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“Enough!”

If you are anything like me, then every now and then you can't help but want to ask the question, "How much longer do we have to keep doing this?" Some of you might be thinking, "I thought Buddhism talked about impermanence." Sometimes the frustration and maybe even the fear of not ever being able to go back to how things were like "before" is what gets us to think things like, "Enough already! Let us get back to our lives." Hopefully, nobody has reached this level of frustration, but given that we have been isolating ourselves in California from March 2020 and the temple announced its first closure from March 14, 2020 it would not be surprising to find not a few people who feel this way. What these comments have in common is the desire to "get back to normal." The fear, however, is that we may never be able to go back to "normal" as we used to know it. Even after the pandemic, because this too will eventually end, we will have to continue to do things differently. It may be akin to how medical practices were drastically changed after Dr. Joseph Lister introduced antiseptic medicine to the world.

While we are still in the "middle" of the pandemic and we are not able to physically gather at the temple or elsewhere, how do we keep these frustrations and fears from getting the best of us? How can Jodo Shinshu help us to navigate our lives through this? Although, on the one hand, Jodo Shinshu is not meant to be a "how to" manual on how to live our lives, on the other hand, if Jodo Shinshu does not impact our daily lives, then you really can't blame anyone for saying that Jodo Shinshu, or any religion for that matter, is meaningless.

Jodo Shinshu cannot and should not be reduced to a "how to" guide. Jodo Shinshu is meant to help us transcend these lives of ours. The goal is to break free from the life of samsara, the life of birth-and-death, the life of suffering and not help us to be more comfortable in that life. For example, in the Pure Land Hymns on the Right, Semblance, and Last Dharma-Ages, ¹Shinran Shonin writes:

Those who follow the Path of Sages
All take the mind of self-power as essential;
On entering the inconceivable working of

¹ This is the English Translation for *shouzoumatsu wasan* (正像末和讃). All translations are taken from The Collected Works of Shinran.

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Other Power,
They truly realize that no working is true
working
(wasan #55)

In writing this, Shinran Shonin points out that Jodo Shinshu, at its essence, is the abandoning of calculated effort. A cynic might interpret this to mean, “just give up.” A seeker may pass over Jodo Shinshu because it does not appear to have what they are looking for. Again, Jodo Shinshu is not meant to be a manual to help us to live through a life of suffering. Jodo Shinshu wants us to transcend that life and to discover the freedom and joy that comes with realizing that “no working is true working.”

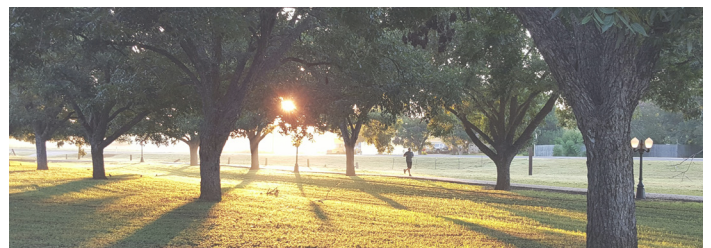
On the other hand, we still do have to live our lives. Even with faith, until we are born in the Pure Land we will still be *here*. Religion, even if it is transcendent, has to help give us meaning in our lives in the here and now, and not just some prophesied ideal future. Shinran Shonin points to this necessity also in a wasan. This wasan is from the Hymns of the Pure Land Masters in the section praising Master T’an-luan:

Knowing truly that the Primal Vow—
The perfect One Vehicle that brings about
sudden attainment—
Grasps those who commit grave offenses
and transgressions,
We are quickly brought to realize that blind
passions and enlightenment are not two in
substance.
(wasan #32)

In this wasan Shinran Shonin points out that the object of Amida Buddha’s salvation is we who are especially embroiled in committing acts that trap us in the world of birth-and-death. By stating that “blind passions and enlightenment are not two in substance” also points out that the Enlightening activity of Amida Buddha is directed to those of us who are struggling with “daily life.”

What causes our anxiety, especially in the context of the pandemic? Isn’t a big part of it simply not knowing? We worry because we do not know when the pandemic will end, if ever. Those who feel an absolute certainty that the pandemic will come to an end tend to feel less anxiety than those who lack this certainty. The frustrations we feel regarding when our lives will “return” (impermanence teaches us that they will not), is also, I surmise, largely based on not knowing how much longer we have to continue being isolated and alone. Unfortunately, the longer we continue to do these things, the easier it is for our doubts to move us closer to considering that it (our suffering) will never come to an end. We sometimes respond in frustrated anger.

It is no accident that Shinran Shonin equates faith with wisdom, and that faith is defined as the absence of doubt. In the two poems of Shinran Shonin quoted above, for example, the term that was translated as “realize” and as “knowing” is both *shinchi* (信知) or “faith-knowing.” It is a term used to denote the knowing that comes with faith. Through faith (*shinjin*, 信心), we gain the wisdom of knowing that our lives are meaningful. Even while we may sometimes doubt the meaning of our existence because of our circumstances, such as having to prolong our covid-19 lifestyle, faith informs us, without a doubt, that we are constantly in the embrace of Immeasurable Life. Opening our heart’s eye to this truth becomes the reality of faith. Faith is what allows us to transcend and live in our world, at the same time, with both meaning and assurance.



**Board Meeting: Saturday, February 19 at 2PM
Via Zoom**

**Alan Miwa**

From GBC Board Chairperson

With Deep Gratitude

I would like to extend a heart felt thank you to our outgoing chairperson, Imogene Imada, for her leadership over the past three years (2019 – 2021) as our Board chairperson.

Imogene led us through very difficult times. During her term she arranged for ministerial support with Rev Nobuo and Rev Yoshiko Miyaji after Rev. Sekiya was transferred to the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Imogene also led us through the Covid-19 challenges and ensured that virtual services were established so that the Sangha could continue to listen to the Dharma. Thank you, Imogene, for your dedication and leadership.



Appreciating the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA)

What! A BCA dues envelope? What do I get from BCA? Why are they asking for my money?

The above are all real and valid reactions to a request for BCA dues. I used to question the request in the same way.

Every year, the BCA asks each member church to financially support the BCA national headquarters (San Francisco), employees (including Bishop Marvin Harada), Buddhist studies, Buddhist Programs, and support for the Jodo Shinshu Center (Institute for Buddhist Studies, Center for Buddhist Education, hosting national seminars, and activities).

The BCA is the glue that provides the guidance and support for the 60+ Jodo-Shinshu churches and temples in the United States. They are the source of our ministers and development of our ministerial advisors.

Every year, the BCA requests dues from all the Jodo-Shinshu churches and temples. The annual amount each church is asked to provide is calculated from a formula based on the paid membership of each church and estimated BCA annual operating expenses. The donations that you provide to the Gardena Buddhist Church in the BCA dues envelope help offset the monthly dues that our temple submits each month based on the annual amount. Whatever amount you can afford to offer reduces our annual expenses and will be greatly appreciated.

JR. YBA

Jr. YBA has been working very hard this month. Virtually we have met with the San Fernando Valley church to plan. We are working very hard to make seminar 3 come to fruition.

Megumi Deadline is Monday, February 21, 2022

Fujinkai / BWA Buddhist Women's Association

Very Sad News – Mrs. Akiko Maeda and Mrs. Yukiye Terada have passed into Ojodo. Mrs. Maeda's family service was held on December 27th; Mrs. Terada's private service was held January 26th at GBC. To Mrs. Akiko Maeda and Mrs. Yukiye Terada, we express gratitude for their contributions to the GBWA; to their families, our deepest condolences.



Happenings:

- ◇ January 13-15th, 7am – We had early morning Ojinjo / Raihai Services in preparation for Hoonko. What a wonderful way to start the day!
- ◇ January 15th, Saturday – Nishi Betsuin Hoonko Dharma Seminar was held with Dharma talks by Rinban Kusunoki of San Jose (Japanese) and Koyama Sensei of Tacoma (English). We also were able to enjoy a Live Virtual Service with Shoshinge Shimpu Style from the Honzan.
- ◇ January 16th, Sunday – Many members attended the GBC Hoonko Service on Zoom
- ◇ January 23rd, Sunday – We met 29 new temple members and enjoyed the GBC Shinnenkai on Zoom. Thank you to all of our members who participated in the BWA 'Oshogatsu' song.
- ◇ 2021 Homebound Members' Yearend Visits will be postponed until we can be safer from Covid.

Announcements:

- ◇ February 6th, Sunday – Nirvana Day Service and BWA Regular Monthly Meeting via Zoom at 11:30am
- ◇ February 13th, Sunday – Lady Takeko Kujo / Fuse-No-Hi Service Chaired by the BWA

BWA Appreciation:

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| * 7th-year memorial for the late Tomiko Miyata | Julie Miyata |
| * In reciprocation for funeral of the late Akiko Maeda | Tom Maeda |

ABA News

ABA members enjoyed this year's Shinnenkai. The bento was delicious and there are so many talented Church members. Thank you for sharing your skills!

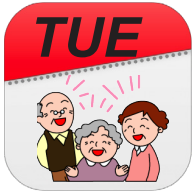
Dues for the 2022 year are now due. Dues continue to be \$15 and may be mailed into Church (1517 W. 166th Street, Gardena, CA 90247).

ABA members have submitted their thoughts for PIF's Intergenerational Dialogue and will soon be working with the Fujimatsuri Committee to put together this year's event.

The next meeting will be Sunday, February 20 at 11:30am via ZOOM.

Stay safe and we hope we can see each other soon.





TUESDAY SOCIAL

February 2022, the start of year 3 of the pandemic. We shut down our gatherings in March 2020. Two years ago. Perhaps 2022 will be our "masked, social distancing, washing hands, sanitizer, small gatherings, modified buffet, kind of NORMAL YEAR". Even with these limitations & restrictions, it will be nice to see smiling faces.

TS Friends, a little more time and patience, and hopefully we'll gather in-person soon. It will happen. In the meantime, please stay healthy and strong.



Hui Aikanes

We hope everyone is doing well.

Our coming meetings will be February 6 and March is TBD.

For everyone's safety, the February 6 meeting will be via Zoom at 11:30.

Take care and we will see you at our zoom meeting.



PET MEMORIAL

Our Annual Pet Memorial will be held **via Zoom** on **March 6, 2022** during the Dharma School service.

If you have lost a pet during 2021 or would like to have your pet included in our memorial service please complete the form.

Owner's Name: _____

Type of Pet: (dog, fish, lizard) _____

Pet's Name: _____

Date of Passing: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone No: _____

Please send your completed forms to: **info@gardenabuddhistchurch.org, March 1, 2022.**
(You are welcome to send a picture of your pet and we can show it during the service.)

In Sympathy

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

Kuwahara, Tom Nobe
Nimura, Saburo
Terada, Yukiye

(62)
(86)
(93)

December 19, 2021
December 19, 2021
December 30, 2021



*Correction in January Megumi:

Igawa, Eleanor Michiko (82)-->(88)

November 10, 2021

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Dear Fellow Sangha Members:

Besides our 7th and 8th grade students, our enrollment for 2022 will now include space for **9 students going into the 9th grade in the Fall of 2022**. Please review the following Student Interest Form and Mission Statement for Wisteria Chugakko. Thank you.

Charlene Hirotsu, Principal, Wisteria Chugakko



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Gardena Buddhist Church Wisteria Chugakko Summer Program

Reverend John Iwofara, Gardena Buddhist Church Resident Minister, Headmaster
Charlene Hirotsu, Wisteria Chugakko Principal

Student Interest Form

June 20 – July 13, 2022

I am interested in registering for Wisteria Chugakko for the Summer of 2022.

I will be in the 7th or 8th grade in the Fall of 2022. Or 9th grade in the Fall of 2022

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student's Gender Pronoun Preference
Student's Date of Birth	Student's Grade in Fall 2022	Student's School District
Father's Last Name	Father's First Name	Father's Cell Number
Mother's Last Name	Mother's First Name	Mother's Cell Number
Father's Email Address	Mother's Email Address	Buddhist Church Affiliation (Gardena, Senshin etc.)



Wisteria Chugakko

Reverend John Iwohara, Headmaster
Charlene Hirotsu, Principal

Wisteria Chugakko Summer (Middle School) at Gardena Buddhist Church

Mission Statement

The Wisteria Chugakko (Middle School) is established to enrich the academic experience, and the religious and cultural understanding of its students in order to develop academics and a greater appreciation for the potential and dignity of human and all life.

Who: Wisteria Chugakko is a middle school summer school for students going into the 7th, 8th and 9th grade in the fall semester.

What: Wisteria Chugakko is a summer school program providing academic, religious and cultural education for its students.

Where: With the support of the Gardena Buddhist Church Board, Wisteria Chugakko holds its summer school program at the Gardena Buddhist Church.

When: Every summer since our inaugural year 2018, Wisteria Chugakko has provided a middle school summer school program for 4 weeks from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. After school supervision is also provided for the working parents until 6:00 p.m.

Due to the Covid Pandemic of 2020, the 2020 program was cancelled. In 2021, with the continuation of the pandemic, a remote "Wisteria Buds" program was created and a modified 16 day long summer program was created.

Why: The Vision and Mission of Wisteria Chugakko is to help in the development of our young adult students to become productive members of our society, community and families. These were the classes offered virtually for our 2021 Wisteria Buds:

Basic Car Mechanics	Introduction to Jodo Shinshu	Kokeshi Doll Creations	Pivot Twist Pop-up Card Making
Cartooning	Itadakimasu	Learning our History	Protecting our Ocean
Digital Citizenship	Japanese Etiquette	Let's Reach for the Stars!	Shakyo
Dyeing to know	Japanese Tea Ceremony	Morning Service	Taiko
Introduction to Buddhism	Jodo Shinshu Rituals	Photography	

If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Hirotsu at
charlene.hirotsu@gbcwisteriachugakko.org.

We are accepting **Student Interest Forms for Summer 2022** for students going into the 7th and 8th grade in Fall of 2022.

Please submit them to the Gardena Buddhist Church mailbox or mail to:
Gardena Buddhist Church (Wisteria Chugakko)
1517 W. 166th Street Gardena, CA 90247

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

The church acknowledges the following donations received from 12/20/21 - 01/21/2022 with gratitude and appreciation.

Funeral/Makurakyo/Burial/Memorials

Fukuwa, Dianne	Horii, Mary	Kawahara, Yoneko	Nagatani, Brian & Marcy
Harada, Robert	Ida, Dianne	Kuwahara, Emily	Okada, Nobuko
Hoo, M/M Danny	Igawa, Asako	Maeda, Tom (2)	Sakurai, David & Tori
Horii, Brian	Ishigo Family Trust	Mitani, Terri (2)	Sasaki, Kiyoko
Horii, Dwayne	Kajikawa, Carol	Mizuno, Grace	Suminaga, Kimi

Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

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Akiyama, Dean	Iwata, Amy	Okada, Ellen	Uyehara, Eleanor
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Fukuwa, Dianne	Kamikawa, Jo Ann	Ouchi, Joyce	Watanabe, Donald
Giovinazzo, Akemi	Kikuno, Nariko	Sakamoto, Kenneth	Watanabe, Doreen
Harada, Robert	Kono, Emi	Sakuda, Shizuko	Yamada, Susan
Haruma, Yaeko	Lee, Huey	Sasaki, Kiyoko	Yamane, Keiko
Hayashi, Yoshiko	Masumoto, Chiyoko	Shimabukuro, Betty	Yamane, M/M Dick (2)
Hirayama, M/M Ted	Matsumoto, Sally	Sumi, Michiko	Yamashiro, Kikuko
Hoo, M/M Danny	Miwa, M/M Alan	Suminaga, Kimi	Yokota, M/M James
Horii, Brian	Miwa, Yoshiko	Suzuki, Carlton &	Yoshida, Suzanne
Horii, Dwayne	Mizuno, Grace (2)	Cheryl	Yoshiyama, Rose
Horii, Mary	Mori, Eiko	Takahashi Family	Yuki, M/M Wallace
Igawa Family Trust	Morishige, M/M Norm	Tani, Michael & Karen	Yuki, Toyoko
Igawa, Asako	Muraoka, Mutsuko	Terao, Ernest	
Inouye, Tomoko	Nakagawa, J.	Tsuge, Marilyn	
Ishigo Family Trust	Nakano, Lori	Tsutsui, Takashi	

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Kamikawa, Jo Ann	Suminaga, Roy	Tsuge, M/M Mike

Year-End Donation

Kurashima, Sharon	Munekata, Dr. Mark	Sanada, Glenn
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BCA Assessment

Akioka, Sam	Kita, Yoshiko	Nakata, M/M Bob	Taketomo, Rick
Araki, Aileen	Kita, Yoshimi	Nakatani, Dennis	Tanaka, Nancy
Enomoto, M/M Tom	Koyanagi, Stan	Nakatani, M/M David	Tateishi, M/M Craig
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Furukawa, M/M David	Kurahashi, Gay	Nishi, M/M Kats	Toma, Yuriko
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Ikeda, Winston	Mikamo, Edith	Otani, Keiko	Wakahara, Yemiko
Imahori, Marie	Miwa, M/M Alan	Ouchi, Joyce	Walter, Alexandra
Imamoto, Eiko	Miwa, Yoshiko	Randolph, Otto	Watanabe, Donald
Inouye, Ben	Miyamoto, Satoshi	Sakuda, Shizuko	Wilhelm, Sheri
Iwamoto, Diane	Mizukami, Tomoko	Sasaki, Emiko	Yamada, Faye
Iwamoto, M/M Daniel	Morimoto, Lily	Sato, Janice	Yamada, M/M Edward
Iwanaka, Traci	Morimoto, Nobuharu	Sayegusa, Fumie	Yamada, Susan
Iwata, Amy	Morimoto, Seiji	Seino, Toshiyuki	Yamanaka, Jeanne
Jinkawa, Janice	Morioka, M/M Dennis	Shigemitsu, M/M Tom	Yamane, M/M Dick
Jinkawa, Kimi	Morishige, James	Shimizu, Cynthia (2)	Yamasaki, Sheryl
Kaida, Yasuko	Munekata, D/M Mark	Shimizu, Mitzi	Yokota, M/M James
Kajikawa, Carole	Nakagawa, M/M Ken	Shimohara, M/M Wayne	Yoshida, Suzanne
Kakimoto, Michiko (2)	Nakakura, M/M Ken	Shimokochi, Gail	Yoshiyama, M/M Bryan
Kakimoto, Nadine	Nakamatsu, Aiko	Shimono, Natsuye	Yoshiyama, Rose
Kato, M/M Isao	Nakamoto, M/M David	Sueda, M/M Asama	Yuki, M/M Wallace
Kazama, Barbara	Nakamura, Edward	Suminaga, M/M Roy	
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Kishimoto, Yasu	Nakao, Harumi	Takao, Dianne	

Hoonko Service Donations

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Hirayama, M/M Ted	Miwa, M/M Alan	Sakuda, Shizuko	Watanabe, Donald
Hirotsu, M/M Stan	Miwa, Yoshiko	Sasaki, Emiko	Wilhelm, Sheri
Ikeda Cambra, May	Miyamoto, M/M Satoshi	Shigemitsu, M/M Tom	Yamane, M/M Dick
Imamoto, Eiko	Morioka, M/M Dennis	Shimizu, Mitzi	Yamasaki, Sheryl
Iwamoto, Diane	Morishige, James	Tada, Tamiko	Yokota, M/M James
Iwamoto, M/M Daniel	Nakakura, M/M Ken	Takao, Donna	Yoshida, Suzanne
Kajikawa, Tadashi	Nakamoto, M/M David	Takao, Tamiko	Yoshiyama, M/M Bryan
Kato, M/M Isao	Nakamura, M/M Johnny	Tamura, Mary	Yuki, M/M Wallace
Kubo, Edward	Nakata, M/M Bob	Tanaka, Nancy	
Maeda, Tom	Nakatani, M/M David	Tomiyoshi, Ruby	
Maesaki, Kazue	Nishihira, M/M Joe	Tsuge, M/M Mike	
Maruyama, Kazuko (2)	Okamoto, Yauko	Tsukamoto, W.	

Eitaikyo Hoyo Donations

Goto, Dana	Tabata, Mary	Taketomo, Rick	Tsuge, Marilyn
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Eitaikyo Fund

Kamikawa, JoAnn

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Allen, Zia & Jason

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Maeda, TomNakakura, M/M Ken
Nakatani, M/M David

Sasaki, M/M Tom

Miscellaneous

Inouye, Juliann

Marukai Corporation

Amazon Shoppers, Donate to the Gardena Buddhist Church

The Gardena Buddhist Church is now a selectable organization on Amazon Smile. Not all purchases will qualify for donations, but for those that do, 0.5% of qualified purchases will be donated to the church.

Here's how to sign up for AmazonSmile

1. Visit smile.amazon.com.
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials.
3. Search the charitable organizations for the "Gardena Buddhist Church".
4. Select it as your charity.



Your donations don't cost you anything and generate funds for the church. Thank you for your donations.

February 2022

5	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
6	Nirvana Day Service via Zoom	9:30am
	BWA mtg via Zoom	11:30am
9	Fujimatsuri mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
13	Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service	9:30am
	Ich-mii Monthly mtg via Zoom	12:30pm
16	Meinichiko Service via Zoom	7:00am
18	Jodo Shinshu 101 for Young Adults w/Rev. Iwohara	7:00pm
	via Zoom	7:00pm
19	GBC Board mtg via Zoom	2:00pm
20	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	ABA mtg via Zoom	11:30am
	Wisteria Chugakko mtg via Zoom	1:00pm
21	Temple Closed (President's Day)	
	Megumi Deadline for March 2022	
27	Sunday Family Service via Zoom	9:30am

March 2022

5	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
6	Sunday Service via Zoom/Pet Memorial	9:30am
	BWA via Zoom	11:30am
9	Fujimatsuri mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
13	Daylight savings time—Spring ahead 1 hour	
	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	Ich-mi Monthly mtg via Zoom	12:30pm
14	Megumi Deadline for March 2022	
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19	GBC Board mtg via Zoom	2:00pm
20	Spring Ohigan Service via Livestream w/Rev. Ken Fujimoto	9:30am
	ABA mtg via Zoom	11:30am
	Wisteria Chugakko Zoom mtg	1:30pm
27	Sunday Family Service via Zoom	9:30am

『如月忌に思う』

宮地美子師

2月のお寺の行事といえば、九条武子夫人の追悼法要『如月忌』がございます。



武子夫人は、西本願寺第21代法主・明如（大谷光尊）様の次女として京都にお生まれになりました。義姉・大谷籌子（かずこ）お裏方（大谷光瑞夫人）を助けて仏教婦人会を創設され、また浄土真宗の教えに基づく京都女子専門学校（現・京都女子学園、京都女子大学）を設立された方であることは皆様も周知の事と思います。

1923年（大正12年）9月1日の関東大震災で自身も被災されますが一命を取り留め、全壊した築地本願寺の再建、震災による負傷者・孤児の救援活動・あそか病院の設立など様々な事業を推進されました。

佐佐木信綱に師事して和歌にも長け、『金鈴』『薫染』などの歌集がございます。今も愛唱されています仏教讃歌の聖夜は、1927年（昭和2年）に出版されました随筆『無憂華』の中に収められています。

1928年（昭和3年）2月7日、震災復興事業での奔走の無理がたたリ、敗血症を発症して42歳でお念仏のうちに往生されました。宗門では、武子夫人の御命日を如月忌（きさらぎき）と呼んでおります。

武子夫人の、一人でも多くの方々に念仏の喜びをとの思いは、今なお脈々と受け継がれております。

ここに夫人の歌をご披露し、ご遺徳を偲ばせていただきたいと思います。

あはれわれ生々世々（しょうじょうせぜ）の
悪をしらず
慈眼（じげん）のまえになにを甘ゆる

救いの恵に隠れて、常に悪しきを重ねているのは悲しい。私たちは仏の慈悲に馴れて、仏をもてあそんではならない。自らの弱い貧しさをかえりみると同時に、恵まれた救いの喜びを味わう。弱き者こそ強くありたい。

大谷嬉子著 『無憂華抄』より

私共はここに改めてお慈悲に出遇（であ）っている我が身の幸せを感謝すると共に、九条武子夫人の様にその喜びを同行・同朋と分かち合えるよう“自信教人信”を心がけて参りましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏

『如月忌』法要のご案内

2月7日は九条武子夫人のご命日です。

浄土真宗の教えに生き、苦難に遭いながらもその生涯を平和や福祉に捧げて生き抜いた九条武子夫人。

ガーデナ仏教会では夫人のご遺徳を偲び、下記のように『如月忌』の法要をお勤め致します。

□ 日時：2月13日（日）午前9時半 （ズーム）

* 日曜礼拝の登録がまだの方は、gardenabuddhistchurch.orgにアクセスして登録して下さい。





婦人会便り

悲しいニュースー 前田晶子夫人と寺田幸恵夫人が大淀に渡りました。前田夫人の葬儀は12月27日に行われました。寺田夫人のプライベートサービスは1月26日にGBCで開催されました。お亡くなりになりさらたお二人に心からの感謝を申し上げ、またご家族には心中よりお悔やみの言葉を述べさせて頂きます。

アナウンスメント：

- ▽ 1/13~15 (木ー土) 午前7時より報恩講晨朝勤行のお勤めがありました。早朝でも、一日を始めるのに最適な方法です。
- ▽ 1/15 (土) - 西別院報恩講ダルマセミナーが行われました。サンホセ別院の輪番楠先生(日本語)とタコマ仏教会の小山先生(英語)の法話を聞きました。本山から正信念仏偈 真譜スタイルのライブバーチャルサービス参加することができました。
- ▽ 1/16 (日) 報恩講法要ZOOMで皆さんと一緒に お参りしました。

▽ 1/23 (日) 仏教会新年会で29人の新しいお寺のメンバーに会い、ZoomでGBC新年会を楽しみました。婦人会の「お正月」の曲にご参加いただいたメンバーの皆様、ありがとうございました。

▽ 2021年末病気見舞いはCovidからより安全になるまで延期されます。

アナウンスメント：

- ▽ 2/06(日) 涅槃会 午前9:30時 並びに 婦人会2月例会 11:30時 ZOOMで
- ▽ 2/13(日)九条武子夫人追悼法要 - 婦人会は司会者

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