



October 2024

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.



I attended the Northwest District Conference, and my friend Rev. Blake recited Shonin ichiryu sho, "The Tradition of Shinran Shonin." This was written by Rennyō Shonin (our eighth Monshu) and the morning Shoshinge Service

was to honor his and Shonyō Shonin's (the twenty-third Monshu) memorial services. We are tested on this chant which is part of the Tokudo ordination training in Japan.

The theme of the conference was "**Connections: Building for Tomorrow,**" so I felt it fitting the gathering recognized memorials in our Jodo Shinshu tradition. "The Tradition of Shinran Shonin" or Shonin ichiryu sho, expresses Rennyō's appreciation of what Master Shinran was intending to teach, which I believe is *spiritual hope*. He discusses the aspect of abandoning other Buddhist practices and taking refuge in Amida's Vow, allowing us to be born into the Pure Land, which was created with all sentient beings in mind.

It is written; in our Jodo Shinshu understanding, by reciting the nembutsu, we are giving our thanks to Amida for creating the conditions for ALL people to attain birth, no matter what one's status or class, ability, or their educational background. I take this to heart because when I came back to our religion in adulthood, I was not doing well. I was working a job where I had to

be an example for youth who had been pulled out of juvenile hall. I was supposed to be teaching sober living. As I attended our youth recovery meetings, I realized that the lessons they were trying to impart to the youths, were things I myself needed to hear, because I discovered I was not a "good person."

The staff taught how our egos clouded our minds and judgments; how people easily rationalize poor behaviors, not taking any responsibility for their own actions. I was not leading these trainings, so I observed, having time to reflect on myself, and asked my coworkers how these ideas applied in real life.

I had been reading books on Jodo Shinshu for several years but had NOT been back to temple except for memorials, funerals, and Obon. My coworkers suggested returning to temple for spiritual guidance as I had become depressed from being inside my own head for too long. Trying to adjust to how I could live a better life with what I was learning from these recovery meetings was difficult. I WAS scared the temple would not want me back. I rationalized that in a worst-case scenario, I just wouldn't come back. But I realized doing things on my own wasn't working out because I had tricked myself into thinking I was "good person." I began to question my "pureness."

In Shonin ichiryu sho, Rennyō Shonin writes, "With awakening of a single thought of

entrusting, we join those who are in the stage of the truly settled”.

We are all here learning how to personally understand the Buddhist teachings. Perhaps not ALL of us understand WHY we need to have an awakening of a single thought of entrusting or are unsure WHO we are joining in this stage of settlement. I think this is fine. I was there once too, and MAYBE finer points of doctrine matter less than HOW we experience Amida’s Compassion.

I believe that we as humans NEED to be in a group, if we are to learn about something so radical and new. Reading books on Shin Buddhism (before I returned to temple) was interesting, but what I lacked was a supportive community to learn from and observe. Working in the rehab program started as just a paying job but became an influence for my own self-examination. Perhaps as a kid, I could have learned more from temple... However, as an adult, choosing to return to the temple, being around people who know more academically, sharing in the kindness of those influenced by the temple’s culture, getting to know people who embody the feeling of living as people in the stage of the truly settled, I feel very fortunate.

Coming to temple, I get to learn about Shin Buddhism from those who have studied it AND I get to see Amida’s Vow in action from those who may not understand it logically but who display great kindness and gratitude because Amida’s Compassion still surrounds them. Participating in a community is how we learn to appreciate the Dharma. I was lucky my temple allowed me back in, as that put me on the path to get me here today.

In Gassho,
Rev. Landon

SACBC Dharma School **Proudly Presents**

Fun in the Snow



November 3, 2023 (Sunday)
In Sangha Hall
11:30-1:30pm

**Celebrating those who are 70 years
young and older!**
**Please join us for some good
company & games!**

**RSVP TO SACBC by October 18, 2024
(Friday).**

Please RSVP to Emily
510-471-2581 or email
sacbcoffice@gmail.com

Be sure to include in the phone message or email:

- Name
- Phone number (where we can reach you)
- Email
- Number of bentos for seniors (may place one additional bento order for people accompanying them not 70 years young or older)
- Staying or pick up

NOTE: If you cannot stay but would like to pick up bento, please indicate that. Pick up will be starting at 12:00 pm. Please note this will be an in-person event only (no zoom).

OCTOBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

Family, relatives and friends are invited to attend the monthly memorial service for the following on **Sunday October 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

DECEASED

1928 Torao Hisaoka
 1934 Yukie Takayama
 1939 Kou Tanaka
 1963 Magoichi Sekigahama
 1964 Naka Yasuhiro
 1969 Yaeka Haraguchi
 1970 Mitsu Mukai
 1973 Tama Sakuda
 1976 Yoshiye Yamamoto
 1978 George Yonekura
 1984 Annabel Cavan
 1984 Bryan Randall Hall
 1989 Masutaro Kitani
 1998 Arnold Hsieh
 2004 Teruko Tamasu
 2005 Sae Hamada
 2006 Emiko Miyakawa
 2006 Glenn Rice
 2007 Marie Cuccia
 2009 Noboru Kawaguchi
 2009 Nobuko Marge Okada
 2010 Jimmy Isao Tanaka
 2017 Kazuyuki Uemura
 2019 Masakatsu Nakamura
 2022 Frances Nakamura
 2023 Karen Morliengo
 Yoshio Hisaoka

FAMILY

Hisaoka Family
 Takayama Family
 Tanaka Family
 Sekigahama Family
 Mr. Philip Yasuhiro
 Mrs. Miki Tsutsui
 Mr. Ed Mayeda
 Sakuda Family
 Ms. Nancy Teruko Dodd
 Mrs. Toyoko Yoshioka
 Mr. & Mrs. Abel Cavan
 Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hall
 Kitani Family
 Mrs. Sylvia Ma
 Mr. & Mrs. Koji Tamasu
 Hamada Family
 Mr. Yasuho Miyakawa
 Ms. Julie Thall
 Mrs. Ann Cuccia
 Mrs. Harumi Watanabe
 Mr. & Mrs. Hideo Okada
 Ms. Cynthia Kawamura
 Mr. & Mrs. Tet Uemura
 Mr. Philip Yasuhiro
 George Nakamura & Cindy Sakihara
 Morliengo-Bredlau Family
 Mrs. Jane Hisaoka

Yama Mori (death yr unknown) Mrs. Takae Wong
 Sumiko Kamiji (death yr unknown) Mrs. Sachi Fudenna & Mrs. Michi Handa

Memorial Service 2024

Memorial year for those who passed away in:

2023 – 1st year	2012 – 13th year	1992 – 33rd year
2022 – 3rd year	2008 – 17th year	1975 – 50th year
2018 – 7th year	2000 – 25th year	1925 – 100th year

If this is a special service year for a departed relative, please contact the church office at (510) 471-2581 to schedule a memorial service.



Services for October 2024

Please join us in-person in the hondo or virtually via Zoom (hybrid service).
Masks are not required but strongly recommended in the hondo.

October 6, 2024 – Shotsuki Hoyo

10 A.M.

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

October birthdays will be celebrated.

Dharma School will follow service.

Dharma message in Japanese will follow the English service.

October 13, 2024 – Family Service

10 A.M.

October 20, 2024 – Family Service

10 A.M.

October 27, 2024 – Family Service

10 A.M.

AA is chairing this service.

AA is hosting lunch for all who attend the service.

Please RSVP to Emily by October 15.

Dharma School will follow service.



BWA ANNOUNCEMENTS

BWA Report for October 2024

Our BWA Rummage Sale will be held on October 19th and 20th. Please come out to support our fundraiser. Please let Karen Suyama or Emily know if you have items to donate, so we can know what is being donated.

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Our **BWA NEW YEARS LUNCHEON**, is scheduled for **January 5th, 2025** and ask that you please put that in your calendar. More information to follow.

Our next SACBC BWA Meeting will be held on Sunday October 27th. Come join us to see what else is happening.

BWA Rummage Sale – October 19-20, 2024

Reminder about donations, please note that we will only accept the below items. Items should be clean and in good working order. (would you buy something that is broken???)

If you have a question about what can be donated, please email me at karensuyama@yahoo.com

We **cannot accept** donations from non-members of the temple.

We will accept the following items:

- Men/Women/Children/Baby clothing, CLEAN please
- Shoes, purses, tote bags
- Luggage pieces
- **Small** kitchen appliances, clean utensils
- Dishes/drinking glasses/tableware
- Books, CD, DVD, Record albums
- Children's toys (not broken or missing parts, for obvious reasons)
- Clean sheets, blankets, bedspreads
- Baby stroller
- Fabric scraps (minimum half yard)
- Tools: hand tools including electric ones
- Collectibles

We can NO LONGER ACCEPT:

- Furniture, file cabinets, large pieces of anything
- Baby car seats, car booster seats, cribs or mattresses
- Computers
- Bicycles, tires
- Refrigerators

PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS DURING OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS BY October 15th, 2024.

Monday thru Thursday, 10:00am-2:00pm

If after hours, let Karen Suyama know you have donation items to Drop Off.

PLEASE BE KIND: If you wouldn't like to buy something broken, missing pieces or filthy dirty, then DO NOT donate to us.



You're Invited to Our HUGE Fall Rummage Sale!

Saturday, Oct. 19th
(10am* – 3pm)

Sunday, Oct. 20th
(11am* – 3pm) **No early birds please!*

All are welcome! Join us Saturday & Sunday for our last rummage sale of the year! Hosted by the SACBC Buddhist Women's Association. There will be a large selection of Adult & Children's Clothing, Home Wares, Kitchenware, Books, Games, Toys, Tools and much, much more! Many members have donated items to be sold.

FABULOUS BARGAINS –

everything priced to sell!

Be sure to invite your family & friends!

Cash or credit card. Ample parking.

Everything "as is" – *No refunds or exchanges*

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Holiday 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 the addressor's name.
2. Email, call, or mail your order to Emily **by Friday, November 22, 2024.**
3. Suggested donation: \$20 for up to two lines.
 - a. Check to SACBC
 - b. Cash
 - c. Paypal or Venmo: sacbc.treasurer1@gmail.com
 - d. Donations can be made from the 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: \$ _____

SAMPLE of greetings/names



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*Good Cheers and best wishes,
The Samuel Family*

**Wishing warmth and health to your family,
Season's greetings, Miles & Noelle**

**Merry tidings to your family,
Hope, Sue, Dave & Lily Smith**

**With love from all of us,
Garcia Family**



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Remember to get your updated Covid & flu shots this Fall.	1 6:30-8:30 Scout 6-9 AA practice	2 3-5pm Taiko 6-9 AA practice	3 6am O-Jinjo 11a-1pm JLS 6-9 AA practice	4 6am O-Jinjo 6-9 AA practice	5 8:30a-12pm JLS classes
6 10am Shotsuki	7 6am O-Jinjo 8:30am Qi-gong 3-5pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner) 6-9 AA practice	8 6:30-8:30 Scout 6-9 AA practice	9 3-5pm Taiko 6-9 AA practice	10 6am O-Jinjo 11a-1pm JLS 6-9 AA practice	11 6am O-Jinjo 5-9 Bingo 6-9 AA practice	12 8:30a-12pm JLS classes 1-8pm Private party
13 10am Family Service	14 6am O-Jinjo 8:30am Qi-gong 3-5pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner) 6-9 AA practice	15 6:30-8:30 Scout 6-9 AA practice	16 3-5pm Taiko 6-9 AA practice	17 6am O-Jinjo 11a-1pm JLS 6-9 AA practice	18 6am O-Jinjo Rummage sale set-up 6-9 AA practice	19 10am-3pm Rummage Sale 8:30a-12pm JLS classes
20 10am Family Service 11am-3pm Rummage Sale	21 6am O-Jinjo 8:30am Qi-gong 3-5pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner) 6-9 AA practice	22 6:30-8:30 Scout 6-9 AA practice	23 3-5pm Taiko 6-9 AA practice	24 6am O-Jinjo 11a-1pm JLS 6-9 AA practice	25 5-9 Bingo 6-9 AA practice	26 8:30a-12pm JLS classes
27 10am Family Service	28 6am O-Jinjo 8:30am Qi-gong 3-5pm Taiko 4-5pm Taiko (beginner) 6-9 AA practice	29 6:30-8:30 Scout 6-9 AA practice	30 3-5pm Taiko 6-9 AA practice	31 6am O-Jinjo 11a-1pm JLS Halloween 6-9 AA practice		

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OCTOBER EVENTS

Oct. 6th--SUN	SHOTSUKI HOYO
Oct. 13th—SUN	FAMILY SERVICE
Oct. 19th--SAT	<i>BWA RUMMAGE SALE (10am-3pm)</i>
Oct. 20th--SUN	FAMILY SERVICE <i>BWA RUMMAGE SALE (11am-3pm)</i>
Oct. 27th--SUN	FAMILY SERVICE
Oct. 31st --TUES	HAPPY HALLOWEEN
<p>SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10:00 AM IN-PERSON OR ONLINE VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300</p> <p>PASSCODE: 549504</p>	