



## 年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も一昨年に引き続き、私たちの生活は新型コロナウイルス感染症 (COVID-19) の流行に対応したものととなりました。ここに、新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられた方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、治療・対策にあたられている医師、看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

この新型コロナウイルス感染症は、私たち一人一人の生活に大きな影響を与えました。それは、同時に社会の問題も浮き彫りにしています。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、自分自身の考えにとらわれ、真実をみることのできない私たちの姿を指摘されています。私たちが自分の思い通りに行動したら、社会の中に対立や分断を生むことになります。



親鸞聖人は、ご和讃に「浄土真宗に帰すれども 真実の心はありがたし 虚仮不実のわが身にて 清浄の心もさらになし」とうたわれました。阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって知らされる私たちの本当の姿は、縁起や無常、無我というこの世界の真実をそのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ姿です。親鸞聖人は、そのような私たちに阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが届いていると明らかにされました。いまだに新型コロナウイルス感染症の収束が見通せない世界ですが、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、それを依りどころとして日々の生活を過ごしてまいりましょう。

現在の厳しい状況の中でさまざまな試みを重ねながら、今までとは違った方法で浄土真宗のみ教を広く社会へ伝える取り組みもなされていると聞き、たいへん心強く思います。これからもお寺が皆さまの心の支えとなりますよう、お寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げ、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2022年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光淳



# New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Over these past couple of years, we have had to adjust our lives in accordance with the scale of the spread of COVID-19. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

This infectious disease has not only greatly affected the life of each one of us, but also revealed many issues that had been contained in our society. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear of the fact that we cannot see the truth because we are too attached to our own thought. Therefore, it is only natural that conflicts and divisions come about in a society in which those who, like us, fundamentally self-centered beings, act in accordance based on one's own thought.

In the following *wasan* poem, Shinran Shonin deeply reflected on himself and described what we humans are like:

*Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land way,  
It is hard to have a true and sincere mind.  
This self is false and insincere;  
I completely lack a pure mind.*

*Hymns of the Dharma-ages*

As the *wasan* shows, we are basically incapable of accepting the reality of this world, such as, dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. And because of this we constantly suffer. Only through being aware of and appreciating Amida Buddha's compassionate and salvific working, are we enabled to accept our true self. Shinran Shonin clarified that such ignorance is the very reason why Amida Buddha's salvific working has reached every one of us. Keeping in mind that we are always embraced in Amida's compassionate Light, let us live each day to the fullest, even though we have yet to see the end of the tunnel.

I feel truly assured hearing that many of you have been making efforts to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching within the greater society through various and innovative ways despite the current situation. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

**January 1, 2022**

**OHTANI Kojun**

**Monshu**

**Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha**



## New Year's Greeting

May I extend a warm Happy New Year to all of you. Our BCA theme for 2022 is the same as our campaign theme — “Moving the Dharma Forward.”

Our metaphor for the campaign is the monarch butterfly, whose annual migration from Mexico to the northern United States and Canada and back, takes four generations of butterflies to complete. Each generation of butterflies does its part to perpetuate its species and to make that annual migration to the north and back.

I think this is a most fitting metaphor for our campaign, as we have worked hard to keep moving forward amongst the challenges of our time.

We have been the recipient of the transmission of the Dharma over the past 2,500 years from Shakyamuni Buddha through India to China to Japan, and to us. Perhaps our parents or grandparents were part of that transmission, or we had a Dharma friend or teacher who connected us to the Dharma, but somehow each of us has encountered the Shin Buddhist teachings.

Now it is our generation's turn to do our part to ensure the transmission of the Dharma to future generations.

First, we have to deeply listen to and receive the teachings in our own hearts and minds. Then we must do what we can to share and transmit the Dharma to others. Professor Shigaraki often said in his lectures at Ryukoku University that if the teachings move us, resonate with us, then it is our responsibility to share the teachings with others.

If one generation of the monarch butterflies decides to “take it easy,” and not do its part, then the monarch butterfly does not continue as a species.

We cannot shirk our turn to do what we can to support and actively participate in the transmission of the Dharma to others. This is our time.

May we look to this new year with excitement and a renewed dedication listening to the Dharma, sharing the Dharma, and moving the Dharma Forward.

**Bishop Marvin Harada**  
**Buddhist Churches of America**







# Sensei's Message

## 2022! What Next!

Happy New Year! *Shinnen Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu!* Welcome 2022!

On behalf of the Venice Buddhist Temple, I would like to Thank You to Everyone for your past support in 2021.

Congratulations! We have all made it another year! As we have come to 2022 I was wondering, what is your vision for this year? Have you asked this valuable question? What shall we do together this year? When I think of our direction and growth, I continue to tell myself that we can persevere through life's inconveniences. Reflecting back we are still doing our best to be safe. We have more tools and knowledge which does give us the encouragement to take a few more steps forward. Looking ahead make a declaration or set goals of how to enrich your daily life. When it comes to your home life it might be learn a new hobby or make a new friend. It might be to have

the hope and make the determination to travel (safely).

When I think of a vision, the above are personal changes and all small visions. For this year, let us all think about simple acts that can change us and others with widespread and long-lasting effects with great internal benefits. Acts that are within our capability that carry joy and meaning to everyone. I think back to two examples of acts of kindness and compassion that I have witnessed as a child. First, there were the intermittent phone calls that my grandfather would give to my cousins to see how they were doing. I am sure you many can relate to this. The second is receiving cards for every holiday and birthday from a great aunt. They made such a difference for my relatives to the effect that this tradition has been continued for the next generation. We can all think about doing something nice for someone else. If possible, please adopt one person/youth



and make a call or send them a note of value and care.

When I think of acts that would help others, let us not forget to say *Namu Amida Butsu* together. This is Amida's work for each of us. Think about the last time you were with someone and said it in tandem. When was the last time you shared it with a parent or grandparent? Just by remembering it, this event is still changing your life. After thinking of that moment, imagine sharing one moment with Nembutsu with another.

*Faith...* It is the heart and mind free of that which is empty and transitory.

This line is from Shinran's writing on the "Essentials of Faith Alone." After you know *Namu Amida Butsu* is still working within, it describes the person which has been changed. Empty and Transitory means Egocentric and Impermanent. Basically, putting our hands together and saying *Namu Amida Butsu* with another is the act of sharing Nembutsu. By doing this, we are trying to change the lives of others.

Please work to use this as a greeting, good morning, good afternoon, good night, and goodbye. Happy New Year Everyone! Continue to stay Safe, Healthy, and Strong!

**Namo Amida Butsu,  
Rev. Kory Quon**





# President's Message

Hi everyone! As I write this, I'm not sure when you will be reading this (mostly because people like me miss their submission deadlines), so I'll take this time to look back at this past year and look ahead to 2022.

In 2021, we as a Temple and Sangha did more than just endure during the continued effects of the Pandemic, we flourished. We have made most of opportunities while doing our best to remain safe while providing offerings to those who wanted in person activities as well as those who preferred to continue to shelter in place. Serving our Sangha means ensuring the needs of all of us are addressed, and together, we have done an amazing job and accomplished plenty this past year.

Our 2021 Temple priorities included a focus on providing programs and services for the Sangha, increasing our Community presence, building Temple membership, and reopening the Temple, from holding morning Services every Sunday and Tuesday (virtually and in person), holding Virtual Obon, including Bon Odori, having

fundraisers including our Kenny's Café Royal takeout, ABA Cherrystones takeout, and our almost monthly Dining Out series, and our Sangha Series events addressing the challenges of racism, anti-Asian hate and COVID-19 challenges, we have more that achieved our goals. We have invited the Venice Japanese Community Center to join us in our Senior Dana Deliveries Program and have worked to ensure we support the VJCC and their activities.

Plus, a big thank you to Zoom, which opened access to people while we had to stay at home. Even from Connecticut, I was able to join Service and meetings. During the year, we have extended our reach to 12 states and at least 3 countries in a way we didn't even consider before the lockdown.

Most importantly is the role our youth organizations have played in this effort. Our Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Jr. YBA, and our newly reactivated Sangha Teens have been our main couriers for our Senior Dana Deliveries, which now reaches over 125 of our Community seniors. They all worked to create our Hearts for Love



## *President's Message, continued...*

display which adorns our entry door and was featured in the Nishi Hongwanji (Kyoto) Shimpō, which is circulated to thousands of Jodo Shinshu Temples around the world. They have also led activities like a bone marrow drive, warm coat collection, and created toiletry kits for those in need. And, our Dharma School is growing, and is now offering classes for both younger and older students. A huge thank you to all of these groups, their leaders, and most importantly to the young folks who helped make all this happen- we are so grateful that you are part of our Sangha and appreciate all you do for the Temple.

As for our 2022 priorities, the Board will have 2 new committees that will focus on meeting the specific needs and interests of 2 of our key segments- Young Sangha members and our Keiro (older) members. Serve our Sangha - that means all of us, and together, let's continue along this path. New energy and fresh faces are the

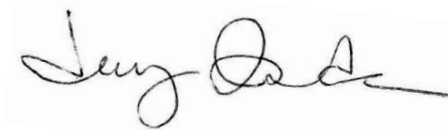
key to our continuing to build for the future of the Temple.

### **VHBT Gets a facelift**

After over 50 years, the time has come to replace our roof. Construction will begin at the end of January and is expected to take two weeks. This will help us address the issue with leaks we were experiencing and help ensure that our Temple is protected for the years to come. Special thanks to Coordinator Tom Yamaguchi and Associate Coordinator Janet DaVall for making this happen.

On a personal note, I greatly appreciate your help in making my year as President. Happy Holidays and wishing you all the best in the coming year.

**In gassho,**



**Jerry Iseda**







October turned out to be another activity filled month for the Venice Dharma School. We had a good turnout for our first Dharma School class led by Emily Kariya for middle and high school ages on Oct. 10 in person outside and virtually. The following week we had an all virtual class for preschool through 5th grade students led by Janis Ozaki. The theme for both Sundays was the altar and all the students made their own mini Obutsudans. Thanks to Rev. Kory for explaining the different pieces of the altar and answering the students' questions.

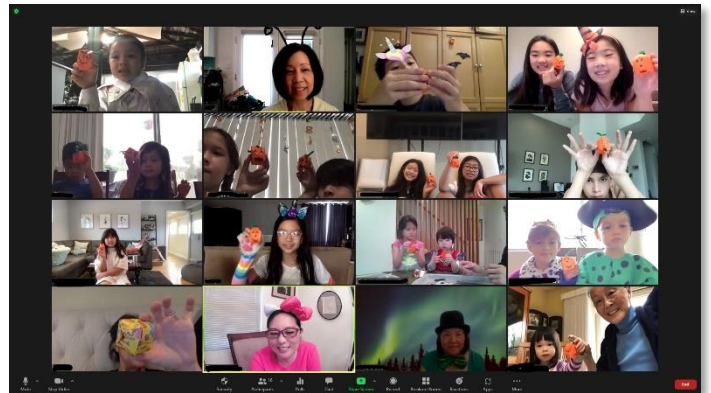


*Obutsudan Class*

On Oct. 23 the Dharma School staff assembled the Senior Dana Delivery bags for the Oct. 24th delivery. In addition to our staff, Dharma School would like to thank Joyce Enomoto, Judy Yamaguchi and Cami Fukuji for helping us prepare the bags. The seniors received many yummy

treats for Halloween including rice and soup mixes from Kubota Mortuary and some candy from the Venice Japanese Community Center.

Because of the pandemic Dharma School once again had to celebrate Halloween virtually on the 31st. This year, however, the kids got to experience more than just driving through to pick up their Halloween Party bag the day before the party. Thanks to Alia, Jessica and Billy Asher, kids and families were able to take photos in front of the Halloween background they created. We had a jar full of M and M's and candy corn for both kids and adults to guess how many there were and the kids played Plinko for prizes. The young ones, as well as the adults, were so excited to see each other in person after being apart for so long.



*Virtual Halloween Party*

During the virtual Halloween Party, the kids made Origami bats and pumpkins. They also played a Halloween Memory game. The winners of the game were Cody Lasecki for the elementary school kids and Kaylee Lasecki for the middle school kids who each received an Amazon gift card. The candy jar guessing game winners were announced with Courtney Yoshikawa having the closest guess for the adults and Kami Nobuyuki as the winner



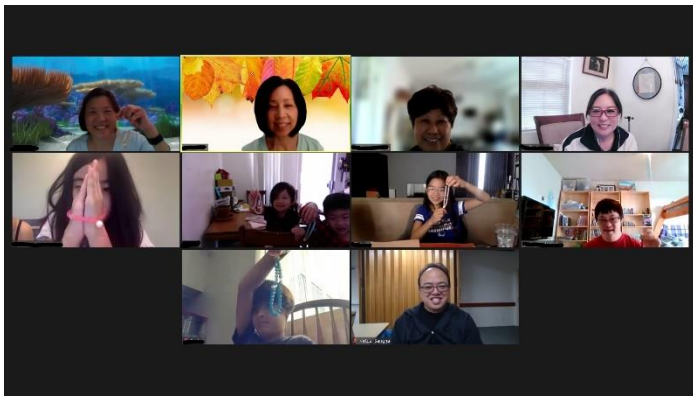
**WINTER 2021**



## *Dharma School, continued...*

for the kids. They both received Amazon gift cards for their prizes too.

Our theme for November's Dharma School classes was gratitude. Thank you to Julia Ueda for preparing and teaching the preschool/elementary school class virtually on Nov. 7. The students watched a short animated video titled "A Joy Story" and learned the meanings of compassion and gratitude. They also learned about Onenjus and strung beads to make their own Onenju. Lastly they traced their hands and cut them out of foam to make an Onenju holder with hands in Gassho. Julia also assisted Emily to make Onenjus for the middle/high school class on Nov. 21 after Emily led a discussion about what Namo Amida Butsu means.



*Onenju Class*

Bodhi Day was the theme for December. On Dec. 5th, Emily facilitated a 3-2-1 lesson by having the middle school students write down 3 things they learned after watching a video about Bodhi Day, 2 questions they had about the subject and then 1 reason why they should learn about it. Judy led

the class on Dec. 12 for the younger students involving a color, cut and paste Bodhi Day scene.

Now that the Covid vaccine is available for kids 5 years and older, Dharma School will offer hybrid classes for all students in 2022. Those that are vaccinated are welcome to come in person to the temple, but we will also still be on Zoom for those that need to continue virtually. If anyone has questions or concerns, feel free to contact any of the Dharma School staff.







By Quinn Daimonji

Introducing Sangha Teens! We had our first meeting on October 10th. Following our meeting on 11-14-21 we went to the Howard Hughes center in Culver city. The Sangha Teens rented a private theater at the Cinemark making it a fun but safe experience for the members. We saw the Marvel movie, Eternals. On the topic of the Sangha Teens members, there are 9 of us: Leah, Alia, Kaylee, Audrey, Quinn, Sean, Dominick, Dylan, and Drew. The parent advisors are Cindy Matsubayashi and Kori Nobuyuki.





# Buddhist Women's Association

The Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) collected summer-themed items for the August Dana Deliveries, which included a message from Kory Sensei, a hibiscus-decorated folding fan, fruit snacks, somen and bottled dashi, tissues, freezable otter pops, a handmade greeting card (donated by Michelle Mitsui of Oregon) with Forever stamp, and Congratulations to Kory Sensei on his 6th anniversary as VHBT's resident minister – all delivered in a tote that celebrates Sensei's six years at VHBT.



The BWA thanks Aleyna Minamoto for coordinating these Dana Deliveries with families of Girl Scout Troop 5325, Cub Pack 79, and various members of the Temple. The recipients of the Dana Deliveries have been expanded from the 85 Temple Keiro members to a total of 125 which includes Keiro of the Venice Japanese Community Center. Thank you to the nonprofit organization known as Keiro for a grant to help alleviate the isolation of many seniors in our community. The

Temple has planned other projects besides this expansion of the Dana Deliveries.



*Just a few of the beautiful, hand-crafted greeting cards donated to the Temple by artisan Michelle Mitsui of Oregon*

The Temple's Virtual Lumbini Boutique was rescheduled from April, 2021 when "Lumbini" would make sense, as it was the April birthplace of Prince Siddhartha Gautama some 2,500 years ago. In April, we celebrate Hanamatsuri, and pour sweet tea over the baby standing upright in the Hanamido, decorated with spring flowers. These





## BWA, continued...

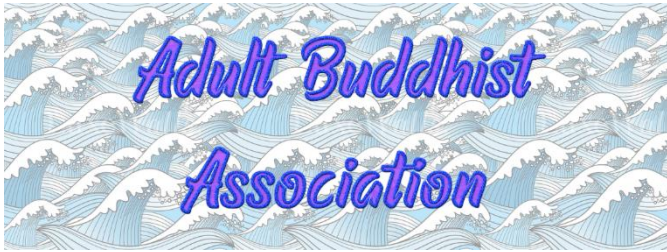
symbolize the Lumbini Garden, and the light rain that fell on Buddha's birthday. The Virtual Lumbini Boutique, a buy-now (not actually an auction) event featuring 100 gently-used Japan-themed items, has been rescheduled for November 1 – 30, 2021 at

[32auctions.com/lumbini](https://32auctions.com/lumbini). By the time you receive this issue of the Gassho News, we hope we have reached our goal of \$2,000, and thank everybody who supported the Virtual Lumbini Boutique by purchasing lovely gifts for your friends and family members!



*Thank you to Ken Chen for bringing his professional backdrop and lighting set up for photographing each item, and to Lynn Nakagiri and Vicki Tokirio for packaging each item for pick up.*





According to the Chinese horoscope 2022 and on a positive energetic level, the New Year of the Water Tiger 2022 symbolizes determinism, spontaneity and novelty. Let's all make it a good year.

Hope all are doing OK, as the year 2021 comes to an end. A year full of events that make one appreciate good health, good mental health, and hope for a New Year, 2022...Year of the Tiger.

I look forward to this coming year, with the hope that the pandemic ends, (or becomes an endemic instead of a pandemic), and we can make way for a new norm. What that new normal, is yet to be defined.

We congratulate Jerry Iseda on another term, as President of the Temple, with a resounding support for him. We will be dancing in the streets.

Thank all of the support that everyone has provided, and I am looking forward to a new and exciting 2022.

For anyone, who is interested in joining ABA for 2022, please contact Tom Yamaguchi at [tommyyami@gmail.com](mailto:tommyyami@gmail.com).

If you have any thoughts or recommendations/suggestion for next year, please let me know.

Thanks see everyone in 2022.

## 2022 MONTHLY THOUGHTS

**JANUARY:** Make your bed each morning. You will have accomplished your first task of the day, and if the day was difficult, then you will come home to a bed, well made and clean.

**FEBRUARY:** Practice social distancing from the refrigerator.

**MARCH:** Wake-up with a smile on your face each morning.

**APRIL:** Watch the flowers bloom and enjoy the fragrances.

**MAY:** Call a friend.

**JUNE:** Say "Good morning" or "Hello" to each person you meet.

**JULY:** Time to do Obon Odori.

**AUGUST:** Time to take a few days off and relax.

**SEPTEMBER:** Drink a glass of red wine. You will sleep well.

**OCTOBER:** Happy Halloween.

**NOVERMBER:** Happy Thanksgiving.

**DECEMBER:** Time for Mochi Tsuki.

*Source: Tom Yamaguchi*

**Gassho,  
Tom Yamaguchi, ABA President**







# Girl Scout Troop 5325

## Investiture

By Leah Matsubayashi

Girl Scout Troop 5325 had an in-person investiture on November 1, 2021. Four girls bridged from Daisy to Brownies, and we added five new girls to the Junior group. We now have a total of 52 girls in the troop! It was the first time that the Juniors did the flag ceremony, and they did a fantastic job! I interviewed the youngest girls, who said that they loved seeing their friends in person and are finally happy to be Brownies! Audrey and I got to MC the ceremony, and I couldn't agree more, that it was really nice seeing everyone in person!





## Girl Scout Troop 5325, continued...



On December 5, 2021, Senior level girls and moms gathered to assemble 300 Year of the Tiger calendars. The calendars were distributed as part of the Senior Dana Deliveries program and will also be taken to the residents of Kei Ai nursing home.



Girls of all ages participated in Project Pot Pies on December 11, 2021. The girls gathered early in the morning to prepare the pot pies. Parents then volunteered to bake the pies at home. Our troop made 120 pot pies. The warm pot pies along with hygiene kits were taken directly to a homeless encampment to help those in need.



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## Girl Scout Troop 5325, continued...

Troop 5325 held their annual Thanksgiving meeting on November 22, 2021 in the Temple parking lot. The girls rotated through different stations:

- Ornament making – 150 ornaments were made to decorate trees given to foster families through DCFS and the Teague Foundation
- Hygiene kit assembly – girls put together 100 hygiene kits for the homeless
- Calendar coloring – girls colored Year of the Tiger pictures to be used for the calendars given to seniors
- Butter making – the girls take the butter home to contribute to their Thanksgiving dinner
- Cookie decorating – a treat for a job well done!



Dear Temple Community,  
Thank you so much for all of  
your support. We were amazed  
at the hundreds of coats  
donated as well as the knitted  
scarves and toiletries! Over  
350 coats were taken to the  
Warm Coat Drive for  
distribution to those in need.  
We also made over 100 hygiene  
kits for the homeless.







# Cub Pack 79

## Pack 79 Family Camp

By Tim Regan

Culver Pack 79 Cub Scout's annual Family Camp took place at Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center over the weekend of October 22. Thirty families and over a hundred people came out for the first Family Camp since 2019. I was happy we got to go at all since this would be my last P79 Family Camp.



really liked shooting BBs since I'm particularly good at it and it requires concentration.



*BB Gun range*



*Archery*

Saturday's first activity was archery and BB shooting. It was around this time it started to rain lightly. The group got separated in two groups and took turns shooting bows and BB guns. Since it was the first time going since 2019, most of the kids had never done any of this. The instructors were very informative and helped everyone learn to use the tools. All the kids were able to learn these skills quickly and had lots of fun doing so. I

After archery and BB guns were done, people started heading back to camp to take a break and eat lunch. It had stopped raining but was still overcast. After lunch, some of the kids went swimming. It was perfect since it wasn't too hot, but not too cold either. When we got back from swimming, we had the scout olympics. I prefer BB guns over archery since you get to shoot more and it's more fast paced.

The Scout Olympics had three stations: knot tying, river crossing, and giant clove hitch. Scouts went from station to station learning new scout skills that will help them in the future. Everyone had a really fun time. We had dinner after that. I will miss this since I got to help some of the younger scouts learn new skills.





## *Cub Pack 79, continued...*

After dinner scouts attended an awards ceremony. All scouts received recognition for their hard work over the past few months. I helped make about 60 smores, which was fun and satisfying as they ate all the delicious smores. Later that evening we went on a night hike which was very enjoyable. We go to see stars, which doesn't happen in places like Los Angeles.

The next day scouts ate breakfast and went ziplining. The views were incredible, and most scouts had never experienced it before. A lot of

scouts overcame a fear of heights while participating in this activity. When we got back, we started packing up as it was the end of the trip.

In conclusion, lots of new families were introduced to camping and loved it. Nobody got hurt or had a bad experience. Everyone was super friendly and welcoming. I don't think Covid impacted this trip too much, everyone had fun while still wearing a mask and being safe. The thing I would miss the most about family camp is hanging out with my friends and fellow scouts.



We continue to welcome new families and scouts in Pack 79. Pack 79 welcomes girls to the pack and are looking for interested families to embark on this adventure with us! If you or family members/friends would like to learn more about Pack 79 please send a note to [cubpack79@vhbt.org](mailto:cubpack79@vhbt.org) or check out our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/marinacubpack79/> and our public site at <https://marinacubpack79.shutterfly.com/>



## VHBT Membership

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- Attend religious services and educational programs
- Access to temple organizations
- Enjoy optional participation in fun group bonding activities, programs, and fundraising efforts

### New Members receive:

- Welcome booklet and Temple Meet and Greet
- Subscription to the temple's Gassho newsletter
- First hand notifications of temple events and activities

And now, adults under 30 can now join for only \$50!

For more information, visit  
[www.vhbt.org/membership](http://www.vhbt.org/membership)

You can even join online!

## 2022 Memorial Service Schedule by Years

Memorial services for those who passed away in the following years:

2021: 1 year

2020: 3 year

2016: 7 year

2010: 13 year

2006: 17 year

1998: 25 year

1990: 33 year

1973: 50 year



## TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

*The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their **2021 dues** received **through December**. The asterisks (\*) identify our Honorary (Keiro) members who made membership donations. As we close out our membership drive for 2021, we want to thank all of you for continuing to support the Temple through your membership dues.*

**\*June Akioka, \*Yuri Amamoto**, Joe & Dianne Belli, Ken Chen & Sheri Nagata, Martin & Robyn Cohen, Bryan & Aileen Cooke, Mark & Lisa Cummings, Tom & Janet DaVall, Wayne & Karen Eguchi, **\*June Fujioka**, Kei & Tomoko Fukuda, Kristina Fukuda, Ron & Barbara Fukuji, Chisako Fukumoto, Ron & Iris Gee, Ryan & Monica Belli Haley, Glenn Hamashita, Janice Hankawa, Eugene & Phyllis Hayashibara, John & Patti Heyl, Jill Hopfield, Joe & Judy Hopfield, Glenn & Debbie Hoshizaki, Nicolo Hoshizaki, Mildred Ichinotsubo, Leonard & Gwen Imada, Shirley Inada, Stacy & Joyce Ino, Gerald Iseda, **\*Minako Iseda**, Nelson & Sharon Ishida, Osami Ishida, Calvin Ito & Sharyn Yoshimi, **\*Dale Ito**, Jon & Joan Ito, Sachiko Ito, George & Sachi Johnston, **\*Hiroshi Kadomatsu**, Emily Kariya, Yoshiko Kariya, Scot Kawano, **\*Sammy & \*Chieko Kishimoto**, Jimmy Kita & Gail Higa, **\*Sanaye Kita, \*Richard & \*Aya Kojima**, Sam & May Kiyohara, Kevin Koda, Shinobu Koda, Frank & Elaine Koyama, **\*Setsuko Kuda, \*Mae Kumagai**, Gary & Leticia Kurashige, **\*Milnes & \*Nori Kurashige**, Tom & Delcene Kuwata, Kimberly & Orr Limpisvasti, Hidehisa & Yukari Marume, Ayako Masada, Amanda Matsubara, Erik & Cindy Matsubayashi, Evann Matsumura, Irene Matsumura, **\*Alan & Jane Matsuzaki**, Charles & Sue Mayeda, Mark Mayeda & Deborah Ching, Richard Modiano, Mark & Diane Morimoto, **\*Victoria Morimoto**, Daniel Motobo, Jackie Motobo, Cheryl Nakagiri, Dan Nakagiri, Tom Nakagiri, Leslie Nakahara, **\*Jean Nakamoto**, Edgar Nakamura, **\*Setsue Nakamura, \*Richard & \*Kazuko Nakashima**, Hiroko Naruo, **\*John & Judy Nawa**, Eva Nakasone & Ted Nishimura, David Nishina, **\*Fusae Nishina, \*Yayeko Nishina, \*Tom Nishimura**, Jeff & Sachie Nitta, Tony & Kori Nobuyuki, Dale & Gail Noriyuki, Dustin Noriyuki, **\*Kay & \*Kimi Obana**, Fusako Ogasawara, Jino Ok & Aleya Minamoto-Ok, Quinn Okamoto, Margarita Oku, **\*Tatsumi Omote, \*Fujiko Oriba**, Craig & Linda Oshinomi, **\*Mitsuko Ota**, Robert & Leah Oye, **\*Kazuko Ozaki**, Ron & Janis Ozaki, John & Valda Palacios, Janet Petersen, Ted Reeve & Jim Matsuo, Ken Rosengrant & Joyce Enomoto, Billy & Sandy Saeki, Ichiko Sakamoto, Merle & Gail Sharp, Mabel Shimasaki, **\*Hitoshi Shimizu, \*Sam & \*Kuniko Shimoguchi, \*Mary Shimono, \*Manabu & Emma Shimoyama**, Mark & Sharlene Shinmoto, **\*Harry Shinozaki**, Ken & Sue Sogabe, Kiyoe Suzuki, **\*Norm & \*Yoshie Tachiki**, Dave & Arlene Tadamaru, **\*Kagami Takata**, Randy & Mari Tamura, Michael Tanaka & Jill Ishida, **\*Sue Tanaka**, Etsuko Nancy Taylor, **\*Sumiko Tochiara**, Carey & Vicki Tokirio, Karen Tokubo, **\*Yasushi Udagawa**, Dean & Julia Ueda, Kayla Ueda, Kelsey Ueda, Don Uehara, Yoshiko Uyeno, Ron Wakabayashi & Jane Wong, Lance & Barbara Wakasa, **\*George & Sheryl Yamada**, Tom & Judy Yamaguchi, Robert & Peggy Yamamoto, Gail Yoneda, **\*Sakaye Yoneda**, Kenzo & Annette Yonemitsu, Art & Roseann Yoshida, Spencer & Courtney Yoshikawa

### Membership Categories:

FAMILY MEMBERS	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	SENIOR MEMBERS
<b>Family Membership</b> (Includes children under age 22 yrs) <b>\$500</b>	<b>Individual Membership</b> (Single Adult age 30 and older) <b>\$250</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> (Keiro – age 80 yrs. during or after 2018) <b>\$125</b>
<b>Young Family Membership</b> (Family under age 35 yrs.) <b>\$350</b>	<b>Young Adult Individual Membership</b> (Single adult under age 30 yrs.) <b>\$50</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> (Keiro – age 80 yrs. before 2018) <b>Complimentary</b>





# Thank You for Your Donations



## November 2021

Eitaikyo: Janet DaVall, Barbara Fukuji, Judy Hopfield, Janis Ozaki, Gary Uyeda

Funeral: Patricia Hosokawa

Memorial: Thomas Yoshikawa Family Trust

Special Donation: Anonymous, Anonymous, BCA Endowment Foundation for Frank & Elaine Koyama, Mary Horii, Osamu Ishida, Sharon Ishida, Rikio Ishikawa, Pauline Itow, Amy Kadomatsu, Susan Kono, Aileen Kuda, Mae Kumagai, Noriko Kurashige, Katsuko Nakagawa, Fujiko Oriba, Janet Petersen, Veena Sanyal Elguea, Catherine Silman, Yoshie Tachiki, Jean Tsunemoto (2), Judy Wong, George Yamada, Rob Yamamoto

## December 2021

Funeral: Veena Sanyal Elguea, Craig & Carole Mikasa, Setsue Nakamura, Joanne Shida-Tokeshi

Memorial: Joseph & Dianne Belli, June Fujioka, Shinobu Koda, Bruce Morimoto, Tatsumi Omote, Sumiye Takeuchi & Family, Koichi & Miyo Tanaka, Joyce Yamamoto

Special Donation: Anonymous, Joseph & Dianne Belli, Rip Rense & Annie Chuck, FIA Insurance Services, Inc., Minako Iseda, Osamu Ishida, Sharon Ishida (2), Yoneko Itow, Amy Kadomatsu, Daniel Kerson, Nikkei Memorial Group, Inc., Mitsuko Ota, Tereza Ouchida, Esther Quon, Rob Yamamoto

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*Thank you for your generosity*

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# Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ Renewal

☐ New Member

☐ Change of Address

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT/FORMER OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT/FORMER OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ FAX NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DEPENDENT CHILDREN (NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Please self identify the appropriate membership category based on the guidelines and the information below.

<u><b>FAMILY MEMBERS</b></u>	<u><b>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS</b></u>	<u><b>SENIOR MEMBERS</b></u>
<b>Family Membership</b> <i>(Includes children under age 22 yrs)</i> <b>\$500</b>	<b>Individual Membership</b> <i>(Single Adult age 30 and older)</i> <b>\$250</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> <i>(Keiro – age 80 yrs. during or after 2018)</i> <b>\$125</b>
<b>Young Family Membership</b> <i>(Family under age 35 yrs.)</i> <b>\$350</b>	<b>Young Adult Individual Membership</b> <i>(Single adult under age 30 yrs.)</i> <b>\$50</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> <i>(Keiro – age 80 yrs. before 2018)</i> <b>Complimentary</b>

\*Beginning on January 1, 2018 Senior members who turn age 80 in 2018 or later will be asked to donate \$125 for temple membership.

### OPTIONAL:

☐ ADDITIONAL DONATION TO SUPPORT THE TEMPLE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK NO.** \_\_\_\_\_  
Or paid by GiveButter in \_\_\_\_\_ payment(s)

**This information is confidential and is required for temple use only**





# Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

## 2022 メンバーシップ申込書

☐ Renewal 更新

☐ New Member 新メンバー

☐ Change of Address アドレス更新

DATE 年月日 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME お名前 \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE 生年月日 \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NO. 携帯電話番号 \_\_\_\_\_ Email E メール \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT/FORMER OCCUPATION 職業 \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME 配偶者 \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE 生年月日 \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NO. 携帯電話番号 \_\_\_\_\_ Email E メール \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT/FORMER OCCUPATION 職業 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ FAX NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DEPENDENT CHILDREN (NAME) 未成年の子供

\_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE 生年月日 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE 生年月日 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE 生年月日 \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT 緊急連絡先

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Please self identify the appropriate membership category based on the guidelines and the information below.

<b><u>FAMILY MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>SENIOR MEMBERS</u></b>
<b>Family Membership</b> (Includes children under age 22 yrs) <b>\$500</b>	<b>Individual Membership</b> メンバーシップ個人 (Single Adult age 30 and older) <b>\$250</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> (Keiro – age 80 yrs. during or after 2018) (敬老-二千十八年以降から80歳の方) <b>\$125</b>
<b>Young Family Membership</b> (Family under age 35 yrs.) <b>\$350</b>	<b>Young Adult Individual Membership</b> (Single adult under age 30 yrs.) <b>\$50</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> (Keiro – age 80 yrs. before 2018) (2018以前に80歳になった方) <b>Complimentary 無料</b>

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二千十八年一月一日以降から80歳の方は\$125の会費をお願いいたします。

### OPTIONAL オプションナル:

☐ ADDITIONAL DONATION TO SUPPORT THE TEMPLE その他のドネーション \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED 合計 (メンバーシップ+ドネーション) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**VENICE HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
12371 BRADDOCK DRIVE, CULVER CITY, CA 90230**

**VHBT CARES**

**Calling All Caregivers!**

- **Are you a caregiver for someone in our Community, or a family member involved in providing or arranging care for a loved one?**
- **Do you ever wish you had a forum to ask questions or exchange thoughts with other caregivers?**
- **Do you get frustrated in dealing with issues in providing care (directly or indirectly) for a loved one?**

**Sign up for VHBT Cares, a new network aimed at providing opportunities to share information, provide support and resource materials to caregivers in the community.**

**There is no charge to sign up, and VHBT Cares is open to all Community members and friends.**

**Sign up today, and you will receive:**

- **An invitation to our Caregiver Survival Kit Kickoff Event on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, where we will provide you with a bag of goodies for your personal enjoyment and benefit;**
- **Access to a forum to ask questions, share experiences and comments with other members;**
- **Access to future events to enhance your information base on care giving;**
- **Information on other events and resources that may be available to you as a caregiver;**
- **And, much more!**

**There is no charge to join! Just email us at [vhbtcares@gmail.com](mailto:vhbtcares@gmail.com) and provide your name, address, email and phone number (information will only be used within the confines of this group). Please sign up by February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to be eligible for our kickoff Caregiver Survival Kit.**

**VHBT Cares is nondenominational and open to all community caregivers and family members. VHBT Cares was made possible by the Keiro Grants Program.**