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What is Your Spiritual Support?

June Highlights

- **6/7 Sun, 10:00 am, Online**
  * *Shotsuki Hoyo*
- **6/8 Mon, 7:00 pm, Zoom Meeting**
  * *Buddhist Discussion Group*
- **6/14, Sun, 10:00 am, Online**
  * *Graduation Service*

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July Highlights

- **7/12, Sun, 10:00 am, Online**
  * *Kangi-e / Obon Service*

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This month, I would like to share a meaningful story from a sutra called ***Zo-Agon*** (Miscellaneous Agama Sutras) with you. A long time ago, there was a rich man in a certain town who had four wives. He loved and treasured his first wife the most among his wives. He didn't love his second wife as much as the first, but was very affectionate towards her. And, his third wife was not treasured like his first and second wives, but was still favored by him. But his fourth wife was always treated badly and ignored.

This man suddenly developed a serious illness. All medical treatments were unsuccessful and finally the time came when he was nearing his end. Feeling the shadow of death about to befall him, the man called his first wife to him and expressed his feelings of loneliness, saying, "I have loved and treasured you over anyone else. Will you die with me?" But she replied coldly, "No! I can't do that. Certainly, you loved me very much, but that's another matter. I will not die with you."

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Buddha says "Each Person has Four Wives or Husbands in their lives"

The man was pained by her heartless words. He called his second wife to him and made the same request. But she also refused, saying, "Even your first wife whom you loved the best will not follow you. How can I die with you?"

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Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Statement on COVID-19 Pandemic

By Chiko Iwagami
Governor General of
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanjiha

The COVID-19 pandemic has spread throughout the world and shows little sign of ending. Here in Japan, we have entered a new stage with the announcement of the state of emergency.

First, I wish to express our sincerest condolences to those in Japan and the rest of the world, who have passed on due to COVID-19 pandemic. And to those who have become ill, we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Moreover, we express our deepest admiration and gratitude to all the doctors, nurses and medical staff for their heroic effort to treat and save the patients, even at the high risk of danger to themselves.

During this crisis, people

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While Sunday Services at the Temple are cancelled, Dharma Messages are available on the Temple website.

https://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org or https://tinyurl.com/MVBT-YouTube

Current and past Dharma Messages are available.

Namo Amida Butsu – "Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — June 2020

June 7, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July — Online

- Shotsuki names will be read during the online Dharma Message

June 8, 2020, Monday, 7:00—8:30 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group

- Discussion Group using Zoom. Contact John Arima for meeting information.

June 14, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am, Graduation Service — Online

June 21, 2020, Sunday, Sunday Service — Online

June 28, 2020, Sunday, Sunday Service — Online

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Sunday Dharma Messages by Rev. Mukojima and Minister's Assistant John Arima are available on the MVBT website.

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June & July Shotsuki Hoyo Service

The **June and July Shotsuki Hoyo Service** at the Temple is cancelled. However, the service can be seen online on the Temple website on Sunday, June 7.

You can also take a moment to do your own service at your personal ***Obutsudan***. Remember your loved ones who passed away in June and July.

The names of the June and July loved ones who passed away are on Page **15**.

Think of the sincere respect for and gratitude to the Shotsuki loved ones. They have and will continue to influence our lives and the future of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Namo Amida Butsu.

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

Mary Mayeda ***Nov 18, 1922 - March 4, 2020***

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

Namo Amida Butsu — With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

What is Your Spiritual Support? (cont'd)

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The man felt betrayed and became very depressed. Then he asked his third wife if she would die with him. After some thought, she apologized, "Since you wish it so much and because you have taken care of me, I will follow you to the grave site. But this is all I can do for you. Please understand."

The man was stunned by her reply, but he decided to ask his fourth wife the same thing, knowing she would refuse because he had always treated her badly. Although she had been hardened by his neglect, she answered affectionately, "Yes, of course. No matter what might happen, I will never abandon you. I will gladly follow you anywhere."

The man was abandoned by the three wives he had loved and treated so well, and only his fourth wife whom he had treated coldly would be by his side with her sincere heart. Not until he was on his deathbed did the man realize the one whom he should have loved and honored all his life was his fourth wife. At the moment of his death, he felt a deep regret at his foolishness.

Of course, the four wives in this story are a metaphor and through them Shakyamuni Buddha teaches us an important lesson.

The first wife symbolizes our body that we always treasure. All of us give first priority to our body and health. When we feel tired, we rest our body. When we feel cold, we warm ourselves. When we feel awful, we go to see a doctor right away. These examples show we love our bodies more than anything else. But no matter how well we take care of it, it doesn't follow us after our death.

The second wife symbolizes wealth, status and honor. Even if we believe that money is everything in life, no matter how much we have saved or how sincerely others may honor or praise us, we can't take these things with us when we die.

The third wife symbolizes our family and friends. Of course, family is very important to us. All of us live dependent upon our family and friends. But when we pass away, the reality is that they will only follow us as far as the grave site.

And finally, the fourth wife who was treated so badly symbolizes the sincere mind of Buddha.

I am sure that our priorities in life are quite as Shakyamuni Buddha says: "We treasure more than we should our body, our wealth, status and our family." We all frantically pursue these finite things throughout our lives even though none will accompany us when we die. Yet I wonder how many people live in a way that treasures and respects the Buddha's great wish that is offered to each of us as true spiritual support?

Currently, with so many hardships caused by the COVID 19 pandemic, our daily lives have been changed completely and we are filled with the stress and anxiety of uncertainty. Unfortunately, there are now countless people throughout the world who have lost their beloved ones to the virus, or who have lost their jobs or savings due to the demands of sheltering in place. When we suddenly lose things that we have been dependent on all our lives, we understandably lose sight of life's meaning and feel hopeless. Thus, it is dangerous to depend too much on finite things because ultimately they are not reliable. It is during times like this current crisis when we must realize that we can suddenly lose our health, wealth, or the precious family members we all depend upon in our daily lives.

So, living in this world of impermanence, "What is the true spiritual support that is solid and immovable?" It is, of course, the fourth wife: the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, the Nembutsu teaching which is intended for each one of us.

In this impermanent world, Amida Buddha provides the backbone to our lives, and will always be with us to support us and never abandon us no matter what might happen.

Because we are protected by his infinite wisdom and compassion, even when faced with unprecedented hardship as in this current situation, we are able to conduct ourselves in ways which can overcome all difficulties and make our lives valuable. We can find happiness and joyfulness even in small things, and deeply appreciate all things that we have taken for granted. Then as we are feeling gratitude for everything that allows us to live at this moment, we can try to make each day a full one. This is the essence of what a life led by the Nembutsu teaching should be. Thus, when we meet our last breath, our lives will be born with the Nembutsu in the Pure Land of Amida Buddha where we will see one another again. This is the true spiritual support that we should rely on deeply throughout our entire lives.

Let us take advantage of the challenge of this pandemic to reflect on and consider our daily lives. Do we rely so heavily on finite and unreliable things in our lives that we have lost sight of the most important thing? I sincerely wish that your FIRST WIFE or FIRST HUSBAND is the Nembutsu teaching.

In Gassho,

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Statement on COVID-19 Pandemic (cont'd)

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around the world are confronting the enormous set of challenges by working together through mutual cooperation and encouragement. However, it has been pointed out that one of the causes for the spread of the disease lies in the actions of asymptomatic people who are unaware that they have contracted the virus. We must, therefore, understand its dangers and the correct response to the virus and act accordingly. We are requesting everyone to show genuine concern for one another so as not to allow the spread of any kind of discrimination and prejudice. Let us act properly based on our careful consideration of the implications of our action.

The Buddha taught us that ignorance and afflictions are the cause of our suffering. And, Shinran Shonin revealed to us of the truth of our self-centeredness that lurks at our core through the words, "We foolish ordinary beings possessed of afflictions." Given these truths, isn't it important that we share in the joys and pain precisely because we are in such a difficult time? In Buddhism, we value the teaching of "interdependence," which points to the reality that "all things exist by being connected through the workings of causes and conditions" and are, therefore, "without any fixed substantial entity."

The spread of COVID-19 is due to the person-to-person contact. Consequently, we no longer feel relief but, instead, anxiety about our "human connectedness," which was originally something that was highly cherished. Therefore, we must not come to regard our "human connectedness" negatively as something of great danger. Precisely because we are now facing this worldwide pandemic, we must become even more cognizant of the original meaning and the importance of our "human connectedness."

What is crucially important at this time is for us to be guided by the Buddha's wisdom and to work cooperatively together within the workings of Buddha's great compassion. In so doing, we can reaffirm the importance of being alive and to bring an end to the spread of this disease. It is not the governmental announcement of the state of emergency that will defeat this Coronavirus crisis. Instead, it is the thorough and appropriate actions of each one of us, in cooperation with many others, which will determine whether or not we can bring the current crisis to its end.

Precisely because my very existence is made possible within the connectedness with the people of the world, we shall be able to rejoice with them when we eventually overcome this difficulty together. Within our respective personal circumstances, we are encouraged to think about what we can do to combat this crisis without diminishing the Lamp of Dharma and our tradition. And, we shall cooperate and pool our resources as we receive the mind of Nembutsu, which reaches us from Amida Buddha, promising to "liberate us just as we are." So, let us do our part to the best of our abilities in order to regain our society, in which everyone can live with a peace of mind.

April 14, 2020
Chiko Iwagami
Governor General
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanjiha

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マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇二〇年六月法話

― 真の拠り所 ―

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

今月は、『雑阿含経』に説かれている大変興味深いお話を紹介したいと思います。その昔、四人の夫人を持つ大金持ちの男がいました。男は四人の妻の中でも第一夫人を最も愛し、第二夫人を可愛がり、第三夫人もそれなりに大切にしていましたが、第四夫人には粗末な扱いをしていました。

ある日突然、その男は重い病気を患い、死期が近いことを宣告されました。すると男は、第一夫人を呼んで次のように言いました。「他の誰よりもお前を愛し大事にしてきた。だから私と一緒に死んでくれ」と。すると、第一夫人は、「それはできません。大変お世話になりましたが、それとこれとは話が違います」と冷ややかに突き放しました。

次に男は第二夫人を呼んで同じことを頼みました。ところが、第二夫人も、「あなたが最も愛していた第一夫人でさえお伴をなさいませんものを、何でこの私が一緒に死ぬことができましょう」とあっさりと断りました。

両夫人に見放された男は失望感をあらわにしながら第三夫人に頼みました。第三夫人は「これまでお世話になったことですし、せめて墓場まではお供させて頂きます。しかし、その後は、堪忍して下さい」と詫びました。

茫然自失に陥った男は、ほとんど愛情をかけなかった第四夫人に同じことを尋ねました。すると、第四夫人は、「どんなことがあっても、あなたを見捨てることなどありません。どこまでもあなたにお供します」と情を込めて答えたというのです。

男は、普段から愛情を注いで大切にしてきた三人の夫人から今際の際に疎んじられ、反対に、いつも冷たくあしらっていた第四夫人が、実は自分を見捨てずに常に真の心でもって寄り添っていてくれた最も愛すべき人だったのだということを知って、死ぬ間際に己の愚かさを深く後悔したというお話です。

お釈迦さまは、この物語を通して私達に次のように教えて下さっています。まず、第一夫人とは、私達の身体のことを表しています。私達は誰もが自分の身体を第一に考えます。身体が疲れたと思えば、十分に休ませ、具合が悪くなったと思えば医者に診てもらいます。何よりも大切な身体なのですが、いざ死に臨んでは、持っていくことはできません。

第二夫人とは、財産、地位、名誉を表しています。お金だけが人生の全てだと信じ、無我夢中になって貯め込んでも、死ぬ時には持っていくことなどできません。地位や名誉も同じことです。

第三夫人とは、妻子や友人を表しています。家族や友人は大切な存在であり、常に頼りとして私達は生きています。しかし、死に臨んでは、墓場までしかついて来てくれません。

そして最後、最も粗末にしてきた第四夫人とは、仏のみ心を表しています。私達の日常における優先順位はまさにお釈迦さまのおっしゃる通りではないでしょうか。私達はいつも身体を始め、財産や地位、名誉、そして、家族などといった自分から離れていくもの、有限なものばかりを大切にしています。しかし、私達一人ひとりのいのちに向けられた阿弥陀仏の大いなる願い―お念仏のみ教えを私達の人生の真の拠り所として、大切に仰いでいこうとする人生の歩みを追い求める人はどれほどいるでしょうか。

現在、コロナウイルス感染拡大によって私達の日常は大きく変化し、先の見えない脅威に大きなストレスと不安を抱えています。残念なことに、ウイルス感染によって大切な家族を失った方や、自宅待機命令で仕事や財産を失った方が世界中で数多くおられます。このように私達の日常が奪われ、これまで頼りとしてきたものが一瞬にして消えてしまうと、私達は生きる意味を見失ってしまい、路頭に迷ってしまいます。この脅威の中から、これまで当たり前のように依存していたものが突然前触れもなく自分から離れて行ってしまうという現実に恐ろしさを感じました。

では、この無常の世を生きている私達にとって、何が真の拠所なのか、確固たる不動の拠り所とは一体どこにあるのでしょうか。それこそが第四夫人、つまり、阿弥陀仏のご本願―お念仏のみ教えなのです。

世の無常なる人生を覚束ない足取りで生きる私達には、そのいのちを根底から支え、どんな境遇に陥ろうとも、決して見放すことなく、どこまでも一緒下さる阿弥陀仏がいて下さいます。この無限の智慧と慈悲に護られているからこそ、どのような辛い人生の中でも、些細なことに喜びを見つけ、当たり前だと思っていたことにも感謝をしながら、人生を価値あるものとし、何事も力強く乗り越えていく生き方ができるのです。そして、今、生かされているいのちへの感謝と共に、一日一日を実りあるものにしていく、これこそがお念仏のみ教えに導かれた真のいのちのあり方なのです。そして、やがてこのいのちを終える時、お念仏と共に倶会一処のお浄土へ参らせて頂くのです。ここにこそ、私達が人生を通して最も大切にしていかなくはならない真の拠り所があるのです。

人生で本当に大切なものを見失うことのないよう改めてそれぞれの人生を見つめ直して頂きたいと思います。皆さんの「第一夫人」が阿弥陀仏のご本願―お念仏であることを切に願っております。

新型コロナウイルス感染症に関する「念仏者」としての声明

現在、新型コロナウイルス感染症は世界中に拡がり、収束する気配を見せていません。日本でも緊急事態宣言が発令されるなど、状況は新たな段階に入っています。

まず、このたびの新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられた国内外の多くの方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆さまに心よりお見舞い申しあげます。さらに、特に高い感染リスクにさらされながらも、懸命に治療・対策にあたられている医師、看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

こうした危機的な状況において、世界中の人びとが共に力を合わせ、励まし合って対応しています。しかし、症状が出ないために感染に気づいていない人の行動が、感染拡大の一因となっている場合もあるのではないかとも指摘されています。感染症の危険性や対処法を正しく理解し、実行するとともに、差別や偏見が拡がらないよう、一人ひとりがお互いを思いやり、注意深く行動していきたいと願っております。

釈尊が明らかにされた苦しみの根源である無明煩悩、また親鸞聖人が「煩悩具足の凡夫」という言葉でお示しになった私たち人間の根本に潜む自己中心性に思いをいたし、このような時にこそ、人と喜びや悲しみを分かち合う生き方が大切ではないでしょうか。仏教には、「あらゆるものは因縁によりつながり合って存在しており、固定した実体はない」という「縁起」の思想があります。新型コロナウイルスの感染拡大の原因は人との接触であるとされ、本来大切な人との「つながり」が、今は安心感ではなく、不安をもたらすものとなってしまっています。しかし、「つながり」を表面的に捉え、危険なものと否定的に考えてはなりません。世界的な感染大流行という危機に直面する今だからこそ、私たちは仏教が説く「つながり」の本来的な意味とその大切さに気づいていく必要があります。

今重要なことは、仏智に教え導かれ、仏さまの大きな慈悲のはたらきの中、共に協力し合って生きる大切さをあらためて認識し、感染拡大をくい止めることです。緊急事態宣言がコロナ危機を克服してくれるのではありません。この困難を打開できるか否かは、多くの関係者のご尽力とともに、私たち一人ひとりの徹底した適切な行動にかかっています。

私という存在は、世界の人びととの「つながり」の中で生きているからこそ、やがて、共にこの苦難を乗り越えた時、世界中の人びとと喜びを分かち合えることでしょう。それぞれの立場において、この難局で法灯や伝統を絶やさないために何ができるかを考え、「そのまま救いとる」とはたらいてくださるお念仏の心をいよいよいただき、共々に支え合い、力を合わせるのです。誰もが安心して生活できる社会を取りもどすことができるよう、精いっぱいのつとめを果たしてまいりましょう。

２０２０（令和２）年４月１４日

浄土真宗本願寺派総長　石上　智康

Where to Find Sensei During the Stay-at-Home Order

Minister's Assistant John Arima in Hondo's Foyer

Rev. Yushi Mukojima in the Nokotsudo

Physically, Rev. Mukojima is home, in the parsonage following the California Executive Order to Stay-a-Home, like many of us. However, in order for us to stay connected and be able to see Sensei during this time, we have developed some ways for everyone to see and hear his messages to us.

DHARMA MESSAGES ONLINE

The first thing we did was have Sensei record a Dharma Message in audio only like a podcast with some graphics to accompany his talk. In order to share these Dharma Messages with everyone, the Temple created a YouTube Channel. After a few weeks, we decided to record services so that everyone could not only hear Sensei, but also see him, as well as see our Onaijin and Hondo. New services are posted by 10:00 am Sunday mornings, just like our regular Sunday Service time.

Information to help you join in the sutra chanting and readings are posted by the Temple's Facebook page and also on the Temple's website. If you have not had a chance to view these Dharma Messages and services, they are still posted on the Temple's YouTube Channel.

WEBSITES

In order to get Notifications on Facebook of our services, please "Like" the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Facebook Page. You can also subscribe to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple YouTube Channel and see old and new Dharma Messages and Services there. Each week, a new service is embedded in our Temple website along with a link to download the agenda, sutra and reading for that service.

Here are the referred websites:

MVBT:
https://mvbuddhisttemple.org

Facebook:
https://tinyurl.com/MVBT-Facebook

YouTube:
https://tinyurl.com/MVBT-YouTube

STAY CONNECTED

Please take some time to view these services so that we can all stay connected and continue to hear the Dharma.

In Gassho,
MVBT Religious Planning Committee

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

2020 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2019	3rd Year Memorial	2018	7th Year Memorial	2014
13th Year Memorial	2008	17th Year Memorial	2004	25th Year Memorial	1996
27th Year Memorial	1994	33rd Year Memorial	1988	50th Year Memorial	1971

MVBT Sewing Group

Fabric Face Masks

A newly formed MVBT Sewing Group is lovingly producing face masks for the MVBT Community. We have PLENTY of face masks available! Fabric face masks are NOT sterile and DO NOT provide complete protection from the coronavirus. These are designed to cover the mouth and nose and is something in addition to social distancing and hand-washing that can slow the spread of the disease, according to the CDC. Most stores and public spaces are REQUIRING masks to be worn. When we are able to gather at the Temple again, face coverings may also be required in order to participate.

If you are interested in receiving a fabric face mask (designs variable), please go to the online form in the link below or use the order form at the bottom of this page.

https://tinyurl.com/mvbtmasks

We are usually able to send out masks within a week of ordering. Please put a note in the comment area for either sizing (male, female, young adult, etc.) or preference for elastic or tieback style. If you have already ordered and would like another set of masks, please send in your order! A $5 donation per order (not per mask) is requested to cover mailing and distribution.

Call Julie Satake Ryu at (650)-787-9133 or email julie@satakenursery.com for any questions. If you or someone you know would like to join our MVBT Sewing Group OR you have non-woven interfacing or a supply of 1/4-inch or 3/8-inch elastic, please let me know.

Stay safe & healthy!
Julie Satake Ryu

MVBT (Fabric) Face Mask Request Form

Name: _____ Zone #: _____
First Name Last Name

Delivery Address:_____

City: _____

State:_____ Zip : _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Number of Masks Requested: _____

Any latex allergies (we will send a mask that does not include latex) Yes _____ No ____

Does anyone needing a mask wear a hearing aid or glasses? (Tie back style will be sent.) Yes _____ No_____

Comments/Specific Requests: _____

_____

Would you like to contribute $5 toward postage for this order? Yes _____ No _____

Please make check payable to: ___MVBT___ with Memo Note: __Face Mask__.

Please mail this form and check to:

Julie Satake Ryu
1094 Marilyn Drive
Mountain View, CA. 94040

MIROKU

middle school group

Miroku

LETTER TO SENIORS

In April, Miroku members wrote letters to various senior Sangha members to let them know the Temple is thinking of them during the COVID-19 situation. The letters talked about what the students were doing during the shelter-in-place, what they missed about the Temple, and what they look forward to when this is all over. The letters also assured the seniors that the Temple's Outreach Group would be reaching out to ask if they needed anything.

Much to our surprise some of the Miroku members received responses to their letters, and are happy to hear that people seem to be coping well despite the current circumstances.

DONATION

Miroku would like to gratefully acknowledge a $25 donation from Setsuko Shimizu.

LAST MEETING OF YEAR

Our last meeting of the school year is scheduled for Sunday, June 7.

In Gassho,
Miroku Parent Advisors

Namo Amida Butsu: *"With kindness and gratitude beyond words."*

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

Due to the unfortunate crisis of the Coronavirus, we are forced to close our programs. The Temple will keep us all informed when it is safe to start our Senior Activities and Craft program, possibly in September after Labor Day.

Please, all stay safe and healthy. We miss you all.

In Gassho
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto & the Committee Members

Dial the Dharma

Message from the BCA

For Temple members who are not able to use a computer to access the Internet for Dharma Messages, the **Buddhist Churches of America** has created a "Dial the Dharma" phone messaging service.

The phone number is a designated BCA line, and the number is 1-415-528-7220.

Simply call this number and a voice will say, "Please wait," and then a short 5-minute message by **Bishop Rev. Marvin Harada** will follow. The message will be changed periodically.

The BCA hopes that these messages will help members stay connected to the Dharma.

Soon phone messages in Japanese for the Japanese speaking Sangha members will be available.

Namo Amida Butsu.
"With kindness and gratitude beyond words."

Call 1-415-528-7220 to listen to a Dharma Message from Bishop Marvin Harada

MVBT Adult Buddhist Association

MVBT
Adult Buddhist Association

We are glad to report that the ABA members are safe and healthy.

MEETINGS CANCELLED

Our last meeting was in February and because of the Shelter-in-Place guidelines, we cancelled our March and April meetings.

MAY ZOOM MEETING

Although our agenda was short, we decided to have our first virtual meeting in May. Members easily joined the Zoom meeting and everyone enjoyed seeing each other. After the meeting, several people stayed online to socialize, have some laughs and share virtual drinks.

HELP WITH DHARMA SERVICES

ABA was honored to participate in the May 17th Dharma Service with the reading of the Daily Creed. Thanks to Glenn and Lorrie Kitasoe, Ken and Mieko Nakano, Russ and Judy Nakano, and Will Dea and Lois Okino for recording the Daily Creed. We hope to be able to contribute to future virtual Dharma Services.

With Kindess and Gratitude
beyond words,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

ABA's May Meeting over Zoom

ABA's Four Couples Recording the Daily Creed

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1. Go to https://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org
2. Press the Amazon logo
3. Find your item and place it into the cart. Checkout

Questions? Please contact **Steve Tsuchida**

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Kurumi Mukojima
received the Padma Award

Nitya Kupireddy
received the Silver Award

BCA PADMA AWARD

The BCA Padma 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.

There are four levels of Padma Program: Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior/Ambassador. There are currently fiveTtemple scouts studying in the 2020 program. This year marks the 10th year of the program at MVBT. Since 2010, 27 temple Girl Scouts have participated in the program, earning 48 Padma awards.

The Padma Award is a medal consisting of a pendant, ribbon and a bar. The pendant is the Lotus Blossom and is a symbol that represents equality and purity of all things. The ribbon is a purple wisteria color and is attached to a crossbar in which is inscribed a Sanskrit word "Padma." Padma, a lotus flower, is a central symbol of Buddha-truth, used by all schools of Buddhism since its birth.

This year we are pleased to announce that **Kurumi Mukojima** has been awarded the Junior Girl Scout Padma Award, which required 16 hours of supervised Buddhist study. She will receive a Padma medal, a certificate from BCA and a plaque. Her name has also been inscribed on the Temple Padma Junior Awardee plaque hanging in Sangha Hall.

Please join us in congratulating Kurumi for her achievement.

SILVER AWARD

The Silver Award is the highest achievement for a Girl Scout Cadette. Requiring a minimum of 50 hours, this award represents the commitment a Girl Scout makes to herself and to her community.

Girl Scout Silver Award

Last year, **Nitya Kupireddy** completed her Silver Award Project, creating an educational video to raise awareness about Nuru International. Nitya also spent time talking with her student and Girl Scout peers to share information about how the organization helps impoverished communities grow and sustain their economies.

We would like to congratulate Nitya for her achievement and applaud her efforts to make the world a better place.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

150 Club News

Our May winner is **Hien Do.**

Congratulations Hien and thank you all for participating in 150 Club!

Everyone, please stay healthy and well!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
JUNE	No Toban	N / A	N / A
JULY	No Toban	June 12 (Fri)	June 18 (Thurs)
AUG	No Toban	July 10 (Fri)	July 16 (Thurs)

Please note the article deadline and printing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof and finalize the issue. Thank you. *Domo Arigato.*
Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

Dharma School News

As we enter into the third month of Santa Clara County's shelter-in-place order, it's hard to envision all of the activities that would be filling our lives and our Temple facilities right now. Even as we think through the guidelines and protocols that would allow us to safely come together as a Dharma School and Sangha at a future, as yet undetermined, date, I cannot help but think that our services, classes and activities will be much different than they were at the start of 2020.

Physical distancing, face masks, no contact thermometers and hand sanitizing stations will be the new normal at least until there is a way to combat the coronavirus and prevent its spread. Handshakes, hugs and even fist bumps will be noticeably absent. And there will be a heightened sense of wariness and caution when large group gatherings are allowed to resume.

Many of us will mourn the loss of what we once had and bemoan the sacrifices that we must collectively make as individuals to preserve the health and safety of our greater whole. This unalignment from what we expected our lives to be right now, in this moment, has been difficult to accept. But through a lens of gratitude, we can see the myriad positive additions to our daily lives: from reconnecting with friends near and far who you haven't heard from in a while, to more time spent at home without the constant busyness of running from one place and/or activity to another, to the simple fact that we now don't take simple interactions for granted – we appreciate our relationships with each other more deeply even as we seek new ways to make meaningful connections from a distance.

We now have a real and present opportunity to think more broadly and boldly about what can – and should – be done differently both online and in-person, with technology and without, to hear, feel, and live the Dharma, share it far beyond our Temple grounds, and strengthen our connections to the larger Temple community. I am looking forward to the challenge, and I hope that you all will be a part of that conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Class Buddhist Readings

The fifth and sixth grade, seventh and eighth grade and high school classes have recorded Buddhist readings that have appeared in the online Sunday Services.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Dharma School

High School Class saying the Eightfold Path during the Gotan-e Service

MVBT's VISION2020 Workshop — We Need YOU!

We have had to re-enVISION our workshops originally scheduled to be in person at the Temple.

In order to gather your valuable feedback, we are inviting you to join a 'virtual' workshop. These will be Zoom Workshops, so you will need a good internet connection, computer, webcam and microphone. Access via your smartphone is also an option.

During the workshop, we will use several different profiles of people similar to those in our Temple or those interested in our Temple. Through these profiles, we will ask you to brainstorm your ideas on the types of services and programs that would engage them in our community. This will be important for MVBT to begin planning for resources and facilities for the future.

Two workshops are scheduled. Please sign up.

(1) Saturday, May 30, at 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

OR

(2) Sunday, May 31, at 11:00 am – 12:30pm

Please sign up at the following URL:

https://tinyurl.com/mvbtvision2020

For any questions or issues, please call **Julie Satake Ryu** at 650-787-9133 or email Julie at julie @satakenursery.com.

In Gassho,
Julie Satake Ryu
MVBT Vision Committee

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

MVBT YBA

Following the Shelter-in-Place and Temple guidelines, all YBA events through the summer have been cancelled. Our monthly meetings are continuing through Zoom.

After our May meeting, we recorded the Three Treasures and Eightfold Noble Path to be used for online Temple services.

In Gassho,
Stacey Kawabata

YBA's May Meeting over Zoom

June & July Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the Temple in memory of the past members and their family 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 **June & July** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Shiro Abe	**Kenzo Kamei**	**Takara Ogawa**
Dorothy Chikasuye	**Kisa Ruth Kamei**	**Mika Okita**
Spencer Cowap	**Kevin Kamimoto**	**Ichitaro Okumura**
Robyn Delgado	**Koyuki Kamimoto**	**Bruce Okuno**
Kazuo Domoto	**Yasuto Kamimoto**	**Lily Omokawa**
Kazuko Eidmann	**Iris Kawamoto**	**Ryu Ozawa**
Frank Fujii	**Kojuro Kawamoto**	**Yoshio Ozawa**
Kotome Fujii	**Yasu Kawamoto**	**Ken Sakamoto**
Masakazu Fujii	**Norma Kochi**	**Hannah Sato**
Nobu Fukuda	**Albert Kosakura**	**Mishi Sako**
George Furuichi	**Mitsue Koto**	**Nizo Sako**
Mike Furusho	**Kiyoshi Makishima**	**Tad Sawamura**
James Furuta	**Erin Maruyama**	**Suye Shimamoto**
Tomoye Goto	**George Masuda**	**Mary Shimizu**
Shizue Haruta	**Jimmy Matsuba**	**Margaret Shinseki**
Ben Hayamizu	**John Matsumoto**	**Dora Sugimoto**
Masako Hayamizu	**Frank M. Matsumoto**	**Trevor Sugimoto**
Grace Hayano	**Jimmy Matsumoto**	**Yuki Taniguchi**
Joe Hayano	**Shizuko Mayeda**	**Barry Tokunaga**
Bessie Hayashida	**Natsumi Michihira**	**Ted Tokunaga**
Mae Higaki	**Helen Miyake**	**Ito Tsukagawa**
Sidney Hiramoto	**Chizuko Murai**	**Toshie Tsukamoto**
Asa Hori	**Kazuko Nagatani**	**Kiyoshi Umeda**
Genzo Horino	**Bernice Nakagawa**	**Kazuko Watanabe**
Josephine Hoshiko	**Katsuki Nakagawa**	**Eiko Yamamoto**
Akie Idota	**Shigeo Nakanishi**	**Ichiji Yanaba**
Kou Imai	**Megumi Nakano**	**Kenji Yamane**
Yukishige Imai	**Kuni Nakagawa**	**Naoko Yamashita**
Takao Ishikawa	**Tsuyoshi Nakashima**	**Imi Yasuda**
John Ishizaka	**Jim Nakayama**	**Goichi Yonemoto**
Yotsu Iwata	**Kiyo Ogata**	

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. Mukojima.

E-mail **ymukojima@gmail.com**
Phone (Temple office) **(650) 964-9426**

June & July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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See service on MVBT website

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
ALL MVBT SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6 BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19						
			6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm YABA	6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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12:00 pm Taiko - All Class Rehearsal 2:00 pm JD Taiko	7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group	6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Traditional Odori Practice 8:00 pm JD Taiko 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 7:30 pm Traditional Odori Practice 8:00 pm JD Taiko 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	7:30 pm ABA Meeting	9:00 am BWA Meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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10:00 am Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon Service 12:00 pm Taiko - All Class Rehearsal 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	1:00 pm Senior Group	6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Traditional Odori Practice 8:00 pm JD Taiko 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	5:00 pm Taiko - Outdoor Rehearsal 7:30 pm Traditional Odori Practice 8:00 pm JD Taiko 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice		**Obon Festival & Bazaar**
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Obon Festival & Bazaar 2:00 pm JD Taiko		7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	8:00 pm JD Taiko		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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2:00 pm JD Taiko	7:30 pm RPC Meeting	7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	8:00 pm JD Taiko		

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