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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

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Chief Administrator, Shinshū
Ōtani-ha (Higashi Honganji)



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

The covid-19 pandemic is still a grave situation to everyone worldwide. I have heard that many temples and sanghas in the overseas districts have managed to share their Hōonkō service and other events remotely with our members using the internet.

Although we have faced many challenges caused by the pandemic, I think that this difficult situation has given us a chance to reflect more deeply on the meaning and significance of our services and temple events. It makes us realize that we should not these for granted. From that perspective, we need to think about the direction our sangha should take as we move toward the future.

In April this year, the "Preparatory Event for the 2023 Celebration and the 750th Anniversary of the Establishment of Shinshū Honbyō" will be held at

our mother temple in Kyoto. This will be a preview for the 850th Celebration of Shinran Shōnin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of Jōdo Shinshū, which will be held in 2023. The main theme of the April event is the same as the 2023 anniversary, "Namu Amida Butsu: To Discover the Meaning of Being Born as Human Beings." We will livestream this event on the internet in order to comply with public health guidance. This will also enable us to share the theme of the event with people throughout Japan and around the world.

It is my sincerest wish that even though we are still living in difficult times, I will be united with all of you in the overseas districts in continuing to listen to the Dharma and work towards restoring and preserving the Shin Buddhist way of life.

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

Thank you.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

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



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

Throughout the previous year, all of us have struggled in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and it is still uncertain as to what the future will unfold. Despite the challenges, our overseas district temples devised a way to hold Hōonkō services last fall. I wish to express my appreciation to all of you in observing this most important service. I deeply missed the opportunity to attend the services held in the districts and to see all of you in person.

The teaching of Jōdo Shinshū which Shinran Shōnin clarified has always reminded us of the truth of the equality of all people regardless of nationality, ethnicity, gender, and age.

As the newly installed Overseas District Abbot, I have renewed my commitment to share the joy of having encountered the teaching of the nenbutsu. It is the embodiment of the original vow of the Buddha, which enables us to realize the equality of all people around the world beyond the boundaries of linguistic and cultural differences.

In sharing the joy of encountering this teaching with each other, we can realize a world where all people are accepted as they are and treated with mutual respect. Such a world will enable us to discover the meaning of having been born as human beings and find true joy of living. I believe this is how we can find a ray of hope for the future of humanity.

On April 5th, 2021, we will hold the "Preparatory Event for the 2023 Celebration and the 750th

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2021



Date	Day	Time	Event
7	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Nirvana Day/Dharma School
14	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Shotsuki service/Dharma School
		11:00 a.m.	WBA meeting
16	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Temple Board meeting/ABA meeting
21	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service
28	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Family service/Dharma school

March

7	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Family service
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Spring Food Bazaar has been canceled.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY TOBAN

(Toban #1) *Janice Adachi, Wendy Adachi, Nina Costales, Satoko Davidson, Grace Goto, Alice Horio, Doreen Imada, Elsie Lum, Denice Nakano, Diane Nishioka, Michi Takata, Miyoko Truong*

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. 14, 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 Ksegi.

EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

February 21 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.

STUDY CLASS

In addition to the live-streaming



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Anniversary of the Establishment of Shinshū Honbyō" at our mother temple in Kyoto. It is my wish that this event will serve as an opportunity for all of us around the

world to celebrate the birth of our spiritual forebear, Shinran Shōnin, together. For myself, it will be the chance to reaffirm my commitment to continue to listen to and learn from the teaching.

In closing, I share my sincere wish that our world will return to normal soon so that we will be able to see each other again.

Thank you

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of Sunday services, there is a zoom Shoshinge class on Mondays at

1p.m. and Japanese Dharma zoom gathering on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact

me at osa@higashihonganji.org.

DONATIONS

2021 Pledges

Grace Goto 400
Robert/Julie Kihara 200

Pledges 2020

Lynn Wade 200
David Fujikawa 150
Wayne Kurahara 50
Gwyn Morodomi 200

Donations

Eiko Iwata 50
(for December Shotsuki in memory of Juichi Uyeno)
Michael & Pamela Yanaba 25
(for November Shotsuki in memory of Kaz Yanaba)
Robert H. & Jo Ann T. Otani 250
(for Shotsuki in memory of Atsushi Uyemoto)
Shirley Imai 30
(for Shotsuki in memory of Brent Moriwaki)
Jimmy Kihara 30
(for Shotsuki in memory of Brent Moriwaki)

Kimberlie Moriwaki & Bruce Louie 50
(for Shotsuki in memory of Brent Moriwaki)

Satoshi Iwahashi 150
(for Shotsuki in memory of Calvin Iwahashi)

Shizuko Asazawa Family 50
(for Shotsuki in memory of Jody Asazawa)

Dina Honda 100
(for Shotsuki in memory of K. V. Honda)

Julie & Robert Kihara 50
(for Shotsuki in memory of Katsutaro Kihara & Hajime Kihara)

Constance Morita 50
(for Shotsuki in memory of M. Morita)

Eiko Iwata 50
(for Shotsuki in memory of Paul Iwata)

Ryu Inoue 100
(for Shotsuki in memory of Taeko Sano and Eugene Makishima)

Diane & Michael Nishioka 50
(for Shotsuki in memory of Tom Ito & Kensuke Ito)

Noriaki Ito 100
(for yearend donation)

Emiko Yoshikami 100
(in appreciation of Shoshinge class)

Arlene Hashimoto 300
(in memory of Atsushi Uyemoto)

Shuko & Miyuki Yoshikami 100
(to support the temple)

Ed Oasa 100
(to support the temple)

Shizuka Ogishima 100
(to support the temple)

Lynne Hisae Ogawa 200
(to support the temple)

Nobuo Haneda 100
(to support the temple)

Gwyn Morodomi 300
(for 2020 Donation)

Jean Whitenack 50
(for Happy New Year)

Joel & Dorise Ouye 50
(for New Year)

Steven & Kim Chew 50
(for New Year)

Diane/Michael Nishioka 100
(For 2021)

Hiro Chin 100
(for WBA)

IN MEMORY

Mrs. Miya Jitoshō passed away peacefully at her home on January 21st. She was a longtime member of our temple. Mother of Tazuko Jitoshō and grandmother of Mayumi Beppu who is one of our Dharma School teachers. A private service was held.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BIG THANK YOUS TO THE FOLLOWING

New Chairs Kurahara family for the donation in memory of Carl which was used to buy new tables and chairs for Ohtani Hall. *Jane Fujii* and *Jimmy Kihara* for arranging to set up the new chairs for social hall.

Poster *Yoko Tsuno* for her poster paintings welcoming the new year of the ox.

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!



バークレー東本願寺会報

2021年2月号

2月お寺の行事予定

7日(日)	午前10時	涅槃会・ダルマスクール
14日(日)	午前8時30分	婦人会会議
	午前10時	祥月法要・ダルマスクール
21日(日)	午前10時	永代経法要
28日(日)	午前10時	家族礼拝・ダルマスクール

3月

3月7日(日)	午前10時	家族礼拝・ダルマスクール
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春季日本食バザーは中止となりました。

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5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。

2月当番(1班): あだちジャニース、あだち ウェンディ、Costales ニーナ、Davidson さとこ、ごとう グレイス、堀尾 アリス、今田ドーリン、Lum エルシー、中野デニース、西岡 ダイアン、高田みち、みよこTruong (敬称略)

祥月法要: 祥月法要は、14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、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21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。





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。

コロナ禍という先の見通せない状況下にあって、昨年末、各開教区では、様々な工夫をしながら報恩講をお勤めいただきましたことに感謝申し上げます。本来であれば、各別院の報恩講の折に、皆さまとお会いできることを楽しみにしておりましたが、出向がかなわず大変残念に思っております。

さて、親鸞聖人がひらかれた浄土真宗は、国や人種、性別、年齢などにかかわらず、差別のない平等の世界を説いている教えです。

今後、開教司教として、それぞれの言葉や文化の違いを超えて、平等なる地平に立った本願念仏の教えに遇い得た喜びを、世界中の方々と共有していく歩みを進めてまいりたいと思います。

つまりそれは、教えをいただいている私たち一人ひとりが教えに遇った喜びを発露することによって、様々な境遇にあっても、ちがいを認め合い、お互いを尊びあう世界が生まれ、人間として生まれた意義と生きる喜びを見出していける、一筋の光明が開かれてくるのではないかと感じているからであります。

来たる4月5日には、「真宗本廟お待ち受け大会及び本廟創立七百五十年記念大会」が執り行われます。この勝縁にあって世界中の人々と共に宗祖のご誕生を喜び、分かち合いつつ、私自身が、弛まぬ聞法の生活を歩んでまいることをお誓い申し上げ、年頭の挨拶とさせていただきます。

一日も早く、社会が落ち着きを取り戻し、各開教区の皆さま方とお会いできる日を心待ちにしております。



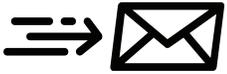
Words of the Month | 今月の言葉

It is the self among all things that we most adhere to.

Rev. Shuichi Maeda

人が何よりも 執着せんとするものが 自己である

毎田周一



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