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Message from Rev. D.

HOONKO

Darker mornings and shorter days tell us that the fall season is closing its door. We hurry through the day to make sure we have enough sun light to finish our projects and errands. Appreciative of what we get, we thank the sun and go inside. It's time to place stew on the menu.

November brings us the annual HOONKO Service. HOONKO is the most important service on our Jodo Shinshu calendar. We recognize the death memorial of our founder, Shinran Shonin. Here at our temple, and at some of the other BCA temples, we recognize November 28 as the day of Shinran's passing. This follows the lunar calendar and the Higashi Hongwanji tradition.

Most of our Buddhist Churches of America temples observe this service in January, with January 16, 1263 being the recognized day of Shinran Shonin's death. This change of date occurred in 1872 when our mother temple, Nishi Hongwanji, changed to the western calendar, setting the HOONKO date at January 16. It is for this reason that the monthly memorial morning service for Shinran Shonin observed at some of our temples, the Gomeinichi Service, is observed on the morning of the 16th of each month.

Whatever date we have come to recognize, the importance of HOONKO is for each of us to reflect upon the life of Shinran Shonin. We are reminded to deepen our own appreciation of the Nembutsu path that has grown to mean so much to millions of fellow travelers throughout the world. The temple is much more than teriyaki, sushi and social activities. The temple is not just a personal country club. We are provided a path of depth, awareness, and appreciation. Each of our lives becomes deeper and fuller as we recite Namu Amida Butsu and live the life of Nembutsu. We find that compassion is received in endless manifestations, everywhere we turn.

We are touched by the life and effort of Shinran Shonin in a very real way. A grassroots Buddhism was born, as he brought the Nembutsu path to the peasants ... farmers, fishermen, merchants ... people who worked hard every day. These are our people. These are you and me. These are our parents and grandparents who worked with dirt under their fingernails and sweat on their brows to make a living. We have followed in their footsteps to our lives here and now. They have brought forward the Nembutsu path for us, and we owe them a debt of gratitude and to pay attention to what's been left to us all.

Those new to this life of Nembutsu find a pleasant discovery of a path of Dharma in everyday activity. The Sangha members are our fellow travelers along the path who offer kindness and support. Together we maintain the temple so that others can also encounter the Buddha. Here we find grounded stability to help ourselves and to extend it to others.

The **HOONKO Service** this year will be held **November 20, at 10:00 AM in Alameda** and 2:00 PM at Enmanji. 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.

November

6	10:00	Shotsuki Hoyo Service
13	9:30	Dharma School
	10:00	Family Service
20	10:00	Hoonko Service
27	9:30	Dharma School
	10:00	Family Service
		Ask Rev. Dennis

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

**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.**

BCA Art Exhibit 2022

To visit the BCA Art Exhibit, please go to <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org> the Art Exhibit is listed under **NEWS & MEDIA**.

This year the following with a connection to BTOA are participating: **Joan Di Stefano, Kayoko Fujimoto, Jill Mizono, Jane Naito, Roger Oda, Rev. Eiyu Terao, Susumu Tomine, and Yumi Yasuda**. There are so many amazing submissions from all over of BCA. After you enjoy the exhibit, we hope you will share the link with your friends and family members.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the coming years. Our very own, Rev. Dennis is the chairperson for this event, if you're interested in joining the show next year, please contact him for more information.



Sumi-e by the late Rev. Eiyu Terao, who was our minister from 1961-1979. He often gave his Daruma paintings to family, friends, and temple members.

(Submitted to BCA Art Show by his daughter, Lenni Terao-Doerr)

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 starting in **December** (not any sooner – please).

We'll be planning the sale
for the spring.

Thank you!



ABWA NEWS

ABWA Memorial Service & Luncheon: Sunday, October 9

It was wonderful to see so many of our members, toban helpers and guests at the ABWA memorial service and luncheon. A big THANK YOU! to Dorothy Okamoto and Jackie Ito-Woo for helping to coordinate the luncheon at the Dragon Rouge restaurant. Special thanks to Karen Fong for the delicious cupcakes and to Joyce Maniwa for the treat bags. It seemed that all 42 in attendance had a great time!



FBWA Virtual Conference & Representatives' Meeting: Fri.-Sun. – Oct. 14-16

The virtual conference entitled, “Winds of Change” was held via Zoom and hosted by the Northern California District. It was very well organized and inspirational. Following the theme of “change” there were several presentations focusing on the future of the BWA and our temples. From the panel discussions of young female BCA ministers and ministers assistants to interviews with college-age temple members, it was very insightful and gave many of us hope for the future. There was a variety of workshops including one on card-making as well as a Japanese cooking demonstration, and a talk on Global Citizenship Education “Compassion in Action” in making our Shin teachings relevant to our youth.

Dr. Paula Arai, the newly hired IBS Eshinni Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies, in her public lecture, gave some interesting perspectives on Eshinni and Kakushinni. There were responses by three other female Buddhist scholars. To hear about the early Jodo Shinshu women “pioneers,” their strength and resilience, was very thought-provoking. And, to hear about them from the voices of these women today was very impactful!

There was also the presentation of the new gatha, “With Gassho from the Heart” that was composed by Donna Sasaki and the BCA Music Committee. It was sponsored by the BCA FBWA for the 2023 World Buddhist Women’s Convention in Kyoto. It will include a video presentation. As requested, we have submitted photos from our Alameda BWA to be included in the video, so hopefully, we will see at least one of them in the final video! It’s a beautiful gatha, but it will take some practice to become familiar with it!

Reminders:

Dana Food Drive: Now until Nov. 30

Thank you to all of you who have already made monetary donations and food contributions. Look for crates (not barrels) at the temple with the last date to drop off on Sunday, November 27.

2023 Bay District WBWC Japan Trip Tour: May 6-19, 2023

There is still time to register for the Bay District Japan tour! The link to register is: <https://cvent.me/e2r17w>

Next Meeting:

Our November ABWA meeting will be on a different day and time via Zoom – **SATURDAY, NOV. 5 at 10AM**. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed close to the meeting date.

Gassho, Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

Buddhist Temple of Alameda
Alameda BWA
FALL OHIGAN DANA
September 15, 2022 to November 30, 2022

The Alameda Buddhist Women's Association is sponsoring our annual Fall Ohigan Dana (Giving) for the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) and the Alameda Food Bank from September 15 to November 30, 2022.

Since our Temple is starting to have in-house services, we will have crates (instead of a food barrel) available for donations of non-perishable foods in non-glass containers which include grains, canned meats or fish, canned vegetables or fruits, beans and peanut butter.

Of course, monetary donations by check or virtually are accepted.

If you want to split your dana between the Alameda Food Bank and the Alameda County Community Food Bank, please send a check payable to the "Alameda Buddhist Women's Association" or "Alameda BWA" and write "food banks" on the memo section of your check. Send your contribution to the Alameda BWA at the temple address.

Virtual online contributions to the Alameda County Community Food Bank are made directly on the AACFB website under the title "BTOA Autumn Food Dana" If you wish to make donation online:

1. Go to <https://www.ACCFB.org>.
2. Under "Give" tab chose "Virtual Food Drive"
3. Under "Find a Drive". scroll or search for "BTOA Autumn Food Dana" and select. Or under "Start Shopping", under "Find A Page" search for "BTOA Autumn Food Dana"

Thank you in advance for your support.

With palms together in gratitude
Alameda Buddhist Women's Association



BTOA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
All Members Welcome – In Person Only

Location: BTOA
Date: Sunday, December 11, 2022
Time: Immediately following
Bodhi Day Service

Condolences

Eddie Matsuoka died peacefully at home on September 28, 2022 after a 20 month bout with cancer. In recent years, Eddie could be found at our services, temple events, and driving/running errands of some of our older sangha members. Always willing to help others. Eddie was able to express his gratitude to his friends and family by speaking at one of our services, just weeks before his passing. A memorial service was held on October 29, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at our temple.

Cards can be sent to his wife,
Dianne Matsuoka, 1728 Broadway, Alameda, CA 94501.

Rev. Hiroshi Jokai Abiko, BCA Minister Emeritus, passed away on October 6, 2022. Hiroshi was the son of Rev. Giko Abiko who was our minister from 1954 –1960. Hiroshi lived on our temple grounds and grew up with many of our current members. Throughout his ministry in the BCA, Hiroshi served at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, Buddhist Church of San Francisco, and the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. A funeral service for Rev. Abiko was held at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco on October 27, 2022

Cards can be sent to his wife,
Misaye Abiko , 81 Marview Way, San Francisco, CA, 94131

BCA's Social Welfare Committee Annual Donation Request

Dear BCA Members and Friends:

Our BCA Social Welfare Committee has been able to support a vast array of crucial humanitarian organizations from November 2021 to the present:

*Alameda Community Food Bank
American Red Cross
Building Futures
Doctors Without Borders
Dorothy's Place
Gary Sinese Foundation
Global Giving – Ukraine
Northside Housing
Open Heart Kitchen*

*Sarah's Circle
Stockton Children's Home
Stockton Shelter for Homeless
Watsonville BT (Salvation Army)
World Central Kitchen
Trevor Foundation
UNICEF – Tonga Earthquake
UNICEF – Ukraine*

We are besieged seemingly every day with reports of the challenges faced by millions around the globe, yet we often feel helpless and overwhelmed as individuals to truly make a difference. When we come together as one united Sangha, our compassion and Dana can make an immense difference in our world. Compassion should not end at our doorstep but spread to all corners of our society. Because you, your unlimited generosity and boundless compassion, we are able to accomplish beyond our BCA borders. There is still much more to accomplish and in order to continue with these agencies, we humbly ask for your donation to our Social Welfare Committee.

Donations can be made online at buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/giving – social welfare fund or by mailing a check to: BCA Endowment Foundation, 2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley, CA. 94704.

Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop, BCA
Terri Omori, BCA President
Celeste Sterrett, Social Welfare Committee Chair

SHOTSUKI – HOYO /MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, December 4, 2022
In Person & Living Streaming on YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the December 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
1 year	2021	17 year	2006
3 year	2020	25 year	1998
7 year	2016	33 year	1990
13 year	2010	50 year	1973

Ago, Infant Aiko 1922
 Akashi, Infant Tetsu 1934
 Asada, Mr. Masae 1919
 Cohen, Mrs. Florence R. 2011
 DiStefano, Carl 2018
 DiStefano, Ciro 1994
 Enomoto, Mr. Kyuzo 1947
 Fujishima, Mr. Soichi 2008
 Fujiwara, Infant Jiro 1923
 Fujiwara, Infant Yoshinari 1920
 Goto, Mr. Rokuzo 1951
 Hamasaki, Mr. Seiichiro 1951
 Haraguchi, Mr. Ikuhei 1958
 Haramaki, Mrs. Mite 1987
 Hasegawa, Mr. Kikumatsu 1954
 Hashimoto, Mr. George 2001
 Imazumi, Mr. Shozo 1924
 Imose, Mrs. Tome 1925
 Isoda, Mr. Kohei 1936
 Iwahashi, Mr. James 2008
 Iwataki, Mr. Joe 1988
 Iwataki, Mr. Gosaku 1935
 Kataoka, Masajiro 1938
 Kato, Infant Masaru 1923
 Kihara, Infant Fuyoka 1921
 Kobu, Infant Senichi 1919
 Kuge, Mrs. Aiko 1997
 Maruyama, Mrs. Fujiko 1958
 Marubayashi, Mr. Bunju 1989
 Matsumoto, Mrs. Fusa 1948
 Matsuoka, Mr. Bunji 1925
 Matsuura, Mr. George 1977
 Miyamori, Mrs. Fujiko 1997
 Morino, Mr. George 2003
 Moriya, Mr. Heihachiro 1935
 Muramoto, Mr. Roy 2011
 Nakagawa, Mr. Tetsuya 1929
 Nakagawara, Mr. Katsuzo 1922
 Nakamura, Mr. Matsushiro 1930
 Nakano, Mrs. Hiroko 1994
 Nakano, Mrs. Yukuse 1992

Nakao, Mr. Chuichi 1997
 Nakao, Mrs. Mikino 1968
 Nakashima, Mrs. Sahi 1938
 Nakaso, Mr. William Saburo 2004
 Nakayama, Mrs. Yoneko 2015
 Negi, Mr. Jotaro 1923
 Nishi, Mrs. Momoyo 1953
 Nomura, Mrs. Haruka 2004
 Ogata, Mrs. Sute 1949
 Ohye, Mrs. Tayo 1977
 Ota, Mr. Gary Hiromichi 2005
 Rorabaugh, Mrs. Umeko 1982
 Sakai, Mrs. Toki 1974
 Sakamoto, Jerry 2019
 Shimizu, Mr. Tajiro 1921
 Shimono, Grace 2019
 Shiota, Mr. Keiji 1972
 Shiraishi, Mrs. Misao - 1999
 Shiroishi, Infant Mitsuyo 1923
 Sueyasu, Mr. Jutaro 1935
 Sugihara, Infant Junko 1927
 Sugiyama, Mr. Yoshiteru 2007
 Suyeyasu, Ms. Naomi 1974
 Suyeyasu, Mrs. Rose 2001
 Takada, Mrs. Koume 1937
 Takayama, Mr. Ryukichi 1956
 Takayanagi, Infant Hideo 1957
 Tashima, Infant Hidehiko 1926
 Tashima, Mr. Ryukichi 1956
 Tashiro, Mrs. Saga 1952
Tashiro, Mr. Yoneo 1990
 Terao, Mrs. Mary 1991
Terao, Rev. Shigeo 1990
 Tsuchiya, Arleen Honda 2007
Tsujimoto, Mrs. Masami 2016
 Umene, Mr. Komei 2000
 Ushijima, Mr. Kunitaro 1923
 Ushijima, Mr. Seisuke 1937
 Ushijima, Mrs. Sugino 1980
 Ushijima, Mr. Yasuki 1921
 Yamagami, Mrs. Eunice 2009

Yamagishi, Mr. Makoto 2005
 Yamamichi, Mr. Isamu 1996
 Yamasaki, Ms. Takeyo 1997
 Yamashita, Mr. Jeffrey 1975
 Yamashita, Mrs. Yoshino 1983
 Yatabe, Mrs. Mitsue 2001
 Yonekura, Mr. Kyuzo 1927
 Yoshimura, Mr. Minokichi 1936
 Yoshiwara, Mr. Eiichi 1979

**Food Offering at
 Shotsuki Hoyo
 Services**

Starting November, 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.

IMOP MINISTERS VISIT OUR TEMPLE!!!

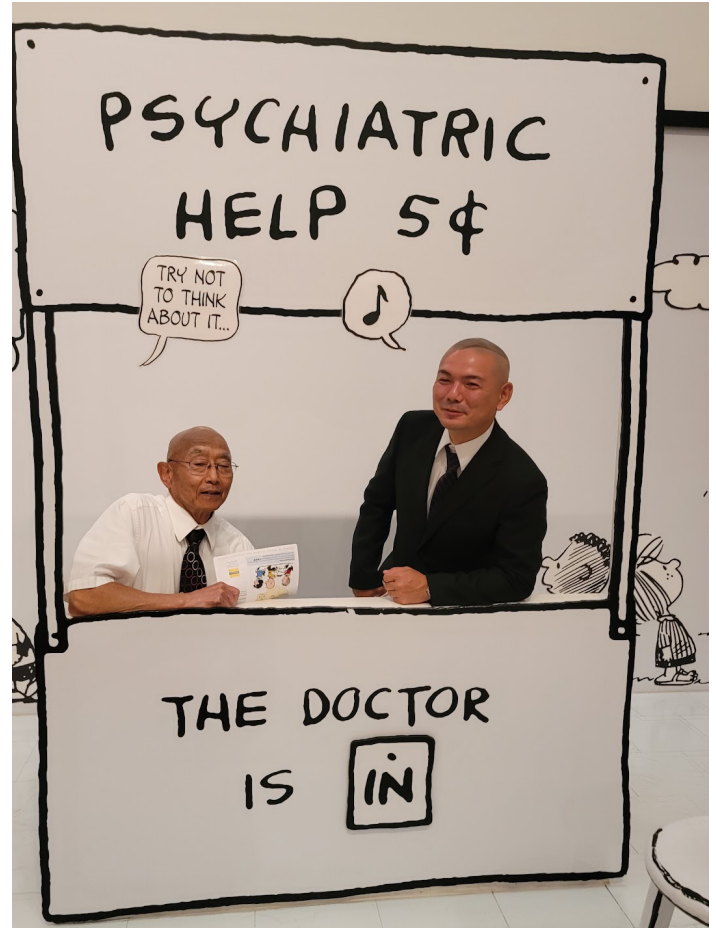
On October 2, we had the pleasure of hosting 2 young ministers at our monthly Shotsuki Service. **Rev. Yukari Torii** and **Rev. Hiroya Sato** were in America as part of the IMOP (International Ministers Orientation Program) program headed by Rev. Kuwahara of the JSIO (Jodo Shinshu International Office) in Berkeley. The program allows these young ministers to visit a number of our BCA temples and events. They are able to participate in services at our temples and to provide Dharma Talks to our BCA Sangha members. Through this experience, they are able to see firsthand how the temples in America function. They have the opportunity to visit with our members and to enjoy after service snacks together.

On this day, we had Rev. Sato speak at the Shotsuki Service in Alameda, and then Rev. Torii spoke at the Enmanji Shotsuki Service. Sharmon was able to join me and our two guests. Combining two temple visits in one day, we had additional time to visit and enjoy their company as we drove.

After our official duties were completed, we stopped at the Charles Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa. We had photo opportunities with Charlie Brown, Lucy, Snoopy, and all their friends. Snoopy and the gang are known world-wide, so we all enjoyed the stories, pictures, and history of their legacy.

We thank the JSIO and the IMOP ministers for including our temples as part of their American experience. We wish them the best as they proceed in their ministerial training.

Rev. Dennis Fujimoto



ASK REV. DENNIS - November 27th

"Ask Rev. Dennis" sessions are part of the in-person service on the 4th Sunday of the month. We welcome questions to be sent to Rev. Dennis in advance of that service.

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