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BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Web Edition

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



# WELCOME REV. SHIBATA

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

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Welcome Rev. Shibata

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## FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 1, 2016 - Shusho-e (New Year service)**

**January 3 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo**

**January 10 - Installation of BBT Officers, Mochi Tsuki, New Year's Luncheon**

**January 17 - Special showing of *Inside Out***

**February 7 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo**

**February 14 - Nirvana Day service**

**February 21 - DFS, General Membership Meeting**

**February 28 - Dana Day service**

### January 2016 Dharma School Schedule

- Friday, 1/1: Shusho-e; no Dharma School classes
- Sunday, 1/3: Regular Dharma School classes
- Sunday, 1/10: New Year Party; no Dharma School classes
- Sunday, 1/17: Regular Dharma School classes. Join us after the service for a special showing of *Inside Out* in the hondo!
- Sunday, 1/24: High School students lead the Dharma Family Service. Please join us! Regular Dharma School classes following High School service.
- Sunday, 1/31: Regular Dharma School classes

Special repeat showing of *Inside Out*

Sunday, January 17

Join the Dharma School inside the hondo after the regular services for a showing of *Inside Out*, the Pixar film that inspired the Dharma School's curriculum this past fall.

## Beginnings and Gratitude

To encounter a true teacher is difficult even among difficult things...<sup>1</sup>

Greetings and Happy New Year! It brings me so much joy to ring in 2016 with all of you as the new resident minister of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to Rev. Matsumoto for all of his guidance during my orientation period. Rev. Matsumoto's kind, compassionate and caring nature made these last four months of anticipated nervousness, a time to enjoy this new chapter of my life. I would also like to thank all of the wonderful temple members for their welcoming and kind hearts. Because of all of you, I feel like I am at home here at this great temple.

When we think about the new year, many things come to mind, such as future plans, the past, loved ones we have lost, New Year's resolutions that may include those 30 pounds you have been trying to lose since 2009 (specifically speaking about myself ☺) and so much more. During this time I especially think about new beginnings.

This new beginning of becoming a Jōdo Shinshū minister has been a long, but meaningful process for me. It truly began the day my mother suddenly passed away in 2003. Her passing changed and transformed me in so many different ways. It challenged my view of the Buddha's teachings, but ultimately led me to see life as it is...an ever-changing existence with countless causes and conditions.

During my mother's career as the secretary at the Stockton Buddhist Temple, she worked with a young, newly ordained minister. As a child, I remembered him as a kind man who shared the Dharma with us in a way that the children and adults alike, could easily understand. This young man was Rev. Matsumoto. He essentially watched me grow up since I was 10 years old and well into my teen years during his assignment in Stockton. Because of the friendship my mom and Rev. Matsumoto shared, I knew that I could turn to him after I lost my mom.

In an email conversation in 2010 when I first inquired about the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Rev. Matsumoto shared with me that he wondered whether the ministry could be in my future. With his encouragement and support, I enrolled at IBS later that year. My time there will be an experience I will never forget.

While I reflect on my path to the ministry and on my career beginning at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, I realized that I have encountered a true teacher in Rev. Matsumoto. In *The Collected Works of Shinran*, Shinran Shōnin wrote hymns praising the Seven Pure Land Masters, which included his teacher Hōnen Shōnin. The above quote by Shinran Shōnin regarding Hōnen Shōnin resonates with me and I am sure with all of you when you think about Rev. Matsumoto. We are truly fortunate that we have encountered a true teacher. Because of countless causes and conditions of our lives, such as sharing encounters with others, I believe that compassion and gratitude are the beautiful outcomes. Thank you alone cannot match my sense of gratitude for all of the people who have supported and continue to support me, including Rev. Matsumoto.

I look forward to getting to know all of you while learning about the Jōdo Shinshū teachings together. あけましておめでとうございます！ Happy New Year!

In Gassho,  
Rev. Candice Shibata

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<sup>1</sup> From *Hymns of the Pure Land Masters*, CWS, 389.

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

There is something about the end of the year makes all of us reflect. I guess it is the thought that we are “closing” a year, a year and a space of time that we can never reopen. Admitted, much of this is a result of our own doing. Really, there is no start and no end to time; it constantly moves forward. The idea that we are “finishing” a year, only arises because we, as humans, have created a construct in which to measure the passage of time with the calendar.

That being said, there is much for our Temple to reflect upon. We reflect upon how much our Sangha has done not only in maintaining our Temple, but improving it through the work done by Craig Griffin, Mike Nagamoto and Dii Lewis, to name a few, on the Old Temple and the courtyard. We reflect upon the work done to increase our presence in the community through activities planned by Bradley Menda and CJ Dunford. We reflect upon the education provided our kids by the Dharma School teachers. We reflect upon the office volunteers, like Amy Shinsako or Norm Hirose, who help administer the needs of our Temple. I reflect upon the departure of Ron Hiraga as my fellow co-president and how he has helped me over the past 2 years. We reflect upon the departure of Reverend Matsumoto and how much he has helped us grow as a Sangha. We reflect upon how lucky we are to receive Reverend Shibata into our fold to help us continue on our path.

There will always be something new occurring in all of our lives and at the Temple, that is a given. Let us now take some time to look back at our recent past to acknowledge how others have benefited us and how we have impacted the lives of others. In addition, we should consider what actions we can take in the coming year to improve our community, our Temple, our Sangha and ourselves and how fortunate we are to be here.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

In Gassho,

Takashi Nikaidoh  
BBT President 2016

# SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

*January 3, 2016*

9:30 am

The following persons will be remembered during the Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial service) for January.

Patricia K. Abe-Calef	Charles T. Aoki	Masako Doi
Masako Egawa	Chika T. Fujikawa	Lily Y. Fujioka
Shima Fujioka	Isamu Fujita	Goroku Furukawa
Hidemi Furuzawa	Yoneo Futatsuki	Leonce Gervais
Rev. Gyodo Haguri	Therese Guilbert	Fusa Haraguchi
Tamekichi Haraguchi	Masami S. Hataye	Seitaro Hataye
Takeo Hirahara	John J. Hiramoto	Ann Y. Imada
Tomomi Ito	Rev. Kakusho Izumi	Tokuo Izumi
Kimi Kami	Hisashi Kaneko	Kojiro Kaneshita
Masakazu Kawaguchi	Masa Kawai	Tad Kawamura
Toku Kimura	Mitsuko Kono	Toshio K. Kono
Uhachi Kubo	S. Ken Kurakazu	Grace Marie Lindquist
Mary M. Maekawa	Kikuyo Marubayashi	Menichiro Marubayashi
Roy M. Marubayashi	C. Louise Matoba	Tsuyo Matsui
Shigeji Matsumoto	Akie Mayeda	Yoshiko Muranishi
Katsumi Nakagaki	George Y. Nakahara	Shirley I. Nakahara
Lawrence S. Nakano	Jiro Nakaso	Kimiko Nishimoto
Masayo Nitta	Chiyono Okimoto	Fumiyo Okita
Sangoro Ouye	Kimiko Sato	Emiko Shimada
George J. Sugihara	Sada Takahashi	Sachio Takeda
Chotaro Taketa	Bumtaro Takita	Kunika Tom
Mitsue Toriumi	Ronald Uchiumi	Rose Chiyo Uda
Shikano Umawatari	Shawn C. Utsumi	Iyono Wakaye
Mamoru Wakida	Rev. Ryujo Yamada	Mike M. Yamamura
Ichitaro Yamasaki	Matsue Yamasaki	William Yamasaki
Kimi Yamashita	Rev. Seishin Yamashita	Sam M. Yamoto
Frank Yokoi	Minoru Yonemura	Yuhei Yoshiura

Note: If there are any additions, corrections or deletions to the above list, please notify the Berkeley Buddhist Temple at 510-841-1356.

## Who Am I?--Part Three

By Diane Ames

We have been discussing the Buddhist teaching that the self has no independent, permanent existence and is made up of parts. And having already dealt with it having "no permanent existence" and being "made up of parts," we're ready to move on to it having "no independent existence."

It's easy to demonstrate that I could not long exist without the oxygen in the Earth's air or without the food and water which the Earth, with the aid of farmers and EBMUD, supplies. The experience of astronauts shows that I even need the Earth's gravity to stay healthy over the long haul. Yes, my existence is dependent on these things. Yet I still think that there is a sort of glass wall between my environment and "me." So how real is this wall?

To use an example familiar to my readers: If a group of Japanese nationals assemble on one side of the room and a group of Japanese-Americans assemble on the other, the two groups will look a lot alike, yet no one will have any trouble telling which group is which as soon as they begin to talk or even begin to move around. For one thing, the Japanese-Americans will stand a few feet from each other if they can help it, while Japanese nationals do not seem to mind standing closer to each other than that. Anthropologists say that their cultures instill in them different senses of personal space. But odds are that nobody in either of our hypothetical groups is consciously aware of this unless someone has pointed it out to them. So who taught them how close to another (random) person they can comfortably be? People seem to pick this up from the people around them by a sort of unconscious osmosis, as they pick up so much of what we now call their culture.

Culture alone does a great deal to shape what we consider our minds and personalities. A Nisei professional man whom I know once remarked that when he was three years old, his parents seriously considered sending him to Japan to be raised by his grandparents in a remote fishing village. I asked him whether he thought that if they had done so, he would have become anything like the same person. He replied, "No, I'd be completely different," and I think he was right.

But of course my parents also did more to make me what I am than I normally realize. For instance: after a plane he was flying was almost downed by an anti-aircraft gun during the Korean War, my father became very concerned about avoiding premature death. He adopted a low cholesterol diet and insisted we all do so, jogged, read health newsletters, watched his weight (and ours) obsessively, and generally drove the rest of the family mad. (He did live to be 90.) I took a rather jaundiced attitude towards all this. Then, at the age of 51, I had a scary double vision episode and was diagnosed with a prediabetic condition with some alarmingly high blood sugar readings; and I found myself doing exactly what my father would have done. I did a lot of research on prediabetic conditions and gradually lost 30 pounds by using Daddy's old 1960's low carb diet. I adopted an exercise regimen for the first time in my life. Lately I have started counting carbohydrate grams and embarrass my relatives by measuring my rice or noodles with a measuring cup in restaurants. I hope that all this is not tiresome to others, but I suspect that there are times when it is. However, the upshot is that after eighteen years of being prediabetic, I do not have diabetes, and it seems that this is doing well. And to some extent, I owe it to my father's example.

My culture and my parents' influence are only part of what has made me, and continues to make me, what I am. A lifetime of experiences, my education, my marriage, my relatives, the other people in my life, the books I've read, the Buddhist religion--these are only the beginning of a long list. And I am not just passively shaped by the world around me; I do my little bit to shape the world. I think I can say that my little world would not be quite the same without me. That is also part of what is meant by "having no independent existence."

*FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016*  
*SHUSHO-E*  
*NEW YEAR'S SERVICE*  
*10:00 AM*

*REV. CANDICE SHIBATA OFFICIATING*

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**COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE,  
NEW YEAR'S PARTY, &  
BBT OFFICERS INSTALLATION SERVICE**

**JANUARY 10, 2016**  
**9:30 AM**

**Mochi tsuki and New Year's Luncheon  
following service**

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## **BAZAAR MEETING**

The 2016 annual Satsuki Bazaar planning time is here.

**FIRST BAZAAR MEETING WITH BAZAAR CHAIRPERSONS,  
RON HIRAGA, KIYOSHI KATSUMOTO & RUSSELL WARE**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 7 pm  
in the Old Temple**

All chairpersons and interested persons are asked to attend this kick-off meeting.



**Berkeley Buddhist Temple expresses condolences and deep sympathy**

**To the Family of Vickie Chin  
on the passing of her mother,  
Mrs. Kisao Yamaguchi  
June 16, 1925 - September 19, 2015**

**and**

**To the family of Craig Tagawa  
on the passing of his father,  
Mr. Takashi Tagawa  
August 15, 1916 - November 17, 2015**

**Namu Amida Butsu**

**Namu Amida Butsu**

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The following is a list of special service years. If you have a departed relative who has passed away in any of the listed years, and would like to make arrangements for a memorial service, please contact Rev. Shibata at (510) 841-1356.

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**2016 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2015	1 <sup>ST</sup> Year
2014	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2010	7 <sup>th</sup> Year
2004	13 <sup>th</sup> Year
2000	17 <sup>th</sup> Year
1992	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
1984	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
1967	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
1917	100 <sup>th</sup> Year

**Are you interested in going to JAPAN for a  
ONCE in a LIFETIME event?**

**Would you like to see the BEAUTY of  
JAPAN while traveling with your BBT  
friends?**

**If your answer is YES, you're in luck!**



**Beginning in the late part of 2016 until May 2017, Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto will be observing the *Dento Hokoku Hoyo*, which is The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition. This series of ceremonies observes the appointment of the 25<sup>th</sup> head priest of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, Monshu Ohtani Kojun.**

**Due to the high number of tourists going to Japan for this once in a lifetime event, planning must begin as soon as possible. Accommodations will be made at Nishi Hongwanji for English speaking attendees on October 21, 2016 and March 31, 2017, but space is limited.**

**Reverend Candice is interested in planning a trip with interested BBT members to attend the ceremony in Kyoto on March 31, 2017. Following this ceremony, various individual or group tour packages can be arranged to see the beautiful sights of Japan. This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience this momentous occasion for the Jodo Shinshu Tradition during the gorgeous cherry blossom season of Japan.**

**Members who are interested in learning more about this trip can contact Reverend Candice at: [revshibata.bbt@gmail.com](mailto:revshibata.bbt@gmail.com) or can leave a message at the temple office: (510) 841-1356.**

**Thank you!**



Hey Sangha Sports Fans!  
 Looking for something to do on the weekends?  
 Looking for fast-paced action?  
 If the answer is "yes" to either of these questions,  
 then come watch our Sangha kids play basketball with some of the premier  
 teams of the Bay Area and help cheer them on.

### Sangha E Team

Week	Date	Time	Gym	Home Team	Away Team
Week01	12/6/2015	215pm	KOREMATSU	BCO E Bronze2	Sangha E Bronze1
Week02	12/13/2015	330pm	SACBC	Sangha E Bronze1	Diablo E Bronze3
Week03	12/20/2015	215pm	KOREMATSU	Sangha E Bronze1	EBFM E Bronze2
Week04	1/10/2016	215pm	KOREMATSU	Sangha E Bronze1	Ohtani E Bronze5
Week05	1/17/2016	2pm	MUIR	EBFM E Bronze1	Sangha E Bronze1
Week06	1/24/2016	215pm	KOREMATSU	Sangha E Bronze1	Eden E Bronze3
Week07	1/31/2016	1pm	SACBC	SACBC E Bronze2	Sangha E Bronze1
Week08	OFF				
Week09	2/14/2016	2pm	MUIR	Sangha E Bronze1	Ohtani E Bronze4
Week10	2/21/2016	1pm	MUIR	Ohtani E Bronze5	Sangha E Bronze1

### Sangha C Team

Week	Date	Time	Gym	Home Team	Away Team
Week01	12/5/2015	6PM	Alameda Point	Enchantees 7	Sangha 6/8/9
Week02	12/12/2015	8PM	Alameda Point	Sangha 6/8/9	Diablo 8
Week03	12/19/2015	8PM	Alameda Point	Sangha 6/8/9	Diablo 7
Week04	1/9/2016	6PM	Alameda Point	EBFM 7/8	Sangha 6/8/9
Week05	1/16/2016	6PM	Alameda Point	Ohtani 7/8	Sangha 6/8/9
Week06	1/23/2016	6PM	Alameda Point	Sangha 6/8/9	Ardenettes 7
Week07	1/30/2016	7PM	Alameda Point	Sangha 6/8/9	Ardenettes 8
Week08	2/6/2016	7PM	Alameda Point	Sangha 6/8/9	EBFM 7/8
Week09	2/13/2016	7PM	Alameda Point	Diablo 8	Sangha 6/8/9
Week10	2/20/2016	TBD	Alameda Point		

#### Addresses

SACBC

KOREMATSU (campus of San Leandro HS)

MUIR

Alameda Point

32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587

13701 Bancroft Ave, San Leandro, CA 94578

1444 Williams St, San Leandro, CA 94579

1101 W Red Line Ave, Alameda, CA 94501

Shotsuki Hoyo

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Mr & Mrs. Anthony Fujita-Lozano	Tazuye Lucille Fujita
Ms. Irene Haraguchi	Mitsuru Haraguchi
Ms. Janicew Haraguchi	Mitsuru Haraguchi
Mrs. Nora Hataye	Toki Sakaki
Ms. Cherie Hishida	Shotsuki Hoyo donation
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Ishida	Kameyo Kikawa
Ms. Florence Jeong	Yuki Yokoi
Mrs. Sachiye Kishi	Toshiko Kaneko
Mr. John Masunaga	Hisako Masunaga
Mr. Ronald Morimoto	Kishino Ota
Mr. Herbert Nakahara	Grace Y. Nakahara
Mr. Gordon Oishi	Masako Oishi
Mr. & Mrs. Hayato Okimoto	Shinichi Okimoto
Ms. Kay Ota	Thelma Toshiye Wakasa
Ms. Grace Takahashi	Kanichi and Komura Okita
Mrs. Dorothy Yanagi	Minoru Nojima
George and Lena Yin	Shizue Matsuoka
Anonymous	

Ho-On-Ko Donations

Mrs. Georgia Daikai	Mrs. Sadako Delcollo
Mrs. Lucy Hamai	Rev Jerry Hirano & Dr. Carmelo Javellana
Ms. Florence Jeong	Don and Fumi Matsubara
Mrs. Fumiye Mayeda	Mrs. Nobuko Nishikado
Ms. Joyce Oishi	Mr & Mrs. Kenji Ota
Bruce Buchholz & Doreen Sakamoto	Mrs. Sally Takeda
Mrs. Mieko Taketa	Patricia Fujiwara & Carl Wilmsen
Bob Matsueda & Ranko Yamada	

Bodhi Day

Kiyoshi & Emiko Katsumoto	Mrs. Sachi Yamasaki
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Eshinni / Kakushinni

Ms. Joyce Oishi \$	Kiyoshi & Emiko Katsumoto
Don & Fumi Matsubara	

Special Donations

Mrs. Yoko Honda-Datta	Donation
Nr, & Mrs. Arthur Ishida	Year-end donation
Kiyoshi & Emiko Katsumoto	Year-end donation
Ms. Yufuko Kurioka	Flower arranging group donation
Mrs. Kathleen Menda	Donation
Buddhist Church of Salinas	Donation
Ms. Arlene Suda	Donation
Murashima & Yonemura families	In memory of Sumi Murashima
Rev. Anan Hatanaka (Hongwangi Int'l)	Donation

## Pledged Members Through Nov 22, 2015

The following members have pledged in amounts ranging from \$180 to \$450. Amounts are not intended to correspond to the alphabetical listing below. Pledges sent in after this date may not have been processed by the Padma deadline and will be published in subsequent issues. The temple gratefully acknowledges your generous contributions and thanks you for your dana and understanding. Please advise us of any omissions.

Grant & Rosalyn Tonai Din

Amy Kuwada

Dennis & Alberta Tsuchida

Susan Kajiwara

Art Nishimura

Marrie Yamashita

Richard & Nancy Kakigi

Doreen Sakamoto &  
Bruce Buchholz

Lianne Yasumoto

**Thank you to all temple members for your generous and continued support!**

**For any questions, please call Mimi Kagehiro (510-841-1356) or email [info@berkeleysangha.org](mailto:info@berkeleysangha.org)**



The Berkeley Temple's Gagaku group is looking for a koto that we could use for our practices. We have several students who are interested to learn to play the koto with the group. If anyone has an old koto stored away somewhere that perhaps is no longer being used, or perhaps you know of someone who might be willing to loan or donate a koto for use at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, we would appreciate it if you could contact us.

For more information, please contact David Ushijima at [info@berkeleysangha.org](mailto:info@berkeleysangha.org)



TOBAN COORDINATORS: LENA YIN & PAT TAKEDA

### JANUARY TOBAN:

Chmn: Vicki Chin

Cochairs: Gary Oda, Irene Wells, Denise Gervais

Gene & Vicki Chin, Alfred & Arline Chinn, Suzanne Furuya, Detlev & Lorraine Nobuye Gempf, Denise Gervais, Andy & Lisa Mayeda, Albert & Mari Mayeda Kutchins, Judy Nakaso, Gary Oda, Milton & Diane Furuya Wong, Russell & Irene Wells, Annette Lys\*, Fumi Mayeda\*, Mae Takeda\*, Yosh & Julia Tokiwa\*, Sam Uchiumi\*, Amiko Mayeno

### FEBRUARY TOBAN:

Chmn: Pat Takeda

Cochairs: Sally Takeda, Christina Lyon, Marrie Yamashita

Bob & Carol Akiyama, Darren & Courtney Fujikawa, David & Christina Iwasaki Lyon, Dennis Sakurai, Harold & June Sano, Pat Takeda, Sandra Takeda, Scott Takeda, Steve & Glenna Yamada, Georgia Daikai\*, Toshiko Ehara\*, Mary Haraguchi\*, Amy Kuwada\*, Hazel Nakabayashi\*, Kenji & Amy Ota\*, Sally Takeda\*, Opal Wakayama\*, Marrie Yamashita\*

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PADMA STAFF: Rev. Shibata, Gene Chin, Pauline Fong, Susan & Al Gabriel, Lucy Hamai, Norman Hirose, Ellen Jorgensen, Keiko Kawakami, Emi Matsunaga, Yuki Otake, Mae Takeda, Scott Takeda, Edythe Vassall, and Yae Yedlosky.

**BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 10, 2015**

Attendance: Takashi Nikaidoh, Ron Hiraga, Rev. Shibata, Patty Fujiwara, Judy Fujimoto, Lucy Hamai, Don Hamasaki, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Emiko Katsumoto, Judy Kono, DII Lewis, Emi Nakao, Art Nishimura, Gary Oda, Karen Sugiyama, David Ushijima. Guests attending: Rev. Kuwahara, Rev. Fujita, Rev. Tsuyama, Rev. Hatanaka.

Proxies: Millie Nikaidoh, Lena Yin, Russell Ware

Co-president Takashi Nikaidoh called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with opening gassho led by Rev. Shibata.

**OCTOBER MINUTES** were accepted as amended. MSC J. Kono/K. Katsumoto

**MINISTER'S REPORT:** Rev. Matsumoto presented a written report for the period October 13, 2015-November 10, 2015 which included the following: 4 meetings (1 meeting Rev. Shibata); 3 chanting services; 3 memorial services (2 with Rev. Shibata); 1 telephone consultations; 1 Family Memorial Service; 1 Eitaikyo service (with Rev. Shibata); 1 Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial Service (with Rev. Shibata); 1 Dharma School Halloween Party (Rev. Shibata), 2 Dharma Family Services (1 with Rev. Shibata); 1 BD Jr. YBA Meeting, Concord (Rev. Shibata); 1 BDMA Seminar (with Rev. Shibata)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Satoshi Steimetz issued a written income/expense report for 10/1/15 to 10/31/15.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Custodial Account report received. November 22- Berkeley Half-marathon course will go down Channing from approximately 7:45am-9:45am. Copy of Nikkei West received with article about new BCA ministers.

**REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

**J-SEI:** No report.

**DHARMA SCHOOL:** Halloween party went well. Plans to show Inside Out in the near future.

**JR. YBA:** President Noel McGuire issued a written report for October 2015

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE:** Art Nishimura will provide an updated 2016 service calendar report. November Toban will supply a light lunch after the Interfaith Panel on 11/15. 11/29 correction- Rev. Shibata will officiate, Rev. Matsumoto will give the adult dharma talk. Request to get line budget amount for guest speakers.

**PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP:** No changes

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Railings on the Fulton Street apartments to the front doors and the south side are not to code. 4" clearance required by the City of Berkeley. Motion to have Mike Nagamoto bring them up to code and approve budget up to \$1500 for this repair. MSC E. Nakao/J. Kono. Problems with front gate not closing and gate between the fence and social hall jamming were fixed by Mike. He will also install a removable bicycle stand to be installed in the front driveway. Bars have been purchased and will be installed in the bathrooms in the men and women's bathroom by Craig Griffin.

**GARDEN MAINTENANCE:** A new tree trimmer has been found. The Japanese maple and black pine have been struggling to stay alive during the drought. The sprinkler system has been adjusted. The cleaners will still continue cleaning only the floors in the kitchens. Tobans will be reminded to check counters for food before leaving.

**APARTMENTS:** Ron Hiraga reported that the Unit 4 on Channing Way has been rented for \$1995 effective September 30. Unit 1 has not yet moved or given notice. K&S will take out the garbage weekly. Reimbursement from K&S Repair to 2330 Fulton studio includes new kitchen cabinet and counters, new appliances and repair to rear stairway. Work by Milrand Builders. Motion to approve an advance for \$5000 for the repairs. MSC G.Oda/K. Sugiyama. Property tax of \$3955.14 to be paid in November.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

Upcoming Events:

- Nov/Dec-Canned Food Drive
- Nov/Dec-Warm Coat Drive
- Project Homeless Connect on 12/16 at the Moscone Center
- Dec-College de-stress event (prior to finals)
- Dec-Share the Spirit to help families referred by Asian Mental Health Services

**OTHER REPORTS**

**MINISTER RESIDENCE RENOVATIONS:** Moving along- move in date in late December. New windows, appliances, wiring, painting, plumbing for refrigerator and dishwasher are purchased/planned. Will look into a fire monitoring service and webcams for the front and back doors. Porch renovation is completed. An automatic gate will be installed from back of the hondo to the front of the Old Temple.

**REV. MATSUMOTO FAREWELL PARTY:** will be held in the Spring at an outside venue

**REV. MATSUMOTO FAREWELL GIFT:** Lots of discussion but no decision was made.

**NEW YEARS PARTY:** January 10, 2016 will include a welcome for Rev. Shibata. Lunches will be ordered from Musashi. Money used for door prizes will be given Global Buddhist Relief.

**OBENTO FOR DECEMBER BOARD MEETING:** Emiko will be in charge of ordering.

**CABINET:** Current board members will be continuing. Executive board is President- Takashi Nikaidoh, 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Vice President (Religious)- Art Nishimura, 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Vice President (Social)- Lena Yin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Co-Vice President (Membership)- Mimi Kagehiro and Pat Takeda, Recording Secretary- Patty Fujiwara, Treasurer- Kiyoshi Katsumoto and Satoshi Steimetz, Finance- Eric Lindquist.

**OSEIBO:** Rev. Matsumoto, Rev. Shibata, Edythe Vassal, Tara Umemoto. MSC E. Nakao/J. Fujimoto

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to host a BBT/Bay District Summer Cultural Seminar on November 4 and 5, 2016. MSC J. Kono/ K. Katsumoto.

Kiyoshi reported on the niches that the Morishita family donated at Sunset Mausoleum. He followed up on the suggestion to inter ashes that are currently in the temple. According to Sunset, the 4 cremains at the temple have to have permission from family to be disinterred (most are over 60 years old) before they can be interred at Sunset. Gary will look into how this has been handled at Chapel of Chimes.

Bradley Menda was thanked for the delicious refreshments. Next Month: Bentos The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM with closing gassho led by Rev. Shibata.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Fujiwara, recording secretary

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(Please contact a Board member is further clarification of these minutes is required.)

## Services

Our regular Sunday program begins with a Family Service at 9:30am. A Dharma talk is available after the Family Service while Dharma School classes are convened for students.

### Special Services

January 1	Shusho-e	New Year's Day Service
February	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May	Gotan-e	Birthday of Shinran
July	Kangi-e	Obon
September	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin Memorial
December	Jodo-e	Bodhi Day
December 31	Joya-e	Year End Service

A Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Service is held the first Sunday of each month.

## Dharma School

Our Dharma School (Sunday School) has classes from preschool through high school. Our teachers are happy to discuss the appropriate level of spiritual enrichment for your child.

## Monthly Discussions

In our discussions, we strive to experience the Buddha-Dharma with our entire selves – with our bodies (quiet sitting and other forms of meditation), voices (chanting and other liturgy) and minds (study and discussion).

Our sessions focus on ways in which Buddhist teaching and practice can impact our everyday lives. Each session will take up a different topic and so you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

## Visitor Information

Please feel free to ask any of our greeters for information. We are here to assist you with whatever level of participation you may be seeking.

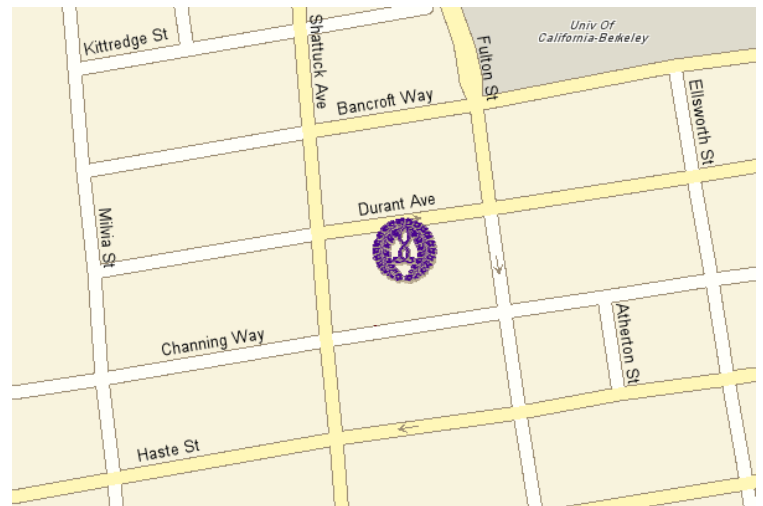
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

## Membership Information

Membership is open to all who view our Temple as their religious home and seek the Buddha-Dharma.

To join, complete a membership form, have your name entered on the membership roll and support the Temple through a pledge and participation.

To inquire about becoming a member, please speak with our Membership Chair or Minister.



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