



## HARMONY

By North America District Bishop Noriaki Ito

In early March, the major topic in the news has been about the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian army. It has been so sad to see the destruction of residential areas in many cities of the country and the endless stream of the elderly, women, and children fleeing to neighboring countries such as Poland.

What is so sad is that the Ukrainians did nothing to provoke the invasion by the Russian armed forces. Normally, when two countries are at war, both were at least somewhat responsible for the conflict. As our Chief Administrator, Bishop Wataru Kigoshi wrote recently in his statement regarding the invasion of Ukraine, "our organization has a negative history of blindly following the policy of the Japanese government during World War II, voluntarily cooperating with the war by pushing many people to the battlefields." In 1995, a "No-more-war Resolution" was implemented. It is an encouragement "to work together with all people to realize a happy and peaceful international community that no longer permits war, transcending all ethnic, linguistic, cultural, and religious differences."

Harmony is a word associated usually with music. It is when different instruments, different voices, evoke different tones and melodies that blend together perfectly. So, in everyday life, it refers to different people with different opinions blending together like beautiful music.

We have seen the divisions in our country over the past few years. Somehow, we seem more divided than in any period of our recent history that I can remember. But on a topic like the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian army, we are united in condemning what their President has done. I admire the thousands of Russian people who protest to the point of being arrested themselves against the aggression their country has leveled on their neighbors. And, of course, I admire the courage and the resiliency of the Ukrainians.

We talk often of the teaching of interdependence, of how we are connected to each other even if we don't realize it. What happens on the other side of the world affects us. With the vast coverage in the news, we cry together with the people, the children who are the victims, the men who fight to resist

the invasion, and the women who take their children and the elderly to the safe havens of neighboring countries. They are reminding us that we are dependent upon each other. And what they hope for is the restoring of the harmonious relationship that has existed between their two countries before now. That harmony between all people is what we who are members of Higashi Honganji are entrusted to work toward.

We can look to two lessons of wisdom...one the words of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh, the wonderful Buddhist teacher who shared the teaching with so many, and the other the wisdom of a contemporary American.

From his book, *Being Peace*, "If we are peaceful, if we are happy, we can smile and blossom like a flower, and everyone in our family, our entire society, will benefit from our peace."

The other are the well-known words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

They remind us that harmony starts with me and with you.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## April 2022



Date	Day	Time	Event
3	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Hanamatsuri service
10	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Shotsuki/Dharma school service
17	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Family Service/Dharma School
19	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Board meeting
24	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Family service/Dharma school

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL TOBAN**  
 (Toban #2) *Eiko Iwata, Toyoko Araki, Jane Fujii, Anna Hightower, Hiroko Higuchi, Shirley Imai, Tazuko Jitoshu, Yukari McCarthy, Karen Morioka, Christine Sullivan, Sachiye Toyofuku.*

**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.

**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>.

**SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE** [Live Streamed]  
 The following families will observe memorials for family members who passed away this month: *Chiyoko Araki, Dorothy Kinue Otani, George Nakamura, Hatsue Ouye, Seigo Ouye, Hideko Nagatoshi, Hiro Fujii, Maruo Fujii, Sam Toshiaki Yokota, Hisako Yokota, Yoshio Nakai, Yoshikazu Hirota, Reiji Yanagishita.* We hope you'll attend this month's Shotsuki service.

**TEMPLE GARDEN**  
 Do you have any historical information or photos of the temple garden? Such as where the trees came from? Who designed it? Took care of it? It is for a research paper and to share this history with the community. Please contact Board Member, Nina Rizzo at [narizzo@gmail.com](mailto:narizzo@gmail.com) or 510-517-6855. Thank you!

**PLEDGE DONATION**  
 Many of you received a request for our annual pledge donation. The upkeep, repair and maintenance of our temple, as well as various programs and activities depend on the support

and generosity of our members and friends. Unlike other organizations, we don't require a membership fee, however we do rely on voluntary pledge donations from our members and friends. If you'd like to make a pledge, simply send a check for any amount, marked "2022 pledge" to the temple, payable to Berkeley Higashi Honganji. To everyone who has pledged already for this year, we thank you very much.

**MORITA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**  
 The temple has a scholarship available for eligible temple members. The scholarship fund was established by Shigeru Morita in memory of his father, Mr. Sajiro Morita. Sajiro never had a chance to complete his education in Japan, and he came to the US to work and secure a better life. He always wanted his own and other children to do their best to complete their education and, if possible, to go on to higher education. It has been funded by the Morita family

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to help qualified young people pursue their educational and career goals. Anyone can make contributions to the scholarship fund so that we can continue to support members who wish to pursue their educational goals. Applicants must be individuals who are in the immediate family

of a Berkeley Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple member. Individuals can apply while a high school senior or after they have left high school. The funds can be used for any formal educational or training program after high school. At the committee's discretion, scholarships can be awarded to more than one applicant in a

year. Only one scholarship per person. Applications are due by September 30th and will be awarded at the following Hoonko service in November. Recipients are selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Temple. If interested, please contact Rev. Osa by email: [osa@higashihonganji.org](mailto:osa@higashihonganji.org) or call 510-843-6933.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### BIG THANK YOUS TO THE FOLLOWING:

**TERIYAKI SAUCE** *Debbie & Dave Yatabe, Jennifer Yatabe, Chris Fujii, and Lisa Toyama*  
**WOMAN'S BATHROOM STALL LOCKS** *Dave Yatabe*

**MOCHI HOUSE CLEANING & UPGRADES** Thanks to everyone who helped with cleaning the house for Rev. Kigoshi. The house is in great condition for his arrival and it is an amazing transformation. The closet and social hall were also cleared in preparation for future activities at the church. The WBA ladies were *Janice Adachi, Wendy Adachi, Chris Fujii, Jane Fujii, Eiko Iwata, Karen Morioka, Naomi Yamada, & Debbie Yatabe*. The Jr. YBA members were *Owen Morioka, Rinako Osa, Taro Raskin-Yokoyama and Jack Toyama* and advisors *Steven Morioka & Lisa Toyama*. ABA members were *Jimmy Kihara & Mike Yatabe* Thank you for your donation. *Mike Yokota* for some kitchen appliances, *Lisa Toyama* for a desk, couch from *Steven Morioka, Jane, Chris, Wendy, Janice, and Naomi* for several items.

## DONATIONS

### 2022 Pledges

Wayne Kurahara	50
Miyoko Truong	100
Yanagishita Family	200
Lynn Wade	200
Shizuko/Gary Asazawa	300
Sachiye Toyofuku	300
Yoko Tsuno	100
Steven Chew	50
Jack Kanbara	1000
Kazuko Doi	50
Gwyn Morodomi	300
Terry / Kenneth Fujii	1500
James/ Lynne Goeller	500

### Eitaiyo Perpetual Memorial

Yoko Tsuno (In memory of Yoshinori Tsuno)	30
Janice Otani & Arthur Ramirez (In memory of Jack & Dorothy Otani / Lee and Ellen Monroe)	300
William & Enid Yamamoto (In memory of Kanichi, Tame, Wataru, Yoshio Yamamoto)	250
Jacki Wolf	51.49
Ray & Junko Morodomi	30
Tokumaru Fujii	25
Lily & Gaylan Ishizu (In memory of Yokota Family)	100

Nancy & Allan Hikoyeda (In memory of Hikoyeda Family)	100
Jane Fujii	100
Marilyn & Victor Ichioka (In memory of Kunio, Sei Ichioka)	200
Kazuko & Michael Yokota (In memory of Toshiaki, Hisako, Kazuko, Shigeo Yokota, Ayako Fujii)	400
Michael Yatabe	200
Iwata Eiko	50
Tazuko Jitoshō	50
Alice Miyakawa	25
Shizuko Asazawa	50
Michael & Pamela Yanaba (In memory of Bob & Arlene Sasaki)	50
Michael & Pamela Yanaba (In memory of Yanaba Family)	100
Constance Morita	50
Geoffrey Cantrell & Anne Takefujii	500
Arthur Shinagawa (In memory of John & Emiko Shinagawa, Kimiyo Sasaki)	1.49
Ichiko Jitoshō	100
Stephen & Janice Adachi	100
Ann Kanazawa (In memory of Nakazawa Family)	200
Clayton Au & Jason Lee (In memory of Arthur & Mildred Au)	100
Arthur & Patti Yamashita	100
Glenn Nagata	50
Gwyn Morodomi	250
Emie & Bryan Kaida	40
Ken & Mieko Nakano	100

(In memory of Ichio, Fumiko, Noriko, Kaz, & Moto Yanaba)	
Toyoko & David Araki	25
Doreen Imada	25
Gregory Takahashi	50
Gary & Anne Tominaga (In memory of Tom, Fumi, Yotaro & Chio)	100
Nina Costales & Robert Garvey	100
Alan Yanaba	100

### Shotsuki service

Nina Rizzo (in memory of Leslie Madden-Rizzo)	25.99
Jane Fujii (in memory of Shige Fujii)	50
Mike Yatabe (in memory of Joseph Yatabe)	100

### Donation

Renee Shiota & Steve Schofield (in memory of Cole Shiota Schofield)	102.48
Kenta Yasui & Jyen Wong	1020.39
Kay Yoshiura (in memory of Misao Takano)	30
Shirley Imai (n memory of Brent Moriwaki)	51.49
Lynne Okamura Yee	100
Jane Fujii (in memory of Nobie Huie)	50
Dean & Wilma Chu (building fund)	1020.39

\* Other donations will be continued to be shown in next issues.

# バーkeley東本願寺会報

## 2022年4月号

### ライブ配信

3日(日)	午前10時	花まつり法要
10日(日)	午前10時	祥月法要、家族礼拝、ダルマスクール
17日(日)	午前10時	家族礼拝、ダルマスクール
19日(火)	午後7時	仏教会定例理事会
24日(日)	午前10時	家族礼拝、ダルマスクール

<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。

日本語法話会(ズーム): 毎週木曜日午後4時からオンライン日本語法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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**4月当番(2班) (当番2):** えいこ岩田、トヨコアラキ、ジェーン藤井、アナハイタワー、ヒロコヒグチ、シャーリー今井、地頭所多鶴子、ゆかりマッカーシー、カレン盛岡、クリスティーンサリバン、豊福さちえ (敬称略)

**祥月法要 4月10日:** 今月の施主は荒木、大谷、中村、大上、永利、藤井、横田、中井、広田、柳下の諸家です。



# 調和

北米開教監督 伊東憲昭

ロシア連邦によるウクライナ侵攻では一般市民の暮らす地域が破壊され、ポーランドなど近隣の国に避難せざるを得なくなったお年寄りや女性達、子供達が後を絶ちません。その有様を見るのは心痛ましいばかりです。

真宗大谷派の木越渉宗務総長は「ロシア連邦のウクライナ侵攻に関する声明」を発表しこのようにおっしゃっています。

私たちは、先の大戦において国家体制に追従し、戦争に積極的に協力して、多くの人々を死地に送り出した歴史をもっています。その過ちを深く慙愧する教団として、1995年の『不戦決議』において、「すべての戦闘行為の否定」とともに、「民族・言語・文化・宗教の相違を超えて、戦争を許さない、豊かで平和な国際社会の建設に向けて、すべての人々と歩みをともにする」ことを誓いました。

「調和・ハーモニー」とは、音楽において、異なる楽器、異なる声が多様な音色や旋律を生み出しそれが完全に美しい音楽としてまとまっていること、またその釣り合いを意味します。

私達の生き方において、「調和」とは異なる意見を持つ様々な人々が美しい音楽を奏でるように融合する様を表しています。

私達の国でもここ数年は国民が分裂してしまっています。これほどまでに国民の意見が分かれるのは、私の記憶する限り、我が国の歴史上類を見ないことです。しかし、この度のロシアによるウクライナ侵攻のような出来事に関しては、私達は意見を一つにしてロシアの大統領を非難しています。ロシア国内でも数多くの国民が逮捕される危険を顧みずに、自国の侵略行為を非難し、抗議しています。

私達が自覚しようとしまいと私達は深くつながり合っている、これが縁起という教えです。地球の裏側で起きている出来事も、私達と深く関係しているのです。報道で伝えられる多くの出来事を通して、私達は戦争の犠牲となった人々や子供達、侵略と戦う男性達、そしてお年寄りや子供達を守りつつ隣国へ避難する女性達と悲しみを共にするのです。彼らの姿を通して、私達は互いに深く繋がっている存在なのだという事実を改めて思い知らされるのです。そして、彼らの願いとは、

両国間のかつての調和的な関係を取り戻すことなのです。全ての人々の生活に調和がもたらされることこそ、私達東本願寺に託された願いなのです。

ここで、二つの教えをいただきたいと思います。一つは偉大な仏教の師であるティック・ナット・



ハン師の言葉です。

もし私達が平和であれば、またもし私達が幸せであれば、私達は微笑み、美しく咲く花のように生きることができる。そして家族の誰もが、社会の誰もがその平和を享受することができるのだ。

もう一つの言葉はマーティン・ルーサー・キング牧師の言葉です。

暗闇をもって暗闇を取り除くことはできない。それは光をもってのみ可能なのだ。憎しみをもって憎しみを取り除くことはできない。それは愛をもってのみ可能なのだ。

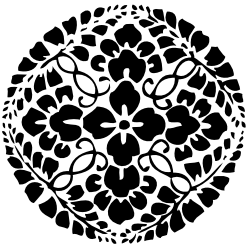
彼らの言葉は、「調和」は他ならぬ私達自身から始まるということを教えてください。

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### Words of the Month | 今月の言葉

This day, the opportunity of which is indeed difficult to have, is today.

今日である あること難き 今日である



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