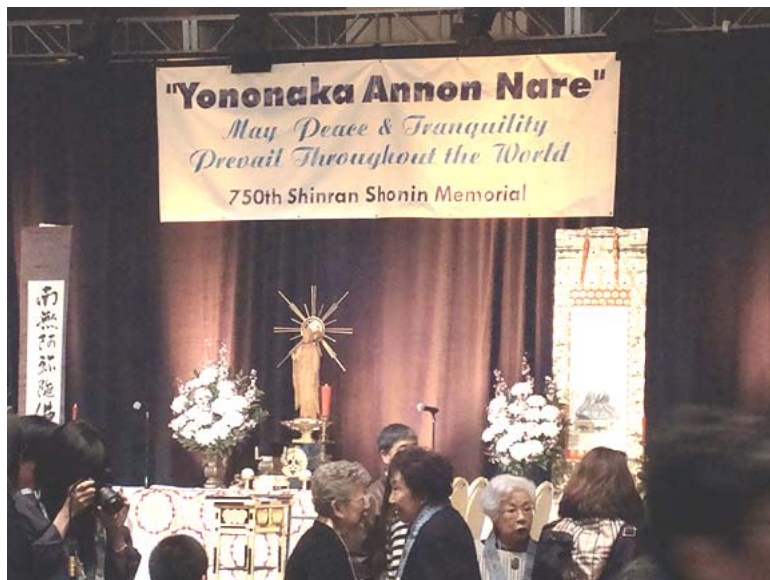


Yo No Naka Annon Nare

May Peace And Tranquility Prevail Throughout The World

Peace and Tranquility was the theme for BCA's Symposium and Memorial weekend. Over 1400 people attended the Sunday service and music program to commemorate the 750th Memorial of Shinran Shonin. Gomonshu Ohtani Koshin hoped that everyone would take some time to reflect upon the founder of Jodo Shinshu and the significance of the memorial. The special Daionki service is held once every 50 years, and for many, being able to take part in the observance is a once in a lifetime experience.



[Additional photos](#) can be viewed on the Temple website

Hoonko is an annual memorial of Shinran Shonin. A special observance referred to as the Daionki service is conducted every 50 years. BCA commemorated the 750th Memorial of Shinran Shonin last February. Hongwanji will be observing the 750th Memorial in Kyoto commencing in April 2011 to January 2012.

Special Thanks

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Thank you to everyone who
helped commemorate the
750th Shinran Shonin Memorial



See you in Kyoto

Our Temple
A Place To Begin... A Place To Grow

Our Path
The Path Of Enlightenment, The Way Of Oneness

President's Message

Preceding the 750th Shinran Shonin Memorial was the 2010 National Council Meeting. One of Socho Ogui's goals is to make Shin Buddhism a major religious tradition in America. He outlined four points to help achieve the goal:

- Develop an interpretation of Shin Buddhism that is based on the Buddha-Dharma and in context with local outlooks. The teachings have to make sense and is vital to attract new members.
- Present and provide programs that spark interest in those who attend. Be innovative and creative so people enjoy and appreciate what is offered.
- Look beyond current boundaries and welcome all to our churches and temples with the spirit of the Dharma.
- Actively engage in the interfaith movement and work towards peace and harmony in our communities and society.

He asked that we challenge ourselves and not be afraid to try new things or make mistakes along the way.

I believe Socho's ideas correspond with and strengthen our Temple's vision and mission¹.

"If we walk the Nembutsu path with the spirit of Shinran Shonin, we can realize a change for the better²."

Gassho,
Scott Takeda

¹Our Temple adopted Vision and Mission statements at the March Board Meeting.

²Thank you to Socho Ogui for the inspiring words.

Welcome New Members

Gordon Oishi
Messer family
Jennifer Tasaka and Chuck
Karli (2nd grade)
Kyle (kindergarten)

Thank You

to our volunteers at the JASEB Crabfeed

<u>Food Prep.</u>	<u>Baked Goods</u>
<u>Serving</u>	Patty Fujiwara
Craig Griffin	Emily Moya
Mimi Kagehiro	Miri Nikaidoh
Jon Kawamoto	
Emily Moya	
Yuki Otake	

Thank you to everyone for their support of a venerable organization



California Nisei College Diploma Project

The California Nisei College Diploma Project was established to provide community outreach and education for California Assembly Bill 37. The State of California's public universities and colleges are authorized to grant honorary degrees to former students who were forced to leave their studies as a result of Executive Order 9066. Hundreds of recipients have been identified and campuses are searching for former students.

UCSF was the first campus to host a Nisei graduation ceremony. UCLA will be conferring honorary degrees on May 15. For a list of colleges and ceremony dates, please visit the Temple website and www.jccnc.org.

Even after the ceremonies, those who are eligible (or their families if the recipient has passed away) can still receive an honorary degree. Contact the campus attended by the former student for more information.

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Our Vision

A Community Where Our Spiritual Life And True Self Can Be Realized

Our Mission

To Live A Life Of Joy In The Nembutsu And Share The Dharma With Others