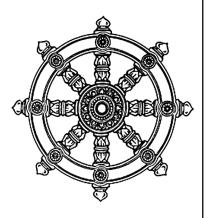
#### Resident Minister Rev. Matt Hamasaki



'n December, we are observing Bodhi Day, or the day that the Buddha attained enlightenment. Explaining exactly what enlightenment is can be quite difficult for people, myself included, as we have not experienced it. It is expressed in different ways, like awakening to true reality, or achieving Nirvana. It may be helpful to look at the term the Buddha used and how it relates to what he felt.

Nirvana literally means "extinguishing of a fire." Initially, this may seem like an awful thing if we personify the fire as a living being and to put it out would be to annihilate its existence. However, the way the Buddha saw it, the fire was bound by, trapped by its fuel source. Flames were anxious, dependent on its fuel. And should the fire release its fuel, it would be free; released from its dependence and entrapment. Of course, the question then becomes "What happens to the flame?" But the Buddha countered instead to think of the indescribability of a fire that doesn't burn.

Either way, when thinking about Nirvana in terms of our own lives, as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, we don't believe that it is achievable in this lifetime. That being said, it is still something to work toward. We are all flames, and our fuel is our desire, passion, delight and craving. We more than just feed on it; we cling to it. But just as a fire grows when you pile on more fuel, so too, does our suffering increase the more we try to satiate it with more things.

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#### President's Message Gordon L. Nitta



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Then, what is to be done? We have to let go — let go to the unwholesome craving which leads us to more suffering. With the release, what is left is calm, independent, and unattached — a peaceful tranquility from the stresses of this world. And while we cannot achieve this fully, permanently, we can still find peace through our practice.

Though this is the end of a challenging year, in many ways, it has also been a successful year of battling back from the COVID shutdown. It took a good deal of flexibility and mental adjusting by the Board of Trustees and office staff to adapt our practices and to keep us moving in a positive direction. Though the Betsuin's reopening continues to be a work-in-progress, I am very pleased that we have been able to steadily move forward with more and more in-person activities and events. I have said this many times before, but I thank you for your understanding and ongoing support that made it possible for us to be where we are today.

Speaking of steady — our Annual Membership Drive is happening now! Our dues had remained at the same levels for the last three years — since 2020 — a decision made partly because the Betsuin was closed due to the pandemic, with limited access for services and programs. In these same years, the per member assessment each temple paid to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) continued to increase to help with their budget needs. In April 2022, that assessment increased 10.4%.

For 2023, our membership dues will increase \$2 per month, per member to help with balancing the Betsuin's operating budget. Essentially, this means that a family membership will increase by \$4/month and individual membership will increase by \$2/month. Many of you are already taking advantage of the online payment option where you can set your membership payments to autopay on a monthly or annual basis. You can "Set it and forget it" by visiting <a href="https://www.buddhistchurch.org/membership">https://www.buddhistchurch.org/membership</a>!

My term as president ends this month so I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to join me as I chair the Joya-e (New Year's Eve) Service at 7 p.m. Please come to hear Reverend Matt's Dharma message, enjoy each other's company and ring the kansho in the Betsuin garden!

The next morning, on New Year's Day, Karen would like to invite you to attend Shusho-e Service, which she will be chairing at 9:30 a.m. Please stay afterward for a board-sponsored otoki of delicious udon, prepared by our one-and-only Bazaar Udon Crew! Rumor has it, sips of sake will be served to ring in the New Year!

Once again, my thanks to all of you for your continued support of our Board of Trustees, ministers, minister assistants, Legacy Endowment Fund Board, Betsuin office staff, organizations and programs. It has been my honor to serve as your board president and I am confident that we will all be in good hands with the continuing and new board leadership and trustees as we move into the future. My very best wishes to all of you for continued good health and a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

The annual SBWA general meeting and November Board of Trustees meeting were held at the Betsuin the morning of Sunday, November 13. The general meeting agenda included SBWA's annual financial report for Fiscal Year 2021–22, the election results for the 2023 Board of Trustees, and a "year in review" of our past year's activities.

This was the first time since 2020 that SBWA has held an in-person board meeting. While it was great to see everyone, the Board of Trustees will not return to our evening meetings due to safety concerns, but instead will continue to meet virtually each month.

On Sunday, December 11, SBWA will hold the annual Tsuito Hoyo (Memorial Service) in person and virtually beginning at 11 a.m. We are honored to have as our guest speaker, Reverend Bob Oshita.

The service will be followed by the installation of officers and the introduction of our new SBWA members.

Thank you to Alice Kataoka, Lori Itow, Gayle Kono and Myra Okasaki for their work on the service program; to Stuart Ito for his technical assistance so that we may also offer this service virtually; and to Bev Tanaka and Virginia Uchida for coordinating the bentos that will be distributed to those in attendance. In prior years, SBWA held the annual Bonenkai (year-end party) after the Tsuito Hoyo Service.

However, this year we are not able to hold this party as we continue to be cautious about large group gatherings. Hopefully next year conditions will be better, and we may celebrate the year together.

The next SBWA Board meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. All SBWA members are invited to attend. Please email SBWA2020@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

#### Legacy Endowment Fund

Ted Yoshimura





#### Founder of Legacy Endowment Fund

If you have attended church lately and walked through the hallway to the Main Hondo, you will notice a new wall plaque mounted just to the right of the Wall of Appreciation. We installed a plaque honoring Rinban Kosho Yukawa.

Rinban Yukawa was our residing minister many years ago and is retired, living in Tacoma, Washington with his wife, Michiko. With his forethought and vision, he is considered the founder of our Legacy Endowment Fund at our temple.

Legacy Endowment Fund Board (LEFB) member Ruth Seo shared in last month's LEFB Sangha article that Rinban Yukawa wrote the following in a 2006 Sangha newsletter:

"Following the centennial celebration of the Betsuin, it was my wish to establish a fund from which to set up various educational programs to fully utilize the beautifully renovated facilities and to build a solid financial foundation to assure the future existence of the Betsuin."

Hard to believe that LEFB has been in existence now for more than 16 years. We have fulfilled his wishes, and thanks to Rinban Yukawa, and of course to the many LEFB donors, we have the financial resources to help fund many programs that will benefit our sangha in the present and also for our future generations.

#### **Project Funding**

We have funded various projects throughout this year. More recently we have funded the following projects:

- Photo Scanning of Betsuin photos for historical preservation.
- Digital Marketing Manager to assist social media marketing and outreach to the public. I have been told that we had more than 200 Instagram followers in the first month.

#### Miscellaneous

Thanks to one of our LEFB members, Sandy Tokunaga with Efilliate, for her generous donations of earphones, cell phone stands and accessories to the Betsuin Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Girl Scout and Dharma School Halloween Party.

#### Educational Seminars and Classes

We have many educational programs available via Zoom. Please refer to the time and dates as noted in other parts of this Sangha newsletter for the Thursday Night Health and Wellness presentations, Weekly Yoga Classes via Zoom with Yoga Instructor Bob Matsueda, and Monthly Religious Seminars with Reverend Yuki Sugahara.

If you are interested in joining us for these sessions, please sign up by sending an email message to: *BetsuinPrograms@buddhistchurch.org*.

#### Appreciation and Gratitude

We would like to thank our sangha members and families for their support of the Legacy Endowment Fund throughout the years.

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#### Adult Buddhist Association Keiko Jean Kashiwada

BA hopes to have more in-person meetings and activities in 2023. We welcome suggestions from our members and potential members on activities that you would like to have again or new activities to try.

ABA will continue to serve refreshments after the Sunday church services on the 2nd Sunday of each month and whenever asked by the Board of Trustees to help out.

Please try to attend the church services and meet new members and our new minister, Reverend Yuki Sugahara. He and Reverend Matt Hamasaki will be a great team for our temple.

ABA will also continue our partnership with the Asian Community Center and provide escorts for our seniors. For the month of November, some of us even helped out with shopping at Walmart. ACC has many seniors who would like to get out, but needs more volunteers. If you have a few hours each month, please consider volunteering some of your time. ACC provides a wonderful training session and continues to update all the volunteers. It has been a very rewarding and fun activity.

Please contact us if you would like more information. Jean Kashiwada (ksjkash@aol.com) or John Yoshikawa (spyron@aol.com).

Until next month... stay healthy and safe! Hope to see you at the year-end service and/or the New Year's Day Service. Have a Happy New Year!

#### Stay in Touch with the Buddhist Church of Sacramento

Our website is www.buddhistchurch.org
Our Facebook page is @buddhistchurchofsacramento
Our Instagram page is @buddhistchurchofsac
Our YouTube videos are at Buddhist Church of Sacramento

#### Fumiye Nakagaki: 100 Years Young



Fall Craft Fair

Articles for the Sangha are due on the 15th of each month. Late articles will be published in the following month's issue.

When sending articles, please send email to: Sangha@ buddhistchurch.org with a cc to: betsuinoffice@gmail.com and inform the church office at (916) 446-0121. Please include the author's name. Thank you.

umiye Nakagaki is celebrating her 100th birthday on December 1, 2022. Although she is a bit shy and has refused to have a birthday party, she is celebrated by her three sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren!

We are excited to wish Fumiye, a longtime temple member, a very Happy 100th Birthday!

We are also grateful that she is helping the Sacramento Betsuin kick off a new tradition in 2023: helping us recognize our sangha members who reach this milestone. When we think of all the events and progress she has witnessed and experienced in a century, it is nothing short of amazing.

We are honored to offer you all our best wishes Fumiye for continued good health and special times spent with your family and friends!

Do you have a loved one who is approaching their 100th birthday? Or possibly someone who is a recent centenarian? If you would like them to be recognized in the Sangha, we would love to wish them a Happy 100th! Please contact the Betsuin Office Manager at <code>ckitade@buddhistchurch.org</code> to share their name and birthday with us, along with a favorite photo and even a short story, bio or sentiment!



Opportunity
Drawing!
Karen Adachi

ct now to be one of the 300 donors whose names will be entered into five monthly drawings on the last Sunday of the month in January, February, March, April and May 2023!

#### The way it works

From now through January 15, 2023, donations of \$100 that are submitted together with an Opportunity Drawing Entry Form will provide the donor an entry into a monthly drawing that will take place in the church courtyard after service on the last Sunday of January, February, March, April and May in 2023. Participants will have the opportunity to win multiple prizes, as their entry will be included in each month's drawing.

Only the first 300 entries into the drawing will be accepted. The total payout of monetary prizes will be 10% of the total donations submitted to this drawing: a

## Opportunity Drawing! (Continued)



maximum of \$3,000 awarded. For the first 4 months, 1/6 of the total prize payout will be awarded to one lucky winner (up to \$500). On the fifth month, the prize will be doubled (up to \$1,000). Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for an example of the monthly prize payout.

Entries into the Opportunity Drawing must be submitted using the entry form provided in this newsletter. All entries must be postmarked or received by the Betsuin Office by January 15, 2023. If you wish to enter the drawing by donating by credit card, you MUST place your donation on the SPECIAL ONLINE STORE, set up specifically for the Opportunity Drawing. Your credit card purchase from this special online store will replace the hard copy Entry Form. A \$5 processing/convenience fee will be charged for all entries submitted by credit card. At left is a QR code if you would like to submit your donation and Opportunity Drawing entry by credit card.

# Buddhist Church of Sacramento Opportunity Drawing

In January 2023, the Buddhist Church of Sacramento will hold an Opportunity Drawing. Each participant will be entered into 5 separate drawings, to be held on the last Sunday of the month from January through May.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Submit a \$100 donation to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento

If donating by credit card on the church website, a \$5.00 processing fee will be added

Each entry must be submitted with the Opportunity Drawing Entry Form below

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES: January 15, 2023** 

(must be postmarked or received by the Betsuin office by this date)

#### **ENTRY LIMIT**

Maximum of 300 entries will be accepted

Donors may submit more than one entry

Total Prize payout will be 10% of total donations received (not to Exceed \$3,000)

#### **DRAWING DATES AND MAXIMUM PRIZE PAYOUT**

Sunday, January 29, 2023 - \$500 Sunday, February 26, 2023 - \$500 Sunday, March 26, 2023 - \$500 Sunday, April 30, 2023 - \$500 Sunday, May 28, 2023 - \$1,000

### BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO 2023 OPPORTUNITY DRAWING ENTRY FORM

Mail or drop off at 2401 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95818

If mailing or dropping off your entry, please be sure to write "OPPORTUNITY DRAWING" on the outside of the envelope. This will help to ensure your envelope is routed correctly. Thank you!

Deadline: January 15, 2023 or the first 300 entries (whichever comes first)

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Phone Number:	DONATION AMOUNT: _\$		

#### Sakura Gakuen Adult Class Masako Thomas, Dean



Betsuin Family Bowling is Back! Karen Adachi Tapan is open for foreign travelers now. Register for the 2023 spring semester Japanese conversation class. The spring semester is from January 24, 2023 to May 23, 2023.

All the classes will be online Zoom classes with live teachers. If you know some Japanese, you may join an ongoing class anytime as long as there is space.

Contact Mrs. Thomas for the adult class (age 18+) by email: *thomas@sakuragakuen.org*. For the youth program, contact Mrs. Tomomi Flesuras: *tomomi.sakuragakuen@gmail.com*.

ur Betsuin Family Bowling League is back! This year, we will have a change in format. Instead of having an actual league, we will have open bowling for adults and kids on Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. starting November 29, 2022 and running through Sunday, January 29, 2023 (with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day). Bowlers of all ages can participate, as long as they can lift at least a 6 lb. ball. Being a good bowler is NOT a requirement, but having fun is strongly encouraged! We offer bumper bowling for our young bowlers as well.

The cost of bowling is only \$10 per person per session, which covers three games and shoe rental. The best part is, you will pay as you go! Drop in at AMF Land Park Lanes, 5850 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento, at 1 p.m. on any of the days noted above, and pay only for that day's bowling. We do ask that a registration form be completed and submitted on the first day that you bowl. You can find the registration form on our website: *buddhistchurch.org*. Find the bowling flyer on the carousel of events on the homepage and you will find the link to the registration form.

Affiliated and sponsored organizations are encouraged to have a bowling activity for their groups on any of our reserved Sundays. If you plan to bring a group, please contact Karen Adachi at <code>karenadachi1@gmail.com</code> before the date of your activity so we can ensure that we have enough lanes for your group.



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Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm

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LAND PARK LANES

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#### Thursday Night Health & Wellness



oin us for these friendly, informative sessions. Ask questions and learn about steps you can take to ensure a healthy and happy life for yourself and those around you!

Please sign up at *BetsuinPrograms@buddhistchurch.org*Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818-2233

## Music Is Healing Spend an Evening with Gordon! Holiday Music is Magical!

Thursday, December 15, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.



Gordon Ah Tye Retired Director of Radiology, Board Chair, Fresno Betsuin, and musical enthusiast

#### Weekly Yoga Via Zoom

Interested in learning something new? The Yoga for Health class is designed for any age and physical condition.

Join us for weekly yoga classes with Bob Matsueda via Zoom.

We will take a holiday break and meet in the New Year.

Contact *betsuinprograms*@ *buddhistchurch.org* for more information and Zoom link.



#### 30 Verses on Representation Only (Bodhisattva Vasubandhu) Rev. Yuki Sugahara Oregon Buddhist Temple

#### December 27, January 24, February 28, March 28 7 p.m. via Zoom

Yogācāra, often translated as Consciousness Only (J:唯識Yuishiki), is one of the main streams of Mahayāna Buddhism along with Mādyamika (Middle Way). Since one of my teachers preferred the translation Representation Only rather than Consciousness Only, I will use the translation Representation Only in this series.

Representation Only often is referred to as Buddhist Psychology because its uniqueness is to understand how our mind works from Buddhist perspective. The Thirty Verses on Representation Only written by Bodhisattva Vasubandhu (around 400–480) is one of the best texts to study the understanding of Representation Only and I hope we are able to deepen the understanding of Mahayana Buddhism together through this course.

#### Lecture Schedule

- Lecture 1: Introduction, Verses on Taking Refuge
- Lecture 2: Verses 1–7 Working of Ālaya and Manas Consciousness
- Lecture 3: Verses 8–16 Thought and Five Senses
- Lecture 4: Verses 17–19 Mechanism of Perception in Representation Only
- Lecture 5: Verses 20–25 Three Nature, Three Non-Nature Theory
- Lecture 6: Verses 26–30 Steps of Practices

Please RSVP to BetsuinPrograms@buddhistchurch.org.

#### Mochi Tsuki

For the third year in a row, we will not have Mochi Tsuki at the Sacramento Betsuin. However, you can still order your mochi and support the Placer Buddhist Church's Mochi Tsuki fundraiser.

The Placer Buddhist Church will hold a drive-thru pickup in the Betsuin's parking lot for the convenience of their patrons who live in the Sacramento area.

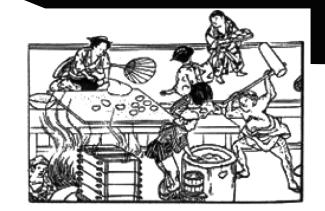
They have also extended an invitation to our Betsuin's sangha members to participate in making the mochi with them.

Contact the Placer Buddhist Church if you are interested in volunteering at their Mochi Tsuki.

A flyer is included below and also is available on our church website: buddhistchurch.org.

## PBC Mochitsuki

Sunday, December 18, 2022 PBC Social Hall



Order Form (due by December 4th)

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	ОТҮ	SUBTOTAL
Ko-Mochi (by the pound)	\$6.00/lb		
An Mochi (by the pound)	\$8.00/1b		
Kagami-mochi (by the set)	\$5.00/set		
		Total	

Name:		
Email:	Phone:	
PAYMENT METHOD		

Make check payable to: Placer Buddhist Church 3192 Boyington Rd Penryn, CA. 95663

**ORDER ONLINE** 

https://www.placerbuddhistchurch.org/home/forms

Pick-up December 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Placer Buddhist Church Social Hall, 3192 Boyington Rd, Penryn CA 95663

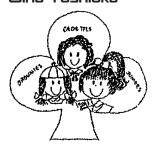
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## Cirl Scout Troop 569 Cina Yoshioka



irl Scout Troop 569 welcomed the month with our Investiture and Rededication Ceremony. It was our first in-person ceremony since before the pandemic and wonderful to see so many of our scout families again. We also welcomed 12 new Daisies to our troop! Congratulations to our Bronze and Silver Award recipients who presented such amazing, creative, and inspirational projects!

The first grade Daisies have started meeting, earning their petals, and learning about the Girl Scout Law. While their troop may be small, these Daisies are energetic and excited to help their community. They had a blast at the SBC Halloween Party, Girl Con, learning about Hispanic Heritage Month, and Investiture.

Seniors 1, Cadettes 2 and 3, Juniors 1, Brownies 1, and Daisies 1 and 2 took a field trip to the planetarium on the Sacramento State University campus, on November 6. The scouts were dazzled by the experience of learning about the constellations, planets and their moons under a simulated night sky.

We are excited to hold our first Fall Craft Fair on December 4 from 10 a.m.-12 noon in the courtyard. There will be many unique and fun handmade crafts by our scouts. Perfect holiday gifts! We hope to see you there!



















#### Betsuin December Schedule

12/4: 9:30 a.m. Dharma School Family Service — Reverend Matt Hamasaki
 12/4: 10:30 a.m. Shotsuki Hoyo
 12/4: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Teriyaki Chicken Bowl Fundraiser — Pick-up preorders in Kaikan
 12/11: 9:30 a.m. Family Dharma Service — Reverend Yuki Sugahara
 12/18: No Services — CLOSED

• 12/18: 2–3 p.m. Placer Buddhist Church's Preorder Mochi Pick-up — Betsuin Parking Lot

• 12/23: 9 a.m.–noon Betsuin open

• 12/24 & 12/25 Merry Christmas! Betsuin CLOSED

• 12/31, 2–3 p.m. Placer Buddhist Church's Pre-order Teriyaki Chicken

Fundraiser Pick-up — Betsuin Parking Lot

• 12/31: 7 p.m. Joya-e Service (New Year's Eve)

• 1/1/2023: 9:30–11:30 a.m. Shusho-e Service and Otoki

• 1/1–1/3/2023 Betsuin CLOSED — HAPPY NEW YEAR!

#### 2022 Family Memorial Service Schedule

Traditionally, family memorial services are held for loved ones on designated anniversaries. These are precious occasions to honor the treasured memories of our beloved ones and to realize how fortunate we are to be embraced by Amida Buddha's light of wisdom and life of compassion.

Year of Death	2022 Memorial	Year of Death	2022 Memorial
2021	1 year	1998	25 year
2020		1990	33 year
2016	-	1973	50 year
2010	13 year	1923	100 year
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#### Condolences to the Famílies of



 Emíko Kímura
 July 30, 1919-July 28, 2022

 Shoya Sakazakí
 January 27, 1927—August 19, 2022

 Peggy Aíko Ohara
 July 4, 1932-August 21, 2022

 Toshío Níshímoto
 August 23, 1924-August 23, 2022

 Ikuo "Míke" Nagaí
 May 3, 1933-September 3, 2022

 Wíllíam Okada
 June 18, 1931-October 12, 2022

 Ríchard Furuhashí
 October 20, 1938-October 29, 2022

## Where Does Your Donation Go? Brian Hatano

Then you donate to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, your tax-deductible contribution helps support the operation, maintenance and many programs of the temple. Likewise, your membership dues and income generated from our annual Bazaar in August help sustain the church throughout the year. Donations to the temple are placed in the General Operating Fund. You also may direct your donations to the church to benefit one of our many programs, such as Scouts, Dharma School, ABA, SBWA, Minister Assistants, or for a capital expenditure project.

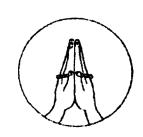
You may also contribute to the Legacy Endowment Fund, which is a long-term investment in which the principal remains untouched — only the interest generated is used. The fund is managed by financial professionals and the LEF Board. Contributions to the fund help fulfill these needs in a timely manner without undertaking major fundraising or depleting general operating funds. Specific needs include:

- Educational programs/scholarships for members, ministers, ministerial candidates plus perpetual or periodic scholarships
- Eitaikyo: Renovation and general maintenance of the temple shrine.

Of course, cash and checks are greatly appreciated, but your donations can be in the form of automobiles, and of distributions from IRAs, stocks and bonds. We also can take credit cards in the office. Click on the Amazon Smile logo on our website to enable the Betsuin to get a commission on your purchases on Amazon. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Because of your generosity, we have a vibrant and active Sangha — one of the largest in the Buddhist Churches of America organization. Our rich legacy began with our founding in 1899, with the mission to sustain the temple for the present and generations to come.



# サンガ



~12月の予定~

12月4日 10時半 祥月法要

12月11日 9時半 ファミリーサービス

菅原祐樹開教使

11 時 婦人会追悼法要

大下ボブ元輪番

#### 理事長のメッセージ 新田ゴードン

この1年色々と困難なこともありましたが、感染予防に関しての対応は良い方向に向かっていると思います。理事や事務所のスタッフはいつも臨機応変に対応することを覚えました。別院の再開は徐々に進行中で再開が順調に行われています。皆様のご協力を感謝しております。

只今、メンバーシップ・ドライブを推進しております。この3年間別院のメンバーシップは上がりませんでした。主な理由はパンデミックのためサービスや他のプログラムが限定されていたからです。この間、BCAの予算は上昇し続けています。この四月には10.4%値上がりしました。

来年、2023年度は別院の運営費を均衡にするため 月に一人2ドル、家族は月4ドルの値上げとなり ます。多くの皆様は既にオンラインで毎月又は年 に一度のメンバーシップの自動支払いをされてい ます。一旦設置すれば忘れることなく支払いが出 来ます。

http://www.buddhistchurch.org/membership

私の理事長としての任期が今月で終わります。12月31日の除夜会(午後7時)に是非お越しください。そしてRevマットの法話を聞き、除夜の鐘を突き楽しいひと時をすごしましょう。



翌朝は元日です、(足立)カレンさんが皆さんを修正会(午前9時半)にお招きいたします。そしておうどんのお斎があり、婦人会メンバーによるご馳走もあるでしょう、噂では新年を祝うお酒も出るとか。

それでは、理事の皆様、開教使アシスタント、レガシー・エンダウメント、別院事務所のスタッフ 他諸団体の皆様より多大な支援を頂き心から感謝 しております。理事長をさせて頂いたことは大変 名誉なことでした。新しい理事長が引き続いて理 事会を導いていくことでしょう。皆様のご健康と ご成功を願い、楽しいホリデーシーズンをお過ご し下さい。合掌



#### 婦人会ニュース

加藤シャーリー

恒例婦人会総会と理事会は11月13日に開催されました。総会の内容は21/22年度の会計報告と理事の選挙結果報告、してこの1年間の活動を振り返ることでした。今回、2020年度以来始めて対面の理事会でした。久しぶりに顔合わせが出来て嬉しく思いましたが、安全を期してオンラインのミーテイングを継続することになりました。

12月11日11時よりに恒例の追悼法要を行います。 講師は大下先生で、引き続き役員の就任式と新会 員の紹介を行います。プログラム作成に携わった 片岡アリス、伊藤ロリ、河野ゲイル、岡崎マイ ラ)の皆様にお礼を申し上げます。又、伊藤スチュワートとテクニカル・グループ、お弁当係の田 中ベバリーと内田バジニアの皆様有難うございます。(敬称略)毎年、追悼法要の後で忘年会を開催していましたが、Cocvid 感染予防のため大きな集会を避ける方針で今年も中止となりました。来 年は再開出来ることを期待しています。

次回理事会は12月7日(水)会員は誰でも参加できます。連絡先:sbwa2020@gmail.com

#### 日本語法話会

日時:12月9日 午前10時より 場所:別院クラスルーム(1) 講師:菅原祐樹開教使

日本語で法話を聞きたい方は何方でも歓迎! ご質問のある方は廣田まで (916) 296-5619