



Pasadena Buddhist Temple Hikari

September 2021

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Starting Up in September

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

As you read this, we are in the midst of re-opening to the public. Our first public service for the vaccinated and/or recently negatively testing is September 12th at 10 am. Children and those with health conditions preventing vaccination will be asked to mask up and sit in an “un-vaccinated” area at the back of our hondo (chapel).

Whatever the exact precautions at that time, they will be clearly posted and we will have masks and hand sanitizers etc. The important thing is that we do want to see you all again. It has not been good to be so limited in our contacts with one another due to pandemic precautions. We will have Study and Discussion Classes on Tuesdays at 11 am (running 40 minutes) and on Sundays at 2 pm. We will have walking meditation classes on Sundays at 1 pm. And a meditation class at 6 pm on Tuesdays.

As we re-engage with one another and re-engage with life more fully than we had been doing, which Buddhist principles should we remain especially mindful of? Well, for us it is rather simple. You are loved and accepted just as you are by the depths of reality. This is an unconditional love and forgiveness. The Enlightened Heart and Mind of the Buddha cannot be made to reject us. There is only a happy ending possible for any of us. So, ... we better pay attention to act III, so to speak.

If our end is act IV, act IV by its completion, is a pleasant act. But, if we call our end act IV, which act are we in now? My mother and Aunt Katy both had heart disease that they struggled with near the end. That would be what we might call their act III. My dad had a pretty healthy trip right up to the beginning of act IV. But that easy Act III, the period before the slow fade, was twenty years for my father. My mom’s difficult Act III ran about the same length. My Aunt Katy’s slowly winding down Act III was mixed hard and not so hard, but it ran 40 years. What phase am I at now, at 72? What stage in life are you at just now?

Whichever stage in our lives we are at, it is a stage of being loved unconditionally by Amida Buddha. It is a stage of the Pure Realm pouring goodness into our lives. I’m not sure if I’m early in stage III or late in stage IV, but it is a good life. Thanks to my wife and sons and to all of you. This is a good life for me. How about you? See you in September?

The Pasadena Buddhist Temple offers their sincere condolence to the families of the following members of our Temple who recently passed away:

Mrs. Mitsue Oyama, 101 years old

Mrs. Toshiko Goto, 96 years old

Mr. Robert (Lefty) Kikkawa, 89 years old



Temple Calendar

Welcome Back!

We plan on in-person Sunday services beginning on September 12th.

We will still be adhering to City COVID protocols so please bring a mask, plan on social distancing and be healthy! We prefer for all in attendance over the age of 11 to be fully vaccinated to ensure the health and safety for our youngsters who are not able to get vaccinated.

September, 2021

- 1PBT Board meeting @ 7:15 PM
- 5NO TEMPLE SERVICE
- 8.....BWA Panda Express Fundraiser (All Day)
- 9.....City of Pasadena COVID Vaccines 9-11 AM in Sakai Hall
- 12.....Monthly Memorial & Family Service, 10 AM in person
Walking Meditation 1:00 PM
- 19.....Fall Ohigan Service, 10 AM
Walking Meditation 1:00 PM
- 26.....Family Service, 10 AM
Walking Meditation 1:00 PM

October, 2021

- 3.....Monthly Memorial Service 10 AM
- 6.....PBT Board Meeting @ 7:15 pm
- 9.....So. District BCA, BWA and Sunday School Teacher Virtual Conference 9-noon.
- 10.....Family Service, BWA Memorial Service
- 17.....Family Service, 10 AM
- 24.....Family Service, 10 AM
- 31.....Family Service, 10 AM

Fall Ohigan – September 19th

Ohigan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted during the spring and autumnal equinoxes. At these times, the weather is neither too warm nor too cold; the days and nights are of equal length. harmony pervades throughout the universe. Therefore, we gather before the shrine of Amida Buddha and reflect on the harmony of nature and devote ourselves to the realization of this harmony in our inner lives.



Rev. Gregory Gibbs will deliver a Dharma-message. We hope you will make time to attend this special service.

Monthly Opportunity Raffle Winners

July.....Misa Kawano

August.....Mitsuko Hays



Shotsuki Service (Monthly Memorial Service) is held for those who passed away during a particular month. If our Temple is open, family members and friends will be able to offer incense in honor of their loved one. This service provides the opportunity to acknowledge the influence this person made on your own life. Names of the deceased are read at this service. If you would like your loved one to be added to a monthly list, please contact Reverend Gibbs.

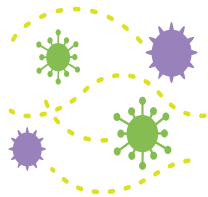
September Shotsuki Service - September 12th

ARITA, Ratsu	KOBUKE, Yutaka	OKUNO, Matsu	TESHIMA, Isamu
FUJIMOTO, Hajime	KUBO, Kiyomasa	OMURA, Seki	TOIMOTO, Itsuyo
FURUMOTO, Yasu	KURAMOTO, Kiku	ONISHI, Kita	TSUCHIMOTO, Tsuneyo
GOTO, Choichi	MASUMOTO, Hachitaro	ONISHI, Yoshisuke	TSUCHIYA, Inosuke
GOTO, Kyoichi	MATSUMOTO, Yaemon	OTAKE, Takeo	TSUCHIYA, Tomizo
HAMAGUCHI, Hachizo	MENTZ, Geraldine	OYAMA, Majyu	UYENO, Kimi
HAMANO, Kimi	MITO, Shika	OYAMA, Mitomu	WAKASA, Kiyozo
HAYASHI, Kyoko	MITSUOKA, George	SAKAMOTO, Isaburo	YAMADA, Sato
HIGASHIOKA, Shigeru	MORIOKA, Sadayo	SOGA, Noriko	YAMADA, Tokutaro
HIROSE, Shigeru	MURAKI, Rikio	SOGI, Atsuye	YAMAOKA, Rai
INOUE, Kaoru Mr.	NAGATANI, Shigeru	SUGIMOTO, Hatsujiro	YAMASAKI, Nao
ITO, Frank	NAITO, Imakichi	TAKAYAMA, Mito	YAMASHITA, Kihei
KAWAMOTO, Kunitaro	NISHIDA, Miki	TAKAYAMA, Otomatsu	YAMAZOE, Mine
KAWAMOTO, Masano	NISHIKAWA, Mutsue	TAKAYAMA, Tomi	YOKOYAMA, Kiyomi
KAWAMOTO, Tazuko	OGURA, Tomie	TANABE, Violet	YOKOYAMA, Sakaye
KAWASHIMA, Fumi	OKIDA, Mariko	TERAOKA, Yumi	YUJIRI, Tokuo

October Shotsuki Service - October 3rd

FUJIKAWA, George Masayoshi	KAWAMOTO, Ihei	NISHIMURA, Chiyoko	TANIGAWA, Sakutaro
FUJIKAWA, Sekino	KIKKAWA, Shizuye	NISHIMURA, Noboru	TOINAKA, Tane
FUJIWARA, Kasue	KIRIYAMA, Takashi (Tak)	OKUMOTO, Hino	TOMOTANI, Nobuko
FUKUYAMA, Margaret	KONISHI, Tajiro	OMURA, Ayako	UCHIYAMA, Sakae
FUKUMOTO, Minoru	MASUMOTO, Denbei	ONAGA, Ryo	UYETANAKA, Kiomi
HAMANO, Nitaro	MASUMOTO, Sam	OSHITA, Shigematsu	WATANABE, Suma
HIDA, Micky	MASUMOTO, Tameyo	OTANI, Kakichi	WATARI, Kunsaku
HOTTA, Ichi	MATSUMOTO, Fukujiro	OTANI, Yoshiko	YAMADA, Roy
HOTTA, Masayuki	MORIOKA, Yasutaro	SATO, Tome	YAMANAKA, Ryuji
HOTTA, Matsuzo	MORIYAMA, Baby	SHIDA, Etsuji	YAMANE, Genkichi
INABA, Kisaku	MIHO, Shizue	SHINMOTO, Sokichi	YAMASAKI, Etsuzo
INOUE, Lynne Leiko	NAKANO, Hanichi	SHOGA, Hatsue	YAMASAKI, Toyo
IWATA, Jinsuke	NAKASHIMO, Yoshiko	SOGI, Hatsue	YOKOYAMA, Noriko
IWATA, Morojiro	NISHIKAWA, Chiyeko	SUGASAWARA, Chiyoko	YONESAWA, Yoshio Norman
KAWABATA, Kiyoshi	NISHIMOTO, John Osamu	SUGIHARA, Masaharu	YUSA, Saku
			YUSA, Magoichi

Temple Reopening and COVID Vaccination



The PBT Board encourages all those who come to our Temple *be fully vaccinated* to protect all, mainly children, that are on the grounds. If you have **not** been vaccinated, please come with a negative COVID test record, wear a mask at all times and make sure to continue to maintain safe distancing.

There will be a Pasadena City vaccination clinic on September 9th from 9am - 11am here at PBT. If you need help obtaining a vaccination, please contact Rev. Gibbs and he will have someone reach out to you to assist in getting an appointment.

We will be continuing with a quick screening when we begin in-person services on September 12th. Please make sure to wear a mask (we will have masks at the check-in table) and stay at home if you are not feeling well. We look forward to welcoming you back in a few weeks!



Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Benefiting Pasadena Village

Join Home Instead Pasadena, Pasadena Village, Pasadena Buddhist Temple, and Pasadena Public Health Department for this FREE vaccination event.

Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines available

For every vaccine dose provided, Home Instead will donate \$100 to Pasadena Village, up to \$10,000.

- Thursday, September 9, from 9-11am.
- Pasadena Buddhist Temple
- 1993 Glen Ave., Pasadena - Lot and street parking available.
- Book an appointment at MyTernscape.org. Call Home Instead Pasadena @ 626-496-0883. Walk-ins accepted.

Presidents' Message

Here in Pasadena, we are striving to fulfill our mission to deliver the Dharma while keeping our Sangha as safe as possible during the pandemic. To that end, we are preparing to return to in-person Sunday services and classes beginning September 12, depending on the force of the Delta variant.

With deep gratitude, we are using your donations to our Covid-19 Re-Opening Fund to purchase air purifiers for the Hondo and protective supplies for those who visit our campus. Masks and health checks and contact tracing will be mandatory. We have also purchased equipment to upgrade our capabilities to deliver the Dharma and services virtually. We plan to live-stream our in-person services and continue pre-recorded services if in-person indoor services create too much risk. Services can be viewed on our website: PasadenaBuddhistTemple.org or on our YouTube channel.

For those who prefer to participate in Buddhist practices outdoors, Rev. Gibbs will be holding walking meditations on Sundays at 1 pm through our grounds and Buddhism classes at 2 pm. We ask that only fully vaccinated persons join our activities on campus. Please help protect our Sangha, particularly those who cannot be vaccinated, including our youngest members. We encourage everyone over the age of 12 to get vaccinated. We continue to partner with the City of Pasadena to provide vaccination clinics. The next one will be Thursday, Sept. 9, from 9 am to noon. The shots are free.

As much as we miss our in-person contact, we encourage you to participate with the Sangha online at the upcoming Southern District Conference on Oct. 9 and various BCA online seminars. With the recent generous donation of a large screen monitor, we can view the conference and seminars together inside the Hondo.

Dharma School will remain virtual through the fall and probably until a vaccine is available for children. Please enjoy our precious *Now* and stay healthy.

In Gassho,
Kathy Kumagai, President

Dharma School

It is already September and Fall is approaching. We were anticipating in person classes again but due to the increase in community cases of the Delta variant, we will continue with remote learning. Much like other temples, we will evaluate on a month-to-month basis to determine when it is safe to conduct in person classes. We need to protect our young members who are not eligible to get vaccinated yet.

We invite and welcome any 6-8th grader to join our Sangha Teens and 9-12th graders to join our Junior YBA groups.

We will try to implement a variety of activities for the students so that we can get back to some sort of routine. Please stay tuned.

We will also be continuing our Care Packages to our "Seniors". I will update you when the next care package event is determined.

Please stay safe and we hope to see you at the temple soon.

Lynne Masumoto

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Buddhist Women's Association News

The BWA kept very busy these last few months helping to support the Temple's Virtual Obon by working on the Silent Auction, helping with the Beef Teriyaki and the Chirashi Sale. This year the BWA donated the chirashi sale to the Temple from Obon sales, so we have not had any income this year. So we are grateful that so many of you supported our first Virtual Panda fundraiser in August we made \$571.06. *Please support our next virtual Panda fundraiser on September 8th.*

Reminder that BWA will pay the registration cost for all members that would like to attend the Southern District BCA/BWA conference that will be held virtually on October 8th. Please let sensei or your toban leader about attending.

The BWA gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from:

\$300...Cliff Nakatani in appreciation to BWA for support at Sayo's memorial service

\$100...Ken Okazaki and Julie Komoto families in appreciation to BWA for support at mother's (Yukie) memorial service

- 16th ANNUAL - SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

September 25th

Pasadena BWA has been selected (again) for the 16th Annual Shopping Extravaganza, to be held Saturday, September 25th. Tickets are on sale now to benefit PBTBWA. Tickets are \$35/each. BWA gets \$25 from the sale of each ticket. Wine Tasting, Exclusive Discounts, and Lunch from Ruby's Diner. Tickets can be ordered online at <https://citadelshopx.com/> Make sure to select **Buddhist Women's Association** as your charity of choice. Questions or need help ordering your tickets? Email PasadenaBWA@gmail.com. You can also contact your toban leader. It is a GREAT way to start your holiday shopping.



Order Online from ANY Panda Express

Use Code: 904462 at check-out

If you would like help ordering, contact Yuka at (818) 468-0744 or Jeannie at 562-305-6018. Please share this fundraiser with friends, co-workers and family!

Donations Received June and July

The following donations received in the months of *June and July 2021* are gratefully acknowledged.



Shotsuki Hoyo June 6th & July 11th

- .. Lillian Fujimoto in memory of parents Nami & Yasuo Fujimoto. Brothers: Tosh, Bill, Paul & Frank
- .. Maye Fukumoto in memory of Ritsu Fukumoto & Hohichi Kamoto
- .. Midori Ikenaga in memory of Kazue Shigeno
- .. Aileen Fujimori in memory of husband William Fujimori
- .. Gerry Ito
- .. Robert Kikkawa in memory of Alan Kikkawa, Shoji/Shizue Kikkawa, James/Edith Shigeishi
- .. Robert Kikkawa in memory of Alice Kikkawa
- .. David Nishimura in memory of Roy Nishimura
- .. Irene Tanihara in memory of father, Sadao Sano
- .. Naomi Yonesawa in Memory of mom, Kiyoko Yonesawa
- .. Sachiko Watari in memory of Misa Morihiro & Yuri Yamaguchi
- .. June Chin in memory of Hiroko Roppyakuda
- .. Roy Sunada in memory of Kenny Sunada
- .. Tomomi Yamasaki
- .. Carol Oyama in memory of Toshimi Oyama
- .. Sachiko Watari in memory of Mayo Masumoto
- .. Midori Ikenaga in memory of Suyeno Umeta
- .. Michelle Ige Toshima in memory of Auntie Kat Ige

Chicken Teriyaki Dinner

- .. Kay Abe, Stephanie Ozawa, Ellen Shimamoto, Dennis Sugita, Roy Sunada, Suzie Yamanaka
- .. Art Musashi
- .. Yoshi Ono
- .. Virginia Ishida, Robert Yokoyama
- .. Diane Jung
- .. Alan Goto, Diane Jung, Yuka Kimbell, Kathleen Kubota, Miki Meza, Walter Naydo, Janice Shue, Gary Yamanaka, Carol Nakauchi
- .. Jose Salcedo, Scott Shinmoto, Jane Matsumoto, Catherine Mikuni, Susan Ozawa, Emiko Tagami
- .. Bob Hayashi, Emiko Tagami
- .. Akimi Ching, Judy Kam, Lillian Shido, Beverly Stapleton, Kathy Yoshihara
- .. Susan Kato, Mitzi Toshima, Cindy Uehara
- .. Bradley Fujikuni, Larry Jung, Janey Maruyama-Frausto, Irene Sakamoto
- .. Tom Miyasaki

Hatsubon July 10th

- .. Alan Goto
- .. Julie Toyama in memory of George Yamane
- .. Carol Oyama in memory of John Kazuaki Oyama
- .. John Ozawa in memory of Lynne Ozawa
- .. Kyoko Gibbs, Alan Hatakeyama
- .. James Nishimoto in memory of Jean Kaoru Nishimoto
- .. Wayne Kawamoto
- .. Catherine Mikuni in memory of Daniel Trexler
- .. Clifford Nakatani
- .. Raymond & Thelma Chin in memory of John Oyama

Obon Service - July 11th

- 0.. Maye Fukumoto
- .. Alan Goto, Alan Hatakeyama
- .. George Sugimoto
- .. Teruye Kawahira-Musashi, John Ozawa
- .. Fukui Mortuary, Inc., Lillian Fujimoto, Shue Janice, Kubota Mortuary, David Nishimura, Michiko Oba
- .. Anonymous, Nina Akiyama, Glen Hatakeyama, Rev. Tetsunen Hirota, Gerry Ito, Shinobu Kiriyama, Alan Nakagawa, Albert Nakata, Roy Sunada, Kiyoe Suzuki, Stefani Takahashi, Akira Tanimoto, Rev. Tetsuo Unno, Tomomi Yamasaki, Mitsie Yanari
- .. William Fujimoto, Alan Goto, Reiko Hatakeyama, Kana Higa, Ayako Hirano, Midori Ikenaga, Clifford Nakatani, Mitsunori Nishikawa, Susan Nishio, Carol Oyama, Reiko Shishido, Akiko Tsukida, Albert Tsukimoto, Sachiko Watari
- .. Minoru Okida
- .. Jeanne Ideno, Lynne Masumoto
- .. Carolyn Matsuda, Scott Shinmoto, Julie Toyama
- .. Albert Yamasaki

Special Donations

- 0.. Kyoko Gibbs in memory of Kensho Okura - Glen Ave project
- 0.. Hiroko Kunitake in memory of Sidney Hauro Kunitake
- 0.. Anonymous
- Mark Araki, General Fund
- Ken Okazaki, Memorial Service Orei
- Alan Goto, PBT SOGs
- Clifford Nakatani One Year memorial Sayo Nakatani
- Jason Nishi
- Ann Kiriyama in memory of Ambre Gonzales & George Kiriyama
- Yoshiko & Stephanie Yamasaki in memory of Jun Yamasaki
- Hiroko Inouye in memory of Otani's
- Pam Shriver, Tai Chi class
- Joyce Berens in memory of Yukie Okazaki
- Joan Fiske
- Kyoko Gibbs commemoration of Sho's graduation
- Misa Kawano, Opportunity Drawing winner
- Shinobu Kiriyama
- Keiko Kuma in memory of Mr. Noboru Kuma
- Clifford Nakatani
- Ken Okazaki Obon in memory of Yukie & Sid Okazaki
- Jane Smith in memory of Yukie Hamano
- Patricia Winters in memory of Setsuko Sonoki Hernandez
- Deena Yanari in memory of Ralph Yanari
- Robert Yokoyama
- Anonymous O-but Sudan adoption
- Anonymous 49th Mr. Noboru Kuma
- Misa Kawano in memory of Takaichi Goto, Chiyoko Goto, George Murashige, Al Ishida

Special Donations Con't

.....Takako Murashige in memory of Takaichi & Chiyoko Goto, George Murashige, Kiyoshi Ishida
Janice Shue in honor of Lynne Ozawa & Yukie & Sid Okazaki
Ikuko Miyashita
Jeanne Ideno
Shinobu Kiriyama in memory of Sayo Nakatani
Ikuko Miyashita
Larry Jung
Emily Sato

Covid-19 Donations

00 ... George Sugimoto
 Steve & Irene Tanihara
 Fukui Mortuary, Inc
 Nina Akiyama, Gerry Ito, PJCI
 Irene Fujimoto, Lillian Hampton, Yuka Kimbell, Carolyn Matsuda
 Fred Ige, Susan Nishio, Reiko Shishido, Roy Sunada, Rev. Tetsuo Unno
 Akiko Tsukida
 Robert Kikkawa, Ikuko Miyashita, Sachiko Tsukida
 Minoru Okida

Saturday, 7/17 Obento Food Donations

Sharilynn Jung
 Ellen Shimamoto
 Cindy Uehara, Roy Sunada
 Cathie Abe
 Jerilynn Takeda, Janice Waldorf
 Catherine Mikuni, Jeanne Rayal
 Larry Jung, oan Takayama-Ogawa, Kyoko Gibbs, Denise Okimoto

Sunday, 7/18 Food Court Donations

Kay Abe, Michiko Oba
 Suzie Yamanaka
 Dave Noguchi
 Kiyoe Suzuki
 Mitsunori Nishikawa
 Bobby Okada
 June Chin
 mbers for Beef Dinner– Alan Goto
 on for Beef Dinner – Jeannie Toshima



Virtual Obon Tribute

\$100 Kathleen Kumagai In Memory of Vi and Mas Tanabe
 \$25 Kristen Fujitaki In Memory of Kiyo Nakamoto
 Janice Shue In Memory of Lynne Ozawa
 Jean Toshima In Memory of Lynne Ozawa
 Jean Toshima In Memory of Aunt Betty & Uncle Ted
 Jeanne Ideno In Memory of Tokiko Ideno
 Jeanne Ideno In Memory of Mitsuko Santo
 Jeanne Ideno In Memory of Tetsu Santo

“Divers, Empathy and the World”

During the Tokyo Olympics, I watched Swimming, Skateboarding, Gymnastics, Water Polo and so forth, but I tended to skip over Diving: it's *degree of difficulty* seemed mild compared to those of the other events.

This lack of empathy for divers, however, changed after reading an article on the Olympic divers. That article explained that “When the diver hits the water, for a split second, the water is as hard as CONCRETE.” It continued and noted that almost every Olympic diver eventually suffers some form of injury.

Injuries such as: concussions, dislocated shoulders, broken wrists, damaged lungs, ruptured eardrums, twisted necks, tendonitis in both knees, injuries to the back and so forth. Despite being fully aware of all this, divers must jump off a 3-story high springboard. Suffice it to say, after that article, I began to empathize with the divers.

In the world of Buddhism, Empathy plays a crucial role. For Empathy or “to understand the feelings and difficulties of others” often leads to the virtue of “Compassion” which is “to understand the feelings and difficulties of others, together with the impulse and desire to help others.”

As is widely known, Compassion is often viewed---for example, by the Dalai Lama--as the heart and essence of Buddhism. Perhaps for this reason, the great historian, Arnold Toynbee, noted that he believes that Buddhism harbors unmatched potential to pacify and bring peace not only to a lone individual but to the world-at-large.

Gassho,
 Rev. Tetsuo Unno

2021 Obon Raffle Winners

\$500 Sumi Goto
 \$150 Jess Hamada, Hiroko Inouye
 \$100 Aki Kiriyama, Doug Sakamoto
 \$50 Koki Ito, Art Musashi, Rosie Nakata,
 Darin Nakuchi, George Toyama



Thanks to everyone that registered for Amazon Smile. **PBT has received over \$700** since we joined this program.

If you are an Amazon shopper, please select the **Pasadena Buddhist Church** as your charity to support. A portion of your purchase price will be donated to our temple. It does not cost you anything extra, Amazon has initiated this as a way to give back to eligible charities.

Shop at <http://smile.amazon.com> and select us as your charity and every time you log in to shop, it will remember this preference.

Seminars and Class Offerings

Ikenobo Classes: Begins Wednesday, September 1

The Ikenobo School has a 550 year history. The school is considered to have developed ikebana as an art form at the Rokkaku-do Temple in Kyoto. It developed the Rikka and Shoka styles. Ikenobo emphasizes that arranging is more than just appreciating beautiful flowers. An arranger must observe the inner essence of the material and express its natural form, which means material in all stages of its life are appreciated, including dried branches. Class is held every Wednesday afternoon (1pm - 4pm) at the Temple.



Ohara Ikebana Classes: Begins Thursday, September 2

The Ohara School of Ikebana has a 125 year history. Ohara is known for the development of the moribana style. The Ohara School emphasizes the seasonal qualities and natural growth patterns of the floral material. Class is held every Thursday (1pm - 4pm) at the Temple.



Urasenke Classes: Begins Monday, September 13

Chado or *Chanoyu*, commonly referred to as the “Tea Ceremony” in English, is a discipline for the refinement of the self- know in Japanese as “do” or “way”. *Chado* means “the way of tea”. Students learn various *temae* (procedures of preparing and serving sweets and tea), which helps the students to focus on the present moment and place.

“Peacefulness through a Bowl of Tea.” (Sen Genshitsu, 15th Headmaster)

Class is held every Monday at a private Tea house in Altadena. For information regarding these classes, please contact **Jose Salcedo**, jsalcedo.626@gmail.com or (626) 437-8795.

Sept. & Oct. Classes at the Pasadena Temple

Buddhist Study Classes

Rev. Gibbs will lead classes on Topics in Buddhism, open to all, no prior knowledge of Buddhism is necessary. Each class will consist of a short directed reading that will then be discussed by Rev. Gibbs and the class. Class length is 40 minutes and offered on Tuesday at 11:00 AM and Sunday at 2:00PM

Meditation

Rev. Gibbs will instruct and lead participants through several different forms of meditation: mindfulness of breath, visualization, Attentioness, Walking Meditation as Ki Cultivation.

Walking Meditation class on Sunday at 1:00 PM

Meditation class on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Please check calendar as funerals, hospital visitations and such can pre-empt scheduled classes www.PasadenaBuddhistTemple.org.

Southern District BCA, BWA and Sunday School Teacher Virtual Conference

October 9, 2021 from 9 am - Noon



Conference will feature Rev. Kodo Umezu as the guest speaker.

With the donation of the large screen inside the hondo, those that would like to “attend” the conference is welcome to join us in the Hondo for the conference. Registration is still required. Contact Rev. Gibbs or Jeannie Toshima to register. Cost is \$25/person. BWA will pay for the registration fee of any member that would like to attend.

Nokotsudo Update

Our nokotsudo (columbarium) is done! Located in the back of the Hondo, we now have a permanent location for urns containing the remains of our Temple members and loved ones.

Constructed with maple, the light wood and wavy pattern tastefully complements the new vinyl flooring. There are 3 pull out shelves for flowers or incense if you are having a private service, and a small seating area which makes the space intimate and restful.



We have a total of 60 niches and suggested donations are based on the location. A formal unveiling ceremony is being planned in the near future. In the meantime, we invite you to stop by the Temple to take a look at the nokotsudo.

If you are interested in securing a niche or would like more information, please contact Rev. Gibbs or Shelley Shinmoto.

