. Harry Gyoko Bridge
	Rev. Dean Koyama

### Advisors

BDBWL:	Fujimoto (Enmanji)/Koyama/Bridge
Hoppo-Fukuoka:	Adams
BDJYBA:	Koyama/Kuwahara/Miyaji
YABA:	Kuwahara/Adams
BDDSTL:	Adams/Miyaji/Bridge

## Congratulations Sensei!

Our very own Rev. D will be Kyokucho, head of the Bay District Ministers' Association starting 2023.



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