



U P A Y A

Newsletter of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda

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Message from Rev. D.

Nirvana Day & Eitaikyo

We welcome February and look for signs of the end of the winter season. Signs of the seasons also allow us to recognize the cycles of nature and life rather than the here to there, beginning to end perspective that we often fall into. The cycles of the seasons are more than moving from football to basketball to baseball. We can be reminded of our parents and grandparents who may have worked the land as farmers, gardeners, and nurserymen. Touching the earth and working the soil, they needed to be in harmony with nature much more than we need to at the computer stations of today.

The grounding nature of the Nembutsu path is as valuable as ever as we find our way through cyber isolation, covid restrictions, and the separation from the family base of days past. We seek connection. We seek to identify the self with the greater whole. The Nembutsu provides this connection and identification as we link ourselves to the infinite. It is an awakening to recognize ourselves as a part of the whole and the infinite that we call Amida.

Here at the temple we nurture our spiritual growth as individuals, as families, and as community. We do this by providing our services, our activities, and our events. We encourage participation and membership because we don't connect while standing in isolation. We welcome everyone, both old timers and newbies, to come to our temple and our services. We emphasize our major services as they provide the best way to come to know the traditions of Shin Buddhism and the Nembutsu path.

Nirvana Day is the day the historical Buddha Siddhartha Gautama passed away. Each year we observe his birthday, Hanamatsuri, the day he became enlightened, Bodhi Day, and the day of his death, Nirvana Day. Although he had become enlightened earlier in his life, the Buddha was still attached to this world through the needs and limitations of the human form. At death he was free of the final ties to this world of attachment. He was able to move from the world of attachment to the world of enlightenment ... from Samsara to Nirvana.

This year Nirvana Day will be observed February 12, 10:00 AM. This day will also be our Eitaikyo Service. Eitaikyo is often translated, Perpetual Sutra Memorial Service. The Jodo Shinshu temples and members conduct the Eitaikyo Service for the Dharma to be transmitted from generation to generation. Donations to an Eitaikyo Fund are kept to assure that the temple can continue and provide the Dharma to



Cont. Message from Rev. D.

future generations. There is also a special Eitaikyo Registry. This is a calendar-type book listing the deceased family members on the day of death. Each day, the morning service is dedicated to the names that appear on the page for that particular day. Thus, by donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, a sutra will be chanted in memory of your loved one in perpetuity. It is with the intent to nurture this vision and wish within each of our members that we hold the Eitaikyo Service each year. Please come to our Nirvana Day/Eitaikyo Service.

Gassho,
Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto
revdjoshin@gmail.com
(916) 416-0919

Everyone is Welcome to Attend Services “In Person”

We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.

February

- 5** 10:00 Shotsuki Service
12 9:30 Dharma School
10:00 Eitaikyo/Nirvana Day Service
19 10:00 Family Service
26 NO TEMPLE SERVICE
*All encouraged to join the
10:00 BCA National Council Eitaikyo
Virtual Service*

March

- 5** 10:00 Shotsuki Service
12 NO TEMPLE SERVICE
*All encouraged to attend live or virtual
10:00 Special Bay District 800/850 Family
Service (@ Palo Alto)*
19 10:00 Ohigan Service
26 9:30 Dharma School
10:00 Family Service w/Ask Rev. D

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

**Masks and social
distancing is required.
Temperatures
will be checked upon
entering our hondo.**

**Thank you
for your understanding.**

COFFEE HOUR February 26th @ 11:00 AM

*If you are interested in joining some of our sangha members for a social hour on Zoom,
please email Wayne Nakano for the Zoom Link.*

Note: Coffee drinking is not required. :-)

Wayne Nakano
wnakano@ix.netcom.com

New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, as Nembutsu followers who have deeply inscribed in our hearts and minds Shinran Shonin's message of "May there be peace in the world," we firmly stand against the military infringement of the other nation's sovereignty, and also aspire for immediate return of peace in Ukraine.

Over the last year, COVID-19 continues to be a global pandemic. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and other frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

The pandemic has forced us to learn firsthand that we will continue to be confronted by unexpected situations even in modern times despite technologies both in science and medical fields being highly developed. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear that there is no life nor entity in this world that lasts forever. This truth, the principle of impermanence, has never changed even in this time and age approximately 2500 years since his time. Another fact that does not change is our inability to accept this truth as it is, and because of this, we continue struggling.

This is the very reason why, regardless of the pandemic, we can rely on the Jodo Shinshu teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, which guides us as a spiritual foundation that enables us to move forward even when being overwhelmed with difficulties. A gathering at

the temple with Amida Buddha as its center provides a great opportunity to receive the Dharma as well as an occasion in which people can support and reassure one another as fellow practitioners who follow the same teaching.

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather and find comfort in its activities. I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023
OHTANI Kojun Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

まず、2022年2月に始まったロシア連邦のウクライナ侵攻に対して、私たち念仏者は親鸞聖人がお示しくくださった「世のなか安穏なれ」のお言葉を改めて深く心に刻み、武力による他国の主権の侵害を強く非難するとともに、一刻も早くウクライナに平和が訪れることを願ってやみません。

さて、昨年も、世界では新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行が続きました。新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられたすべての方々に、謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆様、後遺症を患われている皆様に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、医師や看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行は、科学技術が発達し、医療も進歩した世の中にあっても、私たちの予想できない事柄が現実起こるということを知りました。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、この世を諸行無常であると示されました。約2500年たってもそのことに変わりはありません。そして、この真理をそのままに受け入れることができず、悩み苦しむ私たちの姿も変わることはありません。

それ故にこそ、新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行以前も以後も変わることなく、親鸞聖人が説かれた浄土真宗のみ教えが、日々悩み苦しむ私たちの生きる支えとなります。阿彌陀如来を中心とするお寺の集まりは、み教えを聞く場であると同時に、同じみ教えを依りどころとする私たちがお互いに支え合い助け合って、安心して集うことのできる場でもあります。

皆さまには、今後も様々な工夫を凝らして、広くみ教えを伝えられることで、お寺に多くの方が集まり、その誰もが心穏やかに過ごせる場所となりますことを願っております。そして、引き続きお寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げます。年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2023年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光淳

ABWA NEWS

As February arrives, I hope you are staying healthy, warm and dry! We had quite a wet and stormy beginning of the year.

Dana Food Drive

The results are in! A total of \$3,734 was collected in checks and cash to ABWA for the food drive. Half of that (\$1867 each) would have gone to the Alameda Food Bank and the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB). We voted to increase the donation to \$2500 each. In addition, ACCFB received direct online donations of \$309.25 and 36 lbs. of non-perishable food. Thank you to all, for your generous contributions!

Clothing Drive

It's time to do some early spring cleaning and begin gathering your clothing, bedding, linens, etc., again. We will be collecting the clothing donations on **Sat., March 25, Sun., March 26, and Fri., March 31** from **11AM-4PM**. Please drop off ONLY on these dates and times. We will be delivering to the Dublin Savers on April 1. This year, we will again be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Alameda Point Collaborative, a local non-profit that provides services to the homeless. For more details, please see the flyer in this Upaya.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023 at 7PM. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed closer to the meeting date.

Gassho,
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

Dharma School News

Happy New Year to all of our members! We celebrated with our now annual soba party.



We're always looking for new students! So let us know if you have kids, grandkids, family and/or friends that may be able to join us....

yumiyasuda50@gmail.com

Go Warriors!
BTOA goes to Chase Center
Sunday, January 22nd

Congratulations!



Lindsay Emiko Poon, daughter of Parry Poon & Nancy Kawabata Poon **married** **Andrew Stefan Dupler**, son of Ron and Kathleen (Matsumoto) Dupler on September 20, 2022.



Baby Kenji Ishida born to Brian (son of Marc and Yumiko Ishida) and Candice Ishida.

September 28, 2022.

8 lbs and 10 oz.

If you have joyous news to share with the sangha, please send it to janenaito@me.com.



BTOA sangha goes to the Warriors' game.

Go Dubs!

Condolences

Rev. Ryo Imamura passed away on December 14, 2022. Rev. Imamura was our resident minister from 1977 – 1983.

Rev. Ryo came from a musical family, and he often played the guitar at our services. Prior to coming to Alameda, he lived in Hawaii and arranged for our YBA to visit various temples in Hawaii one year.

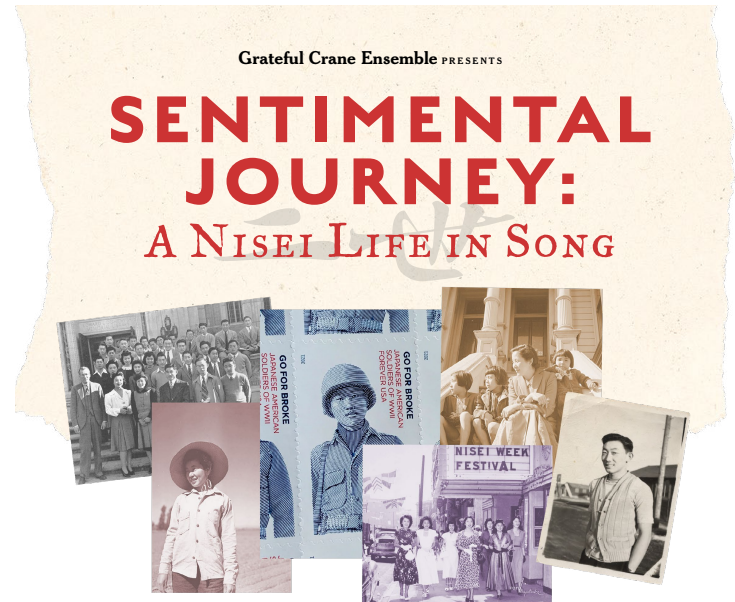
He recently attended our 100th Anniversary in 2016.

Expressions of condolence may be addressed to his wife, Mrs. Terry Imamura at 2205-1688 Bonis Avenue Scarborough, Ontario M1T3V6 Canada.

Hideo “Archie” Uchiyama passed away peacefully at home on December 17, 2022, at the age of 102. Archie grew up at our Temple and was a member for many years. Archie and partner, George Ushijima, started Growers Produce, a successful wholesale produce company in Oakland.

He is survived by his daughters, Jane Lowe, Gale Uchiyama, and Kathy Takayama and their loving families. There will be a celebration of life for his friends and family at a later date, location TBD. Cards can be sent to the family at Archie’s home address: 11233 Kerrigan Drive, Oakland, CA. 94605.

In lieu of gifts and flowers, please donate to the Buddhist Church of Alameda (2325 Pacific Ave, Alameda, CA 94501) or Topaz Museum (PO Box 241, Delta, UT 84624).



Join us for this special show in tribute to our Nisei generation as the Grateful Crane Ensemble from Los Angeles takes you on a sentimental journey through the Nisei's life in America before, during and after WWII. Featuring over 20 of the Nisei's favorite Japanese and American songs, the show promises to bring back fond memories of their lives well-lived as we say "Thank you" to them for paving the way for the younger generations to follow.

Written by Soji Kashiwagi

Featuring Jason Fong | Haruye Ioka | Keiko Kawashima | Merv Maruyama
Musicians Lisa Joe, Musical Director/Piano | Danny Yamamoto, Drums

Saturday, March 18, 2023 | 12:30 p.m.
Freight & Salvage

2020 Addison Street | Downtown Berkeley

TICKETS

General Admission: \$35.00 (plus fees) | Seniors (65+): \$30.00 (plus fees)
Groups (10 or more): \$25.00 (plus fees)

To reserve tickets online, go to this link:

<https://secure.thefreight.org/12064/grateful-crane-ensemble-performance>



J-SEI CRAB FEED

Sunday, February 26th

Special Delivery for our BTOA members.

If you live in Alameda and would like your crab feed order picked up for you, please contact Tom Hashimoto to coordinate a pick-up and delivery for you. (510) 846-7133

Note: you should send in your order directly to JSEI.

SHOTSUKI – HOYO /MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, March 5, 2023

In Person & Living Streaming on YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the March Memorial Service for those listed below. If 2023 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	2022	17 year	2007
3 year	2021	25 year	1999
7 year	2017	33 year	1991
13 year	2011	50 year	1974

Akinaga, Mr. Teruo – 2001

Arai, Infant – 1957

Baba, Mrs. Haruye – 1936

Baba, Mrs. Helen – 1988

Date, Mrs. Chiyo – 1985

Dillon, Mrs. Toshie – 1997

Doerr, Mrs. Jean – 2004

Eaves, Ms. Ruby – 1994

Fukayama, Mr. George - 2017

Fukuma, Mrs. Yone – 1928

Fujita, Mr. Gonshiro – 1935

Furuno, Mr. Shigeru – 1974

Greenwell, Linda Myer - 2018

Hashimoto, Mr. Noriaki – 2000

Higake, Mrs. Hitoko – 1975

Higashi, Mr. Otomatsu – 1932

Hirakawa, Mr. Saburo – 1963

Hirao, Mr. Shichibei – 1919

Hitomi, Mrs. Tomoe - 2005

Hiyama, Mr. Eikichi – 1942

Ishida, Mrs. Sachiko – 2010

Ishikawa, Mr. Santaro – 1961

Iwahashi, Mr. Noboru – 2008

Iwahashi, Mrs. Setsuko – 2001

Iwahashi, Mrs. Shizuko – 2014

Kaito, Mr. Seijiro – 1968

Kakimoto, Mrs. Misao – 2007

Kakimoto, Mrs. Ochiyo – 1992

Kamiji, Infant Yuzuru - 1933

Kawabata, Mrs. Setsuko – 1999

Kawabata, Mr. Toshiro - 2017

Kawakami, Mrs. Chiyono – 1974

Kitajima, Infant Ruriko - 1920

Koga, Mr. Saburo - 1928

Konishi, Mrs. Mitsue – 1992

Konishi, Mr. Toshio- 2000

Kono, Mr. Tom – 2001

Kuge, Mrs. Teru - 1986

Kusama, Mr. Asao – 1989

Kuwano, Mrs. Asono – 1985

Kuwano, Mr. Denzaburo – 1970

Kuwano, Infant Ken – 1925

Maeda, Mr. Rutaro – 2003

Masuda, Mr. Muneto – 1938

Matsui, Mr. Kojiro – 1932

Matsuo, Mr. Hisao – 1987

Matsuura, Mrs. Sachi – 1947

Mori, Takeyo - 2021

Mune, Infant Mitsue – 1922

Murakoshi, Infant Shizuo – 1941

Naito, Mrs. Teruko – 2003

Nagahisa, Mrs. Hideo – 2011

Nakagawara, Mr. Hisakazu – 1983

Nakamura, Infant Mitsuko – 1928

Nakano, Mrs. Etsuko – 1992

Nakano, Mr. Kenji – 1999

Nakano, Infant Masami – 1916

Narahara, Jean Etsuko - 2019

Niizawa, Mrs. Yoshi – 1996

Nishi, Infant Sadako - 1922

Nishi, Mr. Sadasuke – 1962

Nishiyama, Mrs. Takino – 1924

Nomura, Mr. George Masaki – 2010

Nomura, Mrs. Seki – 1979

Okamoto, Mr. Bunjiro – 1916

Okamoto, Infant Toshio – 1927

Okami, Mr. Jinzaburo – 1924

Otsu, Mrs. Yoshino – 1971

Sadamune, Mr. Kata – 1926

Sakaguchi, Mrs. Chiyoe – 1982

Shigemoto, Mrs. JoAnne – 1997

Shiota, Mr. Shuzo – 1994

Soga, Mrs. Sawa – 1935

Tabuchi, Infant Kaneko – 1925

Takagi, Mr. Kumagoro – 1936

Takayama, Mr. Hiroshi - 2014

Tajima, Mr. Hikoichi – 1983

Tateyama, Mr. Kinzo – 1970

Terao, Mr. Hisashi – 1947

Tesch, Mrs. Mathilde – 1998

Tsuboi, Infant Masaji – 1923

Tsuchiya, Mr. Tadashi – 1919

Uchiyama, Mr. Aisuke – 1956

Utsurogi, Mr. Mamoru Bob – 2002

Wada, Mr. Jun – 2007

Wada, Miss Yoshie – 2004

Yamagami, Mr. Kichiuemon – 1935

Yamashita, Mr. Matsuzo – 1970

Yamashita, Mr. Takeshi - 2013

Yamashita, Mrs. Toshiko – 2005

Yamamoto, Mrs. Hatsuno – 2001

Yamato, Mr. Tetsuo – 2000

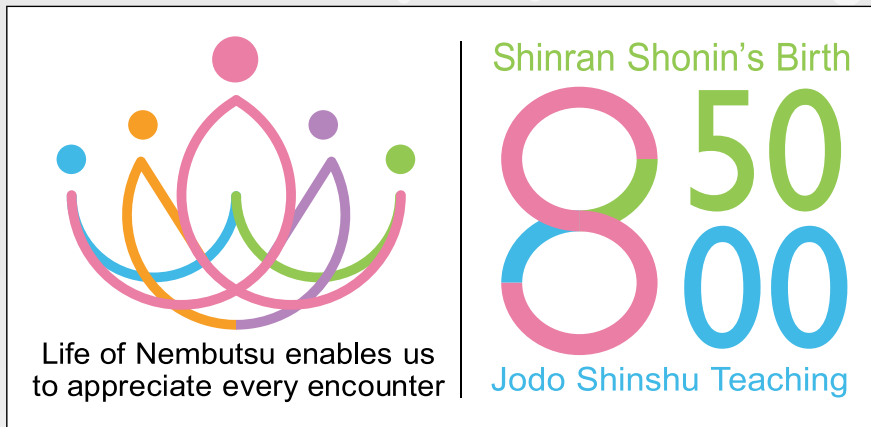
Yanagi, Mrs. Tomi – 1988

Yano, Mrs. Tokio – 1977

Food Offerings 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



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A BAY DISTRICT SERVICE RECOGNISING THE
850TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHINRAN SHONIN'S BIRTH & 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JODO SHINSHU TEACHINGS

Please join us on
March 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple

We will have English and Japanese speaking sermons
and Dharma School groups.

Participating BCA Bay District Temples:

*Buddhist Temple of Alameda, Berkeley Buddhist Temple, Enmanji Buddhist Temple
Buddhist Temple of Marin, Buddhist Church of Oakland, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple
Buddhist Church of San Francisco, San Mateo Buddhist Temple
Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church*

An obento lunch will be served immediately following the service.

Sign with Jane Naito at janenaito@me.com or 415.378.1100

Deadline: Sunday, February 26th

Donations are gratefully accepted online at bca.kindful.com or by check payable to
BCAEF (with BD 850/800 in the memo) | Palo Alto Buddhist Temple • 2751 Louis Road • Palo Alto, CA 94303

Proceeds will go to the BCA Dharma Forward campaign.



Buddhist Temple of Alameda
 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda
 Saturday, March 11, 2023
 12 noon - 3:00 pm

By Popular Demand
CHICKEN TERIYAKI is BACK

Order Your Obento Box Today!

(1/2 Teriyaki Chicken, Edamame, Takuan, Rice, and Dessert)

Pre-Order Sales Only - Take Out Only
 (Limit 300 obento orders)

You must pre-order your obento box; postmarked by Feb 25th.

Checks payable to:
 Buddhist Temple of Alameda
 Mail to: Buddhist Temple of Alameda
 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501
 Or Pay Online via PayPal: pay@btoa.org
 or Venmo: @btoalameda

Name: _____ Phone/Cell: (_____) _____

Email: _____

_____ x \$20 per Obento = _____

Donation (optional) _____

TOTAL _____

Desired Pick Up Time
 (Please indicate preference order.)

_____ 12noon - 1:00pm

_____ 1:00pm - 2:00pm

_____ 2:00pm - 3:00pm

THANK YOU - ARIGATO

JAPANESE GOODS & HIDDEN TREASURES SALE!!



Large selection of Japanese goods including tansu, screens, wood boxes, dinnerware, kimono, obi, baskets and a host of other decorative objects.

Location: Buddhist Temple of Alameda
2325 Pacific Ave. Alameda

When: **New date!**
Saturday, June 3rd, 11:00-4:00 p.m.

For more info: Yumi, yumibell@gmail.com
Check out some of our items on IG
[Japanese_goods_sale_Alameda](#)

Donations are being accepted on Sundays, whenever temple is open or can be arranged by contacting Yumi.



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