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#### **July Calendar of Events**

Call 773-334-4661 Also visit www.budtempchi.org

## **△** Regular Sunday Services **△**

Service (English) – Sundays, 11am Dharma Sunday School – On summer hiatus Shotsuki Hoyo, Monthly Memorial Service - Sunday, July 7, 11am (English), 1pm (Japanese)

### **♦** Special Services & Events **♦**

Lay Speaker Service – Sunday, July 21, 11 am – Dennis Chan will talk about his trip to the World Dobo Conference in Kyoto

Temple Picnic – Sunday, July 28 (tentative)

## Education & Meditation

Introduction to Buddhism – Call temple or visit budtempchi.org for schedule

Buddhism Study Class – On summer hiatus, open to all, Wednesdays, 7pm

Meditation Sessions – On summer hiatus, Thurs evenings 7:30pm, Sun mornings 9am

Sutra Study Class – Sunday, July 14, 12:30 pm, open to all

## ✓ Meetings & Socials ✓

Asoka Society – On summer hiatus BTC Board – Sun, July 21, 12:30pm

#### ☼ Culture ☼

Calligraphy - Brush writing, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm

Chinese Movement – Qigong, Tuesdays, 11am to noon, call Dennis Chan 773-465-6422 for information & to register

Crafts – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 10am to noon

Japanese Fencing – Introduction to Kendo, Dojo sessions, Tuesdays, 8 to 10pm at Bethany United Church, call Bob Kumaki, 847-853-1187 for information

Japanese Language (children or adults) – On summer hiatus, Saturdays, 10am, call temple to register

Japanese Swordsmanship – Iaido, Mondays 7 to 9pm

Taiko Drums – BTC Kokyo Taiko Drum Troupe, Fridays, 7pm to 9pm

See More Important Dates on page 2.

# Vancouver Encounters: Chan & Ching-tu

By Rev. Patti Nakai

It seems I barely recovered from jet lag after attending the World Dobo Convention in Kyoto when I was off on another international trip. This time Gary and I went to Vancouver to attend the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies conference at the University of British Columbia. The conference was held iointly with the "Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program" conference sponsored by The Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation. Besides the chance to learn about Chinese Pure Land Buddhism, we learned



Photo by Debra Levie

about how the roots of the Pure Land teachings can be traced to India in the early centuries of Buddhism.

Most of the presentations on Chinese Buddhism discussed the syncretism between Chan (the Chinese pronunciation of "Zen") and Ching-tu ("pure land" in Chinese). From Buddhism's early development in China to todav's followers in Chinese-speaking communities throughout Asia and the world, there wasn't the strict consciousness of separate "sects" as you find in Japan and perpetuated in the West. The Chinese were seeing parallels and overlappings between the Chan and Ching-tu traditions long before D.T. Suzuki discovered the myokonin poems and the Jodo Shinshu temples in the U.S. offered meditation classes. For example, in the paper "Why Chan is Pure Land, Pure Land is Chan"

Sing Song Liu of Taiwan shows in the poetry of Zhongfeng Mingben (1263-1323) the Pure Land is often equated with the Zen concept of realizing one's original mind since both traditions speak of "returning home." The calling of *nianfo* (Chinese for "nembutsu") is used for calming the scattered and fluttering mind - to bring the Buddha's presence into one's meditation.

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Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of: Fred Y. Sasaki Please see Temple News for details

# Temple News May 2013

5/02 Rev. Nakai met with Fred John Sasaki to plan the memorial service for his father, Fred Yoshitomo Sasaki.

♦ 5/04 Several temple members participated in the International Buddhism Festival (Visakha) of the Buddhist Council of the Midwest, hosted this year by the Midwest Buddhist Temple. Rev. Nakai gave a lecture on the festival theme "Chasing Happiness, Achieving Balance." William Shehan conducted a haiku workshop.

5/05 Rev. Nakai conducted the May monthly memorial

service, including a brief Dharma talk in Japanese.

5/08-5/10 Rev. Ashikaga, Rev. Nakai, and several temple members attended the World Dobo Convention in Kyoto, Japan.

5/12 Regular Sunday service was observed. Rev. Nakai gave the Dharma School and main Dharma talk.

5/16 Rev. Ashikaga returned from Japan.

5/18 Rev. Ashikaga conducted ashes burial service for the late Akiko Sugano at Montrose Cemetery. \* \* \* Asoka Society met.

- ♦ 5/19 Special Tanjo-e (Shinran's birthday) service was observed and the speaker was Rev. Bryan Siebuhr. \* \* \* Rev. Nakai conducted 49<sup>th</sup> day service for the late Alice Fukuyama. \* \* \* Rev. Nakai officiated the memorial service for the late Fred Y. Sasaki. He is survived by his wife Wieslawa, son Fred (Jennie) Sasaki, and brother John (of Barry Regent Cleaners).
- 5/22 Rev. Nakai conducted ashes burial service at Montrose Cemetery for the late Hiroshi Nukuto, per the request of his brother Tadashi (Kazuko) Nukuto.

5/24 June bulletin was mailed.

5/25 Rev. Nakai attended the "Spiritual Beans" interfaith discussion group at Golden Pancake.

5/26 Rev. Ashikaga conducted Hatsu Mairi ceremony for four children and their families at the regular Sunday service. (See photo on page 4.) \* \* \* BTC Board of Directors met.

5/27 Rev. Ashikaga led Buddhist Federation ministers' chanting at Montrose Cemetery Memorial Day Service.

5/30 Rev. Nakai attended O.N.E. meeting and voted on merger with Lakeview Action Council. The new organization will be called "Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality." Office will still be located across the temple on Racine Avenue.

# Reminder: Dharma School Trip!

The families of BTC Children's Dharma School plan to gather for a weekend getaway at the Bright Dawn Home Spread near Plymouth, Wisconsin the weekend of July 26-28. Activities will include hiking and other outdoor activities, meditation, games, and lots more fun.

Families with children interested in joining or learning more about the trip can contact Dave Leshuk at dleshuk@solartwister.com 847-656-5071 or Diana Schoendorff at 773-540-1505 billandi@sbcglobal.net 773-540-1505.

# **More Important Dates**

July 21: Dennis Chan will give the lay talk on his visit to Japan as part of BTC's World Dobo Conference Delegation.

July 26-28: Dharma School Families

Weekend trip. See this page.

July 22: Bon Odori dance practice begins and is open to all, including men and children. Practices will be held at 7:30 pm at the Temple on July 22, 24, 26, 29, & 31.

Aug. 3: Bon Odori.

- Aug. 4: Obon Service.
- Aug. 18: All-Camps Reunion. See page 7.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2: BTC hosts the 2013 Eastern Buddhist League Conference. See page 3.
- Sept. 28: BTC Rummage Sale. See page 4.
- Now-Oct. 6: Hokusai exhibition at the Art Institute. See page 7.
- Now-Oct. 27: Amdra Samelson & Indira Johnson exhibitions at LUMA, Tomoaki Suzuki exhibition at Art Institute. See p. 7.
- Now-Nov. 3: Jun Kaneko exhibition at Boeing Galleries, Millennium Park. See p. 7.

Also see July Calendar of Events, pages 1 & 8.

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Understanding the Nembutsu through recognizing the Paramitas in others.

Sunday Service Participants: Ruth Abbinanti, Sue Balsam, Chris Becker, Bill Bohlman, Glenn T. Fujiura, Adam Kellman, Joe Korner, Melissa Maslanka, William Shehan, Molly Waite, Mia Blixt-Shehan, our accompanist, & Jacob Fawcett, our audio engineer.

Sunday Service Refreshments: Chris Becker, Noreen Enkoji, Haru Ito, Anna Nagata,

Betty Segal, and William Shehan.

Temple Bulletin Mailing: Ruth Abbinanti, Rev. Ashikaga, Sue Balsam, Dennis Chan, Antoinette d'Vencets, Noreen Enkoji, Jane Ike, Haru Ito, Michele Mulcahy, Rev. Patti Nakai, Masa Nakata, Mary Shimomura, Tak and Tommi Tomiyama, Ruby Tsuji.

Taking care of the Temple inside and out:

Tomio Tademoto.

© Cleaning the Temple: Michele Mulcahy.

Manning the Temple office every Thursday: Tak Tomiyama.

Maintaining and updating the temple

website and computer: Shawn Lyte.

Emptying the trash bins, filling them with new bags and putting them out for disposal: Sue Balsam, Adam Kellman, Michele Mulcahy, and Rev. Patti Nakai.

# **Your Help Is Needed**

The Temple is in need of new revenues and gratefully asks for your help. This is an opportunity for YOU to become involved in the future welfare of our Temple.

The Board of Directors is seeking people to form a fundraising strategy committee. Anyone with fund-raising background and anyone with good ideas and willingness to work are most welcome.

Please contact Lynn Maruyama Lmaruyama114@earthlink.net or contact anyone else on the board if you are interested.

# **Reminder: Rummage Sale**

The date of the rummage sale is Saturday, September 28, 2013, rain or shine. Please start going through all of those closets and boxes in the basement to see what you don't need or want anymore.



- Clean, gently used clothing and accessories

Small appliances in good working condition

## **Items not accepted:**

- Televisions, mattresses, furniture, humidifiers, electronics
- Items that are stained, torn or broken

In addition to the general sale, there are a limited number of tables for those temple members who wish to do their own selling. The donation is \$30/table.

Drop off dates for rummage items will be forthcoming. Please Lynn Maruvama Lmaruyama114@earthlink.net if you would like to help out or if you wish to purchase an individual vendor table.

## EBL 2013, **Labor Day Weekend Updates** By Gary T. Nakai, EBL 2013 Chair

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If you haven't yet been to our website (www.budtempchi.org) and noticed the EBL 2013 information posted there, no matter, for enclosed with this issue of the bulletin is the full registration packet for your review and action.

First of all, let me draw your attention to the first page, the page that you return to us to register you for the conference. On it contains information you will provide for the use of volunteers that are processing the registrations. Pages 2, 3, & 4 will help you make your choices. It is important that you double check your entries for meals, tour preference, and transportation needs. If you have questions as you fill it out, don't hesitate to contact me at: budtempchi@hotmail.com or 847-676-9309.

Page 5 gives you the entire weekend as planned, with updates posted as revised editions of the chart are uploaded, revision date shown at the upper left corner. Note that the tours will occur in the afternoon of Saturday, and whose times will be updated as interests are tallied. Group pricing for entrance fees will also be affected so get your intentions in early so we can secure those group rates. That helps tremendously. Regarding transportation. carpools are posted on EBL carpool tab on our website.

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Comments, corrections, questions, & suggestions welcome. Submissions of articles, essays, book reviews, photos, poetry, news items, announcements, drawings, etc., strongly encouraged. Submissions will be reviewed for suitability and space availability. Anonymous submissions will not be published, but author's names may be withheld from publication upon request.

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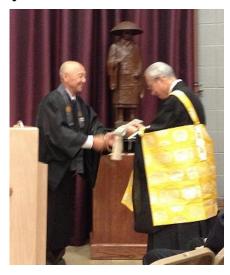
# Rev. Ashikaga Retirement Ceremony



From left to right: Bishop Noriaki Ito, Rev. Patti Nakai, & Rev Ashikaga



Mrs. Ashikaga & Rev. Ashikaga



On June 16, 2013, Rev. Ashikaga retired from BTC. He received a wagesa (neck sash) from Higashi Honganji, presented by Bishop Noriaki Ito of the North American District of Higashi Hongangi (see photo on right). The wagesa commemorates his retirement after more than 50 years of service to the Temple. In the background, the statute of Shinran Shonin looks on. See more information on page 5. Photos by Michael Kudo, Jr.

# Sangha News: Ti-Sarana & Hatsu Mairi

On June 2, Rev. Ashikaga conducted a Ti-Sarana ceremony for Denise Hanako Zimmerman. She received the Dharma name *Myoren*, Exquisite Lotus Flower. She also received a lay wagesa (neck sash) and a certificate.

The Ti-Sarana ceremony is a confirmation of one's dedication to live life in the teachings, hence the receipt of a Dharma name. At BTC, participants apply to the Resident Minister. Based upon personal factors surrounding the request, individualized requirements are set and must be completed prior to the confirmation.



Photo by William Shehan



On left: Rev. Ashikaga. Second from left: Arun Masashi Yokota (in lap) with parents Ryan and Tina Yokota. In middle: Julio and Maria Morales with mother Nadia Velazquez (in center). On right: Rev. Patti with Melissa Csoke and son Ian Arthur Csoke (on knees). Photo by Debra E. Levie.

On May 26, four children were officially welcomed to the Temple during the annual Hatsu Mairi

ceremony. Hatsu Mairi means "first visit," and the ceremony is the official first welcoming of a child to the temple (although some of them already may have been attending). Each family participating in Hatsu Mairi received a certificate and o-juzu (meditation beads) for their child. Past Hatsu Mairi parents prepared delicious refreshments after the service.

Please submit news items regarding engagements, weddings, major promotions, graduations, moves, illnesses, deaths, pregnancies, births, important milestones, notable birthdays, and other significant news items to anyone on the BTC Team (see page 3) or e-mail them to BTCbuledtr@hotmail. Include all pertinent information. Photographs are encouraged. All items will be reviewed for suitability.

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# Rev. Ashikaga Luncheon: A Celebration of 52 Years

On June 15, approximately 150 people attended a retirement luncheon to celebrate Rev. Ashikaga's career. Guests included various religious and community leaders from throughout the community.

BTC President Glenn T. Fujiura opened the luncheon with memories of the days when Rev. Ashikaga was still a "kid minister." Rev. Patti Nakai led the opening gassho. Board member Elaine Siegel read "At Parting," a haiku written by her father-in-law, Dr. Kenneth Yasuda, from the seminal book *The Japanese Haiku: Its Essential nature, History, and Possibilities in English* and presented Rev. Ashikaga with a lilac branch. Long-time former president Gary

Nakai thanked Rev. Ashikaga and toasted his service. Jerry Morishige delivered Rev. Ashikaga's biography and thanked him for his friendship. Bishop Noriaki Ito of the North American District of Higashi Hongangi recalled the impact Rev. Ashikaga had on the Sangha of his childhood. Rev. Patti Nakai led the closing gassho.

Guests greeted Rev. Ashikaga and passed on their their best wishes to him. Attendees also enjoyed a four-course meal at Monastero's Ristorante along with a raffle of lovely orchids that that adorned each table. The event was skillfully organized and run by Lynn Maruyama and Debbie Miyashiro.









From left to right: Champagne and special candy bar, Rev. Ashikaga speaks about his service, orchid centerpieces are raffled, Rev. Ashikaga speaks with and poses with many old friends wishing him well. Photos by William Shehan and Ann Yi.

Rev. Yukei Ashikaka attended Otani University in Kyoto then served as minister at Hilo Higashi

## **At Parting**

Here at parting now, Let me speak by breaking A lilac from the bough.

- Dr. Kenneth Yusada

Hongangi Temple. He left to study at the University of Chicago and became involved with BTC, where he worked with Rev. Gyomay Kubose and Rev.

Gyoko Saito. In 1961 he became an Assistant Minister and in 1981 became Head Minister, a position he has held until June 16, 2013 (see page 4).

During his tenure, he created a choir and actively assisted with Boy Scouts. He started and continues to direct the Japanese Language School. He is a long-term student of Iaido. In addition to his extensive travels and myriad of Temple duties, he was active in various community organizations such as the Japanese American Council, Eastern Buddhist League, and Chicago Buddhist Federation. He published a book of essays entitled *Soragoto Tawagoto* in 1991.

During retirement, Rev. Ashikaga plans to continue his many travels with his wife and lont-term Temple pianist, Hisayo Ashikaga. He plans to golf and continue working for the Temple as Minister Emeritus. If you see him, he asks that you please say hello.









From left to right: Gary Nakai, Elaine Siegel with lilacs, Jerry Morishge, and Debbie Miyashiro, Glenn T. Fujiura, and Lynn Muruyama.

## ... Vancouver Encounters

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Besides hearing the wide range of papers at the conference, we had a chance to reunite with old friends and get acquainted with young Buddhist studies scholars from countries such as Korea, Australia, Taiwan, etc. (However, unlike past IASBS conferences no one from Latin America came and there was only one European.) It seemed a shame that more Canadian temple members and ministers did not attend (there was a national meeting in Calgary that same weekend), but we were able to spend time getting to know some key people from the Vancouver and Steveston temples, hearing a perspective a little different from our Toronto friends (for example, relating Japanese Jodo Shinshu to Chinese-Americans).

Besides the interaction between Chan and Ching-tu and between

Chinese and Japanese traditions, we also saw the cooperation between the Nishi and Higashi Honganji scholars. The IASBS conferences are always remarkable for providing a forum for Nishi and Higashi people to talk to each other (in Japan the two large sub-sects of Jodo Shinshu hardly acknowledge each



Historic joint panel with two of the four presenters: Eisho Nasu (Ryukoku Univ), Yasushi Kigoshi (Otani U), and moderator Michael Conway. Photo by Rev. Patti Nakai.

other's existence). At past conferences there were often competing Ryukoku and Otani University panels scheduled in different rooms for the same time slot, but at this conference when panel moderator Michael Conway announced the Sunday morning session was the first joint panel of both universities, the audience heartily applauded. I could try to write here about each of the four papers that delved deeply into the background of Shinran's teaching, but to do them justice I'd rather spend time discussing them in detail at a later time.

In my presentation ("Penetrating the Seven-Syllable Barrier: Nembutsu for Newcomers") and the discussion that followed, the conference attendees got an earful about our temple. I'm grateful that the temple gives me the resources (primarily you earnest seeking people coming to services and the study classes) to explore the topics that I wish to present to the international stage. Attending the IASBS conferences enables me to continue promoting our temple's legacy of modern Jodo Shinshu that came from Manshi Kiyozawa and Haya Akegarasu in Japan and was introduced in America by Rev. Gyomay Kubose and Rev. Gyoko Saito.

The IASBS is considering Chicago as a possible location for its next conference in 2015. Besides asking for the support of our temple members, I hope to find some interest among the local academic community. Please help me connect with the educators and scholars that you might know at the various schools around our city.

# ... EBL 2013, Labor Day Weekend

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Page 6 of the packet solicits your EBL 2013 greetings to all delegates and will be published in the conference program book, and is a way to support the success of this year's conference. The added income produced from these pages further serves to making your presence at the conference known as well as sending along your best wishes in your absence. We hope that BTC's members from afar in particular will send their best wishes for our success this Labor Day weekend. Within these "ad" pages, there will be spaces for your business cards too. A one-line entry of your name only will be published on a book page titled "Best Wishes to All Delegates."

Lastly, please look for the biographies of our distinguished lineup of presenters on our website. There you will learn how they are uniquely qualified to convey the spirit of our theme, "Coming to America - Basking in the Legacy of Inclusion." Their collective presentations will show us how Buddhism was introduced to North America at the turn of the 20th century and beyond. Armed with this knowledge and through discussion, it is hoped that a refreshing look at the challenge of inclusion in this day and age will emerge. What better preparation is there for our outreach efforts?

Please consider supporting BTC's hosting of the Eastern Buddhist League Conference 2013 over Labor Day weekend by attending or by your generous donations to the cause.

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# Buddha 'Bout Town: Buddhist & Japanese Cultural Happenings

Members and friends of the Japanese American Service Committee are cordially invited to the fourth All-Camps Reunion on Sunday, August 18. Please join them for lunch and a program focusing on "The Other Side of the War."

Every Japanese American who was incarcerated in a WRA relocation center during World War II had direct links to the country that precipitated America's entry into the war. For families that were divided by war, the anguish on both sides must have been nearly unbearable. What was everyday life like for civilians living in Japan at that time? How were the Kibei Niseis treated? Were people in Japan and their American relatives able to communicate during the war years?

Now, nearly 70 years after the end of World War II, everyone's story is important, and everyone's story should be saved. Please come to JASC headquarters (4427 N. Clark Street, Chicago) on August 18 and share your family's experience. Look for information on fees and registration for the fourth All-Camps Reunion in the coming weeks. For further details, please call or e-mail the Legacy Center (773.275.0097, x222, or legacy@jasc-chicago.org).

The Boeing Galleries at Millennium Park is showing "Legends, Myths and Truths," a show by Jun Kaneko from April 12 to November 3, 2013. Kaneko is Japanese artist known as a pioneer in the field of monumental ceramic sculpture. The installation Kaneko has created for Millennium Park features Kaneko's signature Dangos (meaning "rounded form" or "dumpling" in Japanese). The show features new works drawing upon the myths and legends of the Tanuki figure. According to the City of Chicago site, "From ancient times, the Japanese have expressed the Tanuki in a variety of ways, for it is considered to be a trickster who causes trouble and mayhem in both the human and supernatural worlds. In our modern era, however, the figure is most commonly portrayed as a large, stout badger." For more information, visit http://tinyurl.com/kaneko2013

The Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA) will be exhibiting "Amdra Samelson: Cosmologies" from July 20 to October 27, 2013. Samelson uses both celestial and Buddhist imagery in her work. The exhibit includes large wall drawings, paintings, prints, works on paper, and interactive floor installations. Thanks to Ruth Abbinanti for the submission.

Throughout the Chicago area, 100 cement and resin Buddha sculptures created by Indira Johnson will appear throughout the city as part of the "Ten Thousand Ripples" project. LUMA, one of the sponsors, will feature some of the sculptures and artistic responses from the ten communities hosting these sculptures from July 20 to October 27. For more information on the project itself, visit: http://www.tenthousandripples.com

Note that the sculptures, which feature only the top half of the historical Buddha's head, have been the subject of some discussion, as some view the image as cultural appropriation and/or as disrespectful of the image of the Buddha. For more background on the differing viewpoints and some of the arguments both for and against the sculptures, see the following blog entries from Rev. Patti Nakai's "Taste of Chicago Buddhism":

http://tinyurl.com/artbuddha1 http://tinyurl.com/artbuddha2 http://tinyurl.com/artbuddha3 http://tinyurl.com/artbuddha4

- The Art Institute's Bluhm Family Terrance is currently featuring small urban sculptures by Japanese artist and woodcarver Tomoaki Suzuki through October 27, 2013. The five sculptures depict London youth at one-third their actual size and are the first sculptures by Suzuki in bronze.
- The Art Institute will open a new show entitled "Beyond the Great Wave: Hokusai's Images of Mount Fuji" starting July 20 and running through October 6, 2013 in Gallery 107. Katsushika Hokusai influenced nineteenth century European Art Nouveau and Impressionist painters, including Monet and Renoir. Hokusai's compositions are seldom on view due to concerns of light damage. For more information, visit the Art Institute page at http://tinyurl.com/hokusaiwave. Thanks to Debra E. Levie for the Art Institute exhibits information.
- The Field Museum's primary collections exhibit Buddhist art and artifacts in its sections devoted to China and Tibet.
- The Art Institute features a large collection of Buddhist statuary and art in its Alsdorf Galleries and in its collections of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean art. Additional Buddhist art in other galleries can be found using the search tool available at the Art Institute site: http://www.artic.edu/aic/collections/

Please send information on other Buddhist and/or Japanese cultural events in the Chicago area to: BTCbuledtr@hotmail.com

# **JULY 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

# 日本語の 祥月法要 7月7日 午後1:00 時

- See page 1 for more details.
- · Events may be cancelled or moved after press time due to unforeseen circumstances
- Asoka Society (Saturday), Buddhist Study Class (Wednesdays), Dharma Sunday School (Sundays), Japanese Language School (Saturdays), and Meditation (Thursdays & Sundays) are on hiatus for the summer.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 laido	2 11am Qigong 7pm Japanese brush writing	3	4	5 <b>7pm</b> Kokyo Taiko	6 10am Crafts
7 11am Shotsuki Hoyo (English) 1pm Shotsuki Hoyo (Japanese)	8 7 laido	9 11am Qigong	10	11	12 <b>7pm</b> Kokyo Taiko	13
14 11am Service (English) 12:30pm Sutra study	15 <b>7</b> laido	16 11am Qigong 7pm Japanese brush writing	17	18	19 <b>7pm</b> Kokyo Taiko	20 10am Crafts
21 11am Service (English), Dennis Chan lay talk 12:30pm Board Meeting	22 7:30 Bon Odori dance practice	23 11am Qigong	24 7:30 Bon Odori dance practice	25	26 7:30 Bon Odori dance practice	27
28 11am Service (English) Temple Picnic (tentative)	29 7:30 Bon Odori dance practice	30 11am Qigong	31 7:30 Bon Odori dance practice			