



## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Overseas District  
Abbot Yul Ōtani  
Shinshū Ōtani-ha  
(Higashi Honganji)



To our fellow seekers in the overseas districts, I wish you all a Happy New Year.

It has been almost one year since my appointment as the Overseas District Abbot. Despite the assignment, however, I have not had a chance to join you in person in any Dharma activities, even at your Hōonkō services due to the continuation of the pandemic. I truly miss the opportunities to meet all of you in person.

Many of our temples in the overseas districts have utilized the internet to hold new types of Dharma sharing activities. I am so happy to hear that you have made such efforts to devise ways to share the teaching in this difficult situation.

With the increasing number of virtually held events such as of memorial services, retreat programs, and study classes, people who had never had access to our temples before, some from outside of the country, have been able to participate in those events to share the teaching of the nenbutsu. Such experiences offer the prospect of a new type of Dharma sharing for the future. At the same time, however, I strongly feel that it is still important for us to have a "place" where we can physically "get together" with each other to listen to, to learn, and to share

the teaching of the nenbutsu together. It is my wish that you will continue to find a way to maintain a "place" where the nenbutsusangha continues to grow at the Betsuin and at all of our temples.

We are approaching the 850th Celebration of Shinran Shōnin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of Jōdo Shinshū which will be held in 2023 at our mother temple in Kyoto. Steady progress is being made in the preparation for those major events. I sincerely look forward to sharing the opportunity with all of you in person to celebrate the birth of Shinran Shōnin.

Thank you.

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Bishop Wataru Kigoshi  
Chief Administrator,  
Shinshū Ōtani-ha  
(Higashi Honganji)



To all of you in our overseas districts, I wish to extend my New Year's greetings for the year of 2022. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation for the support and understanding you continue to give to our Sangha.

My name is Wataru Kigoshi. I was appointed as the Chief Administrator as of October 15, 2021. I am from a temple in the Kanazawa District in Ishikawa prefecture. But when my father was

assigned as resident minister of the Berkeley Higashi Honganji, we moved to the temple where I spent my early years of my childhood.

At the time, the first generation (issei) of Japanese immigrants were active at the temple. They would gather to talk about and appreciate their ancestral lineage in Japan. Members of each family would come together to the temple to attend the Sunday services. My father would give a Dharma talk in English, which would be followed by a talk on the same topic in Japanese. After the Dharma talks, the attendees would break up into age groups and learn the Japanese language as well as the teachings of Shinran Shōnin. They were a closely knit community which shared their appreciation of Japanese culture while learning the Buddhist teaching and its tradition.

I truly feel that I owe what I am today to the support and guidance the temple members in the United States and Japan extended to me. With those experiences in mind, I have always reminded myself of the importance of "walking the Buddhist path together with our fellow seekers."

As many of you heard, Bishop Hiroshi Tajima, the former Chief Administrator and my immediate predecessor, passed away in September 2021.

The late Bishop Tajima had devoted himself to steering our denomination in the right direction despite the unprecedented problems caused by the pandemic. He had always envisioned what the future of our denomination should be and actively took on the leadership in realizing the vision for our denomination. It was so regrettable that he suddenly passed away during his term of office. Once again, I express my sincerest appreciation for his tremendous contributions to our denomination in addition to my deepest condolences on his passing. Keeping Bishop Tajima's wishes in mind, I will abide by his cabinet's directions and

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## February 2022



Date	Day	Time	Event
6	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Nirvana Day/Dharma School
13	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Shotsuki service/Dharma School
		11:00 a.m.	WBA meeting
15	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Temple Board meeting
20	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service
27	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Family service/Dharma school

### March

6	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Family service
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**Spring Food Bazaar will be postponed. Date has not been determined.**

Please check out the calendar for more details on our website. <https://www.bombu.org/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY TOBAN

(Toban #3) Naomi Yamada, Kim Chew, Mashi Eshima Johnson, Julie Kihara, Connie Morita, Dorise Ouye, Kellie Ouye, Lesli Jo Sawada, Carrie Yoshida, Lorraine Yoshikawa.

### THE TEMPLE AND SOCIAL HALL

Due to COVID-19 safety concerns, the Berkeley Higashi Honganji facility continues to be closed until further notice. Rev. Ryoko Osa can conduct special online services for you and your family via Zoom. Weddings, Funerals, and Memorial Services are still happening. Please don't hesitate to contact Rev.Osa.

### SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

We will hold our Shotsuki monthly memorial service on Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. The following families will observe memorials for loved ones this month:

*Aya Yatabe, Cathy Takahashi, Fukuji Tanji, Greg Wilhelm, Hisa Yokota, Hisako Yokota, Irene*

*Fujikawa, Kanji Asazawa, Kimie Kurahara, Mami Ito, Masaharu Nakano, Masuye Makishima, Minoru Ikuta, Robert Garvey Sr., Ed Garvey, Hanayo Miyagi, Shizuko Uyeno, Soichi Jitosh, Takeyo Higuchi, Tomoye Otani, Victor Honda, William Yamada, Sada Kasegi.*

### EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

February 20 at 10 a.m. will be our annual "Eitaikyo" service in which all families, past and present, who have shared a connection with our temple, are invited to attend. Traditionally we observe, not only the passing of our loved ones, but also gratitude to our ancestors, who are essential links in our existence. This tradition, which started in Japan's Edo Period, hundreds of years ago, also is a way for people who live far away to observe a service for their families, listen to the Dharma, and make offerings to help keep the temple and Buddha's

teachings alive "perpetually." The services will be live-streaming via Facebook.

### SUNDAY SERVICE

We will continue live-streaming our Sunday services via Facebook. You DO NOT NEED a Facebook account in order to view the live-stream. Just go to the link on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. You will also be able to watch the service later if you miss the initial 10:00 a.m. broadcast. Here is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/berkeleyhigashi/live>.

### STAY UPDATED WITH TEMPLE NEWS

Please sign up for Emails. Due to this unpredictable situation, the best way to stay updates with temple is currently email. If you or someone you know is not already on our email list and would like to be added, please send to Rev.Osa at [osa@higashihonganji.org](mailto:osa@higashihonganji.org).



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enforce the administrative policies that they had developed.

As of now, there seems to be no end in sight to the coronavirus pandemic which wreaked havoc to the world for the past two years. After the peak last summer, the situation seems to have reached a moderate level in Japan. However, I have heard that the people in our overseas districts continue to struggle with dire

situations. Since last year, it has become normal to hold temple events using online streaming without in-person attendance. In a sense, it was as if our entire denomination was challenged to devise more effective ways to share our teaching even in normal times.

In such difficult circumstances, I am convinced that it is even more crucial for us to revive the nenbutsu sangha where all of us can rediscover each

other as "spiritual friends" in a spirit of mutual respect.

On this occasion, I express my sincerest wish that we will awaken together to our deepest wishes to live together as a sangha in accordance with the Tathāgatha's Original Vow.

In conclusion, I wish to ask for your continued support as we begin the new year.

Thank you.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### BIG THANK YOUS TO THE FOLLOWING

**Pruning the Temple Garden** Thank you to *Nina Rizzo* and *Aesthetic Pruners Association*.

Thank you everyone for your donations, time, energy and support. Because of you, our temple exists for us and for future generations. If your name was inadvertently omitted from acknowledgements or donations, we are sorry but we really appreciate your support. Domo arigato gozaimashita!

## DONATIONS

### 2021 Pledges

(received by December 31, 2021)

Steven/Iris Morioka	300
Ryoshin/Yoko Imai	200
Arthur/Patricia Yamashita	1200
Irving Yamashita	300
David/Susan Fujikawa	200
Ryokei/Cathy Imai	500
Yuko Matsumoto	100
Lynn Wade	200
Wayne Kurahara	50

### Donation In memory of Grace Goto

Shizuko Asazawa	50
Walter & Arlene Hashimoto	100
Fidelity Charitable	100
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David & Masao Inada	50
David & Ellen Inada	50
Lester & Janice Tong	200
Michael Yee & Donna Uyemoto	50
Jacki Wolf & Greg Goto	700
Mike Yatabe	100
Arthur & Patricia Yamashita	41.29
Mr. Harold Sano	25
Richard & Hitomi Takahashi	100
Darlene Wong	51.49
Miyoko Truong	25

Midori & George Goto	150
Glenn & Amy Shinsako	50

### Donations

Miyoko Truong (For Bodhi Day)	25
Kimiko Yoshii	50
Jane & David Shimbo	800
Shuko & Miyuki Yoshikami	100
Shizuka Ogishima	100
Kaz & Michi Takata (in memory of Mineko Takata)	200
David Shinoda (in memory of Yoshimi and Hisako Shinoda)	1,020.39
Nobuo & Tomoko Haneda	100
Jane Yamamoto (in memory of Thomas Ouye)	102.48
Gregory Takahashi	300
Jean and David Whitenack	50
Stephen and Dorine Tanaka	250
Karen & Thomas Morioka	25
Jeffrey & Satoko Davidson (for Temple Fund Drive)	100
Cindy Nakai (in Wedding Ceremony)	350
<b>Shotsuki</b>	
Grace & Harry Yee (in memory of Chidori Kubota)	50
Susan & Michael Gleason (in memory of Margaret & Joe Ouye)	200

Sachiye Toyofuku (in memory of Kiyoji Toyofuku)	50
Nancy Kubota (in memory of Chidori Kubota)	50
Mildred Nakai (in memory of Hisako Yokota)	50
Mildred Nakai (in memory of Yoshio Nakai)	50
Shizuko & Gary Asazawa (in memory of Jody Asazawa)	30
Agnes Kubota Gotuaco (in memory of Chidori Kubota)	50
Constance Morita (in memory of Masako Morita)	50
Tazuko Jitoshō (in memory of Miya Jitoshō)	100
Satoko Nagatōshi Davidson (in memory of Tokichi Nagatōshi)	35
Diane & Michael Nishioka	50
Kimberlie Moriwaki & Bruce Louie (in memory of Brent Moriwaki)	50
Wendy Adachi & Wayne Takata (in memory of Kensuke Ito and Tom Ito)	100
Robert & Julie Kihara (in memory of Katsutarō Kihara and Hajime Kihara)	50
Eiko Iwata (in memory of Paul Iwata)	50
Masaki Eshima-Johnston (in memory of Takane Eshima)	306.46
Additional donations will be shown in next month issue.	

# バークレー東本願寺会報

## 2022年2月号

### 2月お寺の行事予定

6日(日)	午前10時	涅槃会・ダルマスクール
13日(日)	午前10時	祥月法要・ダルマスクール
20日(日)	午前10時	家族礼拝・ダルマスクール
27日(日)	午前10時	永代経法要

### 3月

3月6日(日)	午前10時	家族礼拝・ダルマスクール
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新型コロナウイルス感染拡大のため春季バザーを延期いたします。開催日は未定です。

すべての日曜礼拝はオンラインでの放送になります。

<http://www.facebook.com/berkeleyhigashi/> live このリンクからご参加ください。

Facebookのアカウントは不要です。

日本語話会(ズーム): 毎週木曜日午後4時からオンライン日本語話会を開催しています。ご興味のある方は長開教使までご連絡ください。

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2月当番(当番3): 山田直美、チュウ キム、えしま Johnston マシ、木原 ジュリー、森田 カーニー、大上ドリス、大上ケリー、さわだレスリーショー、吉田カーリー、芳川ロレイン(敬称略)

祥月法要: 祥月法要は、13日(日)午前10時より、今月の施主は蔵原、浅沢、ふじかわ、ガーヴェイ、樋口、ほんだ、伊藤、地頭所、まきしま、生田、毛利、中野、大谷、高橋、丹治、うえの、山田、やたべ、可世木の諸家です。

永代経法要: 2月20日(日)午前10時より、動画配信にて本年の永代経法要が勤められます。御家族おそろいでお参りください。

この法要への皆様の御寄付は永代経基金として積み立てられ、寺の有事の際に使用させていただきます。

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### Words of the Month | 今月の言葉

We Human beings are born with death, and grow up dying in ourselves.

*Rev. Atsushi Nobukuni*

人間は死を抱いて生まれ 死をかかえて成長する

延國 淳







## 年頭の挨拶

開教司教 大谷 裕

海外在住の全ての同朋の皆さまに新年のご挨拶を申し上げます。

さて、開教司教というお役目をいただいて一年余りが経ちました。就任以来、コロナウイルスの感染症拡大の影響もあり、別院報恩講をはじめとして、それぞれのお寺でともに聞法させていただくようなことができておらず、非常に残念に思います。

開教区の皆様においては、インターネットなどを利用した新たな形での聞法活動を積極的に行っているということで、厳しい状況の中で様々な工夫をしながら活動されていること、とてもうれしく思います。

最近ではオンラインでの法事や研修会、聞法会などが数多く開かれ、これまで参加することのなかった方々が、ある時には国を超えて、ともにお念仏をいただくことのできる環境が生まれてきたことは新しい法座のありようを感じさせることでした。ただし、やはり相對してともに念仏申し、ともに聞法する、そういう「ともに」ということを感応しあえる「場」が必要であることも同時に痛切に感じています。今後も工夫しながら、是非別院や寺院を中心にそれぞれの「場」、お念仏のサンガ(交わり)を開いていっていただきたいと思います。

いよいよ来年2023年には、慶讃法要をお迎えすることとなり、その準備が進められています。皆さまとともに、親鸞聖人のご誕生を喜びあえる時と場をお迎えする日を心待ちにしております。

本年もどうぞよろしくお願いいたします。

## 年頭の挨拶

宗務総長 木越 渉



2022年の年頭にあたり、開教区の皆さまにご挨拶を申し上げます。

皆さまにおかれましては、平素より聞法精進の生活をお送りいただいておりますこと、拝察いたします。

このたび、2021年10月15日をもって、新たに宗務総長に指名されました、木越渉と申します。石川県の金沢教区出身ですが、幼少期は父に連れられてアメリカのバークレーにある寺院にて過ごしておりました。

当時は日系一世もおられ、自分のルーツが日本にあることを、寺に集い、ご門徒みなさんと確かめていた時代でした。日曜学校(礼拝)には一家そろってお参りをされ、父は英語で法話をし、その後、同じ話を日本語で行い、あとは各年代に分かれ、日本語や親鸞聖人の教えを習いました。みんな肩寄せ合い、日本のことを思い、学びを深めていきました。

私はアメリカや日本において、本当にご門徒方に大きなお育てを頂いたと強く感じます。これらの経験から、「共に歩む」ということを大切に、常に保っていきたいと思っております。

さて、皆様ご承知のことかと存じますが、2021年9月に但馬前宗務総長がご逝去されました。

但馬前総長には、未曾有の事態であるコロナウイルス感染症の拡大の渦中における宗門運営をはじめ、常にある

べき宗門の姿を憶念され、未来志向で宗務を力強く牽引いただけてきたことであり、任期中における突然のご命終は、まことに痛惜の極みであります。あらためまして生前の多大なる御功績に深甚の謝意を申し上げ、謹んでお悔やみを申し上げるとともに、但馬前総長の思いを引き継ぎ、各施策において、基本的に前内局における執行方針を継承して進めてまいりたいと考えております。

今、新型コロナウイルス感染症の世界的拡大はとどまるところを知らず、昨年中も大変甚大な影響を及ぼしました。日本においては夏を最後のピークとして一定程度、鎮静化しているものの、開教区においては未だ厳しい状況が続いていると聞き及んでおります。昨年からは報恩講などの諸行事をオンライン配信して人が集まらないことが当たり前となりつつある中で、より効果的な教化活動について、宗門全体をとおして問いかけるような一年間であったかのように思います。

このような時代状況であるからこそ、相違を超えてお互いを“とも”と見いだす念仏のサンガの再興が私たちに求められているのだと強く思います。

新たな年を迎え、私たち一人一人が、如来本願の大道をともに歩むサンガを賜っていることを、ともに確かめ合える一年としてまいりたいと存じます。

本年も、どうぞ宜しくお願いいたします。



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