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## Walking the Talk of Buddhist Ecology

Quite a few years ago, a young couple visited our temple and told me they loved Buddhism because it taught them how to live a life of producing only good karma – doing charitable deeds and meditating away anger. I said, “But we are continually producing bad karmic effects. Every time you flush a toilet, you’re negatively affecting the environment.” Needless to say, they never came back. I didn’t mean to chase them away but I was echoing what I heard from eminent Shin Buddhist scholar Hiroyuki Honda at the So-o-gakusha study center in Kyoto. He said when most people see phrases in the sutras saying we have done hundreds of thousands evil karmic acts, they feel it doesn’t apply to them. They think, “Oh, I’ve made a few mistakes that hurt people’s feelings, but I hardly commit any evil deeds.” Honda-sensei said we fail to see how our behavior as producers and consumers is negatively impacting the environment. If we thought about all the ways we’ve poisoned the air and water and stripped the earth of non-renewable resources, those karmic acts had to number at least in the hundreds of thousands.



It may seem overreaching to think I can do anything to make up for that mountain of injurious deeds against our home, the earth, but I’ve come to realize I should give it a try. By the time this

## Giving Thanks

Of all the holidays celebrated in America, Thanksgiving is the most Buddhistic. The other holidays commemorate some type of military victory, honor a famous person, or are religious in origin. In every case, there is the possibility that there are some persons who disagree with the premise of the holiday. Thanksgiving, however, is simply about being grateful for what we have.

This year, is the 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the first official Thanksgiving. In 1863, in the depths of the Civil War, President Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the fourth Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving. Lincoln knew that although the nation was engulfed in turmoil, there was still much for which to be thankful. In the turmoil of our lives today, this sentiment still rings true. This rising above the turmoil is an example of nonattachment.

At BTC, two phrases often heard are examples of an expression of thanksgiving. The first, itadakimasu, is said before meals. This signifies our humble acceptance of the food being offered. We express our gratitude to all who were responsible for the meal, from the farmer thru to the cook and to all the living things, both plant and animal, who provided our sustenance. We recognize that without all these others, our meal would not exist.



Rev. Patti Nakai  
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For more writings by Rev. Nakai, visit her blog, *Taste of Chicago Buddhism*, at: [tinyurl.com/chibud](http://tinyurl.com/chibud)

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Bill Bohlman  
BTC President

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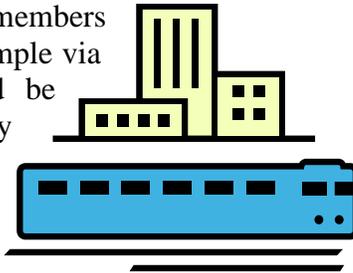
## Ho-on-ko: Memorial for Shinran Shonin

On Sunday, November 22, we will observe Ho-on-ko, the memorial for Shinran Shonin, with a special service which includes chanting of Shinran's poem "Shoshinge." We will also hear portions of his biography called "Godensho." Please join us for this major service followed by a light luncheon. Although throughout the year we receive the nembutsu teachings which Shinran worked to spread widely in Japan, at Ho-on-ko we gather ("ko") to express our appreciation ("ho-on") of his efforts and insights.

As the bulletin goes to print, plans for a Ho-on-ko seminar have not yet been worked out. Please see our website and/or Facebook page for updated event information as it develops.

## REMINDER: CTA Wilson Station Construction

The Red Line Wilson CTA Station is still undergoing major renovation, impacting members and friends who travel to the temple via the Red Line. Drivers should be prepared for detours. We will try to keep our members and the groups who use the temple informed of the possible disruptions on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/budtempchi](http://www.facebook.com/budtempchi). For more information and ongoing updates, visit: [www.transitchicago.com/wilson/](http://www.transitchicago.com/wilson/)



## Save the Date: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual World Dōbō Gathering Los Angeles, 2016

The World Dōbō Convention is a gathering of temple members and ministers from Japan, Hawaii, North America, and South America, and is held every three years. The previous one was held at Higashi Honganji in Kyoto in May 2013 and seven BTC delegates attended. Approximately 380 people are expected to visit from all over the world at next year's gathering.

The theme is "Dōbō: Seeking Unity in the Midst of Diversity," with the accompanying slogan, "Learning from the Past – Living in the Present – Envisioning the Future." The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mark Unno, professor at the University of Oregon and son of the late Dr. Rev. Taitetsu Unno.

Registration will begin soon. If enough members from BTC plan to go, group deals on travel may be possible. Please stay tuned.

**When:** August 27-28, 2016

**Where:** Hilton Hotel Los Angeles/Universal City and Los Angeles Betsuin temple in Little Tokyo in downtown LA

**Fee:** \$250.00 (includes 2 lunches and the dinner banquet)

**More info:** <http://higashihonganji.org> and on the BTC information counter

## MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 1944 as an administratively independent temple,

The Buddhist Temple of Chicago aspires to the following:

- To present and explore the Three Treasures of Buddhism – the Buddha (teacher), the Dharma (teachings), and the Sangha (community).
- To be guided and inspired by the historical Buddha, Gautama Shakyamuni, and the teachers who have followed – Shinran Shonin, Manshi Kiyozawa, and Haya Akegarasu.
- To present the Buddha-Dharma in a language and manner relevant and understandable in contemporary America.
- To welcome all who seek the Dharma without any exceptions.

## BTC BULLETIN

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**Feedback & Submissions** 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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## Temple News September 2015

- 9/04-9/07 Rev. Nakai participated in services at the Eastern Buddhist League conference hosted by the Cleveland Buddhist Temple. Nine BTC members attended – Diana Schoendorff was on a panel discussion about membership.
- 9/08-9/10 Rev. Nakai attended ministers' seminar to hear Rev. Futoshi Takehashi from Higashi Honganji head temple ritual department speak at the Los Angeles Higashi Honganji Temple (see photo).
- 9/10 Darryl Shishido attended ONE-Northside meeting at North Shore Baptist Church.
- 9/11-9/12 Darryl Shishido and Ann Yi attended a Dharma Seeds seminar at the Los Angeles Higashi Honganji Temple with guest speaker Rev. Takehashi (see photo).
- 9/13 September monthly memorial and Dharma School service. \*\*\* Shoshinge class met. \*\*\* No Japanese service was held.
- 9/15 Upaya outreach activity, greeting and serving refreshments to passersby from 4-6 pm (see photos next page). \*\*\* Upaya Book Discussion group met (see photo).
- 9/15 Rev. Nakai attended monthly Uptown Clergy luncheon.
- 9/17 Representatives from the Institute of Cultural Affairs ("ICA") visited temple to discuss participation in their "Faith and Sustainability" program.
- 9/19 Craft Group met. \*\*\* Asoka Society met.
- 9/20 Fall O-higan service. \*\*\* Sutra Study class met.
- 9/22 Upaya Movie Night.
- 9/24 Rev. Nakai attended the monthly Buddhist-Catholic Dialogue meeting at Misericordia (see photo). \*\*\* Rev. Nakai attended the Buddhist Council of the Midwest meeting at Wat Phrasri.
- 9/25 October bulletin was mailed.
- 9/27 Dharma School service. \*\*\* Board of Directors met. \*\*\* Rev. Nakai conducted 3rd year memorial service for John Terada at home of George Terada.
- 9/29 Rev. Nakai attended ICA workshop on "Faith and Sustainability" at Temple Emmanuel.
- 9/30 Visit from delegation of central Asian countries researching interfaith relations sponsored by World Chicago (see photo).

Photos by Rev. Patti Nakai, Steve Toyoshima, and others.



Eastern Buddhist League Conference



Book Group meets



Darryl Shishido and Ann Yi (on left) attend Dharma Seeds seminar in Los Angeles. Rev. Patti attends minister seminar in Los Angeles.



Monthly Uptown clergy luncheon



Delegation visits BTC

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

### Understanding the Nembutsu through recognizing the Paramitas in others. Send in your recognitions!

- Sunday Service Participants: Tom Corbett, Nancey Epperson, Glenn T. Fujiura, Lynnell Long, Miriam Solon, Linda Triplett, Ann Yi, Karl Zawadzki
- Music/Accompanists: Mrs. Ashikaga, Drea Gallaga
- Audio Controls: Wendy and Jacob Fawcett, Gary T. Nakai
- Sunday Service Refreshments: Elaine Siegel, Mary Shimomura, Asoka Group, Upaya Group
- Bulletin Mailing: Dennis Chan, Noreen Enkoji, Haru Ito, Morris & Amy Kawamoto, Candy Minx, Alice Murata, Masa Nakata, John Sagami, Mary Shimomura, Shishido, Ruby Tsuji
- Cleaning Temple washrooms: Anonymous
- Taking care of the Temple inside and out: Tomio Tademoto
- Maintaining and updating the Temple computer: John Kelly, Gary T. Nakai
- Maintaining and updating the Temple website: Ann Yi
- Emptying the trash bins, filling them with new bags and putting them out for disposal: Adam Kellman, Candy Minx, Ruby Tsuji
- Cleaning Hondo and Nokotsudo: Michael Yasukawa
- Administrative Office Volunteers: Ruth Abbinanti, Gary T. Nakai, Helene Rom, Darryl Shishido, Linda Triplett, Ruby Tsuji

## President's Message at the BTC's 71st Anniversary Service

By Bill Bohlman

As we celebrate our 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary, we realize how lucky we have been. Lucky that Reverend Gyomay had a vision. Lucky that a group of hardworking Nisei devoted their time, energy, and funds to help the early temple. Our luck continued with the amazing group of ministers we have had: Reverend Gyomay, Reverend Saito, Reverend Sunnan, Reverend Ashikaga, and now Reverend Patti. Throughout the years they have guided the presentation of the Dharma and brought us to where we are today.

Some organizations upon reaching their 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary have their best years behind them. Not BTC. Although the majority of our members are of Japanese American descent, BTC has fulfilled Reverend Gyomay's dream of bringing the teachings to all. Our Sunday service attendance is one of the most diverse of any Buddhist temple. And our new members are deeply involved. Reverend Patti is developing a group of lay leaders to assist with service. Using money from the Kubose Fund, BTC is helping to finance attendance at seminars and EBL for these lay leaders.

The most enduring thing for the future of BTC is the growth of our Dharma School. Starting a few years ago with three students, it now has enough students for three classes.

So, as we reflect upon the past with gratitude, we can look to the future with excitement. I truly believe BTC's best days are yet to come.

Happy Anniversary, Namu Amida Butsu



**Left:** Darryl Shishido and Karl Zawadzki help prepare the temple for fall O-Higan service.

**Right and below:** Upaya Group and temple members hold their second outreach session. Contact Candy Minx at [candyminx@hotmail.com](mailto:candyminx@hotmail.com) if you would like to join the Upaya Group to help volunteer for various activities, such as assisting with luncheons, outreach, and other activities planned throughout the year.



## Double Bill, Double Bind

By Candy Minx

Ego has no existence from the very beginning.

– D. T. Suzuki

I don't see Buddhism being reclusive at all. It is very positive. The Buddha goes out in all ten directions playing. Other places the Mahayana sutras talk about running around to all the Buddha lands, or to attain shinjin is to be counted among the great sangha. These are expressions of something vast and wide. It isn't talking about being all alone but is talking about being one with all. This is Buddhist thought. It isn't pointing to the world of a solitary person. It is pointing to a world in which one is together with all. To go out and play in the ten directions is a very positive statement. It means to be able to go anywhere.

– Rev. Marvin Harada

To be able to go anywhere. Is that freedom? Is it bravery? I love the idea of being able to go anywhere and not just to be able to travel or walk or see something in another country. I interpret the idea of being able to go anywhere in a few ways. Able to go to any gathering and fit in. Isn't that what our parents and elders taught us as we practiced manners and customs so we can go anywhere? We can fit in to some degree and be free to go to a wedding or go to a party with strangers or family. I also take this to mean we can go anywhere with our experience and ideas. To not be afraid to lock horns with ideas from different places in philosophical thinking, or scientific thinking, or in food preparation, or in clothing. Being able to travel through different cultural languages or philosophical languages.

Sometimes when I am looking to talk about a Buddhist reading of a film I feel a bit like I am a translator. Translating an idea between cultures. There are technical terms for talking about film and there are literary terms for talking about film. There are also technical or literary terms for talking about interfaith concepts. When meeting with Christians sometimes I really feel like a translator because some ideas in Buddhism are very challenging for people outside Buddhist or mindful dialogues.

How does one explain no-god to a Christian? How does one explain no-ego to a performer? How does one explain surrender to an individualistic-based society?

This coming November we going have a double bill, like an old fashioned movie house. We are going to watch a short movie made by one of our Sangha, Patrick Garone, as well as a documentary on D.T.

Suzuki. Patrick's 15 minute short film is a pilot for a TV show. It is a comedy with Buddhist themes. The documentary about D.T. Suzuki is called *A Zen Life*. As I watched it, I started writing notes.

I wrote these notes... "Ken Burns", "double bind", "a topic that is impossible to explain yet he wrote over a hundred books on that topic", "Gary Snyder", "buy culture, buy information", "demand a reason why we must do an activity or ritual before agreeing to do it". These quick first impression notes came to mind partly from the narration of the documentary and partly from the juxtaposition of the archival photography. D.T. Suzuki was a translator between English and Japanese drawing me into the story as I already felt like talking between disciplines is a bit like being a translator.

I didn't really know anything about the person D.T. Suzuki, just his books. I found this documentary to be very interesting while introducing us to his passion for photography, and for reading and discussing Zen. Suzuki seemed to be a quite humorous person who enjoyed the tension between trying to practice and understand philosophical ideas in a belief system he described as a negation, that Buddhism is always negating upon itself and our pre-conceptions.

Suzuki also spoke about giving in and being a part of other peoples' lives and thoughts, as part of the practice. Not to be gullible but to be open to experience in a variety of surroundings. And this made me think of one of my favorite forms of practice: surrender.

I once went to a theatre re-release of *The Wizard of Oz* with a bunch of Hindu-practicing friends. When the Wicked Witch spells out "surrender Dorothy" with her smoking broom across the sky my friends cheered and laughed. Their laughter was very funny to me because it was incongruent with the frightening sequence in the film. My Hindu-practicing friends had laughed because surrender was a common topic of discussion among us and considered a positive choice in mindfulness practice. To surrender through mindful practice is considered to be open-minded, empowered with vulnerability, and detached from our own personal opinions as the only way to think. Surrender in mindful practice means being able to have an experience by letting go of preconceived ideas and judgments with the potential for learning new insight about the nature of reality.

However, surrender can be a terrifying concept for many people and not at all funny. Many of us live in societies that encourage strident individuality: the individual is given more quarter than common sense.

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## ... Walking the Talk of Buddhist Ecology

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bulletin is published, I will have participated in the interfaith conference on sustainability held at the Institute of Cultural Affairs (kitty-corner from Heiwa Terrace). At one of the pre-conference meetings in September, I felt ashamed to admit to the group of leaders from nearby churches and synagogues that our temple still uses Styrofoam cups. They spoke to me very supportively, assuring me it is hard at first to convince boards and members to spend more money on eco-conscious products, “but you can do it.”

With my recent trip to Seattle to speak at the Buddhist women’s conference, I really got infected with the “EcoSangha” bug. The Seattle temple is headed by longtime minister, Rev. Don Castro, a pioneering leader in raising awareness of environmental



issues among Buddhists. He’s spread the idea of “EcoSangha” (see his many articles on-line such as <http://www.ecosangha.com/whatis.html>) for Buddhist groups of various sects and sizes to commit to more ecology-minded behaviors at their gatherings. The city of Seattle is very conscientious about reducing landfill – everywhere you have to separate your trash (see photo). At the Seattle Buddhist Temple, all the disposables (cups, utensils, etc.) are compostable and the

regular members use mugs and refillable water bottles.

I am also inspired by the Los Angeles Higashi Honganji temple that had a “sustainable Obon” summer festival this year. See <http://www.rafu.com/2015/07/big-step-towards-a-sustainable-obon/>. It would be great if at our Natsu Matsuri festivals we could make the kind of changes they made – using paper containers and giving raffle tickets to people who brought their own bags for take-out food.

So I’m calling on all of you to be a part of our temple’s Green Team. Please help us assess ways we can reduce our carbon footprint. If you come regularly to our services and events, please use and wash your own mug or glass. Use our drinking fountain for refillable water containers instead of drinking bottled water. Please help me research ways to do more effective recycling (not easy in Chicago). Help our temple to network with other religious groups to learn about eco-product suppliers and compost services.

Buddhists from the very beginning have talked about caring for the environment because it literally is our body. We are connected to all of nature through a myriad of interdependent relationships. If we take these Dharma teachings to heart, we now need to start walking that talk before the karmic consequences of the past endangers all life on earth.

## ... Double Bill, Double Bind

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For Arjuna, being enlightened was the absolute willingness to embrace everything. Can we learn from that notion for our own practice?

In a capitalist society we tend to believe we can buy knowledge, we can buy culture, we can buy freedom. People fill up Facebook with their likes and dislikes. “I only like foreign films”, “I only like vegetarianism”, “I only like baseball”. Surrendering is a way to break out of dualism and see each other in a more transcendental realm. Really surrender is about allowing ourselves to see ourselves in a more transcendental realm. How do we let go of this thing we call ourselves?

I had written down the words “double bind” when *A Zen Life* began. How surprised was I when Suzuki himself mentions the dilemma near the end of the film? I was so surprised I had to show my husband how I had written that on a flash card!

“A double bind is an emotionally distressing dilemma in communication in which an individual (or group) receives two or more conflicting messages, and one message negates the other. This creates a situation in which a successful response to one message results in a failed response to the other (and vice versa), so that the person will automatically be wrong regardless of response. The double bind occurs when the person cannot confront the inherent dilemma, and therefore can neither resolve it nor opt out of the situation.” – *Wikipedia*

When we encounter double binds in our jobs, or family, they can be distressing. However when we take notice of these double binds through practice of Buddhism, they can help us see patterns of behavior that are blocking our choice to let go and surrender. The double binds can become funny and productive and healing. Letting go of our own wishes in order to do something someone else wants to do allows us to spend time with others and shake loose those double binds in an imaginative way. When we surrender to our children’s choice of a movie, or a neighbor’s book recommendation, or try a new hobby, we might get surprised by stepping away from our own tastes and interests and find a new way to be vulnerable, learn, and be in the moment.

Movie Night is Tuesday, November 24th at 6 p.m. All are welcome and snacks will be provided. Guests are welcome to bring snacks to share.

## ... Giving Thanks

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The second phrase is Namu Amida Butsu. When we recite the nembutsu, we remind ourselves of that which we receive from all of life. We humbly bow down to the infinite wisdom and compassion in which we exist. We bow down not in a subservient manner, but rather as an expression of our gratitude. The statue of the Amida Buddha in the hondo leans slightly forward. This signifies to me that as long as we open ourselves to the unbounded light and life, our birth in the Pure Land, the land of the awakened who have moved beyond all suffering, is assured here and now. For this we are grateful.

In the everyday life of BTC we have much for which we are thankful. We have two wonderful ministers, a dedicated sangha, and a thriving Dharma school. Our gratitude to those who have come before us is deep, and our appreciation for what we have is profound. During my illness earlier this year, I experienced the concern and compassion of many of the members and for this I am humbly grateful.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let us all count the many things for which we are grateful. On behalf of the ministers, the board of directors and myself, I express our gratitude to all the members and friends who make BTC such a wonderful home of the dharma.

Namu Amida Butsu.

## November Temple Events & Activities Guide

- See Calendar on page 8 for specific dates.
- Up-to-date details and last-minute changes are available on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/budtempchi](http://www.facebook.com/budtempchi)
- All events are free, held at the Temple (unless otherwise noted), and open to the public.

### Special Services & Events

- November 1, Sunday, 11 am – Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service (English).
- November 22, Sunday, 11 am – Ho-On-Ko Service.
- November 24, Tuesday, 6 pm – Movie Night: *A Zen Life*, and Patrick Garone's TV pilot (see page 5).

#### Regular Sunday Services

- Religious Service (in English) – Sundays, 11 am.
- Lay Speaker Sunday – Generally the third Sunday of the month, 11 am. This month: November 15 (tentative).

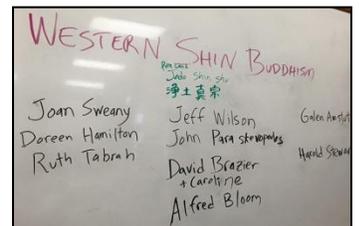
#### Cultural Activities

- Chinese Movement (Qigong) – Tuesdays, 11 am to noon. Call Dennis Chan 312-771-6087 for info.
- Crafts Group – Third Saturdays, 10 am to noon. This month: November 21.
- Japanese Fencing (Kendo) – Dojo sessions held every Tuesday from 8 to 10 pm at Bethany United Church. Call Bob Kumaki, 847-853-1187 for info.
- Japanese Language School (children or adults) – Every Saturday, 10 am. Call Temple to register.
- Japanese Swordsmanship (Iaido) – Mondays, 7 to 9 pm.
- Taiko for Adults (BTC Kokyo Taiko Drum Troupe) – Fridays, 7 to 9 pm. Email [kokyotaiko@yahoo.com](mailto:kokyotaiko@yahoo.com) to confirm.
- Taiko for Children (BTC Kokyo Taiko Drum Troupe) – 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at 11 am. Email [sanghacomod@yahoo.com](mailto:sanghacomod@yahoo.com) for appointments.



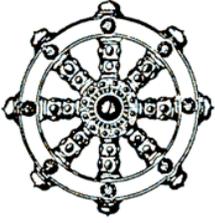
### Education & Meditation

- Dharma Sunday School (for children) – Second and fourth Sundays, 11 am. November 8 and November 22.
- Introduction to Buddhism – This 4-week course is held periodically throughout the year. E-mail Rev. Nakai at [rev.eshin.patti23@gmail.com](mailto:rev.eshin.patti23@gmail.com).
- Buddhism Study Class – Every Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. No previous Buddhism study required.
- Meditation – Sundays at 9 am and Thursdays, 7:30 pm.
- Sutra Study Class – Generally 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 2 pm. No previous Buddhism study required. This month: November 8.



### Meetings, Socials, Volunteering

- Asoka Society – Generally the third Saturday of the month, 1 pm. This month: November 21.
- Board Meeting – Once a month, Sunday, 12:30 pm. November 29.
- BTC Bulletin mailing – Generally 2nd-to-last Friday of the month, 10 am, as many volunteers as possible much appreciated. This month: November 20.
- BTC submissions – See page 3 for details on submissions. Generally due 8 days prior to the mailing on Thursday, 6 pm. This month: November 12.
- BTC Young Adults Group – Check the Bulletin for events scheduled throughout the year.



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## BTC CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2015

日本語の 祥月法要  
11月1日 午後1:00 時

See Temple Events & Activities Guide on page 7 for details on events.  
Events may be canceled or moved after press time due to unforeseen circumstances.  
Check [www.facebook.com/budtempchi](http://www.facebook.com/budtempchi) for the most up-to-date changes.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 am Meditation 11 am Memorial Service 11 am Kids Taiko	<b>2</b> 7 pm Iaido	<b>3</b> 11 am Qigong	<b>4</b> 7 pm Buddhism Study Class	<b>5</b> 7:30 pm Meditation	<b>6</b> 7 pm Adult Taiko	<b>7</b> 10 am Japanese Language School
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