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Young Voices—Buddhist Summer Experiences

Curtis Koyama shares his experience Hongwanji Youth Exchange program in Kyoto, Japan while Camille Hironaka and Alec Matsumoto share their Howa from the YAC Summer Retreat in Sacramento.

By Curtis Koyama

On July 29th I found myself with nine other BCA students at San Francisco International airport. I was a little nervous about being there. It was my last week before I would return to college and I wanted to spend time with family and friends—not with complete strangers. I was eager to see Japan, but somehow I felt shy and out of my comfort zone meeting other people from the BCA.

To make matters worse, the 10-hour plane ride was not only emotionally draining but took a physical toll on my foot. Before departing to Japan, I took a vacation in Southern California where I was stung by a stingray. The injury, although painful, appeared harmless. Unfortunately, the high altitude caused my foot to swell and become incredibly painful.

Upon reaching Kansai airport in Osaka, I was in pretty bad shape. I limped onto a bus for an hour-long ride to our hotel in Kyoto. My foot was swollen and I could barely make it to our room. The rest of the group was making dinner plans but I was lying on my bed in pain. My foot no longer fit into my shoes and the area where I was stung began to turn dark blue. There was nothing else that I could do except ask to be taken to the hospital.

Reverend Furumoto from San Mateo became one of my countless heroes on the trip. He energetically wheeled me to

JOURNEY TO THE OTHER SHORE

Gratitude Begins With a List

By Camille Hironaka

About two months ago, I was given the privilege to attend a weeklong retreat at the Sacramento Buddhist Temple. I made many life-long friends and learned a LOT about Buddhism.

One of the things I learned (and had to learn very fast) was how to write a dharma talk. Today I'd like to share the dharma talk I wrote. It begins with a story:

Once upon a time, there was a teenage girl who made wishes. She wished for a new iPod, for the Sharks to win the Stanley Cup and she wished for her Prince Charming to come.

But the iPod didn't arrive, the **Sharks lost in the semi-finals**, and Prince Charming rode off with another girl. So how do you think this girl dealt with these disappointments? Well, true to her teenager form, she sulked, she moped, and most of all, she complained. She complained about how unlucky she was, how unfair life was to her. She never stopped to consider how much she really had...and how fortunate she was.

This story is a slightly exaggerated

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Mountain View **Buddhist** Temple

Religious Planning—October

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Oct 2nd, Sunday 10:00 AM —Shotsuki Hoyo & Bishops' Memorial Chaired by: 7/8th Gr

Oct 9th, Sunday 10:00 AM Chaired by: 5/6th Gr

Rev. Koyama will be at out of town

Oct 16th, Sunday 10:00 AM Chaired by: 4th Gr

Rev. Koyama will be at out of town

Oct 23rd, Sunday 10:00 AM Chaired by: 3rd Gr

Oct 30th, Sunday 10:00 AM —Halloween Service Chaired by: 2nd Grade

DS Students to wear Halloween costumes to service

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

YBA Car Wash—Oct. 2nd | Pancake Breakfast—Oct. 30th

YBA Updates

In the month of September the YBA welcomed new members and installed the new 2011-2012 Cabinet.

The new cabinet includes:
Tommy Koyama—President
Jen Adachi—Vice President
Haley Sawamura—Treasurer
Camille Hironaka—Recording Secretary
Kim Inenaga—Corresponding Secretary
Erin Nishimura—Historian
Deanna Okuno & **Kevin Schindler—**Co-activities Chair
Alec Matsumoto—Coast District Representative,
Victoria Okumura—Religious Chair.

The first 2011-2012 YBA meeting took place on September 11th, as did the first Coast District meeting.

We enjoyed hosting games and the memorial walk for the Sangha Day Picnic on September 25th.

We are planning a **Car Wash on October 2nd** during service to fundraise for a conference in Hawaii in June of 2012. The car wash will be free of charge, but donations are welcome.

In addition, we are planning our **Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Sunday October 30th** before service. ***Please support the YBA!***

In gassho,

Thomas Koyama
2011-2012 YBA President

Journey to the Other Shore (Cont'd from Page 1)

the Emergency Room and translated to the nurses and doctors what had happened. I did not understand anything, but when the doctor pulled out needles and scalpels, I knew it was serious.

They made several incisions to drain the fluid out and finished by cleaning and bandaging my foot. I received IV antibiotics and was also required to return to the hospital every day. These visits would conflict with our busy itinerary. I of course was quite disappointed with this news. That day Furumoto-Sensei pushed me out of the hospital all the way to the Hongwanji where the rest of the group was.

Entering the gates of our headquarter temple was breathtaking. I am not one to believe in spirituality, yet I could not help but feel a unique atmosphere. The architecture of each building was very detailed and magnificent. I could not imagine a more perfect location for our headquarters.

We met with the rest of the group and were accompanied by students from Canada and Brazil. Being a prideful 20-year-old, I was really embarrassed to meet everyone in a wheelchair. However, everyone was very sympathetic and understanding to my situation.

Many even took turns pushing me around the grounds. I was able to participate in the tour of Hongwanji as well as the other various temples that we visited. Our itinerary was packed and included Mt. Hiei, the burial location of Shinran Shonin, as well as countless other national treasures. The next few days started with an early 6:00 am service, followed by a bus ride to various touristy locations. I attended the services but left for the hospital shortly after.

Although I missed out on many of the planned activities, I was fortunate to spend a lot of time with both **Rev. Furumoto** as well as our chaperone **Mrs. Susan Bottari**. They are both extraordinary people and **I admire both for their patience and understanding**.

While at the hospital, I witnessed the unique socialized Japanese healthcare. The nurses and doctors were very kind to say the least, but the patients themselves were amazing. The elderly Japanese are very healthy and most could walk without a cane. In fact, I received a decent amount of stares for being in a wheelchair at my young age.

Sometimes after the appointments, Rev. Furumoto would take me to one of his many favorite restaurants. I feasted on delicious ramen, sushi, and other Japanese plates that Furumoto-Sensei recommended. He also gave Mrs. Bottari and me a private tour of downtown Kyoto. Looking back on the trip, my injury allowed me special opportunities that would have otherwise been missed.

Apart from the challenging start, my participation in the Hongwanji Youth Exchange program was one of my favorite trips of all time. The students from the BCA, Canada, Brazil, as well as the chaperones and ministers all became extremely close. As cliché as it sounds, **we became a family**.

A group of strangers at the airport transformed into lifelong friends. We attended an Obon and unlike many self-conscious young adults, we felt comfortable enough to join the Odori. We tried to learn all we could about the similarities and differences between a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist in Japan as opposed to America. Learning the history of Jodo Shinshu was very rewarding for me to understand where we came from, who we are, and where we are going.

Journey to the Other Shore (Cont'd from Page 4)

We even felt sad when the home-stay portion of the trip began because that meant three days apart from each other. Of course, the sadness did not last when our home stay families fed us more delicious meals such as takoyaki, Brazilian BBQ, etc. Our trip was packed with activities and places to see. We never had a dull moment. You must experience Japan for yourself.

Our trip concluded with the 750th Memorial service. It was one of my favorite portions of the trip. The instruments, chanting, and tradition that were presented brought an emotional response from me. Seeing so many attendees at the service was spectacular in itself. The Go Monshu, living descendent of Shinran, led the service. I had goose bumps the entire time. A teacher at a local Japanese school gave an emotionally charged Howa about gratitude. He played many video clips of individuals overcoming adversity, as well as stories of love and family.

I felt so lucky to be able to attend the service but more importantly, I felt lucky to be a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist. Sometimes, being the son of a minister can make Buddhism seem very trivial. Since I was a baby, Buddhism has surrounded me. The Hongwanji youth exchange program provided a refreshing reminder of the past, present, and future of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. I found a new appreciation for our organization here in the BCA. The BCA has sprouted from humble beginnings to a growing community and now can provide programs such as this to send the spoiled youth such as myself to Japan.

Being able to visit the mother temple, creating everlasting friendships, and developing a deeper appreciation for our religion were priceless gifts made possible by infinite causes and conditions. My injury, although unfortunate, provided further reminder of all the countless names of people who look after me. I hope the program continues to thrive and prosper because the trip truly is an opportunity of a lifetime.

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Gratitude Begins With a List (Cont'd from Page 1)

and melodramatic version of my life. When I used to make mistakes or feel disappointment, I would obsess and make bad feelings the main part of my life. I would wallow in a pool of self-pity, feeling like my life was horrible. I wasn't able to see how much I really had in my life.

However, about six months ago, after listening to a very interesting guest speaker, and one eccentric chemistry teacher, I began to put things in a new perspective. Both the guest speaker and my chemistry teacher left a strong impression with very simple questions.

The guest speaker asked ***if I thanked my parents when they made me dinner***, and my chemistry teacher asked ***if I appreciated the education I was being given***.

The answer to these questions, I was surprised to discover, was no, I didn't. I did not appreciate many of the things I had. I began to consider all the things I had taken for granted: my house, my room, my family, and yes, even homework.

While my family and I may fight, I know that at the end of the day, they love me, and I love them. And homework, while tedious, is a sign that I am getting a rigorous education. There are so many people who don't have access to a good education.

This realization completely changed my perspective on life. Whenever I feel disappointed or sad, all I have to do is list the things I have to be grateful for. In a very short amount of time, I usually have a very, VERY long list.

I begin to realize how truly lucky I am. When I consider how fortunate I am, the things I thought were my problems suddenly become trivial and insignificant.

When this happens, it's hard for me to feel upset. In other words, I cannot help but to become grateful for everything I have.

Please join me in gassho.

Gratitude can start with something as simple as a list.

Once we realize how many things we have to be grateful for, we cannot help but appreciate how fortunate we truly are.

Everyone Gets Angry—How Do We Deal With It?

ANGER.

By Alec Matsumoto

This emotion is a problem that we all have had to deal with at one time or another. The way that we deal with it is different.

For example anger can take away your focus. As some of you may know I play baseball and three years ago it was my first year of junior leagues. This is a division of little league meant for 12 to 14-year olds. Anyway, as a hot-shot rookie pitcher (or at least I thought I was) just finishing the 7th grade, I was pitching in my first All-STAR game against a really good team from Los Altos. And when I mean good, they could be a triple A team.

After finishing the regular season with allowing only at least 10 runs in 12 games I was one of the best pitchers on the team and one of the youngest too.

The beginning of this game started out unlike any other. A 'normal' game for the team that I played on was letting the other team score about 8 runs in the first 4 innings but us not even getting on base.

As the game went on I got angrier and angrier because the umpires were making bad calls—calling a ball a strike, calling a strike a ball, or even calling someone safe when they were clearly out.

Another reason for my anger was that the other team just kept scoring. After going through three of our pitchers, it was my turn. At this point I was really angry. My heart was beating a million miles a minute and I was ticked that we couldn't do any better.

As my coach gave me the ball he said just throw strikes and get us the heck out of this inning. When the first batter came to the plate he hit a double off of two pitches. After that I beaned the next three batters and couldn't really throw any strikes.

The reason that I think I beaned those three batters was because I was angry. **When you are angry you can't really concentrate because a lot of things are going through your head**. It's hard to focus on the task and very easy to get distracted by the smallest slip up. If I had just stepped off the pitcher's mound and taken a few deep breaths to calm down things could have been different.

In Buddhism we learned about right thought and right mindfulness—where you are aware of everything going on and aware of your thoughts.

That night I wasn't aware and not practicing right mindfulness. I was not aware of what was going on and was not being mindful of the situation I was in; I was being angry and not focusing.

If only I took the time to realize my situation that I was in which was me being angry and beaming more people I wasn't mindful of the fact that I was doing more harm than good. I was getting more people on base and making a long inning even longer. I wasn't being mindful of my being angry as well as the fact I may have possibly made someone else angry by just making the inning longer.

We all get angry. The way we deal with it is different but we should all be mindful of the effects of us being angry. Instead of jumping into something angry like I did we should all stop and think about what will happen and just take a few deep breaths and calm down.

Please join me in Gassho.

Every one gets angry the way we deal with it is different.

Senior Activity & Craft Resumes | Nevada Trip Upcoming

Senior Activity and Craft resumed on September 1st.

On September 8th, **the Seniors made manju,** our fundraiser at the Midori Kai held on September 10th. Thank you to our Senior group for your continued support. We had a great turn out and have developed a good reputation for making delicious manju. Selling was not a problem.

NEVADA CITY TRIP

October 19-20th

An overnight trip to enjoy the fall foliage and visit couple of Indian casinos. The trip starts on Wednesday October 19th, at a

hosted lunch at National Hotel in Nevada City. Stay at the Gold Country Hotel and Casino with a $10.00 free play-dinner buffet voucher. Next day at Feather Falls Casino with a $10.00 free play. Mark this date on your calendar. The cost is $185.00. Call Chuck Uyeda to sign up. **Don't be left behind on this wonderful trip.**

CASINO DAY

November 17th

Looking ahead, on the last day of our Senior Activity and Craft session before the holidays, we are planning a Casino Day with Dennis Tsukagawa and Company heading this fun day. Many table games to be learned and prizes to be won. An 11:00 AM lunch will be provided. Casino play will start at 12 noon until 2:30PM. The prize drawing will be from 2:30 PM to 3:00PM. **Everyone is welcome** to join in the fun, starting with lunch. Mark this date on your calendar.

We want to thank everyone for your generous support. Mostly we are grateful to our seniors and members for coming forward, giving their time and energy making manju for a very worthwhile cause. Also, the many crafts that we are able to sell to subsidize our many trips and lunches. What a wonderful group we have.

SENIOR CRAFT

We are continuing making lap blankets to give to our members that are in rest homes, home care or etc. This is a nice way to show that we care about them and our thoughts are with them.

Over a dozen lap blankets have generously been donated for our rest home friends. 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.

For many years, our Senior craft ladies have been spending many hours working on different projects to supply and provide for the bazaar. It has increased the revenue and we are proud of what our ladies have accomplished.

The scheduled hours for our craft session is from 9:00 AM to 12 noon, every Thursday. Light refreshment of coffee, tea and desserts are always provided. Everyone is welcome to join in and share new ideas. Please feel free to join us, for we are always looking to make new friends.

Senior News

FBWA Delegates Meeting October 8th

There will be a FBWA Delegates meeting on October 8, 2011 at the San Jose Betsuin. Amy Imai and Mitsue Fukuda will be co-chairpersons at this event.

There will be over 100 people from all the BWA chapters attending. Nine members from our BWA including Rev. Dean and Linda Koyama will be present.

NEXT BWA MEETING

Saturday, October 15th, 9AM

Sangha Hall

All members are urged to attend.

Buddhist Women's Association

President's Message—Highlighting ABA

Life
is too short

to not
participate
in things
that get you

laughing
and
feeling good

By Glenn Kitasoe

The ABA that I initially knew was the organization involved with most activities here at Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Most of the committee leaders or officers of the board of directors were members. It seemed to be one of the go-to organizations if you want something done, just like BWA.

Lorrie and I were first introduced to ABA by being invited to their Annual Installation Dinner as guests. What Lorrie and I discovered was a very social, cohesive, happy group. The atmosphere was totally different from other Temple functions (not to imply that Temple functions are unpleasant), but this was just more relaxed environment where laughing was part of the whole scene.

Lorrie and I were welcomed and felt very comfortable. I did not want ABA to pay for our dinner so we made a donation paying for our dinners. Min Uyehara then took that donation and said "You just paid for your ABA membership. Welcome!" Lorrie and I both laughed but we enjoyed the company and atmosphere of the people so we said OK.

As I have noted in my other articles, what makes it so successful are the people. Lorrie and I like hanging with the ABA group because of the positive environment.

I just came back from my first ABA meeting. President Sterling Makishima got what he needed to get done with the meeting but lots of chuckling and laughing along the way made it one of the more pleasant meetings that I have attended. After the meeting Joanne Makishima and Mieko Nakano served us ice cream sundaes.

For those Temple members who are not part of ABA you are missing out in being part of a wonderful group of people who enjoy being an integral part of MVBT but a group that likes to have fun!

Lorrie and I have now been on our first Wine Tasting Tour and this past Wednesday we rooted for the Giants with Sensei leading the way with a Giants win.

Life is too short to not participate in things that get you laughing and feel good, ABA does that. Hope to see you at the next ABA function!

In Gassho,

Glenn Kitasoe

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736 Fall Updates

The 2011-2012 Girl Scout year began on September 19, 2011. The Girl Scouts already had their first activity. They sold drinks at the Midori Kai Art & Crafts Boutique on September 10th. They sold approximately 350 waters/sodas. Thank you to everyone who supported this sale.

REGISTRATION

Enrollment for the new Girl Scout year beginning in September is currently underway.

We are taking new membership for Daisy, Brownie, Junior and Cadette levels for any girl whose family is a member of the MVBT. We have open membership for non-temple member girls for the Daisy and Brownie levels.

LEADERS

We are looking for 1 more leader to assist in the Daisy level program.

Daisy Leaders: Debbie Ho

Brownie Leaders:
Joan Aoki and Alice Chu

Junior Leaders:
Joy Watanabe and Oi Ha Lam

Cadette Leaders:
Tricia Uyeda, Leslie Imai and Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto

Ceremonies & Service Unit Rep:
Wendy Ng

Troop Coordinator:
Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto

How Manga Is Related to Buddhism—Padma Project

By Erin Hamasaki

For my project, I chose my favorite thing—MANGA! **I love Manga!** Every book teaches a very important lesson, and shows compassionate and kind teachings.

First, every book has a very important lesson/moral. For example, Full Moon Wo Sagashite's moral is that you are never ever alone, meaning you will always have someone to rely on or someone to cheer you up when you are sad.

The manga Shugo Chara tells you that miracles can happen at anytime so be ready for it. Kimi Ni Todoke (Me to You) says that though someone looks scary and cruel doesn't mean she doesn't have a beautiful heart!

Second, making the books takes a lot of time, technology, and most importantly effort and teamwork (AKA interdependence). For example, look at the picture below. Does it look like they are having fun while working?! Most people hate working but since they are using good teamwork and putting

in a lot of effort to meet the standards of their job they are having fun working with friends.

Also interdependence means that you aren't alone and you will always lose and make new friends.

Last, in almost every Shojo Manga there is at least one example of impermanence. Everything is always changing—so much that it is sort of confusing, but in a good way because it makes people want to know what is going to happen next. This makes the book interesting and almost addicting.

This is how Shojo Manga is related to Buddhism. They have very important morals/themes/main ideas, and show interdependence and impermanence in every, and I mean EVERY book. It doesn't matter if the book is mostly about war or violence; it always has some kind of lesson. You just don't know it.

So go out there and learn more about Buddhism!!

Save the date! Sunday November 6th at 12:00 noon

Keiro Kai Lunch & BINGO

Honoring our seniors and having a little fun too!

This is the same day as November's Shotsuki Hoyo Service. Due to the construction activities currently at our temple, we had to make some adjustments to the schedule. Please excuse us.

All Keiros will receive an invitation in the mail asking them to RSVP.

All temple members will receive a lunch pre-order form in the mail.

If you are not a temple member and would like to order a lunch, please contact your respective affiliated organization.

October

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday
Oct. 2nd

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:

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

In addition we are observing these Buddhist Churches of America Bishops who helped establish and strengthen the temples here in America allowing us the opportunity to hear the teachings of Nembutsu as understood by Shinran Shonin. They are:

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

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.

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

Mineko Okamoto

August 23, 2011

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Join ABA for the Nov. 11th Welcome Dinner

Thank you to chairperson **Joanne Makishima** for organizing a fun day at the San Jose Giants game. There was good food, good company and great weather!!!

Thanks to chairperson **Irene Uchiyama** for getting great seats for the San Francisco Giants game on Sept. 13th. She organized the event but unfortunately wasn't able to go. (Wishing her a speedy recovery!) The Giants even won! Attendees had a great time!

COME JOIN US!

Want to enjoy a night out with good company, adult conversation and good food? Join ABA! Come to our new member dinner on **Friday November 11, 2011**! Have a good dinner, make new friends or renew "ole" friendships and enjoy surprising entertainment!

CONTACT

President **Sterling Makishima**; Membership chairperson **Reiko Tsuchida** or any ABA member. Only requirement is that you are an adult over 21 years of age. Try it you might like it!

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Steve & Reiko Tsuchida

On the birth of their granddaughter.

150 Club News

The winner for the September, 2011, 150 Club was **Tom Sako**.

There are 3 more monthly drawings plus the December **BONUS** drawing.

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

The new 2012, 150 Club tickets will be coming out next month.

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
OCT	Zones 3 & 4	Oct 21 (Fri)	Oct 14 (Fri)
NOV	Zones 5 & 6	Nov 17 (Thu)	Nov11 (Fri)
DEC	Zones 7 & 8	Dec 22 (Thu)	Dec 16 (Fri)

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

MVBT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Donations/Pledges Received

What would you think if I sang out of tune
Would you stand up and walk out on me?
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song
And I'll try not to sing out of key
Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends

—Lennon and McCartney

Yes, what would the MVBT do without a little help from its friends? It would do much, much less, do it more and more uncomfortably and eventually become a less safe environment for all. Fortunately for all, the Temple is thriving and expanding and definitely aspiring to be all that it can be thanks to the combined efforts of our past and present visionaries for the ultimate benefit of our future members, their families and their friends.

Thus far, a little more than half of our members have pledged or donated. The 50th Anniversary Renovation Project only addresses approximately half of the Temple's Master Plan, and the Capital Campaign is still shy of its goals. We can do better. Please show your appreciation and support by keeping up with your pledge payments and also consider donating if you have not yet been able to do so.

Since last, last month another huge "thanks" goes out to the following donors for their generosity and shared vision:

MVBT Capital Campaign Donation/Pledges (8/13-9/15/11)
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Confirmed Totals, to date

Donations	$790,170.62
Pledges	$602,215.32
TOTAL	**$1,392,385.94**

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The latest update on our MVBT Capital Campaign

50th Anniversary Meeting

October 10, 2011, Monday, 7:00 pm, Sangha Hall Pancake Room

A very important meeting to finalize programs for the celebration on March 17th the 50th Anniversary. All Chairmen and heads of the organization are requested to attend to take back to your group.

How Glee Is Related to Buddhism—Padma Project

My favorite TV show is Glee.

By Lauren Hamasaki

How does it relate to Buddhism?
Each show teaches a good lesson, just like the sermons Reverend Dean gives on Sundays.

For example, there was a holiday episode where the Grinch stole all the Christmas presents that were intended for the homeless children organized by the school Glee club. The Glee club raised money by singing holiday songs to the school faculty to replace the stolen presents. The Grinch heard the songs from the choir and was very moved, and decided to return all the presents and have a very Merry Christmas. What I learned from that show is that you shouldn't steal from others especially when you are giving it to homeless children and parents.

Another good lesson was when the Glee Club competed at the Regionals. The lost and placed last. But they were not angry, they just thought that they had to get better and better to win. So they got better and worked a lot harder.

Then eventually the year came and went so they had to go to Regionals again. They ended up winning and going to Nationals in New York City! This relates to Buddhism because when they lost they didn't get mad. They agreed that all the schools did do better than them and that they didn't work hard enough to win.

So they thought that they had to do better, put more effort into them, and work harder than they did to win the next year. And they did, so they ended up winning because they probably put more effort into it and wrote their own songs.

Work hard, don't let little things set you back, look ahead and do the best you can.

2010 Hongwanji Youth Exchange in Kyoto, Japan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Taiko 7:00 PM Shodo Kai/room 4	2 6:00 PM Boy Scouts & parent meeting/room 7 & 8 7:00 PM Temple Choir/class	3 9:00 AM Senior activity 6:30 PM Taiko	4 4:30 PM Calligraph	5
6 8:30 AM O-asaji 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Shotsuki Hoyo 11:00 AM Dharma School 11:30 AM YBA/Sangha Hall 12:00 PM Keiro Kai/Sangha Hall	7 6:30 PM Girl Scouts/rm 2 & 3 7:00 PM Kendo 7:30 PM Religious planning meeting	8 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Taiko 7:00 PM Shodo Kai/room 4	9 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Temple Board meeting	10 9:00 AM Senior activity/Bingo 6:30 PM Taiko	11 4:30 PM Calligraphy 6:00 PM ABA meeting & dinner/Sangh Hall 6:30 PM Fuji Club OFFICE CLOSED VETERANS DAY	12 9:00 AM BWA meeting
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What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

永代読経

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 purposes 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 Ministers' 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

No. _____

Date: _____

In Memory of _____

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

Japanese Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Date of Death:** _____

Buddhist Name _____

English: _____ **Japanese:** _____

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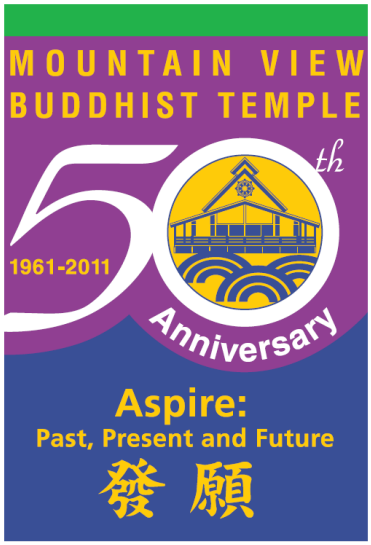
Celebrating our 50th Anniversary



Construction is well underway and all services will take place in the Sangha Hall.

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In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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