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Message from Rev. D.

HO ON KO - Darker mornings and shorter days tell us that the fall season is coming to a close. We expect to see the sun peeking out to start the day, but it's a little slower than a month ago. 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 try to work quickly to finish our chores.

November brings us the annual HOONKO Service. HOONKO is the most important service in our Jodo Shinshu tradition. We recognize the death memorial of our founder, Shinran Shonin. Here in both Alameda and Enmanji,

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, the Gomeinichi Service, is observed on the 16th of each month.

Whatever date we have come to recognize, the importance of HOONKO is for each of us to acknowledge 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. 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 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 to pay attention.

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 warmth and support. Together we maintain the temple so that others can also encounter the Buddha. Here we find grounded stability to first help ourselves and then to extend it to others.



CONT. REV. D's MESSAGE

The HOONKO Service this year will be held November 19 at 10:00 AM. As we come to our major services at the temple, we come to know the traditions of the Shin Buddhist path that have touched generations of our families. Please make effort to be a part of this connection. We'll see you at the temple. Gassho,

Rev. Dennis Fujimoto
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Everyone is Welcome to Attend Services "In Person"

Mask Optional

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

November

- 5** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo
(Montly Memorial)
- 12** 9:30 Dharma School
10:00 Family Service
- 19** **10:00 Hoonko Service**
- 26** 9:30 Dharma School
10:00 Family Service & Ask Rev. D
Birthday Sunday

December

- 3** 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo
(Montly Memorial)
- 10** 9:30 Dharma School
10:00 **Bodhi Day Service**
11:00 BTOA General Meeting
- 17** 10:00 Family Service
Birthday Sunday
- 26** No Sunday Service – Holiday
- 31** 3:00 New Years Eve Service

January

- 1** 10:00 New Year's Day Service

BTOA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, December 10th
Immediately Following
Bodhi Day Service

2024 Japanese Goods & Hidden Treasures Sale

The Temple's Japanese Goods and Hidden Treasures Sale will be held the weekend on **March 23-24, 2024.**

If you're downsizing or have **Japanese items** in search of a new home, we'll gratefully accept your donation. Items that sold well at our sale this spring include but are not limited to:

- Housewares/Dinnerware/Tea Sets
- Decorative Items (especially decorative baskets, wooden boxes)
- Clothing (kimono, yukata, haori, happi coat)
- Fabrics and Textiles
- Ikebana items/vases/kenzan (flower arranging frogs)
- Japanese-themed books on culture, art/design and cooking)
- Trinkets
- Tansu

Regretfully, we cannot accept small appliances.

Donations may be dropped off at the Temple on the following Sundays between 10:00 am-2:00 pm:

- December 3, 2023
- December 10, 2023
- January 7, 2024
- January 14, 2024
- February 4, 2024
- February 11, 2024

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SHOTSUKI HOYO
MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, November 3, 2023

In Person & Living Streaming on our YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the November 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

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, Mrs. Arleen Setsuko Honda 2007
 Tsujimoto, Mrs. Masami 2016
Uchiyama, Mr. Hideo Archie 2022
 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

Coffee Hour
 If you would like to receive
 notifications for our
 monthly Zoom Coffee
 Hours, please email Wayne
 for the link.

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ABWA NEWS

ABWA Memorial Service & Luncheon: Sunday, October 15

It was wonderful to see so many attend the ABWA memorial service and luncheon. Rev. Gerald Sakamoto, Rinban of the San Jose Betsuin, was our guest speaker and also stood in for Rev. Fujimoto who was taking every precaution to keep everyone safe from Covid exposure by keeping his distance. He still prepared for the service, set up the altar, and also managed the YouTube video from a distance. Thank you, Sensei! Maria Piper did a great job as the chairperson of the service!

For the luncheon, we ordered obento from Suruki. Thank you to Joyce for taking care of the ordering and RSVP's, Dorothy for ordering the cake, and Howard and Denny for tending the bar. Many thanks to all those who helped in setting up and cleaning up - it takes teamwork, and our members are always so good at that!

We haven't had many opportunities to take a photo together, so below are: Maria Piper, Service Chairperson; Kimberly Kato Chambliss, ABWA Recording Secretary; Joyce Maniwa, ABWA Vice President; Rev. Gerald Sakamoto, Rinban, San Jose Betsuin; Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President; Jackie Ito-Woo, ABWA Treasurer; Jane Naito, BTOA President.



Reminders:

Dana Food Drive: Now until November 30

Thank you to all of you who have already made monetary donations. There will be no food collection this year.

Next Meeting:

Our December ABWA meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7PM via Zoom. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed close to the meeting date.

Gassho,
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

BYR & Friends November 25th – 9am to 7pm @ JSC

Open to: All High School & College Age Students (and any past BYR participants)

Register at: tinyurl.com/BYRREUNION



Dharma School News

Started our fall with a fun Halloween party!
Thanks to all that helped set-up and donated goodies.



Our next class is November 12th.

Only one class in December, on the 17th. We'll have a guest speaker to our DS class, Rev. Landon Yamaoka from Palo Alto.

Hope to see you soon!

Food Drive for Hunger



ABWA Food Drive September 17, 2023 to November 30, 2023

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 17 to November 30, 2023.

This year we will NOT be collecting non-perishable foods as we have done in the past. Since each dollar donated gives more bulk purchasing power for the food banks to obtain more food, monetary donations by check or virtually are preferred.

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". search for "BTOA Autumn Food Dana" and select. Or under "Start Shopping", under "Choose Your Recipient, choose tab "Fundraiser" and search for "BTOA Autumn Food Dana"

Thank you in advance for your support. With palms together in gratitude.

Gassho,
Alameda Buddhist Women's Association

October's Obento Sale Over 400 sold!



Thank you for all the volunteers who helped at our Chicken Teriyaki Obento sale and those of you who purchased the obentos from us.

Special thanks to Howard Shintani for donating all of the Pepperidge Farm Cookies and to Larry Fujita and Carolyn Lozano from Tokyo Fish for the takuwan donation.



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BCA Virtual Art Exhibit 2023

This collection of art from Sangha members throughout the BCA (including BTOA) is a beautiful representation of everyone's talent, emotion and work.

Art is a way to convey thought, emotion and ideas without words.

Art is without definition or boundaries.

What a beautiful way for all of us to connect and share.

Please go to the webiste and enjoy.

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/bca-art-exhibit-2023>