

# THE GEPPPO

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## *View From the Tatami Mat*

~J.K. Hirano

*The Master said; "I discard myself and sit together with all of you. The Founding Master Shinran also said that persons of shinjin throughout the four seas are all brothers and sisters. Thus, I follow his words. My only wish is that, as we sit together, you will ask me about matters that are unclear to you and that you will realize shinjin."*

*This is what the Master said.*

Words of Master Rennyō

This past month, Carmela and I had the opportunity to attend a seminar in Kyoto, Japan, at Nishi Honganji, the headquarters for our sect of Buddhism. I had been asked to attend this seminar for a number of years; however, because of a variety of reasons, I have had to decline the invitation. This year, because our temple was being renovated and our upcoming tour of Japan for the 750<sup>th</sup> memorial service in 2011, I thought I should go. Carmela had never been to Japan and was planning on going with me on this trip, but not on attending the seminar. However, we heard that there was only one volunteer from BCA to attend this seminar. It was surprising that there weren't many more that would want to attend, but the BCA lay representatives must pay their own way. I guess if your temple didn't pay for your trip, most people didn't want to go, because of the personal expense. As a result they asked Carmela to be one of the representatives. It was well worth the cost.

During the seminar, there were lectures and discussions by Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka formerly of BCA now living and working in Tokyo as a professor at Musashino University and Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai of Soai University. We also had a tour of Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin (my alma mater) and Hino no Tanjo (the birthplace of Shinran Shonin). There were many activities but I really enjoyed the 750<sup>th</sup> memorial service for Shinran Shonin held at Otani Mausoleum. It was an amazing service. Taking part were over 100 priests wearing some of the most beautiful colored robes I have seen. The Gomonshu-sama was the officiate with his son, the Shinmon-sama assisting. The service had close to fifty classical court musicians playing gagaku music to lead the processional. One of the musicians was Rev. Torimi, a former kaikyoshi in BCA. Gomonshu-sama's robe was without a doubt, the most elaborate robe I had ever seen. The outer seven paneled kesa was intricately embroidered in gold and silk. I asked someone familiar with robes, how much that might have cost. They estimated that its cost was well over \$100,000.00 and probably weighed over ten pounds. This service was one of many leading up to the actual Memorial service to be held at Nishi Honganji in 2011 that we are planning a group tour to. If this service was only a preview, I can't wait to see the real thing. This service lasted about an hour and the priests that first entered the Najin must have been sitting seiza for over an hour. Just thinking about it made my knees ache. Thank goodness, we had chairs to sit in

General Tachibana (administrative head for all of Honganji), Governor Sonooki (administrative head of Honganji international affairs), and Rev. Kiribayashi (Manager of Honganji International Center). It felt very formal to me, but in some ways quite informal. It isn't often that you attend dinner with Gomonshu sama and the leaders of Nishi Honganji. Many of our members probably do not realize how large our organization is. In Japan alone, there

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are over 10,000 temples, served by over 30,000 priests. Nishi Honganji is considered the largest religious institution in Japan. There are many overseas temples, such as our own, with temples in various parts of the U.S., Canada, Europe, South America, China and our newest country Nepal. At the seminar we had the opportunity to meet and talk with Rev. Sonam Wangdi Bhutia, formerly a Tibetan Buddhist monk, now Nishi Honganji Kaikyoshi in Nepal. I hope to invite him to speak in BCA someday. Nishi Honganji is truly one of the largest Buddhist organizations in the world.

The dinner was formal in that we each had assigned seats. At the main table was Gomonshu-sama, Governor General Tachibana, the two professors, Carmela and a couple of other ministers, I didn't sit at that table. At my table was Governor Sonooki and Rev. Eric Matsumoto of Hawaii and a few lay members from Canada and Hawaii. It seemed that Carmela's table was a little quiet; I think most of the people were a little intimidated in sitting with Gomonshu sama. Of course Carmela is not one to sit back in silence, so she started talking, having personal translators, Rev. Tanaka and Asai right there. I'm not sure what all she talked about but I heard Gomonshu sama commenting to Carmela, "You seem like a really fun person." I wondered to myself, "What could Carmela have said to the Gomonshu to elicit such a comment?" You will have to ask her about her experience.

At my table, I asked Governor Sonooki about the priests at the memorial service that had to sit there for well over an hour. I was wondering what happens to someone with a knee injury or someone that could not sit seiza. He answered simply, "They don't take part in such services." At first I was a little surprised. How many people are there that have problems sitting on their knees for an hour. He went on to explain how that particular ceremony was created to be attended by priests sitting in seiza. If there were chairs, although it may seem superficial, the meaning of the ritual for those taking part would be changed by the change in perspective. It was a very intricate and subtle conversation about the differences in Japan and the west. As Governor Sonooki talked, Rev. Matsumoto and I would look at each other and talk in English to make sure we were getting the subtlety of this conversation. Rev. Matsumoto speaks, reads and writes perfect Japanese, so it was extremely helpful to have him sitting next to me. My first thought when Rev. Sonooki mentioned the rationale of the differences in meaning and understanding by sitting in a chair or sitting in seiza was, that is an extremely ethnocentric attitude. However, I would have a change of heart the following day.

The last day of our seminar, Rev. Gene Sekiya formerly of Fresno, California gave us a tour of the buildings and grounds of Honganji. Up until that day, Rev. Sugimoto and Ms. Tabitha Kobata (daughter of Rev Ron Kobata) of Honganji International center served as our guides and translators. It was in one of the treasured rooms that were designed for the Shogun Toyotomi Hideyoshi, that I began to understand what Governor Sonooki was talking about. Hideyoshi was the ruler of Japan, the Shogun, however, he was physically a very small man, just a little less than five feet tall. He had things designed to give him an advantage in those rooms through the use of perspective. For example, a room would be designed to make him look bigger to those entering the room. Even the color on the back wall of a Noh stage was painted to only completely reveal its design when viewed from a distance and not close up. In this particular room we were sitting in, Rev. Sekiya had us stand as he explained the basic details and then he had us sit on the tatami. The change in perspective revealed a number of things that could not be seen when standing. Suddenly you could see birds carved into the transom that could only be viewed while sitting on the tatami and not standing. I then understood what Governor Sonooki was talking about. It is like the statue of Amida Buddha in our najin, when you stand straight and tall, you cannot see its face. Only when one bows and faces this symbol of Universal Truth with humility can you see its face.

Having had this wonderful opportunity provided by Nishi Honganji has rejuvenated my enthusiasm for my work of sharing the Nembutsu teachings as a Kaikyoshi of Nishi Honganji. Our tradition within Jodo Shinshu is rich with meaning and significance for each of our lives. There are times when we need to adjust our perspective to see the deeper meaning. This reminded me of this passage that I began this article with. Rennyō Shōnin was the individual most responsible for the spread of Jodo Shinshu throughout Japan and now the world. He felt that it was while sitting on the tatami mats, equal with the lay people that both he and they would be able to share in the Nembutsu teachings. It is a matter of perspective, it is while sitting on the tatami mat, that he was allowed to fully taste the Nembutsu teachings and I have also been allowed to share in this new perspective.

## *President's Message*



Dear Members and Friends:

Happy New Year - I hope everyone's Holiday season was safe and enjoyable!

This month marks the half-way point of my term as Temple President. I've learned many things this past year and believe conditions at the Church are going reasonable well. However I know improvements are always possible. Please feel free to speak with me on any recommendations you may have. Remember, this is YOUR Church and my responsibility is to do all I can to make the Church a place where you can continue to hear the Dharma and a place you can be proud of.

When one reads this Geppo issue, you'll see that the Church has been and will, be a very busy place. In February, President-Elect Kirk Y. and I will be attending the National Council meeting in San Jose, California. I'll provide a meeting summary in the next Geppo issue. In conjunction with the February 27-28 National Council meeting, BCA will have an observance for the 750<sup>th</sup> Memorial for Shinran Shonin. Everyone, including families, are welcome to attend so I hope some of you will be able to participate in this event. Contact me for further details.

In Gassho,  
Steven K.



## ***BWA NEWS***

By Ruth K.



Another year has come to a close and I could not have made it through without the help of all the BWA members. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to helping our temple throughout the year.

Thank you to the following members for taking care of the Bodhi Day lunch: Tami H., Marie H., Fran H., Linda R. and Janice S. Thanks also to Yuko A. for bringing the Sekihan (Rice with azuki beans).

Every year the BWA gives a year-end gift to those in nursing homes or assisted living facilities and every year Ellen K. takes care of buying the gifts and bags and getting them put together. Thank you Ellen for all you do. And thanks to those ladies who volunteered to deliver them this year.

The date for the Annual Membership party has not yet been set. Please watch the mail for your invitation.

Our annual board meeting was held in November and the following were elected as officers for 2010.

Co-Presidents	Ruth K. & Tami H.	Recording Secretary	Jeannie P.
1st Vice-President	Lorriane S.	Corresponding Secretary	Fran H.
2nd Vice President	Linda R.	Treasurer	Ellen K.
3rd Vice President	Annette K.	Auditor	Suzan Y.
		Co-Auditor	Julia F.

\*Next meeting: January 31, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.\*

\*More BWA info on next page.\*

**BWA DONATIONS**

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**JAPAN STUDENT EXCHANGE DEADLINE**

Reminder that applications for this year's BWA Student Exchange program to Japan are due January 4, 2010 to Ruth K. Don't miss this opportunity!

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*In Loving Memory*

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The Ogden Buddhist Temple Sangha extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the following members who recently passed away.

*May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu.  
Namo Amida Butsu*

Toki Yoshida ~ October 24, 2009

Kaz Fukuda ~ December 9, 2009



**Day of Remembrance  
February 20, 2010**

**Guest of Honor ~ Wataru Misaka**

The Wasatch Front North (WFN) JACL Chapter is hosting the Day of Remembrance at Weber State University in the Alumni Building. The WFN JACL is teaming up with Weber State to honor Wataru Misaka by establishing a scholarship for Asian Studies in his name.

Wat Misaka received his associate degree from WSU in Engineering. He played for the University of Utah and was the first minority drafted to the NBA by the NY Knicks.

# *General Meeting Summary*

By Steve K.

The Ogden Buddhist Church General Board meeting was held November 15, 2009. Two presentations were provided to the attendees by Steve K.

The first presentation discussed the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) offer to purchase perpetual easement rights on a small portion of Church property. UDOT will be widening North Street and requires obtaining approximately 240 square feet (120 feet in length) from the southwest corner going east. A monetary proposal has been presented to the Church and is intended to be compensation for the property and repositioning of the Church fence. Several Board Members are now doing research to determine if the UDOT offer is fair compensation.

The second presentation discussed the need to increase annual Church membership dues. Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) *currently assesses each member \$85.76*. Steve K. learned in the June 2009 National Board meeting that this annual assessment may **increase** from \$7 to 10 per member over the next several years. These future increases mean that the current membership dues of \$100 per year will soon be used entirely for BCA assessment and none for support of our Church. Shortly, as this trend continues, we will need to draw from Church funds to meet assessment obligations.

Steve presented a brief summary of the membership dues for about a dozen other Temples. Membership dues vary widely but generally average over \$200 per person. A motion was made and seconded that the annual Church membership be increased to \$150 per person and that membership fees continued to be waived for those members 80 years of age and older. This motion was voted on and passed. Church by-laws state that this increase will not take effect until the year 2011.

At the General Meeting, the following members were elected to the 2010 Board for the Buddhist Church of Ogden:

President	Steve K.*	Treasurer	Betty Y.
President Elect	Kirk Y.	Assistant Treasurer	Geoff R.
1st VP	Stan H.	Recording Secretary	Ruth K.
2nd VP	Kris Y.	Corresponding Secretary	Ellen K.
3rd VP	Toby Y.	Historian	Suzan Y.
4th VP	Mike K.	Auditor	James A.

\*Denotes a 2-year term

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mas E., Julia F., Tom F., Fran H., Todd H., Marie H., Annette K., Mike M., Kunie O., Jeannie P., Roland S., Janice S., Harry S., Steve Y., Blaine Y.

All of our board members are committed to your continued satisfaction with your church and its activities. Please let any member know of suggestions or concerns that you may have.



**Note the change in time  
of our Joya-E service!!!**

**Joya-E (New Year's Eve  
Service) will begin at**

**8 p.m.**

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***Sensei Socials***

Thank you to the following members volunteered to "host" Sensei Socials in 2009 ~ Geoff & Linda R., Jeannie P., Ellen K., Julia F., Mike K., Kris Y., and Ruth K.

Host means they provided the treats, set up the room and cleaned-up. If anyone who would like to volunteer to host a Sensei Social in the future, please speak to any board member.

This is a great opportunity for you to come and socialize with your long time friends at our temple!

*Arigato*

# DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Superintendent: Suzan Y.

Wasn't it just yesterday, we had Bazaar and our Halloween Party? It's hard to believe Bodhi Day has come and gone and in less than two weeks and we will hold our Joya-E service. As I think about the past three months of church, I realize what a great Sangha we have. Our Dharma School parents and friends are always quick to step in and help out.

With the Salt Lake Temple's renovation project, the Dharma School parents offered to host the Halloween Party on October 25<sup>th</sup>. It was great to have both Ogden and Salt Lake's kids here at the church. The Dharma School served pork noodles with pot luck dishes from both temples. Thank you Toshi O. for preparing the dashi. It was wonderful and I'm not saying that just because she is my mother. ☺ Stacie H. did a fantastic job organizing the activities for the kids. She set up six activities for the kids to rotate through. You could see the excitement in their eyes, or was that the sugar rush? The Halloween Party was a great success.



Don't forget to SAVE the date: **January 10, 2010** is our Perch @ the Church. If you have not tried ice fishing, you will definitely want to join us. See the article from Steve K. for more information.

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## Dharma School Service ~ Chair Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Pianist</u>
January 3	1:00 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Marisa
January 10	Perch At The Church!		
January 17	1:00 p.m.	Board	Marisa
January 24	Omigaki – Alter Clean-up		
January 31	10:00 a.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – HS	Mackenzie
February 7	1:00 p.m.	Board	Marisa
February 14	10:00 a.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Daley
February 21	No Ogden Service –Please attend SL's re-dedication service		
February 28	10:00 a.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – HS	KayLe



**2010 Ogden Dharma School Winter Party**  
**January 10, 2010**  
**Ice fishing at Pineview Reservoir, north side of 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 the fish-fry lunch!!!!

How to Get There

1. Travel up Ogden Canyon and pass the dam as if you were going to Snowbasin ski resort (do not turn and cross-over the dam as if you were going to Powder Mountain ski resort).
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. Walk across the road and down to the lake. Veer to your left. Look for the black, fishing tent with the red University of Utah banner.

What to Bring

1. Fishing License – If you are 12 years old or older you need a license to fish. You can buy one at any license agent (egs: Sportsman's Warehouse, K-Mart, Sports Authority, etc.) or on-line at <http://wildlife.utah.gov>.
  - a. 365-day youth (12 to 13 years of age) - \$5
  - b. 1-day, resident (14 years of age or older) - \$8
  - c. 7-day, resident (14 years of age or older) - \$16
  - d. 365-day, resident (14 years of age or older) - \$26
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 is 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!!!)



Peace and Tranquility



**SHINRAN SHONIN  
750th MEMORIAL**

**A BCA OBSERVANCE**

**February 27 & 28, 2010**  
**Fairmont Hotel, San Jose, CA**

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka**  
of Musashino University, Tokyo  
(Author of the acclaimed book "Ocean")

**Banquet Speaker:**  
**Mr. Pieper Toyama**  
Head of School  
Pacific Buddhist Academy, Honolulu, HI  
(First Jodo Shinshu Prep School in the United States)

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## ***Shinran Shonin 750<sup>th</sup> Memorial Observance***

**Saturday, February 27 & Sunday, February 28,  
2010**

We have all heard about the Shinran Shonin 750<sup>th</sup> Memorial Observance that will be held in Kyoto in May 2011. While we would all love to attend, most of us will be unable to do so.

Fortunately, there is another observance that is much closer to home that we are all invited to attend. It will be held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, California on February 27-28, 2010 in conjunction with the BCA National Council meeting, and it is open to everyone who wishes to attend.

On Saturday, there will be a symposium featuring Dr. Ken Tanaka as the keynote speaker as well as many other interesting speakers and a banquet (at a cost of \$110 per person). On Sunday there will be a Family Service at the San Jose Temple that will be open to the public and is free of charge. If you are interested in attending either the symposium or the family service, you can get information and registration materials by contacting Judy K. at (omitted for online version) or by e-mail at [jakono@aol.com](mailto:jakono@aol.com). You can also visit the web site: [www.ingassho.com](http://www.ingassho.com).

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**Ho-onko Service  
January Shotsuki Hoyo  
Installation of Officers  
Sunday, January 17, 2010 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Otoki Lunch at 11:30 a.m.**

***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*



**Nihan-E Service  
February Shotsuki Hoyo  
Pet Memorial Service\*  
Sunday, February 7, 2010 - 1:00 p.m.**

***Nihan-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 and February Shotsuki Hoyo

## January Shotsuki Hoyo

January 17, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

Jan 15	2009	Lily S. Endow
Jan 7	1965	Yejiro 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 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 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 16	1997	Namiye Yamamoto
Jan 2	1960	Matsujiro Yamashita
Jan 23	1956	Morikiyo Yei

## February Shotsuki Hoyo

February 7, 2010, 1:00 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 17	1969	Shozo Kariya
Feb 19	1998	Yukie Kawa (Ozawa)
Feb 2	2000	Izumi Kishimoto
Feb 19	1966	Wakamatsu Kiyotsugu
Feb 9	1967	Sahei Kosai
Feb 23	1975	Gensaku J. Miyagishima
Feb 2	1973	Kazue Nishikawa
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 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 20	1961	Thomas T. Yoshitaka

For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 then 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 – (omitted for online version).

### 2009 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2009 – 1 year	1998 – 13 year	1978 – 33 year
2008 – 3 year	1994 – 17 year	1961 – 50 year
2004 – 7 year	1986 – 25 year	1911 – 100 year



# ***Re-Dedication of the Salt Lake Temple*** ***February 21, 2010***

Salt Lake Temple will have a re-dedication of the Temple on February 21, 2010 at 10:00 am. They have invited the Ogden Buddhist Church to attend the service. The Board Members and Dharma School Board Members have agreed to cancel all services on that day and support the Salt Lake Re-Dedication ceremony. Bishop Koshin Ogui will conduct the dedication and also offer Kieshiki Affirmation Ceremony (Buddhist Name). The last time Kieshiki Affirmation was offered in Utah was November 7, 2004. At that time 34 members from both Ogden and Salt Lake received:

\*Certificate of Sarana Affirmation Cards (Homyo)

\*Sarana Affirmation Certificates

If anyone has an interest in the Keishiki Affirmation Ceremony please fill out the form below and see a member of our board. At this time we don't have an exact cost, but as Salt Lake gets more information we will pass it on.

### APPLICATION FOR SARANA AFFIRMATION

\*Please PRINT all information legibly in blue or black ink.\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last NameFirst NameMiddle Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street AddressCityZoneState

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ M or F \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle)

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ (If under 12 years)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

### APPLICATION FOR SARANA AFFIRMATION

\*Please PRINT all information legibly in blue or black ink.\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last NameFirst NameMiddle Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street AddressCityZoneState

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ M or F \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle)

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ (If under 12 years)

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Signature of Applicant



# January, 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 10:45 a.m. – Buddhism Discussion Group 1:00 p.m. – Family Service 2:00 p.m. – Dharma School 2:00 p.m. – Sensei Social	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Winter Party Perch @ the Church *NO Dharma School Service* 10:45a.m. – Buddhism Discussion Group	11	12 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 10:45 a.m. – Buddhism Discussion Group 11:30 a.m. – Otoki Lunch 1:00 p.m. – Ho'onko Service, Shotsuki Hoyo, and Installation of Officers 2:00 p.m. – Dharma School 2:00 p.m. – Sensei Social	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 a.m. – Omigaki (Altar) Cleaning  *No Dharma School Service* *No Buddhism Discussion Group*	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:00 a.m. – Dharma School Service 10:45 a.m. – Buddhism Discussion Group 1:00 p.m. – BWA Meeting						

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Blain & Suzan Y. (Toban Cleaning Leader)  
 Marie H.  
 Bart & Robyn H.  
 Karen D.



**We must have our freedom now.  
 We must have the right to vote.  
 We must have equal protection of the law.**  
 Martin L. King



# February, 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:45 a.m. – Buddhism Discussion Group 1:00 p.m. - Nihan'E Service, Shotsuki Hoyo and Pet Memorial Service 2:00 p.m. – Dharma School 2:00 p.m. – Dharma School Parent Meeting 2:00 p.m. – Sensei Social 6:00 p.m. – Interfaith Concert	8	9 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 10:00 a.m. – Dharma School Service 10:45 a.m. – Buddhism Discussion Group	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 *NO SERVICES IN OGDEN*  10:00 a.m. Everybody should attend the Temple Re-Dedication Service in Salt Lake. Lunch will be served.	22	23	24	25	26 ← National Council Meeting & 750 <sup>th</sup> Memorial for Shinran Shonin →	27
28 10:00 a.m. – Dharma School Service 10:45 a.m. – Buddhism Discussion Group						

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- Craig & Geniel S. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
- Cohen & Etan S.
- Pam S.
- Courtney & Kevin S.

