



## Oct Highlights

- **10/4, Sun 10:00 AM**  
Oct Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service
- **10/5, Mon 7:30 PM**  
Religious Planning Mtg
- **10/9-11, Fri-Sun**  
**BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's League Conference**
- **10/14, Wed 7:30 PM**  
Temple Board Mtg
- **10/25, Sun 10:00 AM**  
Service and DS Halloween Party

## Nov Highlights

- **11/1, Sun 10:00 AM**  
Nov Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service
- **11/8, Sun 10:00 AM**  
**Eitai-kyo Service**  
Guest Speaker: Rev. George Matsubayashi, BCA Minister emeritus

12:00 PM  
**Keiro-Kai Luncheon**

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## MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Volume 48 Number 9

## One Time. One Meeting. Once in a Lifetime.

*Having met with the Power of the Primal Vow,*

*One's life does not pass in vain.*

*Although the muddy waters of passions are not set apart,*

*It is completely fulfilled with the ocean of virtuous treasure.*

—Koso Wasan

A famous expression used in the art of tea is: **Ichi-go ichi-e.** 一期一会. Ichi-go means "one period or time." Ichi-e means "one meeting." The expression is attributed to the great Tea Master, Sen no

Rikyū. This "one time, one meeting," Ichi-go, Ichi-E is often brushed onto a scroll and hung in the alcove of a tearoom to remind the par-

ticipants that each tea meeting is unique.

The philosophy is that one should always do one's best when making tea for another, treasuring each gathering as "one encounter in a lifetime". In a broader context, it means "one chance in a lifetime," or a "once in a lifetime" event.

I think we have all experienced this when unexpectedly we meet people at a particular time and place. No planning had occurred. It was just that somehow, the random causes and effects were just right.



I have received two wonderful gifts this week. As members of the Mountain View

## Two Gifts

By Ron Murata

Buddhist Temple Sangha we all received them. I was fortunate to have a rare viewing of one of the gifts and previewing the other.

The first gift was to be a wit-

ness at the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Institute of Buddhist Studies and the Conferral of an Honorary Doctorate to Hiroji Kariya.

We have heard many times from many sensei about the "countless causes and condi-

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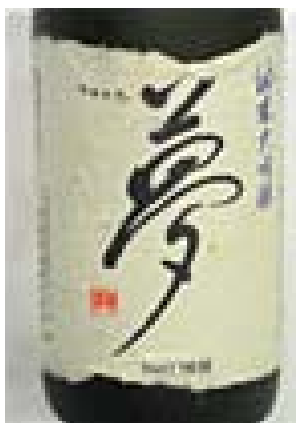
## One Time. One Meeting. Once in a Lifetime. (Cont'd from Page 1)

This past week I attended the IBS 60th Anniversary and Conferral Ceremony of IBS, granting our own Hiroji Kariya an Honorary Doctorate. This is the first time in IBS's 60 years that they have conferred an Honorary Doctorate degree.

On the way home, I decided to go through San Francisco over the Bay Bridge before it closed for the Labor Day construction project. I also decided to go to a little market that I heard about which specializes in sake. I had tried to go to this market twice before, but the first time I went was on a Sunday and they were closed. The next time, I got there at 11:30 AM but they didn't open until noon, and I couldn't wait. As I was traveling into San Francisco, I noticed that traffic wasn't bad at all. There were no stops on the bridge, the toll was smooth sailing, and I had the sunroof open in my car, my I-

pod playing great music. It was absolutely perfect and to top it off, I found a parking place right in front of the market. I walked in and I was amazed at the excellent selection of very good sake. I was like a 5 year old with full access to a candy store.

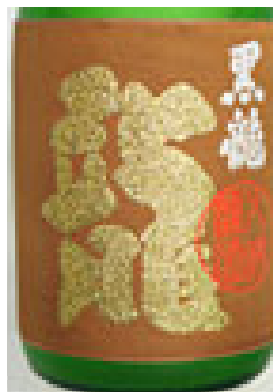
There I was, with my eyes wide open just staring at all the different bottles of sake, with my mouth watering trying to decide which one to pick. I was mesmerized.



I must have been standing in front of one particular shelf for several minutes, when out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a lady trying to push her way in front of me. I thought, "How rude!!! What Nerve!!!" Here is this lady destroying my ecstasy.

Then I realized, I know this lady.

She was a member of our temple.



We both exclaimed together, "What are you doing here?" It was a chance encounter.

We didn't plan for this. We didn't call each other to say that we would be at this particular store in San Francisco on a certain date at such and at a specific time. What are the chances for this to happen? This was a chance encounter of a lifetime.

The story doesn't end there. So after this lady, her husband and I had a few minutes to relish the chance meeting—literally only 3 minutes at most, she looks out of the big storefront window and all of a sudden blurts out, "Oh my gosh. Look who's coming in the store!"

I thought she was just joking around at first, but in comes another temple member and his wife. Then, again, we had to repeat the "What are doing here?" "Isn't this amazing? What a funny coincidence."



# The ECHO

## One Time. One Meeting. Once in a Lifetime. (Cont'd from Page 3)

*For you to be  
here today,  
1,048,567  
random people,  
20 generations  
somehow met,  
fell in love,  
and had children*

This, too, was not planned. We did not talk to each other. It turns out that this other couple had just finished seeing the Samurai exhibit at the Asian Art Museum. Imagine if I had not attended the ceremony in Berkeley, I would not have experienced this chance encounter. Not only did I have one chance encounter, but it was followed by another in a matter of minutes. This is truly inconceivable.

In play are all these different scenarios, all these causes and conditions. If just one thing was altered, the outcome has the potential of

being so much different. If you just think about what it took for you to be here today it would astound you.

For you to be here today, 2 people had to meet, fall in love, get married have children. These are our parents. For our parents to have been born, 4 people had to at least meet. For our 4 grandparents to be born, 8 people had to get together. If you go back to 10 generations, that is 1,024 people, and if you go back to 20 generations, that is 1,048,567—more than the whole population of San Jose. That is amazing.

A statistics professor once described the probability of being born as a human as the chance of rolling a pair of dice and getting the number 7, 5 thousand times in a row.

What this means is that although the possibility for certain things to happen is enormously great against the odds, occurrences and encounters in our life do not just happen as a result of random chance, destiny, or fate. It is the result of the infinite causes and conditions being just so.

Some of these causes and conditions we may be able to

**KEIRO KAI LUNCH & PROGRAM**

r e s p e c t 尊敬 h o n o r

**Noon, Sunday November 8th, 2009**

**Sangha Hall**

All temple members, their families, and all affiliated organizations are encouraged to attend and join us in thanking and honoring our seniors."

This year's theme is "Sonkei", which mean **Respect/Honor**

### President’s Message (cont’d from Page 1)

tions” that occurred for us to experience what we are receiving at this moment.

We and others will continue to receive in the future because of these past efforts and the efforts of so many now. Hiroji Kariya and others have played instrumental roles in the evolution of the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC), the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) and Jodo Shinshu in America.

Because of events like the celebration held on September 1st, a small group of people were fortunate to witness a very short snippet recognizing Hiroji’s efforts. Unless you can get Hiroji to talk about what has happened in the past and is continuing to go on, you can only imagine what it must have been like.

The second gift was viewing “Mountain View Buddhist Temple – A Legacy For The Future”, a DVD created by Megan Matsumoto (and I am

sure with a lot of help from her family and friends). Megan and her mother, Shirley, gave me two copies, one for myself and one for the Temple. What wonderful gifts we are able to receive today. It is unimaginable the infinite causes and conditions that enabled Megan to create this beautiful DVD.

With the Temple’s 50th Anniversary quickly approaching, Megan has created a poignant and rare view of some of the causes and conditions that are now the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and associated complex. Megan highlights interviews both from a number of people on the formative years of the Temple and with others looking toward the future.

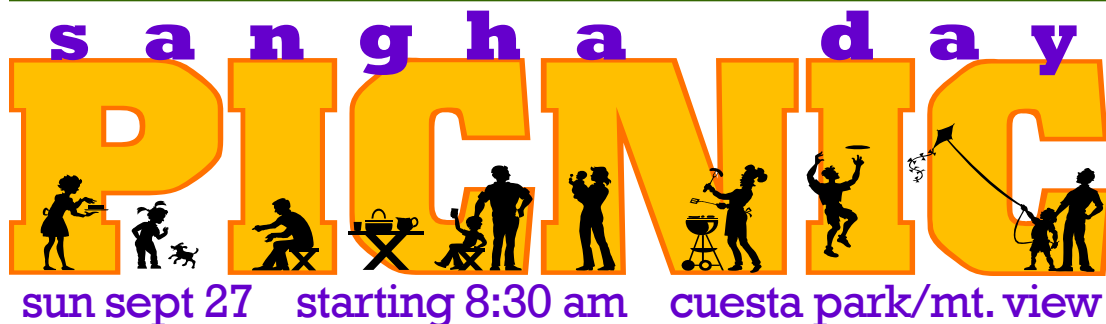
For me, the past reflections by Jim Satake, Yas and May Shimoguchi, Amy Imai and Reverend Jay Shinseiki as a boy growing up in Mountain View and her pictures showing the building and evolution

of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple are treasures that won’t be lost.

Every member of the Sangha now and in the future will have a chance to learn about causes and conditions that we previously could only imagine. Sangha members are in for a treat!

It would be wonderful if someone could capture and show some of the causes and conditions that now are only known to Hiroji and some of his peers about the JSC, the IBS, and Jodo Shinshu in America. Of course, each of us can become a part of the ever expanding set of causes and conditions by contributing to the Hiroji and Yasuko Kariya Chair for Buddhist Religious Studies which is now part of the BCA’s 21st Century Campaign.

**Ron Murata**  
**Temple President**



## The ECHO

### **One Time. One Meeting. Once in a Lifetime. (Cont'd from Page 4)**

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identify, but simply because of the multitudes, it is beyond our human comprehension. Perhaps for this reason, some people may attribute these things to God or a divine being. Others may attribute them to luck or destiny.

In Buddhism, it is not about attributing the responsibility of these events to a particular power or being, but rather simply become aware of the reality of these forces in our lives.

To meet with another is truly a matter of great importance. Realizing the great improbability of it occurring, all the more so should make us cherish each meeting that we encounter.

Shinran Shonin, who we take as the founder of our Jodo Shinshu tradition, took this matter of the karmic conditions to meet very seriously. In his earnest search to find spiritual peace, struggling for over twenty years on Mt. Hiei, he happened to have met Honen who taught of the single path of Nembutsu.

Through Honen's guidance, Shinran was able to achieve his spiritual peace, and Shinran spent a lifetime sharing

his understanding with others. Shinran could have said that since he attained the way, that he himself, would be the sole reason for others to attain the same spiritual peace. Instead, with his deep insight and awareness of the infinite karmic causes and conditions, he attributed everything to his meeting with Honen.

Shinran was deeply aware of the indebtedness that he owed to others. "If you should come to realize this practice and Shinjin, rejoice at the conditions from the distant past that have brought it about."

Through his association with Honen, Shinran met certain adverse situations such as the Persecution of Nembutsu as an independent path to enlightenment, Honen was exiled to the remote area of Shikoku, and many of his disciples were imprisoned. Some were even beheaded. Shinran was stripped of his priesthood and exiled to Echigo, now known as Niigata, a Northern province facing the Japan Sea known for its bitter winter cold.

Yet Shinran said, if it wasn't for his association with Honen, he never would have

been exiled to this remote area of Japan and had the opportunity to spread Nembutsu to these people.

The karmic conditions and cause that have enabled us to live the way that we have is truly infinite. "Difficult is it to receive life in human form, now we are living it."

The chance meetings of two couples in a small sake shop on one afternoon in San Francisco are extremely difficult to fathom.

But how much more so is the continued meeting of our loved ones who we may see every day, every hour for twenty years, fifty years or eighty-five years? To have received life from another, to touch the lives of others is truly an ocean of virtuous treasure that should be cherished.

By living your life to its fullest potential, by remembering your debt of gratitude for the infinite causes and conditions this is meeting with the world of Truth, the world of the Working of the Primal Vow, the world of Nembutsu.

**Gassho,  
Rev. Dean Koyama**

# Sangha Day Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 ♦ Cuesta Park (Mt. View)

All members and their families are invited. Food, fun and games for all ages. Enjoy eating, playing, renewing friendships, making new friends or just plain relaxing! We will start early with a fun walk at 8:30am.



<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Fun walk</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Service</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Children's races</b>
<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Barbecue / lunch</b>
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Bingo</b>
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Raffle</b>

A zone chairperson or representative will call you for a count and a potluck request of either salad, rice or dessert. If you have not been contacted by Sept 21<sup>st</sup> and wish to attend, please call Allan Nara (650 967-2266) or Rich Endo (408 739-5269)

**JOIN THE FUN !!!**

*Organized by: Sangha Day Picnic Committee – Zone 3*

## BWA Events for the Fall

### BWL CONFERENCE

Ten BWA members will be attending the 41st Federation of BWL Conference in Sacramento on October 9, 10, 11. They will share a bus with the San Jose BWA and depart from San Jose Friday morning. Everyone is expecting a rewarding experience.

**November 29, 2009**

### **Eshiniko service**

Reverend Ryo Imamura will be the guest minister

**December 6, 2009**

BWA fundraiser—Udon luncheon

### DONATIONS

*Gratefully Acknowledged*

### **Yukiko Higa**

Special Donation (\$50)

### **Kiyoko Sato**

In memory of husband, George Masaichi (\$25)

### NEXT MEETING

Saturday, October 17, 2009  
9:00 AM

### UPCOMING EVENTS

BWA to chair the following Sunday services:



**Buddhist  
Women's  
Association**

# The ECHO

## Senior Activities—Come to the White Elephant Sale!

**Senior  
Activities  
—October**

**Every Thursday**  
Senior Activity and Craft,  
9:00 AM until 12 noon.

**October 10th & 11th**

**Sat/Sun**  
White Elephant Sale and Senior Craft Sale, Saturday and Sunday, starting at 10:00AM until 4:00PM.

**October 15th, Sat**

Trip to the California Academy of Sciences. Everyone who has already signed up should be at Temple grounds at 8:30AM. Return at 4:00PM.

**Spaces are still available.**

For reservations, please call Chuck Uyeda at 408-736-5141.

Lunch will be provided. \$50.00 per person for bus and entry fee.

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to all that came out to support the manju making event and sales.

It is truly a delight to see the Seniors work together and enjoy each others company for a common cause.

The proceeds will be used to supplement the lunches, trips and special activities that are planned during the year.

We are asking everyone to support the annual 'White Elephant' and Craft Sales, October 10th and 11th. Chairperson, Reiko Murakami is still accepting items to sell. As usual, there will be many new, useful and collectable items for sale.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for the many monetary and material donations that we continue to receive. These donations enhance the operation of our program.

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**Shop Early!**  
**White Elephant**  
**&**  
**Craft Sale**  
  
**Oct. 10/11 (Sat/Sun)**  
**10:00 AM—4:00 PM**

### 150 Club News

At the September 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the winner of the drawing for September, 2009, was Miyo Sakai. There are still 3 more monthly drawings plus the big bonus drawing in December. You still have a chance to be picked. Good luck.

Thank you for participating in the 2009-150 Club.

### Toban/Revised Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
OCT	Zones 6 & 7	Oct 15	Oct 9
NOV	Zones 8 & 9	Nov 19	Nov 13
DEC	Zones 10 & 11	Dec 17	Dec 11

Please note the revised article deadline, printing dates and email submission process. This is provide time to layout in the new format. Thank you.

Email all articles to [echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org](mailto:echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org)



## Religious Planning Committee Report—October

### MVBT Services

For the entire month of October, our Dharma School students will be chairing services so please come out to support them.

### Sept 27th Sangha Picnic

We close out September with the Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park. There will be no service at the Temple but a short service at the picnic chaired by the Fuji Club.

### Oct. 4th Services

October Shotsuki Hoyo Service. This will be combined with the BCA Bishops Memorial which honors the past Bishops of the BCA.

### Oct. 11th & 18th Services

Regular Sunday Services with Dharma School classes.

### Oct. 25th Services

We close October with a special Halloween celebration with the Dharma School. The students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and will parade in the Hondo prior to going to their Dharma School classes.

### Upcoming Events

#### Nov. 7th—Fall Ohigan Seminar

The Fall Ohigan Seminar will focus on the *Shoshinge*, by

### *By John Arima*

Shinran Shonin, which will be used for the BCA's 750th Memorial Observance in Feb, 2010. Contact John Arima if you would like to help plan for the Fall Ohigan Seminar.

#### Nov. 8th—Eitaikyo Service

Guest speaker Rev. George Matsubayashi, and Keiro Kai luncheon. Come out for this



special service and to honor the Sangha's senior members.

#### Nov. 22nd—Coast District

##### Nembutsu Family Conference

Held in San Jose. No services so everyone can attend. Part of the focus will be preparing those who will attend the BCA's 750th Memorial Observance of Shinran Shonin in February of 2010 for a new way in which the *Shoshinge* will be chanted.

#### Nov. 29th—

##### Eshinni-Kakushinni Service

BWA will hold the annual Eshinni-Kakushinni Memorial with guest speaker Rev. Ryo Imamura. Please come out to support our BWA at their special annual event.

### Other Buddhist

#### Education Opportunities

The June "Inspired by Shinran Shonin Monthly Dharmathon & Chazuke Chat" session from the Center for Buddhist Education (CBE) will be on Oct. 16 from 12:00 to 12:45 at the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) in Berkeley. The Dharmathon will be followed by a discussion session (the Chazuke Chat) lasting until 1:30. Please bring a "brown bag" lunch if you wish. A \$2 donation for ochazuke is requested.

Finally, here is early notice of the CBE's 3rd Annual Baby Boomers Seminar to be held on Nov. 14 at the JSC. The theme is Our Path to Wholeness with guest speakers Rev. Marvin Harada from the Orange County Buddhist Temple and Dr. Nobuo Haneda from the Maida Center of Buddhism. If you're interested, please see the CBE website for more information.

## **2009-2010 YBA Cabinet**

President – Haley Sugimoto

Vice President – Kelsey Sawamura

Treasurer – Alex Muselman

Recording Secretary – Lesley Tomosada

Corresponding Secretaries – Nicole Andrews and Adam Oshiro

Religious Chair – Joseph Adachi

Activities Chair – Ashley Andrews

Coast District Representative – Scott Tahara

### **2009-2010 Advisors**

Doug Sawamura ❖ Nancy Sugimoto ❖ Gary Tahara ❖ Rev. Dean Koyama

### **The Bishops of the BCA who have passed away and their years in office are:**



<b>Shuye Sonoda</b>	<b>1898 - 1900</b>
<b>Tetsuei Mizuki</b>	<b>1900 - 1901</b>
<b>Kentoku Hori</b>	<b>1902 - 1905</b>
<b>Koyu Uchida</b>	<b>1905 - 1923</b>
<b>Hosho Sasaki</b>	<b>1926 - 1928</b>
<b>Kenju Masuyama</b>	<b>1930 - 1938</b>
<b>Ryotai Matsukage</b>	<b>1938 - 1948</b>
<b>Enryo Shigefuji</b>	<b>1948 - 1958</b>
<b>Shinsho Hanayama</b>	<b>1959 - 1968</b>
<b>Kenryu Takashi Tsuji</b>	<b>1968 - 1981</b>

### Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The October Shotsuki will be combined with the Buddhist Churches of America Bishop's Memorial on October 4, 2009. The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the temple in memory of the past members who have passed away during a given month. It is not meant to be a substitute for families to observe their Family Memorial Service for their loved ones. The Shotsuki loved ones are:

October  
Monthly  
Memorial  
Service

Sunday  
October 4

10:00 am

<b>Mary Hayamizu</b>	<b>Yachi Miyake</b>	<b>Jerry Okumura</b>
<b>Ted Hayashida</b>	<b>Yoshiaki Murakami</b>	<b>Tsui Sakai</b>
<b>Masako Inokuchi</b>	<b>Lily Nakamura</b>	<b>Hagiyo Sato</b>
<b>Fred Inouye</b>	<b>Aiko Nakano</b>	<b>Itoju Sawamura</b>
<b>Toshio Kakigi</b>	<b>Takeno Nara</b>	<b>Drew Sugimoto</b>
<b>Hoichi Kato</b>	<b>Mikiyo Nishimoto</b>	<b>Takie Sugimoto</b>
<b>Ihei Kawamoto</b>	<b>Hiroshi Obuchi</b>	<b>Ray Uchiyama</b>
<b>Mamoru Kawamoto</b>	<b>Toemon Ogino</b>	<b>Masayo Yokoyama</b>
<b>Takeru Kawamoto</b>	<b>Shigeto Okimoto</b>	<b>Yukiko Yonemoto</b>
<b>Masakatsu Kito</b>	<b>Kayoko Okubo</b>	

If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Koyama/

<b>E-mail</b>	<b>dkoyama@comcast.net</b>
<b>Phone (temple office)</b>	<b>650 964-9426</b>

*The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to express its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of:*

- Satoshi Ishimaru August 18, 2009**
- Frank Ogata August 22, 2009**
- Mary Haruta September 6, 2009**



*May you find comfort in the embrace of Infinite Light and Life,  
the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.  
Namo Amida Butsu*

# The ECHO

## *Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Class—A Discussion of Rennyo*

*By John Arima*

The following is from the current JSCC session. I strongly encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about Buddhism and our Jodo Shinshu traditions to sign up for the JSCC. Please note that this example is simply my response to the question posed by the course and not the best or the only answer to this question.

### Question:

Throughout the history of the Hongwanji, Rennyo Shonin is known as the “Second Founder”. Very different from Shinran Shonin, Rennyo was seen to be much more of a “people” person.

Where Shinran was revered and respected by his many followers, he tended to be more of a private individual. In contrast, Rennyo was known to go amongst the followers encouraging them to gather and share in the Nembutsu teachings.

A prime example of how Rennyo is viewed with a sense of closeness can be seen as he is still commonly referred to as Rennyo-san, a colloquial term of endearment. Write an essay describing why you may think Rennyo Shonin became so popular with the Nembutsu

followers and how he was able to grow the number of followers to such great numbers in only one generation.



### **John’s Response:**

Rennyo Shonin’s ability to connect with individuals through various means, allowed him to become the “Reformer” or “Second Founder” of our Jodo Shinshu tradition. The use of direct contact, written language and political influence (both direct and indirect) allowed individuals to connect with Rennyo at a personal level. This can be seen in the various forums through which Rennyo used to spread the teachings.

In times of desperation, people seek refuge and solace from their pain and suffering. It is in times like these when

many turn to religion as a source of that refuge. It is in the early part of “The Period of the Warring Provinces” (Sengoku jidai) around the middle of the 15th century C.E. when Rennyo Shonin became the eighth Abbot of the Hongwanji.

During this time, the centralized government of the shogunates based in Kyoto fell apart and in its place individual daimyo rose to power in their provinces. This decentralized government in turn fell into turmoil as some clans fought to expand their spheres of influence. In this time of desperation, Rennyo Shonin began to rebuild the membership of the Hongwanji.

Japan had just suffered from natural disasters such as earthquakes and famine in the early 15th century and now they were in the beginning of the Sengoku Era. This caused people to seek out sources comfort and support from their suffering.

The very nature of Buddhism which Rennyo Shonin was teaching offered that path to end suffering. Rennyo began to meet with people in small gatherings to share the Nembutsu teachings. Through these small group sessions,

## Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Class—A Discussion of Rennyō

Rennyō began to rebuild the Jodo Shinshu congregation and also created his reputation as more of a “people” person. The comfort and support people sought was being provided by the teachings and since Rennyō was delivering that message many people must have felt the comfort and support was being directed through him.

In addition to this very direct transmission of the Dharma to individuals, Rennyō Shonin also increased access to the teachings. By making woodblock prints of the Shoshinge and the Three Wasan (Jodo Wasan, Koso Wasan, & Shozomatsu Wasan), Rennyō allowed people other than Buddhist monks or scholars to see these teachings directly adding another way they could be discussed at the various ko (fellowships) throughout the country.

Rennyō also authored letters to help propagate the Dharma which are now collectively known as the Gobunsho or Venerable Letters. One familiar example of such a letter is commonly used at Jodo Shinshu funerals – White Ashes. From Dr. Kenneth Tanaka’s book, *Ocean – An Introduction to*

Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America, the following version of a passage from White Ashes is presented:



“When we deeply consider the transiency of this world, [we realize that] what is altogether fleeting is our own span of life; it is like an illusion from beginning to end. . .

A lifetime passes quickly. Can anyone now live to be a hundred? Will I die first, or will my neighbor? We do not know. . . Hence we may have radiant faces in the morning, but in the evening be no more than white [ashes].”

While a sober reminder of the impermanence of our human lives, this letter helps individuals focus on the importance of their lives which is enabled by the embrace of Amida’s Primal Vow, not the length of their lives. In other words, the ability to embrace shinjin and the realization of enlightenment are the impor-

tant measures of individual lives, not the number of years, days or seconds the physical being exists.

We can also infer from history that Rennyō Shonin was an astute politician. In order for Rennyō to have survived the attacks, some in form of physical attacks by warrior-monks, of the Tendai monasteries, he needed to have many political supporters to help him. The support Rennyō received from the various ko throughout the country when he was forced to relocate the center of the Hongwanji also indicates a widespread political support. In addition to this direct support, the manner in which Rennyō indirectly influenced the ikko-ikki, the alliances of peasant farmers belonging to the Hongwanji who rose up to fight the oppression of the feudal government, demonstrates his personal abilities to navigate through complex political waters.

It is through his use of direct contact, dissemination of written teachings and political influence that Rennyō was able to connect with individuals at a personal level, become popular with Nembutsu followers and grow the Hongwanji back into a major institution in Japan.

# The ECHO

## What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

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The word *Eitaikyo* is a contraction of the more formal term, **Ei-tai dok(u)-kyo** (永代読経). **Ei** means eternal. It is composed of the Chinese Characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. **Tai** means generations. **Kyo** means sutras or the words of the Buddha. **Doku** means to read or chant. Thus the meaning of Eitaikyo is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of our loved ones for generations and generations to come.

### The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund

A special Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund was established to ensure the continuation of the teachings of the Buddha and Nembutsu. It is to be used specifically for religious services such as to purchase candles and incense, religious articles, altar enhancements and altar repairs. This fund is established through the donations made in memory of deceased members of the family, relative, and friends. This ensures a perpetual service for the deceased even when there is no one left in the family to observe a Buddhist Service.

Because the purpose of Eitaikyo is to ensure that a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Service be conducted eternally in memory of a loved one, an initial substantial donation is requested to place a loved one's name in the Eitaikyo Registry. An amount of \$500 or more is suggested. However, due to circumstances any amount will be considered. Please consult with the resident minister.

### The Eitaikyo Registry

After completing the Eitaikyo form and donating to the Eitaikyo fund, the name of your deceased loved one will be entered into a Special Eitaikyo Registry book. This is a calendar type book listing the deceased names on the day of death. This book is kept in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's altar. Each day, the morning service is dedicated to the names that appear on the page for that particular day. Thus by donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, a sutra will be chanted in memory of your loved one for eternal generations to come. As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the guidance, leadership and support in the growth of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, automatically entered into this Eitaikyo registry will be:

1. Past Ministers and Minister's spouses who served the Mountain View Buddhist Temple
  2. Past Mountain View Buddhist Temple Presidents who have served two or more years
- No donations from the family will be expected in these cases.

### The Annual Eitaikyo Service

Every November an Annual Eitaikyo Service will be conducted at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. This service will be dedicated in special memory to those loved ones newly recorded into the Eitaikyo registry within the past year. Those families will be sent an invitation to this service so that they can o-shoko in memory of their loved one during the service.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple  
Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund Donation

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## Mountain View Buddhist Temple





# Dharma School



Any DS students interested in joining the Taiko class, contact Yumi Higa (taiko coordinator) at [DSTaiko@mvbuddhisttemple.org](mailto:DSTaiko@mvbuddhisttemple.org)

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## October, 2009

10/4, 10 AM Shotsuki Hoyo & Bishops Memorial Service & DS  
 10/11, 10 AM Sunday Service & DS  
 10/18, 10 AM Sunday Service & DS  
 10/25, 10 AM Sunday Service & DS Halloween Activity

## DONATION THANK YOU'S

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 Seiji Imai Rhianna Bard  
 Emily & Eric Terada

**Graduation** Megan Matsumoto Dani Ryu  
 Stacy Kawabata Kacyn Fujii

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Curt Fukuda—In memory of Nobu Fukuda

**Special** Ron & Caroline Murata  
 Ed Tsumura

## In this Echo—Sangha Day Picnic Sept. 27



We move into the Autumn with a flurry of activity.

The BCA BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's League Conference will be in Sacramento 10/9-11. The Dharma School Halloween Party is scheduled for 10/25. Finally, the Eitaikyo Service and Keiro Kai Luncheon are set for 11/8.

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