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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

October Highlights

- ***10/2, Sun, 10:00 am***
  October Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid
  * *11:00 am Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am English Language Discussion*
- ***10/3, Monday, 7:00 pm***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***10/9, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  BCA Bishops & ABA Members Memorial Service

  Guest Speaker:
  Bishop Marvin Harada

  Minister's Assistant Certification Ceremony for Devon Matsumoto

  * *Seminar following Service*

"Excluded" Shows the Tough Compassion of Amida Buddha (Part 2)

In my Dharma Talk last month, I introduced a proviso, described in the 18th Vow, which goes:

> ***"Excluded are those who commit the five grave offenses and those who slander the right Dharma."***

In Jodo Shinshu tradition, this proviso is called ***Okushimon***, which means the passage of deterrence. And it is very important for all Jodo Shinshu followers to regard the passage of deterrence as another side of Amida Buddha's great compassion or his tough compassion that embraces all beings without exception. And I mentioned that the Buddha's use of the word "excluded" is much like a parent who scolds her child when saying, "If you do such a bad thing, I won't care about you anymore!" This month, let me retell a story I originally heard from my esteemed teacher.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

"Excluded" Son

Suppose that parents have a child who likes gambling or playing card games with his friends for money. When he goes off to college, his parents might be more worried about him than lonely for him. This is because they fear he might develop a gambling addiction and neglect his studies. So as he is leaving for school, his parents, who know his character well, might threaten him: "Listen, if we find out you are gambling, we'll disown you." The meaning of "disown" here is just like Amida Buddha's warning of exclusion. When the child hears that threat, he doesn't want his parents to abandon him, so when he leaves, he says, "All right, I will be careful."

Once he is away at school,

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In-Person Sunday Service: September 11, 2022

On Sunday, September 11, the first in-person Sunday Service was held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple since March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic started. Over 150 members attended.

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MVBT Sangha in Hondo on September 11, 2022

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While Sunday Services at the Temple are Hybrid, 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 — October 2022

October 2, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo Service

11:00 am Japanese Languare Service

11:00 am Engliish Language Discussion Group

October 3, 2022, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group

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

October 9, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, BCA Bishops & ABA Memorial Service

We take this opportunity to remember the past BCA Bishops and past MVBT ABA members who have crossed into the Pure Land.

Guest Speaker: Bishop Marvin Harada

Minister's Assistant Certification Ceremony for Devon Matsumoto

11:00 am Seminar following the Service

October 16, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service

* Girl Scouts to give presentation on Breast Cancer Awareness

October 23, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service

October 30, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service

* Halloween Parade by Dharma School

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Study Class

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Sunday Dharma Messages by Rev. Mukojima and Minister's Assistants John Arima and Devon Matsumoto are available on the MVBT website or YouTube Channel

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

Shizue Hiroshige January 22, 1937 - August 18, 2022

John Hiro Kariya February 14, 1951 - August 22, 2022

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

"Excluded" Shows the Tough Compassion of Amida Buddha (Part 2) (cont'd)

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he makes a lot of good friends. Suppose that one of them also likes gambling invites him to go to the casino together. But when told by the son that if he gambles, he will be disowned, his friend argues, "Your parents are not here! If you don't tell them, they won't ever know." So the son decides to go to casino with his friend the next day. At first, he plays moderately. But as soon as he won once and got a taste for it, he was eventually hooked. Of course, the nature of gambling is that we can't continue to win. In the end, the student wasn't able to let gambling go, so he even borrowed money from his friends to be able to continue.

Meanwhile, his parents receive a phone call from someone who wants them to pay their son's debt. Although the parents try to contact their son, he doesn't answer his phone. Concerned about his safety, they go to his apartment, but learn he hasn't been there for a while. After listening to all the details of their son's behavior from those who know him, the parents desperately try to find their son, instead meeting some of his wastrel friends. After much effort, they finally find their son. When he sees his parents' distraught faces, he becomes resigned and confesses everything that has transpired.

"As we feared, you've been gambling!" Faced with this situation, what would you do if you were his dad or mom? Would you abandon him, saying, "I warned you if you gambled, I would disown you. So from now on, I will have nothing more to do with you! Never come home!" I don't believe that you would say that. I am sure that it is rare for a parent to actually disown a child. The majority of you would go to those from whom your son had borrowed money, apologize for his behavior, and agree to shoulder his debts. After that, you would tell your son, "I'm turning a blind eye to this matter this time. You can come home to us for the Thanksgiving. But you must never gamble again!"

Of course, I am aware that there are all kinds of parents, but I believe that most parent's love for a child is just like this. Therefore, the parent's use of the word "exclude" means seeing through everything about their child.

Not To "Exclude "Anyone

Unfortunately, we are terribly self-centered. We can even slander the Buddha Dharma to satisfy our own selfish needs. We are so foolish that we can live in this selfish way even though we are even pushing the Buddha away. We may sometimes trample underfoot the Buddha's teachings. Because Amida Buddha sees through our selfish decisions, he cannot help but wish that we would not commit the five grave offenses nor slander the Buddha Dharma.

In his writing, "Notes on the Inscriptions on Sacred Scrolls," ***Shinran*** says:

> *By showing the gravity of these two kinds of wrongdoing, his words make us realize that all the sentient beings throughout the ten quarters, without a single exception, will be born in the Pure Land.*

With these words, Shinran is pointing out that the reason **Amida Buddha says, "Excluded are those who commit the five grave offenses and those who slander the right Dharma,"** is because Buddha clearly shows the gravity of these wrongdoings. **Its intent is not to actually exclude anyone.**

Because Amida Buddha deeply understands our selfish and evil nature, he admonishes us, "Please don't act this way." Thus, this Buddha's sincere wish became the word "excluded." So now we can clearly see the real intent of the word "excluded" used in the Primal Vow. It is this unconditional and great compassion that saves all beings without discrimination, no matter what kind of people they are. **Amida Buddha will never abandon anyone.**

"Excluded" by My Mom

When I was 4 or 5 years old, my mom and older brother took me on a bus at the end of year to go shopping. We stopped by many grocery stores and shops to buy a lot of food and year-end gifts for the New Year season. We bought so many things that my mom's and brother's arms were full. On the way home, I was tired from walking and started to doze off on the bus. When my mom saw me nodding off, she shook my shoulder and said, "Yushi, you cannot take a nap here now. Wake up!" Because I didn't open my eyes, my mom tried to wake me up, saying, "If you sleep here, I cannot get off the bus with you. I'll leave you here. I won't care about you. You don't like it do you? Wake up, Yushi!" But I seemed not to hear her and finally fell asleep.

A few minutes later, we reached the bus stop that we get off. My brother was really afraid that our mom might really leave me in the bus. But my mom picked me up and held me firmly in her arms though her hands were holding several shopping bags. Even though my mom had warned me, "If you sleep now, I will leave you here. I don't care about you anymore," she didn't abandon me after all. My brother told me much later that, only when he became an adult, did he fully understand that her words and actions on the bus that day were the expression of "excluded" as described in the Primal Vow. That is, it was another side of Amida Buddha's great compassion.

Reflect Deeply and Do Not Assume

In Jodo Shinshu, the most important thing is to receive ***Shinjin*** or to gain the entrusting mind. It means to truly encounter the great

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compassion of Amida Buddha, which will never abandon any person. Therefore, those of us who encounter the great compassion should always reflect deeply on our foolish nature and not assume that the five grave offenders and Dharma slanderers are someone else's problem. This is because we can express any behavior depending on the condition of our own selfishness. I sincerely hope that all of us rejoice in and are grateful for the depth of Amida Buddha's compassion, namely, the other side of Amida Buddha's great compassion that opens a way of the Nembutsu, the way to the Pure Land for the sake of those like us and for the sake of all people.

In Gassho,

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness we offer our sincere condolences to the families of **Yoshiko Hamada** (4/27/1925 - 6/17/22) and **Shizue Hiroshige** (1/22/1937 - 8/18/22).

Yoshiko Hamada was a longtime member of BWA. She was a kind and caring person. Yoshiko-san who was a neighbor of my late mother-in-law and a generation younger would walk over every week to visit and make sure everything was okay.

Shizue-san was a very dedicated member of BWA and was known for her terrific energy. On a personal note, during COVID-19 and the closure of our Temple, we kept in touch by telephone, and I will truly miss our long conversations. Our BWA will miss her "taste buds" in the kitchen when we cook for our different fundraisers. She was a natural at flavoring the foods.

IN-PERSON MEETING

BWA is looking forward with great anticipation of getting back to somewhat "normal" activities.

We hope everyone will continue to stay safe and healthy!

JOIN BWA

Join our BWA (**Men are welcome**) to continue our work for the betterment of our Temple.

$20 membership dues for 2022 are now being accepted.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

Photo taken on January 6, 2019
by a Temple Neighbor

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二二年一〇月法話

「唯除」はお慈悲の裏返し（二）

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

先月の法話で、十八願に説かれてある抑止文は阿弥陀仏の大悲の裏返しであると申しました。そして、その心は、親が子を思って叱っていることとよく似ていると述べました。そこで今月は、私の恩師から聞かせていただいたお話を少しアレンジして紹介したいと思います。

皆さんに、賭け事が好きなお子さんがいるとします。友達の間でよくトランプで賭け事をしていました。その子が高校を卒業し大学に入って、親もとを離れるとなると、親は寂しいというよりは心配なはずです。ギャンブル依存症になってしまう恐れがあるので、それを見抜いた親というのは、子供と別れる前に必ず一言忠告します。「お前、賭け事に手を出したら勘当するぞ」と。勘当とは「除く」ということです。子供は勘当されたら困るので「気をつけます」と言って親と別れます。

大学に入って、いろんな友達ができて親交を深めていくうちに、ある日、賭け事が好きな友人からカジノに一緒に行こうと誘われます。しかし、「賭け事をしたら父親に勘当される」と言うと、「黙っていれば、ばれることはない」と言われ、翌日二人でカジノに出かけます。始めは抑え気味に遊んでいましたが、スロットやブラックジャックで一度勝って味を占めるとそのままのめり込んでいきました。しかし、賭け事は勝ち続けることありません。結局、多くの友達からお金を借りてまで遊んでしまうようになりました。

そのうち息子の友達から借金返済を催促する電話が親のほうにかかってきます。親は心配になって子供に電話をするけれども電話に全く出ません。これは困ったと思い、息子のアパートに行ってみても、ここ数日帰っていないようで見つからない。そこで、親は子供の友人から事情をよく聞いて、息子の賭け友達のところを必死になって探し回ります。そして苦労の末、ようやく息子に出会うわけです。すると、親の顔を見た息子は観念して、一切合切なりゆきを説明します。

「やっぱり賭け事に手を出しておったか！」その時、皆さんがその子の親だったらどうしますか。「お前は賭け事に手を出したから勘当するー！もう二度と帰ってくるな」と言って、見放すでしょうか。そうではないでしょう。息子とお金を借りた友人のところへ行って一緒に頭を下げて、息子の借金を返済するはずです。

その後、息子に「今回のことは目をつぶっといてやる。だから、サンクスギビングには家に帰ってきなさい。もう二度と賭け事には手を出すなよ！」と言うのです。世の中には、いろんな親がいますが、親の子に対する想いというものはこのようなものだと思います。ですから親の子に対する「除く」という表現はどうゆうことかといいますと、親に全て見抜かれているということなのです。

残念ながら、私達人間は、自己中心の生き物です。自分のわがままを通すためだったら仏法までそしることもあります。そうゆう愚かな生き物ですから、たとえ仏さまを突き飛ばしてでも、自己中心的な考え方を推し進めて生きています。仏法といえど、それほどのものを踏みにじって進んでいく私達の自己中心的な生き方を見抜いたからこそ、五逆と誹法だけはするなよと阿弥陀仏が願われているのです。

親鸞聖人は、『尊号真像銘文』の中で「五逆罪と正法を誹謗する者を除くといわれたのは、それらの罪の重さを知らしめるためのものであって、本当に除くということではありません」と示されています。

阿弥陀仏が、私達凡夫を罪悪深重であると見抜きつつ、「このような心だけは持ってくれるな」と願われたのが、「唯除」、ただ除くということなのです。ですから、阿弥陀仏の本願は、誰一人として除かないということです。分け隔てなく、どんなものであっても平等に救うと誓われているのがご本願なのです。

私が四、五歳の頃、年の暮れに母と兄で買い物をしにバスで出かけることがありました。年末年始に向けて食材やお歳暮などを求めて店を転々とし、大きな荷物で母と兄の両手がふさがるほどの買い物でした。その帰り道、バスの中で幼い私は歩き疲れてウトウトし始めたそうです。するとそれを見ていた母は私に向かって、「ここで寝ちゃだめよ。起きなさい」といって私の体を揺らしました。それでも私が目を開けないので、困った母は「今寝たらよう連れて降りんよ。置いていくわよ。もう知らないよ」っと言って起こそうとします。しかし、その声は届かずとうとう寝てしまったそうです。その数分後、私達の降りる駅に着いた時、兄は母が本当に弟を置いていくのではないかと心配になって見ていると、母は両手に大きな荷物を持ちながらも、私をしっかりと抱き上げて駅を降りたそうです。「置いていく」、「知らないよ」と言いながらも決して子供を見放さない母の姿に、兄はあの光景こそが本願の中で誓われている「唯徐」すなわち「慈悲の裏返し」であったんだと大人になって気づかされた言っていました。

浄土真宗では信心をたまわることが肝要でありますが、それは、誰一人として見捨てないという阿弥陀仏の本願に出遇うことなのです。五逆の悪人と仏法をそしる人を他人事として見るのではなく、縁によってどんな人間にでもなってしまう愚かな自分を常に反省しつつ、こんな私一人の為に、お念仏の道、つまり、お浄土に生まれてゆく道を開いて下さった阿弥陀仏の大慈大悲のお心を深く慶ばせていただきましょう。

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In-Person Sunday Service: September 11, 2022 (cont'd)

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This service included ringing of the Kansho, honoring and remembering Temple members and friends who passed away in August and September, chanting the sutra, oshoko by the Dharma School students and teachers, listening to a Dharma Message by Rev. Mukojima, singing Onkodusan II, and installing the Dharma School and YBA Cabinets.

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

Rev. Mukojima reading Shotsuki names

Sensei giving his Dharma Talk to the Sangha

K, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade classes going Oshoko

High school class going Oshoko

Sangha reciting Golden Chain

YBA & Dharma School Cabinet Installation

YBA Cabinet.
Not all members present.

Dharma School Cabinet.
Not all members present.

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BCA Bishops & MVBT ABA Memorial Service

On October 9, ABA will host the BCA Bishops and ABA Memorial Service. **Bishop Marvin Harada** will be the guest speaker.

Background of Rev. Harada

Reverend Harada became BCA Bishop in 2020 as the world faced a remarkable moment in its history: "May we face this challenging time together and may it give us even greater resolve to dedicate ourselves to support our temples and the BCA, so that we can continue to share the Dharma in whatever medium or manner that we can."

Prior to beginning his tenure as Bishop, Reverend Harada served as head minister of Orange County Buddhist Church for 33 years. He received degrees from the University of Oregon and Institute of Buddhist Studies before continuing his education in Japan at Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin Seminary and Ryukoku University (M.A., Shin Buddhist Studies).

Certification of Minister's Assistant Devon Matsumoto

During the service, Bishop Harada will certify **Devon Matsumoto** to become a Certified Minister's Assistant. A former MVBT Dharma School student, Miroku and YBA member, Devon has a Bachelor's of Social Work from the University of Utah and has been studying toward his Masters of Arts in Buddhist Studies for two years. Devon is currently the Leadership and Middle School Program Coordinator at Fresh Lifelines for Youth. Congratulations to Devon as he continues his studies toward becoming a BCA minister.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

Bishop Marvin Harada

Minister's Assistant
Devon Matsumoto

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

ACTIVITIES

San Jose Giants Baseball Game

On Friday, August 19, ABA enjoyed a San Jose Giants baseball game at Excite Ballpark. During the baseball game, ABA's 10th Annual San Jose Giants Event was acknowledged on the video board in center field.

We had an outstanding turnout of 45 adults and 12 children, which included not only ABA members, but also a few YABA members, other Temple members, families and friends.

The kids had fun playing several games available and retrieving hundreds of tennis balls on the field after the fundraising "Tennis Ball Toss."

Unfortunately, the SJ Giants lost; but as always, we all enjoyed a great BBQ dinner, fireworks, long-overdue socializing, and the perks of seeing the "Beer Batter" strike out twice!

We look forward to doing this again next year and invite anyone to join us.

In Gassho,
Joanne Makishima

Dharma School News

MVBT Dharma School

Dharma School started its new year on Sunday, September 11. We were so happy to see all of our students again in-person after two and a half years of online instruction! It's remarkable how different everyone looks after all of this time.

If you know of any family who might be interested in joining our Dharma School, please encourage them to come and experience one of our classes — it's not too late!

DHARMA SCHOOL CLASSES

The Dharma School classes for 2022-23 are as follows:

Preschool: .....**Curt Fukuda, Tracey Mukoyama,** and **Joann Yamani**

Kindergarten and 1st Grade: .....**Frances Sawamura, Reiko Tsuchida,** and **Traci Inouye**

2nd and 3rd Grade:.....**Diane Umemoto, Toshiko Uyehara** and **Mari Ueda-Tao**

4th Grade: .....**Joan Aoki** and **Sharon Tsukahara**

5th and 6th Grade:.....**Carol Yonemura** and **Debby Inenaga**

7th and 8th Grade:.....**Kelsey Sawamura** and **Hayley Sawamura**

High School:.....**Alex Musselman, Cori Kumamoto,** and **Bruce Morimoto**

We would also like to acknowledge our librarians, **Jeanne Ohara** and **Marie Ochi-Jacobs**.

DHARMA SCHOOL CABINET

Several parents and Dharma School teachers also volunteer their time and energy serving on the Dharma School Cabinet and we were happy to officially install them as officers of the Dharma School on September 11 as well. The MVBT Dharma School Cabinet for 2022-23 is:

Superintendent: ..... **Brent Izutsu**

Dharma Education Coordinator:..... **Carol Yonemura**

Secretary:..... **Norman Paris**

Treasurer:..... **Kim Tsuchida**

Registrar:..... **Donna Weeks**

Dharma School Communications:..... **Randy Sato**

Taiko Coordinator:..... **Joy Tanaka**

Parent Coordinator: As mentioned in the Dharma School Parents' Meeting also held on Sunday, September 11, we were unable to recruit a Parent Coordinator again this year. It is a position that has been vacant for the last few years, but would be great to fill now as we find a new cadence for our activities. To learn more, please contact Brent Izutsu.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 2: .....High School Class chairs Service

Sunday, October 16: .....7th & 8th Grade Class chairs Service

Sunday, October 23: .....4th Grade Class chairs Service

Sunday, October 30: .....2nd & 3rd Grade Class chairs Service. Dharma School Halloween Parade

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Keiro Kai Luncheon Following Eitaikyo Service

Miroku

In Person Meeting Resumes

Miroku members were happy to have our first meeting in person on Sunday, September 11. We had eight members attend and welcomed the new 6th graders.

After introductions, we discussed the purpose of Miroku (service to the Temple, community service and fun!) and then reviewed activities for this year. Next, we discussed Miroku chairing Sangha Day Picnic service and we assigned speaking roles.

We closed our meeting with **Mr. Randy Sato** showing us how to perform the monthly check on the AEDs around the Temple grounds. A big THANK YOU to Mr. Randy for taking the time and helping us.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, October 2, at 12 pm (after Dharma School) in the YBA conference room.

In Gassho,
Kate Hojo
Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

Mochi Tsuki - SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, December 11

See you at Mochi Tsuki on December 11.

In-Person Mochi Tsuki

We will have Mochi Tsuki in person this year! Please reserve Sunday, December 11 to come out and help make delicious mochi while having fun being together again. Safety measures will be in place.

More Information Soon

Be on the lookout for additional information in upcoming issues of the Echo and Putra's Post.

Feel free to contact Zone 2's Mochi Tsuki Committee if you have any questions. Please email: mochi@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

All photos from 2018 Mochi Tsuki

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Rededication

The Girl Scouts started their year off with an Investiture/ Rededication meeting over Zoom on September 9. We are excited that all Scouts have returned for another year of scouting, and we look forward to some in-person meetings and events.

Sangha Day Picnic

The Troop hosted the Guessing Jar game at the Sangha Day Picnic on September 25.

Girl Scouts Fall Sales

Be on the lookout – our **Nuts and Magazine Sales** will start October 1!

Senior/Ambassador

The scouts will be giving a Breast Cancer Awareness presentation after service on October 16.

Want More Information about Our Troop? Interested in the Padma Program?

We have openings at all levels, and are always looking for volunteers and leaders.

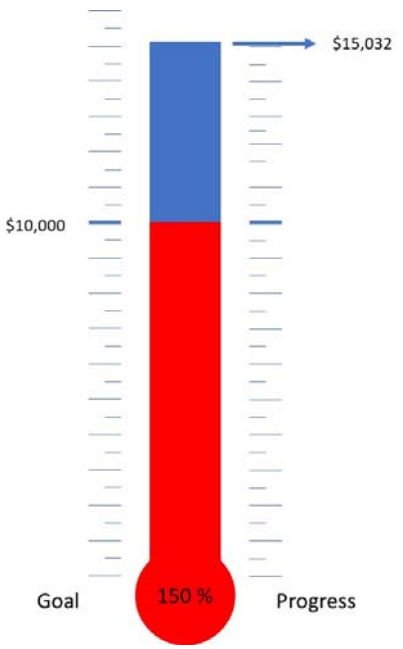
Our Padma program is open to Girl Scouts from any Troop.

Girl Scout Meeting on September 9

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact any leader, or email us at GScoutTroop736@gmail.com.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

SANGHA CONNECT DONATION DRIVE



As of September 16, 2022

The Sangha Connect Donation Drive received a tremendous amount of donations, both in cash and goods, totaling over $15,000!

Through your generous Dana, the Temple was able to purchase touchless restroom fixtures, air purifiers, Hondo furnace filters, electrostatic sprayers with disinfectant, hand sanitizer dispensing stations, and a camera & monitor to enhance our ability to live stream.

Your donations also provided us with the means to modify and upgrade existing facilities, so we were able to come together for our first Sunday Service in years on September 11.

Your thoughtful donations of gloves, hand sanitizer, spare air purifier filters, wipes, and additional hand sanitizing stations are all greatly appreciated and will help us stay connected.

To date, all proceeds earmarked for the Sangha Connect Donation Drive have been allocated. We are grateful to the Sangha for helping us navigate these difficult few years and we look forward to seeing you at Temple very soon!

Online donations can still be made through the following links:

https://sangha.mvbuddhisttemple.org/

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

As always, a check can be written out to "MVBT" with "Sangha Connect" in the note section. The check can be mailed to the Temple or dropped off in the office.

In Gassho
MVBT Reopening Task Force

MVBT thanks you for your continued support

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

Hello, my name is **Jake Aquino**, and I will be the Mountain View YBA President for 2022-2023. I am very excited to return to in-person gatherings this year and also experience everything that we have planned for this year. I am looking forward to meeting all of the new members of YBA and welcoming back returning members.

YBA Cabinet Meeting

YBA held its first cabinet meeting on September 10 to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the cabinet and to plan for the upcoming year.

First YBA General Meeting for 2022-2023

YBA held its first General Meeting of the year on September 11, finally back at the YBA Hall. We welcomed new members, welcomed back returning members, and reviewed the events and fundraisers we have planned for the upcoming year.

In Gassho,
Jake Aquino
2022-2023 YBA President

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have been staying well during this pandemic. Please join us as we reopen September 29, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, every Thursday. We will all meet in the YBA Hall for a social and mingle, our first gathering with light refreshments. We ask everyone to sign in, include your phone number and wear a mask. We are hopeful to move back into the Sangha Hall, as soon as possible.

It has been over two years since we had to discontinue our Senior Program. We can only hope it will continue to be a popular Senior Activities and Craft as before, hopefully to add more activities, as we open. Can use suggestions.

Thursday Taiko

Taiko class resumed on September 15, both in person and Zoom.

Taiko is the only program we have continued in our Senior program every Thursday from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. We are grateful to our instructors, **Susan Yuen**, **Linda Uyechi** and **Trish Kume**, for their patience, in giving Taiko lessons.

Please join in and practice with us for it is never too late to enjoy and learn Taiko. We are looking for interested Taiko members and now is a great time to join since a new just started. For more information, call **Reiko Tsuchida**.

Cookbook Sale

The Senior Cook Book is still available. Contact the Temple Office. Price is $15.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

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Make your purchase. Thank you for your help.

2022 150 Club News

We have multiple winners this time.

August ..... Ed Tsumura

September..... Sue Yuen

Congratulations to our winners!

Thank you to everyone for participating in the 150 Club!

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent in Mail
OCT	Zones 4 & 5	N / A	N / A
NOV	Zones 6 & 7	Oct 14 (Fri)	Oct 19 (Wed)
DEC	Zones 8 & 9	Nov 11 (Fri)	Nov 16 (Wed)

Please note the article deadline and mailing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof, finalize and print the issue.
Thank you. ***Domo Arigato***. ありがとう ございます。
Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org .

ABA Memorial on Sunday, October 9 - In Memory of MVBT ABA Members

George Abey
Sue Abey
Robert Ariyama
Dorothy Chikasuye
Ed Chikasuye
Richard Endo
Helen Fukuma
Helen Hamasaki
Gary Hirotsu
Amy Imai
Robert Imai
Audrey Inouye
Yasuko Kariya
Katsuko Kochi
Dave Kawamoto
Toshiko Kawamoto
Jim Kawaye
Doris Kuboyama
Sets Kuboyama
George Kunimoto
Muneo Masaki
Richard Miyashiro
Keiko Mizuhara
Akira Morishima
Emi Morishima
George Nakano
Iwao Nakao
Sally Nakayama
Jimi Nakayama
Miki Nishimoto
Yoshio Nishimoto
Stanley Okamura
George Okashima
Sam Okimura
Lou Osato
Amy Osugi
Bill Oto
Harry Sakae
Karen Sakae
Kinuko Sasaki
Fumie Satake
Jim Satake
Tad Sawamura
Betty Shidawara
May Shimoguchi
Yas Shimoguchi
Sam Sugimoto
Dave Takegami
Kazuko Tashiro
Seiko Tsumura
Irene Uchiyama
Sumi Uyeda
Kay Uyehata
Roy Uyehata
Akio Yamamoto
Kiyoshi Yoshinaka
Henry Yusa

READ ONLY IF YOU'RE OVER 70 ½ YEARS OLD

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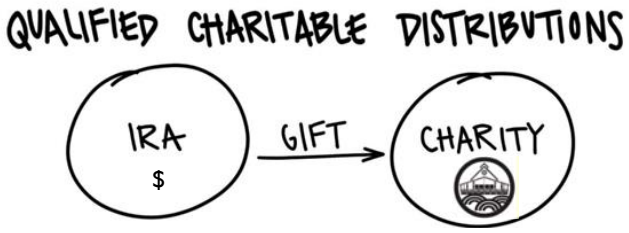
Directly to the Temple and Save on Your Taxes



If you are 70 ½ years or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and receive tax benefits for yourself.

Benefits of an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

- Satisfies part or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduces your taxable income, even if you are using the standard deduction
- Helps further the work and mission of Mountain View Buddhist Temple

How an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift Works

1. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to the Temple. Your IRA administrator must make the distribution directly to the Temple.
2. Please note that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions does not qualify for a charitable deduction.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions about an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution, please contact us at treasurer@mvbuddhisttemple.org. We would be

35th ANNUAL SASAKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

On August 27, 2022, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple celebrated its 35th Annual Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. The last tournament was held in August 2019 before the COVID pandemic started.

THANK YOU

Thirty-nine golfers played on a nice pleasant day for golf. Everyone had fun playing golf and enjoyed meeting friends during the tournament.

Thank you to all of the golfers for signing up and playing. And, thank you to the golfers and friends of the Temple who made monetary donations to the Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Fund. All proceeds go into the scholarship fund.

WINNERS

This year there were three flights for golfers. Flight A and B was for those golfers with US Golf Association who have handicap indexes, and Flight C for those who do not. The low net winners for each flight and the Closet-to-the-Pin on Par 3s are listed below.

SASAKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament was created to fund the Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to college-bound, high school seniors who attended the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Dharma School and participated in other Buddhist activities.

This year's scholarship recipient was Evan Itow. Since the first scholarship was presented in 1986, 63 deserving high school graduates have received scholarships.

DEDICATED TO RICHARD ENDO & MATT CUSIMANO

This year's golf tournament was dedicated to Richard Endo and Matt Cusimano. Richard and Matt were dedicated to the success of the golf tournament for decades.

To commemorate them, each golfer received lunch in an insulated lunch bag and a poker chip ball marker, each with words of appreciation to Richard and Matt

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back

REV. LaVERNE SASAKI ATTENDED

Rev. LaVerne Sasaki attended this year's golf tournament. He greeted many of his friends that he had not seen in two years. To each golfer, he gave a copy of his book that he wrote in 2017 titled "Out of the Mud Grows the Wisteria."

AGAIN, THANK YOU

On behalf of the Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament committee and volunteers, THANK YOU to all golfers and friends for your generosity and support!

2023 SASAKI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us at the 2023 Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament. Hopefully, the banquet after playing golf can be resumed.

"The most important shot in golf is the next one."

See you next year.

In Gassho,
Sasaki Golf Committee and
Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Committee

	Flight A	Flight B	Flight C		Closet-to-the-Pin	
1st Place	Steve Tsuchida	Candice Maruyama	Garret Higa		4	Larry Utsurogi
2nd Place	Todd Tsudama	Sharon Yamate	Donald Akimoto		7	Julie Satake-Ryu
3rd Place	Glenn Kitasoe	Karen Machida	Alec Matsumoto		13	Donald Akimoto
4th Place			Mitchell Tsudama		15	Todd Tsudama
5th Place			Michael Yamaguchi			

October

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for October to be held on Sunday, October 2

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See MVBT website or Putra's Post for details

October 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 **October** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Sumako (Sue) Abey	**Shozo Mayeda**	**Yas Shimoguchi**
Sachi Adachi	**Yachi Miyake**	**Drew Sugimoto**
Evelyn Arakaki	**Yoshiaki Murakami**	**Takie Sugimoto**
Kikue Fujii	**Lily Nakamura**	**Dr. Ray Uchiyama**
Irene Hatsue Furuta	**Aiko Nakano**	**Tiny Yamaji**
Mary Hayamizu	**Takeno Nara**	**Fumiko Yanaba**
Ted Hayashida	**Mikiyo Nishimoto**	**Masayo Yokoyama**
Saburo Higa	**Mary Nishita**	**Yukiko Yonemoto**
Tad Iimura	**Hiroshi Obuchi**	**Mollie Yoshizumi**
Masako Inokuchi	**George Ogino**	
Fred Inouye	**Toemon Ogino**	
George Ishikawa	**Shigeto Okimoto**	
Hoichi Kato	**Kayoko Okubo**	
Ihei Kawamoto	**Jerry Okumura**	
Mamoru Kawamoto	**Tsui Sakai**	
Takeru Kawamoto	**Hagiyo Sato**	
Masakatsu Kito	**Itoju Sawamura**	

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

Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 20

The Eitaikyo Service will be held on Sunday, November 20. The Temple is looking for a guest speaker. After the service, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will host its annual Keiro Kai Luncheon to honor the Seniors, who are MVBT members who are 70 years old and older. A flyer is in this Echo. More information will be available soon.

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: _____

Place of Funeral: _____

Name of Donor(s)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

MVBT Office Record Use Only

Amount of Donation: _____ Date of Eitaikyo (Initial) Service: _____

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

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Upcoming Events

November 6, Sunday

- **Shotsuki Hoyo Service**

November 20, Sunday

- **Eitaikyo Memorial Service**
- **Keiro Kai Luncheon**

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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