



BCA UPDATE

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OBITUARY NOTICE

Rev. Shousei Katsukiyo Hanayama, BCA kaikyoshi and resident minister of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, passed away on July 15, 2016 at the age of 51 in Tokyo, Japan. Funeral services for Rev. Hanayama were held on July 19, 2016 at the Shohei-ji Temple in Saitama, Japan. Rev. Hanayama is survived by his wife, Keiko, son Shoren, and daughter Elren. Mrs. Keiko Hanayama's contact information in Japan is as follows:

Mrs. Keiko Hanayama
1-2-30 Shinkawa-cho, Higashi Kurume
Tokyo, Japan 203-0013

A memorial service, co-officiated by the Buddhist Churches of America and the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, will be held for Rev. Hanayama at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple (423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA, 95076) on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

The attire for BCA ministers (active and retired) who plan to attend the service will be KOKUE, GOJO-GESA, KIRIBAKAMA. Ministers who plan to attend the service are requested to inform Rev. Jay Shinseki at (650) 868-9883 to let him know of your attendance. As a reminder, each BCA temple is to assume all expenses (travel, accommodations, etc.) for their resident minister(s) who wish to attend this service.

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Rev. Dennis Shinseki of the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, was appointed the supervising minister of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, effective July 15, 2016.

Rev. Jerry Hirano, resident minister of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and supervising minister of the Ogden Buddhist Temple and Honeyville Buddhist Temple, was appointed the supervising minister of the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple, effective August 1, 2016.

Rev. Kojo Kakihara, resident minister of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple and supervising minister of the White River Buddhist Temple, was appointed the supervising minister of the Oregon Buddhist Temple, effective August 1, 2016

BCA MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION SUMMER SEMINAR

The 2016 BCA Ministers' Association Summer Seminar, hosted by the Bay District Ministers' Association, will be held at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, California on August 16-18, 2016.

34th WORLD JODO SHINSHU COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

The 34th World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting will be held on August 22, 2016 at the Jikoji Temple in Antwerp, Belgium. Bishop & Mrs. Kodo Umezu, Mr. Ken Tanimoto, BCA President, and Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Hirano (Chairman, BCA Ministers Association) will attend the meeting on behalf of the BCA. This annual meeting brings together officials from the Hongwanji-ha headquarters and the four overseas districts, namely the Buddhist Churches of America, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, and Comunidade Budista Sul-Americana Jodo Shinshu Honpa Hongwanji (South America Kyodan). The meeting provides an opportunity for the districts to report on their various activities and discuss ways in which to create a cooperative effort to share and broaden the reach of Shinran Shonin's teaching to more people. Following the World Coordinating Council Meeting, the BCA representatives will also attend the 18th European Shin Buddhist Conference and 15th International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies European Branch Conference in Antwerp.

JODO SHINSHU CENTER 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

2016 marks the 10th year since the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) opened its doors. To mark this milestone, a Jodo Shinshu Center 10th Anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the JSC (2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA, 94704) in Berkeley. Invitations and details for the event have been mailed out to all BCA temples. Everyone is invited to attend this special event.

Information regarding the event, including copies of the invitation and the RSVP form can also be found on the BCA website (www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org). BCA temple leaders are asked to put the invitation letter and RSVP form in your temple newsletters and encourage people to come to the event.

BCA EDUCATION NEWS AND EVENTS

2016 Upcoming BCA Events:

The following are at the Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Ave. Berkeley, CA, 94704 unless otherwise noted.

cbe@bcahq.org Telephone: [\(510\) 809-1460](tel:5108091460)

Institute of Buddhist Studies event:

August 19: IBS Numata Symposium - Please see revised hours: 1pm – 4:30 pm. Free and open to the public. Please see [new program](http://www.shin-ibs.edu) at www.shin-ibs.edu

Center for Buddhist Education events:

August 19-21:

Announcement of New Keynote Speakers for 2016 Summer Pacific Seminar: Dr. Mark Blum (UC Berkeley) and Dr. Jessica Main (U. of British Columbia)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our originally scheduled keynote speakers, Dr. Ugo Dessi and Dr. Elisabetta Porcu, are not able to take part in the **Summer Pacific Seminar, *Jodo Shinshu Buddhism Beyond Borders***, taking place **August 19-21** at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, CA. However, the Institute of Buddhist Studies and the Buddhist Churches of America Center for Buddhist Education are happy to announce that two other outstanding scholars will participate.

Professor Jessica L. Main (University of British Columbia) will speak about religious hatred and discrimination and religious reconciliation, especially as they pertain to Jodo Shinshu in Japan and the US. **Professor Mark Blum** (University of California, Berkeley) will discuss the significance of social action as both interior and exterior forms of practice and self-examination in Pure Land and Shin Buddhism.

The Pacific Seminar will also feature a live *Dharmarealm.com* podcast by co-hosts **Rev. Harry Bridge** and **Dr. Scott Mitchell**; and a book talk on *Buddhism Beyond Borders – New Perspectives on Buddhism in the United States*, edited by Dr. Scott Mitchell and Dr. Natalie Quli. The Sunday session focuses on “Chanting and Music Beyond Borders,” and includes traditional chanting (*Ojoraisan*) by **Rev. Kojo Kakihara** and **Rev. Yuki Sugahara**, accompanied by members of the **Northern California Gagaku Group**; new call and response gatha by **Dii Lewis** and much more.

The new registration deadline is August 13, 2016. The BCA member rate is available thru August 5. Please visit the BCA website: www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org for [online registration](#), updated flyer and schedule, and more. For more information, contact CBE at cbe@bcahq.org or (510) 809-1460.

September 7, 2016, 7 pm – 8:30 pm at the Jodo Shinshu Center. CBE presents a free public lecture: “**The Joy of Dharma in the World of Woe – The Saichi Poems Presented by D.T. Suzuki**,” with guest speaker, **Rev. Wayne Yokoyama**. Please see details at www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org.

September 22 – 25, 2016: Fall Minister’s Assistants Program (MAP) Seminar: Easter District at the Midwest Buddhist Temple, Chicago, IL. Instructors include: Rev. Henry Adams, (San Mateo Buddhist Temple) and Rev. Sala Sekiya (Seattle Betsuin). Contact cbe@bcahq.org for details.

Please see more BCA Education Events throughout BCA at the www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org; click on [BCA Educational Calendar](#) or download selected [BCA Educational Events](#)

