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2020 New Year's Greeting

From Monshu Kojun Ohtani

年頭の辞



新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も日本をはじめ世界各地で多くの自然災害が起こりました。災害によってお亡くなりになられた方に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、被災された方に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、これら以外にも紛争やテロ・飢餓などによって、日々多くの方が犠牲となり、困難な生活を送っておられることも忘れてはいけません。

さて、昨年9月に、門主として初めて北米開教区を訪問させていただきましたが、これによって、カナダ・ハワイ・南米・北米の全開教区を門主としてお参りさせていただいたこととなります。各開教区、また各お寺によって、その歴史や現在の状況は異なりますが、多くのお寺が日本から移住された日本人の方とその子孫によって建立され、護持されてきました。第二次世界大戦をはじめとする様々な困難な状況にあっても、み教えを依りどころとして、お寺を大切に護ってこられた先人の方々に思いを致すとき、今日の私たちにまで浄土真宗のみ教えが受け継がれてきたことの尊く、また不思議なご縁をととても有り難く思います。

一方で日本人の方が最初に海外へ移住されてから相当の年数がたち、日系人の方々の生活も大きく変化し、また、時代状況も大きく変わりました。そのような中で、親鸞聖人が説かれた浄土真宗のみ教えは、日本人や日系人だけではなく、世界中の多くの方に伝わり、各開教区においても、様々な方がお寺へ来られるようになってきました。それは、浄土真宗のみ教えが、時代や場所を越えた普遍的な教えであるからです。すなわち、様々な悩みや苦しみを抱えるすべての人々を包み込み、摂め取ってくださる阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが普遍的であるということです。

本年も自分のこととしてみ教えを聞くとともに、多くの方にみ教えが伝わるよう努めて参りましょう。

2019年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光淳

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Last year again, following the year before, Japan, as well as many other countries in the world, was struck with multiple natural disasters. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through those disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. In addition, we must never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live, and lives are being lost every day.

Last September I had an opportunity to make an official visit to the temples of the Buddhist Churches of America as Monshu for the first time. This allowed me to complete the first round of visitations to all of the overseas districts which include Canada, Hawaii, South America, and the US mainland.

Although every temple and district has its own history and background, many of the overseas Jodo Shinshu temples were established and have been cherished by the Japanese immigrants and their descendants. Reflecting on how sincerely our predecessors entrusted themselves to the Buddha Dharma and how importantly they thought of their temples while facing many difficulties such as World War II, I cannot help but feel grateful and even awe for their tremendous efforts as well as many other wondrous circumstances that have allowed the Jodo Shinshu teaching to be handed down to us today.

However, a considerable amount of time has passed since the Japanese emigrated overseas, and the lifestyle of their descendants, as well as the world situation have changed greatly. In accordance with these changes, quite a few people who are not of ethnically Japanese origin have also come to appreciate the teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, and attend our overseas temples.

What caused this is nothing but the universality of the Jodo Shinshu teaching that transcends time and space. In other words, Amida Buddha's compassion equally reaches and nondiscriminatively embraces everyone in the midst of all sorts of pain and agony.

In this year, let us continue to listen to the Dharma, considering it is directed to each one of us, and keep moving forward to share it with many other people as possible.

January 1, 2020

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

2020 has arrived! With so much happening over the past 365 days, it has really passed quickly. As we looked at the coming year it seemed like a lot to get planned. All of the normal fund-raising events, Obon, and Bazaar but add to that the 50th Mountain States Conference. As always, we band together and with everyone's help, we did it. We had a very successful Obon, a great Bazaar, and the best Moab attendants yet for Mountain States Conference. Thank you all so much for you continued support and help, and for being a part of creating some of the best times ever. We have a good thing going in Ogden, and I'm very proud to be a part of it.

In Gassho,
Mike & Annette K.



MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE

At our General Board Meeting in 2018 it was voted upon to increase our Membership Dues to \$175.00 per adult member.

We made this decision due to the continual increase of the BCA's assessments. This increase will be in effect beginning 2020.

You can begin to pay your membership at this rate anytime. You can pay our treasurer, Betty Y. with cash, a check, OR YOU CAN NOW USE VENMO!

The church's VENMO account is under BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OGDEN or @BuddhistChurchofOgden. Please be absolutely specific on what your payment is for. For example: Bodhi Day Donation, 2020 Membership for Suzie Smith, Special donation for church maintenance, Shotsuki Hoyo – In memory of "family members name", etcetera.





BWA NEWS

By Brenda K.



“Stop wishing for something to happen and go make it happen.”

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a good holiday season and was able to rejuvenate their energy for the upcoming year of 2020.

As 2019 came to a close, November and December were busy as usual for the Buddhist Women’s Association. November 8-10 was the Mountain States District Conference in Moab. Our appreciation to the BWA members who attended the conference and those who served on the planning committee. It was a very well-attended and successful event.

Thank you to all those who supported the Dharma School on November 16, 2019 by making Manju to sell at the Salt Lake temple’s boutique on November 23. We sold out in about an hour of their opening. Our Manju is becoming a hot commodity.



November 17 was the BWA’s Eshinniko service at which we remembered those members that past in the last year - Yoshie Yoshimura, Taeko Yoshida and Yukiko Kawaguchi. This was held in conjunction with the temple’s Eitaikyo service. A delicious luncheon centering around tonkatsu was served thanks to Shauna R. and her toban group. We were fortunate to listen to the words of Rev. Ryoko Nishitani for the Dharma message.

November 24 was the annual general meeting at which the officers for 2020 were elected. Congratulations to the following:

President — Tami H.

1st Vice President — Lorraine S.

2nd Vice President — Ruth S.

3rd Vice President — Annette K.

Recording Secretary – Suzan Y.

Corresponding Secretary — Christy F.

Treasurer — Ellen K.

Auditors — Linda E.-R.

Julia F.

Another significant action at the meeting was the adoption of updated bylaws to govern the organization. Also, guidelines were updated in the appendix, regarding gifts and assistance to those members in need. The revised bylaws will be distributed electronically by Tami H. in the near future or paper copies will be given upon request.

The BWA prepared and distributed gift bags to those considered homebound. If you know of someone who did not received one, but is a temple member considered as homebound, please contact Tami H. or any BWA member. Also, if you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized, please let one of the BWA members know, so they may be able to visit them.

December 22 was the Bodhi Day service and luncheon. Thanks to Ruth S. and her toban group for preparing the delicious chow mein luncheon for the temple members. Our appreciation to all for the effort and time dedicated for the preparation, serving and clean-up for the meal.

Upcoming on January 26 will be the Hoonko luncheon prepared by Ellen K. and her toban group. If you would like to help, please contact Ellen for the details.

The next BWA meeting will be January 12, 2020 at 11:00 am. Please be in attendance if possible. If you are interested in joining the BWA, please contact Tami H. or any BWA member.



BWA DONATIONS

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BWA Memorial Donations

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Shopping?

Help the Ogden Buddhist Church too!

When you shop at smile.amazon.com,
Amazon donates.

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DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Superintendent Message



Happy New Year to All!

The Dharma School had busy months during November and December. The Dharma School students, parents and a bunch of great BWA volunteers made Manju to sell at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Holiday Boutique in November. Our appreciation to all the temple members who donated both time and supplies to help out with this fundraiser. The Manju sales were successful, selling out before noon on the first day of the boutique.

The Dharma School also would like to extend their appreciation to all the temple members who supported and contributed to the students' annual Dana project. Our students were able to shop for seven deserving children through the Salvation Army Angel Tree program this year. This activity gives our own Dharma School students the opportunity to express gratitude for their own living environment when shopping for these children in need.



We are also grateful to our temple members for supporting the YBA Mochi fundraiser held in conjunctions with our Bodhi Day service on December 22nd. Also, thanks to the temple members who donated the use of their mochi makers and to those who helped make and package the mochi on December 21st. We appreciate the efforts of **Stan and Tami H.** for organizing this event for the YBA.

Looking forward to 2020 activities, our annual Perch at the Church Ice Fishing event is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th. **Steve and Ellen K.** have graciously volunteered their time again this year to organize the event, weather permitting. Details about this event are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

On Sunday, February 2nd, the Dharma School students will be helping with our annual Omigaki (altar cleaning) starting at 10 am. Since we will be cleaning, casual dress is appropriate. Additionally, it is Super Bowl Sunday, so we are planning to stay after service that day for a potluck gathering and to watch the big game. Please plan to join us!

*In Gassho,
LaVerne K.*



Dharma School Donations ~ Angel Tree Donors

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2020 Ogden Dharma School Winter Party
26 January 2020 {weather & ice dependent}
Ice fishing at Pineview Reservoir, Cemetery Point

When

1. On the ice at 7:30am. If you want to carpool, meet at the Church by 7:00am.
2. We'll fish until about 1:00pm and plan on lunch at 2:00pm.
3. If you can't make it fishing, please feel free to come to the Church for lunch!!!!

How to Get There

1. Travel up Ogden Canyon and pass the dam as if going to Snowbasin ski resort (do not turn and cross-over the dam as if you were going to Powder Mountain ski resort).

OR

Up Weber Canyon (I-84 East) and exit at the HUNTSVILLE exit (Exit 92). Continue east on Old Highway Road (Hwy 30) and turn left at the Sinclair gas station (Trappers Loop Road 167). Continue pass Snowbasin ski resort and down to the stop sign. Turn right at stop sign.

2. Continue east past the reservoir. The road will curve to the north and you'll pass the Chevron gas station.
3. Turn left at the intersection to "HUNTSVILLE" and "BEACH MARINA"
4. Follow road to end (about 2 miles) and park in parking lot. **DO NOT PARK ALONG THE MAIN ROAD – YOU WILL GET A TICKET.** Signs are posted by the parking lot requiring a \$9 parking fee and a \$2 per person "walk-in" fee – these fees **DO NOT** apply in the winter!!!
5. We're planning to fish on the North side of the parking lot. I'll let you know beforehand if we decide to change.

What to Bring

1. Fishing License – If you are 12 years old or older you need a license to fish. Buy your license at any license agent (egs: Sportsman's Warehouse, Ace Hardware, etc.) or on-line at <http://wildlife.utah.gov>.
 - a. 365-day (12 to 13 years of age) - \$5
 - b. 365-day (14 to 17 years of age) - \$16
 - c. 365-day, resident (18 years of age or older) - \$34
 - d. 3-day (all ages) - \$16
 - e. 7-day (all ages) - \$20
2. Warm Clothes (dress in layers) – gloves, hat, snow pants and especially insulated (preferably waterproof) boots.
3. Optional
 - a. Something to sit on – small, collapsible camp chairs work well.
 - b. Sleds or Tubes – The south side of Cemetery Point has areas suitable for sledding.
 - c. Drinks and snacks.
 - d. Change of clothes (just in case).

What to be Careful of

1. The Cemetery Point access road and parking lot are generally not plowed and can be slippery. Four-wheel drive vehicles are preferable.
2. There may be a path in the snow down to the ice – it may be slippery.
3. Be very careful when walking on the ice - it can be very slippery. Also be aware of drilled ice holes – some can be as large as 10 inches in diameter and you don't want to step in them.
4. Don't worry if you hear the ice crack...that means the ice is safe (really!!!)





SUPER BOWL 2020!

**Sunday, February 2, 2020
3:00 pm**

Bring your MONEY and your BEST pot luck food item to share!

We Are Making Things Easier For YOU!



You can now pay the Ogden Buddhist Church for anything via VENMO!

**Search for Buddhist Church of Ogden
OR @BuddhistChurchofOgden**

Please make sure you are specific in the type of donation or payment that you are making.

Some examples: Bodhi Day Donation, 2020 Membership for Suzie Smith, Special donation for church maintenance, Shotsuki Hoyo – In memory of “family members name”, etcetera.



Make sure to choose the Buddhist Church of Ogden when you go to [Amazon Smiles](https://www.amazon.com/smile) to make all your purchases.

2020 Ogden Buddhist Church Officers

OGDEN BUDDHIST CHURCH BOARD

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 2nd VP.....Kris Y.
 3rd VP.....Toby Y.
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 3rd VP.....Annette K.
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OGDEN DHARMA SCHOOL

Superintendent.....LaVerne K.
 Religious Chair.....Annette K.
 Secretary.....Kris Y.
 Treasurer.....Betty Y.

Ogden Dharma School Board:

Justine H., Robyn H., Suzan Y., Stan H., Lorraine S., Ellen K., Geniel S., Tami H., Kirk Y., Sharon K., Maya C., Shauna R., Candace F. and Stacie H.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Ho-onko Service
January Shotsuki Hoyo
Installation of Officers
Sunday, January 19, 2020 - 1:30 p.m.

Otoki Lunch - 12:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: **Anne Spencer**

Anne Spencer is a Minister's Assistant from Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple. She has a Master's degree from IBS and works as a genetic counselor.

Goshoki Hoonko (*Observance of Anniversary of Death and Repay Debt of Gratitude*)

Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service - *Within the Nishi Hongwanji tradition this is the most important observance of the year. It is held to acknowledge our debt of gratitude to Shinran Shonin for opening the Nembutsu teachings for us.*

Shotsuki Hoyo - *Monthly Memorial Service*



Nehan-E Service
February Shotsuki Hoyo
Pet Memorial Service
(Please bring pictures of your pets to place on the altar)
Sunday, February 16, 2020 - 1:30 p.m.

Nehan-E - *When Shakyamuni Buddha attained Enlightenment, he achieved the state of Nirvana. However, in retaining his physical body, he did not achieve complete Nirvana. This observance is to commemorate Shakyamuni Buddha's death and entrance into complete Nirvana.*

Shotsuki Hoyo - *Monthly Memorial Service*

***NOTE:** Please bring pictures of your pets, who have passed away.
They will be placed on the altar for the Pet Memorial Service

January & February Shotsuki Hoyo

January Shotsuki Hoyo

January 19, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

Jan 15	2009	Lily S. Endow
Jan 7	1965	Yeijiro Hirai
Jan 7	1977	Yoshio Horiuchi
Jan 21	1980	Peter J. Hunt
Jan 4	1972	Chong Sun Johnson
Jan 10	1992	Wataru Kamigaki
Jan 17	1954	Toshio Kato
Jan 29	1973	Ura U. Kawaguchi
Jan 16	1977	Eikichi Kawaguchi
Jan 28	2003	Jake Hideo Koga
Jan 27	2015	Steven Koga
Jan 9	1983	Fujiko Kojima
Jan 5	1998	Soichi Kojima
Jan 23	1980	Toshita Mayeda
Jan 4	1978	Yasuzo Minaga
Jan 17	1999	Sam Sadao Miya
Jan 28	1984	Masaji Miyagishima
Jan 31	1998	Tono Miyagishima
Jan 5	2001	Masano Morimoto
Jan 14	1964	Yeitaro Nishihara
Jan 12	1988	Ichimatsu Nisogi
Jan 30	1968	Takao Okubo
Jan 7	2007	Amy Sameshima
Jan 13	2014	Hisaye Shiki
Jan 24	1964	Kenzo Seino
Jan 22	1992	Yoneko Mary Takabayashi
Jan 31	1978	George Y. Tanaka
Jan 3	1974	Aki Toimoto
Jan 10	1977	Yuriko C. Yamada
Jan 17	2010	William Yamane
Jan 16	1997	Namiye Yamamoto
Jan 2	1960	Matsujiro Yamashita
Jan 23	1956	Morikiyo Yei
Jan 4	2019	Yoshie Yoshimura

February Shotsuki Hoyo

February 16, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

Feb 21	1995	Harue Enomoto
Feb 17	1968	Otojiro Fukuda
Feb 10	1965	Hitoshi Hoshiko
Feb 24	1964	Takematsu Inouye
Feb 28	1986	Matsue Kano
Feb 15	2018	Sachie Shiki Kano
Feb 17	1969	Shozo Kariya
Feb 19	1998	Yukie Kawa (Ozawa)
Feb 12	2019	Yukiko Kawaguchi
Feb 2	2000	Izumi Kishimoto
Feb 19	1966	Wakamatsu Kiyotsugu
Feb 9	1967	Sahei Kosai
Feb 8	2018	Jane Shizuye Kunugi
Feb 23	1975	Gensaku J. Miyagishima
Feb 2	1973	Kazue Nishikawa
Feb 10	2017	Tokiye Miya
Feb 28	1989	Shigeso Frank Nishimoto
Feb 21	1978	Jerrold Nisogi
Feb 25	1993	Mitsuye Oda
Feb 18	1994	Yukiye Omori
Feb 1	2008	Kiyoshi "Kay" Shimada
Feb 18	1965	Hiroshi Shioji
Feb 16	1986	Teruo Ted Suekawa
Feb 8	2015	Roy Gosaku Taketa
Feb 12	1994	Kazuye (Kathy)Taniguchi (Yagi)
Feb 29	2005	Jane Tomiko Tsushima
Feb 19	1992	Niroku Uyematsu
Feb 29	1968	Michiye Watanabe
Feb 12	1996	Frank Toichi Yoshida
Feb 26	2019	Taeko Matsuda Yoshida
Feb 20	1961	Thomas T. Yoshitaka

For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2nd, 4th, 5th, etc. the temple is holding these monthly Shotsuki Hoyo. During these services, the temple will list the names of those members who have died during the month in the preceding years. The families will attend that monthly service in memory of their loved one. These services are not meant to replace the specific memorial services. Please contact Rev. Hirano to make arrangements for those services.

Rev. Hirano contact information - Office: 363-4742,
Home: 299-8727, Emergency: 819-2648

2020 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2019 - 1 year	2008 - 13 year	1986 - 33 year
2017 - 3 year	2004 - 17 year	1971 - 50 year
2013 - 7 year	1996 - 25 year	1921 - 100 year

Corrections/Additions to the Shotsuki Hoyo list, please contact Ruth S., (omitted for online version)



January 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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Saturday

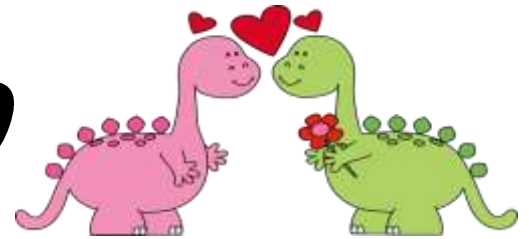
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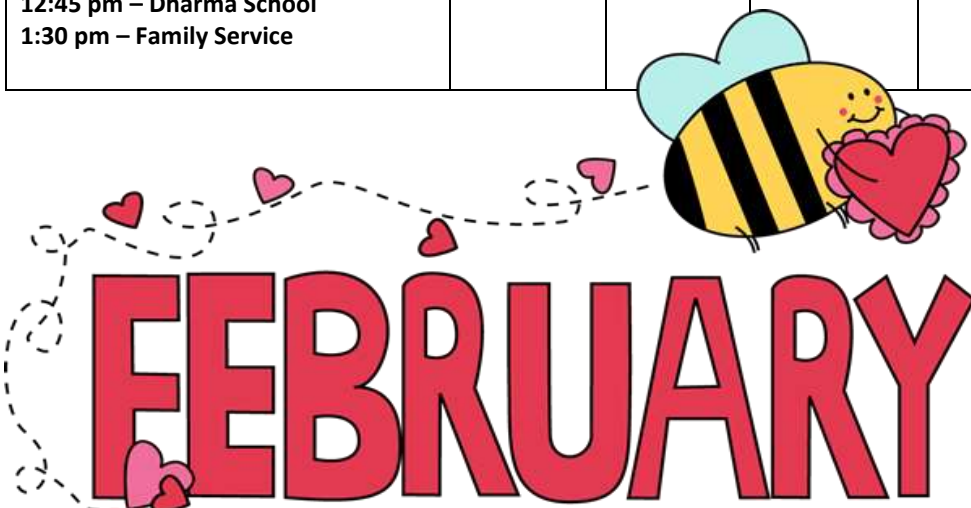
Toban Cleaning Group:

- Blaine & Suzan Y. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
- Kunie O.
- Greg O.
- Karen D.

February 2020



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