

Nembutsu Wave



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The Other Shore

Each year we conduct two unique Japanese Buddhist services called Ohigan which literally means the other shore. The other shore denotes the Pure Land of peace, tranquility, harmony, compassion and wisdom. All the attributes of the Buddha or Enlightenment. The term other shore means that it is off in the distance, and there is a body of water between us and the world of the Pure Land.

In our minds we might think of the water as being a gently flowing stream, with beautiful ripples creating a soothing sound that is calming and beautiful. But hidden below the surface is a raging, swirling tumultuous current that is dangerous and foreboding. Despite this we cannot take our minds off the peaceful calm and serene other shore. And as the days and years go by our longing to be on the other shore intensifies.

The perception of a calm water between us and the other shore represents our inability or unwillingness to see the true self that rages below. The self-centeredness and self-serving nature of human nature that prevents us from being able to cross over to the other shore. The increasing desire to reach the other shore is the realization of our impending death and the ever-increasing desire for peace and happiness.

The truth of COVID-19 has made us come face to face with the reality of impermanence and the fragility of human life. This only increases the intense desire to reach the land of purity. But the other shore is so far away and the water of doubt and ignorance won't allow us cross over. Thankfully, the Buddha built a bridge.

*Opening the eyes of Wisdom,
I will end this darkness of ignorance.
Blocking all paths of evil,
I will open the gate to Attainment.*

The gate the Buddha opened for us or the bridge he built is the nembutsu "namoamidabutsu". When we awaken to the truth of our human nature and turn to the Buddha to embrace us, we hear the calling voice of the Buddha from the other shore that beckons us to come, just as we are. At that moment we respond with Namamidabutsu.

Ohigan, celebrates Spring and the hope of new life, a regeneration of life. We don't know what the COVID situation will be when Spring comes, but the "Gate of Attainment" will be open to all of us. There we can find new hope and a new life.

Namoamidabutsu,

Rev. Hosei Shinseki

Shotsuki Hoyo Sunday, March 14, 2021 - 10 A.M.

Select: Sunday Service montereybuddhist.org, Live Stream on YouTube

Deceased

**Setsuji Kodama, Rose Sonoe Kodama,
& Mae Satsuki Kodama
Sonosuke Tsubouchi and
Joanne Chisato Nishi
Kozaburo Saiki
Michiko Inazu
Yoshitaro Yokota
Ikutaro Takigawa & Toshiko Takigawa
Yoshio Yokomizo
Jisaburo Inagaki
Miyuki Takahashi &
Masako Takahashi
Toshio Satow & Torazo Satow
Chiyono Yamaguchi &
Toshiko Yamaguchi
Ginroku Kono & Jean Kono
Yayano Hatakeda
Waka Imai
Harumi Tokubo
Ayame Uyeda
Fumiyo Stagnar
Yoshiko Yoshihara
Tome Hori
Takara Nakamura &
Isogoro Matsumoto
Barbara Hanano & Haruno Hanano
Masato Morikawa
Masayuki Mike Higashi
Nobumitsu Shijo
Katsumi Tanaka
Takeshi Sasaki
Tom Kadomoto
Toshie Kinoshita
Kare Jean Shea
Mariko "Mollie" Sumida
Ikuo "Sam" Okuma
Betty Phillips
Jon Anthony Smith
Haruko "Harkie" Honda
Kaye Kinuye Tanaka**

Family

**Mr. Kurt Kodama

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Nishi

Mrs. Miyoko Saiki
Ms. Lisa Honda
Dr. Eric Yokota
Mr. Gene Takigawa
Yokomizo Family
Hamamura Family
Takahashi Family

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Mr. Hitoshi Yamaguchi

Ms. Kim Kono & Mr. Mark Kono
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Mrs. Fumiko Imai
Ms. Naomi Takigawa
Mrs. Atsumi Uyeda
Mrs. Yuriko Davis
Yoshihara Family
Ms. Lisa Hori & Ms. Suzanne Schenck
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Mrs. Fukuyo Tanaka & Family
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Mr. & Mrs. Toru Kinoshita
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Jane Okuma & Chris Gordon
Jan Phillips Paulsen
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Mr. & Mrs. Lorence & Diane Honda
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Tanaka**



January Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

Itsuo & Keiko Nakasako
Lisa Honda

Akemi Ito
Dr. Alan Amemiya & Linda Kadani

Sayoko Yokogawa

Hoonko Service Donations

Itsuo & Keiko Nakasako
Hidetake & Rimiko Ogura
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Joya-e & Shusho-e Donations

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Akemi Ito

Special November Donations Received

Naoko Ochikubo, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, George Akira Ochikubo
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Pochylski, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, Natsuye Kawasaki
Haruo & Grace Kasai, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, Yoshiyama families
Leland Richard Smith, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, Sheila McDonald
Carle Hirahara, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, Yaguchi family
Tomio & Kimi Hamai, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, Isao Masuda
Jane Naito, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of, Yaye Tanaka, Frank Tanaka, Kiyoko Kadani
and George Kadani
Anonymous, Eitaikyo, Bodhi Day and Ohigan donations
Lisa Honda, Bodhi Day Service donation
Evelyn Ogawa, Bodhi Day donation
Elaine (Ogawa) Slintak, Bodhi Day donation
June Matsuoka, Donation for providing facility to teach Ikebana flower arranging classes
Ron & Lorraine Sakino, Donation to temple for general fund and expenses
Jun & Keiko Shinagawa, Hoonko Service donation
Lisa Honda, Special donation in memory of Mrs. Mamie Honda
Anonymous, sustaining monthly donation to temple

***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 and maintenance of our
beautiful temple.***

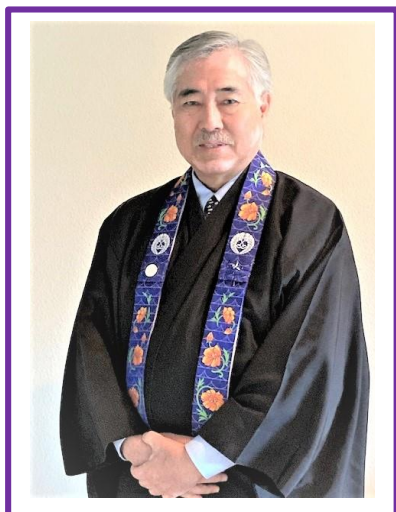


The Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple would like to Express our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of:

*John Kuniomi Ishizuka
May 8, 1924 - January 24, 2021*

*May you find comfort in the embrace of Infinite Light,
Life, Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha.*

Namo-Amida Butsu



Rev. Ronald Ken Kobata
Minister: Buddhist Church of San Francisco

Guest Speaker:
SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE

March 21, 2021 at 10:00 am
Via: montereybuddhist.org/Live Stream on Youtube

Please join us for our SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE.



Rev. Jeffrey Daien Soga
Minister: Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, Big Island

Guest Speaker:
HANAMATSURI SERVICE

April 11, 2021 at 10:00 am
Via: montereybuddhist.org/Live Stream on Youtube

Please join us for our HANAMATSURI service celebrating Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday.

SUNDAY SERVICES NOW ON NEW TRI-TEMPLE YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Starting in December, it was decided that that we would not gather for live streaming at the temples. Sensei will be conducting services from his home and posting them on the tri-temple YouTube site.

Log onto: montereybuddhist.org, then on the home page,

Select: Sunday Service Live Stream on YouTube

This will take you to: CentCoast Tri-Temple Site

Gassho,
Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple

*****REVISED DATE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS*****



*****SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022*****
MONTEREY PENINSULA BUDDHIST TEMPLE
75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Updated On-Line Donation Option Available on Temple Website

Please view our website at montereybuddhist.org.

Select: Contact on Home Page

Scroll to bottom of Contact page to DONATE icon.

Fill out appropriate information requested.

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, use the form provided on our updated Contact page. Your email will be sent to us directly.

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INTRODUCTION TO PURELAND BUDDHISM

Offered by the Monterey, Salinas and Watsonville Buddhist Temples

Tri-Temple Dharma Education Center

When: March 3, 2021 - April 21, 2021

Wednesdays 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

All classes will be conducted via Zoom

Registration is required to receive login information

Course Fees Donation: Tri-Temple members \$10.00

Regular Course Fee Donations \$20.00

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March 2021 (All Services on Tri-Temple You Tube Channel)

March 3, 2021	Wednesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Study Class Introduction to the Pureland
March 7, 2021	Sunday	10 am	Sunday Service
March 10, 2021	Wednesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Study Class Introduction to the Pureland
Mach 11, 2021	Thursday	6:00 pm	MPBT Board Meeting
March 14, 2021	Sunday	10 am	Shotsuki Hoyo Service
March 17, 2021	Wednesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Study Class Introduction to the Pureland
March 21, 2021	Sunday	10 am	Combined Ohigan Service
March 24, 2021	Wednesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Study Class Introduction to the Pureland
March 28, 2021	Sunday	10 am	Sunday Service & DYP Service
March 31, 2021	Wednesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Study Class Introduction to the Pureland
		Guest Speaker:	Rev. Ronald Ken Kobata, San Francisco, CA

April 2021 – Tentative (All Services are Tri-Temple on You Tube Channel)

April 1, 2021	Thursday	7:00 pm	CDBWL Meeting
April 4, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service
April 7, 2021	Wednesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Study Class: Intro to Pureland Buddhism
April 8, 2021	Thursday	6:00 pm	MPBT Board Meeting
April 11, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Hanamatsuri
		Guest Speaker:	Rev. Jeffrey Daien Soga from Hilo, Hawaii
April 14, 2021	Wednesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Study Class: Intro to Pureland Buddhism
April 18, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Shotsuki Hoyo Service
April 21, 2021	Wednesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Study Class: Intro to Pureland Buddhism
April 25, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service & DYP Service M.A.