

Hikari the Light



January 2012

NEW YEAR'S GREETING "Immeasurable Light and Life."

At the beginning of the new year, I would like to send you my greetings from Hongwanji in Kyoto.

Last year was truly a difficult year. At first I had hoped that from April, we could conduct an exciting and lively memorial for Shinran Shonin, one which is observed only once every fifty years. However, the March disaster changed everything. Although I believe that the agony of the disaster affected people goes beyond anything we can imagine, this catastrophe has brought me to ponder everyday about what we should do, what we can do, and what the future holds. The nuclear power plant accident, in particular, has caused tremendous difficulties for not only the victims in the area, but has also hindered the enthusiasm of people engaged in relief and restoration activities, as well as plunging the future of not only Japan, but also the entire planet into uncertainty and apprehension.

At the same time, we are truly grateful for the monetary and material contributions for our relief efforts and condolences that the people throughout the world have been sending to Japan.

It is easy to grasp the meaning of the sentence "Everything is impermanent," but extremely difficult to accept the truth which it expresses. Being aware of the working Amida Tathagata's wisdom and compassion could enable you to take a step forward in accepting and realizing this stark truth.

Massive earthquakes and unsettling weather patterns that caused great famine had also taken place during Shinran Shonin's time. It is certain that the teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, including shinjin, the heart entrusting to Other Power and our expression of gratitude as the Nembutsu, corresponds to the experiences that he actually went through. In saying Namo Amida Butsu and following the path to the Pure Land where we can attain Buddhahood, we are able to find possibility of solving the issues lying deep in our minds, which cannot be resolved merely by our own attempts and efforts.

We saw a variety of aspects in the tsunami disaster, namely, some past experiences that were well employed, while others were totally forgotten or ignored, and we were also faced with our excessive trust in scientific technology. How we should control our endless desire that we can never rid ourselves of as long as we are foolish beings and how we can make use of our limited wisdom and capability are issues that I have accepted as our assignment for the new year. Keeping in mind that all life is embraced in the Light of Amida Tathagata, together, let us walk forward.



Ohtani Koshin

OHTANI Koshin
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

光寿無量

新しい年の初めにあたり、京都の本願寺よりご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年は本当に大変な年でした。五十年に一度のご縁である親鸞聖人の大遠忌法要を四月からにぎやかに、お勤めできると思っていたのですが、三月の大地震によって事態はすっかり変わりました。被災者の方々の苦悩は想像を越えるものと思いますが、京都にいる私は、何をすべきか、何ができるのか、将来はどうなるのだろうかと思いを巡らす日々でした。特に、原子力発電所の事故は、被害者の困難だけでなく、支援活動の熱意を削ぐとともに、日本の将来や地球の将来を不安におとしめました。

世界各地の方が心配してくださり、義援金などのお見舞いをしてくださいましたこと、まことに有り難うございます。

諸行無常という言葉は理解しやすいですが、その現実を受け容れることは容易ではなく、その先へ進むためには、阿弥陀如来の智慧と慈悲のはたらきが必要な方になってくださると思います。親鸞聖人の時代にも、大地震があり、気候不順から飢饉がたびたびあったと伝えられています。他力の信心、お念仏一つという教えは、親鸞聖人のご体験と相応しているに違いありません。できることをするだけでは満たされないごころの奥底の課題は南無阿弥陀仏によって往生成仏の道を歩むところに解決の可能性があります。

津波災害では、過去の経験が活かされたところ、忘れられたところ、無視されたところ、あるいは、科学技術を過信したところなどがありました。凡夫の限りない欲望をどのように抑え、限りある智慧や能力をどのように活かすかは、新しい年の課題だと受け取りました。あらゆるいのち、阿弥陀如来の光の中にあることを思いつつ、共に歩む日々を過ごしたいと思います。

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to all readers of "Hikari the Light" published by the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta! Let's continue to listen and appreciate Buddha's Teachings in 2012.

Many years ago, I was working in Vancouver as a minister. I was about 30 when I was transferred from Alberta to Vancouver. Looking back over these years I think I was a bit a "namaiki", cheeky and self-conceited young man lacking the sense of appreciation.

I remember that there was a kind and quiet elderly lady about 90 or so. One day I visited her in her home. At that time, she was making a tiny paper doll out of origami. After chatting for a few minutes, I prepared to leave. She offered me the doll she was making saying, "I just made it. Please take it with you." I thanked her and left. When I got in the car I took a closer look at the paper doll I had received.

To be honest, it was not well made but nevertheless, I took it to my house and gave it to my wife. Then I forgot all about it. About a year later, the lady died and I performed the funeral service for her. That night my wife and I talked about the lady. My wife said "She was a very kind and quiet lady. I liked her. She was one of the gentlest ladies I have ever met. She was very thoughtful."

I agreed with her, saying "She was making paper dolls and giving them away to everyone."

My wife said "Yes, I still have that doll she made."

"What!?" I said. "You kept it? It wasn't very well made. I thought you had thrown it away"

Then she said, "How could I have thrown it away. I know it wasn't nice looking, that I can see, but I am sure she spent a lot of time to make that one with her trembling hands and poor eye sight. How could I have thrown it away!" I did not say anything to my wife but I was a bit ashamed of myself. My wife saw something beyond the tangible. I had just merely seen the outward appearance.

You see, when the lady gave me that doll a year earlier and I received it and said "thank you", I did not truly appreciate the kindness inside of her, her heart and mind. It is easy to say "thank you" when we receive something tangible but we often overlook the heart of kindness, love and care within.

Similarly, it is hard to receive and appreciate Buddha's mind. We see the statue of the Buddha with our eyes but often fail to see Buddha's mind.

One of Sutras says;

"Buddha's body is Buddha's mind. Buddha's mind is the great compassion. Buddha's compassion is unconditional to liberate all beings from the realm of suffering and delusion to the realm of enlightenment."

Buddha is not form but the working of compassion for all sentient beings in suffering and deep ignorance due to self-centered mind.

The Nembutsu literally means to be mindful of the Buddha. After listening to Buddha's teaching we come to realize that the Buddha of the boundless compassion, actually, has been mindful of us, you and me and called on us from time immemorial. We begin

to realize that Buddha's compassion, kindness and care have been always embracing and nurturing us. I often hear elderly followers say "o-nembutsu" to show a deep respect to the word. Because "Nembutsu" is actually not our possession but Amida's gift working for us to awaken us to the life which is true, real and sincere.

In Gassho,
Yasuo Izumi, Minister of BTSA

「教えの輪を広げましょう」

皆様明けましておめでとうございます。本年もまた聞法にいそしみましょう。

仏教は智慧の教えといわれています。この智慧は、「一如の智慧」と言われるように、全て存在するものは、どこかで、かかわりあい、つながりあっていて「一つの如し」という意味です。日本には、「袖(そで)振り合うも他生の縁」と言うコトワザがありますが、「縁(えん)」とは、「かかわり」「つながり」「きずな」と言えましょう。生まれ変わり死に変わりしている中で、皆がどこかで、かかわり、つながって生きていると言うことです。このことに目覚めると、智慧は慈悲の心となって現れるのです。「慈」は「抜苦」といわれ、他の苦しみ、恐れを抜くと言う働きであり、「悲」は「与楽」といわれ、楽しみ、安らぎを与えたいという働きです。

昨年3月には、日本の東北地方の方々が無言の地震と津波で、大きな苦しみと悲しみのどん底に突き落とされました。その折、世界各国から援助の手が差し伸べられました。慈悲の実践です。特に日本では、「慈悲の実践」が今も続いています。とかく自己中心になりがちな私たちの心、自分の都合で生きている私たちの心の奥底に、慈悲の心が生まれるということは不思議なことです。智慧と慈悲の心を、私たちの心にもたらして下さるのは、限りない仏様の働き、「南無阿彌陀仏」のおかげなのでしょう。いよいよ、み教えに耳を傾けましょう。 合掌 泉

CHAIR SCHEDULE Jan & Feb 2012

Jan 08

Chair: Robert Takaguchi
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

Jan 15 Ho-onko & Shotsuki 2 pm

Chair: Roland Ikuta
Audio: Roy Sassa

Jan 22

Chair: Joyce Shigehiro
Audio: Tak Okamura

Jan 29

Chair: Sway Nishimura
Audio: John Dubbelboer

Feb 05 Shotsuki

Chair: John Dubbelboer
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

Feb 12

Chair: Brenda Ikuta
Audio: Sway Nishimura

Feb 19

Chair: Mas Terakita
Audio: Lorita Ichikawa

Feb 26

Chair: Robert Takaguchi
Audio: Roland Ikuta

MC designates: if you're unable to chair on your assigned date or have made other arrangements on your own, please inform Sway Nishimura, religious chairman . Thank you.

The Awakening of Faith



“The religious experience of Jodo Shinshu is rooted in what is known as Shinjin in Japanese and often defined as “the awakening of faith” in English. While the ultimate objective of life in JodoShinshu lies in the achievement of Buddhahood, life’s immediate purpose is realized in the awakening of Faith.” (From Rev. Kenryu Tsuji’s *The Heart of the Buddha Dharma*)

With the dawning of the New Year, it is generally a time for optimism and hope as we look forward to the events and activities for the coming year. Although we are fortunate to be living in a country where we can begin the New Year with a sense of anticipation, the reality is that there are many throughout the world who are not as fortunate. For them the New Year is just another day as they struggle to make a daily living.

One of the fundamental principles of Buddhism is Dependent Origination; it is regarded that all phenomenal events are dependent on one another. There is nothing that exists by itself. All things are inter-related or inter-connected. If we truly understand the principle of Dependent Origination, then we must also realize that suffering too is not independent of itself. Where there is suffering, the rest of the world is also affected either directly or indirectly. In 2011, we witnessed two large natural disasters, including the Earthquake and Tsunami in Eastern Japan. As well, we observed many tragedies such as the unrest in the Middle East or the Economic turmoil being felt through all corners of the Earth – induced by man.

As we welcome the New Year, may I ask each of you to reflect on what you can do as an individual and what we can do as an organization to help relieve some of the suffering throughout the world. As quoted above from the writings of Tsuji Sensei, it is the awakening to the Great Faith of Amida Buddha which is the immediate purpose of our lives. In awakening to Amida Buddha’s Great Faith, let us share our compassion for those who need help throughout the world. Through the tragedies as the Earthquake in Japan we see the fragility of our own existence and become aware of the preciousness of all life. May we wish all countries involved in violence to stop their actions and work towards True Peace for all sentient beings on this earth.

As a new chapter in the history of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Canada is about to unfold, may I wish you all a very peaceful New Year. Let us strive for Peace throughout the world in 2012, keeping in mind the true calling voice of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu.

In Gassho,
Grant Ikuta, Bishop
Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

BTSA Notes

New year greetings to everyone as we begin January, 2012. The month’s name comes from Janus, a mythical Roman god, depicted appropriately with two faces, one looking to the future and the other the past. Appropriate, because it’s traditionally a time for most—including BTSA—to do the same.

Reviewing the past year, we count in the Hikari the loss of 14 friends of the Dharma, many of whom were in their 80s and 90s and served their original temples and BTSA with great devotion. We build on this solid bedrock of past achievements, for which we are deeply grateful. The upcoming Ho-onko service specifically commemorates the memorial of Jodo Shinshu’s founder, Shinran, but it generally may be thought of as our expression of indebtedness and thankfulness to all those who have preceded us.

BTSA reaches a milestone of sorts on Jan. 16 with the fifth anniversary of being registered formally with the Province of Alberta. But, that date only marks its formal documentation. The amalgamation agreement was signed a month earlier on Dec. 18, 2006, following years of preparatory groundwork. With this history, we look forward with high hopes toward the next five years.

December concluded a busy 2011, with a Bodhi Day service on Dec. 11, a special musical presentation by Dii Lewis at the Dec. 18 service, and a visitation from Christina Yanko, a Jodo Shinshu ministerial candidate, on Dec. 23. (Please see items related to these elsewhere in the Hikari.) We also held the second class on Buddhism on Dec. 7 that drew more than a dozen persons and a movie night on Dec. 9 which was attended by about 30 people. The year ended with the joya-no-kane (bell-ringing) ceremony at the Nikka Yuko Gardens on Dec. 31, and the new year was begun with a shusho-e (new year’s day) service the following day.

Please keep in mind that the Ho-onko service is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Jan. 15, in conjunction with the monthly memorial (shotsuki) service for January and the temple’s new year’s party following the service.

Other January activities planned are a turn at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen on Jan. 24 (Toban 2) and a mein noodle making session on Jan. 28. We would like a big turnout of helpers for the latter event.

We will be updating the schedule for Sunday service chairpersons and welcome anyone wishing to be included on the list. Please let Sway Nishimura or any board member know of your willingness to serve in this capacity.

At its December meeting, the board:

- approved revised temple rental guidelines, a set of which will be put on the temple website and in the reservation book in the foyer;
- agreed to recommend \$100 membership dues each for 2012 and 2013 to the annual general meetings of both years, the 2012 AGM set for March 4, 2012, following the monthly memorial service; and,
- was asked to encourage members to stand for nomination to the board at the AGM. Six new members are needed to insure a complement of 12. Terms for five members will be ending.

Reminder: BTSA board minutes are available in the board room and open to interested members.

Akira Ichikawa



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2012 Membership Form

- Full Membership (\$100 for each member) Student Membership*

Last Name: _____ First Names(s): _____

Last Name: _____ First Names(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City, Province, Postal Code: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Cellphone No.: _____

Email: _____

- Check to receive The Hikari newsletter by Email only.

Please send this form and your remittance to:
 Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta Treasurer
 470 40th Street South
 Lethbridge, AB, T1J 3Z5

Notes

*Student membership is limited to persons 18 years or older who are currently registered in a recognized educational institution. It is free of charge with a valid student ID card. Student Members are not entitled to vote at general meetings or to hold office in the BTSA and this category of membership does not include membership in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

LET'S EXPAND THE CIRCLE OF THE DHARMA!

Shotsuki Hoyo

- December 2011
 Shinako (Sheila) Higa
 Shirley Higa
 Gene Horii
 Terry Horii
 Violet Horii
 Akira & Lorita Ichikawa
 Elaine Kaga
 Tom & Lily Kaga
 Sadae Kanegawa
 Eileen Kunimoto
 Hisaye Kunimoto
 Katoye Maruno
 Gary & Beverly McIlroy
 Shig & Katie Nakagawa
 Sway & Toshiko Nishimura
 Mac & Reyko Nishiyama
 Frank & Kimi Ohno
 May Ohno
 Heidi Oishi
 Lilly Oishi
 Hisae Price
 Darcee Richardson
 Tom & Tsuyako Tajiri
 Toshiko Takeda
 Eichi & Betty Tanaka
 Toshiko Tanaka
 Bill & June Terakita
 Mas Terakita
 Fujio & Yoshiko Tsukishima
Total \$1,355

Other Donations

- November 2011
 Dick Adachi
 Richard & Val Boras
 Jim Hironaka
 Ben & Peg Hughes
 Rumiko Ibuki
 Dr Roland & Brenda Ikuta
 Michie Kawasaki
 Shigeru Kounosu
 Wayne & Rhonda Kwan
 Lethbridge & District
 Tonarigumi
 Douglas & Susie Mikado
 Momiji Dancers Society
 Jack & Rie Nagai
 Nikkei Cultural Society
 Sway & Toshiko Nishimura
 Norreen Nishiyama
 Okinawa Cultural Society
 Glen & Pam Tanaka
 Bill Teshima
 George Tokuda
 Dick & Sue Yamamoto
Total \$17,057

We try to be as thorough as possible but occasionally make errors. Please inform us if your name has been omitted from or misspelled in the donation lists. Also, anyone wishing his/her name not be acknowledged in print, please let us know so it won't be published. Thank you.

2012 Buddhist Memorial Service

仏教徒の年忌法要

Year of Death (死亡年)

- 2011 First annual memorial 1 year from death
 2010 3rd 2 full years from death
 2006 7th 6 full years from death
 2000 13th 12 full years from death
 1996 17th 16 full years from death
 1988 25th 24 full years from death
 1980 33rd 32 full years from death
 1963 50th 49 full years from death

A memorial rite marking the death of the deceased not only calls for the adornment of the shrine and the reading of the sutra but also is a precious occasion for recalling the cherished memories of the beloved and the most of all to realize the blessings of the Light of Wisdom and Life of Compassion which embrace us all. (from Jodo Shinshu Handbook for laymen)

On the first or near the first Sunday of every month, the BTSA observes a monthly memorial service in memory of those people whose date of death (meinichi-命日) falls in that month. Please bring a Homyo of your loved one.

TOBAN UPDATE

Please help out anytime you are available but especially during your Toban month.

January: Toban 4 **February: Toban 1**
March: Toban 2 **April: Toban 3**

SOUP KITCHEN

Toban 2 (Sumie Tsukishima) will coordinate the Soup Kitchen lunch on January 24. Anyone is welcome to help out. Please let Sumie know in advance.

REGULAR EVENTS

Dharma Study

10 - 10:15 am Sundays
(except first Sunday of the month, please note calendar)
Contact: Rev. Izumi at 403.382.7024

Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

Thursdays 7 - 8:30 pm through December 8
Regular practice begins January 5
New singers welcome; no experience necessary.
Contact: Katie at 403.327.4296 or katiinak@shaw.ca

Tonari Gumi

Tuesdays 12 - 3 pm through December 20
Return on Jan 10

Taiko Class

Tuesdays 7 - 8:30 pm • Youth 6:30 - 7pm
Return on Jan 10
Contact: David Tanaka at 403.330.1548 or david@eyesquared.com

The Lethbridge Karaoke Club

Wednesdays 1:30 - 4 pm
All interested are welcome to join or just listen and enjoy.

Flowers or fruit basket will be delivered to those in hospital. If you know of someone who is in hospital for at least one week please contact Sumi & Joe Tomiyama at 403.327.3110 or sumi.tomiyama@gmail.com.

Bodhi Day Service, Dec 11, 2011



The BTSA choir performs during the annual Bodhi Day service.

BUDDHIST Q & A

What is Kagami-Mochi (鏡餅)?

Kagami-Mochi literally means "mirror-rice cake." This particular rice cake is called "kagami" (mirror) because of its resemblance to a round mirror. At our temple, kagami-mochi is offered to Amida Buddha, Shinran Shonin and Rennyō Shonin on January 1st service as our expression of gratitude. Amida's wisdom and compassion are like a mirror through which we are able to reflect on our daily lives. (Y. I.)

PROGRAMS

Gentle Yoga for Seniors with Val Kunimoto
Winter session dates are February 2 - March 22.

Aiki Breathing will not meet over the winter. Watch for spring dates.

For further information on **Toban, Special Events or Programs**, Contact: Lorita at 403 327 1668 or lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many Congratulations!

Trevor Beal & Kristen McCreary married Dec. 3, 2011

Mein-Making - January 28. A maximum of 10 bags each will be available for sale to members at \$3.50 per bag.

SANJIA (Southern Alberta New Japanese Immigrant Association) New Year Banquet will be held Sunday, January 22 at the Coast Hotel. Tickets, at \$35, are available from Pat Sassa or Reiko Bolick .

O-Nenju (O-Juzu) new arrival from Japan!

An excellent gift for your friends, children and grandchildren!
Let's expand the circle of O-Nembutsu!



Izumi sensei speaks to the Dharma class in attendance.

photos: Tak & Yoko Tsujita

Ministerial Student Christina Yanko Visits with BTSA Members



Christina Yanko visited BTSA on Dec. 23 and met with about 20 members of BTSA. Christina, shown here with her husband, David Ringle, is a ministerial candidate in the Ph.D. program at the Graduate Theological Union with which the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) is affiliated. Christina was home during the holidays visiting her mother who lives in Monarch, AB. Her visit to BTSA was arranged by David Major who serves on the board of the JSBTC. The brief meeting gave members a chance to hear Christina's thoughts about Jodo Shinshu and development as a ministerial candidate at IBS. She is a graduate of the University of Calgary where she studied with the late Les Kawamura sensei. Please see the Bishop's Update on the website—thebtsa.com—for further news about her expected tokudo visitation to Kyoto.

A DVD of “Katei Seikatsu” Expected in January

An old 16 mm copy of “Katei Seikatsu: Japanese Family Life”, released in 1976 and featuring the Mas Sunada family, was shown during the last Alberta Buddhist Conference. For many—including the late Mas Sunada's wife, Miyo—it was the first time they viewed the film.

Several persons who attended ABC asked whether the film was available in a DVD version for sale. After talking with the director, Harold Tichenor, who worked at the University of Lethbridge at the time and now living in British Columbia, he informed us that he is working on a DVD version which he hopes will be available in January.

A price has not been set for a copy, but he indicated it would be about \$20 or so. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please let Akira Ichikawa know. He will get in touch with you when he hears from Harold about its availability and cost. Akira can be reached at 403-327-1668 or ichikawa@uleth.ca.

Writers for the film were Arthur Nishimura and Peter Haynes. Arthur recently wrote and said it was commissioned by the Alberta Provincial Department of Education as part of an Alberta Heritage series. He noted that it won an award at an educational film festival in Washington, D.C., shortly after it was completed.

Donated Goods Sought; Bake Sale Proceeds Given

Please remember the collection box in the multipurpose room to receive donated goods that will be passed on to the Lethbridge Food Bank. BTSA will collect goods through February, then match the estimated value with a cheque made out to the Food Bank.

On a related matter of donations, the board approved distribution of three cheques each for \$1,000 to the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen, Harbour House, and Habitat for Humanity, as BTSA's contributions to local charities this year. The total of \$3,000 represented half the estimated proceeds from the Dana Bake and Craft Sale held on Nov. 26.

Please Drive With Care In Our Parking Lot

With an increase in Dharma School children coupled with unseasonably temperate days that draw the children outside, a concern has been raised about vehicle traffic through the temple parking lot. As a word of caution, the board requests that all drivers and parents to keep an eye out for youngsters who may be playing in the parking areas after Sunday service and other events.

Dii Lewis Leads Singing at Our Sunday Service



Dii Lewis and wife, Joyce Oishi, of San Francisco, were guests at BTSA's regular Dec. 18 Sunday service when he led those in attendance in three songs. He wrote the music and lyrics to two of the songs, “Join The Dharma Line” and “Kindness Lives On”, and adapted words to the third, “Enlightenment Song”, to the tune of the “Banana Boat Song.” Dii and Joyce, daughter of Lilly Oishi, are members of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple where he provides much musical assistance. Joyce teaches in the Dharma class there. With their son, Kaz, and daughter, Tomi, they were visiting relatives during the holiday season.



DHARMA CLASS shops for Interfaith Food Bank

With money raised at November's bake sale, the Dharma class shopped for non-perishible items and Christmas gifts for children. They were also able to provide four families with gift cards for turkeys and fresh food. Thank you to all the kids and their parents and grandparents, and Brenda Ikuta who helped with the expedition. A special thank you to Silas, Effie and Marnie, and their family who donated an extra \$75 to help the cause.



Due to the growing number of children and youth attending classes, we are in the process of reorganizing groupings of classes and brainstorming ideas for a more efficient and effective program.

We encourage BTSA members to come visit our class and volunteer to share or read a story, help with a project, or make suggestions.

Please contact Maya Ichikawa 403.380.4330

January & February 2012 Schedule 1月と2月の予定表

Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service 祥月法要 Please bring Homyo (Buddhist Name) of your loved one. 法名をご持参ください。

JANUARY: TOBAN 4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:30am New Year's Day Service 1	2	3	1:30pm Karaoke 4	7pm SAB Choir 5	6	7
10 - 10:15am Dharma Study 10:30am Regular Service 8	9	12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko (6:30 youth) 10	1:30pm Karaoke 7pm BTS board meeting 11	7pm SAB Choir 12	13	14
2pm Shotsuki & Hoonko Service (Shinran Shonin's Memorial) New Year's Party 15	16	12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko (6:30 youth) 17	1:30pm Karaoke 18	7pm SAB Choir 19	20	21
10 - 10:15am Dharma Study 10:30am Regular Service 22	23	12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko (6:30 youth) 24	1:30pm Karaoke 25	7pm SAB Choir Hikari article deadline 26	27	28
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FEBRUARY: TOBAN 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Gentle Yoga 7pm SAB Choir 1	2	3
10:30am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service 5	6	12 noon Tonari Gumi 7	1:30pm Karaoke 8	Gentle Yoga 7pm SAB Choir 9	10	11
10 - 10:15am Dharma Study 10:30am Nirvana Day Service 12	13	12 noon Tonari Gumi 14	1:30pm Karaoke 15	Gentle Yoga 7pm SAB Choir 16	17	18
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