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To See

By Reverend Dean Koyama

Beings with extremely heavy karmic evil should only utter the Buddha's Name.

I, too, am embraced.

Though I cannot see the Light of Compassion because my eyes are obstructed by blind passions,

It continues to always shine upon me untiringly.

—Shinran's Shoshin Ge

A few weeks ago I lost a contact lens. I was at an out-of-town conference and also forgot to bring my glasses. I was in a quandary—how could I drive home with only one good eye?

This experience made me think. Often, I have said, "Buddhism is a way for us to see things as they are." ***But what does it really mean, "to see things as they are?"***

The laws of physics and human anatomy say that light rays are inverted when they pass through the lenses of our eyes. Our brains interpret those rays of light, flip-flopping them so that we "see" the image right-side up.

This past week, I was sick in bed so I caught up on TV shows that I haven't had a chance to see. Last night I watched an episode of one of my favorite shows, *Bones*. It is about a forensic anthropologist of the Jeffersonian Institute who helps solves crimes for the FBI. The main character is very much rationally intelligent. Yet at times she is also emotionally and psychologically naïve, especially in social situations.

She uses objective logic and reason in her quest to find evidence or truth. In this episode she was talking with a night watchman for the museum. He told her of a lecture of an experiment where people were given glasses. These glasses would take those rays of

President's Message—It's a Small World

By Glenn Kitasoe

I attended the 2011 National Council Meeting in Visalia last month, and was impressed with the event and how Central District organized the Meeting.

Prior to the meeting, my friend Kathy Kobara from Palo Alto Buddhist Temple recommended I meet her friend, Rev. Alan Sakamoto, the new Reverend from Orange County Buddhist Temple. I just read an article in the Wheel of Dharma about his accomplishments, but because I knew Kathy I got to meet Rev. Sakamoto personally and made a new acquaintance.

Later that day I was sitting at the banquet table and next to me was the president of the Fresno Buddhist Church. I got some great ideas for raising funds, like making our own wine and selling it under our own label. Most interesting though, was the fact we had mutual good friends from Redwood City,

It's such a small world.

Also at the banquet I got to renew acquaintances with Rev. Briones from Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. He tells

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Religious Planning Committee Report—March/April/May

Mar 27th, Sunday 10:00 AM—Girl Scout Sunday ***Chaired by: Girl Scouts***

Apr 3rd, Sunday 10:00 AM —Shotsuki Hoyo Service ***Chaired by: 2nd Gr***

Graduating Senior Speeches: **Katie Kobashigawa** and **Ally Watanabe**

Apr 10th, Sunday 10:00 AM—Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi ***Chaired by: Fuji Club***

Graduating Senior Speeches: **Dylan Okuno** and **Alex Muselman**

Apr 17th, Sunday 10:00 AM ***Chaired by: 5th/6th Gr***

Rev. Koyama is out of town. Adult Discussion following service.

Apr 24th, Sunday 10:00 AM ***Chaired by: 4th Gr***

Graduating Senior Speeches: **Ashley Andrews** and **Nicole Andrews**

What Do These Icons Mean?

In an effort to consolidate information within the Echo as well provide more information on services, the following icons indicate various activities for Sunday Services:

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

Schedule of Speeches for Graduating Seniors

5/8	**Janelle Inenaga & Amanda Yam**
6/5	**Bobby Woo & Lesley Tomosada**
6/12	**Will Hamada & Adam Oshiro**
6/19	**Haley Sugimoto & Kelsey Sawamura**

Save the Date

50th Anniversary Celebration
March 17th and 18th, 2012.

Check back for more details.

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To See (Cont'd from Page 1)

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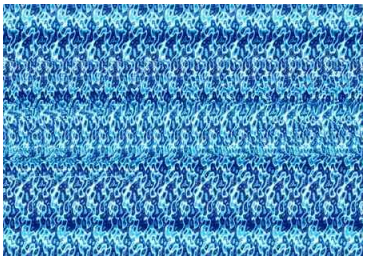
light and invert the images before reaching the lenses of the eyes. Essentially these glasses made people see everything upside down. It took just 3 days for the brain to adjust and correct the image so that it would be right-side up again. Then the subjects were asked to take off the glasses. At first, everything appeared upside down again, but after another 3 days, the brain corrected the image to "normal" again.

So again, what does it mean to see things as they really are?

We are all familiar with optical illusions. These are clever drawings where one line or arc appears to be larger than the other. Due to the angles or placement, the brain misinterprets what it sees and thinks one is larger than the other but the reality is they are the same size.



In the early 1990s, very colorful posters that at first glance, appeared to be random composition colors and squiggly lines, became very popular. During that time, my sister was visiting, and we passed a shop with one of these posters in the front window. My sister told me to come with her to look at the poster. After a while she asked, "Can you see it?"

I stood there for a couple of seconds looking at it and said "See what?"

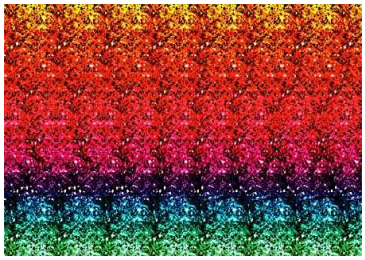
"Can't you see the airplane?"

"Well, where am I supposed to look?"

"At the poster! It's right there in 3D." And she starts laughing at me. I thought she was joking, but my sister insisted that it wasn't a joke. All I had to do was relax my eyes.

"How do relax your eyes?" I asked.

For more than 10 minutes, I kept trying with all my might to relax my eyes. But I still couldn't see the plane.



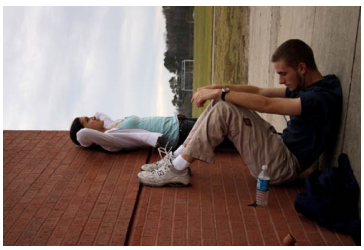
It is amazing how these images are created. It is a blend of artistry, graphics, and computer technology. On the surface, what looks like squiggly lines and splashes of random color contains a hidden image. But what I think about is how much we rely on our sense of sight. "Seeing is believing." We have to see it with our own eyes to believe if it is true.

Buddhism is not about believing. Buddhism is based upon wisdom, knowing, and experience. It is difficult for us to believe that Amida Buddha is a being with all mighty powers that will save all sentient beings because we don't see Amida walking around helping people. And that is the way it should be. But we must also understand that what we see and what is true may be entirely different.

Years ago, my son and his best friend were at our house for a play day. They must have been about 4 years old. They both were running around the house as boys do. At the time, my son was in his wrestling phase—he liked to wrestle with his friends and me.

My wife and I were "keeping an eye" on them. All of a sudden, Linda saw our son grab his friend and they both fell to the floor hard. The friend began to cry. Linda instantly and instinctively scolded my son for tackling and hurting his friend and he began to cry too.

But I saw something entirely different. Just before the two crashed to the floor, I saw the friend running toward my son. But before he got to him, his friend tripped. My son instinctively reached out to try and catch his friend from falling, but as he did so, he too lost his balance and fell on top of him. Of course, Linda being a good mother apologized after I told her what I saw, but ***it is easy to see how often and how easily we can be mistaken.***



It is taught that the path toward enlightenment begins with the first step of having Right or Correct View. Dogen, the great Zen Buddhist thinker summarized Buddhism in the following way:

"To seek the way of the Buddha is to seek the self.

To seek the self is to forget the self.

To See (Cont'd from Page 4)

To forget the self is to have things as they are, prevail in you.

To have things as they are prevail in you, is to let go of self-centered attachments to your own body and mind, as well as the body and mind of others."

Shinran summarized as follows:

Beings with extremely heavy karmic evil should only utter the Buddha's Name. I, too, am embraced.

Though I cannot see the Light of Compassion because my eyes are obstructed by blind passions,

It continues to always shine upon me untiringly.

We "***see***" things from an individual perspective, meaning that we ***interpret*** things according to what is convenient for us. That is not to say it is wrong. This is just saying how we operate.

This is what Shinran meant by saying that his eyes are obstructed by blind passions. Unlike Dogen, Shinran discovered that it was impossible to give up his self-centered attachments. Therefore, his perspective of things may very well be quite different from another. This is not to say that everything that we see is wrong or mistaken, rather this is truly showing us that we must respect all points of view.

"To see things just as they are," means that ***we must always be cautious of seeing things from our ego-centered perspective.***

Is there a possibility that we may be mistaken? Is it a possibility that I may not be seeing the whole picture? For Shinran, the answer is a definite yes. And because of that, he was open to listening, learning and sharing with others.

Again, I don't think that Shinran is trying to destroy anyone's self esteem, but his understanding is toward acceptance through honest self-reflection. Because he was able to see things just as they are, he recognized the many contributions that he received in his life to help him live.

In this way, the essence of Buddhism "to see things as they really are" is so that we can become (as one Jodo Shinshu author writes) true individuals ***who are strong in crisis, humble in success, tender in our feelings, and grateful at all times.***

Namo Amida Butsu,

Rev. Dean

50th Anniversary Meeting

April 11, 2011, 7:00 pm, YBA Hall Conference Room

President's Message—It's a Small World (Cont'd from. Page 1)

me he is enjoying reading my articles in the Echo. I thought in the beginning of my term it was only Temple Members reading my messages, now I realize other Ministers and people are reading it too.

Later that night, Lorrie and I were in the Buddhist Church of America Store. Bob Tanaka's sister introduces herself to me. We had a nice conversation but it was nice she approached me since she knew I was from MVBT. Luckily I was looking at the Buddhist books and not the comic books.

There are so many people that I got to meet, some I knew, some with enough conversation found similar circle of friends, and some with really close acquaintances. I enjoyed my time in Visalia, but I realize you have to be Good Buddhist wherever you go.

It Really is a Small World.

In Gassho,

Glenn Kitasoe

YBA Updates

Buddha Tunes YBA Conference Held March 12th

In March, the YBA had its Coast District Young Buddhist League Conference. The theme was "Buddha Tunes" and it took place on Saturday, March 12th.

The purpose of the conference was to show teens how media, such as music and movies, contain Buddhist ideas and concepts. The service was led by Coast District YBA members at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Also at the service, Mountain View's Mike Inouye was the guest speaker.

After service, everyone went to the Santa Clara Marriott for the remainder of the conference, which included workshops, dinner and a dance. Most Mountain View members attended and everyone had a great time.

Thank you to Coast District for all the planning and hard work that went into this conference. Their effort and enthusiasm for the event was evident throughout all the events. **Thank you to Mike Inouye** for being the guest speaker, and giving a wonderful dharma talk.

Now that the conference is over, the YBA has begun to plan for the Bay District Volleyball Tournament. The volleyball tournament will be hosted by Bay District chapters and take place at the end of May. The theme for the volleyball teams is Disney and the YBA has decided on the team name "The Lion Kings and Queens."

In Gassho,

Ashley Andrews
YBA President—2010-2011

MVBT Chicken Teriyaki—May 15, 2011

Zone 10 is leading the annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser for 2011. Tickets are available from your Zone chairpersons.

For more tickets, Please contact **Sterling Makishima (408.374.1831)**

Donation of $8.00

Pick-up times

MVBT Sangha Hall
9:00 AM - 3 PM

San Jose Shueido
10:00 AM -2:00 PM

Morgan Hill
10:00 AM - 12 PM (noon)

Sign Up for Spring ABA Activities

ABA News

Thank you to **Judy Nakano** for arranging for **Janice Wakimoto** to lead ABA members in Zumba Gold. Zumba is line dancing with a Latin flair—a fun way to get that body moving. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Upcoming ABA Events

April 17-18 Reno Trip
Deadline: March 11.
Contact: Aiko Sugimoto

April 23 Sat Wine Tasting @ Clos La Chance in San Martin hosted by Connie Saito. Also visiting a second winery in Morgan Hill.
Contact: Dennis Tsukagawa

April 26 Tues
San Jose Japantown/Museum tour.
Contact: Joanne Makishima

June 4 Sat San Jose Giants vs Visalia
Package $40/person includes dinner.
Contact: Joanne Makishima

Sept 14 Wed San Francisco Giants day game
Cost $42 plus train ride/
Lower res. Section 104.
Contact: Irene Uchiyama

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MVBT 50th Anniversary Album

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year and will be publishing a Anniversary Album which will be an extension of the "Echo" (the first twenty five years 1961-1986). The album will cover the period from 1987-2011 and will be named "Echo II." The anniversary album will be in full color, hard bound, approximately 150 pages. Included in the album will be temple history, past ministers, past presidents, brief history of all the organizations, activities and special events. etc., and photos of all members / families.

Here is a chance to have your individual or family portraits done. Each participating temple member will receive a FREE 8 x 10 color photo.

PLEASE NOTE AND SAVE ONE OF THESE DATES FOR YOUR PHOTO SESSION:

August 11, 12, 13, 2011
August 18, 17, 19, 2011
September 15, 16, 17, 2011
September 22, 23, 24, 2011

Appointment schedules will be announced at a later date.

We are anticipating a 100% participation from the temple membership and you do not want to miss out on not having your picture included in the Anniversary Album!

Richard Fujikawa

Ray Murakami

Co-Editors

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA Manju Fundraiser Coming Up on April 10th

BWA Manju Fundraiser
On **April 6th (Weds) at 1PM**. "An" balls will be made.

April 7th (Thurs) from 8AM we will be making manju to sell at the Hanamatsuri/Hatsumairi Service on April 10th.

Everyone: please come and help.

4 members attended the FBWA Planning Committee meeting on February 20th in Morgan Hill. FBWA Delegates Planning and the FBWA cabinet meeting were held on March 4th in Morgan Hill.

The BWA constitution was reviewed and revised by six members. Copies will be passed out at the next meeting for approval.

Donations
Gratefully Acknowledged

Shige Barry
Special ($50)

Membership dues ($15) for 2011 are now due.

Updates from MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

March 27 is Girl Scout Sunday. The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies before/after Sunday Services on March 6 and 20.

Brownies
In February the Brownies worked on skills related to 2 Brownie Try Its: Cookies Count and Safety Sense.

In preparation for Girl Scout cookies sales, the Brownies learned about goal setting, sales etiquette, working as a team and practiced math skills. They also learned about safety practices: what to do in case of a fire or earthquake at home and at the temple. Through role playing they enacted 911 calls and practiced relaying information needed in an emergency. They also learned a first aide skill that could help in an emergency situation when someone is choking.

Padma Award
12 Girl Scouts have earned the Padma Award—8 Brownies and 4 Juniors. They will be presented their award on Girl Scout Sunday.

The Buddhist Padma Award
Padma, a lotus flower, is a central symbol of Buddha-truth, used by all schools of Buddhism since its birth. The nature of Buddha-truth is symbolized by the emergence of a pure and beautiful lotus flower from the depth of a muddy swamp. Although deep-rooted in mud, the lotus flower rises above the water to receive light and air.

It is hoped that Padma Award recipients rise above the muddy waters of worldly passions to blossom into the purity signified by the lotus flower. Another meaning of a lotus flower is as a symbol of equality of all beings. The heart of the lotus flower is made up of many equal-sized compartments and in each and every compartment, a seed is found. The Padma Award program offers an equal opportunity to all Girl Scouts for understanding the Buddhist Way.

The purpose of the Padma Award is to give the Buddhist Girl Scouts practical guidance in achieving the spiritual aspiration made in the Girl Scout Promise and Laws, thereby developing a girl whose views and actions in life would stem from the highest of the Buddhist thoughts.

The Padma Award program aims to do this by leading the girl to: 1) attain understanding and faith in the Buddha, 2) learn the Teachings, and 3) practice the harmonious Buddhist way to life, in the spirit of universal brotherhood of all living things. These are the dynamic aspects of the girl who are of the complete acceptance of the Three Treasures - Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

The Award program recognizes the Girl Scout Laws and gives the Girl Scout a solid basis for fuller understanding and greater appreciation of all phases of the Girl Scouting programs.

The Award is presented by the temple to the Buddhist Girl Scout in recognition of her spiritual growth as shown by her fulfilling the Award requirements.

2011 Bazaar Spring Training

It seems like just yesterday the San Francisco Giants won the World Series and now they are into spring training. It also feels like we just finished the 2010 Obon Festival but it's March already.

This may be early for many Obon coordinators but for Zone 13 we would like to toss out the first pitch and officially start the 2011 Bazaar spring training.

First of all, please save the date: the 2011 Obon Festival & Bazaar will be held on July 16 and 17.

Our first Bazaar planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7:30 PM**. We hope all coordinators and booth chairs will be able to attend this meeting. Subsequent meetings will be held at 7:30 pm on the last Wednesday of the month.

A successful Bazaar always starts with the temple members and volunteers. We will try not to get in your way but your continued support for our largest community event and fundraiser will be greatly appreciated.

In gassho,

David & Candice Maruyama,
2011 Bazaar Co-chairs

save the date

OBON

Festival & Bazaar

July 16 & 17th, 2011

mochi sale

Reduced price—$3 per package

See the office. While supplies last.

Thank You from Dharma School

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Gratefully Acknowledged

Stacy & Gail Nakamura
(Rossten's birthday)

Larry & Fay Matsumoto
(Jillian Lee's birthday)

Senior Activities

Tai-Chi Cancelled; New Cough & Colds Lecture 3/17

Activities & Crafts Up & Running
Every Thursday
9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Our senior ladies have been hard at work, giving their time and energy making lap blankets to give to our members who are in Rest and Care homes. Over a dozen lap blankets have been generously donated. If there is a temple member we may have omitted and want us to visit with the blankets, please let one of our committee members know.

Tai-chi Instruction—CANCELLED

John Abe had volunteered to teach us Taichi, but this has been canceled. If there is a volunteer to instruct a low key exercise, such as Taichi or another way to keep our members in great shape, please contact any of our committee members: Allan Nara, Chuck Uyeda, Miyo Takegami, Rich Endo, Ken Nakano, Kimi Nishimura, Amy Imai or Aiko Sugimoto.

Onenju Repair—March 17

Esther Bunya will show us how to repair broken onenju (ojuzu). Lunch will be provided at 11:30 AM, Let us learn together how to repair our onenju. We will also provide beads to make your own.

Managing Your Coughs & Colds

A new last minute addition has been set for March 17th, at 10:45 AM. We have a pharmacist to talk about "colds and coughs", something we all deal with periodically. Find the proper remedies and how to be more comfortable.

Day Trip to Carmel—April 14

We are now taking sign ups for the Carmel 17-Mile Drive day trip. We will have lunch at Portovella Restaurant in Carmel. The choices on the menu for lunch are: Petite Filet Mignon, Grilled Salmon, and Vegetable Pasta. To sign up, ***call Chuck Uyeda.***

Semi-Annual Reno Trip—May 18-19

Please plan to join us for this fun over night trip. Cost is $74/person. ***Contact: Chuck Uyeda.***

Eye Health—June 16th

Keith Kosakura, an optometrist will be our guest speaker, educating us on eye health.

Thank you to our Seniors for making Thursday a special day to gather, donating your time and energy. Many donations are provided for our many trips and lunches. Making friends here is so important. Keep up the good work and continue to stay well.

The MVBT Capital Campaign Committee and the MVBT Board of Directors would like to acknowledge and humbly thank the following donors who have contributed and/or pledged to the MVBT 50th Anniversary Project. (as of 3/11/11)

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Hiroji Kariya
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Bob & Miyo Yamanaga

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MVBT Dharma School
MVBT Fuji Club
Charlotte Diener
(In memory of Yas Shimoguchi)
Brian, Irene & Zack Lobue
James and Alice Nagahiro
Aiko Sugimoto
Taneyo Yamaji

MVBT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Donations/Pledges Received

The good news is that we have all the money we need for our renovation project.

The bad news is that it is still in your bank accounts!

—my friend Jeff

Joking aside, there is actually some really good news as reported by ***Co-Chairmen Ed Ryu and Mel Inouye*** of the Facilities Planning Committee. Our shaky economy has resulted in lower construction bids, reducing the speculated costs of our 50th Anniversary Project to approximately $3.35 million; a savings of about $250K!

However, we still have a long ways to go, so please get your campaign donations and/or pledges in as soon as you can. We are on the verge of seeking a bank loan to bridge the difference, and the less we borrow, the more we keep for future use.

Since last month total contributions have been recorded from **59 households** of our membership's 339 and **seven Temple affiliates**. As a regular feature I continue a monthly update to acknowledge those who are supporting our 50th Anniversary Project and Capital Campaign. Since last month another huge "thanks" goes out to the following donors:

MVBT Capital Campaign Donation/Pledges (2/12-3/11) (in the order received)

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Harry & Jeanne Ohara
Kimi Nishimura
Jerry & Cathy Nakamura
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The latest update on our MVBT Capital Campaign

150 Club News

The winner for the March 2011, 150 Club was **Amy Imai**.

There are 9 more monthly drawings plus the December BONUS drawing.

Thank you all for participating in the 2011, 150 Club.

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
APR	Zones 4 & 5	Apr 20	Apr 15
MAY	Zones 6 & 7	May 20	May 15
JUN	Zones 8 & 9	June 16	June 10

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

April

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday
April 3rd

10:00 am

Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

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:

Harry Fujii
Shigeru Fujii
Ichihei Furusho
Juzaburo Furuzawa
Rev. Russell Hamada
Tanejiro Hirano
Dorothy Horino
Robert Hoshida
Hiromichi Hoshino
June Ichikawa
Toshiko Ikebe
Tojiro Ishimaru
Shigehito Kashima
Akira Kato
Hatsuye Kato
Setsuo Kuboyama
Kazuko Makishima
Tokiyo Maruyama
Ryu Masaki
Kiwa Matsuba
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James Sakuragi
Akiko Satake
Hiram Sera
George Shimamoto
John Shimizu
Tom Shimoguchi
John Shinseki
Taichiro Sugimoto
Jeffrey Swartwood
Ko Tachibana
Amy Takaki
David Takegami
Koichi Yamashita
Tsune Yonemoto
Tsuneno Yoshida

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.

E-mail **dkoyama@comcast.net**

Phone (temple office) **650 964-9426**

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

Jeanette Hirota—February 15, 2011

Haruo Yamaji—February 15, 2011

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

Namo Amida Butsu

From Past Adversities, New Directions for the Future

This essay is the last one I submitted as a student in the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course. My hope is that by posting these essays in the Echo, others in our Mountain View Sangha consider joining the JSCC.

Temples and sanghas have adapted in various ways, and this ability is an aspect of the engagement of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. An example is the development and creation of this on-line study course. In your essay, present one or two issues and how they have been coped with. Include your thoughts as to elements and traits of Shinshu and general Buddhism that you feel are important to retain and those that can be adapted.

John Arima's Response

Two major issues which affected Jodo Shinshu in the continental United States were the increasing Nisei population in the 1920's and the Japanese internment during World War II. Their cumulative effect on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America was quite significant.

The 1924 Immigration Act is often cited as a pivotal issue affecting the Japanese in America. However, timing of Immigration Act also created issues within the Japanese communities in America.

The Immigration Act represented the Issei's failure to overcome exclusion despite all efforts to assimilate into American society. The future of the Japanese in America now depended upon the Nisei, and therefore their education and position in American society became the primary focus for the Issei.

Thus, the North American Buddhist Mission (NABM), implemented activities targeted for the Nisei. Sunday Schools, church socials and athletic activities were started adapt NABM churches to American society. However, the introduction of these activities and the increasing use of English highlighted the different needs of the Issei and the Nisei.

A surprising windfall was a growth of the NABM. From 1924 through 1941, twenty NABM churches or temples were built.

This changed in 1942 when President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 authorizing the internment of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Upon internment, many Issei actively voiced anti-American, and to some extent, anti-Nisei, sentiments. While this resulted in some Issei being sent to the isolation of Tule Lake, it also facilitated the transformation of the NABM into the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA).

The new BCA organization aimed to make Buddhism more inclusive, less restrictive in membership and more adaptable to the needs of the Nisei and their children, the Sansei. In other words, to change the delivery of the Jodo Shinshu religion from one dominated by the Japanese traditions and language of the Issei, to a delivery focused to convey the teachings in a language and manner that would resonate with the Nisei and Sansei.

As the BCA looks towards a future in which Jodo Shinshu Buddhism will become a mainstream religion in the United States, changes will be necessary. The manner in which the BCA approaches implementation will be critical to the success or failure of those changes.

The following is a short overview of John Arima's response to questions posed in the JSCC History of Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course.

To read the complete essay, please go to www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

SHORELINE HIKE FOR HOPE

5K Walk for Bile Duct Cancer Research

Sat, April 16, 2011 9:00 AM Shoreline Park Mountain View

3rd annual walk inspired by those we love and their courage and strength in facing Bile Duct Cancer.
For more information, to register and download a pledge form: **BileDuctCancerWalk.org**

Special thanks to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple for their support of this walk.

may 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM O-asaji 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Shotsuki Hoyo 11:00 AM Dharma School 11:30 AM YBA/YBA Hall 3:00 PM Tri-City Keiro Kai/Sangha Hall	2 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo	3 6:30 PM Cub Scouts/YE Hall 7:00 PM Nakayosh Gakko/Sai Hall, & all classroom	4 6:00 PM Boy Scouts & parents 7:00 PM Temple Choir	5 9:00 AM Senior activity 6:00 PM Taiko	6 4:30 PM Calligraphy 6:00 PM Tri-City Youth Group/Sangha Hall	7 9:00 AM BWA meeting 9:00 AM YBA Mothers day prep 12:30 PM Memorial Service 4:00 PM Memorial Service
8 8:00 AM YBA/Mothers Day brunch 8:30 AM O-asaji 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Gotane Service 11:00 AM Dharma School	9 11:00 AM Senior activity meeting 7:00 PM 50th Anniv. meeting 7:00 PM Kendo	10 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	11 10:00 AM BWA/mix teiyaki sauce/Sangha Hall 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Temple Board meeting	12 9:00 AM Senior activity 6:00 PM Taiko	13 8:00 AM BWA make tsukemono/Sangha Hall 4:30 PM Calligraphy 6:00 PM YBA fortune cookie prep 6:30 PM Fuji Club 7:30 PM ABA/conf. room & YBA Hall ECHO DEADLINE	14 6:00 AM Cook chicken 10:00 AM Scouts/chicken cooking for chicken salad prep 6:00 PM Scouts/chicken salad prep
15 4:00 AM Rice cooking 9:00 AM Chicken teriyaki pick up 10:00 AM Sunday Service 11:00 AM Dharma School 3:00 PM -9:00 PM Nakayoshi Gakko Fundraiseer/Sangha Hall	16 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo	17 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	18 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Temple Choir Senior Activity/Reno I	19 9:00 AM Senior activity 6:00 PM Taiko Senior Activity/Reno I	20	21 Dharma School overnight
22 10:00 AM Sunday Service 11:00 AM Dharma School 12:00 PM Taiko Eagle Scout Court of Honor	23 7:00 PM Kendo	24 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Shodo Kai 7:30 PM Tri-City assn. meeting	25 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Temple Choir 7:30 PM Bazaar meeting	26 9:00 AM Senior activity/Reno 1 6:00 PM Taiko	27	28
29 9:30 AM Alta Mesa Memorial Park	30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	31 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:30 PM 50th anniv. album meeting				

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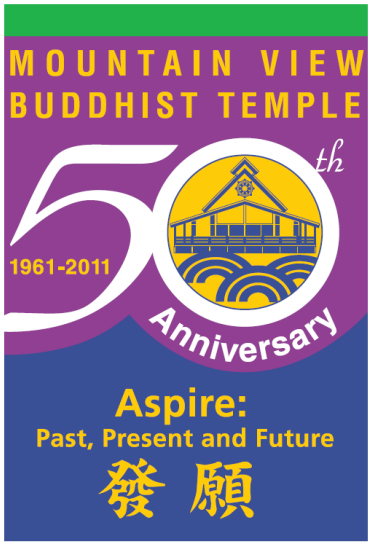

The Capital Campaign continues to move forward.

Beginning in April, we will begin the Graduating High School Senior Speeches. Please check the schedule for specific dates and speakers.

You can also find a color pdf version online at: www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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JAPAN Earthquake & Tsunami Relief Fund

Please help by donating to the Relief Fund. Make checks out to Mountain View Buddhist Temple with a note in memo; **Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund**.

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