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Receive Shinjin - True Entrusting (Part 2)

Continuing from my Dharma Talk last month, I would like to discuss ***Shinjin***, or entrusting mind, the most important concept of Jodo Shinshu doctrine. As I introduced in January, to receive ***Shinjin*** means to completely rid yourself of the belief in the recompense of evil and good. Instead, ***Shinjin*** refers to our state of mind which removes our own calculation.

I'm sure some of you assume that those who do something harmful or wrong will go to hell, and some of you who believe that accumulating good deeds is the only way to enter the Pure Land. Both these mindsets are the result of our belief in self-power. Because we are foolish beings, we act out of self-centeredness. But our good deeds are done only to gain our own interest based on our judgment, which is why our calculation is both impure and imperfect.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

However, we Nembutsu followers do not need our own calculation at all because it is Amida Buddha's calculation that allows us to attain Buddhahood. T his is the teaching of Jodo Shinshu.

That is why Shinran tells us to throw away the imperfect concept of self-power (our calculating mind) and rely instead on other power that is Amida Buddha's Vow (Amida's calculation), which allows us to receive true peace of mind.

Think about what we were like as children when we relied entirely on our parents. "The world without a parent" refers to when we alone guess, judge, and make conclusions. In that state, we have many issues to worry about each day. But think back to your childhood. Some of you may have experienced hardship, but I would assume the majority of you have mostly positive memories of your youth. The reason we have such good memories is because we naturally, unconsciously and completely trusted our parents' decisions. In other words, we lived in our parents' calculation. Although it is hard to become an aware person in one's childhood, the child's mind being embraced in the parents' calculation brings a sense of security and safety. Because of their

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- ***2/6, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo, Online
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- ***2/7, Mon, 10:00 am,***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***2/13, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service, Online
- ***2/20, Sun,10:00 am***
  Boy & Cub Scout Sunday Service, Online

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Super Senior Highlights

MVBT's Super Seniors are those members who are over the age of 80 and have been the pillars of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. These valued members of our Sangha have led interesting lives and greatly contributed to the growth and success of our Temple.

With Gassho,
Senior Memories Committee

Isamu & Yukiko Higa are the Super Seniors for this Echo. Their story starts on Page 6 of this issue.

This photo of Isaumu & Yukiko is from the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 50th Anniversary album dated October 2012.

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

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 — February 2022

February 6, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Online Service

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service., Online
11:00 am: English Discussion Group, Online

February 7, 2022, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group

To join, send email request to staff@mvbuddhhisttemple.org

February 13, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service, Online Service

Nirvana Day: Observe the passing of the historical Sakyamuni Buddha into Nirvana
Pet Memorial: Express our gratitude and gratefully remember the pets who provided us with love and companionship

February 20, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Cub & Boy Scout Service, Online Service

Observe the contributions of the Cub & Boy Scouts to the Temple

February 27, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Service, Online Service

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Study Class

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

Scott Takasuka	*May 29,1986 - Dec 25,2021*
Junichi Takimoto	*June 1, 1932 - Dec 31, 2021*
Eiko Kihara	*July 24, 1930 - Jan 1, 2022*

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

Namo Amida Butsu

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parents, children enjoy this profound sense of security. It is the world without child's calculation, meaning the child doesn't have to worry about anything at all because they have their parents.

The Nembutsu teaching is the same. To receive ***Shinjin*** means the freedom of not having to worry about anything. It is to entrust ourselves completely to Amida's Primal Vow. From this perspective, we are able to reflect deeply on our foolishness because we become fully aware that our calculation is nothing but an obstruction to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha.

To be rid of our calculating mind means to discard both our faith and doubt. For example, we naturally see the sun with a ***Shinjin*** mind. The sun upon which all our lives depend will surely rise in the east every morning whether we believe it will or not. It is not that the sun rose this morning because we believed that it would. Nor is it that the sun will not rise tomorrow if we doubt that it will. Nor is it that the sun won't come up tomorrow if we think it won't. No one goes to sleep worrying whether or not the sun will rise the next day.

In other words, in our daily lives, we have neither faith in nor doubt about the sun. Each night, we go to bed without any anxiety at all about the sun. This describes our trusting state of mind that ignores calculation and instead relies completely on the sun. With this attitude, we strive to make each day a full one with the deepest feelings of gratitude, basking in the blessings of the sun.

The sun rises because of the inconceivable power of the universe that is beyond our calculation, so it is not at all affected by our faith or doubt. If we really questioned whether the sun will rise or not each day, we would not be able to sing life's praises because of the great anxiety we would feel.

Although we have felt either overjoyed or disheartened as we face our many problems each day, we have never worried about whether the sun will rise. Because the sun rises despite our thoughts, we are able to live each day to the fullest and feel at peace at the moment we face tomorrow.

The ***Shinjin*** or entrusting mind which Shinran encourages is similar to this. The Primal Vow of Amida Buddha will surely lead all sentient beings to the Pure Land, meaning that it is completely unaffected by our faith or doubt. We should not believe in Amida Buddha with our unreliable mind. Instead, we should discard both our faith and doubt and entrust ourselves completely to the Vow of Amida Buddha. Receiving his vow in this state of mind is called "***Shinjin*** of Absolute Other Power."

Shinjin of Other Power is not a state that we create, but it is formed by Amida Buddha. So even if we develop dementia and forget completely about Amida Buddha, the working of Namo Amida Butsu will surely continue to embrace us warmly and lead us to the Pure Land.

The moment we realize that – even without true wisdom or the ability to rid ourselves of the calculation of self-power, we have already been living in the embrace of Amida Buddha – then our mind of darkness will be brightened by the light of wisdom, and our calculating mind will change into a joyous one. We will be embraced gently with the great ocean of supreme relief, much like a baby who sleeps peacefully in his mother's arms, entrusting himself completely to her. When such a state of mind is filled with the voice of Nembutsu, this is the very moment we receive ***Shinjin***.

Although there is a limit to using the sun as a metaphor, I sincerely hope that each of us will entrust ourselves completely to the infinite working of Amida Buddha, who made a vow: ***"Just rely on me. I will surely lead you to the Pure Land."***

Together, let us make this year a fruitful and peaceful year of reciting the Nembutsu in gratitude.

In Gassho,

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マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二二年二月法話

ー信心をいただく（二）ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先月の法話に引き続き、浄土真宗の要である信心についてお話させていただきます。先の法話で述べましたように、信心をいただくということは、「信罪福心」がない、つまり、自力のはからいを捨てた世界をいいます。悪いことをすると地獄に堕ちると思っている方や、善行を積むことが浄土に生まれる唯一の道なのだと信じておられる方がおられると思いますが、このような考え方を自力のはからいといいます。

また私達は凡夫であるがゆえに、どれほど善行を積んだとしても、その心の奥底には自己を中心とした利益ばかりを追い求める不純なはからいしか存在しないので、自力での往生浄土の道は閉ざされています。しかし、念仏者は阿弥陀仏のおはからいでお浄土に参って仏にならせていただくので、自らのはからいは全く必要がないというのが浄土真宗のみ教えです。

ですから、親鸞聖人は、不完全な自力のはからいを捨てて、阿弥陀仏のおはからい（本願）の中に身を委ねて真の安らぎを得なさいと教えて下さっています。

それはちょうど幼少時代、親の存在に安心して全て任せきっていた心の状態に似ています。例えば、親のない世界というのは、私が何でも決めていく、私のはからいの世界です。ですから不安なことも多いはずです。ところが、皆さんの幼少時代はどうだったでしょうか？もちろん、つらいことがあったという方もいらっしゃると思いますが、たいていの方は子供の頃の楽しかった思い出がたくさんあるのではないでしょうか。では何故、幼少時代が楽しいかといいますと、それは、無意識のうちに親を信頼し何事も任せきっていたからです。つまり、親のはからいの中で私達は生かされていたのです。子供の頃はなかなか気付くことはできませんが、親のはからいの中にいる子供の心というのは何とも穏やかで安心しきっています。それは、親がいるから安心だという子供のはからいのない世界です。

お念仏のみ教えも全く同じことで、信心をいただくということは、私があれこれ心配するのではなく、阿弥陀仏のおはからいがあるからと安心しきって全てをお任せすることなのです。むしろ、自分のはからいが、阿弥陀仏のご本願の邪魔にしかならないのだと自らの愚かさを反省する世界をいいます。

はからいを捨てるということは、信じる心も、疑う心も両方捨てるということです。例えば、私達は太陽に対して信心のような心をもっているといえます。私達のいのちを育む太陽は、私達が信じようと信じまいと毎朝東から昇ります。私達が太陽が昇ると信じたから今朝太陽が昇ったわけではありませんし、私達が太陽に対して疑い心を持ってしまったら、明日は昇らないというわけではありません。「明日も太陽が必ず昇りますように」と不安な気持ちになりながら眠りにつく人なんていないでしょう。

私達は日々の生活で、太陽に対して疑いの心を持つわけでもなく、また、信じるわけでもなく、毎晩何の心配もなく寝床についています。これこそ、私達がはからいを捨てて、完全に太陽に任せきった姿なのです。そして、翌朝、恵みの太陽の光を一身に浴びながら、感謝のうちに一日一日を精一杯に生きているのです。

太陽は私達のはからいを越えた無限の宇宙の力で昇るのであって、私達の信じる心や疑いの心に左右されることは一切ありません。もし、私達のはからい次第で、太陽が昇るかどうか分からないような生活では不安が先立って人生を謳歌することなどできません。私達はいろんな問題を抱えて一喜一憂の日々を過ごしていますが、太陽が昇るかどうかという心配は全くしていません。私達のはからいを越えて太陽が昇るからこそ、安心して私達は明日に向かって今を精一杯生きることができるのです。

親鸞聖人のお勧め下さる信心も同じように、必ず浄土へ導くという阿弥陀仏のご本願は私達の信じる心や疑いの心によって決して影響されるものではありません。当てにならない私の心で阿弥陀仏を信じるのではなく、私の信じる心も、疑う心も打ち捨てて、阿弥陀仏のおはからいに全てお任せするのです。このお心を頂く事を「絶対他力の信心」というのです。

他力の信心は、決して私が作りあげたものではなく、阿弥陀仏が仕上げて下さったものですから、たとえ、私がボケてしまって阿弥陀仏のことを忘れるようなことがあっても、南無阿弥陀仏のおはたらきは間違いなく、この私を温かく包み込んで、お浄土へと必ず導いて下さるのです。

常に自力のはからいを捨てきれない真の智慧なき私が、既に阿弥陀仏のおはからいの中で生かされていると気付かされた時、智慧の光明によって、私の心の闇が晴れ渡り、はからいの心が大きな歓喜の心となって、幼児が母親の胸に身を委ねるが如き、大いなる安堵の海に私の心は抱き取られていくのです。その心にお念仏の声が溢れ出たその時こそが、他力の信心をいただいた瞬間なのです。

太陽の譬えに限界があるかとは思いますが、「まかせよ、必ず救う」と願って下さった無限のおはたらきの阿弥陀仏に全てをお任せして、報恩感謝のお念仏を称えながら皆さんと共に心安らかな一年にしていきたいと思います。

Super Seniors Isamu & Yukiko Higa

By Ricky Chu

Isamu & Yukiko at the
2019 Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon

Leaders are people we all tend to gravitate towards. For Isamu and Yukiko Higa, their dedication to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and their family are immeasurable.

Naomi Higa, their youngest daughter says it well,

"The definition of a leader is someone who provides inspiration and guidance and exhibits courage and commitment. The traits of a good leader are compassion and good communication skills. An effective leader lives by strong values that guide their decisions and behaviors. I credit my dad for my successes through his example of Buddhism. When I was young my dad lectured me about how life was not fair and, in order to succeed as a minority (way back then), I would have to work twice as hard. As a child, I did not like what he said, but quickly learned what he meant.

My Mom is from Okinawa and a survivor of WWII. She was a housewife which I had no clue was, and is, the hardest job in the world. She cooked every meal from scratch, did all the household chores, drove three girls to different activities, worked 365 days a year without a vacation or complaint, meditates daily and participated in the BWA volunteering with the Chicken Teriyaki and Mochi Tsuki Fundraising, and making sushi for the Obon Bazaar Dining room. My Mom embodies the Dharma of Buddhism, wisdom, kindness, patience, generosity, and compassion. I credit my mom for all my wonderful relationships that I have had throughout my life."

MEETING & FAMILY

If we rewind a few decades earlier, Isamu and Yukiko's family were both originally from Okinawa, prefecture of Japan located on the Ryukyu Islands. Okinawa Prefecture is the southernmost and westernmost prefecture of Japan. Isamu was one of 13 children – the 11th oldest with five brothers and seven sisters. Yukiko (Uema) Higa was one of six children – the 3rd oldest with three brothers and two sisters.

The two met while Isamu was working as a contractor for Philco Ford for the U.S. Air Force. He was assigned to the Naha Air Force base and met Yukiko when she was working as a cashier at the Officers Club in 1959.

Isamu & Yukiko Higa

Together they had three daughters:

- Cynthia (Higa) Hamblin (oldest daughter) married to Mr. Chuck Hamblin and they reside in Idaho. They have two children: Rachelle and Julie.
- Kathleen (Higa) LaMore (middle daughter) married to Mr. Jay LaMore and they reside in Wisconsin.
- Naomi Higa (youngest daughter) lives in Hawaii.

Higa Family
Lt to Rt: Cynthia Hamblin, Naomi Weamire, Yukiko & Isamu Higa and Kathleen LaMore

PAST & PRESENT

Isamu and Yukiko resided in Sunnyvale since 1962. Early in 2021, they moved to Idaho to be closer to their daughter Cynthia in Eagle, Idaho. A town approximately 10 miles northwest of Boise.

Isamu explains, "Idaho is a beautiful place, the weather is similar to California. It's a bit colder, but not too cold. There is lots of water and everything is very green. Compared to California, it is not as hot and dry. Close by, there are lots of things to do and see including many natural landmarks like waterfalls and national parks. Yellowstone National Park is about six hours away. I have noticed that many of my neighbors were originally from California."

Eagle, Idaho

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Super Seniors Isamu & Yukiko Higa (cont'd)

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WORK & MVBT

During his working years, Isamu was a Senior Manager as an electronic engineer while Yukiko was the homemaker.

The Higa's first encounter with the Mountain View Buddhist Temple was through the Japanese Language School, a place for children to learn Japanese. All three of their kids attended school at the Temple. As parents, they got to know the other families attending the same language program. After three years, they decided to join the Mountain View Buddhist Temple as members. Isamu recalls the program as a good place to connect with the community and while having a place for his kids to learn the Japanese language.

Yukiko & Isamu Higa with Kathleen LaMore at Shoshone Falls Idaho

Isamu recalls "Our children went to school there, figured I should help out. I always thought maybe because in my day job I was a supervisor of many people, it translated well to my volunteer life at the Temple. I started a few small companies in my time and I guess I communicated well with folks. It was natural for me to be active along with my family. Temple work was easy compared to my day job! For my children, I did the best I could and helping the Temple out was one way of helping them."

LEADERS AT MVBT

ABA. The MVBT Sangha relies on the collection of members working together harmoniously to preserve the many assets, traditions and organizations that have been created over the years. The Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) was started in 1972. Ray Murakami was the 1st President. Isamu became the 2nd president starting in 1973 serving until July 1975. In addition, Isamu was Zone 7 Chairman for over 20 years.

Zone Chair. Bob Yamanaga, current Zone 7 Chairman recalls,

"I took over the Zone Chair from Isamu in 2010. I tried to continue his way of communicating with the zone members. Each year he distributed a list of Zone 7 member information and service donation reminders for the coming year. Isamu maintained the Temple membership database, including the assignment of a zone to new members. He turned over that function to me in 2002.

I remember Isamu welcoming me when my family joined Temple in 1987. Both being from Hawaii, we had talks about island life. Isamu and Yuki were always inviting me into their house whenever I dropped something off and usually gave me a treat of some sort."

Maintenance. During a recent phone interview, Isamu remembers, "A few of my fondest memories were when we had to paint the ENTIRE TEMPLE GROUNDS in 3 days! (over a Friday - Sunday period). We started on Friday and had 99% of the work done by Sunday. On Monday, the garden crew came and helped do touchups since they were usually off then. Thankfully we finished most of the work in three days or else we would have run out of labor."

Obon Festival & Bazaar. Many fellow members recall both Isamu and Yukiko volunteering and helping out as much as they could. One of Isamu's important tasks was overseeing all of the toys purchases for the Obon Festival & Bazaar. All of the Bazaar game booths have various prizes and toys as giveaways. Today, fellow Temple member Donna Okubo oversees the task of managing toys for the Temple.

Donna recalls that:

"Over 30 years ago, I started to work with Mr. Higa with ordering Animal Pitch prizes. This gradually moved into ordering all the prizes for the Bazaar and managing the prize warehouse. He had a knack for ordering the 'hot' prize. His secret was asking his grandkids! He was a great teacher and let me learn to make a few mistakes too. One year I said 'Batman was hot. Let's get a bunch of them.' He wasn't very enthusiastic, but he let me buy them. Somehow, he knew! Batman was in the warehouse for at least 4 Bazaars. We eventually downgraded Batman to a Hoop-La prize. Throughout the years, he mentored me about what plates for animal pitch to look for at the thrift stores (rimless) to how to pack up the warehouse to be ready for the next year, and insights into working together with all the Temple members.

Mrs. Higa was also a wonderful teacher as well. She greeted you in the Sangha Hall kitchen with her welcoming smile and also fixed a few of my 'exploded' sushi rolls during maki sushi rolling!"

Temple Policy. One important accomplishment was Isamu's assistance in implementing the Temple's Sexual Harassment Policy. He recalls that, along with 5-6 other committee members, he helped create the Sexual Harassment policy for the Temple. The committee prepared documents with an attorney that were incorporated into the Temple's policies and procedures.

BWA. Marie Ochi-Jacobs recalls "Back in 2000, when Allan and I were beginning to attend services at MVBT, they were welcoming and befriended us. Mr. Higa recruited Allan on some fixit (minor) chores around the Temple and I was with Yukiko in the BWA. Yukiko used to prepare the sashimi (from Sam Sugimoto) for the Obon Bazaar. For a couple of years, I assisted her on this project. I recall having to store the prepared plates of sashimi in the walk-in fridge. When

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Super Seniors Isamu & Yukiko Higa (cont'd)

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Yukiko went in to fetch a tray of plates, she would walk out with her thick glasses all fogged up! Amusing image that remains with me. I was always grateful for the couple's friendship and acceptance. I admired Yukiko's spirit of getting things done without fussing."

Yukiko Higa working in the kitchen at Sangha Hall

LASTING LEGACY

The years will come and go however the memories and traditions of every generation stay forever.

Daughter Cynthia remembers fondly, "One of my favorite memories of growing up in the Temple was the Obon festival. Obon is like coming home after you have been gone for a while. You get to see family, friends, and eat a lot of home cooked food all in one weekend. When we were young, my sisters and I played all the games and danced in the Obon. As we got older, we worked in the game booths and loved eating our way through all the food stands with our Sunday School friends, while our parents were busy working. Chuck and I, even before getting married, would go to the Obon and bring friends every year to support my parents since it was such an important Temple event, and they were so proud to be a part of it. It was always nice to see the smiling faces of the church members that I grew up with year after year.

Thanksgiving 2021
Front row: Isamu & Yukiko Higa and Cynthia Hamblin
Back row: Granddaughters, Julie & Rachelle Hamblin

A generation later, our girls looked forward to going to Obon every year. They loved all the games, especially trying to win a goldfish, visiting their Grandpa in the warehouse with all the toys and seeing their Grandma in the kitchen and getting to eat yummy udon noodles. They loved playing BINGO, eating shave ice, corn on the cob, and chicken and beef teriyaki."

Daughter Kathleen states, "As a child, church was a family thing. We participated in church activities especially with my parents. As an adult, I realized my dad used his knowledge and skills to hold leadership roles with the church. My mom developed relationships which she continues to nourish to this day. It was important to my parents to be involved with the church. I'm so proud of what they accomplished and experienced over these years along with their dedication to the church."

Julie Ushiba, a fellow member explains, "I have known Isamu and Yukiko for over 40 years. During the Temple activities, we talked and laughed for silly and general subjects. Nothing about personal matters. Isamu-san was very active for Temple activities for chairing many events. He is from Hawaii, so he is very easy going, and we had fun to talking to him. My husband, Kinji, talked to him about koi since he had a koi pound in his backyard. We were the zone chair so we did visit them.

Yukiko-san was the chair for Zone 5 of the BWA. Since Yukiko-san and I have been BWA members for over 40 years, we are friends. As I said before, we chatted really silly stuffs always. She is wonderful and fun loving with big heart."

ACTIVE MEMBERS

The list of activities the Higa Family have been involved with goes on and on:

- Changing the rugs in the Hondo for the first time ever,
- Regular ECHO contributors,
- BBQing for Sasaki Golf Tourney every year and
- Mochi Tsuki just to name a new.

THANK YOU

Let us celebrate here in the New Year, all the contributions the Higa family have and continue to make towards our Sangha. We wish Isamu and Yukiko the best from California and those of you looking to travel in 2022, we all know who to call if you find your way up to Idaho!

FUN FACT

Did you know the Mountain View Buddhist Temple was not always our original legal entity name? The original legal name was Mountain View Buddhist Church. Isamu noticed that many members used Temple instead of the word Church. So along with a small group of members, they filed a formal entity name change with the California Secretary of State to change it to Mountain View Buddhist Temple, our name as we know it today.

Namo Amida Butsu —
With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

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Girl Scout Padma Award Program at MVBT

This is the second of the three articles by three MVBT Girl Scouts who are working for their Padma Award. Each scout is writing about a woman who is a Buddhist Reverend within the Buddhist Churches of America.

By Senior Scout Kendall Ho

Rev. Etsuko Mikame

Reverend Etsuko Mikame was born in the Shimane Prefecture, Japan. Growing up in a family temple that was founded in 1662, she would help manage and conduct the daily services. For example, she and her grandmother would ring the bell six times every evening before conducting service. In her daily life, she would go to school regularly, just like everyone else. Both her father and older brother are ministers and, originally, she wasn't really interested in also becoming a minister.

She went to college and majored in English literature. After graduating, she found a job at a medical company. Unfortunately, during this time, she experienced many difficulties with her boss. Her boss was very strict and particular with the way things were done. At first, Sensei was grateful for the advice, but, as time went by, the advice became very intimidating. Due to the fact that she was young and inexperienced, she made a lot of mistakes while talking on the phone or speaking to others. With the constant criticism, she felt that anything she did was wrong. "I originally was very cheerful because I was full of motivation," says Reverend Mikame, "but my mood was getting darker day by day because I couldn't enjoy my job." Being nervous at her daily job was affecting her outside life too. Later, someone told Sensei about her boss's difficulties at home. While she thought of the boss's behavior as understandable, she couldn't find it in her heart to sympathize. She had been in a tough situation herself at the time. "Eventually, my body and mind were not well balanced, and I took a leave to take a rest, so, soon after, I quit the job." She had struggled about where to go in life at this point. When she met with her grandmother, who is also a minister, she suggested that she study Buddhism in Kyoto, Japan.

In Kyoto, Mikame Sensei would start her studies at a Buddhist seminary. This seminary was to teach the basics of Buddhism. Then in order to become an ordained minister of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Reverend Mikame had to receive a "Tokudo" orientation, which takes place at the Head Temple (Nishi Hongwanji) in Kyoto, Japan. Tokudo is considered to be one of the first formal steps, where one is now considered to be a student of the Nembutsu teaching. After graduating from the seminary, she applied for a hundred-day training course called "Fukyoshi Katei." This is where ten experienced Buddhist ministers teach the students how to present and make Dharma talks. They give advice on how to improve a transcript to the students as well. These ministers were also Hongwanji's official certificated speakers who were allowed to speak within the halls of the Hongwanji. These ministers, during the Fukyoshi Katei, would travel all over Japan to give Dharma talks to other temples. At the end of the training period, students share their own Dharma talks in front of the very strict board of instructors. With this step, Reverend Mikame was able to earn the license to become an official, certified speaker at Hongwanji. This seemed like a very short training period, which is why I asked if she had done any more training. She responded that we are Jodo Shinshu Buddhist who believe that no matter what, eventually we all will end up in the Pure Land. Therefore, we don't need strict practices or rituals.

After her formal training, Reverend Mikame stayed at a temple in Kamogawa City, in Chiba prefecture. This coincidental opportunity was introduced to her by her best friend, who also happened to be a minister. Since the former resident minister had passed away, no one was living or regularly taking care of the Temple grounds. The new resident minister, who drove down to take care of Temple activities, and the temple's director allowed her to live there until she moved to the U.S. If the two were busy, she would help conduct some services on the weekends, and teach English during the rest of the week. This happened a year before she was assigned to any temple by the Hongwanji or the BCA.

During her last three months in Chiba, she would help another temple in a different city. At this temple was another female minister who was the chief resident minister. "She is over 70 years old, but so active and energetic. She was born in a temple family," says Reverend Mikame. "She didn't expect to take over the position of the resident minister from her father at all." When the chief minister was younger, she used to live in France for her job and had no intentions of going back to Japan. Later, the father of the chief minister got sick and wanted the chief to take over his position. She couldn't help but to come home.

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Girl Scout Padma Award Program at MVBT (cont'd)

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"Now, it is common to find female ministers, but around forty years ago this wasn't the case," says Mikame Sensei. Female ministers were still a minority and the chief minister experienced discrimination from many people. After taking over for her father, some of the Sangha would criticize her for being a female. They would say that a female's sutra chanting would have affected one's birth in the Pure Land. Because of her gender, people didn't accept her as a resident minister of their temple. "However, she didn't give in. She always tried to treat everyone equally and talked to her temple members. She never cuts corners and never does things halfway when it comes to the Temple activities and services. Her efforts, wholehearted dedications, were gradually appreciated by her Temple members." To this day, the current chief minister is loved by many people, not just the Sangha but many others as well." Reverend Mikame admires people just like the chief minister. "A leader who has a clear vision and a mission as a leader. [However,] the most important trait is the ability to include and treat everyone equally regardless of differences in age, gender, or position, being equally compassionate to anyone."

After gaining new experiences and teachings, Reverend Mikame was assigned to the San Jose Buddist Church Betsuin in the United States. Upon arrival, she found many differences between Japanese and American temples. One difference, for example, is the number of people affiliated with the temples. At San Jose Betsuin, there are many organizations within the Temple such as Jr. YBA, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, the choir, BWA, Dharma School, and etc. Plus, there are multiple generations, young and old, coming to hear the Dharma. She was surprised by the many different organizations that comprise the San Jose Betsuin. She mainly emphasized the size of the Sangha. At her home Temple in Japan, there are only about sixty Temple members. Here in the United States, we have weekly services that last about an hour long. However, at Mikame Sensei's home Temple, services are only held once or twice a month, but last up to two to three hours long. As a result, there are more memorial services than Dharma talks.

Interviewing Reverend Mikame was very interesting but also very inspiring. Being a high schooler myself, I am thinking about the next big steps of my life. Finding out that Reverend Mikame had struggled with similar problems with pressure and stress helps me believe that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Namo Amida Butsu —
With Kindness & Gratitude Beyond Words

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

CONDOLENCES

BWA extends our condolences to the family of Eiko Kihara, who passed away on January 1, 2022. Mrs. Kihara was a longtime honorary member.

AMERICAN FLAG SIGNING

It was an honor for BWA to sponsor the WWII camp internees flag signing at our Temple on Sunday, January 9, 2022. The event was a great success with 32 signers. Some also signed for family members who were deceased or unable to attend.

A special thank you to **Shirley Matsumoto** and **Lois Okino** for coordinating the event with telephone calls and online communications. They did a great job! Also, thanks to the hard-working volunteers who all came to help keeping things running smoothly. Thank you: **Lorrie & Glenn Kitasoe**; **Phyllis Chan**; **Lois Okino, Will and Kendall Dea**; **Amy & Eric Arakaki**; **Julie Nakatani**; and **Ray Murakami**.

Watch for the next issue of the Echo for more on the American Flag Signing event with photos.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

$20 membership dues for 2022 are now being accepted.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

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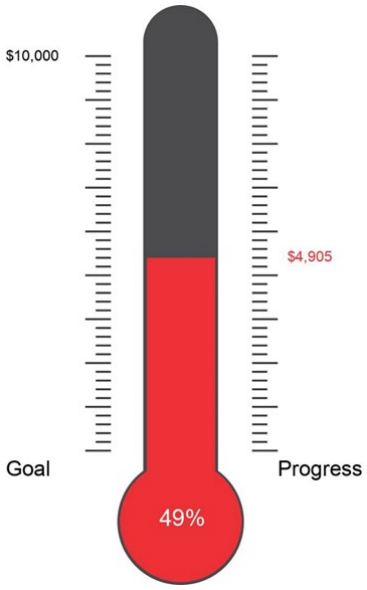
SANGHA CONNECT

DONATION DRIVE



As of January 11, 2022

We're half way there! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to the Sangha Connect Donation Drive thus far! We are well on our way to covering the costs for touchless restroom fixtures, electrostatic sprayers with disinfectant and classroom air purifiers. While we are overwhelmed with the outpouring of generosity, we still have a little more ground to cover. If you haven't already donated, please consider contributing to this very worthwhile cause. These funds will help maintain the connections the Mountain View Buddhist Temple has nurtured for over 60 years!

A Donation Link and a Wish List can be found on the Sangha Connect Page:

https://sangha.mvbuddhisttemple.org/

Donations can also be made on the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's donation page:

https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mvbt

As always, a check written out to "MVBT" with "Sangha Connect" in the note section can be mailed to the office, too!

In Gassho
MVBT Reopening Task Force

Thank You to All of the "Sangha Connect Donors"

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple thanks all of our donors who have supported this effort as of January 11, 2022.

"With your support we are able to maintain the connections the Mountain View Buddhist Temple has nurtured over the years"

In Gassho,
Sangha Connect Committee

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MVBT YBA News

YBA TRIP PLANNING

As mentioned in our January Echo article, the majority of our YBA members have voted to go to Disneyland for our 2022 trip. The trip planning committee has begun to build an itinerary for our trip with a focus on outdoor activities.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Our YBA holiday party was held on December 18 outdoors on the Sangha Hall patio and consisted of a White Elephant Exchange, "Ugly Sweater" Competition, Gingerbread Man-making, and minute-to-win-it games.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COAST DISTRICT WINTER ACTIVITY

We are currently brainstorming ideas for the Mountain View Coast Distric Winter Activity that will take place sometime in March of this year. Given the rise of new variants, we have decided to proactively plan an outdoor activity.

YBA SPAGHETTI DINNER

YBA Spaghetti Dinner Chair **Jake Aquino** is in the middle of preparation for this year's Spaghetti Dinner on February 12. We will have another dine out fundraiser again this year, but hope to bring back our traditional event in future years. This year, the dine out portion will be provided by Gumba's Italian Restaurant in Sunnyvale

GUMBA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

In Gassho,
Evan Itow
2021-2022 YBA President

YBA SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO

Sat, Feb 12

City of Mountain View
Certificate of Recognition
The City Council Presents this Certificate to
Susan Johansen
in recognition of your contribution toward beautifying the Mountain View Buddhist Temple for the past five years!
Dated: December 4, 2021
Ellen Kamei, Mayor

Certificate of Recognition to "Chris"

A Certificate of Recognition was awarded to Susan Johansen, better known as "Chris" to the MVBT Sangha. This recognition is from the City of Mountain View and is signed by Mayor Ellen Kamei.

Chris has been coming to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple several times a week and has spent many hours for the past several years helping with landscaping and keeping trash picked up. Chris is not a Temple member, but graciously has given her time maintaining the Temple grounds. She has pulled weeds, trimmed trees, picked up garbage and more. She has treated the Temple grounds like her home.

Chris has also been seen by Temple members cleaning the meridian on both N. Shoreline Road and W. Middlefield Road.

Thank You, Chris.
The Mountain View Buddhist Temple

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MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Daisy / Junior Scouts

The Daisy and Junior girls discussed cookie sales and entrepreneurship. They began to prepare Thank You notes to show their gratitude to those who will purchase cookies from our troop.

Padma Scouts

Our Padma Scouts will each be submitting an article about their interview of a female Reverend in the Buddhist Churches of America. Be sure to look for Kendall's interview with Reverend Etsuko Mikame in this month's edition of the Echo.

Girl Scout Cookies!

It's almost time! Girl Scout cookie sales will start soon. Look for links in Putra's Post to order in late January.

This year there is a new flavor: Adventurefuls - a brownie-inspired cookie filled with a caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Girl Scout Meeting
January 8, 2022

Dharma School News

明けましておめでとうございます!

As we begin the new year amid the surging omicron variant, I would like to thank all of you for your continued patience, resilience, and support as we continue to respond to the ever-changing nature of the pandemic. I hope that you will all continue to stay safe and healthy in the coming weeks, and that we will all be able to see each other in person this year. Here's to a better 2022!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

2022 150 Club News

Happy New Year as we start the new year with new 150 Club winners.

Our first winner of the new year is Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto. Congratulations!

Thank you to the Sangha for participating in 150 Club for 2022!

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent in Mail
FEB	No Toban	N / A	N / A
MAR	No Toban	Feb 11 (Fri)	Feb 21 (Mon)
ARPIL	No Toban	Mar 11 (Fri)	Mar 21 (Mon)

Please note the article deadline and mailing dates. The mailing date has been adjusted to accommodate the Temple's COVID-19 requirements. This will provide time to layout, proof, finalize and print the issue. Thank you. *Domo Arigato.* Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org .

Mochitsuki @ Home

Many thanks to everyone for supporting Mochitsuki 2021.

Although it was not our annual traditional Mochitsuki, thanks to the Osaka-Ya manju shop in Sacramento, we were able to offer FRESH Mochi and Yokan for purchase this year. We are grateful for their support as they delivered over 750 pounds of komochi to us. We hope you enjoyed it.

Thank you to all the volunteers from Zone 13:

- **Deane, Emily and Caitlen Furuichi**, **Gene Kita**, **Brian and Grace Lee**, **Dave Maruyama**, **Donna Okubo**, **Kay Sasaki**, **Nancy Sugimoto** and **Lillian Terada**.
- Also to **Elise Fujimoto**, **Sue Yuen**, **John Arao**, **Harry Ohara**, **Julie Nakatani**, **Bob Matsumoto**, **Randy Sato**, **Bryan Nishimoto**, **Doug Sawamura**, **Jean Shimoguchi** and **Reverend Mukojima**.

We appreciate all your time and support. It was a cold and windy day, but the rain held out and it was great to see all of you in person, even though we were socially distanced.

If you haven't had a chance, check out our Mochitsuki photo gallery from the last in-person MVBT Mochitsuki held in 2019 at: https://sangha.mvbuddhisttemple.org/mochitsuki/

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

In Gassho,
Zone 13 Mochitsuki Committee
Sandy Furuichi and Yuki Hata-Kita

ABA News

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Adult Buddhist Association

HAPPY 2022

ABA members wish everyone a Happy Year of the Tiger.

MONTHLY MEETINGS CONTINUE

We continue to meet through Zoom on a monthly basis and have curtailed any in-person activities.

HELPING TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS

In 2022, ABA and YABA hope to work with the LifeMoves. They are a Mountain View-based agency who is dedicated to finding solutions to homelessness in Silicon Valley. We are reviewing volunteer opportunities and will have details at a later date.

LifeMoves
Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

MVBT Membership Committee News: Membership Drive

It is Time for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Membership Drive!

First and foremost, we want to thank everyone for their continued investment in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Without your support we wouldn't be able to continuously provide our Sangha with valuable benefits and actively develop our programs. Put simply, you make what we do possible.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple member dues support the maintenance of the Temple, our minister, facilities, organizations, and all the wonderful programs that benefit our Sangha.

Coming Soon in Your Mailbox:

JAN — Package with Membership Information and the Annual Donation Summary (members only)

FEB — Current member information for your review so we may update our database and the MVBT Directory

Volunteer — When you join or renew your membership, you will be asked to fill out a Volunteer Talents & Skills survey to help us provide meaningful ways for you to get involved

JOIN or RENEW your Membership NOW, by going to the MVBT website Home page, then select the button under "MEMBERSHIP INFO."

If you have questions, please email us at
membership@mvbuddhisttemple.org

Membership at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple isn't just about saying you belong to a community. It's about investing in the place you love, a community that feels like home both physically and spiritually. As a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, you are a part of a supportive family, connected group of friends, and vibrant Buddhist community.

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee
Bob, Steve, Jean, Leslie, & Elise

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a happy, safe and a healthy New Year. It is our wish it will continue throughout the coming years.

Trying to Stay in Touch

The Senior Activities and Craft have no news to report, but wish mostly to stay in touch. It is our hope we can once again join together in our once-a-week Thursday meeting. With our safety in mind, the Temple still has not decided to open the Temple activities. In the meantime, stay well and maintain your good health. You are all truly missed.

Thursday Taiko

We will continue the Taiko program every Thursday from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. We thank our instructors, **Susan Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi**, for their patience, in giving our Taiko lesson via Zoom. Please join in the fun with us, for it is never too late to enjoy and learn Taiko. We are looking for interested taiko members. For more information, call **Reiko Tsuchida**.

Cookbook

The Senior Activities Cookbook is still available and can be purchased at the Temple office or through the Senior Committee members. A great holiday gift. The sale price is still at $15.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

2022 MVBT YBA Spaghetti Dinner at Home Fundraiser

Saturday, February 12, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA (Young Buddhist Association) will be hosting our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 12. This year's fundraiser will consist of a dine-out fundraiser and virtual BINGO and 50/50 raffle over Zoom.

DINE OUT TO SUPPORT YBA!

This year's Spaghetti Dinner will be a TAKE-OUT/PICK-UP only fundraiser at:

Gumba's Italian Restaurant in Sunnyvale
176 S Murphy Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

GUMBA'S
ITALIAN RESTAURANT

PLEASE CALL THEM DIRECTLY AT (408) 737-8384 to place a PICK-UP order.
https://gumbas.com/
Pick-up time: 1-8 pm

YBA will receive 20% of all purchases made from the regular menu on February 12.
Show attached flyer (on paper or electronically) to make your purchase count.

(YBA will not receive proceeds from 3rd party delivery services like DoorDash or Grubhub).

Everyone will pick up their own meals from Gumba's Italian Restaurant in Sunnyvale and are invited to join the MVBT YBA on Zoom for BINGO and Raffle Prizes.

JOIN YBA FOR ONLINE BINGO AND 50/50 RAFFLE!

In addition to our DINE OUT fundraiser at Gumba's Italian Restaurant in Sunnyvale, the YBA will also be hosting online BINGO and a 50/50 Raffle.

Please join us on Zoom on Saturday, February 12 from 7-8 pm to play!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, January 28

Please provide us with your email address so we can send you login information and instructions before the event. Your mailing address will be used to send BINGO cards via the US Postal Service.

Name: _____
First Name, Last Name

Email: _____
example@example.com

Phone Number: _____
(Area Code) – Phone Number

Address: _____
Street Address

_____ _____ _____
City State/Province Zip Code

ORDERS

Purchases of BINGO cards and 50/50 raffle tickets **must be made and submitted by January 28 in order to receive Bingo cards** in time for the fundraiser on February 12. This year, prizes will be gift cards that will be mailed or emailed to you from some of your favorite stores!

The proceeds from our annual Spaghetti Dinner support the YBA's religious and social activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for members to experience the Dharma together.

	Quantity	Total
Number of Bingo Sheets:	_____ **x $5.00**	**$**_____
Number of Raffle Tickets:	_____ **x $ 5.00**	**$**_____

- *(NOTE: these are 1 card per sheet, different than Obon or other events where we have 4 per sheet)*
- *The winner will receive half of the 50/50 raffle ticket sales proceeds, and the winning ticket will be pulled live on Zoom!*

Additional Donation: **$**_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: **$**_____

PAY BY CHECK: Please make your check payable to **MVBT YBA**
Mail the form above and check to:

MVBT YBA
c/o Ryan Mukoyama
3395 Londonderry Dr.
Santa Clara, CA 95050

If you have any questions, please contact Jake Aquino @ 650-447-5201 (22swag4121@gmail.com). Or, you may contact Yumi Higa @ 408-421-4106 (yumi_higa@yahoo.com)

In Gassho,
Jake Aquino
2022 MVBT YBA Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

February

Monthly

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Service

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Virtual Shotsuki Hoyo for February to be held on Sunday, February 6

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See MVBT website or Putra's Post for details

February 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 **February** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Bill Ichiro Asada	**James J. Inokuchi**	**Edward Okamura**
Tom Fukuda	**George Tadashi Ishimaru**	**Kimi Okubo**
Hatsugoro Fukushima	**Kay Hisako Ishizawa**	**Jane Okumura**
Ben Furuichi	**Jiro Iwata**	**Frank Sakino**
Thomas Gishi	**Kazuo Kato**	**Mary Sasaki**
Yusaku Haruta	**Jack Kawamoto**	**Kiyoshi Sawamura**
Nabei Higa	**Nori Kondo**	**Zensaku Shishido**
Chiyo Higuchi	**Chiyeko Matsumoto**	**Mary Somen**
Tomiuemon Hiramoto	**Frank Matsumoto**	**Rodney Togashi**
Chiyoko Hirohata	**Matsutaro Matsumoto**	**Ruth Yamatoda**
Jeanette Hirota	**David Toshio Matsuo**	**Haruo Yamaji**
Maureen Hojo	**Yosuke Mizuhara**	**Toshio Yamaji**
Shuichi Hori	**Richard Miyashiro**	**Mildred Yamanaga**
Henry Isamu Hoshi Jr.	**Shigeki Murai**	**Tsutomu Yamanaga**
Henry Hideo Hoshi	**Akiko Nakagawa**	**Kenneth Yasuda**
Clara Hoshida	**Haruko Nakano**	
Matsuyo Idehara	**Sally Tokoko Nakayama**	
Rev. Ryumei Iguchi	**Tsuneko Nakayama**	
Tatsuhiko Ikebe	**Niro Nishimoto**	
Francis Ikenaga	**Tsuneo Nishimura**	

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 **reverend@mvbuddhisttemple.org**

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

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.

2022 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2021	3rd Year Memorial	2020	7th Year Memorial	2016
13th Year Memorial	2010	17th Year Memorial	2006	25th Year Memorial	1998
27th Year Memorial	1996	33rd Year Memorial	1990	50th Year Memorial	1973

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **First Day of Women's History Month** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	**2**	**3** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**4** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club	**5**
6 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service 1:00 pm YBA Meeting	**7** 7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	**8** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**9** 7:00 pm MVBT Board Meeting	**10** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**11** **BCA National Council Meeting** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club 7:30 pm ABA Monthly Meeting	**12** **BCA National Council Meeting**
13 **Daylight Saving Time starts** 10:00 am BCA Eitaikyo Service 12:30 pm MVBT Taiko	**14** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**15** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**16**	**17** **St. Patrick's Day** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**18** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club	**19** **CD YBA Conference**
20 10:00 am Spring O-higan Service & Seminar	**21** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**22** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**23**	**24** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**25** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club	**26**
27 10:00 am Girl Scout Sunday Service	**28** 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	**29** 7:00 pm Young Adult Buddhist Discussion 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**30**	**31** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko		

Upcoming Events

March 6, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo Service

March 7, Monday
Buddhist Discussion Group

March 13, Sunday
BCA Eitaikyo Service

March 20, Sunday
Spring O-higan Service

March 27, Sunday
Girl Scout Sunday Service

Join MVBT Sangha

- **Five membership categories — One will fit you**
- **Build & Support your Sangha, so that we can learn & live the teachings of the Dharma**
- **Impermanence & Interdependence — we are in this together**

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