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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

November Highlights

- ***11/3, Sun, 10:00 am***
  November Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid
  * *11:00 am Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am English Language Discussion*
- ***11/4, Monday, 7:00 pm***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***11/17, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  Eitaikyo Service

  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Ken Fujimoto,
  retired BCA minister
- ***11/17, Sunday, 11:30 am***
  Keiro Kai Luncheon

Have You Already Received a Buddhist Name? Part I

This past September, the **Buddhist Church of San Francisco** observed the Buddhist Churches of America's 125th Anniversary Service. With Bishop Marvin Harada as the officiant, many BCA Kaikyoshi ministers, retired ministers and representatives from each temple gathered as one body to participate in this grand historic ceremony. We all shared the joy of celebrating this milestone anniversary.

In October 2024, the **Buddhist Temple of Salinas** also marked the 100th Anniversary of its founding, so we invited its former resident ministers to join the Bishop at this special event. This anniversary was the perfect opportunity for the entire Salinas Sangha to express their deepest feelings of gratitude for the great dedication and extraordinary efforts of all of its predecessors who have been caretakers of the temple for the benefit of those of who are here today.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

What is the Kieshiki Affirmation

During the centennial anniversary, the **Kieshiki** affirmation ceremony was held. Ten members participated in this solemn ceremony and received the *Chokyo* - equivalent to *Okamisori* (rite of the razor) - by the Bishop.

Generally, that Kieshiki ceremony is conducted at **Honzan** (our mother temple in Kyoto) by the *Gomonshu*, the head minister of the Hongwanji, or by a select representative. We call it **Kikyoshiki** or the confirmation ceremony. But in overseas districts like the BCA, that ceremony is conducted by the Bishop and is called the Kieshiki affirmation ceremony.

Kikyoshiki (Kieshiki) affirms and takes refuge in the Three Treasures: the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha. Standing and facing the images of Amida Buddha and Shinran, each participant receives

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MVBT Ballots for Board of Directors

To All Temple Members,

Please return your Temple ballots where you voted for your 2025 leaders in the 12 Temple Zones. The deadline for submittal is **Friday, November 8, 2024**

In Gassho,
Board of Directors of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Return Your Temple Ballots by Friday, November 8

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November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**2**
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 11:45a-2p YBA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Kitchen/Main Hall / Education Bldg.\; 2/3) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**4** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	**5** Election Day 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/ Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**6** 6p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**7** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All) 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/ Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**8** 5p-10p ABA Meet & Mingle (Sangha Hall\; All) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**9**
10 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**11** Veterans' Day	**12** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/ Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**13** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All) 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/ Kitchen)	**14** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All) 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/ Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**15** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**16** 10a-12p BWA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall / Kitchen)
17 10a-2p Eitaikyo Service & Keiro Kai Luncheon (Hybrid/ Sangha Hall) 2p-5p CD YBA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room)	**18**	**19** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/ Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**20** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**21** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All) 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/ Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**22** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**23** 4p-12a Boy Scouts Video Game Night (Sangha Hall\; All)
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"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — November 2024

November 3, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid Service

11:00 am Japanese Language Service
11:00 am Engliish Language Discussion Group

November 4, 2024, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Hybrid Meeting

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

November 10, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

Dharma Message by: Three International Ministerial Orientation Program (IMOP) students escorted by Rev. Etsuko Mikame

November 17, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Eitaikyo Service, Hybrid Service

The 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. Ken Fujimoto, retired BCA minister

November 17, 2024, Sunday, 11:30 am, Keiro Kai Luncheon

11:30 am Keiro Kai Luncheon following Eitaikyo Service

November 24, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

JOIN US

Sunday Services are on Zoom. These Hybrid Services allow the Sangha to attend the service in person or on Zoom.
The Link to the Zoom Livestream can be found on Putra's Post that is emailed before the service.

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

Put your Jozai into the Dana Box
Go to MVBT website & Press the Dona Box

Shotsuki Hoyo Service **Study Class** **Dharma School - 11:00 am**

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

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

Michiyo Dora Iguchi June 17, 1930 - September 9, 2024

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

Have You Already Received a Buddhist Name? Part I — cont'd

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his/her Buddhist name as the Buddha's disciple in order to live with the self-knowledge, responsibility and pride of a Nembutsu follower. It is an important expression of our determination as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists to walk the Nembutsu path as our life's spiritual guide with great joy and gratitude.

Kieshiki Is for Everyone, Anytime

Unfortunately, there are some members in our Sangha who mistakenly believe that a Buddhist name is only given to the deceased. When I urge them to participate in the Kieshiki ceremony, they may argue, "Sensei, I'm not dead yet!" Or, "I don't want a Buddhist name because if I receive one, I feel that I'll die soon," and so on.

Yes, I usually present a Buddhist name at the deceased person's funeral instead of the *Gomonshu* or the Bishop. But this is only for those who had not had the opportunity earlier in life to participate in the Kieshiki to receive his or her Buddhist name. So let me make it clear that I do not give a Buddhist name only because one has passed away. Taking a Buddhist name signifies we are Buddha's disciple, living with the true teaching. That is why it is very important to receive our Buddhist name while we are still living.

The Kikyoshiki (Kieshiki) ceremony is also called ***Okamisori*** or "rite of the razor." *Gomonshu* taps a razor lightly on the head of the follower three times, a ritual confirming the Three Treasures. This ritual is based in a historical event: when Sakyamuni Buddha renounced the world and became a monk, he declared, "Now I take the tonsure [shave my head]. May I with all sentient beings get rid of the afflictions and hindrances!" This symbolic ritual is always performed at the ***Tokudo*** ordination or Kikyoshiki (Kieshiki) ceremony.

Therefore, for a sincere Buddhist to "take the tonsure" symbolizes living with the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha as spiritual support while ridding oneself of the mind of self-power, ostentation and attachments.

Shoma's "Rude Interruption"

Speaking of the Kikyoshiki confirmation ceremony, I can't help but remember the anecdote about Shoma (1799–1871) who became known as a ***Myokonin*** or superior Nembutsu follower. Shoma was born into a poor sharecropping family. He worked very hard making ropes and Japanese sandals while babysitting at home. He also cultivated a small field and worked at the temple as a handyman.

One day, for the first time, he made a pilgrimage to Kyoto with some members of his temple to what was at the time the mother temple, Kosho Temple*, to participate in a Kikyoshiki confirmation ceremony.

In those days, the *Gomonshu* was treated like an emperor, and it was forbidden to look at his eyes or say anything directly to him.

That day as on most days, many Nembutsu followers had come from all over Japan to the mother temple to participate in the Kikyoshiki. They were waiting quietly in the Hondo for the ceremony to begin. Then, *Gomonshu* Honjyaku appeared ceremoniously before them and began administering the rites to each follower, who bowed his/her head respectfully and solemnly.

Gomonshu completed the rites to Shoma, tapping the razor gently on Shoma's head three times as he said, "Take refuge in Buddha, take refuge in Dharma, and take refuge in Sangha." *Gomonshu* was moving to the next follower when Shoma suddenly reached up and tugged on *Gomonshu's* sleeve. When Gomonshu turned around to see who had touched his robe, Shoma asked him, "Hey, brother, are you prepared to die?"

That those words, the solemn atmosphere in the Hondo was broken and the participants were struck dumb by this rude interruption. But *Gomonshu* simply continued calmly with the rites for each of the remaining followers in attendance.

After the ceremony when the *Gomonshu* had made his exit from the Hondo, the other participants crowded around Shoma and scolded, "Know your place! You were terribly rude!" Shoma's words had caused quite a commotion in the Hondo.

Everyone was worried about how Shoma would be punished for his misdeed. At that time, an associate minister entered the Hondo and asked, "Who tugged on the *Gomonshu's* sleeve? Stand and come with me."

Shoma paid no attention to the command, pretending not to hear it. But his friends answered fearfully, "He is a really stupid fellow, so please forgive him for his crude behavior." Then they apologized, bowing deeply many times.

The associate minister accepted their excuse and told *Gomonshu* of their apology. But *Gomonshu* said, "It doesn't matter. Just bring him here to me right now." So, the minister hurried back to the Hondo. And finally, Shoma was taken to the room where *Gomonshu* sat waiting.

Let me share the rest of my message next month.

In Gassho,

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* Kosho Temple, which formally became independent as Shinshu Kosho-ha, is one of the ten Jodo Shinshu schools after 1870 from our school, the Hongwanji-ha. But it is said that Kosho Temple actually already became an independent with Honjyaku Shonin as its *Gomonshu* in those days.

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二四年十一月法話

― 法名はお持ちですか？ ―

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先の九月に北米開教区創立百二十五周年慶讃法要がサンフランシスコ仏教会に於いて厳修され、総長を始め多くの開教使、引退開教使先生方、そして各仏教会の代表が一堂に集い盛大にお祝いいたしました。また、十月にはサリナス仏教会創立百周年慶讃法要があり、総長と元駐在開教使先生方をお招きし、多くのご門徒方と大きな節目を迎えられたことの喜びを分かち合うと共に、先人達のご苦労に対し深い感謝の念を表しました。さらにこの大切な式典を迎えるにあたり、帰依式も執り行なわれ、十名のご門徒が厳かな雰囲気の中で総長からお剃刀を受けられました。

さて、ご存じの通り、海外開教区で開教総長が行うお剃刀を帰依式と呼び、本山でご門主もしくはお手代わりが行うお剃刀を帰敬式と呼んでいます。

帰敬式とは、阿弥陀仏と親鸞聖人の御前で「仏・法・僧」の三宝に帰依することを誓い、念仏者としての自覚と誇りを持って生きる為に仏弟子の証である「法名」を授かる大変重要な儀式です。それは、私達の生きる依り所が明らかになった喜びの中で念仏の道を力強く歩もうという真宗門徒としての尊い決意表明です。

しかし、残念ながらご門徒さんの中には、法名は亡くなった人に与えられるものと考えておられる方が結構多く、その方達に帰依式の参加を勧めたりしますと「先生、私はまだ死んでませんよ」とか「法名をいただくと早死にしそうで…」等という言葉を耳にします。確かに葬儀の際、ご門主に代わって法名を授与することが度々あります。しかし、それは亡くなった方が生前、帰依式にご縁がなく法名を持っておられなかったからであり、何も亡くなったから法名を授けているわけではありません。法名というのは、私達の生き方を真実のみ教えに問い尋ねてゆく仏弟子としての名告りでありますから、生きているうちに授かることがとても大切なことなのです。

また、帰敬式は「お剃刀」とも呼ばれ、ご門主から三宝に帰依する儀式として一人ひとりの頭に三度剃刀をあてられます。これは、お釈迦さまが出家された時、自ら髪を剃られて「いま鬚髪を落とす、ねがわくば一切とともに、煩悩および習障を断除せん」と発願されたという故事から、得度式や帰敬式には、必ず髪をおろすことをかたどった「剃刀の儀」が行われます。

ですから、仏教で髪をおろすことは、自力の心をはなれ、虚飾、執着を捨て、ひたすら阿弥陀仏の本願を依り所として生きるという証なのです。

ところで帰敬式といえば、讃岐の妙好人として有名な庄松さん（一七九九～一八七一）のエピソードを思い出さずにはいられません。庄松さんは、貧しい小作農の家に生まれ、縄ないや草履づくりなどをしながら、子守や寺男として一生懸命働いたと伝えられています。

その庄松さんが、ある日、お手継ぎ寺の数人のお同行と共に帰敬式を受けに初めて京都のご本山、興正寺へお参りしました。（明治三年以降、真宗十派の一つとして独立した興正寺は当時、本願寺派に属していましたが、事実上は本寂上人を門主として既に独立体制を取っていました）

当時のご門主は、戦前の天皇陛下のように目を合わせたり、口を利いてはいけないほど庶民から遠く離れた存在だったと言われています。

その日も多くのお同行達が帰敬式を受けに全国からご本山へ足を運ばれ、本堂で式が始まるのを静かに待っておられました。すると、ご門主の本寂上人が本堂で待つお同行の前に颯爽と姿を現わし、厳粛な空気の中、深々と頭を下げるお同行一人ひとりにお剃刀の儀礼を進めていかれました。

そして、ご門主が庄松さんの頭にお剃刀を三度当てながら「南無帰依仏・南無帰依法・南無帰依僧」と三帰依の儀式を済ませて、次の人に移ろうとした時、庄松さんは何を思ったか突然ご門主の袖をグイッと掴んで引き止めました。それに気づかれたご門主が振り返りますと、庄松さんはご門主に向かって「アニキ、覚悟はよいか」と尋ねられたのです。その瞬間、厳粛な本堂の空気が一瞬で凍りつき、その場に居合わせたお同行達の度肝を抜かせたのですが、ご門主は何事もなかったように平然と儀式を続けられました。

そして式が終わってご門主が退出されますと、周りのお同行達が一斉に庄松さんを取り囲んで「無茶をするにも程がある、なんという無礼をしでかしてくれたか！」と叱りつけ本堂内は騒然となりました。「きっとお咎めがあるにちがいない」と、皆が口々に心配しているところへ、奥から取次ぎの僧侶がでてきて、「いま、ご門主の法衣の袖を引いた同行はどこにおるか、ご前に出られよとの仰せじゃ」と申しつけられました。

庄松さんは素知らぬ顔で聞き流していましたが、連れのお同行達は青ざめながら、「この男は愚かな奴でございますから、あのようなご無礼をどうぞお見逃しいただけるようお願い致します」と深々と何度も頭を下げて謝罪しました。

そこで取次ぎの僧がその旨をご門主に伝えましたが、「いや、そんな事はどうでもよい。ともかく早くその者を一度連れてまいれ」と急かされましたので、仕方なく庄松さんをご前に連れて行くことになりました。

この続きは来月の寺報でお伝えさせていただきます。

MOCHITSUKI - Sunday, December 8

Guess what? Your favorite Temple activity is right around the corner –

MOCHITSUKI!

Everyone young, old, and in-between is welcome to join in preparing and/or purchasing our delicious, sweet handmade rice mochi!

There are a few changes to note this year:

- Komochi, minimum order is 2 lbs. for $15
- Okasane, ½ lb is $6
- To be more ECO-Friendly, containers will be 100% compostable fiber.
- **No plastic carry bags will be provided**, so you must provide your own bag just as you would when grocery shopping.
- All orders will be done
  - (1) Online. An online order link will be available in early November.
  - (2) Paper version. This is for those without email or computer access.
- To ensure enough help on that Sunday, we are setting up two work shifts:
  - 6:00 am to 10:00 am and
  - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - We will send out a link for signups in November and will mail out paper forms to those without emails.
- All orders will be due by: **Monday, November 25, 2024**

Komochi
$ 15
(2-pound pkg)

Okasane
$ 6
(1/2-pound pkg)

Order form on next page

Event Schedule:

Sat., Nov. 30	8:00 am	Prep and Test equipment
Fri., Dec. 6	8:00 am	Wash barrels, Soak rice
Sat., Dec. 7	8:00 am	Final setup, Clean area, Move equipment

Mochitsuki Day:

Sun. Dec. 8	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
	2:00 pm	Start Clean up

Clean Up:

Wed. Dec. 11	8:00 am	Final Clean Up

If you have any questions, please contact Zone 4 or 8 via email: mochi@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

MVBT
2024 Mochi Order Form

Order Deadline: November 25, 2024

Name:	
eMail:	
Phone:	**Mobile Phone** _____ **Home Phone** _____

Item	Quantity	Cost per Item	Total Amount
Komochi (2 lb)		**@ $15 each**	**= $**
Okasane (1/2 lb)		**@ $6 each**	**= $**
		Additional Donation:	**$**
		Total Amount Due:	**$**

Mail or drop off this order form and check to: Mountain View Buddhist Temple 575 N. Shoreline Boulevard Mountain View, CA 94043 **Make checks payable to: "MVBT" with note "Mochitsuki"**	**Order Online:** **AN ONLINE ORDER FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON**

Remember, all orders must be received by Monday, November 25, 2024.

Pick-up your Mochi on Sunday, Dec. 8, in the Sangha Hall Gym between 11 am and 3 pm.
Please bring your own bags to pick up orders

If you have any questions, please contact Zones 4 & 8 via email: mochi@mvbuddhisttemple.org

EVENT SCHEDULE			
MOCHITSUKI PREP	**Sat, Nov 30**	**8:00 am**	**Preparation, test equipment, hang plastic**
	Fri, Dec 6	**8:00 am**	**Wash barrels and soak rice**
	Sat, Dec 7	**8:00 am**	**Final setup, clean area, move equipment**
MOCHITSUKI DAY	**Sun, Dec 8**	**5:00 am**	**Start Steamers**
		5:30 am	**Start Cooking Rice**
		6:00 am	**Start Pounding**
		6:30 am	**Start Shaping Mochi**
		11 am – 3 pm	**Mochi Pickup**
		2:00 pm	**Start Cleanup**
CLEAN UP	**Wed, Dec 11**	**8:00 am**	**Final Clean Up**

Keiro-kai Luncheon Following Eitaikyo Service

KEIRO-KAI LUNCHEON - Sunday, November 17, 2024
Following Eitiakyo Service

The **Mountain View Buddhist Temple** and **Zone 13** will host a Keiro-Kai Luncheon in honor of our members who are over seventy years young.

This year's theme is "Ichigo Ichie" or "One time, One meeting." Please join us in celebrating our Keiro Kai with MVBT's spirit of appreciation and cooperation shared between our multiple generations.

Keiros will be receiving an invitation in the mail in the next few days. Be sure to **RSVP** by returning the RSVP form **by October 25, 2024**.

Non-Keiro Temple members are encouraged to join us for lunch as well. You can also order and RSVP online via the link in Putra's Post.
Please place your order by October 25, 2024.

Tentative Schedule

11:30 am..... Check-in at the Sangha Hall
12:00 pm..... Program begins with emcee Mike Inouye, NBC Bay Area's Traffic Anchor
12:30 pm..... Entertainment
12:45 pm..... Raffle
1:30 pm Group photo. Then, program ends & clean up by non-Keiros

If you have any questions, please email Donna Okubo at mvbt.zone13@gmail.com

47th BCA Federated Buddhist Women's Association Conference (FBWA)

Buddhist Women's Association

MVBT BWA Members Led Many Activities

At the 47th BCA Federated Buddhist Women's Association Conference (FBWA) on October 4 – 6, the MVBT BWA led many activities. Some were:

- In charge of the Registration by **Shirley Matsumoto** and **Lois Okino**;
- Card Making and Community Service led by **Joan** Aoki and **Lois Okino** and
- Chairing the Hospitality Room by **Reiko Murakami**

Many Temple Members Involved

Many months of planning and BWA working tirelessly with the help of their husbands and MVBT Temple friends led to a wonderful conference.

Our gratitude to **Rev. Yushi Mukojima**, who had a Japanese Mompo. Also, our gratitude for both **Rev. Mukojima** and **Rev. Devon Matsumoto** for participating in the Opening and Closing Services.

MVBT's own television personality **Michael Inouye** was the emcee of the Saturday night banquet and was his usual fantastic self! Entertainment was provided by **The Grateful Crane Ensemble.**

Thank You

We are truly grateful for all those that helped to make this conference a success.

Photos of FBWA

On the next page, the FBWA photos are just a few from the hundreds taken by **Eric Arakaki**, one of the official photographers.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

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Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
English Keynote Speaker

Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi
Japanese Keynote Speaker

Opening Service

Congregation at Opening Service

Opening Service
FROM LEFT: Rev. Devon Matsumoto,
Rev. Yushi Mukojima &
Rev. Etsuko Mikame

MVBT BWA managed Registration

MVBT BWA Attending FBWA

Card Making Led by MVBT BWA
Example Cards

Banquet Dinner

MVBT BWA's FBWA Committee

Hospitality

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

ACTIVITIES

Sangha Day Picnic

On September 29, ABA helped with the BINGO games at the Sangha Day Picnic. Thanks goes to the following ABA members that assisted that day…**Russ Nakano**, **Norris Hirota**, **Will Dea**, **Marilyn Ozawa**, **Steve Tsuchida**, **Ken Nakano**, **Irving Ozawa** and **Kay Sasaki**. Also, appreciation to **Ryan Tao** (Toshiko Uyehara's son-in-law) who announced the BINGO numbers and even told a Jits Higa type joke!

ABA & Bishops' Memorial Service

On Sunday, October 20, ABA will Chair the Bishop's and ABA Memorial Service with guest speaker and former MVBT Resident Minister, **Rev. Dennis Shinseki.**

Also, on October 20, ABA will have an Onenju Workshop from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm with **Joan Aoki** instructing us how to make a wrist Onenju

Join ABA

If you are interested in joining ABA or have any questions, please contact **Reiko Tsuchida** (Membership Chairperson), **Mieko Nakano** (Assistant Membership Chairperson) or any ABA member

Next Meeting

The next ABA meeting will be Friday, December 13, at 7:30 pm.

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

September Activities

Girl Scouts held their Rededication Ceremony in September to welcome families back to another year of scouting, and to renew their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise.

The Scouts also ran the Guessing Jar game at the Sangha Day Picnic. Congratulations! Winners in the following age groups all received Target gift cards.

Age 2-11:	Andrei
Age 12-20:	Sophia
Age 21-40:	Casey
Age 41-60:	Christine
Age 60+:	Julie

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Girl Scouts at Rededication Ceremony

2024 150 Club News

The October winner is **Hayley Arima**.

Congratulations to Hayley!

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
NOV	Zones 2 & 3	N / A	N / A
DEC	Zones 4 & 5	Nov 15 (Fri)	Nov 20 (Wed)
JAN	Zones 6 & 7	Dec 13 (Fri)	Dec 18 (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 .

Miroku

September Activities

This past September was both an eventful and fun filled month. We were able to chair the Sangha Day Picnic service and afterwards, stayed to enjoy all the food and fun activities.

Alongside that, we had our very first meeting of the year and we were able to learn some new facts about our team members. We also welcomed in past and new members into Miroku after a long and joyful summer break.

October Meeting

We held our October meeting on Sunday, October 13, after Dharma School let out in the YBA conference room.

November Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 3, after Dharma School.

In Gassho,
Kayley Chu
6th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

MVBT Fishing Club

Fishing Classes

The Fishing Club hosted a Fly Casting Class taught by Will Dea on September 7.

On September 26, Bryan Nishimoto taught a Rod Repair Class.

Thank you Will Dea and Bryan Nishimoto for hosting the classes!

Will Dea demonstrating how to fly cast in Sangha Hall

Bryan Nishimoto demonstrating rod repair in YBA Hall Board Room

Join the Club

If you are interested in joining the Fishing Club or have any questions, please contact Alec.

In Gassho,
Alec Matsumoto
alec.matsumoto33 @gmail.com

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Donations are 1/3 of the Yearly Operating Income

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Bishops' & ABA Memorial / Eitaikyo Memorial

Keiro Kai / Bodhi Day

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MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

Hello Everyone, my name is **Jillian Higa** and I am the 2024-25 YBA President. I am very excited for this upcoming year and am looking forward to all the events that YBA will experience.

First YBA General Meeting for 2024-2025

YBA held its first General Meeting of the year, in the High School classroom. We welcomed new members, welcomed back returning members, and reviewed the events and fundraisers we have planned for the upcoming year. Overall, the first meeting went really well and was a great start to the upcoming year.

Sangha Day Picnic

On Sangha Day Picnic, YBA helped run children's games such as water balloon toss and a fun scavenger hunt. We also had YBA members help out with arm painting as well as running the 50/50 Raffle Table. It was a great way for YBA to connect with other members in the Sangha and everyone had a fun time.

Parents Meeting

YBA had an informational parent meeting, held in the Temple Board Room. This allowed the parents of all the YBA members to learn what responsibilities and activities their kids will be a part of.

In Gassho,
Jillian Higa
2024-2025 YBA President

Above photos from Sangha Day Picnic

Dharma School News

MVBT Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration

A link to this year's registration forms were sent to the Dharma School email list. If you have not received the email or registered your Dharma School student(s), please complete it here by the end of October:

https://tinyurl.com/mvbtds-reg24

Teachers

There is one more Dharma School teacher! **Mari Ueda-Tao** teaches the second and third grade Dharma School class with **Diane Umemoto** and **Toshiko Uyehara**.

Halloween Parade

Please wear your Halloween costumes to service on Sunday, October 27! We would like to encourage all of our students to dress up for the annual Halloween parade immediately following service in the Hondo before the students are excused for class.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 13: Middle School Class chairs Service

Sunday, October 27: 2nd and 3rd Grade Class chairs Service; Dharma School Halloween Parade following service.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sangha Day Picnic

It was great to see all of our Dharma School families enjoying the event! Thank you for supporting the Aloha cards for the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief fundraiser by our Middle School Class and checking out our Dharma School Taiko.

Donation

A big THANK YOU to **Irving and Marilyn Ozawa** for their generous donation to Dharma School

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

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MVBT SANGHA DAY PICNIC

This year's Sangha Day Picnic's theme was "Come Together". On September 29, approximately 200 people just did that -- we "Came Together".

Everyone from babies to super seniors enjoyed a sunny afternoon full of delicious food, fun games for kids and adults, and the community of our Sangha.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered including Zone 5 members, the set-up squad, BBQ team, kitchen help, affiliated organizations, BINGO crew, and everyone else who helped out.

With Gassho,
Co-Chairs
Bob Matsumoto
Jean Shimoguchi
Sangha Day Picnic Committee – Zone 5

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Thursday November 21: We will have BINGO, one of your favorite activities, with prizes to be won. Also, lunch will be provided. Share your time with your friends with lunch, and then BINGO.

Also, with the busy holidays soon approaching, the gathering on November 21 will be our last for 2024. Wishing you all to continue to stay well.

Senior Cookbook

Senior Cookbooks are still available. They can be purchased at the Temple office or through any of our committee members. The price is still $10, and makes a wonderful gift.

Senior Crafts:

The Crafts and all Activities program starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12 noon.

Refreshments

During the Senior Activities, light refreshments are provided that includes snacks, coffee and tea.

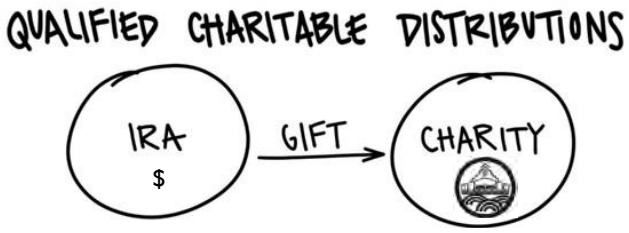
Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

READ ONLY IF YOU'RE OVER 70 ½ YEARS OLD

Donate from Your IRA using a QCD

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. QCDs can start as early as 70 ½ even though Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your IRAs are not required until age 73.

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 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 3

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

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 to acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call the Temple office during weekly office hours.

2024 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2023	3rd Year Memorial	2022	7th Year Memorial	2018
13th Year Memorial	2012	17th Year Memorial	2008	25th Year Memorial	2000
27th Year Memorial	1998	33rd Year Memorial	1992	50th Year Memorial	1975

Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 17

The Eitaikyo Service will be held on Sunday, November 17. The guest speaker will be Rev. Ken Fujimoto, retired BCA minister.

After the service, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will host its annual Keiro Kai Luncheon to honor the Seniors, who are MVBT members and who are 70 years old and older. A flyer is in this Echo on Page 8.

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: _____

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

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service (Hybrid) 11a-2p Senior Craft Boutique (Sangha Hall\; Foyer) 11:45a-2p YBA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Kitchen/Main Hall / Education Bldg.\; 2/3) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**2** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	**3** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**4** 6p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**5** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**6** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**7** 4p-9p Boy Scouts Court of Honor/Holiday Dinner (Sangha Hall\; All)
8 Mochitsuki – All Day 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**9**	**10** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**11** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All) 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/Kitchen)	**12** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**13** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom) 7:30p-9p ABA General Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/Kitchen)	**14** 10a-12p BWA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall / Kitchen)
15 9:45a-1p Osoji (All Facilities) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**16** 12p-8p Scouts - Eagle Scout Event (Sangha Hall - All)	**17** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**18** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**19** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**20** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**21** Winter Solstice
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29 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**30** 1p-2p Senior Activities Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall) 7:30p-9p RPC Virtual Meeting	**31** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7p-8p Joya-e Service 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)				

Upcoming Events

December 1, Sunday

- **Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service**

December 8, Sunday

- **Mochi Tsuki**

December 15, Sunday

- **Osoji**

December 31, Tuesday

- **Year End / Joya-e Service**

January 1, Wednesday

- **New Year's Day / Shusho-e Service**

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Eitaikyo Memorial

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