



## BCA UPDATE

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### **HONGWANJI-HA ADMINISTRATION CHANGES**

The Hongwanji has announced the following administrative changes effective December 8, 2016:

Head Regent (執行長):	Rev. Takao Honda
Regent (副執行長):	Rev. Shinshu Tominaga
Secretary General (執行):	Rev. Shiho Nakao

The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha has announced the re-election of members of the Sokyoku Administration effective December 21, 2016 as follows:

Governor General (Socho)	Bishop Chiko Iwagami
Governor (Somu)	Rev. Koyu Nakato
*Governor (Somu)	Rev. Rigaku Mitsuoka
Governor (Somu)	Rev. Kosho Tsuruno
Vice-Governor (Fuku Somu)	Rev. Kyoyu Maruta
** Vice-Governor (Fuku Somu)	Rev. Takayuki Hironaka

\*Rev. Rigaku Mitsuoka shall continue to serve as the Somu in charge of the International Propagation Department.

\*\* New elected

### **MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Rev. Alan Sakamoto, Resident Kaikyoshi minister of the Central California District and Supervising Minister of the Reedley Buddhist Church and Buddhist Church of Parlier, has announced that he will resign from the BCA ministry on December 31, 2016.

### **CONDOLENCES**

A memorial service, co-officiated by the Buddhist Churches of America and the Oxnard Buddhist Temple, will be held for the Rev. Masami Fujitani, BCA Minister Emeritus, on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at the Oxnard Buddhist Temple at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Fujitani passed away on November 24, 2016 in Imari City, Saga-ken, Japan at the age of 93. Expressions of sympathy may be addressed to Rev. Fujitani's daughter, Mrs. Yuri Tsujimoto, in c/o the Oxnard Buddhist Temple, 250 S. "H" Street, Oxnard, CA, 93030.

Current and retired BCA ministers who plan to attend the memorial service are asked to please contact Rev. Masanori Watanabe at the Oxnard Buddhist Temple (Tel: 805-483-5948, or e-mail [m.39steps1935@gmail.com](mailto:m.39steps1935@gmail.com)) and let him know of your plan to attend.

The attire for ministers is as follows:

Current BCA Kaikyoshi Ministers: Kokue, Kaikyoshi Gojo-gesa, Kiri-bakama, Chukey, Futawa-nenju

BCA Ministers Emeritus (Retired): Koku-e, Gojo-gesa, Kiri-bakama, Chukei, Futawa-nenju

As a reminder, each BCA church/temple is to assume all expenses (travel, accommodations, etc.) for their resident minister(s) who wish to attend this BCA Co-Officiated Memorial Service.

Mrs. Matsue Fujikado, wife of the late Rev. Hoshin Fujikado (BCA Minister Emeritus) passed away on December 21, 2016 in Gardena, California at the age of 92. A private memorial service will be held at the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Mrs. Fujikado is survived by her son, Raymond Fujikado, and daughter, Emiko Murakawa. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Mrs. Fujikado's daughter, Mrs. Emiko Murakawa in c/o the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 815 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90012-4304.

#### **BISHOP KODO UMEZU: E-MAIL ADDRESS**

For business related purposes, please use the following e-mail address for Bishop Kodo Umezu:  
[kumezu@bcahq.org](mailto:kumezu@bcahq.org)

#### **BCA MINISTERS ASSOCIATION MEETING - SCHEDULE CHANGE**

The BCA Ministers Association and National Council Meetings will be held on February 28 - March 5, 2017 in San Jose, California.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE CHANGE:

1. BCA Ministers Association Meeting will now begin on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
2. Also please note that there are **NO ROOMS** available at the Marriott Hotel for Tuesday, February 28, 2017.
3. Rev. Ken Fujimoto is making arrangements at another local hotel for those of you who are planning to arrive in San Jose on Tuesday, February 28th and need a hotel room. Please contact Rev. Ken Fujimoto at [kkenshin@sjbetsuin.com](mailto:kkenshin@sjbetsuin.com) for room assistance.

#### **TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

All temples, churches are requested to submit their updated membership counts to BCA Headquarters by January 31, 2017. Please report membership numbers as of December 31, 2016. Please email the information to: [info@bcahq.org](mailto:info@bcahq.org) or call Amy Doi at (415) 776-5600.

#### **2017 BCA MINISTERS ASSOCIATION & NATIONAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION**

BCA Ministers Association and National Council Meeting Registration packets were e-mailed to all BCA temple/church presidents, affiliated organizations heads, district representatives, and other official individuals involved with the upcoming meetings in February and March 2017. For questions regarding registration matters, please contact Ken Nakano at [k4nakano@aol.com](mailto:k4nakano@aol.com) or (408) 623-1122.

#### **NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OFFICIAL DELEGATES FORM**

Official Delegates Forms for the National Council Meeting will be emailed and mailed to all BCA temples/churches and affiliated organizations before January 1, 2017.

Please list all Kaikyoshi Resident and Supervising Ministers serving the temple/church, and two (2) lay members who will have a vote at the 2017 National Council Meeting representing the temple/church. For affiliated organizations, list one (1) lay member who will have vote for the affiliated organization. The Form is to be signed by President of the temple, church, or affiliated organization.

Forms are to be returned to BCA Headquarters on, or before **February 3, 2017**. There will be no exceptions to this deadline date.

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*Must be postmarked no later than February 3, 2017.*

### **BCA BOOKSTORE NEWS**

2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702 [www.bcabookstore.com](http://www.bcabookstore.com)

**Holiday Hours:** The BCA Bookstore will be closed Saturday, December 24, 2016 through Tuesday, January 3, 2017. The bookstore will resume regular hours of operation beginning Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> (open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

**Coming up:** The BCA Bookstore will be at the following upcoming events. We will have available a variety of books, onenju, gift items, greeting cards and jewelry.

**Northwest District Convention:** Friday-Saturday, February 17-18, 2017. Visit us in the Paradise Room at the Double Tree Suites in Tukwila, Washington.

**BCA National Council – San Jose, California:** Saturday, March 4, 2017. Please note the BCA Bookstore will be at the San Jose Marriott Hotel on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> only (we will not be at the San Jose Betsuin earlier in the week).

**Federated Dharma School Teachers' League Conference:** Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Fresno Family Dharma Center.

*Best wishes for the holidays and thank you for your continued support!*

### **NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR BUDDHIST EDUCATION (CBE)**

Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA, 94704

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### **CBE 2017 Upcoming Events:**

**January 13, 2017 (Friday, 3 pm): Go-Shoki Ho-On-Ko Service.** Shinran Shonin's Memorial Day commemoration will be held in the Kodo at the Jodo Shinshu Center. Open to the public. Service followed by *zenzai* (sweet red bean soup) made by Glenn and Janet Kameda.

**January 20-22 (Fri., 6 pm - Sun., 12 pm): Temple Leadership Workshop: "Cultivating Dharma-Centered Leadership"** The BCA Office of the Bishop and CBE are inviting up to two participants from 30 designated temples who exhibit current and **future** leadership capabilities to learn in a supportive environment how to work with the BCA, to strengthen the Sangha, and to provide more opportunities to share the Dharma. Topics will include:

- Effective Leadership: What is a good leader? What is Dharma-centered leadership?
- Finance: Fundraising ideas
- Temple Issues: Membership and diversity, embracing people new to the temple, membership development, conflict resolution
- Communications: Office computer systems

- Outreach and Propagation: Technology; websites, Facebook
- Sharing of Ideas: Small group discussions of positives and negatives at the local level

Both the program and lodging at the Jodo Shinshu Center are free (donations gratefully accepted). Register by January 4, 2017. Temples for 2017 are *Bay District*: Enmanji, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Mateo, Southern Alameda County; *Central California*: Dinuba, Fowler, Parlier, Visalia; *Coast*: Guadalupe, Monterey, Mountain View, San Jose; *Eastern*: Cleveland, Seabrook; *Mountain States*: Honeyville, Salt Lake; *Northern Cal.*: Lodi, Marysville, Sacramento, Stockton; *Northwest*: Oregon, Spokane, Tacoma; *Southern*: Los Angeles, Oxnard, Pasadena, Sensitive, Venice, and Vista; Buddhist Fellowship of Concord, Ekoji Buddhist Sangha, and Twin Cities Buddhist Association Sangha. The program will be repeated for the other 30 temples in January 2018. Contact CBE for more information.

**January 28, 2017 (Saturday, 9 am - 4:30 pm): Winter Pacific Seminar - 21st Century: “East Meets West: Dharmathon with Higashi and Nishi Ministers”** at the Los Angeles Hampa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles, CA. Opening Dharma Talks by Rev. Kodo Umezu, BCA Bishop, and Rev. Noriaki Ito, Bishop, Higashi Honganji North America District. Dharmathon featuring ministers from both traditions speaking in English and Japanese as well as panel discussions in each language. Registration fee is \$40 and includes lunch. RSVP by January 19, 2017. Hosted by the BCA Southern District Ministers Association and Buddhist Education Committee. Contact Rev. Koho Takata at [nishidharmacenter@gmail.com](mailto:nishidharmacenter@gmail.com) or call (213) 680-9130 for registration information. Download flyers (English and Japanese) and registration forms at the BCA website, [www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org](http://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org).

**March 1-4: BCA Ministers Association and BCA National Council Meetings (NCM)** in San Jose, CA. Theme: Buddhism and Technology: Unleashing the Power of Amida’s Vow. The following CBE events are presented in conjunction with the BCA NCM:

**March 2 (Thurs., 1-5 pm): CBE Symposium “Buddha at Work” at San Jose Betsuin.** Featured speakers: Franz Metcalf and B.J. Gallagher, co-authors of *Being Buddha at Work*, Dr. Richard Payne discussing his book, *How Much is Enough?* and Brian Nagata on the Buddhist Philanthropist and Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK) Founder, Rev. Dr. Yehan Numata. Symposium is free and open to the public.

**March 3 (Friday 3:30-5 pm) Chanting and Dharmathon at San Jose Betsuin.** Chanting of musical version of *Shoshinge* for the Gomonshu’s Accession Ceremony. Dharmathon speakers to be announced.

**March 4 (Saturday, 3:30-5 pm): Dharmathon at San Jose Marriott Hotel.** Speakers to be announced.

See attached CBE 2017 Tentative Calendar of Events for a complete list of CBE programming.

**New Videos on YouTube!** Visit the [BCA Center for Buddhist Education Channel](http://www.bcahq.org) to enjoy over 50 videos, including talks from the Fall Japanese Seminar (in Japanese) by Rev. Masanori Watanabe (Oxnard Buddhist Temple) and Rev. Gasho Yanagida (IBS/Ryukoku exchange student). Go online to [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com) and search for the channel. If you have problems, please contact [cbe@bcahq.org](mailto:cbe@bcahq.org) or phone (510) 809-1460.

## Tentative 2017 Center for Buddhist Education Calendar of Events

all events held at the Jodo Shinshu Center unless otherwise indicated

Dept	Location	Day	Date	Event
CBE	JSC	Friday	January 13.	Hoonko Service
CBE	JSC	Fri -Sun	January 20-22	Temple Leadership Workshop
CBE	LA	Saturday	January 28	Winter Pacific Seminar in LA
CBE	JSC	Thursday	February 16.	Gomeinichi Service
BCA	Jose	Wed.-Sat	March 1-4	Ministers' Mtg & National Council Mtg in San Jose
CBE	JSC	Fri.-Sun	March 10-12	Spring Minister's Assistant Program (MAP)

CBE	JSC	Thursday	March 16.	Gomeinichi Service
CBE	JSC	Friday	April 14.	Gomeinichi Service
FDSTL	Fresno	Fri - Sat	April 21-22	FDSTL Conference in Fresno
CBE	JSC	Fri-Sun	April 28-30	Technobuddha Conference
	JSC		April - July 14	International Ministerial Orientation Program (IMOP)
CBE	JSC	Friday	May 13.	Japanese Seminar
CBE	JSC	Tuesday	May 16.	Gomeinichi Service
CBE	JSC	Friday	May 19.	JSC Gotan-e Service
CBE	JSC	Tues-Thurs	May 30-June 1	Ministers' Continuing Education (MCE)
CBE	JSC	Thursday	June 1.	CBE Governing Board Meeting
BCA	JSC	Sat.	June 3.	National Board Mtg
CBE	JSC	Friday	June 16.	Gomeinichi Service
CBE	JSC	Friday	July 14.	Gomeinichi Service
CBE	JSC	Thurs - Sun	July 20-23	Dharma Training for School Teachers
CBE	JSC	Wednesday	August 16.	Gomeinichi Service
CBE	offsite		July 22-30	Eastern Tour: Rev. Sonam Bhutia Wangdi (Tentative)
CBE	JSC	Thurs - Sat	August 17-19	(Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Workshop)
CBE	JSC	Friday - Sun	August 18-20	Summer Pacific Seminar/Minister's Assistant Program (MAP)
CBE	JSC	Fri - Sun	August 25-27	Book Talk/Seminar with Rev. Ken Tanaka
CBE	JSC	Friday	September 15.	Gomeinichi Service
CBE	JSC	Tues- Fri.	Sept 26-29	West and East Hongwanji Overseas Propagation Exchange (WEHOPE) (Tentative)
CBE	NW	Thurs - Sat	Sept.r 28-30	Fall MAP in Northwest (TBD)
CBE	JSC	Sat	September 30	Japanese Seminar
CBE	JSC	Monday	October 16.	Gomeinichi Service
CBE	JSC	Thursday	November 16.	Gomeinichi Service
CBE	JSC	Thursday	November 30.	CBE Governing Board Meeting
BCA	JSC	Sat.	December 2.	National Bd Mtg
CBE	JSC	Thurs.-Sat	December 7-9	Winter MAP
CBE	JSC	Friday	December 15.	Gomeinichi Service