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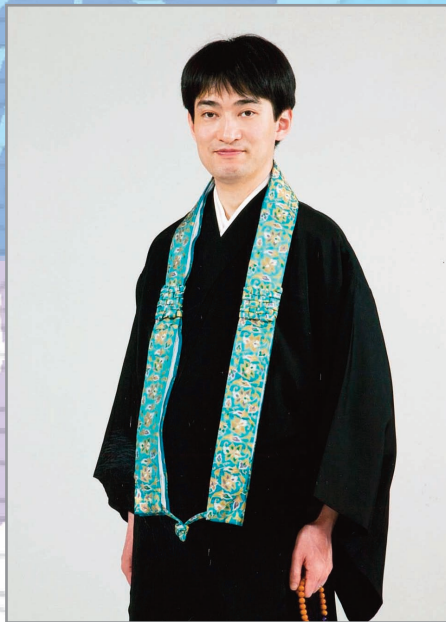
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NEW YEAR'S GREETING



KOJUN OHTANI, MONSHU

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you all.

Last year, Japan was hit by frequent natural disasters like torrential rains, typhoons, and earthquakes. Other countries including Indonesia and the US were also visited by devastating earthquakes, tsunamis, and major hurricanes. Furthermore, the California wildfires last November turned out to be the deadliest in the state's history, taking the

lives of many, while others continue to be missing, and a great deal of people were forced to evacuate their homes. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through the natural disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. We must also never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live and lives are being lost every day.

In my message entitled, A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower which I presented on October 1, 2016, the first day of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, I have stated, "by trying to live according to the Buddha Dharma, ...we can live to the best of our ability, aspiring to live up to the Buddha's Wish." In agreement with this proposal, beginning last April, our organization has launched a campaign against poverty under the slogan, "Dana for World Peace— overcoming poverty to nurture our children."

Unable to part from our self-centered mentality, we are simply foolish beings, incapable of attaining supreme enlightenment through our own strength. It is all through the salvific working of Amida Tathagata that we are enabled to realize our selfishness. Furthermore, because of this self-awareness, with the hope of responding to the Buddha's

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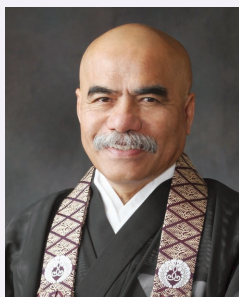
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RIMBAN'S MESSAGE

THOUGHTS AS WE BEGIN 2019



**RIMBAN
WILLIAM BRIONES**

As I sit here writing my New Year's message for 2019, I can't help but breathe a sigh a relief that I made it through yet another year. Relief and grateful that I am still in good health as are Nobuko, my daughters, grandchildren, and my mother, albeit, her recent fall (No broken bones. Thank goodness).

It's been yet another busy and hectic year, but with the continued support from temple members, friends and the community, Betsuin has been able to continue to meet the challenges of the daily operations of the temple. Most importantly, we've been able to complete much of the repairs and restorations that we set out as our goal for our 50th Anniversary Projects. With the completion of our najjin restoration and the much needed repairs and improvements to our temple grounds and building, I am confident that our temple will endure another 50-plus years.

As we continue with our building improvements, fundraisers and activities, let's not forget to keep the nembutsu teachings central at our temple, if Betsuin is to survive another 50 or 100 years. In an effort to enhance our religious program, we are continuing to offer classes through our Dharma Center, Buddhist study classes and special seminars throughout the year. I hope these classes will make for a strong foundation so that we can continue to offer classes, not only to our members but to the community as well, making Betsuin a study center in the future.

And now that 2018 is behind us, it's time to start preparing for the celebration and commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Betsuin being at the present site. Our 50th Anniversary Committees will be asking for your assistance. I hope you will be able to help in any way you can. I especially, hope you will attend the special 50th Anniversary Commemorative Banquet on Saturday, September 7 at the Quiet Cannon and Commemorative Service with chigo procession on the following day. More information will follow in the Jiho and correspondence to our members.

As the year 2018 comes to a close, Nobuko and I would like to wish you and your family a very meaningful and fulfilling 2019. I would also like to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all for your continued support and friendship. To be able to share the nembutsu with you throughout the years has been a truly wonderful experience for me.

I look forward to another challenging year and with your

help and support, I'm certain we will have another rewarding year and a successful 50th Anniversary celebration.

My heartfelt gratitude to Reverends Takata and Nakata for their hard work and dedication in sharing the nembutsu. Many thanks to our komon (temple advisors) for their guidance on temple matters. Also to the board of directors for their support and leadership roles. I would especially thank the office staff: Rie Fujie for keeping the office running efficiently and keeping me on track of my ministerial duties and Vance Ikkanda for managing the temple facilities especially utilizing our parking lots and facilities as a source of income. And to all our volunteers. Words cannot express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to our temple volunteers for their personal time they have unselfishly dedicated to Betsuin.

May gratitude and appreciation enter your life through your understanding of the nembutsu teachings. Much joy and happiness to you all in the new year.

Namo Amida Butsu



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boundless compassion even just a little, we are enabled to aspire for everyone's happiness and make a sincere effort in dealing with the many difficult problems of bitter reality in this world.

In this New Year, as we receive the Dharma and recite the Nembutsu, let us make every effort to acknowledge and cope with the reality we face.

January 1, 2019

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

NEMBUTSU ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

by Rev. Koho Takata



REV. KOHO TAKATA

Happy New Year to you all. Throughout last year, I was supported and guided by the Buddha, dharma, and sangha. I am truly grateful to all of you for your untiring efforts, energies, and devotion in listening to the Buddha-dharma and carrying out many temple activities and plans. May we also, together, continue to live with Namo Amida

Butsu as the basis of true and real life in this year 2019?

I would like to share with you one of the famous stories of Ikkyu-san, a famous Zen master, who was a good friend with Rennyo Shonin, the eighth monshu of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

On a New Year's day, it is said that Ikkyu-san, as he was affectionately known by all, strolled the streets of Kyoto carrying a human skull on the tip of a stick.

In those days in Japan, the New Year's day is the day of joyous celebration when people dress themselves in the best kimonos, housewives prepare special foods, and children help their parents decorate house entrances with special ornament called *kadomatsu*. People visit their relatives and friends, and exchange greetings over cups of sake and celebrate this special day.

On this joyous morning, Ikkyu-san appeared carrying a human skull, and in addition to this ridiculous behavior, he recited aloud a poem which he had composed. It said, "New Year's *kadomatsu* decoration is but a milestone on our road to the world of deceased. Should we celebrate it or should we not?" Needless to say, Ikkyu-san had no intention of spoiling the happy atmosphere of the day, but out of deep concern and compassion, he was trying to awaken people to the real nature of existence.

Impermanence is one of the basic principles of Buddhism. Whether it be December 31 or January 1, a day is a day, and each day brings us closer to the moment of our greatest change (death) which we must all sooner or later arrive at alone. And yet, we are not deeply aware of our inevitable big changes. We all know of it, but we do not seem to care about it and we tend to believe that it will happen first to others before it does to us. Awakening to this true awareness of life is when one realizes that he is a finite and mortal being, the very being that Amida Buddha's Primal Vow of salvation is directed at.

When I consider deeply the Vow of Amida, which arose from five kalpas of profound thought, I realize that it was entirely for the sake of myself alone! Then how I am filled with gratitude for the Primal Vow, in which Amida resolved to save me, though I am burdened with such heavy karma.

– (CWS P.679, Tannisho, Postscript)

Shinran Shonin expresses his joy of salvation and gratitude to the compassionate vow of Amida Buddha. In the timeless past, Amida Buddha, expressing his great concern for all sentient beings floundering in the life of uncertainty throughout the ten directions, established and fulfilled 48 vows to assure every living being to realize full and total enlightenment (salvation). Jodo Shinshu is founded on these vows of Amida Buddha of which the 18th vow is considered by Shinran Shonin as the most important vow, thus it is referred to as the Primal Vow (*Hongan*). This is the reason why our temple is called "Temple of Primal Vow" (*Hongan-ji*)

It is my wish that each and every person who hear the Buddha-dharma become mindful of the intentions and fulfillment of Amida Buddha's resolution, the Primal Vow and live a fulfilled life in the nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, as the basis of true and real life.

*Those who truly attain shinjin
As they say Amida's Name
Being mindful of the Buddha always,
Wish to respond to the great benevolence.*
– (CWS P.321, #1)

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WHAT IS JODO (PURE LAND)?

by Rev. Kazuaki Nakata



REV. KAZ

Our Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple is an affiliate temple of *Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha* (sect) in Kyoto Japan. Under the Jodo Shinshu (or simply, Shin-shu), there are 10 main sects (*Shinshu Ju-pa*). Jodo Shinshu literally means the true (authentic) teaching (sect) of Pure Land. Then question arises, if Jodo Shinshu means the

true teaching, is there a false teaching, or other Pure Lands? In this issue of my article, I would like to clarify the basic understanding of Jodo.

Jodo Shinshu (aka. Pure Land Buddhism) is originally established, by based on two texts. They are larger Sukhavativyuha (aka: *Muryoju Kyo*) and smaller Sukhavativyuha (aka; *Amida Kyo*). These texts are called *sutras*. They are written in Sanskrit which is an ancient Indo language. These sutras indicate that Pure Land Buddhism consists three main concepts. They are *Amitabha* (Amida Buddha), *Sukhavati* (Pure Land), and *Purva Pranidhana* (Primal Vow). These concepts have their own Indo roots. They were separately established, and when two the *Sukhavativyuha* sutras were compiled before the end of 2nd century, most likely the three concepts were integrated as one Buddhist thought. Later, the *Amitayurdhyana* Sutra in Chinese (aka: *Kan Muryoju Kyo*) was published in 6th century.

When you enter into the hondo of our temple, you will see the altar and a big shrine in the altar. In the shrine, the standing statue of *Amitabha* (Amida) jgis stored. Amitabha is the central object of reverence in Jodo Shinshu. According to the larger Sukhavativyuha, Amitabha (original name: *Dharmakara*) was the source of creating Sukhavati and establishing Purva Pranidhana. It means Indo Pure Land Buddhism did not start without Amitabha. Buddhist scholars still cannot determine where the concept of Amitabha came from.

Generally, the translation of Sukhavati is known as Pure Land in English and Jodo in Japanese. The description of Sukhavati is in the smaller Sukhavativyuha Sutra. According to the smaller sutra, Sukhavati is known as a land in the western region and everything is made by gold, such as a golden palace, golden trees, and golden ponds on the land. By reading the description, you may think that Pure Land is like a golden paradise, however, it is incorrect understanding. There is a term, Buddhaksetra in Sanskrit. It is often translated as Buddha's field or region. It originally means the area where Buddha can afford to share

his dharma. The term, Pure Land or Jodo often appears in Chinese sutra translations, but we cannot find it in original Sanskrit sutras. Why not? When the Sanskrit texts were translated into Chinese, certain terms were added, modified or omitted by Chinese translators. For instance, we can trace a huge impact of the Daoist concept in our Jodo Shinshu sutras. It means the Daoist concept was added to make these sutras understandable to Chinese people at the time of translation. The term, Pure Land or Jodo is an important keyword, but the original term is not found in Sanskrit. We can only assume its origination.

In the Vimarakirti-nirdesa sutra, there is an explanation of Buddhaksetra. It states that "because his [Shakyamuni's] heart and mind is pure and sincere, that is to say, Buddhaksetra is pure." It simply tells that "Buddha's field is pure (where he shared his universal truth of dharma, will be purified)." When Shakyamuni was alive about 2500 years ago, it was known that he often gave his dharma talk at the Vulture Peak in northern India. The stories of both the Sukhavativyuha sutra and Saddharma Pundarika (Lotus) sutra were delivered at the peak. In the Lotus sutra, the Vulture Peak is recognized as the Holy Mountain Pure Land (Ryozen Jodo), because it was the place where Buddha shared his dharma talk and thus it was purified. That explanation indicates that any Buddhist sect may have the Jodo concept.

Around the Little Tokyo area here in Los Angeles, there are several Buddhist temples. There is Shingon-Koyasan, Higashi Honganji, Jodo Shu, Zenshu-ji, and Nichiren. The central reverence of Koyasan is Mahavairocana (aka. Dainichi Nyorai) and their texts explain that Mahavairocana has Pure Land or purified Buddhaksetra. Higashi Honganji (same as Nishi) has Amitabha as a central reverence, and Zenshu-ji sets Shakyamuni as the central reverence. Shakyamuni has his own Pure Land as explained. Nichiren uses the Lotus Sutra as a main text, so that they are also Pure Land Buddhism. There now be some confusion. Not to worry. It is understandable because many are similarly perplexed. The term, Pure Land or Jodo is not a proper noun. It is a common noun. Most Mahayana Buddhist teachings or sects have a Pure Land view.

One may then wonder that why we call ourselves, Jodo Shinshu or Pure Land Buddhists. Shinran Shonin used the term in two ways. One is *Jodo Shinshu*, and the other is *Jodo-no Shinshu*. Shinran Shonin mentioned "Jodo-no Shinshu" in his book, *Passages on the Pure Land Way* (aka: *Jodo Monrui Jusho*). Jodo-no Shinshu means that

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BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shinnen akemashite omedeto gozai!
¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Happy New Year!

2019 is here, our 50th anniversary is just around the corner! We had a busy and active 2018 with the Surf & Turf and the hot Obon! Thank you all for working around the reconstruction and putting up with the confusion, dust and switching rooms.



BESSIE TANAKA

Much thanks to our ministerial staff led by **Rimban William Briones** with **Reverends Koho Takata** and **Kazuaki Nakata** for dedicating countless hours to the numerous funerals, *hojis*, special services, events, advising our affiliated organizations as well as being the liaison with the other temples, and attending community meetings.

How does our temple run without **Rie Fujie**? She heads the office so efficiently. Also to **Vance Ikkanda** who handles all the scheduling of special events, kaikan usage, parking rentals as well as oversee repairs and renovations. The added income has helped the temple tremendously. We also give thanks to the many volunteers in the office – **Amy Miyakawa** with membership, **Reiko Ikkanda**, Betsuin treasurer, who also runs off letters and notices that are sent out, **Harumi Hatakeyama** and her committee who sends out the Jiho and all the temple mailings, **Seibi Okita**, who picks up our seniors on Sundays and also works and maintains our gardens and to all members who come in to help whenever they can.

Thanks also to our branch temples, Hollywood and Sun Valley, maintenance committee, Kohaku Utagassen committee and the Affiliated organizations for their constant support and help with all temple activities. The success of the temple's activities is because of you.

We have now completed the fourth of our five-year 50th Anniversary Celebration. I am asking for your continued support in the months ahead to make our September celebration an unforgettable event.

Thank you all – *domo arigato, muchisimas gracias!*

In Gassho,

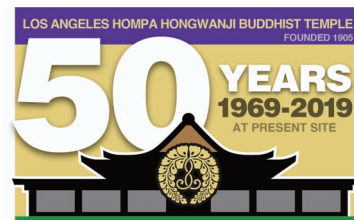
Bessie T. Tanaka, Board President



50TH YEAR UPDATE REPORT

by Ernest Hida

As we begin the New Year of 2019, I wish you all a very Happy New Year. We express our sincere thank you and gratitude for your past support and we ask for your continued support again in 2019.



We have finally arrived in the 50th year of your temple at its current location. The 50th Anniversary Committee was formed five years ago and, together with the ministers, it has been actively planning the 50th Anniversary programs, projects, fundraising, public relations and the preparation of the celebration weekend, September 6-8, which is in eight months. Fifty years can have a deteriorating effect on any building and the temple structure is no exception. The LA Betsuin has been a very active temple with many services, activities and events, which is great, but adds to the wear and tear of the building. The 50th Anniversary projects included the renovation and repairs of the temple to preserve it for our future generation of members. Our Issei pioneers and the succeeding Nisei generation worked hard to build and preserve the temple for our current generation of members. Now it is this generation's responsibility to preserve and maintain the temple for the future generation of members.

The anniversary projects included the renovation of the beautiful onajin, which is the most important part of a temple. The renovation of the kaikan involved an upgrade of the air conditioning system and repairing of the roof. The installation of the improved railing of the hondo balcony were for safety reasons. Also there was the installation of the silver window film on the west and east side of the temple building, the completion of the installation of the sprinkler heads, and the ongoing renovation/installation of the air conditioning system in main and lower floors of the temple building. Due to the age of the temple building, many other smaller repairs and renovations were also made.

The fundraising goal is \$2.5 million and we currently raised \$1.5 million. So the fundraising efforts are ongoing as we try to reach our goal with your help. Affiliated organizations, branch temples, dharma school students, and all of you have made great efforts to raise funds for this anniversary and we sincerely appreciated your efforts and generosity.

The following is a summary of the commemoration weekend:

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LOS ANGELES BETSUIN BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL 1918 - 2018



LA Betsuin BWA Centennial Commemoration October 20-21, 2018

Row 1: Rev Inouye, Rev Abiko, Rev Matsubayashi, Rev Fukuma, Bishop Umezu, Rimban Briones, Rev Takata, Rev Nobuko Miyoshi, Rev Yoshiko Miyaji, Rev Nobuo Miyaji Row 2: Pam Tabata, Mrs. Kay Matsubayashi, Misao Okino, Moruko Okita, Sally Yoshikawa, Mrs. Fukuma, Mrs. Umezu (partial), Jean Kondo June Kunimoto, Marilyn Okano, Hisako Mori Row 3: Mitsuyo Tanaka, Yoshie Ishigame (partial), Lucy Matsuura, Reiko Hamai, Mrs. Takata, Mrs. Inouye, Kayo Uno, Mitsi Komatsu, Gail Matsuura, Amy Miyakawa (partial), Hisako Mori (end) Row 4: Mrs. Nakata with Akika, Michi Matsunami, Linda Itagaki, Julie Miyata, Iris Gee, Imogene Imada, Toshiko Sugiyama, Nobuko Sayano, Miyoko Yonemitsu, Cynthia Kondo (behind), Connie Yahata, Teresa Hirahara, Fumiko Jinkawa, Beverly Yahata, Tsuruko Iwohara, Suzette Kawaguchi (behind), Aki Nishimura (behind), Alice Matoba, Joyce Hori Row 5: Carol Hida, Mrs. Abiko, Joy Tomita, Helen Takata, Mrs. Oda, June Kageyama, Janet Teramura (?), Kazuko Doizaki, Flora Teramura, Sandy Saeki, Dona Mitoma, Chieko Yamamoto, Judy Ida, Yuri Yamasaki (below) Row 6: Sumi Takeuchi, Lynne Ozawa, Annette Kakita, Susan Tanaka, Kuni Odama, Eiko Masuyama, Howard Takata, Emiko Ichikawa, Hiroko Mayeda, Mrs. Gibbs (partial), Joy Longworth (behind), Eiko Ishibashi, Kathy Ikari, Jean Kawakami, Rev Nakata, Ikuko Shimizu

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LOS ANGELES BETSUIN BWA CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

by Pam Tabata

100 years is a very long time and as we worked on this occasion, many people from the past were on my mind. Just as Rev. Yoshiko Miyaji named some of them during her sermon, it is important that we honor them and the many other women that worked so hard for this organization to support the temple. With all the electronic devices we have to make our lives easier, I couldn't help but think about how these past BWA members even made rice, for the temple, 100 years ago, along with raising their families and other tasks that, we think, make us so busy. I am so grateful for what they did to set the examples for us to attempt to follow.



Pam Tabata

Along with the commemoration weekend, we made donations to the IBS Eshinni/Kakushinni Endowed Chair, a donation to toward the publication of essays by Lady Takeko Kujo. We commemorate these women annually because of their strength and foresight to create Hongwanji-ha and BWA. We also made a donation to purchase a table for the Najjin, resize and clean the scroll of Prince Shotoku when the Najjin was being refurbished.

As part of the events to commemorate the Centennial, we took a trip to Jodo Shinshu Center, San Francisco Buddhist Church and BCA Headquarters because there wouldn't be timeto do this when we attend the World Conference in 2019, being held in San Francisco. Rimban set up the tour and it was a great trip and we had a wonderful time, as well, as learned a lot.

As for Rimban, I would like to publicly thank him for all his support and guidance on our journey to this Centennial Commemoration. It was truly meant for him to be our advisor, to make sure that we did it correctly. I know it was difficult for him to have to deal with me, but I am so grateful for his leadership.

Having grown up in this temple, I know that my relationship with the ministers is very special and I am so very thankful. The past ministerial advisors, Rev. Abiko, Rev. Matsubayashi, Rev. Fukuma, Rev. Miyaji, Bishop Umezu and Rev. Inouye attended, with their spouses and as far as I'm concerned, they were the most important guests in attendance. Through all of their guidance, this organization could not have continued to be as strong as it has, with currently, its 90 members.

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DID YOU KNOW? ...BWA CENTENNIAL

by Eiko Masuyama

Los Angeles Betsuin BWA (1918 – 2018) Celebrates Centennial 2018

The Nishi Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) held a Memorial/Centennial Commemorative Service. Invited as guests were former ministers who had served as BWA advisors. In attendance were: **Bishop Kodo Umezu** (1985-1987) with wife, Janet, **Rev Hiroshi Abiko** (2009 -2013) with wife Misaye, **Rev George Matsubayashi** (1999 – 2009) with wife Kay, **Rev Seikan Fukuma** (1998 – 1999) with wife Noriko, **Rev Nobuo Miyaji** (1987 – 1996) with wife Yoshiko, and **Rev Sensho Inouye** (1968-1971, 1975 – 1985) with wife Fumie.



Eiko Masuyama

In the "Golden Anniversary, Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association, 1918-1971," the page titled, "Watashitachi no sensei kata (わたしたちの先生方), pictured Rev Chuho Matsubayashi (with very black hair and sideburns), Rev Seitetsu Fujiwara, Rev Keizo Norimoto (now residing in the Bay area), Rev Shoko Masunaga, Rev Sensho Inouye (residing in Fowler), and Rev Taitsu Imai (Toyama, Japan). The bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America was Rev Kenryu Tsuji, Rimban at the Los Angeles Betsuin was Rev. Ryuei Masuoka, and president of the Betsuin board was Masashi Kawaguchi.

The Nishi Jr. Matrons pictured in the Golden Anniversary book, are Alice Matoba, Amy Miyakawa, Aki Nishimura, and Shiz Shibata. The Hollywood Matrons included Chieko Hamada, Lily Inatomi, Mary Kunihiro, and Kay Hirahara. The Sun Valley BWA included Fusa Wadamoto and Jitsuko Tozaki. Minnie Iseda was listed pictured in the Venice Hongwanji Bukkyo Fujinkai.

Also pictured in the 1971 book amongst the individual photos were noted past LA Betsuin BWA members: Miyo Sayano, Mie Hida, Setsuko Iwata, Asae Kow, Fusako Murakami, Mickey Nagamoto, Suzuko Nakamura, Lily Nakamura, Ruriko Otani, Emiko Sasaki, Takako Shinohara, Toshi Shishino, Fumie Takemura, Masako Tanaka, and Shizue Yamada. From Hollywood Jr Matrons are Satoko Kubota, Yoshiko Kimura, Lucy Yoshino, Yoshi Honda, Kay Tani, Aiko Masamiya, and Rose Shimazu. From the Sun Valley BWA are Mildred Takemoto, Shizuko Baba, Mineko Kono, Imako Yamamoto, and Kimiko Inouye. Sadly, these

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KISARAGIKI & MEMBERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

by Rev. Koho Takata

The members of LA Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple BWA and their families and friends are invited to attend the annual Kisaragiki Dharma Service, which is the observance of Lady Takeko Kujo's Memorial Service to be held on **Sunday, February 3, 2019**. The guest speaker for the service will be **Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara** of the Hongwanji Office.



Lady Takeko Kujo

Lady Takeko Kujo, was founder of the Buddhist Women's Association, who promoted women's status and redefined women's role at temple. Lady Kujo was born as the second daughter of the 21st Monshu of Hongwanji, Myonyo Shonin. She was a devout nembutsu follower who not only was an avid listener of the dharma but also took an active part in community service. Lady Kujo was instrumental in the construction of the Asoka Hospital, one of Japan's first modern medical centers, after the Great Tokyo Earthquake in 1923. She was also founder of the Kyoto Joshi Gakuen (Kyoto Women's Schools) and known for her poetry expressing her deep appreciation of the nembutsu teaching. Lady Kujo passed away in 1928 at the age of 42.

To honor her great contributions to the Hongwanji and also community, we hold Kisaragiki Memorial Service in February each year.

The World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwan-ji-ha BWA respectfully carried over the dana (selfless giving) spirit of Lady Takeko Kujo and established the annual Dana Day in 1965 to be observed in February every year and practicing Dana by benefitting offertory collections to charitable and social welfare agencies. Our temple BWA members are currently joining in visitation to nursing and care home residents to practice dana. Let us practice to put into action the caring mind and the compassion Lady Kujo has shown us to follow.

We are also observing BWA Late Members' Memorial Service in conjunction with Lady Kujo's Memorial. It is a time to remember and honor all those who have passed away before us and to recognize the continuation of the influence of their deeds upon our lives. Let us gather at temple the opportunity given by Lady Takeko Kujo and passed members of BWA for listening to their Dharma messages delivered by ministers.

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are gone, but their invisible footprints can still be seen, and their silent voices can still be heard, as they return again and again to join us in celebrating the 75th, the 90th, and, this year, the 100th.

During the Memorial/Commemorative Service, Sally Yoshikawa burned incense, representing the Los Angeles BWA 80+ year old. President Pam Tabata, then named members who were 80+ years old. Those who were present stood to be recognized. These names were: Sakaye Aratani, Katsuko Doizaki, Mabel Furuto, Yuriko Honda, Emiko Ichikawa, Sawae Iwamoto, Tsuruko Iwohara, Fumiko Jinkawa, Masako Kaneko, June Kunitomo, Ikuko Kawamoto, Mitsue Kodama, Chieko Kondo, Jane Makinodan, Alice Matoba, Michiko Matsunami, Amy Miyakawa, Hisako Mori, Yooko Munekata, Akiko Nishimura, Misao Okino, Asaco Sasajima, Sunaye Sakamoto, Nobuko Sayano, Shizuko Shibata, Masaye Shigemura, Helen Takata, Sumie Takeuchi, Kikuye Watanabe, Katsuko T. Yamada, Masako Yamamoto, Yuri Yamasaki, Takako Teruya, Marian Yoshida, and Sally Yoshikawa.

The Appreciation Luncheon in held in the kaikan provided entertainment. The Fujima Kansuma Kai dancers performed the Japanese classical dance, "Takasago." The Shin³ performing trio presented the *Shishimai* with Audrey Nakasone as the *shishi*, accompanied by comical characters, Elaine Fukumoto as the *Hyottoko* and Joyce Layne as the *Okame*. The LA BWA members did *Kicchin Ondo*. *Kicchin Ondo* (a different version) was previously performed at the BWA 50th Anniversary dinner in 1971 by the BWA. A photo shows the ladies wearing aprons, head coverings, and handling pots/pans with utensils. No one remembered the 1971 music or the dance. As such, an updated version of *Kicchin Ondo* was created to the tune and modified choreography of Joban Tanko Bushi. Adding to the performance was *kakegoe* of laughter, *ha hi hu he ho*. Audience participation was encouraged by joining in the *kakegoe*, along with taiko and bells to keep the beat.

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HO-ONKO, SHINRAN SHONIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

by Rev. Koho Takata



SHINRAN SHONIN

The members of the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and their families are invited to attend the Hoonko, the Memorial Service for Shinran Shonin which is the most important tradition in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to be held on **Sunday, January 13, 2019**. The guest speaker for the service will be **Reverend Kenneth Fujimoto** of BCA Ministers Emeritus for English Service and **Rev. Nobuo Haneda** of Maeda

Center for Japanese Service.

Hoonko is a time to express our gratitude to Shinran Shonin, the founder, on the day of his death, January 16, 1262. Literally, the Japanese characters "Ho-On" means "return of gratitude" and "Ko" means "to clarify the meaning of."

Hoonko is the most important for the Jodo Shinshu Buddhists because it is a day to pay our respects to the founder of the sect, Shinran Shonin. We commemorate the anniversary of his death. On this occasion, we assemble together to pay our homage to his memory and to Amida Buddha for having awakened us to the existence of life's supreme debt of gratitude.

Shinran Shonin lived in the Kamakura Era, Japan. In a time of disunity and violence, Shinran Shonin sought a way for all beings to attain perfect peace equally. Shinran Shonin interpreted Buddhism on the level of common people. During the period in Japan, to become a Buddhist meant having to leave one's home and family to enter a life of strict practices and intellectual study of Buddhism. Shinran Shonin, however, lived the life of an ordinary person – the same as that of the farmers and fishermen. Shinran Shonin had a wife and children. He ate meat and fish. Shinran Shonin lived a Nembutsu life with his family and opened up the path to Buddhism to the common people. If Shinran Shonin had not clarified the teachings of the Primal Vow, our temple and Sangha would not be in existence today. For this, we praise the virtues of our founder Shinran Shonin, express our sincere appreciation for having encountered his teachings, and reconfirm our true entrusting mind to listen and live his teachings each day.

In conjunction with Hoonko Service, we are fortunate to have a **Hoonko Seminar** entitled "*Life of Awakening: Shinjin and Nembutsu*" on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

The seminar will begin at 9:00am and end at 3:00pm. The guest speaker will be Reverend Kenneth Fujimoto and Reverend Nobuo Haneda. They will focus on the essential teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism which was clarified by Shinran Shonin. The registration fee is \$15.00 and the deadline will be on January 5, 2019. We encourage all of you to hear the Buddha-Dharma on the Memorial of Shinran Shonin.

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this is a true and authentic Jodo teaching amongst the various Jodo teachings. While he was in his monastery in Mt. Hiei, he might have read and studied various Buddhist sutras which contained Pure Land concepts. I am sure he got a sense that there are many Pure Land teachings in Buddhism. Later in life he mentioned that only Sukhavati Sutras provide true understanding of Purified Buddhaksetra among the various Pure Land Buddhist teachings. As a result, our name of sect is set as Jodo Shinshu. Amitabha's Pure Land was named "*Gokuraku*." It will be explained in the next issue. *Gassho*

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September 7, Saturday

- Opening Ceremony of the temple's Dharma Center with a special guest speaker.
- Commemoration Banquet at Quiet Cannon Restaurant.

September 8, Sunday

- Group Photo
- Chigo Parade
- Commemoration Service
- Affirmation Ceremony

Please mark your calendars for these dates and we look forward to your participation.

We thank everyone for their support and generous donations to the 50th Anniversary and we look forward to your continued financial support and participation in the 50th Anniversary

Gassho,

Ernest Hida, 50th Anniversary Committee Chairman

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NISHI ABA DINNER AND BINGO NIGHT

by Joanne Nakamura

Nishi ABA would like to convey a warm and heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who supported ABA's successful fundraiser for our temple.

The dinner menu consisted of teriyaki chicken, macaroni and green salad, chow mein and, rice topped off with an almond cookie. Guests purchased drinks and desserts provided by Nishi Jr. YBA members.

Musical entertainment was harmonized by the songs and rhythms of Eric Quon, Denise Otani and Thomas Mochizuki.

Lonny Quon and Cindy Nakamura orchestrated the 50/50 raffle and BINGO, which highlighted the evening festivities.

All proceeds from this event goes towards the temple's 50th anniversary fund.

If you're wondering how you can support and help your temple, the answer is simple— come join ABA!

ABA blends temple support with music and fun! New members of all ages are always welcomed.



ABA ladies prepare food for the fundraiser Dinner and BINGO Night. L-R: Joanne Nakamura, Jean Kawakami, Harumi Hatakeyama, Nancy Nakashioya, Ethel Toguchi, and Suzy Saita.

Betsuin Jiho

Editor-in-Chief: Rimban William Briones
 English Editor: Elaine Fukumoto
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SPECIAL SEMINAR



LIFE OF AWAKENING: SHINJIN & NEMBUTSU

Saturday, February 2nd
Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

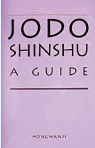
Guest Speaker:
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara


Jpn: 8:30 - 11:45 am Eng: 12:30 - 3:45 pm


Registration Fee: \$10

Tel: 213-680-9130

L.A. BETSUIN BOOK CENTER







SUNDAY: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
WEEKDAYS - BETSUIN OFFICE PERSONNEL WILL ASSIST WITH PURCHASES

Email: nishibookcenter@sbcglobal.net

AS I AM

I am so happy about being as I am
 that I naturally bow my head.
 Being good or bad, I am what I am.
 Being false or true, I am what I am.
 Having or not having, I am what I am.
 Rain or shine, I am what I am.
 Crying or laughing, I am what I am.

— Chiyono Sasaki b. 1897 Ka'u Hawaii
 Kona, HI

SURF AND TURF DINNER

11th ANNUAL



MARCH 2, 2019

\$25.00 per plate

Dinner 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Bingo 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

PRESALE ONLY

MENU: TERIYAKI STEAK and SALMON • GREEN SALAD • GREEN BEANS • RICE

Meals will be packed as "TAKE OUT"
DINE IN and enjoy your meals with family and friends along with a game of BINGO, raffle, and silent auction.

The number of meals to be sold will be limited.
Unclaimed dinners will be donated after 7:00 pm

NO MEALS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

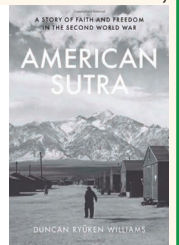
All proceeds will go to the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.

AMERICAN SUTRA NEW BOOK

by Duncan Ryuken Williams



Buddhism Behind Barbed Wire – The untold story of Japanese American Buddhists during WWII will arrive in the public eye on February 19, 2019. Written in plain English with a storytelling approach, the book American Sutra looks at Buddhists in the camps, under martial law in Hawaii, and in the U.S. military. The book is based on over 120 interviews with mostly BCA families, translated diaries of Issei ministers and others, and countless hours combing the BCA archives. It's our very own history, the story of our Issei and Nisei forefathers who refused to renounce their religion in the face of intense pressure and persecution. How did the Dharma guide them under these difficult conditions, and how did they practice their faith?



BOOK TALK

by Duncan Ryuken Williams
Japanese American National Museum
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 @ 2 PM
RSVP @ <http://www.janm.org/events/2019/02/>

BOOK LAUNCH

February 19-26
by Harvard University Press Book
<http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674986534>



48TH ANNUAL KOHAKU UTAGASSEN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019
@ 1:00 PM

NISHI HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

TICKETS: \$20

BWA Centennial - continued from page 7)

I received a lot of compliments, but I can't take credit because I didn't do anything and none of this could have happened without the current BWA Komon and the leadership and guidance of the current membership. Like I have been saying, I was the person that got to sit center stage and watch it all unfold. I was the #1 fan to support all the ideas that made this commemoration possible.

And last but not least, I would like to thank everyone for your support and continued support of BWA, as we support the temple.

With deepest gratitude,

Namo Amida Butsu, Pam Tabata, BWA President

NISHI DHARMA CENTER WINTER 2018 (JANUARY - MARCH) COURSES

The Dharma Center of the Los Angeles Hampa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will be offering the following classes in General Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The classes will be introductory for those who are new to the Buddhist concepts and continuing education for those already learning the Truth of the Dharma to live each moment in the Teachings. Let us all enrich our lives by listening to the Teachings.

Reason to Live the Shin Buddhist Way

Monday, 6:30-8:00 PM

Rev. Koho Takata

February 11, 18, 25, March 11, 18 (5 week class: \$50)

There are many religions and Buddhist Schools in this world. What is a reason to live the Shin Buddhist way? This class will focus on how Shin Buddhist Teaching applies to our daily lives and how the teaching changes and enriches our lives by reading the words of Rennyo Shonin, the 8th Monshu, who teaches us how to live a life of Shinjin.

The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu

Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 PM

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

January 22, 29, February 5, 19, 26 (5 week class: \$50)

This class offers an opportunity for those who want to learn the basic teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The presentation will include important terms such as *shinjin*, *tariki* (Other Power), *oho* (Birth in the Pure Land), etc. The class will also cover the life of Shinran Shonin, the history of Jodo Shinshu, and the introduction to the teaching of the Seven Pure Land Masters.

Contemporary Issues and Jodo Shinshu Perspective (Discussion)

Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 PM

Rimban William Briones

January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6 (5 week class: \$50)

Issues like same sex marriage, immigration, global warming were not an issue during Shinran's life, on the other hand there was war, sexism, and poverty during his time. What is our understanding of these contemporary issues living a life of Nembutsu? These five lectures will discuss current events and issues that effect our way of life and how Jodo Shinshu Buddhism influences our view point.

Buddhist History to Kamakura Period

Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM

Rev. Masao Kodani

January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 21 (5 week class: \$50)

法座 『終活』 (Class taught in Japanese)

Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM

Rev. Nobuo Miyaji

『迷えるものは道を問わない』 January 26, 『親鸞の言う浄土とは』 February 23, 『いつ死んでも大丈夫! いつまで生きていても大丈夫!』 March 30 (3 week class: \$30)

What We Shin Buddhists might learn from Other Traditions: Zen, Psychology, Literature etc.

Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM

Rev. Tetsuo Unno

January 19, 26, February 23, March 9, 23 (5 week class: \$50)

This lecture focuses on the great insights of Zen masters (Sawaki, Kodo etc.), psychologists (Freud etc.), philosophers (Kierkegaard etc.) and writers (Dostoevsky etc.) that might serve as an aid in that attempt to fully understand and experience what, for example, is known as "*shinjin*" or in translation "entrusting" or "faith." Ample time will be set aside for questions and any ensuing discussions.

The course tuition is collected and no refund on missed classes. Please mail completed registration form with a check for the total payment (payable to: LAHHBT) or bring it to temple.

For more information: Phone: (213) 680-9130

Email: nishidharmacenter@gmail.com





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BETSUIN PHOTOS



Long-time BWA member, Amy Miyakawa, raises her glass to toast the BWA 100 years with a kanpai.



BWA ladies got together to have their photo taken with the expertly carved Jack-O-Lanterns



Current and past ministers who took part in the LA Betsuin BWA Centennial Commemoration Service. Front l-r: Rev Nobuko Miyoshi (guest speaker), Bishop Kodo Umezu, Rimban William Briones, Rev. Yoshiko Miyaji ((guest speaker). Back: Rev. Koho Takata, Rev. George Matsubayashi, Rev. Seikan Fukuma, Rev. Sensho Inouye, Rev. Hiroshi Abiko, & Rev. Nobuo Miyaji



Elaine Fukumoto (left) recognized for 25 years as a dharma school teacher. Presentation made by Rimban Briones and BWA president, Pam Tabata (in her Halloween costume).



Pet Memorial Service Members brought photos and ashes of their beloved pets



Kihomi Sasaki recognized as a new dharma school teacher seen here with Rimban Briones.

BETSUIN DHARMA SCHOOL PHOTOS



Dharma school students in their Halloween costumes.



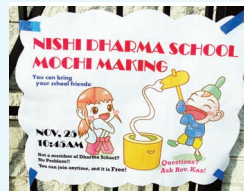
The Shimizu family were dressed in costumes for the Halloween festivities.



Dharma School Parents fundraise with a Kalua Pork Plate Lunch.



Dharma school students take part in the Bowl-a-Palooza in Little Tokyo



...working together to "moosh" the mochi before pounding.



Yumi Yoshida (left) and Rev. Nakata shaping mochi. Rev Nakata spear-headed the dharma school mochi-tsuki three years ago.



All ages taking part in the mochitsuki experience.



...even the little ones...



IN MEMORIAM

The *Nishi Betsuin* extends its deepest condolences to the families of the following members who have recently passed away. May the family members find solace and comfort in the *Nembutsu*.

--*Namo Amida Butsu*

September 2018

19 Masao Yamashiro
21 Mieko Nakata

Omoto
22 Mitsuko Matsuo
25 Yoshinobu Ono
26 Abraham Yoshio
Fukui

October 2018

6 Tomiko Alyse Yakura
12 Scott Kenji Yoshizumi
14 Betty Toshiye
Nakawatase
19 Herbert Masaki

28 Sachiko Ishiwa

November 2018

2 Yoshiko Kusumoto
11 Cherry Yoshiko Kato

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR 2019

The following years are the dates of special services for the deceased. The temple will send out notices to the next of kin. In the event that a notice is not sent, please notify the *Betsuin* office for an appointment at 213-680-9130 during the business hours of 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Memorial Observance	Year of Death
1st memorial	2018
3rd memorial	2017
7th memorial	2013
13th memorial	2007
17th memorial	2003
23rd memorial	1997
25th memorial	1995
33rd memorial	1987
50th memorial	1970

“WHITE ASHES”

HAKKOTSU NO GOBUNSHO

This letter by Rennyō Shōnin is usually read by the minister at Jōdo Shinshū funeral services.

In silently contemplating the transient nature of human existence, nothing is more fragile and fleeting in this world than the like of man. Thus, we have not heard of human life lasting for ten thousand years. Life swiftly passes, and who among men can maintain his form for even a hundred years? Whether I go before others, or others go before me; whether it be today, or whether it be tomorrow; who is to know? Those who leave before us are as countless and as fragile as the drops of dew. Though in the morning, we may have radiant health, in the evening we may be white ashes.

When the winds of impermanence blow, our eyes are closed forever; and when the last breath leaves us, our face loses its color. Though loved ones gather and lament, everything is of no avail. The body is then sent into an open field and vanishes from this world with the smoke of cremation, leaving only the white ashes. There is nothing more real than this truth of life.

The fragile nature of human existence underlies both the young and the old, and therefore, we must – one and all – turn to the Teaching of the Buddha and awaken to the ultimate source of life. By so understanding the meaning of death, we shall come to fully appreciate the meaning of this life which is unrepeatable and thus to be treasured above all else. By virtue of True Compassion, let us realize the unexcelled value of our human existence; and let us live with the Nembutsu, Namu Amida Butsu, in our hearts.

— translated by Taitetsu Unno

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BON ODORI EXERCISE CLASS

BETSUIN LOTUS ROOM

1st & 3rd Sundays 8:30 am
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30 pm

BETSUIN 2019 CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Service
- 2 Betsuin Closed
- 6 48th Annual Kohaku Utagassen
Dharma School First Service
- 12 Hoonko Seminar
(Rev. Nobuo Haneda/Rev. Kenneth Fujimoto)
- 13 Hoonko Service
(Rev. Nobuo Haneda/Rev. Kenneth Fujimoto)
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 20 Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 27 Installation, New Member Welcoming, & New Year's Party

FEBRUARY

- 2 Special Seminar for 50 Years at Present Betsuin Site
(Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara)
- 3 BWA Kisaragi-ki, Lady Kujo's, &
Late Members' Memorial Service (Rev. Nobuo Miyaji)
- 9 Winter Pacific Seminar
- 10 Nirvana Day
Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 17 Scout Sunday

MARCH

- 2 Surf & Turf Fundraiser
- 6-7 BCA Minister's Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)
- 8-10 BCA National Council Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)
- 10 Girl Scout Sunday
Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 16 Spring Higan Seminar
(Rev. Kory Quon/Rev Ryuta Furumoto)
- 17 Spring Higan & Rimban-ki Memorial Service
(Rev. Kory Quon/Rev Ryuta Furumoto)

APRIL

- 7 Betsuin Hanamatsuri
Butsuren Hanamatsuri @ Betsuin
- 14 Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 26-28 FDSTL Conference (San Jose)

MAY

- 12 Mother's Day Service
Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 19 Gotan-e & Infant Presentation (Hatsumairi)
(Rev. Henry Adams)
- 26 Memorial Day Service
- 27 Memorial Day Hakamairi Service

JUNE

- 3-4 SD Ministers Summer Fuken (Dana Point)

- 8 So. District Buddhist Conference (Senshin)
- 9 Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 16 Father's Day Service
Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 30 DS Graduation & Attendance Award Service

JULY

- 4 Independence Day Betsuin Closed
- 6 Hatsubon Service
- 7 Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 13-14 Obon Carnival & Odori
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 21 Hakamairi & Obon Service
(Rev. George Matsubayashi)

AUGUST

- 4 Atomic Bomb Memorial Service
- 11 Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 24-25 So. Dist. Jr YBA Conference
- 30-1 World BWA Convention (San Francisco)
BCA Summer Fuken (San Francisco)

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day Betsuin Closed
- 7-8 50th Anniversary Current Temple Site
- 14 Autumn Higan Seminar
(Rev. Harry Bridge/Rev. Mutsumi Wondra)
- 15 Autumn Higan Service
(Rev. Harry Bridge/Rev. Mutsumi Wondra)
Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 22 Dharma School Registration

OCTOBER

- 6 Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service
(Rev. Yugo Fujita)
- 13 Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service

NOVEMBER

- 10 General Sokai Meeting
Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 16-17 Eitaikyo Service (17th - Re. Nobuo Miyaji)
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Day — Betsuin Closed

DECEMBER

- 1 General Temple Cleanup
- 8 Bodhi Day Service
Eitaikyo Monthly Memorial Service
- 15 Oseibo Taikai Appreciation Service
- 16 Gomeinichi-ko Service
- 24-25 Holiday Betsuin Closed
- 31 Year End Service



WINTER PACIFIC SEMINAR - 21ST CENTURY



"Softened Words of Praise"

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT

SHINRAN SHONIN'S WASAN



Keynote Speaker (English)
Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto
President
Institute of Buddhist Studies



Keynote Speaker (Japanese)
Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Fujiwara Wondra
Resident Minister
Orange County Buddhist Church



Chanting Workshop Leader
Rev. Sala Sekiya
Resident Minister
Gardena Buddhist Church

What do Shinran's poems offer to our understanding of Jodo Shinshu? Why have they been so important to Shin Buddhists? How are they chanted in Shin Buddhist services?

**Saturday,
February 9, 2019
9:30am - 3:30 pm**
Doors open at 9 am

REGISTRATION: \$40 (*Includes lunch*)

DEADLINE: 1/31/19

Southern District members: Please register thru your local temple.

Contact: Rev. Koho Takata at
NishiDharmaCenter@gmail.com or call (213) 680-9130

Download registration forms and schedule at
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JANUARY 2019

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		1 New Year's Day Service Shusho-e 10:00 am	2 Temple Closed	3	4	5
6 Dharma School First Service 10:00 am 48th Annual Kouhaku Utagassen 1:00 pm	7	8	9 <u>Contemporary Issues & Jodo Shinshu Perspective Discussion</u> Rimban William Briones 7:00-8:30 pm	10 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	11	12 Ho-onko Seminar
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FEBRUARY 2019

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3 BWA Kisaragi-ki, Lady Kujo & Late Members' Memorial Service 10:00 am & New Year Luncheon	4	5 <u>The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu</u> Rev. Ryuta Furumoto 7:00-8:30 pm	6 <u>Contemporary Issues & Jodo Shinshu Perspective Discussion</u> Rimban William Briones 7:00-8:30 pm	7 <u>Buddhist History to Kamakura Period</u> Rev. Masao Kodani 7:00-8:30 pm	8	9 BCA Winter Pacific Seminar
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