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Our Temple and the Sword of the Dharma

~By J. K. Hirano

This then is the true teaching easy to practice for small, foolish beings; it is the straightway easy to traverse for the dull and ignorant. Among all the teachings of the Great Sage preached in his lifetime, none surpasses this ocean of virtues.

CWS Kyogyoshinsho pg. 3

There seems to be some confusion as to what our temple's racial or ethnic tradition is. Although Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is usually categorized as a Japanese form of Buddhism, in that its founder Shinran Shonin was Japanese and it has a history of over 750 years in Japan. Jodo Shinshu has been in the United States for well over 100 years and this year we will be celebrating 100 years of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Utah. As a result, could Jodo Shinshu be said to be a Utah form of Buddhism? If we use the logic that Jodo Shinshu is for Japanese because Shinran was from Japan. Siddhartha Gautama who was East Indian racially and Nepalese by nationality, does this mean Buddhism is only for Indians or Nepalese? If these racial and cultural biases are true, how did Shinran, a Japanese, understand Buddhism, which was Indian? Buddhism of which Jodo Shinshu is a major tradition is for human beings regardless of race or nationality.

This passage I began with is from the preface to Shinran Shonin's Kyogyoshinsho. In this work, there are references to human beings and there is reference to the Great Sage, Shakyamuni Buddha, who was Indian and there are also references to the various Indian, Chinese and Japanese masters. However, nowhere does it say or suggest our tradition and the teachings are particularly for Japanese or individuals of Japanese descent. Shinran says that this path is for foolish beings, dull and ignorant, nowhere is ethnicity or nationality made reference to. It is for those of us who are filled with ego and cannot see the Truth in this life beyond self.

I believe that there is no place in our temple for racial or cultural bias. I have received a letter mentioning Carmela's article in our April "Buddhist Thoughts". The person writing the article was concerned about how "cute" and "self-promoting" the article was and that no Japanese would say the things she did. The writer also felt it was "a course and shallow approach to Buddhism. We deserve better." This letter helped me realize how much I need Jodo Shinshu because my small and foolish self-became extremely angered by the comments.

The writer of the letter has every right to complain and give their opinion of the temple, as they have done in the past. I have heard this individual was concerned that I was being paid too much and that I was bankrupting the temple. Members are free to complain about those areas that are the board's area to decide upon and if the board decides to follow the writer's suggestion, that is their prerogative. Carmela is my wife, but I was not upset just because my wife was being criticized for helping the temple.

Kaikyoshi and their families are the subject of comments and complaints of one sort or another. It is to be expected. I have been told I shouldn't have nice cars or my house is too big. These things are merely the opinion of the writer or complainers. I realize that although some people are congratulated on their material possessions, ministers are often expected to live below the level of whoever is doing the complaining. My children were once told that they didn't have a home, it was the temple's house not theirs, so I bought my own home. Carmela's work for the temple is strictly

voluntary; she does not work at the temple for monetary gain. She has her own private practice and the salary of a physician is about five to ten times that of a BCA minister and it is up to Carmela to decide where she wants to live or drive. Therefore, when I married Carmela, I told her that she should expect to hear complaints about how we live and she basically said, "Bring it on."

This letter would not upset Carmela but merely elicit sympathy for the writer. However, I feel it is my duty to back up my minister's assistants when they are being slandered. My mentor and friend the late Rev. Russell Hamada once told me that in most cases, Kaikyoshi need to be kind, gentle and understanding. However, they must remember that their job is not only to share the teachings but to protect the Dharma and destroy ignorance when necessary and it won't make the ignorant happy. Well, in this case, I think it is necessary to bring out the sword of the Dharma to destroy the ignorance evident in this letter.

The major focus of the letter was how I am taking the Dharma too lightly and the temple deserves better. The Dharma is my area of the temple and I never take this responsibility lightly. I try my best to live, share and teach the Dharma. As Rev. Yuki Sugahara of the Florin Buddhist Temple has said, the temple should be a place for FUN, Friendship, Understanding and the Nembutsu. I have tried to do this and unconstructive complaints can kill the FUN of a temple and this is listed as one of the five grave offences in Jodo Shinshu. Therefore, out comes the sword!

First of all, let's make it clear that Carmela is not Japanese. Second, the article was a copy of the Dharma talk that she was asked to give at the BCA National Council Meeting. The editor of our National Newsletter "Wheel of Dharma" asked for permission to reprint it because he thought it was well thought out. I reprinted it in our temple newsletter for the same reason. Rev. Kodo Umezu our current Bishop for the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) also spoke with Carmela and I about what a profoundly moving and deep Dharma Talk she gave. Bishop Koshin Ogui our former Bishop also said the same and he was one of the people involved with her selection to give it. Rev. Masumi Kikuchi a researcher from Ryukoku University also asked to speak and interview Carmela because she wanted to know how a non-Japanese could have such a deep understanding of the principles of Jodo Shinshu. There were also other ministers that changed their own minds from being against the Minister's Assistant Program (MAP) to consider beginning it in their own temples, because they were so impressed with her deep appreciation for some of the key concepts of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu that was evident in her talk.

Personally, I have a few Japanese tendencies left over from being raised in a Japanese American home and praising or bragging about my family is definitely something I don't do often enough, although I am extremely proud of Carmela, Kacie and Taylor. However, in the case of Carmela's understanding of the Dharma, I don't need to brag, I believe it is evidenced by the comments I have received by so many others, much more scholarly and senior in BCA to myself. However, for the sake of our temple, this is one of the times when ignorance must be addressed head on.

The letter then went on saying that the Dharma Talks I give are too warm and fuzzy and that Buddhism is to enlighten. The writer of the letter hopefully will find that this article is neither warm nor fuzzy; yet, I appreciate the writer's perspective. It is good to know what the Sangha feels. However, I hope they will see when their own appreciation of Jodo Shinshu and Buddhism in general is extremely questionable. I would only conclude with the suggestion given by Rennyō over 500 years ago, which is so appropriate in this case, and day and age, for Japanese and Non Japanese alike.

Faultfinding and personal Reform; Faults of others are easily seen, our own faults are obscure. If we see them in ourselves their magnitude is obvious. We must understand this and make amends. We often overlook our own weakness. Softness in Mental Attitude; On acquiring faith harsh words towards others on the same path are not to be used; calmness should follow: according to the 33rd vow, "...within my light, mind and body will become soft and tranquil (warm and fuzzy).: Lacking faith there is ego- centricity, there is no harmony-and there is no tranquility. A situation to reflect upon. Goichdaiki Kikigaki (Sayings of Rennyō) 195 and 291.

Namo Amida Butsu!



President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Kids are out of school and Dharma school is done for the summer as well. That means Obon season is just around the corner. Salt Lake's Obon festival will be July 14th and Ogden's will be the following Saturday, July 21st. Dance practices will begin on July 1st, please check the calendar for the dates and time. As always, volunteers are needed in EVERY area. If you would like to help, please contact a board member.

Many thanks to everyone who donated and participated in this year's rummage sale.

As a reminder, on September 15, 2012, we will be celebrating 100 years of Buddhism in Utah. Festivities will be at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. A luncheon and workshops are planned for the day. The keynote speaker will be former Utah Supreme Court Justice Michael Zimmerman. Registration and information forms are part of this edition of the GEPP0.

The Longmont Buddhist Temple will be hosting this year's Mountain States District Conference, the weekend of August 4th and 5th. The conference will be held in Estes Park CO. This will be a great opportunity to meet and reunite with friends from the other temples in our district. Information is available in this edition of the GEPP0.

*Gassho,
Kirk Y.*



BWA NEWS

By Tami H.



THANK YOU so much for supporting our Sushi Sale. Thank you to all the ladies that always come out to help us prepare. The sale was a huge success and we were able to make a generous donation to our temple. We truly do appreciate your support of our efforts to help our temple.

Don't forget our next meeting on Sunday, August 19th at 11:30 a.m.

Don't forget to look for the next edition of the GEPP0 to find out who the big winners are from our trip to Wendover on June 24th.



Donations

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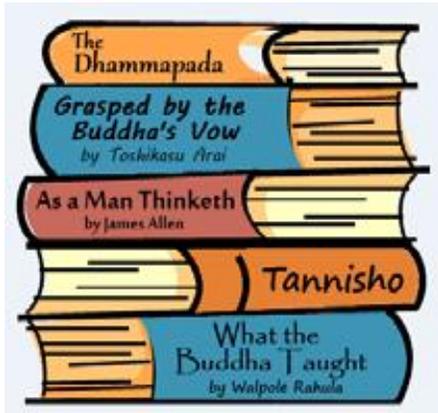
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Alice H., Marilyn Y., Marie H., Annette K.

Sushi Sale Donations

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Buddha's Bookshelf

Each GEPP0 we will be spotlighting a book on Buddhism. The article will contain the book information and a short summary written by a study group or temple member. We hope you enjoy our "bookshelf".

This edition's review is written by Laura W.

This review is of
Mindful Recovery, A Spiritual Path to Healing from Addiction
 by Thomas Bien, Ph.D. and Beverly Bien, M. Ed.
 2002, John Wiley & Sons, Inc. NY Publishing

Our Wednesday morning discussion group has been studying Right Speech, and the conversation has touched on gossip, foul language, angry words, etc. We've also looked at *when* we're inclined to use not-so-right speech -- when we're driving, when someone seems rude, when we're frustrated, hurt, afraid, embarrassed -- when, instead of really thinking and assessing the situation calmly and objectively, we have our usual knee-jerk reaction. And it seems we've all encountered people who habitually behave badly. That's why "Mindful Recovery" stood out on the shelf, like a response to the question, "How can I stop making the same mistakes over and over?"

This book is written from a Buddhist perspective and focuses on addictions, but the authors make two things clear from the beginning: (1) Buddhism is not a religion or philosophy, but a *path of liberation*, and (2) the definition of addiction, as the word is used today, encompasses any number of compulsive or habitual problematic behaviors.

Authors Thomas and Beverly Bien are professional therapists who take a spiritual approach to overcoming suffering. The introduction to the book briefly outlines the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, and explains that "The Buddha's focus was practical, not moral or speculative." And because the eight areas of the Eightfold Path lead from one to the next and are interconnected, "it is possible to simplify, and focus on mindfulness alone, since this inevitably includes the rest as well."

Part One of "Mindful Recovery" looks at the process of change: How we get off track. Heeding our emotional pain. The need for openness. How being mindful enables us to enjoy what is and have rich, clear experiences. It looks at ways of thinking, and ways we can bring about change.

Part Two is about the Ten Doorways to Mindful Recovery: Seeing the magic of the ordinary; telling life stories; journaling; meditating; recreation and nature; loving; dreaming; working; transforming negative emotions; and living moment by moment. Each chapter or "doorway" includes examples and simple assignments to help the reader become more aware.

A major premise of the book is that addictions are the avoidance of reality. Whether it's drugs, alcohol, food, shopping, sex or computer games, "addictive behavior is a way to turn problems off for awhile," the book says. "Unfortunately, of course, doing this increases both the number and the complexity" of the problems. Mindfulness -- calm awareness -- is the opposite of avoidance.

Each chapter gives real-life examples of issues people face. And because the Bien's are drawing from their own experiences as therapists in a variety of settings, it rings true when they talk about how and why people behave as they do and how a mindful approach can clear the way for a positive outcome.

In addition to the helpful steps and practices clearly explained throughout the book, "Mindful Recovery" is fully indexed and has a recommended reading list at the end. At 238 pages total, it packs a lot of information and ideas into a conversational, easy-to-read format.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

By Suzan Y.

We don't go out of this world in order to be born into the Pure Land, but we carry the Pure Land. Being born in the Pure Land means discovering the Pure Land within ourselves.

~D.T. Suzuki

My conclusion from the quote above, is that Amida (infinite Wisdom and Compassion) is our inner-most Self and when that inner-most Self is found, we are born in the Pure Land.

I am grateful to the parents who support Dharma School throughout the year. They are wonderful in volunteering to be teachers and committee members who take care of special activities. It is because of them my position as superintendent has been trouble-free.

I'm always a little sad during this time of year, as we see our students, Mackenzie H., KayLene Y., Trenton Y. and Kevin S. entering a new phase of their life as they graduate from high school and enroll in college. They have been with Dharma School since their preschool/kindergarten days. It is my hope that as Dharma School teachers we have helped our students discover the Pure Land within themselves.

Congratulations to Madison Y., perfect attendance. I believe this is her third consecutive year!

Even though we are out for the summer, Obon is around the corner. If you can help out with the Dharma School booth or would like to donate items for the Dharma School booth, please let me or any board member know.

Thank you for an amazing year!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Perfect Attendance

Madison Y.

2012 Graduates

Trenton Y.

KayLene Y.

Mackenzie H.

Kevin S.



DHARMA SCHOOL DONATIONS

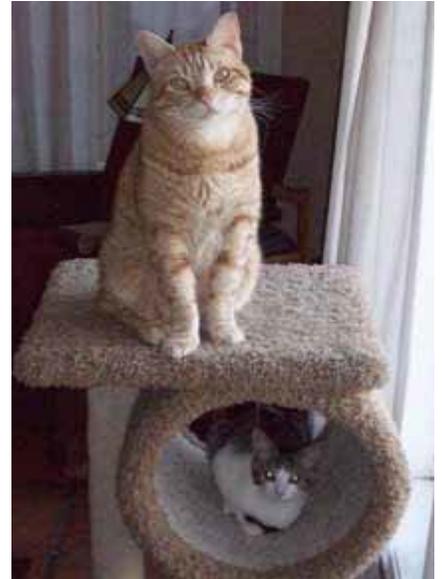
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The Ogden Buddhist Church Dharma School presents
GATO'S CORNER

**Reprinted with permission from Reverend Kurt Rye
of the Fresno Buddhist Temple**



It's late May in Fresno and it is starting to get hot. It is 6:00 in the evening and still 95 degrees. I'm on the computer in my office, which is the coolest room in the house. Suddenly I hear Gato and Saffie making a lot of noise in the kitchen. Then I hear something hit the floor so I go into the kitchen to investigate. I see a can of beans on the middle of the kitchen floor with Gato and Saffie sitting next to it starring at each other.



Gato: I can't believe that you're so clumsy as to knock this can off the counter. When you jump up on the counter you should be alert. If something is where you're going to land, fall back to the floor and figure out a new landing place. Don't be a dope and land in the middle of something.

Saffie: Sorry, sorry, I didn't know.

Gato: Well sometimes you just don't think. Remember last week when you fell into the laundry hamper? Thank goodness no one saw you. How embarrassing! You need to listen to what I tell you more closely. I know you're still a kitten but you should really listen to what I have to say.

Saffie: But, but...

Gato: I have been around the block kid, and I know what is going on. You...

Rev. Kurt: Gato stop! Why are you yelling at Saffie?

Gato: She knocked this can of beans onto the floor trying to land on the counter. I have told her a hundred times, if she see something before she lands she should drop back to the floor without knocking anything over. But no, she doesn't listen to me and ends up making a mistake.

Saffie: Ohhhh...

Rev. Kurt: Gato, you're too much. You're upsetting Saffie, for no reason.

Gato: That is not true. I'm trying to help her and she just doesn't listen.

Saffie: I do so! You are just too bossy.

Gato: I'm just following the rule of the Golden Chain of "helping those are weaker than myself."

Saffie: Errrrrrr....

Rev. Kurt: Enough you two! Gato I know you're trying to help Saffie, but the way you are doing it is backwards. The Buddha said, **"Dwelling on others faults, multiplies your own. You are far from the end of your journey (enlightenment)."**

Gato: But I was trying to help her.

Rev. Kurt: Yes you were, but in a self-centered way. What the Buddha meant was that if you focus on others faults you're not looking at your own actions. It is easy to see faults in others and not ourselves. For example you yell at Saffie for something she has done wrong and you think you're helping her. Yet you don't see that your fault is yelling at her and hurting her feelings. The Buddha would want us to reflect on our own behavior, not on another's behavior.

Gato: I see what you mean. I guess being around her all the time, I can get upset and it is easy to only see her bad faults. We do play together a lot and when it's cold we sleep next to each other to keep warm. Ahh... Saffie I'm sorry I yelled at you. I'll try to be more mindful of my words.

Saffie: Gato "The Humble Buddhist Cat" yea!

Dharma School Students: Every time Rev. Kurt Rye writes through the eyes of his cats, he has a lesson to be learned. Make sure you listen and follow his teachings.

In Memory

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

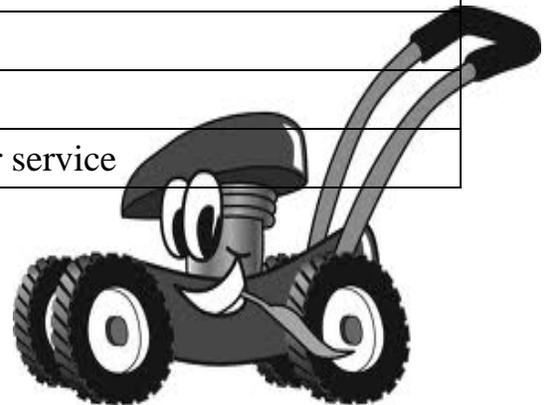
*May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu.
Namo Amida Butsu*

James Yonemura ~ May 26, 2012

Summer Lawn Mowing Schedule

Thanks for volunteering to help with this year's lawn mowing. This assists the Church financially and maintains the Church's appearance. The first person identified will contact the others to decide the best time to meet within the scheduled week. Thanks again.

Week of	People
24-Jun-2012	Mike K., Todd H., Tom F.
01-July-2012	Steve K., Geoff R., Blaine Y.
08-July-2012	James A., Charles A., Steve Y., Toby Y.
15-July-2012	Obon Clean-up (Sunday, July 15 th) – mow lawn during clean-up/food prep
22-July-2012	Obon Service – mow lawn after service
29-July-2012	James A., Charles A., Tom F.
05-Aug-2012	Stan H., Alex H., Kirk Y., Trenton Y.
12-Aug-2012	Mike K., Roland S., Todd H.
19-Aug-2012	Steve K., James A., Charles A.
26-Aug-2012	Tom F., Todd H., Roland S., Geoff R.
02-Sept-2012	Steve K., Mike K., Blaine Y.
09-Sept-2012	Kirk Y., Trenton Y., Steve Y.
16-Sept-2012	Dharma School Begins – mow lawn after service





OBON CELEBRATIONS

It's time to begin preparation for our Annual Obon Festival which will be held on July 21st and 22nd.

DANCE PRACTICE

Monday and Wednesday – July 2 and 6
 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – July 9, 11, and 13
 Monday and Wednesday – July 16 and 18

Practices will be held at the temple at 7:00 p.m.

OBON PREPARATIONS

We will be doing food prep and getting the church set up for Obon at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 19; 6:00 on Friday, July 20; and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 21. Volunteers are needed both nights and especially on Saturday. Please come and lend a hand when you can.

2012 OBON DONATION LIST

The board is asking our members to help by donating non-perishable items needed to prepare for Obon, which will be held on Saturday, July 21.

PLEASE CALL RUTH S. AT **Omitted for Online Version** WITH YOUR DONATION

Items must be brought to the church by July 14

- 2 - 1 gallon soy sauce
- 3- large bottle Mirin
- 8 - double packs somen
- 30 cans spam
- 2 boxes large size gloves
- 4 boxes medium size gloves
- 5 Costco size bags Edamame
- 2 boxes heavy duty forks (500 count)
- 4 large (Costco size) bottles oil
- 1 56-oz can toasted sesame oil
- 4 large bottles Yoshida Sauce
- 10 20 pound bags of Rice
- 4 packages sushi Nori (50 count)
- 1 case toilet paper (individually wrapped)
- 1 case large roll paper towels (for dispensers)
- 1 Costco size package 16oz drinking cups
- 2 rolls heavy duty foil

The board would like to remind you that cash donations are always welcome to help offset the cost of the fresh food.

Also, please make sure you turn in your receipts to Betty Yamashita so they can be added to your year-end contribution letter.

You can send your receipts to
 P.O. Box 3248
 Ogden, UT 84409



OBON FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 22, 2012



Japanese Food

Starting at 4:00 p.m.

(Chicken & Beef Teriyaki Bowls, Spam Musubi, Somen, Manju)

Ogden Buddhist Taiko Group

7:30 p.m. & Intermission

Bon Odori (Bon Dancing)

8:00 p.m.

OGDEN BUDDHIST CHURCH
155 North Street



OBON
SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012

CEMETERY SERVICE SCHEDULE:

10:30 A.M. SYRACUSE

11:00 A.M. WASHINGTON TERRACE

11:30 A.M. OGDEN

OTOKI LUNCH - NOON

1:00 P.M. OBON / HATSUBON SERVICE
JULY SHOTSUKI HOYO

This special service is held on the Sunday following the Obon Festival. This memorial service is held in dedication and gratitude for all the members of our Sangha who have died over the previous year. Its basis is the same as our Obon Festival. Kangi-E is the name used traditionally in our Jodo Shinshu Tradition. This name represents the joy we feel for Amida Buddha's vow to save all sentient beings and the joy in knowing our deceased Sangha members are likewise embraced in that compassion.

"Hatsu bon" literally means the first obon. Hatsubon is a Buddhist ceremony commemorating the first anniversary of a loved one's passing.

July Shotsuki Hoyo

July Shotsuki Hoyo
July 22, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

July 7	1990	Bessie Toki Hokoda
July 22	1995	Mito Imaizumi
July 17	1961	Kantaro Inouye
July 10	1977	Kinshiro Itakura
July 5	1984	Yuki Kawashima
July 3	1982	Reiko Koga
July 3	1982	Shigeru Sam Matsumura
July 28	1986	Taki Mayeda
July 12	1977	Manji Miya
July 6	1977	Kichiro Morimoto
July 20	1965	Monkichi Murakami
July 1	1995	Sam Sunao Nagata
July 1	1977	Bukatsu Nakahara
July 14	1991	Tome Sakiyama
July 25	2004	Emma Yayoi Stewart
July 7	1971	Heibei Sugimoto
July 3	1984	John N. Takabayashi
July 8	1982	Tome Taura
July 30	1999	Minoru Watanabe
July 23	2005	Lily Watari
July 10	2007	Tomio Yamada
July 22	1986	Hiroshi Yamasaki
July 17	2004	Seiichi Yei

Obon and Hatsubon Memorial Service
July 22, 2012 ~ 1:00 p.m.

This memorial service is held in dedication and gratitude for all the members of our Sangha who have died over the previous year.

Hatsubon observance will be held for the following members:

Haruko Yamasaki
Lily Aoki
Terry Kuroiwa
Fujie Kunimoto
James Yonemura

AUGUST Shotsuki Hoyo will be observed in September

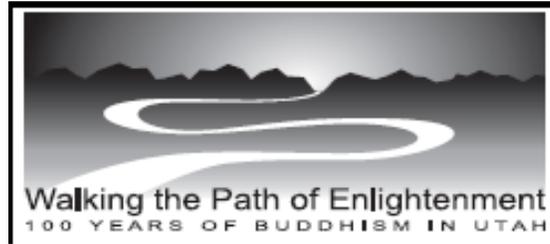
For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2nd, 4th, 5th, etc. the temple is holding these monthly Shotsuki Hoyo. During these services, the temple will list the names of those members who have died during the month in the preceding years.

The families 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:

Office 363-4742, Home 299-8727, Emergency 819-2648.

2012 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:		
2011 - 1 year	2000 - 13 year	1980 - 33 year
2010 - 3 year	1996 - 17 year	1963 - 50 year
2006 - 7 year	1988 - 25 year	1913 - 100 year



Buddhist Centennial Celebration 100 Years of Buddhism in Utah

Saturday, September 15, 2012
9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center
100 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Conference Highlights:

- Opening Service with Bishop Umezu
- Lunch Banquet Speaker Sensei Michael Zimmerman & Historical Picture Video
- Workshops including:
 - Taiko & Buddhism
 - Panel Discussion on Crossing Over from other religions to Buddhism
 - Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and other traditions
 - Historical Exhibits and Bookstore Sales

Registration: (Conference Fee: \$40.00 per person)

Complete and send to Salt Lake Buddhist Temple c/o Karen Tohinaka 211 West 100 South, SLC, UT 84111

Name/or Family: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Do you want to reserve a Family Table (8 people per table)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, Family Members (\$300.00 per table includes registration):

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5. _____

2. _____

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Buddhist Centennial Planning Committee

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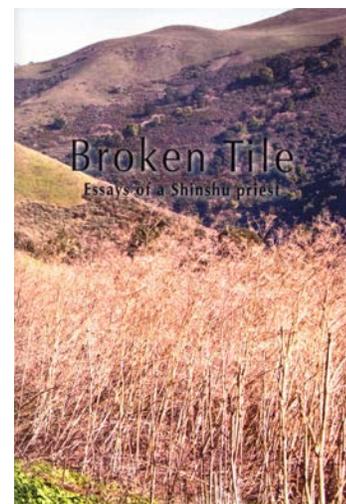
BCA Bookstore News – March 2012

by Gayle Noguchi, Bookstore Manager

Now available at the BCA Bookstore:

“Broken Tile: Essays of a Shinshu Priest” by Reverend Gerald Sakamoto (paperback, \$9.00). The inspiration for the title of Reverend Sakamoto’s book comes from the words of Shinran in “Notes on Essentials of Faith Alone.” Shinran says, “This is a metaphor. When we entrust ourselves to the Tathagata’s Primal Vow, we, who are like bits of tile and pebbles, are turned into gold...”

Through 12 short essays Reverend Sakamoto shares his reflections on a variety of personal experiences viewed through the transformative nature of the nembutsu teachings. One of the essays is “Lab Coats and Light Speed” about the importance of determining for ourselves what is true. Another one is “A Thousand Cranes” in which the reader learns about a relative in Japan, who despite all the suffering he has been through having survived the bombing of Hiroshima, he is happy with his life. Each essay reminds us that when we look deeply into ordinary experiences we find the nembutsu teachings. The book is also filled with stunning color photographs of nature taken by Reverend Sakamoto.



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JSCC POSTER CONTEST



The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is
looking for a graphic designer
to create an original poster for online course by
September 15

For project details, please contact: JSCC@cbe-bca.org
Selected designer to receive \$300.00

JSCC Office, 2140 Durant Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94704 Tel: 510-809-1441



LONGMONT BUDDHIST TEMPLE
Highway 287 & Pike Road
Longmont, Colorado

Longmont Buddhist Temple invites you to the Mountain States Conference

August 4 – 5, 2012 at the YMCA of the Rockies

Cool mountain breezes and brilliant sunshine create the perfect environment for refreshing your spirit and enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors. Come join us in Estes Park, Colorado!

Extend your stay and make it a family vacation. You'll always remember your special time here.

Schedule of Events

Saturday

9:00am Registration begins (snacks and beverages)
10:00am Welcome and opening service
10:30am Workshop
12:30pm Lunch

Afternoon free. There are many complimentary activities available at the YMCA with room rental such as swimming, tennis, hiking, mini-golf, game room, roller skating, basketball, volleyball and fishing (see a complete listing at www.ymcarockies.org/estes-park-center-colorado.html). There are also many activities for an extra charge such as rafting, climbing wall, zip line, archery, mountain biking, horseback riding and golf. (Tee times are booking fast refer to www.estesvalleyrecreation.com) Plus you can shop in Estes or go for a drive or hike in Rocky Mountain National Park. Or choose to relax and soak in the beauty around you!

5:30pm Business meeting
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Mixer

Sunday

7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast available
9:00am - 9:30am Meditation service
9:30am – 10:30am Closing service

We hope that you will join us for this special mountain retreat. All events will take place at the Central Lodges of the YMCA Estes Park Center.

Please see the Registration Form for accommodations and rates. We have a limited number of rooms reserved in the Central Lodges, and they will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Additional rooms may be available in other lodges once the Central Lodges are full, but space cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, we urge you to sign up early!

Registration form is next



**LONGMONT BUDDHIST TEMPLE
Highway 287 & Pike Road
Longmont, Colorado**

Registration Form for Mountain States Conference
August 4 – 5, 2012

Name of Participants: _____
(please include ages _____
of children) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Conference only fee: \$ 15.00 per person. The YMCA will impose a \$15.00 per person fee (13 years old and above) for people **not** staying at the YMCA. This fee entitles the participants to enjoy the activities designated as "included." Individual meals may be purchased from the YMCA for \$7.00 (breakfast), \$9.00 (lunch), and \$13.00 (dinner).

Conference fee including accommodations at the YMCA

We have a limited number of rooms reserved in the Central Lodges. Each room has two queen beds and one single floor futon mattress, and will accommodate up to 5 people per room. Other amenities include full private bath, all linens and towels, and free wireless internet access. There is an elevator in the building. (Rates are per person and include one night room, plus 3 meals and activities outlined in the schedule)

2 sharing a Room \$110.50

3 sharing a Room \$ 84.00

4 sharing a Room \$ 70.75

5 sharing a Room \$ 62.80

Child's rate \$ 19.00 (This rate for children ages 6-12 who are sharing a room with their parent.)

• Sales Tax is not included in rates. It will be added to your final bill.

• Check-in is 3:00pm or later/Check-out is 10:00am. Pets are not allowed.

Cancellation policy: Cancellation fee before June 1st is \$50 per person. Cancel on or after June 1st: Fee is 100%

Deadline for YMCA room registration is June 1st. Deadline for conference registration is July 1st. Please forward your completed application and full payment by check made out to Longmont Buddhist Temple to:

John Hughes
6648 Scenic Ct.
Firestone CO 80504
John.hughes@ace-sols.com

Staying at the YMCA provides the best value. The YMCA is very busy in August, so sign up early for best rooms.

July, 2012



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 9:00 am – Install new sink & ice maker	2 7:00 pm OBON Dance Practice	3	4	5	6 7:00 pm OBON Dance Practice	7
8	9 7:00 pm OBON Dance Practice	10 7:30 pm Board Meeting	11 10:00 am Dharma Discussion Group ☆☆☆ 7:00 pm OBON Dance Practice	12	13 7:00 pm OBON Dance Practice	14 Salt Lake Annual Obon Festival
15 8:00 am – Yard Clean-Up 1:00 pm – SL Obon Service	16 7:00 pm OBON Dance Practice	17	18 10:00 am Dharma Discussion Group ☆☆☆ 7:00 pm OBON Dance Practice	19 6:00 pm OBON FOOD PREP	20 6:00 pm OBON FOOD PREP	21 OBON Festival Prep – 9am Food @ 4pm
22 OBON Service 10:30 am – Syracuse Cemetery 11:00 am – Washington Hts. Cemetery 11:30 am – Ogden Cemetary 12:00 pm – Lunch at Church 1:00 pm – Obon Service	23	24	25 10:00 am Dharma Discussion Group	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Toban Cleaning Group:
Obon Cleaning Committee
This means EVERYBODY!





August, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 am Dharma Discussion Group	2	3 ← Mountain States Conference -----	4
5 -----→	6	7	8 10:00 am Dharma Discussion Group	9	10	11
12	13	14 7:30 pm Board Meeting	15 10:00 am Dharma Discussion Group	16	17 GEPO Articles Due	18
19 11:30 am – BWA Meeting	20	21	22 10:00 am Dharma Discussion Group	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 10:00 am Dharma Discussion Group	30	31	

Toban Cleaning Group:

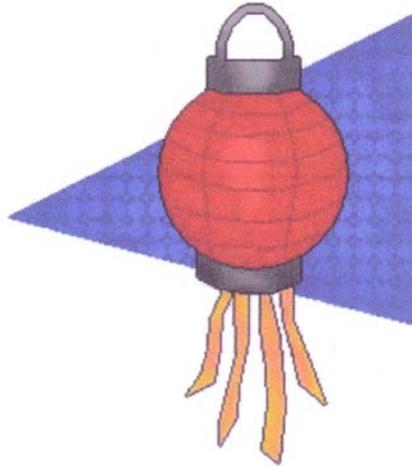
- Tom and Marcie F. (Leader)
- Robyn and Kent F.
- Steve and Ellen K.
- Valarie K.

AUGUST



Obon Memorial Lanterns

The Ogden Buddhist Church is selling "Memorial Lanterns" for Obon. You can purchase a lantern in the memory of family or friends that are no longer with us. Your lantern will be personalized with their name and hung on the Yagura during the Obon Festival.



OBON MEMORIAL LANTERN ORDER FORM

You can purchase a lantern to honor a family member that has passed away. The lantern will be personalized and hung from the Yagura during the Obon Festival. You will be given the lantern at the completion of Obon.

YOUR NAME: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$_____

In MEMORY of: (Please PRINT first and last name)

Lanterns are \$5.00 per name.

Please fill out this form and return it to Ellen K. or any board member.

You can also mail this form with your payment to:

Ogden Buddhist Church
P.O. Box 3248
Ogden, UT 84409