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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

November Highlights

- **11/6, Sun, 10:00 am**
  November Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid
  * 11:00 am
    Japanese Language Service
  * 11:00 am
    Adult Dharma School
- **11/7, Monday, 7:00 pm**
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- **11/20, Sunday, 10:00 am**
  Eitaikyo Service with Guest Speaker:
  Rev. LaVerne Sasaki
  * Noon
    Keiro Kai Luncheon
- **11/27, Sunday, No Sunday Services**

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Fraud and Faith: Developing Right View

Kalamas,

"Don't go by oral transmission, don't go by tradition, don't go by scripture, don't go by canonical authority, don't rely on logic, don't rely on inference, don't go by reasoned contemplation, don't go by the acceptance of a view after consideration, don't go by the appearance of competence, and don't think, "The ascetic is our respected teacher." But when you know for yourselves, "These things are skillful, blameless, praised by sensible people, and when you undertake them, they lead to welfare and happiness," then you should acquire them and keep them."

~A passage from Kalama Sutra

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Many Frauds Attempted

In these past few years, we have felt stress due to many forms of attempted fraud. It is really a nuisance to receive so many phishing emails that are tax scams, false contest invitations and so on, almost every day. In the past few years, fake emails were even sent several times to Temple members using my name, asking for financial aid. Fortunately, nobody fell victim to this fraud. But malicious acts like these that disturb our daily lives are never acceptable.

Even in Japan, there has been large-scale fraud that has been disrupting many people's lives. It is committed mostly by young people. The method used is to call an older person who lives alone and say, "Hi, it's me." Without giving their name, they pass themselves off as a child or grandchild, and beg for money to help with a traffic accident or some other fake emergency. Then the swindlers ask the elderly person to keep it a secret from the police and their parents. The elderly person hearing this story is convinced that if something isn't done, something awful may happen to their grandchild. As a result, without questioning if what

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Upcoming Events

December 4, 2022, Sunday
Bodhi Day Service

December 11, 2022, Sunday
Mochi Tsuki Fundraiser

Komochi $6
Okasane $4

December 18, 2022, Sunday
O-soji

December 31, 2022, Saturday
Year-End /
Joya-e Service

January 1, 2023, Sunday
New Year's Day /
Shusho-e Service

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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 — November 2022

November 6, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo Service

11:00 am Japanese Languare Service

11:00 am Adult Dharma School

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

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

November 13, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service

November 20, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Eitaikyo Service

Eitaikyo Service is a time when we remember all those whose contributions to our Temple in the past allow us to continue to hear the Dharma today.

Guest Speaker: Rev. La Verne Sasaki

Noon Keiro Kai Luncheon

November 27, 2022, Sunday, No Sunday Services

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Study Class

JOIN US

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

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

Put your Jozai into the Dana Box

Go to MVBT website & Press the Donate Button

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Fall Ohigan / Bishop's & ABA Memorial / Eitaikyo Service / Bodhi Day

Your donations go to the General Fund supporting day-to-day operations

(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE" or

(2) Send a check to the Temple office

Fraud and Faith: Developing Right View (cont'd)

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they have been told is true, they immediately transfer a large sum of money into the account number given them by the fake grandchild. Only after they calm down and call their actual grandchild do they finally realize that they have been cheated.

Grandchildren are a treasure for grandparents in any country. That is why it is only natural that some grandparents do not question it when they receive such phone calls. They are victims of a cynical crime where the swindlers play with the affections of the grandparents. It is really unforgivable. The most obvious way to prevent this type of fraud is for the elderly person who receives such a call to talk about it with someone they trust to make sure that whoever called them is actually their real grandchild. It is most important to find out before transferring their money if the call is real or fake.

Even Religions Have Probems

Especially in religion, we must find out the truth carefully. In countries that enjoy freedom of religion like the United States and Japan, there are many different existing as well as new religions being shared. But unfortunately, there are also religions introduced throughout the world that are actually cults taking advantage of or defrauding their members of money or other material assets, and even taking their lives. Some examples are the Branch Davidians in 1993 and the Heaven's Gate followers in San Diego in 1997. The 1995 Tokyo subway sarin attack by the Japanese cult Aum Shinrikyo is also well-known.

Recently, the former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was shot dead. Many Japanese people were shocked by this horrifying incident. Prime Minister Abe seemed to have been involved with a certain religious organization. The assassin's mother was a devout follower of this group and had donated a large sum of money to it over a long period of time. Because of this, her family was driven into bankruptcy and destroyed. It is said that as a result, the assassin began holding a grudge against former Prime Minister Abe, who was like a billboard advertising for this group, leading to the assassin committing such a terrible crime. Religion is just like fire. Fire and religion can be helpful and enrich our lives. But, if we are not careful about how we interact with or handle either one, something harmful can occur.

Right View

In Buddhism, we often speak of Right View. It is the first fundamental practice of the Eightfold Noble Path and the most important practice among them. **Right View** means having right thought and right understanding. It is also said that to develop Right View, we must first develop a questioning attitude.

Our founder Shinran says in his writing, "Hymns of the Pure Land Masters":

> *Obstructions of karmic evil turn into virtues. It is like the relation of ice and water: the more the ice, the more the water; the more the obstructions, the more the virtues.*

The words, **"the obstruction of karmic evil,"** which Shinran refers to is our doubtful mind. So, in his metaphor, **ice** represents doubt and **water** represents faith. As in this case of water and ice, the more the doubt we experience, the more faith will result. When we truly awake to Amida Buddha's vow, the ice of our doubt melts into the water of our faith just as it is due to the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha. Furthermore, the more we have doubt, the more the working of Amida Buddha focuses on us to lead the way of awakening. In that respect, it is no exaggeration to say that doubt is the origin of faith.

A passage I quoted at the beginning of this article appears in the Kalama Sutra, which was delivered by Sakyamuni Buddha. With these words, Sakyamuni Buddha tells us that we shouldn't go by scripture alone just because of his teaching. We should only accept his teachings when we are unable to find fault with his theme; when we are convinced, they are useful for living each day; or when they will result in happiness. Only then should we accept them.

We have sometimes heard the phrase, "Whoever believes will be saved." It refers to people who have blind faith in their religion. Sakyamuni Buddha's words in this make us realize that Buddhism has no relation to a religion of blind faith.

Accept Primal Vow

In Jodo Shinshu tradition, it is very important to simply listen to Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. To listen to the vow means to fully understand why Amida Buddha had to establish such a supreme vow for all sentient beings and how Amida Buddha extends his sincere heart, ***Namo Amida Butsu***, to each one of us. Then, only after we gratefully accept that the Primal Vow was established for our sake and to rejoice in the encounter with the Nembutsu teaching, our grateful mind will naturally go beyond both our faith and doubt. Then we simply become able to entrust ourselves completely to the inconceivable power of Amida Buddha. This state of mind is called ***Shinjin*** of Other Power and has been treasured in our school.

Unfortunately, even in the future, there will always be a religion that deceives its believers with confusion and a fraud who takes advantage of his victims by exploiting their personal vulnerabilities. These situations will never cease. For this reason, it is very important for us to see things from different perspectives to find out if they are reliable and true. Have you already encountered the firm, immovable teaching and true spiritual support? I gratefully accept that the Nembutsu teaching that Shinran Shonin inherited is also the true teaching for us.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二二年十一月法話

ー 真偽を見極める ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

「人から聞いたというだけの理由で信じてはいけない。伝統であるからとか、多くの地域で受け継がれているからとか、噂になっているからとか、経典に由来するからとか、妥当のように見えるからという理由で信じてはいけない。自分の想像を超えているからといって、それを神による啓発だと信じてはいけない。また、何事も僧侶や司祭の権限だけの理由で信じてはいけない。ただ、よく吟味熟考した上で、あなた自身が、これは賞賛に値し、非難の余地がないと思えば素直に信じてもよい。また、それがあなたの人生に方向を示し、幸福のためになると思うならば、あなたはそれを信じなさい」

『カラマ・スッタ』より

ここ数年、詐欺紛いのメールや電話が多く、ストレスを感じることが多くあります。税金詐欺をはじめ懸賞詐欺などといったフィッシングメールを送り付けてくる迷惑行為が横行しています。ここ数年間で私に成りすました偽のEメールで門徒方にお金の援助を催促するなどという詐欺行為も度々ありました。幸いに門徒方は誰も被害にあわれませんでしたが、このような悪質な行為は許されるものではありません。

日本でも若者を中心とした「振り込め詐欺」というものが多発して大変問題になっています。その手口は、ある高齢者の家に電話を掛け、「俺だよ、俺」と自らは名乗らず、電話に出た相手の子や孫になりすまし、交通事故等で緊急にお金が必要だと泣きつくのです。また、この事を警察や親には内緒にして欲しい等と言って相手を惑わし、それを聞かされた年配方は、自分の孫に大変なことが起こったのだと気が動転し、その言葉を疑うことなく指定された銀行口座に大金を振り込んでしまいます。その後、冷静になって孫に連絡を取ると、そこではじめて詐欺にあったことに気づくのです。

どの国であっても、祖父母にとって孫とは何とも可愛い存在です。ですから、孫からこの様な電話が掛かってくれば、疑う余地もありません。この事件は、高齢者の孫を愛する心を弄ぶ何とも卑劣な犯罪です。実に許し難いことです。この対策として、振り込む前に第三者に相談したり、電話を掛けてきた相手が本当に自分の孫なのかどうかを確認してしっかりと見極めることが何よりも肝心です。

宗教に於いても見極めるということはとても大切です。日本やアメリカのように信教の自由が保障されている国では、新興宗教を含め、多くの宗教が存在しています。しかし、その新興宗教が信者から大金を騙し取ったり、いのちを奪ったり等という何とも恐ろしい事件が多発しています。一九九三年に起きたブランチ・ダビディアン事件や一九九七年にサンディエゴで起きたヘブンスゲート事件はその代表的な事件といえましょう。日本では一九九五年のオウム真理教の地下鉄サリン事件が有名です。最近では、ある新興宗教団体と関係を持っていた安倍晋三元首相が銃で殺害され、日本中に衝撃が走りました。犯人の母親はその教団の信者で、教団への多額の献金によって破産に追い込まれ家族が崩壊しました。その恨みから犯人は、広告塔とされていた安倍元首相を狙ってあのような恐ろしい事件を起こしたと言われています。宗教はまさに火と同じで、生活や人生を豊かにしてくれますが、取り扱いを間違えてしまうと大やけどを負ってしまいます。

仏教に「正見」という教えがあります。「正見」とは、「正しい考え方」あるいは「正しい理解」を意味します。特に仏教においてはこの「正見」が最も肝要で、私達が「正見」を養うためには、常に批判的態度を持っていなければなりません。親鸞聖人が記された『高僧和讃』の中に「罪障、功徳の體となる、氷と水の如くにて、氷多きに水多し、さわり多きに徳多し」とあります。罪障とは私達の疑いの心であり、水と氷の関係のように、疑いの念が深まれば深まるほど、信仰への思いが深まってくるのだというのです。正に、疑いが信仰の源であると言っても過言ではありません。

文頭に紹介した経典にあるように、お釈迦さまは「あなた達は、私の教えであるからというだけで受け入れてはならない。そうではなく、私の教えに対し、非難の余地がないと思えば素直に受け入れてもよい。また、それがあなたの人生に方向を示し、幸福のためになると思うならば、あなたはそれを受け入れるがよい」と説いておられます。「信じる者は救われる」という言葉がありますが、このお釈迦さまの教えからは、仏教が盲信とは全く無縁であることが窺えます。

浄土真宗では、仏願の生起本末をよくよく聞かせていただいたうえで、自分一人の為の本願であったと心から慶んでいただくことができれば、自分の信じる心と疑う心が自ずと消え去り、そこではじめて阿弥陀仏のお心に全てお任せする他力の信心を得ることができるといわれています。

これからも、私達の弱みに付け込んで、人を惑わす詐欺や宗教は後を絶たないでしょう。その為にも、あらゆる角度から物事を慎重に見極めることが大切です。みなさんは、確固たる不動な教え、真の心の依り処に出遇われていますか。私は親鸞聖人が伝えて下さったお念仏の教えこそが真実の教えであるといただいております。

MVBT Re-Opening – Welcome Back in Person

The values of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple places emphasis both on ensuring the safety of our community and taking responsibility as individuals to look out for our collective well-being. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Temple essentially closed from March of 2020 until late August of 2022.

In re-opening the Temple, we are welcoming our community back with some guidelines to keep ourselves safe and healthy. As a Sangha, it is very heart-warming to see kids/adult/Senior taiko, Senior Activities, BWA Meetings, YA Basketball/Volleyball and Ukulele Club & Choir as well as regular Sunday Services and more, **ALL** on the MVBT campus enjoying gathering again.

Please come out and join in the fun and see everyone that you have been missing these last two+ years. These guidelines will be reviewed again in the beginning of 2023.

Masking is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for any indoor activity and RECOMMENDED for outdoor activity. Certain activities such as Services in the Hondo or Dharma School classes or visits to the Temple office will REQUIRE masking.

Following CDC Guidelines for COVID Symptoms, Testing and Exposure, DO NOT ATTEND IF:

- Fever over 100 degrees within the previous 24 hours
- Exhibit symptoms of COVID-19
- Tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 5 days

AirCirculation/Purification was added to the Hondo and Dharma School Classrooms. Upgrade to touchless faucets were made across the MVBT campus. Electrostatic Sprayers with Disinfectant is available and is used after all large gatherings .

Website

The full guidelines are available on the website at mvbuddhisttemple.org. Click the upper right corner "Temple Re-Opening Guidelines." Or, click on the link below:

https://tinyurl.com/Temple-reopening-guidelines

In Gassho,
MVBT Board of Directors

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

Sangha Day Picnic

The opening of our Temple was welcomed with happiness. It was wonderful to be able to see so many of our friends at the Sangha Day Picnic. **Traci Inouye** and **Zone 3** did a wonderful job organizing the event! We thank our MVBT YBA for helping BWA with the serving of the cake. They did it in record time! A lot quicker than BWA would have been able to.

Attended FBWA

On October 14, 15 and 16, fifteen of our members attended the national virtual Federation of Buddhist Women's Conference (FBWA) hosted by Northern California District in Sacramento. The installation of the new FBWA Cabinet was held on October 16. From MVBT, **Reiko Murakami** was installed as Vice President, **Marie Ochi-Jacobs** as Recording Secretary (English), and **Don Fukuma** as Auditor. The new FBWA cabinet will be composed of all Coast District representatives as we will be hosting the next FBWA Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose on October 4, 5 and 6, 2024.

Back to New Normal

We look forward to when our Temple will be fully open and to get back to our normal activities in the kitchen to cook and have our fundraisers again.

BWA is staying strong in the Nembutsu.

Join BWA ## Men Welcome

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

Membership Dues

$20 membership dues for 2022 are now being accepted.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

2022 Sangha Day Picnic *Our Sangha* makes us stronga

Thank You to Everyone

Thank you to everyone who came out to this year's Sangha Day Picnic! Our goal was to welcome our Sangha back to the Temple and celebrate a spirit of community. It was a wonderful day, with approximately 220 people ending up joining us, with a quarter of those attending under the age of 18.

Highlights of the Day

- Service was chaired by Miroku middle schoolers and two IMOP students each gave inspiring Dharma Talks
- YBA spearheaded a scavenger hunt designed to have kids meet adults, as well as entertained the kids with arm painting, and water balloon games
- The Vision Committee organized a "community fair" where various Temple groups manned tables, answered questions, and encouraged participation
- Girl Scouts organized age-based guessing jars and Boy Scouts shot off water rockets with the kids
- BINGO was a lot of fun, as we were able to give away some exciting and generous donations from local merchants (see the full list below)
- The YBA's 50/50 raffle had a total of $1,600 worth of tickets sold, with a lucky winner getting half of that big prize!
- Shave ice! After a three-year hiatus, YABA members helped to bring the MVBT shave ice back. It was a big hit; several young ones said they had multiple servings throughout the day.
- BWA helped plate & YBA helped serve the yummy cake that had "Our Sangha Makes Us Stronga" written on it
- We launched a Thousand Crane project, intended to memorialize our Sangha coming back together after COVID. While we didn't fold 1,000 that day, we will continue to encourage crane folding and have plans to layout so that it can be displayed somewhere. Stay tuned!

Everyone Pitched In

We could not have done it without the help of our MVBT affiliated organizations, who were wonderful at pitching in and volunteering time and effort to provide manpower and spearhead day-of activities. We also had much appreciated help from the Tech Committee, Maintenance Committee, Julie Nakatani (who offered invaluable assistance), and Ken Yuzuriha (who designed our SDP 2022 Putra logo).

Finally, deep appreciation to so many of you who generously donated to the Sangha Day Picnic this year. We are so grateful.

With Gassho,
The Members of Zone 3

SDP Merchant Donations, Gratefully Acknowledged

Thank you to the merchants who gratefully donated to support the 2022 Sangha Day Picnic. Every donation contributed to the success of the picnic.

Thank You ! Arigato Gozaimasu !
ありがとうございます。

- Ace Hardware, Mountain View
- Chef Chu, Los Altos
- Chick-fil-A, Sunnyvale
- Costco, Mountain View
- Home Depot, Sunnyvale
- Nijiya, Mountain View
- Safeway, Sunnyvale/Bernardo
- Safeway, Mountain View/San Antonio
- Safeway, Mountain View/Shoreline
- Shuei-do, San Jose
- Trader Joe's, Mountain View
- Trader Joe's, Sunnyvale

2022 Sangha Day Picnic *Our Sangha* makes us strongha (cont'd)

Rev. Mukojima and IMOP student Yukari Torii in front of the Sangha at the service on Sangha Hall patio

Sangha on Sangha Hall patio

IMOP Student Yukari Torii giving her Dharma Message

Miroku preparing to chair the service

Dharma School students doing Girl Scout guessing jars

IMOP Student Hiroya Sato giving his Dharma Message

LEFT, CENTER & RIGHT: Community Fair Tables

Dharma School students folding cranes

Frances Sawamura and Jaimie Holzknecht finishing cranes

Arm Painting Fun

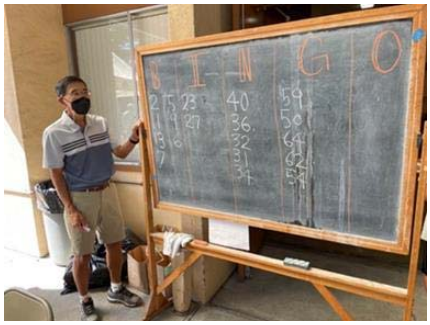
2022 Sangha Day Picnic — Our Sangha makes us strongha (cont'd)

Jake & Jarrett
selling 50/50 tickets

Kaila & Allyson selling 50/50 tickets

Bento Branding
(Putra designed by Ken Yuzuriha)

MVBT Misters for sale



ABA members running the BINGO game

Dharma School students enjoying shave ice

YABA making shave ice

More Dharma School students enjoying shave ice

Mochi Tsuki - Sunday, December 11

We are very excited to bring back our first Mochi Tsuki in person after three long years! We hope you have eaten all the ones in your freezer and are ready to order fresh and delicious mochi made by our Temple members.

There are a few changes to note:

- Komochi will be $6/lb
- Okasane will be $4 (smaller ½ lb size to fit home obutsudan)
- No tickets will be distributed to Temple members. Ordering will be done online or a paper version will be available for those without email or computer access.
- To ensure we have enough help throughout the day, we are setting up 2 work shifts: 6:00 am -11:00 am and 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will send out a link for signups in November. Don't miss out on the fun!

The committee will send an email with an online order link in early November. All members without an email will receive a paper version. All orders are due by Monday, November 28.

Komochi
$ 6
(1-pound pkg)

Okasane
$ 4
(Kagami)
(1/2-pound pkg)

EVENT SCHEDULE:

SAT, Dec 3	8:00 am	Preparation, test equipment & hang plastic
FRI, Dec 9	8:00 am	Wash barrels & soak rice
SAT, Dec 10	8:00 am	Final setup, clean area & move equipment
Mochi Tsuki Day		
SUN, Dec 11		
	5:00 am	Start steamers
	5:30 am	Start cooking rice
	6:00 am	Start pounding
	6:30 am	Start shaping mochi
	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Mochi pickup
	3:00 pm	Start clean up
WED, Dec. 14	8:00 am	Final clean up

If you have any questions, please contact **Zone 2** via email: mochi@mvbuddhisttemple.org

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

Halloween Activity

Our YBA will have its Halloween Activity on October 29 at the Temple. This activity will be run by our Activities Chair, Connor Sato. During the night, we will decorate cookies, carve pumpkins, and watch a movie.

CC Conference

Currently, our YBA is preparing for the Central California Conference in Fresno on November 12. We are planning a skit to perform during the talent show. There are 24 members of our YBA registered to attend the conference.

In Gassho,
Jake Aquino
2022-2023 YBA President

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

Walk Along Shoreline

Several ABA members and two grandchildren took a leisurely 2-mile walk along the Mountain View Shoreline path. We enjoyed the beautiful weather and natural scenery. After the walk, we had a delicious lunch at Hanabi Sushi restaurant in Mountain View.

ABA Group on Walk at Shoreline

BCA Bishop's & ABA Memorial Service

On October 10, we hosted the BCA Bishop's and MVBT ABA Memorial Service. Bishop Marvin Harada was the guest speaker and taught everyone, including the Dharma School students, kanji characters for nembutsu. Thanks to Russ Nakano for chairing the service and Steve Tsuchida for presenting the Buddhist reading.

During the service, Devon Matsumoto received the certification for a ministerial assistant from Bishop Harada. Congratulations to Devon and his family for his achievement. We look forward to his continued participation in future Dharma Services.

In Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

今	心	仏
now	heart	Buddha

念 nen ('now' + 'heart')
nem

仏 butsu

Nembutsu

Bishop Harada's Lesson on writing "Nembutsu"

Dharma School student writing "now" in kanji

Bishop Harada certifying Devon Matsumoto as a Minister's Assistant

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Keiro Kai Luncheon Following Eitaikyo Luncheon

Miroku

2nd In-Person Meeting

Miroku had our second in-person meeting on Sunday, October 2, 2022.

In the meeting, we started off with an icebreaker that was "two truths and a lie." We were all given Miroku T-shirts for the first time since shelter-in-place. We also started discussing options for our Dana Project this year. We will be bringing our ideas to the next meeting. We ended the meeting with the monthly AEDs check. They were all working and we are hoping to never have to use them.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, November 6 (after Dharma School) in the YBA Hall conference room.

In Gassho,
Jeremy Tao
8th Grade Miroku member

MIROKU

middle school group

Bishops Memorial & ABA Memorial Service

ABOVE: Bishop Harada taught Dharma School students to write 'Nembutsu" in kanji

ABOVE: Two past Bishops of the BCA

Devon Matsumoto's Minister's Assistant Certification Ceremony

Dharma School

Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Registration Forms Due

If you have not yet submitted your Dharma School student registration form for this year, please do so. It will help us get an accurate headcount for this year's Dharma School classes that allow us to determine class groupings and funding for classroom activities.

Dharma School Theme for the 2022-23 Academic Year

The Dharma School teachers have decided to hold a contest for this year's Dharma School theme that will be incorporated into lessons and Dharma Talks throughout the year. A $50 Amazon gift card will be awarded to the student whose theme is selected.

MVBT Taiko

MVBT Taiko held a "Taste of Taiko" event on Sunday, October 2, to give interested Dharma School students and adults the opportunity to try taiko. Regular taiko classes are now underway!

Halloween Parade

Please wear your Halloween costumes to the Temple on Sunday, October 29! We would like to see all of our students dress up for the annual Halloween parade immediately following service in the Hondo before the students are excused for class.

Keiro Kai Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist in making tea, coffee, and punch for Keiro Kai. Look for a signup sheet sent via email.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 16:

7th and 8th Grade Class chairs Service

Sunday, October 23:

4th Grade Class chairs Service

Sunday, October 30:

2nd and 3rd Grade Class chairs Service and Dharma School Halloween Parade

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sangha Day Picnic

It was great to see all of the Dharma School families enjoying the event!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Sangha Day Picnic

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

Daisy/Junior/Cadette

Our Daisy earned her Respect Myself & Others petal as she, along with our Juniors and Cadettes discussed the importance of physical and mental well-being.

Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the Senior and Ambassador Scouts of Troop 60736 gave a presentation on Sunday, October 16, after service. Their aim was to increase awareness about the disease, as well as to provide more information on the symptoms, prevention and treatments.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

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Thank you to the Sangha for your support of our Girl Scout Fall Nuts and Magazine sales!

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Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

In-Person Activities Resume

We are finally getting our plans back in order after we reopened on September 29, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, every Thursday. On October 20, the plans are to open with Line Dancing, Taiko, Sing Along and Exercise. We have two groups that plays cards: Hana, a Japanese card game and a special Rummy game. We ask everyone to sign in, include your phone number and wear a mask since that is the Covid protocol for our Temple.

This is to inform you of the time of your favorite activities and the instructors:

9:15 am -9:45 am ..... Line Dancing
Reiko Kameda and & Reiko Tsuchida

10:00 am-10:45 am ..... Taiko
Susan Yuen, Linda Uyechi & Trish Kume

10:45 am-11:15 am ..... Sing Along
Kinji Ushiba & Bill Nishimoto

11:15 am-11:45 am ..... Exercise
Julie Ushiba

We want to Thank You all for your time and energy, supporting our Senior program, for it is truly appreciated.

Once again, we welcome everyone to join our Senior Activities program. Bring a friend and make many good friends. We do provide coffee, tea and some light refreshments.

New Committee Members

We are glad to introduce two new committee members. Please welcome **Scott Hirotsu** and **Alice Ishida**. Our other Committee Members are **Chuck Uyeda**, **Miyo Takegami**, **Kimi Nishimura**, **Carolyn Sakae**, **Reiko Tsuchida**, **Colleen Choy** and **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**.

Senior Craft

The craft will start at the opening of the Senior program, 9:00 am to 12 noon. Jeanne Ohara, Toshiko Uyehara and Emi Fukushima to help in the Craft area.

We are hopeful **Debbie Kitani** will also find time to offer her expertise in knitting and crocheting, when she finds time to join us.

Cookbook

Our Senior Cookbooks are still available at the office or can be purchased through our committee members. The price is still $15, which makes for a nice gift.

Thanks

We thank you all in advance for your support.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

2022 150 Club News

The October winner is **Yuki Hata-Kita**.

Congratulations to Yuki!

Thank you to everyone for participating in the 150 Club!

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

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

150 Club Committee

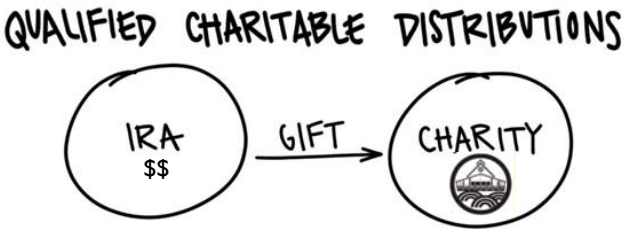
Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent in Mail
NOV	Zones 6 & 7	N / A	N / A
DEC	Zones 8 & 9	Nov 11 (Fri)	Nov 16 (Wed)
JAN	Zones 10 & 11	Dec 16 (Fri)	Dec 21 (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 .

Read if you are 70 1/2 years old or older

Another Way to Donate to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple



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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.

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- Satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year
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- Help 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. Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to Mountain View Buddhist Temple to help continue our important work.
3. Please note that IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution does not qualify for a charitable deduction.
4. Please contact us if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about an IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions, please contact at treasurer@mvbuddhisttemple.org. We would be happy to assist you and answer any questions you might have.

The above information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Please contact your attorney or tax advisor for further details on making an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution.

November

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for November to be held on Sunday, November 6

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See MVBT website or Putra's Post for details of the Service

November 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 **November** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Tatsuko Adachi	**Hideo Kato**	**Nuiko Okuno**
Tsutomu Akizuki	**Shigeaki Kihara**	**Kanji Omokawa**
Tomoye Aoki-Johnson	**Eugene Kono**	**Amy Osugi**
Takiko Fukushima	**Kinuyo Kunimoto**	**Roy Ozawa**
Frank Furuichi	**Shigeko Masaki**	**Tom Ozawa**
Fred Furuichi	**Gregory Matsumoto**	**Ichiro Sakae**
Rosie Furuichi	**Rose Morimoto**	**Kosue Sakae**
Robert Furusho	**Haruko Nakamura**	**Akira Sasaki**
Sunao Furusho	**Miyuki Nakano**	**Masako Alice Sato**
Hana Furuto	**Tsuruye Nakano**	**Seikichi Shimoguchi**
Eddie Higuchi	**Yutaka Nakano**	**Sei Tachibana**
George Hirota	**Ayako Nakashima**	**Alice Takagi**
Fred Hoshi	**Teiichi Naritomi**	**Masaru Takahashi**
Akira Hoshiko	**Yoshio Nishimoto**	**Mildred Takegami**
Tom Ichikawa	**Kevin Nishita**	**Kay Tanouye**
Keiji Haruta	**Nobuo Oda**	**Chieko Umeda**
Kiyoko Kay Horita	**Masako Okazaki**	**Kaz Yanaba**
Frank Ikebe	**Walter Okino**	**Kiyoshi Yoshinaka**

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**

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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 guest speaker will be Rev. LaVerne Sasaki. 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.

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: _____

Give completed forms to Rev. Yushi Mukojima.

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

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27	**28** 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm RPC MEETING	**29** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm YOUNG ADULT BUDDHIST DISCUSSION 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**30** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm BOY SCOUTS	**1** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS 10:00 am - 10:45 am SENIOR TAIKO 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm ADULT TAIKO	**2**	**3**
4 10:00 am - 11:00 am SHOTSUKI HOYO & BODHI DAY SERVICE 11:45 am - 2:00 pm YBA MEETING	**5** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm BUDDHIST DISCUSSION GROUP	**6** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm CUB SCOUT PACK MEETING 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**7** 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm BOY SCOUTS	**8** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS 10:00 am - 10:45 am SENIOR TAIKO 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm ADULT TAIKO	**9** 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ABA GENERAL MEETING	**10** 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm CUB SCOUT PACK COURT OF HONOR
11 MOCHITSUKI 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm CD YBL MEETING	**12**	**13** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm CUB SCOUT PACK MEETING 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**14** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm BOY SCOUTS 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm MVBT BOARD MEETING	**15** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS 10:00 am - 10:45 am SENIOR TAIKO 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm ADULT TAIKO	**16**	**17** YBA HOLIDAY PARTY
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MOCHI TSUKI
December 11

Komochi
$ 6
(1-pound pkg)

Okasane
$ 4
(1/2-pound pkg)

Keiro Kai Luncheon

- **November 20, Sunday, 10: am Eitaikyo Service**
- **Keiro Kai Luncheon at Noon in Sangha Hall**
- **Bento Lunch — Last day to order is Sunday, November 6**

  ⇒ **Send in form or go to http://tinyurl.com/mvkeirokai2022**

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