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2020 Year End Greeting

This is already the final Megumi article I will write for the year 2020. Unfortunately, the temple doors could not be re-opened prior to the end of this calendar year. Our doors have remained

closed now for over eight months. Because of the ongoing health crisis we hear expressions like, "the new normal" being bandied about as if to tell us we need to consider the possibility that things will never go back to the way they were. Fortunately, as Buddhists, we have known that things never go back to the way they were from even before the pandemic. The Buddha began to teach us about impermanence almost immediately. This insistence on teaching impermanence has made us quite the resilient group. In this new challenge we continue to face, what we have called Corona-19, everyone has had to learn a new way of doing things, myself included.

For example, prior to the pandemic "Zoom" was

the title of one of my favorite Commodore songs. It was only one half of a car commercial. Now it is a term we use to describe how we gather on Sundays and what we use to hold meetings. Our temple leaders, Minister's Assistants, temple office staff, Dharma School Teachers, our member families, Dharma School Students and families and everyone who has attended any of our services all have had to learn new ways of receiving and expressing their faith. It was not easy. It still is not. (It never was.) Despite all the difficulties, however, we are learning how to continue to gather together and how to share the Nenbutsu with each other. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make 2020 special and not just challenging. Thank you to everyone who has also helped to make 2020 a year of sharing and growth and not just a year of isolation and regret.

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Unfortunately, although we have learned how to do a lot of things in a new way, and have learned a lot of new things along the way, we are still not able to do everything that we did prior to the temple closure. To all the families who have lost a loved one during this time, please allow me this opportunity to first express my condolences. I would like to follow that by apologizing for not being able to conduct in-person services, and finally I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude for your patience and understanding. Although we have been able to hold a number of remote funeral services, it is still not the same as holding a service at the temple. Thank you for allowing us to help your family continue to

honor the lives of everyone through the light of the Nenbutsu despite all the limitations.

Finally, thank you to everyone for continuing to share the Nenbutsu teaching with everyone and through this supporting each other. The temple was founded under the shared voice of Namo Amida Butsu. So long as we are able to continue to share this voice the temple will continue to grow and be a home we can all share with warmth and inspiration, comfort and hope! Although the New Year will also begin under the shroud of Covid-19, I look forward to seeing what we, as a temple community, can make of it. As always, I'm sure it will be something special!

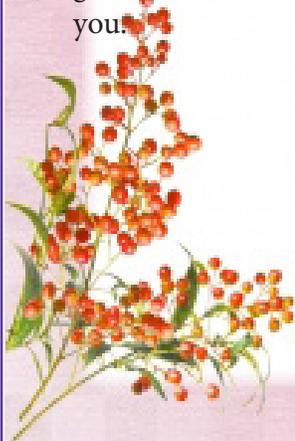
~Take a peek at our new NOKOTSUDO~

The Church Board is happy to announce the completion of our new Nokostudo. The Nokotsudo project was approved by the Board in October 2019 and the build was completed in August 2020.

The building of a permanent Nokotsudo is the fulfillment of the temple's wish to offer members a final resting place for themselves and for their loved ones. The new Nokotsudo is a beautiful and serene space surrounded by the teachings of the Nembutsu.

Please check out the virtual dedication service posted to the Gardena Buddhist Church website. www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org

If you would like information about the Nokotsudo, please email the temple office (info@gardenabuddhistchurch.org) to arrange for a representative of the Nokotsudo Committee to contact you.





Rev. John Iwohara

“Who was that masked person?”

Amid all the uncertainty it is hard to believe that it is already December. Even before the Covid-19 Pandemic we were hearing stories about bullying, cyber-bullying, social isolation and loneliness. The pandemic has only made these things worse. In the world that we have created together what can we do?

At a recent Sunday message that I gave to our Dharma School students I talked about “Super-heroes” and why they are portrayed as wearing masks in our media. In that message I stated that I thought it was because heroes do not do what they do for the fame or the recognition. Fortunately, not all heroes have to be of the super-hero type in order to do super incredible things. For example, we have heroes at the temple. Like their super-hero counterparts all of our temple heroes just simply do their work; many, it seems, do all that they do unrecognized or unnoticed. The work they do, however, is very important. Their work is so incredible that they help keep all of us stay connected even while being isolated.

Although I won’t mention any names, I did want to thank and recognize all the work that our temple heroes do for all of us. Our heroes call us and ask us if we are doing okay. They are the one’s who take the time to make sure that we are able to keep in touch with each other. They provide us with important information, and help to make sure that our spirits are kept high by providing us with entertainment or a good story. They remind us that not everything

in our lives is about Covid-19: they remind us that it is still okay for us to smile and to laugh. Most importantly, however, our heroes are the ones who make sure that we still have a sense of “temple.” They make sure that we can still hear the gongs that ring, see all the candles that flicker, and if they could I’m sure they would try to help us to smell all the incense that is burned. Our heroes make sure that we know that we can still listen to the Dharma, and because we can listen to it together that we do not have to be alone.

To all of our heroes—on behalf of all of us who ask, “Who was that masked person?”—let me say, “Thank you!” Before I conclude, however, let me point out one more hero. I would be failing at my job if I neglected to remind everyone about this particular hero. This is the hero that Sakyamuni Buddha introduced all of us to after Ananda spoke to his hero or Sakyamuni Buddha. This is the hero that brought all of us together in the first place. This is the hero that allowed all of us to hear and then to express Namo Amida Butsu. This hero—Amida Buddha—is the hero that makes sure we all come to know that we will never, ever be alone, and that this life of ours is something that is so fantastic that it could only be described as immeasurable. Namo Amida Butsu’s superpower is to help us to see that whenever we say Namo Amida Butsu that we may all share a superpower ourselves.



In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have left our world to be One with Amida Buddha. Namo Amida Butsu.

Nishimura, Toshiye (89)
Easton, Jackie (69)

November 6, 2020
November 23, 2020



Fujinkai / BWA Buddhist Women's Association

Happenings:

- * We held our November 8th regular meeting on Zoom. After our meeting, we played Bingo. It was lots of fun to laugh and visit with each other.
- * On November 21st many of our members were able to attend the Tri Temple Seminar. Thank you to Rev. Iwohara and Rev. Miyaji for your informative messages.
- * At our December 13th meeting, we will hold elections for the 2021 year. We typically have a luncheon as part of our year end meeting. Since we can't get together in person this year, we are sending gift cards out to our members to purchase their own bento to eat during our meeting.
- * Please continue to stay safe during the upcoming months by safely social distancing. We hope to see you at our virtual Sunday Services.

Announcements:

- * December 13th, Sunday – December Regular Meeting will be held at 11:15 am on Zoom.
- * December 16th, Wednesday – Meinichiko Service at 7:00am on Zoom.

BWA Appreciation:

Special Donation Tamiko Tada



JR. YBA

On November 14th, five of our Jr. YBA members attended the virtual Southern District Jam Session where President Lani Nation says they participated in activities to get to know each other and meet new friends! The Jr. YBA also had a meeting on November 1st, where elections were held for the 2020-2021 cabinet. The final results were:

- ⊗ President: Lani Nation
- ⊗ Vice President: Erika Munekata
- ⊗ Treasurer: Chase Wada
- ⊗ Secretary: Nathan Anzai
- ⊗ Religious Chairpersons: Keira Sakamoto and Alyson Sasaki
- ⊗ Historian: Sierra Kushi

On November 22nd, the newly elected cabinet was installed. Congrats to the new cabinet!



Jr. YBA 2020 – 2021 Cabinet



President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary
			
Historian	Religious Chairperson	Religious Chairperson	
			

ABA News

In a few days, 2020 will be coming to an end. Although we have not been able to physically meet at Church to hear the Dharma message from Rev. Iwohara, Rev. Nobuo Miyaji or Rev. Yoshiko Miyaji, we are grateful that we can "see" each other weekly over ZOOM for the Sunday services. ABA hopes everyone is doing well and staying healthy; ABA sends its holiday greetings to the Sangha.

Thank you to the Dharma School students and teachers for the most enjoyable Oseibo program.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Community Project Mask Event.

The next ABA meeting will be on Sunday, December 20 at 2pm via ZOOM, at which time we will be holding our election. Come join the meeting to find out who will be leading ABA in 2021!

Take care, stay safe, wash your hands, and stay warm. "See" you soon!



TUESDAY SOCIAL

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving celebration.

The end of the year is a time to reflect on all that we have and all that is given to us. We sometimes take these things for granted. Because of the COVID situation, our temple is closed to in-person services, and our Tuesday Social gatherings have been discontinued since mid-March 2020. We miss seeing our TS Friends. We look forward to the day we can all get together again. I envision a lot of delicious food, handshakes, hugging, laughing and lots of smiles.

The 2020 year is coming to a close. Let's look forward to a new year, hopefully a better year, 2021. Thank you everyone for your friendship and support. Stay safe and healthy, enjoy the holiday season.



Hui Aikanes

We hope you and your family are doing well.

Since we are not able to meet in person, we will have a zoom meeting on December 6 at 11:30 a.m. information for the zoom will be emailed to you. Please contact David Nakamoto to update our email for you.



Also memberships are due and is \$15. Please send your dues to David Nakamoto.

Take care and see you at the meeting.

The Community Projects Group

Are you interested in a personal, useful gift for a friend or relative who has everything they need? How about a face mask that can be worn around the neck when not in use; one that has a noseguard and a filter; or one that is comfortable, breathable, and will not fog up your glasses?

The Community Project Group ladies are sewing face masks as a fundraising project to help the Church. All monies donated will be given directly to the Gardena Buddhist Church. We hope to continue this project throughout the next few months, and this is one of our ways to help.

Please look for additional information in this Megumi, and we hope you will order a few face masks. Thanks!

GARDENA BUDDHIST CHURCH Face Mask Fundraiser

Basic Adult Mask - \$7 donation

- Made with 2 layers of high quality, pre-washed cotton fabric
- Pleated mask style
- Adjustable elastic earloops
- Flexible nose wire



Child Mask - \$7 donation

- Suitable for ages 3 – 10 years old
- Made with 2 layers of high quality, pre-washed cotton fabric
- 3D mask style
- Adjustable elastic around head and neck
- Flexible nose wire



Deluxe Adult Mask - \$10 donation

- Made with 3 layers of high quality, pre-washed cotton fabric (washable filter material in between 2 layers of fabric)
- 3D mask style
- Adjustable elastic earloop lanyard
- Flexible nose wire

Email CPG@gardenabuddhistchurch.org to order masks



*Thank you for
your cooperation!*

Face Mask Order Form

Name

Preferred Method of Contact (email address or phone number)

Basic Adult Mask – \$7 donation

Qty	Size (M or L)	Pattern (solid or print)	Color Preference *

TOTAL QTY ORDERED: _____ X \$ 7 = _____

Deluxe Adult Mask - \$10 donation

Qty	Size (M or L)	Pattern (solid or print)	Color Preference *

TOTAL QTY ORDERED: _____ X \$ 10 = _____

Child Mask - \$7 donation

Qty	Size (M or L)	Pattern (solid or print)	Color Preference *

TOTAL QTY ORDERED: _____ X \$ 7 = _____

Grand Total = \$_____

Additional Comments:

Email completed order form to: CPG@gardenabuddhistchurch.org

Send check payable to: Gardena Buddhist Church
 Attn: Face Mask
 1517 W. 166th St., Gardena, CA 90247

** Every effort will be made to match your color preferences but colors cannot be guaranteed due to availability*



From GBC Board Chairperson



To Our Sangha Members and Friends,

This year has been an unusual year with the pandemic. We hope everyone is keeping safe and wearing your masks. We would like to thank our sangha for their support this year due to the pandemic. We were not able to hold our two fundraisers Fujimatsuri and our Obon Festival. Unfortunately, we are not able to meet in person so the next best thing is Zoom. We are very lucky to have sangha members who are able to host, chair and set up our Zoom services every Sunday for us. We thank everyone for attending our Zoom services and hope you will let your friends know so that they too may attend. Our Buddhist Education Community has worked extra hard this year to present special services like our Obon, Hatsubon, Shotsuki Hoyo, Eitaikyo and our Nokotsudo dedication. It takes a lot of time and planning in order to put these productions together, a big thank you to them.

Thank you to Rev. John Iwohara, Rev. Nobuo Miyaji, and Rev. Yoshiko Miyaji for their support this year and their dharma messages in English and Japanese. Also, to Allie Yasaki for assisting the ministers and our church.

Every week we have the sensei's dharma messages on the website, so please visit us. Thank you to Kazuyo Kakazu for her support and hard work during these difficult times. We have been able to open up our Nakayoshi Preschool with the help of our Japanese School Board, Keiko Damiata and our preschool teachers. Thank you for all the preparations that had to be done prior to opening the preschool.

We would like to thank our gardening crew for making sure our plants and trees looks nice and healthy. We at Gardena Buddhist are so grateful to our sangha members for their support this year. Please stay healthy and safe.

December 2020

5	Shotsuki Hoyo (Virtual)	10:00am
	Ichi-mi Buddhist Virtual Workshop with Okaeri	4:00pm
6	Sunday Bodhi Day Service via Zoom	9:30am
	Hui Aikanes mtg via Zoom	11:30am
7	DS Teacher's mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
12	DS Mini Workshop via Zoom	8:00am
13	Sunday Oseibo Taikai Service via Zoom	9:30am
	BWA mtg via Zoom	11:15am
	Ichi-mi Monthly mtg via Zoom	12:30pm
14	2021 Fundraising Planning mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
16	Meinichiko via Zoom	7:00am
18	Young Adult Dinner and Discussion via Zoom	6:00pm
19	GBC Board mtg via Zoom	2:00pm
20	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	ABA mtg via Zoom	2:00pm
21	Megumi Deadline (Jan. 2021 issue)	
27	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
28	2021 Fundraising Planning mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
31	End of Year Service (Virtual)	7:00pm

January 2021

1	New Year's Day Service via Zoom	9:00am
2	Shotsuki Hoyo (Virtual)	10:00am
3	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	BWA mtg via Zoom	11:15am
4	DS Teacher's mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
7	Jinjo Raihai Service via Zoom	7:00am
8	Jinjo Raihai Service via Zoom	7:00am
	2021 Fundraising Planning mtg	7:00pm
9	Jinjo Raihai Service via Zoom	7:00am
10	Sunday Goshoki Hoonko Service via Zoom	9:30am
11	2021 Fundraising Planning mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
15	Young Adult Distancing & Discussion via Zoom	6:30pm
16	Meinichiko via Zoom	7:00am
	GBC Board mtg via Zoom	2:00pm
17	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
24	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
25	Megumi Deadline (Feb. 2021 issue)	
	Fundraising Planning mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
31	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am

In this time of hardship, we truly appreciate your continued support!

The church acknowledges the following donations received from 10/24 - 11/23/2020 with gratitude and appreciation.

Funeral/Burial/Memorials

Kevin & June Kobayashi Koko Doami	M/M Orian Tanaka Setsuko Uyemura	Sumiko Nakamura Family Trust Thomas Fukuman	Yoshiko Hayashi Yuso Hamada
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Nokotsudo Dedication Service

Anonymous Brian Mitsunaga Memorial Trust Fujimoto, Fumie Gibbs, Rev. Gregory Hirayama, M/M Ted Ikemiya, Reiko Imai, Lynn Ito, Bennett and Lisa Iwamoto, Diane Iwamoto, M/M Daniel Jackson, Fumiko Kato, M/M Isao	Kawasaki, Richard Komatsu, Janett Kono, Emi Kubo, Edward Matsumoto, Mark Matsumoto, Shunji Mayemura, Louise Mekaru, Naomi Miyata, Julie Motoyasu, Ayako Motoyasu, Steve Nakagawa, M/M Ken	Nakakura, M/M Ken Nakamoto, M/M David Nakashima, M/M Harvey Nakatani, M/M David Nishihira, M/M Joe Ouchi, Joyce Sakuda, Shizuko Sasaki, M/M Tom Sauer, Wayne Seino, Toshiyuki Shigemitsu, M/M Tom Shimizu, Mitzi	Takao, Tamiko Takata, M/M Sam Tamura, Mary Tsukamoto, W. Uyemura, M/M David Wilhelm, Sheri Yamane, M/M Dick Yokota, M/M James Yoshida, Suzanne Yuki, M/M Wallace
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Eitaikyo Service

Ego, Kimiko Fujimoto, Fumie Fukino, Helen Furukawa, M/M David Haruma, Yaeko Hiraga, Glenn Imai, Lynn Ishii, Reiko Jackson, Fumiko Kato, M/M Isao Kawahara, M/M Larry	Kubo, Edward Maeda, M/M Tom Maesaki, Kazue Matano, Florence Mekaru, Naomi Miyata, Julie Motoyasu, Ayako Nakakura, M/M Ken Nakamura, M/M Paul Nakata, M/M Bob Nakatani, M/M David	Nishihira, M/M Joe Otani, Keiko Ouchi, Joyce Sakuda, Shizuko Sasaki, M/M Tom Seino, M/M Toshiyuki Shimizu, Mitzi Takao, Donna Takao, Tamiko Tamura, Mary Tanaka, Nancy	Togioka, Ann Tsuge, M/M Mike Tsukamoto Family Tsukamoto, W. Uyeda, Midori Uyemura, M/M David Wakimoto, Yuko Yamada, Akimichi Yamane, M/M Dick Yokota, M/M James Yuki, M/M Wallace
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Eitaikyo Fund

Hirotsu, M/M Stan Jinkawa, Kimi	Kobayashi, M/M Kevin Maruyama, Kazuko	Matsushita, James Miike, Pamela	Sauer, Dick Watanabe, Donald
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GBC Membership

Higuchi, Terence & Tracy Nishi, Takahisa & Patty

Oseibo

Komatsu, Janett	Tsuge, M/M Mike	Yokota, M/M James
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Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

Arisumi, Glenn	Kuraoka, Sharon	Sasaki, M/M Tom	Tashima, Emiko
Fujimoto, Fumie	Mayeda, Eileen (2)	Seino, M/M Toshiyuki	Uwahori, Sadae
Fukunaga, Yuri	Miike Family	Sera, Jean	Wada, Emi
Hashimoto, Keiko	Nakata, M/M Bob	Shimada, Shirley	Wada, Yoshiko
Iinuma, Doris	Nakata, Taeko	Shimono, Barbara	Wakimoto, Yuko
Inouye, Ben	Ogasawara, Sylvia	Shiosaki, Takako	Yokota, M/M James
Inouye, Tomoko	Ohara, M/M J.S.	Sueishi, Hatsumi	
Iwamasa, Susumu	Okumoto, Yoko	Suminaga, Roy	
Kawamoto, M/M Derrick	Osa, Susan	Takano, Ryoko	

BCA Assessment

Akioka, Sam	Kanegawa, Kiku	Nakamatsu, Aiko	Takigawa, Asayo
Enomoto, Tom	Kato, M/M Isao	Nakamura, Burt	Takigawa, William
Higuchi, Terence & Tracy	Kawai, M/M Hiroshi	Nakamura, Debbie	Tanaka, Nancy
Hori, Kathy	Kishimoto, Yasu	Okamura, Rodney	Tsuge, M/M Mike
Ikedo Cambra, May	Kiyohara, Kimiko	Okumoto, Yoko	Wada, April
Inn, Rikio and Isabel	Komatsu, Janett	Sasaki, Emiko	Wada, Emi
Inouye, Tomoko	Kurahashi, Gay	Shimokochi, Gail	Wada, Louise
Ioki, M/M Bruce	Kuwahara, Susie	Suminaga, Roy	Yamada, M/M Edward
Iwata, Amy	Miyamoto, Mitsuko	Tacadena, Betsy	Yamada, M/M Shuji
Jinkawa, Kimi and Janice	Miyata, Julie	Taira, Kimi	Yoshiyama, Rose
	Morimoto, Nobuharu	Takao, Dianne	
	Nagatani, Gerald	Takao, Donna	

Special Donation

Brian Mitsunaga Trust (2)	Maeda, Akiko	Nishi, M/M Takahisa	Yanai, Frank
Dharma School (2)	Marukai Corporation	Tada, Tamiko	
Inose, Kay	Murakoshi, Maki	Toma, M/M Ron	
Kai, Keiwa	Nakayama Lee, Kathy	Umetsu Family	

COVID-19

Brian Mitsunaga Memoial Trust	Kiyohara, Kimiko	Tsuge, M/M Mike
	Komatsu, Janett	Yokota, M/M James

Tri-Temple Seminar

Hayashibara, Phyllis	Nishimoto, Hannah	So.District BEC
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Spring Ohigan

Tsuge, M/M Mike

Osaisen

Motoyasu, Ayako

Ouchi, Joyce

MiscellaneousKim, Jacqueline
Kimura, JanMontoya, Keith
Purganan, Margie

Wakahara, Emiko



宮地美子師

『人生とは“電光朝露”（イナズマや朝のつゆ）の様です』

とうとう今年も師走になりました。あっという間の1年でした。とにかく今年は今までに経験したことのなかった事が起き、そしていまだに収束せず、不安との共存生活が続いて

いる状態です。

我が家では1月に7人目の孫が誕生しましたが、会う事も抱く事もままならない日々です。また3月始め、WEST LA 仏教会の臼木先生のご引退パーティーに参加した後、パーティーと名のつく集まりには参加しておりません。知り合いの結婚式も中止になりました。お葬式もお香典を送るのみとなりました。

65歳以上の外出は控えるようになどという異例の社会状況を機に、生活が全く変化してしまったのでした。あれから約9ヶ月、状況はさほど変わりなく、3密を避ける事を守りながら生活しています。多分皆さんも同じような日々の過ごし方ではなかろうかとお察します。

しかしながら食糧危機に陥ったわけではなく、食生活、また日用品は十分入手できますので、まだまだ幸せではないでしょうか。

先日ネットで面白川柳を見つけましたので、いくつかご披露しましょう。

- ☆ おじぎして 共によろける クラス会
- ☆ あれよあれ それよそれと 答え出ず
- ☆ なぜ消える メガネと鍵の ミステリー
- ☆ 目覚ましの ベルはまだかと 起きて待つ
- ☆ 忘れ得ぬ 人はいるけど 名を忘れ
- ☆ 景色より トイレが気になる 観光地

これらを読まれてニヤリとした方は“あるある”と共感された方です。私も共感し笑ってしまったものを書きました。手を横に伸ばし片足で立つと間も無くよろけてしまいます。いつも家の鍵をここに入れたと確認して入れているのに、いざ使う時にはカバンの中をどこだどこだと探します。

人の名前が出て来ないのはもう当たり前になってしまいました。これは見たいとつけたテレビ番組でも、いいところでうたた寝してしまいます。こういう老化現象を最初ははどうしようと思いましたが、いまはそうかそうかと自分を責めないことにしました。

先日、私の誕生日を娘の家のガレージドアをオープンして祝ってくれました。その時に孫がそれぞれに優しい言葉や動作でねぎらってくれましたが、だんだんとそういう優しさにほのぼのとした幸せを感じるようになりました。年をとるということは、まんざら捨てたものではないと思えるのです。

目は霞 耳はセミ鳴き

葉は落ちて

霜をいただく 歳の暮れかな



これは博多の禅僧 仙厓の歌だそうです。霞(かすみ)は春、セミは夏、セミがなくのは耳鳴りの様、葉が落ちるは秋、葉は歯、霜(しも)は白髪の事で、老いゆく姿を春夏秋冬の中に見事に読み込んであります。言い得て妙とはこの歌の事をいうのではないのでしょうか。

目がかすんでくる、耳が遠くなり耳鳴りがする、歯茎が落ちて歯と歯の間が空いてくる、こういうサインが出てくると“そろそろだな”と自覚をうながされるのです。日本で電車やバスが終点に近づいて来ますと、『間も無く終点です、お忘れものをなさいませんよう。お疲れ様でした。』と車掌さんが声をかけてくれます。言い換えれば、人生の終点がそろそろですが、この人生にお忘れ物はございませんか、悔いはございませんか、と声をかけてくださっているように聞こえてきます。

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お忘れ物と言いますと、傘やジャケット等自分の所有物を置いていってしまうことをイメージされると思いますが、念仏者のお忘れ物は、この世で獲得しなければならないものを意味すると私は思います。せっかくこの世に生まれさせていただいているのですから、この世で受け取らなければならないものをちゃんといただいておられますか、という意味だと思ってください。私たちがこの世で受け取らなければならないのは、お浄土へ参らせていただくチケットです。

わたくしたちが、いつも唱えさせていただいてます三帰依文に『人身受けがたし いますでに受く、仏法聞き難し いますでに 聞く』とあります。人間として生まれ、お寺にご縁があって仏法に接しておられます。しかしながらお念仏に出会えてよかったと心から思っておられますか。お念仏を聞かせていただくために生まれてきて、そしてお浄土に帰らせていただくということを完成していただかなければ、お忘れ物はございませんかの問いかけが成就しないのです。(完成しない)

どうぞどうぞ終着駅で慌てることなく、忘れ物をせず。そしてこの世に悔いを残さず。共にお浄土に帰らせて(還らせて)いただきましょう。

最後に蓮如上人の御文章一帖11通の一部を抜粋したものをお読みください。

それおもんみれば、人間はただ電光朝露の夢幻のあひだのたのしみぞかし。たとひまた栄華栄耀にふけりて、おもふさまのことなりといふとも、それはただ五十年乃至百年のうちのことなり。もしただいも無常の風きたりてさそひなば、いかなる病苦にあひてかむなしくなりなんや。まことに死せんときは、かねてたのみおきつる妻子も財宝も、わが身にはひとつもあひそふことあるべからず。されば死出の山路のすゑ、三塗の大河をばただひとりこそゆきなんぞれ。これによりて、ただねがふべきは後生なり、またたのむべきは弥陀如来なり。信心決定してまいるべきは安養の浄土なりとおもふべきなり

—後略— [文明五年九月中旬]



婦人会便り



- ▽ 11月8日(日) 婦人会例会後、初めての試みでzoomにてビンゴ・ゲームを開催しました。楽しい語らいと笑いの中でゲームを楽しむことが出来ました。次回にまた是非ご参加下さい。
- ▽ 11月21日(土) 庵原ジョン師、宮地信雄師のもと『お内陣』という講題でTri-Temple Seminarが開かれました。内外含め60数名が参加しました。
- ▽ 12月13日(日) 例会後総会に移り、2021年度幹部役員選挙が開かれます。今年度は例年の事情とは異なり一同に集まることが出来ませんので、皆様にはすでにギフトカードをお送りし、それぞれにお弁当など御好みの物を購入していただきたくww思っております。ささやかながら婦人会からの心ばかりの気持ちです。

**今後まだまだ油断できない状況が続いておりますので、皆様には重々お気を付け下さいますよう、そして毎日曜日のズームによる礼拝でお逢い出来ることを念じております。又、現在日本語法話は、宮地信雄先生並び美子先生から誠に尊いご法話を頂いております。その後はお味あいを話し合ったり得難き時間です。どうぞこの聴聞のご縁をお大切に！！

アナウンスメント：

- ▽ 12月13日(日) 午前11時15分 (zoom) 婦人会例会・総会選挙
- ▽ 12月16日(水) 午前7時 (zoom) 親鸞聖人御命日講

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