

Nembutsu Wave



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Eitaikyo

“Cherry Blossoms that are felt to last till the morrow, may well blow away”. Legend tells us that these are the words that the young Shinran Shonin told the monk Jien as he entered Mount Hiei at the age of nine. Jien apparently told Shinran that the sun had gone down and they would perform the ordination ceremony in the morning. Shinran then composed the poem and Jien was so impressed with the insight and urgency in Shinran they performed the ordination on the spot.

Shinran lived during a period of time when the *daimyos* and *samurai* controlled Japan. The emperor and his court were corrupt and ineffective. The wealthy were very wealthy and the poor very poor. Warring factions fought over control with little concern for the people. The poor were starving and unable to make ends meet. The city of Kyoto was at times littered with corpses of the starving and sick. Shinran’s own mother had died, and as his uncle took him from Hino to Mount Hiei he must have seen the suffering along the way.

For anyone of any age it would have had a profound effect upon them. For Shinran he quickly understood and learned of the frailty of human existence and the pain of suffering. His tenure at Mount Hiei was a search for the end of human suffering and an answer to the pain of separation. Shinran found the answer in his teacher Honen who advocated the verbal recitation of Amida’s name. Here Shinran found that his only recourse was to rely on Amida and his vow to save all sentient beings. Shinran continued to express his gratitude for his teacher and others who opened his eyes to the universal compassion of Amida for his entire life.

It is our time now to express this gratitude to those from whom we hear the Dharma and the compassion of Amida. Each year in November we perform the *Eitaikyo* or perpetual memorial service. We chant the sutras for those names that are entered into the *Eitaikyo* book in perpetuity. It is our expression of gratitude to temple members who have died and whose sacrifices have allowed us to have a place and time to hear the Dharma. This memorial service is in their memory, but you and I are the benefactors. It is truly for our benefit that this service is held.

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***Eitaikyo* - continued**

Human suffering has not ceased with time. For the citizens of Kyoto the suffering was clearly in front of their eyes. For us the suffering exists but is sometimes harder to see. We are distracted by so many other things. But if we look and listen carefully there exists the same things that Shinran saw in Kyoto 750 years ago. As Shinran discovered back then the answer to the end of suffering, pain and misery can be found in the Buddha Dharma.

Namoamidabutsu

Rev. Hosei Shinseki

NEW YEARS DAY & NEW YEARS EVE SERVICES

As we approach the end of 2020 we hope you are all well and staying healthy and safe. As you know we are currently live streaming all our Sunday Services to Monterey, Salinas and Watsonville. Each temple has their individual YouTube sites.

We have created a "Tri-Temple" YouTube site which we will be posting all the services after they are conducted. Our plan is to utilize this YouTube site for future "Tri-Temple" services.

The first service streamed on the site will be the Joya-e service on December 31st at 8:00 pm. The second service will be the Shusho-e service on January 1, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Please advise all your members to tune in to the site on those two days for the services. Prior to the services we will have cooking and flower demonstrations. Dates and times for these will be announced.

Please subscribe to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw6UC6tdbDLuIAzset8f1ag>

Gassho,

Rev. Shinseki



**WHY DO WE SAY
NAMO AMIDA
BUTSU?**

南無阿弥陀仏

**Saturday November 14th
2pm PST**

Open to Jr. YBA and College YBA aged students

**Please contact Reverend Jay Shinseki if you
would like to attend
jshinseki@gmail.com**

NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO
Sunday, November 8, 2020 – 10 A.M.
(Live Stream Service on You Tube)

Deceased

Kinji Satow
 Haruyo Higuchi
 Yasuyuki Ishida
 Robert Rikizo Nakamura
 Saka Saiki
 Saju Nakasako
 Kiyoko Nakamura
 Yoshio Somekawa
 Kikujiro Yokomizo
 Kinuyo Tanaka
 Seiji Shirakawa
 Mitsue Katayama
 Tadashi Ogawa
 Kiyoko Hatano
 Jenjiro Oda
 Tobei Kinoshita
 Kazuo Tanaka
 Woodrow Akira Imai
 Henry Kazuhiro Tanaka
 Ichiro Miyagawa
 Jewell Omura
 Terrie Teruko Minami
 Daisy Fumie Yoshiyama
 Richard Honda
 Anne Mari Hamada
 Lee Yut Moy Chan
 Roger Thornhill
 Hiroko Nishiguchi
 Teruo Hori
 Harry Menda
 Grace Ito

Family

Mrs. Margaret Satow
 Mr. Steve Oka
 Ishida Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Nakamura
 Mrs. Miyo Saiki
 Mr. & Mrs. Itsuo Nakasako
 Mr. Bill Omoto
 Mrs. Wako Matsushita
 Yokomizo Family
 Mrs. Tomiko Yorita
 Shirakawa Family
 Mrs. Ruby Katayama
 Mrs. Evelyn Ogawa
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hatano
 Mrs. Ruby Tabata
 Mr. & Mrs. Toru Kinoshita
 Mrs. Nancy Tanaka
 Audrey Moore & Charlotte Holland
 Tanaka Family
 Mrs. Setsuko Miyagawa
 Omura Family
 Mr. Martin Minami
 Mr. Lenny Yoshiyama
 Ms. Lisa Honda
 Mrs. Jane Hamada Shinseki
 Chan Family
 Thornhill Family
 Mr. Morris Nishiguchi
 Mrs. Suzanne Schenck
 Rollins & Sandy Menda
 Beverly Ito

September Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

Akemi Ito

Kurt Kodama

Toru & Mary Kinoshita

Ohigan Service Donations as of 9-30-20

Larry & Anne Oda

Becky Mann

Itsuo & Keiko Nakasako

Akemi Ito

Sayoko Yokogawa

Roy & Sydney Yamashita

Wako Matsushita

Toru & Mary Kinoshita

Robert Silva

Dr. Alan Amemiya & Linda Kadani

Special September Donations Received

Ken & Yoko Nishi, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Henry Nishi

Bill & Ida Akimoto, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Inez Izumi

Marlyn Johnson, August & September donation for temple operations

Andy & Kathie Yoshiyama, donation for Bathroom Renovation

David & Wendy Nishida, 7-year Memorial Service donation for Yosh Satow

Bruce & Dawn Satow, 7-year Memorial Service donation for Yosh Satow

Kurt Kodama, donation in memory of father, George Kodama

Toru & Mary Kinoshita, donation in memory of Roy Sakai

2020 Membership Dues Received thru October

Jung Kim

Lynn Iwamoto & David Ward

Shirley Takasaki Jensen

Dr. Jay Edmonds

Thank you to all our members for paying their 2020 dues, it is truly appreciated. If you have not sent in your membership due(s), there a membership form in this newsletter.

The following are additional donations received in memory of Mr. George Kodama who passed away on August 16, 2020.

Mr. Kurt Kodama requested that in lieu of flowers or other contributions, to please make donations to the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple. We appreciate his thoughtful request.

Diane Uyeda

Sumie Nakamura

Jung Kim

Earl & Helen Santo

Mary Shintani

Thank You everyone for all your financial support. It is appreciated during this very stressful time and your donations have helped us pay for the upkeep of our beautiful temple.

NOTES OF INTEREST

**MONTEREY PENINSULA BUDDHIST TEMPLE
EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL
& NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO
(ONLINE LIVE-STREAMING SERVICES ON YOU TUBE)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020
10:00 AM**

**2020 MONTEREY PENINSULA BUDDHIST TEMPLE
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

We have an updated Temple Membership Directory that you will receive via email if we have one for you, otherwise, you will receive a hard copy through the mail.

If those of you who receive an email copy of the directory and would also like a hard copy, please let us know, and we will mail one to you.

Please look over your information and if there is an error please let us know. You may contact Akemi at 831-394-2111 or email her at a.ito@comcast.net.

The Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple Ballots for the 2021-2022 Board of Directors has been mailed to all our members. Please fill them out and return to us by November 30th.

Thank you to all of you who have already returned your ballots and participating in this very important function as members of our Sangha.

Online Live Streaming Sunday Services or Dharma Messages now on You Tube

The Monterey Buddhist Temple will offer live streaming services each Sunday at 10:00 am until further notice. Log into the temple website at montereybuddhist.org. On the home page, you will see a link to the "Sunday Service Live Stream on You Tube".

Please join us each Sunday at 10:00 am. From time to time, instead of a full Sunday Service, we will post a Dharma Message. Shotsuki Hoyo Services will always be a Live Stream Service on You Tube.

Gassho,
Rev. Jay Shinseki

NOTES OF INTEREST - continued**On-Line Donation Option Available on Temple Website**

Make a one-time donation to the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple using a credit card via PayPal. No PayPal account is required, except to setup a recurring (monthly) donation if that is something you would like to consider.

Please view our website at montereybuddhist.org. This option appears on the footer of every page of our website. We appreciate everyone's generous donations and we hope this option will make it easier to forward your donations to our temple in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact our temple through our email:
montereydec@gmail.com

2020 Membership Forms

Please find in this newsletter our 2020 Membership form. The temple dues have remained the same as 2019. However, we once again are asking those who can participate to send in the additional \$155.00 BCA membership dues for each member. The BCA dues have increased this year due to the increased 2020 Budget for the BCA.

Thank you to all our members who have paid for their 2020 Temple & BCA dues.

Domo Arigatogozaimashita

*****SAVE THIS DATE*****



*******SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021*******
MONTEREY PENINSULA BUDDHIST TEMPLE
75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2020 ACTIVITIES THE TEMPLE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Online Live Streaming Sunday Services or Dharma Messages are now on our You Tube Website:
Log onto: montereybuddhist.org & Select – Sunday Service Live Stream on You Tube
Please join us for our Sunday services and/or Dharma Messages.

November 1, 2020	Sunday	No Service	
November 4, 2020	Wednesday	1:00 – 2:30 pm	“Study Class Every Wednesday Via Zoom
November 8, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Shotsuki & Eitaikyo Service - Live Stream
November 11, 2020	Wednesday	1:00 – 2:30 pm	“Last Study Class”
November 12, 2020	Thursday	6:00 pm	MPBT Board Meeting – Via Zoom
November 14, 2020	Saturday	2:00 pm	“Why Do We Say Namu Amida Butsu”
November 15, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service M.A.
November 22, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service M.A.
November 29, 2020	Sunday		No Service
December 6, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service, M.A.
December 10, 2020	Thursday	6:00 pm	MPBT Board Meeting
December 13, 2020	Sunday	10:00 am	Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service
December 20, 2020	Sunday	2:00 pm	Sunday Service, M.A.
December 27, 2020	Sunday	No Service	
December 31, 2020	Thursday	8 PM	Joya-e Service – Tri-Temple - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw6UC6tdbDLuIAzset8f1ag
January 1, 2021	Friday	10 AM	ShuSho-e Service – Tri-Temple – YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw6UC6tdbDLuIAzset8f1ag