



## DECEMBER 2022

*I am a link in the Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in the Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.*

### Bodhi Day

December is the month of Bodhi Day, which we observe on December 8<sup>th</sup> every year. This is the time when Śākyamuni Buddha is said to have reached true awakening. After being banished by the group of mendicant monks, then going to bathe in the river and receiving a bowl of porridge milk, he sets out to sit under a Bodhi tree and meditate until he thoroughly understood the true cause of human suffering. On the dawn of one morning day, he attains awakening. Thus the path to enlightenment is discovered, Siddhartha now becomes a Buddha, the sage of the Śākya clan, and Buddhism as we know it is established in this world.



In commemoration of this auspicious occasion many Buddhist schools have different customs. Here in America, we have a special service in dedication to this. However, there is one thing I would like to encourage to the readers. There is no denying that in this country Christmas is a much more widely observed holiday. Many Buddhists will participate in these festivities, of course, without the religious part.

In preparation for this event, let's try to remember the things that we have, show our appreciation for them, assess what we have, and then give some of our possessions to charity. These can be clothes that we might be willing to give up for others to use, toys that perhaps another child might be able to enjoy, or giving time to help a local charity. Pragmatically, this will free up space in our homes for new incoming gifts that we are probably going to be receiving in the coming weeks! But from a spiritual standpoint, learning to let go of things such as material possessions teach us:

1. to cherish the things that we have while we have them,
2. not to take advantage of others (by understanding that resources are limited so we must share with others),
3. that owning and controlling things is an illusion, and
4. that letting go is part of the process to true happiness.

This is not in regards just to material things, but in many other aspects of our lives as well.

As we close another year, let us recall that our time together is sacred, this life is sacred, and we are embraced in the Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion. Gassho.

## 「成道会（じょうどうえ）」に思う

12月8日は成道会となります。この日、釈尊がお悟りを開かれた日です。一緒に修行をしていた五人の仲間と道を分かち、尼連禪河で身体を清め、その村の娘スジャーターさんから乳粥をいただき身を回復させたお釈迦様は、菩提樹の下で瞑想に入り、覚りを開くまでその場から動かれなかったのです。その後、夜明けを迎えて明けの明星が出た時、悟りを開いたと言われていました。仏教の諸宗派は色々な形で「成道会」を迎えます。私たち浄土真宗も同じく特別なお勤めを厳修します。皆さんも是非このお勤めに参加していただきたいと思います。

さて、ここで筆者は皆さんにぜひおすすめしたいことがあります。アメリカに住んでいる私たちは、成道会よりもやはりクリスマスのほうがよく知られているかと思います。宗教感情を別として、私たちも仏教徒でありながらクリスマスの行事に楽しく参加しています。そしていろいろなギフトを交換します。この年末のイベントに向けて、我々は自分にいただいたものに対してありがたく思い、様々な物があって私たちの生活ができているということに感謝することが大事ではないかと思います。その物に対するありがたさを思う中、仏教徒としてさらにそれをいつか手離していくということが大事なことであり、それは我々仏教徒の価値観と一致する行動ではないかと思います。今まで自分の生活を助けてくれた服や家具、食器または子供が使っていたおもちゃなどを他の人がそれらを使って同じように生活ができるように願ってそのものを手離して、寄付していくことを勧めたいのです。これは具体的に家のスペースが開くというのがありますが、宗教的な面からみたら次のようなことが心に残ることとなるのです。

1. 物の大切さを思うこと。
2. 他人を自分勝手に利用しないこと。
3. 物をいつまでも所有することができると思うことがそもそも錯覚であること。
4. 手離すことができる生活が、実は本当の慶びの手段になること。

これらのことは自分の物に関するだけでなく、私たちの生活面での色々なことに関して大切なことです。物をただ貯めるだけでなく、他のことに利用できるよう手離していくことの大切さを、この時期もう一度学んでみましょう。

いよいよ年末がやってきました。どうか阿弥陀様の智慧と慈悲に抱かれていることを念じて念仏生活に生かされていきましょう。合掌。

### **1. My Personal Podcast Covering Jodo Shinshu Buddhism**

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/no-doubt-a-shin-buddhist-approach/id1511351502>

### **2. Our Weekly Sunday Services Can Be Found Here:**

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/shin-buddhist-sangha-services/id1517181914>



## Services for December 2022

Alameda County is now “**Green – Low Transmission**” for COVID.  
There are no restrictions. Wearing a mask in the hondo or Sangha Hall is optional.

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### **December 4, 2022 – Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service** 10 A.M.

At this monthly memorial service, we will honor those loved ones  
who passed away in the month of December.

Bodhi Day is when we commemorate Śākyamuni Buddha's attainment of awakening.  
This day signifies the dawn of humanity's universal emancipation from suffering & unawareness.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will conduct this hybrid service.

December birthdays will be celebrated.

Dharma School will host a Mochitsuki and Otoki following service

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### **December 11, 2022 – Family Service** 10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will conduct this hybrid service.

Jr. YBA will meet after service.

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### **December 18, 2022 – Family Service** 10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will conduct this hybrid service.

Dharma School will follow service.

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### **December 25, 2022 – No Service**

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### **December 31, 2022 – New Year's Eve (Joya-e) Service** 7 P.M. (Saturday)

Joya-e service is a time to recollect the countless kindnesses & compassion received  
throughout the year & to be grateful for the many causes and conditions  
that make our lives possible.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will conduct this hybrid service.

At this service, everyone in-person will join in ringing the bell 108 times. In Buddhism, it is  
said that sentient beings have 108 different kinds of blind passions, or attachments. We  
ring the bell to reflect on the human condition and to encounter the Buddha Dharma to  
reflect on the issue of human attachments.

Rev. and Mrs. Miyaji, assisted by Keisai, will serve toshikoshi soba after service.

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### **January 1, 2023 – New Year's Day (Shusho-e) Service** 10 A.M. (Sunday)

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will conduct this hybrid service.

A new year brings a fresh start, new opportunities and challenges. Let us affirm our joy of the Buddha  
Dharma as we welcome in the New Year.

After service, we will have a toast to welcome the year 2023.

# DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

Family, relatives and friends are invited to attend the monthly memorial service for the following on  
**Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM.**

## DECEASED

1935 Jutarō Suyeyasu  
1952 Matsukichi Hamamoto  
1958 Naoko Asada  
1965 Sadaichi Kawaguchi  
1971 Taki Tsuyuki  
1974 Shuzo Wazaki  
1976 Robert Yoshio Mitsutome  
1977 Shigenobu Tamasu  
1979 Mieko Kitani  
1980 Kesao Sato  
1988 Yoko Kitagawa  
1988 Michie Suyeyasu  
1989 Ichiro Baba  
1995 Katsuya Yasuda  
1995 Asako Teshima  
2000 Jukichi Furuyama  
2003 Clifton Hoang  
2003 Aiko Hatakeda  
2003 Takefumi Mineishi  
2003 Lewis Yamamoto  
2004 Kazuho Kawaguchi  
2004 Charles Hatakeda  
2005 Tsuruo Enta  
2006 Ronald Minamide  
  
2006 George Shimamura  
2006 Bumpei Morimi  
2007 Haruye Stroy  
2008 Henry Otani  
2010 Shiro Handa  
2017 Jane Sato  
2017 Kazuo Hatsushi  
2018 Wakae Usui  
Yoshinobu Tanaka  
Tomeko Murakami  
Jennifer Hall  
Tsutomu Sakai  
Taeko Tashiro  
Kingo Kotake  
2019 Rev. Doie Fujii  
2020 Seiji Nakamoto  
Joyce Hirabayashi  
2021 Ruth Miyasato

## FAMILY

Suyeyasu Family  
Hamamoto Family  
Asada Family  
Kawaguchi Family  
Saito Family  
Hamamoto Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Yoichi Mitsutome  
Mr. & Mrs. Koji Tamasu  
Kitani Family  
Mrs. Takeko Maruyama  
Mr. Naotaka Kitagawa  
Mr. Shigenobu Suyeyasu  
Mr. & Mrs. Tsuyoshi Teshirogi  
Mrs. Miyako Yasuda  
Ms. Paige Ajimura  
Mr. Matsuo Furuyama  
Mrs. Betty Hoang  
Mr. Glenn Nitta  
Mrs. Jamie Nagata  
Yamamoto Family  
Kawaguchi Family  
Mrs. Dorothy Sato & Mr. Richard Kaku  
Enta Family  
Mrs. Nancy Minamide &  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Minamide  
Mr. Dave Shimamura  
Mrs. Fumiko Boushehri  
Ms. Mayumi Stroy  
Mr. Richard Otani  
Mrs. Lucille Misaki  
Mr. Alan Sato  
Mrs. Takiko Hatsushi & Mrs. Amy Hatsushi Hughes  
Ms. Etsuko Miyazono  
Tanaka Family  
Murakami Family  
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hall  
Mr. & Mrs. Art Sakai  
Mr. Kyle Yamasaki  
Mrs. Jean Kotake  
Mrs. Michiko Fujii  
Mrs. Emilie Nakamoto  
Ms. Joy Hirabayashi Deither  
Miyasato Family

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## **Memorial Service 2022**

Memorial year for those who passed away in:

2021 – 1st year	2010 – 13th year	1990 – 33rd year
2020 – 3rd year	2006 – 17th year	1973 – 50th year
2016 – 7th year	1998 – 25th year	1922 – 100th year

If this is a special service year for a departed relative, please contact (510) 471-2581 Or at [sacbcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sacbcoffice@gmail.com)  
to schedule a memorial service.

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness to announce that **Mr. Yoneo “Johnny” Uchida** passed away on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The funeral service will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. A ZOOM link will be sent to everyone a few days before the service so you may attend virtually.

**Louise Yasuda Ota** passed away October 26, 2022. Many may remember her when she joined SACBC in 1998. She then took on the duties as the office administrator in 2000, married Gary Ota, until she moved to Alameda in 2002. They were married here at the SACBC by Reverend Kono in 2002. Her services will be held on December 1, 2022.



**WE WANT YOU!**  
**As our next SACBC Treasurer for 2023!**

### Job Description:

- Bank deposits: organize & copy checks. (SACBC Office Manager can assist). Review deposits and total checks by type of donation:  
Membership, Memorial, Special service, etc. Input deposit information into SACBC Financial Reports.
- Payments: issue checks and make online payments. Update SACBC Financial Reports.
- Payroll: issue paychecks. Update SACBC Payroll Worksheets & SACBC Financial Reports.
- Quarterly: prepare & submit reports to EDD and IRS. Annual: send information to our Payroll Consultant to prepare W-2 and W-3.
- Property Tax: Annually file Property Tax Exemption.
- Insurance: Annual Workers Compensation Audit. Annually review coverage and consider whether limits should be increased.

### Time required:

When deposits are processed, it takes 1 – 2 hours to do the various tasks depending upon how many checks are received. If there is no deposit, it takes 30 minutes or less to do the various tasks per week. Month-end tasks (payroll & preparing the next month's financial statements) takes about 1 ½ hours. Except for the copying of checks, it can all be done at home on your computer on your own timing.

Larry Gissible has been a tremendous asset to SACBC and given back for over a decade as our treasurer and wishes to transition his duties. Larry is willing to train!

Larry, John Arai, and myself, are forever grateful for a volunteer for the 2023 church fiscal year.

Please send your interest to [SACBCOffice@gmail.com](mailto:SACBCOffice@gmail.com) or reach out to John or myself directly.

Gassho, John Arai, President & Kyle Yamasaki, Vice-President

# What's Up Dharma School?

December 2022

Halloween celebration started by dressing up for class. Then, the high school students hosted "Halloween Bingo" for the younger students. The class also had lots of fun with jiggly eyes by decorating gratitude pumpkins, but also had a moment to reflect on what they were thankful for and wrote it on their pumpkins.

We also hosted our annual Keirokai for 2022: **Journey through Shinran**. Students created an assembly line to put together the shinran centerpieces.



Thank you to those who were able to join us for this yearly event. We are grateful for allowing us to host, and it is pure joy to see our seniors smiling faces, enjoying this time with each other.

A HUGE thank you to our Dharma school families for the help before, during and after the celebration: Jang Family, Matsubayashi Family, Miyaji Family, Mori Family, Mosier (Minamoto) Family, Murai Family, Tokubo Family, Yamasaki Family, and Yeh (Fuji) Family. We appreciate all the help with set up/decorations, setting up the PA system, putting together the favors, directing traffic, photo taking, MC, serving tea/food/dessert, and cleaning up.

We also like to thank:

- Rev.Miyaji and John Arai for their participation/presentation for the 80-year-old seniors.
- Kathy Velasco for helping us on Saturday and Sunday.
- Christina Yung and Russell Yamasaki for the extra help on Sat.

And to the Dharma school students...THANK YOU for taking charge and running the Bingo game! We appreciate the families taking time out of your busy schedule to help run this event!

Remaining classes for 2022:

- Nov.20, 2022 – Dharma Class
- Dec.4, 2022 – Dharma class (Bodhi Day and Mochitsuki)/Birthday Celebration
- Dec.18, 2022 – Dharma Class

Stay safe and healthy!

In Gassho,

Betty and Cathleen

Dharma school is proud to announce that we will be hosting **Mochitsuki-Otoki** on **Dec.4, 2022** after service in the Sangha Hall. We will have light appetizers and of course fresh mochi! This is an in-person event only. No mochi will be sold. We hope you can come join us!



**A few photos from Keirokai 2022:**

Photos courtesy of our photographer, Todd Tokubo. Be on the lookout for more photos in the display case in the Sangha Hall.





## New Year Greetings in the Golden Chain

Sending your holiday messages in the Golden Chain is an easy way to reach members of Sangha and will save you from having to get cards and mail them.

**Greetings are limited to 2 lines only.** Can be in English or Japanese.  
We will provide the graphic design in color. See sample below.

### Instructions:

1. Write who the greeting is from.
  2. Email, call, or mail your order to Emily **by Monday, December 12, 2022.**
  3. Suggested donation: \$20.00 for up to two lines.
    - a. Check to SACBC
    - b. Cash
    - c. Paypal or Venmo: [sacbc.treasurer1@gmail.com](mailto:sacbc.treasurer1@gmail.com)
    - d. Donations can be made from the [sacbc.org](http://sacbc.org) website.
- Reminder: If you donate (or make payments) via PayPal, select *"friends and family"*. Selecting *"friends and family"* allows SACBC to receive 100% of the funds, otherwise a business processing fee is subtracted, and **SACBC** receives less.

### Order form:

1. Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Greeting from: (How do you want your greeting signed?)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Good Cheers and best of the new year wishes,  
The Parks

Happy New Year to all!  
Hope & Grace

*Wishing warmth and health to your family,  
From Anna and Elsa*

Peace and love from all of us,  
The Diaz Family



## Qigong Class Starts Monday, January 2, 2023

New Year's Resolution: Take care of my body with regular exercise! Class taught by Jim Patton.

The Wuji Qigong Fundamentals class is scheduled to start **Monday, January 2 at 8:30am**. It's one hour in length and will be held each Monday, except for holidays.

Class price options:

\$15 – drop-in, single class (first class on January 2, is free)

\$120 – 10-classes package

“This class focuses on the simple and easy-to-learn exercises and movement patterns of Wuji Qigong. Through these movements stress begins to melt away, your joints start to feel a bit more open, and those everyday movements start to feel less restricted leaving you feeling much better than when you arrived to class. The exercises of Wuji Qigong can be done from a standing or seated position. There are an endless number of variations so that all students will have a chance to experience the gentle power of Wuji Qigong regardless of ability. Everyone is welcome and these exercises are suitable for all abilities and all ages.”

Here's the link for the calendar where people can sign up. The **ZOOM**\* link will be provided after signing up and the first class is free.

[Real Works Movement \(studiobookingsonline.com\)](https://studiobookingsonline.com)

Jim Patton, CMT #73781, CPT, HMT, RYT® 500  
Orthopedic & Sports Massage Therapist

Dress: Comfortable clothes you can move in.

Equipment: A chair or stool to sit on. Exercises can be done sitting or standing. A chair with a back to hold on to is optional depending on your balance.

\***ZOOM** in Sangha Hall: If anyone wants to take the class at church because you do not use ZOOM or would like to do the class with others, come to Sangha Hall where you can join me in front of my computer and monitor where I'll ZOOM in.

To take the class at Sangha Hall, you will still need to sign up by clicking on the link above.

Karen Fujii

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH PRESENTS:

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## Late-life Rituals

The late life rituals and mortuary and memorial rites commonly observed by the Japanese and Japanese American Buddhist community in the Hawai'i and continental U.S. marks the progressive transformation of an individual from a physical to a spiritual being. These rituals highlight the importance of filiality and the importance of family lineage.

**Late-life celebrations.** The sixtieth, seventieth, seventy-seventh, eighty, eighty-eight, ninetieth, and ninety-ninth birthdays are especially significant milestones. The sixtieth birthday is *kanreki* (還暦), marks the completion of one life cycle according to the Chinese Zodiac, and the beginning of a new cycle. It is an occasion for celebration sponsored by his or her children and/or grandchildren. The celebrant is dressed in red, which represents birth; a newborn is referred to as *akachan* (赤ちゃん; 赤 red, *chan* is a diminutive). The seventieth year is *koki* or "rare age celebration;" it consist of two Chinese ideograms: 古 ancient and 希 rare. Tu fu, the eight century Chinese poet, wrote, "Since ancient times, the age of seventy has always been rare in human life" (Guo 1972, 199). In ancient China when life expectancy was 50 years, to live for 70 years was indeed a rare event. The Japanese, who love symbolic associations, highlight one's seventy-seven year, *kijū* 喜寿 to be indeed a joyous milestone. The character 喜, happiness, is also rendered with the non-standard character 七七, (actually it needs another 七 over the other two, but I do not have such a font on my computer) multiples of seven 七. 寿 is the ideogram for "longevity." The eightieth year, *sanjū* 傘寿 consists of two graphs: 傘 umbrella, and 寿 longevity. The cursive for 傘, is 伞 and is written with the graphs for eight 八 and ten 十 or 80. ***Beijū* (米寿) marks the eighty-eighth year. This expression is derived from the three Chinese ideograms, eight 八, ten 十 and eight 八. When these are vertically compressed, they are transformed into the character that reads "bei" 米 rice. Together with the ideogram for "jū" 寿 longevity, the compound reads "beijū."** The ninetieth year is *sōtsujū* 卒寿. The cursive or non-standard for 卒 is 卒 and is written with the character 九, nine, written over the graph 十 or ten. The ninety-ninth year is *hakujū* 白寿. *Hakujū* is a play of graphs. The graph 百 stands for 100; when the uppermost vertical "一", or "one" is excised, the graph 白 or *haku* is formed. One hundred minus "一" is 99. This graph in combination with the graph for 寿 reads *hakuju* 白寿.

**These late life celebrations give elders milestones to look forward to.** I recall my spouse's grandmother wistfully wish that she could welcome her eighty-eight year. She died at eighty-six. When we celebrated my mother-in-law's eightieth birthday, *sanjū no oyuwai*, we asked her to keep healthy so we could celebrate here eighty-eight year, *beijū*. We returned to Hawaii this past summer to this milestone. **These celebrations are public expression of filiality and to repay, albeit only partially, to parents for their sacrifices, and to honor them. These late celebrations honor the elders and remind them that they will be remembered after death.**

by Reverend Ronald Nakasone, Dharma friend Calligraphy: gift from Rev. Nakasone

### Late-life Rituals:

This information was written by Rev. Ron Nakasone for the celebration of my mother's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Unfortunately, the original document can't be found, but this scan is making it possible to share. I hope you find it informative.

Karen Fujii



## **ANNUAL BAZAAR, July 2023**

A lot of us want to look forward to the most important fundraiser that our temple has each year. We would like to start planning the **2023 Annual Bazaar** and ask the members if you are willing to help. Our success depends on our members for all the temple fundraisers.

**Please let John Arai or I know if you would like a bazaar event next year.**

1. Are you willing to help?
2. Can you be a booth chairperson?
3. Should it be a one-day or two-day event?

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## **BWA Report for December by Karen Suyama:**

Our SACBC membership is dwindling and ask if you (men/women/all) would join our SACBC BWA. This is not your mother's Fujinkai. Though we are the backbone of the temple and we help where needed, we have become more than that and we plan to have more activities for our group to get back to some sort of "normal." Our membership fee is only \$10.00 per year. Please contact me with any questions or to let me know you want to be a member.

I attended the FBWA Conference October 14–16, and the following are some points of interest.

1. **May 2023 Japan Trip** – There is still room – contact Rev. Miyaji if you want to join the tour. There will be no requirement to bring omiyage for the WBWC banquet. We have been advised that seating for the banquet will be on different size tables so you won't know now many to bring. That said, you may wish to bring some local omiyage to exchange with friends you see again, or new friends you meet. There will be exchanges so perhaps we should be prepared. They will accommodate vegetarian meals, but not vegan. Karen Akahoshi (wife of Rev. Ken Akahoshi) will represent the BCA as a panel speaker during the convention.
2. **BWA Temples Status** – FBWA has lost 18 chapters and gained three new chapter members. Membership in 2010 was over 4000, membership in 2022 is about 2300 members. Some chapters have an executive committee versus a cabinet.
3. **FBWA Secretary/General** – Janet Umezu is unable to take a second term that ends December 31, 2023 and FBWA is looking for someone to take the 4-year position. South America is unable to host the WBWC and Hawaii will do it September 11–12, 2027.
4. **BCA Music Committee** – We heard the song "Gassho From the Heart" inspired by Lady Takeko Kujo's poem. It was beautiful. A photo of our SACBC BWA is requested before Nov 15.
5. **Eshinni/Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies Fund** – Dr. Paula Arai has been hired beginning January 1, 2023. There will be a recording distributed of the 2022 Numata Lecture featuring Dr. Arai.
6. **Bay District Resolution** – The resolution to contribute \$250,000 from the WBWC overage (from 2019 convention) passed unanimously and will be given to the Dharma Forward Campaign for the Eshinni/Kakushinni Professorial Chair.
7. **Next FBWA/World Meetings** - FBWA Virtual Representatives Meeting/Coast District will be held October 21, 2023. The 47<sup>th</sup> FBWA Conference will be held in-person on October 4-6, 2024 at the Hilton Hotel in San Jose. The 2025-2026 FBWA responsibility goes to Southern District.
8. **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FBWA may be celebrated in 2024/2025** – more info to come.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone is keeping safe.

Several months ago, the Board approved an Eagle Project to install security cameras in and around the Hondo, Sangha Hall and the Ministers' residence. This project was done by Justin Aduong and was completed in September. Each building has its own hard drive and the capability to be remotely accessed. The hard drives can record two weeks of activity, so we can check the system if we have any incidents around the church. Having the new camera system also gives Rev. Miyaji and his family much peace of mind, especially when they are travelling. I would like to thank Justin and Nathan Tanabe for their tireless work on this project.

Gassho  
John Arai

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BOY SCOUTS TROOP 20

SACBC Sangha

Victoria will be placing a Scrip order on December 8<sup>th</sup> and should be available on December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place an order, please send her an email at [vsur@comcast.net](mailto:vsur@comcast.net).

Enclosed, you will find a list of the more popular Scrip cards. If you would like a more comprehensive list, you can go to the following website: <https://www.raiseright.com/brands>. Once you get to the website, you can find the store that you are looking for. Then you need to click on the "GIFT CARD" tab. This will allow you to see the different denominations that the store offers.

The way this program works is that you pay for the face value of the cards that you order. The Scouts will pay a discounted rate for the actual cards. For example, Amazon gives 2%, so for a \$100 gift card, the Scouts pays \$98. Each store has different discounted rates.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

John Arai

**SACBC TROOP 20**  
**SCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING**

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DENOMINATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER. THANK YOU!

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DSW shoes \$25 \$100	8			Burlington \$25	8		
Express \$25	10			JCPenny \$25 \$100	5		
Footlocker \$25	8			K Mart \$25 \$50	4		
Gap \$25 \$100	14			Kohl's \$25 \$100	4		
J. Crew \$25	13			Macy's \$25 \$100	10		
Nike \$25	12			Marshall's \$25 \$100	7		
Nordstrom Rack \$25 \$100	4			Neiman Marcus \$50	12		
Old Navy \$25 \$100	14			Nordstrom \$25 \$100	4		
Ross Dress for Less \$25	8			Ross \$25	8		
Under Armour \$25	11			Sak's 5th Ave \$50	12		
<b>SPECIALTY STORES</b>				Target \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250	2.5		
Bass Pro Shop \$25 \$100	10			TJ Maxx \$25 \$100	7		
Bath & Body Works \$10 \$25	12			Walmart \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500	2.5		
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25 \$100	7			<b>GROCERY STORES</b>			
Best Buy \$25 \$100 \$250	4			Food Max \$25 \$100	2		
Big 5 Sporting Goods \$25	8			Lucky's \$25 \$100	2		
CVS Pharmacy \$25 \$100	6			Raley's \$25 \$100	4		
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25 \$100	8			Safeway \$25 \$50 \$100	5		
Joann Fabric \$25	6			Save Mart \$25 \$100	2		
Michael's \$25	4			Smart & Final \$25 \$50 \$100	3		
Office Depot/Max \$25 \$100	5			Sprouts \$25 \$50 \$100	5		
PetSmart \$25	5			Whole Foods \$25 \$100 \$250	3		
REI \$25	8			<b>GAS/AUTO</b>			
Rite Aid \$25 \$100	4			76 Union \$25 \$100	1.5		
Sephora \$25	5			Arco \$50 \$100 \$250	1.5		
Shutterfly \$25	9			Autozone \$25	8		
Staples \$25 \$100	5			Chevron \$50 \$100 \$250	1		
Walgreen's \$25 \$100	5			Exxon \$50 \$250	1		
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>				Jiffy Lube \$30	8		
Boston Market \$10	12			Shell \$25 \$50 \$100	1.5		
Bubba Gumps \$25 \$100	9			<b>HOME IMPROVEMENTS</b>			
Buffalo Wild Wings \$10 \$25	8			Ace Hardware \$25 \$100	4		
Cheesecake Factory \$25	5			Container Store \$25 \$100	9		
Chili's \$25 \$50	11			Home Depot \$25 \$100 \$500 \$1000	4		
Chuck e Cheese \$10	8			Lowe's \$20 \$25 \$100 \$500 \$1000	4		
Dave & Busters \$25	16			<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>			
Denny's \$10	7			AMC Theater \$25 \$50	8		
Ihop \$25	8			Century Theater \$11 \$25	4		
Olive Garden \$25 \$100	8			Cinemark \$11 \$25	4		
Outback Steakhouse \$25 \$50	10			Disney \$25 \$100 \$1000	3		
PF Chang's \$25 \$100	8			Fandango \$25	4		
Red Lobster \$25	8			Game Stop \$25	3		
Texas Roadhouse \$25 \$100	8			Regal Theater \$10 \$25	8		
TGI Friday \$25	9			<b>OTHERS</b>			
<b>DINING ON-THE-GO</b>				1-800-Flowers \$50	12		
Arby's \$10 \$25	8			Amazon \$25 \$100	2		
Burger King \$10	4			Apple & iTunes \$15 \$25	5		
Carl's Jr \$10	5			Discover \$50 \$100 \$250	1.25		
Chipotle \$10 \$25	10			See's Candies \$25	9		
Cold Stone Creamery \$5 \$10	11			Southwest Airlines \$250	4		
Domino's \$10 \$25	8			Spa Finders \$25	15		
Dunkin \$10 \$25	3			Visa \$50 \$100 \$250	1.25		
Jack in the Box \$10	4			Check for Hotels, Cruises, etc.			
Jamba Juice \$25	6			<b>TOTAL THIS COLUMN</b>			
Krispy Kreme \$10	8			<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			
Little Caesars \$20	8			NAME: _____			
Noah's Bagel \$10	10			PHONE # _____			
Panda Express \$25	8			RECEIVED BY: _____ DATE: _____			
Panera Bread \$10 \$25 \$50	8			Please make checks payable to: SACBC Troop 20			
Starbucks \$10 \$25 \$50	4.5			rev 8.28.21			
Subway \$10 \$50	4.5						
Taco Bell \$10 \$25	5						
Wendy's \$10	6.5						
<b>TOTAL THIS COLUMN</b>							

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## **DECEMBER EVENTS**

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| <b>Dec. 4 – Sunday</b>                   | <b>Shotsuki Hoyo; Bodhi Day</b>                      |
| <b>Dec. 11 – Sunday</b>                  | <b>Family Service; JrYBA will meet after service</b> |
| <b>Dec. 18 – Sunday</b>                  | <b>Family Service; Dharma School follows</b>         |
| <b>Dec. 25 – Sunday</b>                  | <b>No Service</b>                                    |
| <b>Dec. 26 – Monday</b>                  | <b>Office Closed</b>                                 |
| <b>Dec. 31 – Saturday</b>                | <b>Joya-e Service @7pm</b>                           |
| <b>JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup> 2023 – Sunday</b> | <b>Shusho-e Service</b>                              |

**ALL SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10:00 AM IN-PERSON OR VIA ZOOM**

**Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300**  
**Passcode: 549504**