

HoOnko Shinran's memorial service and New Year's Party in the gym January 15, 2023 10 am



Please join us for HoOnko, the memorial observance of Shinran Shonin's death on January 16, 1263. Also known as Goshoki-Hoonko (Founder's Memorial), this observance is the most important annual service for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists.

HoOnko is a time for us to reflect on and appreciate Shinran's life and teachings. Thanks to Shinran, everyday people, not just monastics, were introduced to the Nembutsu path and became followers of Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion.

In Japan, HoOnko is a week-long observance and followers eat vegetarian meals as part of their observance.

This year, let us gather for the HoOnko service and carry on our tradition to install the incoming Board of Directors and affiliate leaders.

Following the service, let us welcome 2023 and enjoy a special New Year's bento and entertainment in the gym.

Pre-Order by Wed., January 4
BCSFbento@gmail.com or
call 415-776-3158

NEW YEAR BENTO – January 15
from Suruki Market

As a Thank You to BCSF members for your membership pledges, we are pleased to offer One Complimentary bento per BCSF member.

Enjoy your bento at the BCSF New Year Party on Sunday, January 15, after HoOnko service OR pick up from 12:30- 2 pm at the BCSF garage to enjoy at home. Delivery available to home-bound sangha members.

Bento #1 - \$25

Shrimp, Salmon, Chicken Karaage, Nishime, Kuromame, Namasu, Hijiki salad, Kimpira salad, Tamago, Kamaboko, Orange slice, Inari, Futomaki, Rice with takuan

Bento #2 - \$25

Nishime, Potato Croquette, Kuromame, Hijiki salad, Kimpira salad, Wakame Salad, Orange slice, Inari, Futomaki, Rice with takuan

New Year's Greeting from Monshu Kojun Ohtani



Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, as Nembutsu followers who have deeply inscribed in our hearts and minds Shinran

Shonin's message of "May there be peace in the world," we firmly stand against the military infringement of the other nation's sovereignty, and also aspire for immediate return of peace in Ukraine.

Over the last year, COVID-19 continues to be a global pandemic. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and other frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

The pandemic has forced us to learn firsthand that we will continue to be confronted by unexpected situations even in modern times despite technologies both in science

and medical fields being highly developed. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear that there is no life nor entity in this world that lasts forever. This truth, the principle of impermanence, has never changed even in this time and age approximately 2500 years since his time. Another fact that does not change is our inability to accept this truth as it is, and because of this, we continue struggling.

This is the very reason why, regardless of the pandemic, we can rely on the Jodo Shinshu teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, which guides us as a spiritual foundation that enables us to move forward even when being overwhelmed with difficulties. A gathering at the temple with Amida Buddha as its center provides a great opportunity to receive the Dharma as well as an occasion in which people can support and reassure one another as fellow practitioners who follow the same teaching.

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather and find comfort in its activities. I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

まず、2022年2月に始まったロシア連邦のウクライナ侵攻に対して、私たち念仏者は親鸞聖人がお示し下さった「世のなか安穏なれ」のお言葉を改めて深く心に刻み、武力による他国の主権の侵害を強く非難するとともに、一刻も早くウクライナに平和が訪れることを願ってやみません。

さて、昨年も、世界では新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行が続きました。新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられたすべての方々に、謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆様、後遺症を患われている皆様に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、医師や看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行は、科学技術が発達し、医療も進歩した世の中にあっても、私たちの予想できない事柄が現実にかかるということを知りました。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、この世を諸行無常であると示されました。約2500年たってもそのことに変わりはない

りません。そして、この真理をそのままに受け入れることができず、悩み苦しむ私たちの姿も変わることはありません。

それ故にこそ、新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行以前も以後も変わることなく、親鸞聖人が説かれた浄土真宗のみ教えが、日々悩み苦しむ私たちの生きる支えとなります。阿弥陀如来を中心とするお寺の集まりは、み教えを聞く場であると同時に、同じみ教えを依りどころとする私たちがお互いに支え合い助け合って、安心して集うことのできる場でもあります。

皆さまには、今後も様々な工夫を凝らして、広くみ教えを伝えられることで、お寺に多くの方が集まり、その誰もが心穏やかに過ごせる場所となりますことを願っております。そして、引き続きお寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げます、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2023年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光淳

The Buddhist Church of San Francisco welcomes
new sangha members

Alan Shimoide & Mei Qing Zhang

Message from Rev. Henry Toryo Adams, will return in the next issue.



Mindful Reflections

by Leo Joslin, BCSF Minister's Assistant & Facilitator of Mindful Meditation, held via Zoom every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.



A New Year is upon us, and I am reminded of the commitment I made a few years back during a Kieshiki affirmation service. In this ceremony, held on New Year's Day, participants take refuge in the Three Treasures, and pledge to live a Buddhist life. An important part of living such a life is to remember the teachings. My New Year's Resolution for 2023 is to focus more attention on one teaching in particular, that of the Interrelatedness of all things. We are all interconnected and interdependent. This is something we should continuously remember, especially as we go about our daily lives.

I was reminded of this when we observed Bodhi Day at the beginning of December, and contemplated Shakyamuni's awakening under the Bodhi Tree. There are various legends about what the Buddha saw while under the tree. Some Buddhists take these stories literally, while others believe that they are symbolic, speaking truths that cannot be put into words. The Buddha advised us to be lamps unto ourselves, to interpret the stories accordingly, and to go with what feels right in our hearts. One such legend tells us that Shakyamuni saw all of his past lives, thousands of births and deaths going back to the beginning of time. He saw that everything is constantly changing, and that even though he evolved over many lifetimes, he remained connected to all. Here's how Thich Nhat Hanh describes it:

"He saw his own past lives, all his births and deaths. He saw the creation and destruction of thousands of worlds and thousands of stars. He felt all the joys and sorrows of every living being...He saw that every cell of his body contained all of Heaven and Earth."¹

The story goes on to say that Shakyamuni saw not only his own past lives, but the past lives of all beings. He saw uncountable births and deaths, taking place over an

immeasurable length of time. They were like billions of waves upon a huge ocean, constantly changing, rising and falling. Not only is every wave connected to the ocean, they are connected to each other by virtue of being water. And it's not just interconnection, it is interdependence. Each wave is dependent upon the ocean, and the ocean is dependent upon the wave. Both are dependent upon the greater forces of nature and the universe. If an ocean wave were to believe that it was something permanent, and separate from the ocean, that would be delusion. Shakyamuni recognized that such delusion is inherent in the human condition.

Shakyamuni saw that we've forgotten that we're really part of something much bigger, something that is beyond description, something eternal. As a result of our forgetfulness, we suffer, and when Shakyamuni witnessed our suffering, his heart opened. Feeling the interrelatedness of all things, he felt compassion and was driven by his desire to relieve our suffering. He would go on to realize the Four Noble Truths, and he ultimately awakened to the Light of Amida Buddha and the workings of the Primal Vow. Upon this Awakening, he became the Buddha, the Awakened One. I'm grateful to have been reminded of this on Bodhi Day.

As the New year arrives, I will set the compass of my heart toward constantly remembering our interrelatedness. This will be my New Year's resolution for 2023, to cultivate this perspective, because compassion flows and kindness grows from it. I think it would be great for all of us to make a commitment to remember those teachings that resonate with us. All of the teachings of Buddhism, including our interrelatedness, are encapsulated and embodied in the Nembutsu, and are present when we say *Namo Amida Butsu*. How grateful I am for such a clear path. *Namo Amida Butsu*.

¹ Thich Nhat Hanh, *Old Path, White Clouds*, Berkeley: Parallax Press, 1991. P. 119

2023 BCSF Board of Directors Election Results

Arlene Kimata and Nanayo Silver have been re-elected to the BCSF Board of Directors to a two-year term; Doug Dorn and Kyle Matsumoto Burch have been elected to a two-year term. Terms begin in January 2023. They will join continuing board members Kevin Yoza and Melissa Angel.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the election of our BCSF Board of Directors.

Kevin Yoza
BCSF Board of Directors Election Committee

Sympathy

The Buddhist Church of San Francisco offers condolences to the family and friends of the late

Keiko Matsuba, November 16, 2022



Namo Amida Butsu Namu Amida Butsu Namu Amida Butsu

January Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service

The memorial service for your loved ones who passed away in January is

Sunday, January 8 at 10 a.m.

Join us In Person or call the office for the Zoom link

Acknowledgments for donations processed between November 15 and December 15, 2022.

Thank you for your generous support of the BCSF.

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BCSF Bodhi Eve Service Friday December 2, 2022



to the left:
Dagan W.
accompanied the
service on piano



to the right: from Left:
Mike Otani, Lucas,
Braydon, Kyle,
Rev. Henry, Pras
Jagananda, and
Ryoma

Thank you to the following people who work towards making the BCSF run smoothly:
(if you know someone that you would like mentioned in appreciation, please leave a message with the office at 415-776-3158 or bcsfoffice@gmail.com)

For Sunday Services:
Weekly flower arrangements:
Nae Hayakawa
Nae grew up arranging wild flowers for her family obutsudan (altar). **Join Nae on Fridays** to create arrangements that add beauty to our temple.

Sunday snacks coordination:
Jean Fukunaga, Junko Low
The BWA Sandwich makers for the tuna and egg salad sandwiches with chips served after the Eshinni & Kakushinni service



Jack Dairiki assists with service preparations.



People who participated in the Poinsettia and Peppercorn Sprig Fundraiser.



to the left: Lin Ono chaired the 12/18 service.



to the right:
Yasuko Wooster at the piano



Nanayo Silver for coordinating the preparation of two types of rice pudding served after the Bodhi Day service. Dharma School students Langston, Teo & Carmello assisted with cooking. Above from left are Carmello, and Teo with grandparents Yoshi and Shinji Yao.



Langston stirring, baby Paxton, Erin Inouye and Steven.

BCSF News

Dear BCSF Members:

Annual BCSF membership is changing from a set-amount dues schedule to a Pledge system that allows you to choose the amount to donate for BCSF membership.

If you have questions about the new Annual Membership Pledge, please contact the BCSF office. We will be happy to assist you.

With gratitude for your support of our temple,
BCSF Board of Directors



2022-23 BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SAN FRANCISCO

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE FORM

Information is for internal BCSF use. Exception: we may share your mailing address with BCA for subscription to the national newsletter.

What is a Membership Pledge?

It is a commitment to be a Member of the BCSF. Your Pledge amount is open-ended for you to choose the donation amount that best fits your circumstances. Your Pledge is payable in one or more payments over 12 months. Your Pledge amount remains confidential.

How much is a Membership Pledge?

A Pledge of \$200 or more gives you membership in both BCSF and the national Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). BCSF forwards an annual per-member assessment to BCA (in 2022, \$166.90 per member). The remaining portion of your Pledge is used for the stewardship of BCSF operations and programs

Membership Pledge Guidelines - suggested amounts

Please know that BCSF very much appreciates your Dana (gift), no matter the amount. As a guideline to determine your personal Membership Pledge amount, we suggest 1% of family gross income as a starting point.

Family Income	Annual 1% Dana Pledge	Semi-Annually
\$ 20,000	\$ 200	\$ 100
\$ 60,000	\$ 600	\$ 300
\$ 100,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 500

Young Adult Membership for ages 18-30: \$60 per year

Benefits of BCSF Membership

- * Flexible membership year. Your 12-month pledge period starts when you submit this pledge form. Do you want a renewal reminder? Y / N
- * Monthly BCSF Light of Dharma newsletter; OK to circle both. By MAIL / By EMAIL
- * One vote per member (two votes for Couples) at membership meetings and Board of Directors elections.
- * Complimentary Bento (one for single, two for couples) at the New Year Luncheon on Jan. 15, 2023.
- * Annual Pledge of \$200 or more gives the donor an automatic membership with the national Buddhist Churches of America and a subscription to the Wheel of Dharma newsletter.

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My Membership Pledge for 20____

I/we wish to contribute \$ _____ as my/our Annual Membership Pledge.

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If paying by check, please make payable to BCSF. Mail to BCSF, 1881 Pine St, San Francisco CA 94109.

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Cardholder signature _____ Date: _____

BCSF News

Orientation for Sunday Service Volunteers with Rev. Adams

Sun., January 29 ~ Noon-3 p.m. ~ All ages welcome!

Learn how to:

- * Set up the onaijin/altar
- * Ring the kansho/bell
- * Chair the service
- * Etiquette in the onaijin



BCSF Building Updates

Dec. 5: The elevator door opening to the BCSF was framed. Elevator construction work is progressing.

Dec. 12 : New FOB opener installed at the door from at the Austin lobby into the Daruma garage.

Dec. 12: Window pane on Pine Street is broken. Repair will be completed soon.

10 Minute Rule to keep BCSF secure

If your group unlocks the Austin St. or Kitchen Doors to let your group enter the building, RE-LOCK THE DOOR 10 MIN. after your start time. Please do not leave the doors unlocked and unmonitored for your entire meeting.

Please consider:
“Would I leave this door unlocked if it was the front door at my house?”

If you see an unsafe situation, please correct it or alert someone else. Report incidents to the BCSF office so we can know whether to increase security procedures.

Oseibo (Year-End Gift to Staff)

Please send your donation by Sun., January 15, the day of our HoOnko service and New Year’s program. All funds collected go directly to temple staff in appreciation for their work in 2022.

With Gratitude and In Gassho,
BCSF Board of Directors

BWA Corner 88th Birthday and End of the Year Luncheon



BWA celebrated the 88th birthdays of three members on December 3, 2022 at the annual BWA year-end service and party. The honorees were Betty Tsugawa, Michi Tashiro, and Noriko Takikawa. Our bento lunches were from Kawashima's Kitchen Catering.

Unfortunately, Michi and Noriko were unable to attend the celebration so their lunches were delivered to them with a slice of birthday cake and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. We ended the party with several games of bingo. Everyone enjoyed the very festive occasion.



Sachiko Matsumoto, to the right, also celebrated her 88th birthday. Harumi Kishida brought her a birthday cake and poinsettia to celebrate with her. Sachiko and Betty Kitazumi, to the left, both live at Kimochi Home.



BCSF Community

BCSF Notices - Winter Shelter Meal Preparation

Volunteers Needed for Winter Shelter Meal Prep
 Help prepare a hearty, hot meal for our unhoused neighbors during BCSF's annual participation in the SF Interfaith Council's Winter Shelter program. Now in its 34th year, the program brings together diverse communities of faith to prepare meals and give hope to San Franciscans who would otherwise suffer on our streets during winter months.

3 Shifts Available for BCSF volunteers:

1. Sun, Feb. 5, noon - 3pm, meal prep at BCSF Serving meals
2. Monday, Feb. 6, 5:30 - 7:30pm
3. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 5:30 - 7:30pm

To volunteer, call BCSF at 415-776-3158 or email Rev. Elaine Donlin at edonlin1@yahoo.com
 Strict safety protocols will be followed for all shifts.

Dear Community,

There will be public meetings about the SF Japantown Mural Project which will depict the history of Jtown. RSVP at <https://www.sfjacl.org/mural-project> for Zoom or in-person options.

To advocate for who should be on the portraits, go to the January 12 and January 30 meetings.

I have nominated Guy Ono, BCSF member Teresa Ono's late brother for a portrait on the Mural, representing

the Committee Against Nihonmachi Eviction.

For more info about the project go to SFJACL webpage: Programs & Events | San Francisco JACL You can also nominate persons for the portraits there.

Please pass along to anyone who may be interested.

Joyce Nakamura, 415-948-0131
 BCSF member; San Francisco JACL Board of Directors member

Youth Rising- Jr. YBA By Phoebe S., Publicity Chair



In September, several Jr. YBA members and I went to Jr. YBA conference in Fresno themed “LEGO of Attachments,” where we met other members from chapters from all over the state. We learned how to make zentangles

and takoyaki, both of which would be fun ideas to include in our chapter meetings. It was a lot of fun to talk to other chapters and learn about them. It reminded me to be open to meeting new people and to try to be kind to everyone.



The BCSF Gingerbread House “competition” and holiday card writing activity was held in the Social Hall. Kevin Yoza and Chelsea Arita served as judges

for the houses. All were winners, by the looks of things. Happy Holidays!



of course, the Moms helped too.

BCSF News

CASTING CALL for Actors, Extras, Helpers -JAN 8 & JAN 22 at BCSF

Ikeibi Films is currently shooting KINTSUKUROI, the story of two Japanese American families as they move from their homes in San Francisco and the Central Valley to concentration camps in the American West to battlefields in Europe as the events of WWII irreparably - and tragically change the course of their lives.

The late Hiroshi Kashiwagi, who was a BCSF member, is in the final scene of the film. Ikeibi filmed his scenes before he passed away.



We will be filming at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco on **January 8** (a dance scene in the gym) and **January 22** (in the Hondo) and we need volunteers to be extras.

Watch the "first look" teaser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT08oMFPIMc>

If you are an actor, filmmaker, musician or someone who simply wants to help out please contact us at ikeibifilms@aol.com. We never turn away an offer of help.

Thanks!
Kerwin Berk
Ikeibi Films, 415-810-1507, ikeibifilms.com
Founded with the idea that Asian American should tell our own stories in our own voice using our own talent both in front of and behind the camera.



December 18, 2022
Kadomatsu making activity held in the social hall before the service.

From mid December until mid January, kadomatsu is displayed outside the home for happiness and prosperity in the new year. Bamboo, pine, fir, red berries, raffia and mizuhiki were used, so the social hall smelled very festive. Twenty-five kadomatsu were shared with the sangha.



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The Buddhist Church of San Francisco welcomes all those who wish to learn about the boundless wisdom and compassion that is Amida Buddha without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression.

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**Buddhist Church of San Francisco
Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Buddhist Church of San Francisco (BCSF) is to maintain a temple and to establish a Buddhist community of the Jodo Shinshu faith in San Francisco, CA. Building on our profound legacy as a Jodo Shinshu spiritual center, we strive to awaken within us the compassion and wisdom of the Buddha Dharma. BCSF endeavors to share the teaching of the Buddha with all those who seek the knowledge and the truth of the Buddha Dharma, to promote our Sangha (community); and to provide for the general welfare and services to guide the activities which strengthen our faith in the Buddha and advance our learning in the Dharma.

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January & February Dates

All Sunday services are in person
and Livestream/Zoom.
Check BCSF's YouTube channel for
Sunday service postings.

January 1, 2023- 10 a.m. New Year's Day Service

Guest speaker Bishop Marvin Harada

January 8- 10 a.m. Shotsuki Hoyo/ Monthly
Memorial Service

January 15 - 10 a.m. HoOnko service with
entertainment and bento in the gym
following the service

January 22- 10 a.m. Sangha Service

January 28- 5 p.m. Metta Service

Dharma talk by Rev. Elaine Donlin

January 29- 10 a.m. Sangha Service

February 5, 2023- 10 a.m. Sangha Service

February 12- 10 a.m. Shotsuki Hoyo/ Monthly
Memorial Service

February 19 - 10 a.m. Sangha Service

February 25- 5 p.m. Metta Service

Dharma talk by Rev. Elaine Donlin

February 26- 10 a.m. Sangha Service

BCSF Board of Directors

January 8 - 2 p.m. regular board meeting

February 19- 2 p.m. regular board meeting

Mindful Meditation meets every

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

January 4, 11, 18, 25

February 1, 8, 15, 22

Book Club (Zoom)

January 12 and 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 31 at 7p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE/ METTA SERVICE

Sunday, January 1 at 10 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

Guest speaker BCA Bishop Marvin Harada

Sunday, January 15 at 10 a.m.

HOONKO SERVICE

Guest speaker Rev. CJ Dunford
of Marin Buddhist Temple



Kansho photo by Julie (Saiki) Nakatani, daughter of BCSF members the late Susumu and Kinko Saiki. Julie grew up attending BCSF and is now a member at Mt. View Buddhist Temple, where she assists in the office and arranges flowers for the onajjin (altar).

