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# The Buddhist Temple of Chicago

# BULLETIN

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## Rokkakudo as Shinran's Bodhi Tree

"Deep listening" doesn't just mean spoken words entering your ears. It can also mean reading something that shakes up your thoughts and feelings. Recently I was fortunate to have time to read "Symbolic Meanings of Shinran's Dream at Rokkakudo" by Rev. Takami Inoue (2010-2011 issue of *The Pure Land*, the journal of the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies) and it turned out to be a Dharma lesson for me personally.

The paper is the most in-depth study in English about Shinran's dream at Rokkakudo ("six-sided hall"). As many of you know, I've spoken often about Shinran's dream and its significance, especially in explaining our temple's hondo (main hall) which closely replicates the dimensions of the Rokkakudo in Kyoto.

One point that struck me throughout the paper is that the Rokkakudo represents for Shinran the Bodhi Tree, the place where Shakyamuni Buddha experienced awakening. For Shakyamuni after six years of trying various schools of ascetic practices, he felt like he was at the end of his rope. Nothing was working to bring him to that state he witnessed on the face of the beggar at the fourth gate of the palace – the face of brightness "ko gen gi gi." Inoue-sensei (his 1993 paper was written when he was a graduate student at UC Santa Barbara) relied on Japanese sources who saw the parallel of Shakyamuni's Bodhi Tree and Shinran's Rokkakudo:



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**Announcement:** Darryl Shishido takes over as Bulletin Editor beginning with this issue. Darryl has been involved with BTC since 1960, coming to the temple as a child. He served as Bulletin Editor 1999-2000. After a few years living in California, he returned to Chicago and rejoined our Sangha. Darryl also serves as Vice President of Temple Relations on the Board. Please send Darryl your support and encouragement at [BTCbuledtr@hotmail.com](mailto:BTCbuledtr@hotmail.com).

I will continue to work on the Bulletin as advisor and proofreader, in addition to running the website. My first issue as Bulletin Editor, taking over for then-Temple President Gary T. Nakai, was the October 2011 issue. My last is March 2016. It has been my honor to serve as Editor for these past 4½ years. – Ann Yi

## Failure is an Option

*Amida's Primal Vow does not discriminate between the young and old, good and evil – true entrusting alone is essential. The reason is that the Vow is directed to the person burdened with the weight of karmic evil and burning with the flames of blind passion.*

–Tannisho I, translation Dr. Taiteus Unno

Almost every Sunday, I interact with students and visitors after service. Our conversations cover basic questions about Buddhism, the Jodo Shinshu approach of our temple, and my personal experiences with the Buddhadharma. Many times I have been asked why I chose Jodo Shinshu as my path. The preceding quote from the Tannisho expresses the reason. Why does this ring so true for me?

For the first eighteen years of my life I was Catholic. As a child, I was enthralled by the majesty of the mass. The stories of saints and miracles captivated me. However, as I reached my late teens I began to ask probing questions. Too many times, the answer was, "You just have to believe." For me this was not sufficient. In



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## “Oneness”

### The Way of Non-Discrimination

By Elaine Siegel

The Buddhist Temple of Chicago is an open, inclusive and affirming Sangha. We welcome all, without distinction as to race, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We recognize that in such a community, misunderstandings and conflict may arise, and call for immediate response.

Persons who feel that they may be experiencing discrimination, harassment, exploitation, retaliation or intimidation, including sexual harassment of any sort, are encouraged to bring forward their allegations, so that the Sangha may address, and resolve, these important issues. **You may bring such allegations to the attention of our Resident Minister, Rev. Patti Nakai, or to any member of our Board of Directors.** We will respect your confidentiality and your privacy.

The Sangha commits itself to refrain from retaliation, in any form, against persons who come forward with such allegations. These are opportunities for spiritual growth, in a safe and welcoming Sangha.

## Safe Sangha Survey

By Elaine Siegel

As Rev. Patti has been stressing in her Dharma talks, participation in the Sangha (or congregation) is an integral part of Buddhist practice. The Sangha is one of the Three Treasures of Buddhism. We learn together that we are all inter-related, that we are all One, and that we seek to live a life of non-discrimination. To help make our Sangha more responsive and inclusive, would you please share your thoughts about your experience at BTC?

1. What parts of Sunday service do you find most meaningful?
2. Are there parts of Sunday service that detract from your experience?
3. Are there things you would like to see happen at the Temple?
4. Have you had negative experiences that you feel should be addressed?
5. What can we, as a Temple community, do to enhance the spirit of harmony among our members

Survey link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCV2CRX>

## Hanamatsuri:

### Celebration of the Historical Buddha's Birth

Please note that this year's Hanamatsuri (“flower festival”) on Sunday April 10 will feature Buddhist scholar and author, Stephen Asma, as our guest speaker (see insert).

In preparation for this special event, we need your help with the polishing of the altar items (“o-migaki”), setting up temple decorations and creating the Hanamido (“flower shrine”). Please let us know if you are available Friday April 8 and/or Saturday April 9. As past volunteers would attest – it's fun and rewarding to be a part of these preparations.

## 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.
- To be a positive presence in our local community working to enhance the vitality of our neighborhood.
- To honor and continue the traditions of our founding members.
- To always live the Nembutsu – Namu Amida Butsu.

## 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 February 2016

- 2/01 Rev. Nakai and Rev. Ashikaga conducted makura-gyo ("pillow service") for the late Mrs. Matsue "Pat" Honda at Haben Funeral Home in Skokie.
- 2/05 Rev. Nakai attended new year's reception for Japanese American community leaders at the Japanese Consul-General's home in Evanston.
- 2/06 Rev. Nakai and Rev. Ashikaga conducted two third-year memorial services at BTC, one for Mr. Kenji Tademoto followed by one for Mrs. Kasumi Yamanaka. \*\*\* Rev. Nakai and Nancey Epperson attended the Asian American Coalition of Chicago's annual Lunar New Year banquet.
- 2/07 February memorial service. \*\*\*Japanese service was held.
- 2/08 Rev. Nakai and Rev. Ashikaga conducted the memorial service for the late Mrs. Matsue "Pat" Honda at Haben Funeral Home in Skokie. The 102-year old Mrs. Honda was the wife of longtime temple leader, Noboru Honda. She is survived by her daughter, JoAnn Kawanaga, and several nieces and nephews.
- 2/09 Rev. Nakai attended monthly Uptown Clergy luncheon.
- 2/13 Rev. Nakai and Rev. Ashikaga conducted the memorial service for the late Mr. Taketoshi "Tad" Sasamoto at Lakeview Funeral Home. Mr. Sasamoto is survived by his wife, Peggy, and children Allison, Jerry and Linda.
- 2/14 Nirvana Day and Dharma School service. \*\*\* Sutra study class met.
- 2/19 March bulletin mailing.
- 2/20 Rev. Nakai participated in the memorial gathering for the late Mrs. Alice Azuma (Christ Church of Chicago member) at the Japanese American Service Committee.
- 2/21 Pet Memorial service – several people shared stories of their loved ones.
- 2/25 Rev. Nakai attended Buddhist-Catholic Dialogue group's meeting at Midwest Buddhist Temple.

Our deepest sympathy to  
the family and friends of:

**Matsue Pat Honda  
Satoko Honda  
Tad Sasamoto**

- 2/27 Rev. Ashikaga conducted the memorial service for the late Mrs. Satoko Honda at Lakeview Funeral Home. Mrs. Honda is survived by sons, Kenneth, Jerry, Walter and Steven. \*\*\* "Sangha Exchange" swap meet was held at BTC. \*\*\* Rev. Nakai attended Higashi Honganji North America District meeting in Berkeley, CA.
- 2/28 Interfaith Sunday and Dharma School service. Guest speaker was Rebecca John of the Japanese American Service Committee. \*\*\* Board of Directors met. \*\*\* Rev. Ashikaga conducted 13<sup>th</sup> year memorial for Mr. Naoyuki Kasamoto at BTC.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

#### Understanding the Nembutsu through recognizing the Paramitas in others.

#### Send in your recognitions!

- Sunday Service Participants: Lauren Bailey, Antoinette d'Vencets, Wendy Fawcett, Tom Lane, Lynn Maruyama, Peter Mizuki, Carl Scroggins, Darryl Shishido, Elaine Siegel, Leroy Wiley, Lauren Woodel
- Music/Accompanists: Mrs. Ashikaga, Drea Gallaga.
- Audio Controls: Wendy and Jacob Fawcett, Gary T. Nakai
- Sunday Service Refreshments: Jackie Denofrio, Noreen Enkoji, Haru Ito, Sasamoto Family, Mary Shimomura, Tademoto Family, Ruby Tsuji, Upaya Group
- Bulletin Mailing: Dennis Chan, Candy Minx, Alice Murata, Helene Rom, Mary Shimomura, 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: Sue Balsam, Adam Kellman, Candy Minx, Ruby Tsuji
- Cleaning Hondo and Nokotsudo: Michael Yasukawa
- Administrative Office Volunteers: Ruth Abbinanti, Helene Rom, Darryl Shishido, Linda Triplett, Ruby Tsuji

Our apologies to anyone we have failed to include on this list.



## There's No Pleasing Some People

by Candy Minx

*I'm amazed we're still discussing it, and I don't know why. There's lots of other good stuff around. I suspect it's overrated although it's pretty good. Our aim was to make a funny film, but there's nothing wrong with giving a bit of offence as well.*

*I've seen it a couple of times and probably enjoy it more now because of its celebrity. Personally, though, I prefer Buster Keaton.*

— Terry Jones, director *Life of Brian*

*From the scientific perspective, laughter is an elegant mind-body phenomenon that reduces the production of stress hormones, boosts the immune system. Researchers in Japan found that people with rheumatoid arthritis who watched "rakugo" or comic storytelling experienced a significant decrease in their pain and stress hormone levels as well as an increase in two immune-enhancing chemicals. Humor can decrease anxiety, soften anger, lighten depression, and increase our pain tolerance."*

— David Simon M.D. Deepak Chopra Center

Revisiting *Life of Brian* after not seeing it for many years I was surprised to notice it's satiric themes are not so much about Christianity as they are a kind of Marx Brothers approach to intolerance and single-issue mindsets. Within the first 20 minutes the characters have misunderstood profound philosophy, claimed to be revolutionaries, mocked gender confirmation processing while inappropriately defending their own sense of honor and social cliques. All the characters struggle to represent their own needs and reject each other based on class and education, and they are horrible people. It's just like the 1970's. And today!

The movie seems to be a little bit about the folly of hubris fighting rather than just a religious satire. There are so many special interest groups fighting each other at the cost of not resisting the oppression of the dominant one percent ... that is, the Romans. The movie satirizes and criticizes with a lot of humour while attacking fame, sexism, freedom fighters, left-wing politics, ideological purity as well as fundamentalism. The movie might be saying that over-ideologizing makes us stupid to common sense and compassion.

Do you think it is healthy to be able to laugh at ourselves? Do you think we have learned anything since the 1970's about single-issue mindsets? Are you ready to join us and laugh our selves silly?

All are welcome. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to bring snacks to share.

**Movie night is Tuesday April 19, 7p.m.**

Further Readings:

- 1) Lighten Up, by David Simon M.D.  
<http://www.chopra.com/ccl/lighten-up-the-healing-power-of-laughter>
- 2) Laughing is Healthy  
<http://www.helpguide.org/articles/emotional-health/laughter-is-the-best-medicine.htm>
- 3) 25 funny things by Ricky Gervais  
<http://thoughtcatalog.com/katie-mather/2015/10/25-candid-ricky-gervais-that-will-make-you-laugh-think-and-maybe-go-on-a-twitter-rant/>

## ... Failure Is An Option

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the late 1960's, I began my search for answers. The confluence of time and place allowed me to become exposed to various teachings and so-called wise men. Buddhism appealed to me, but as I often joke, everything was written by "old dead Englishmen." The Buddhism they presented was austere and confining; I was not ready for this kind of life. It wasn't until 1990 that I found a Buddhism that appealed to me.

One of the problems I had encountered with other forms of Buddhism was the need to somehow become almost perfect. Only by overcoming all desires could one attain awakening. The methods of practice varied, but all seemed to demand an adherence to a set form. Our humanness seemed to work to our detriment. The approach to the Jodo Shinshu teachings as presented at BTC embraces our human frailties; they are the source of our awakening. When asked by students to describe Jodo Shinshu I reply that it is the easiest, yet most difficult, form of Buddhism. It is the easiest because there is no strict practice, dietary rules or goals to achieve. It is the hardest, because all you have to do is constantly examine yourself and how you interrelate with reality. Only through this acceptance of our shortcomings, our bonbu nature, are we able to see the true cause of suffering. Failure is not only an option, it is our default setting. We are incapable of liberating ourselves; to think so is to only go deeper into the delusion of our ego. The nembutsu, Namu Amida Butsu, is our guide. When we are able to bow down to the infinite wisdom and compassion, the light and life of true reality, to open ourselves to life as it is, are we able to overcome suffering and be symbolically born in the Pure Land.

Like the traveler in the parable of the river of fire, river of water, I have stepped onto the white path. For me there is no turning back. To paraphrase Shinran from the Tannisho, if my belief in the nembutsu should cause me to fall into hell, then hell is my only home for I am incapable of any other practice. What a strangely comforting thought.

## Interfaith Buddhist/Catholic Dialogue

Last June, 47 U.S. representatives met in Rome for dialogue. Nine Chicago representatives that attended this conference will be featured on a panel on where they will share what they took away from the event, be interviewed by our facilitators and take questions from the audience.

**When:** April 16, 2016 (Saturday)

**Where:** Midwest Buddhist Temple  
435 W. Menomonee St., Chicago 60614

**Time:** 1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Registration:** email rev.ron.mbt@gmail.com or call 312-943-7801

**Sponsor:** John M. Ruh Consulting

**Panelists from:** St. Isaac Joques Church; Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii; Heartland Sangha and the Buddhist Council of the Midwest; Shambhala Meditation Center; Midwest Buddhist Temple; The Buddhist Temple of Chicago

## Rokkakudo as Shinran's Bodhi Tree

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As Gautama had abandoned futile ascetic practices and gone to sit under the sacred tree that was the object of local people's worship, so Shinran went to the popular hall to worship Kannon.

— Kuan-yin, Avalokitesvara (p. 74)

Shakyamuni didn't pick any old tree to meditate under – he decided to sit down under a tree that was “popular,” a place known for spiritual inspiration by the local people. Knowing this, it is not surprising that the farm boy came by with hay and the village maiden offered milk pudding – they figured any guy plopping down under that special tree had to be a serious spiritual seeker. It shows that Shakyamuni and Shinran did not dismiss the “99 percent” as superstitious riff-raff. The two men of elite upbringing realized maybe the common people are onto something when they feel certain places are sacred to them.

Rev. Inoue's provides the Chinese text and English translation of Shinran's own account of the dream at Rokkakudo that was written when Shinran was at a mature age and used literary style and references to Buddhist texts to underscore his point that the dream symbolized his experience of awakening to the Innermost Aspiration of the Power Beyond Self (tariki hongan). I would argue (as I did in the December 2015 bulletin) that Shakyamuni's awakening was the same thing. Inoue-sensei says many interpreters, including Jodo Shinshu's critics, portray the dream as the “green light” for Shinran to indulge in sex. But in Inoue-sensei's careful reading

of Shinran's actual words, what Shinran was struggling with as 29-year-old Mt. Hiei monk was a much larger problem than wishing for a girlfriend. His struggle was about the accumulation of past karma, the piling on of eons of causes and conditions that made him feel unable to control his thoughts, words, and deeds. Shinran words his account of the dream to point to the liberation of all of us, not just the particular girl-crazy monk he happened to be at the time. He wants us to know there is a great aspiration for all to be taken to the Pure Land even if individuals find it hard to be perfectly moral all the time.

Rev. Inoue points out the inaccuracy of the dream account in Shinran's official biography, the Godensho, written by his great-grandson Kakunyo. Kakunyo not only disregarded the version in Shinran's dream record, but he refused to revise the account even after reading the version conveyed by Shinran's wife Eshinni in her letter to her daughter. This and other research in Rev. Inoue's paper made me realize I had been presenting Shinran's Rokkakudo dream incorrectly by relying on the Godensho version and past interpretations. It made me want to go back to everyone I've spoken to and give them a revised presentation.

The lesson for me is I can never be sure that I'm giving people “the last word” on any topic in Buddhism.

Especially damning is knowing I've characterized Shinran so flippantly when he went through a lot of research and careful crafting of his words to tell people of his dream's significance. There are depths to Shinran and his thought that I have yet to learn about, so I have to be grateful to teachers such as Rev. Inoue who are well-versed in classical Chinese (the lingua franca of the Buddhist world in Shinran's time) and the various versions of Japanese from the Kamakura era to modern day. Even someone like Rev. Inoue is continually learning new things from his teachers and constantly revising his presentations. Some may say, “Well, if you get the main points, you don't need to know all the details.” But if we stop trying to learn more, we easily end up with stuffing great teachers such as Shinran in the tiny airtight boxes of our limited concepts. In the documents Shinran left behind, we see a man who was open to seeing things in different ways and not adverse to changing his past writings to reflect new insights, as he read various Buddhist writings and discussed things with fellow seekers.

So I hope all of us will be like Shinran, able to look back at the moment of awakening at our own Rokkakudo or Bodhi Tree and keep finding new ways to express the significance of that moment to others. In the meantime, we must be deep listeners, exposing ourselves to the words that work to open our hearts and minds.



## **12<sup>th</sup> World Dobo Gathering**

### **August 27/28, 2016**

The 12<sup>th</sup> World Dōbō Gathering will be held on the weekend of August 27/28, 2016 at the Hilton Hotel Los Angeles/Universal City and at the Los Angeles Betsuin. It is anticipated that approximately 360 people will gather from the three overseas districts and Japan. The theme of the upcoming meeting 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, associate professor and head of the Religious Studies department at the University of Oregon. We hope that all of you will join us for this historic event.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### **Registration Fee: \$250.00**

Application period: 1/1/16~6/15/16

Fee includes full participation at the event, transportation and admission to JANM, as well as two lunches and the dinner banquet

Registration Deadline: 6/15/16

JTB Registration webpage: <http://online.jtbusa.com/group/DOBO/>

WDG information site: <http://higashihonganji.org>

#### **Cancellation Policy:**

No refund if cancelled on/after June 1, 2016

#### **Aug 27 Banquet only Participants**

We want everyone to participate fully in the Gathering. However, for various reasons, there may be those who cannot attend the entire program but wish to come only to the banquet. The banquet-only option, therefore, is being made available to those people who cannot attend the entire event.

Dinner cost: \$120 – Child meal available (10 and younger): \$48

#### **Hilton Los Angeles / Universal City room rates** (does not include breakfast)

Single/Double Occupancy \$290

Triple Occupancy \$335

Quad occupancy \$380

#### **Hotel Parking Rates:**

Overnight self parking (hotel guests) - \$24.00 – One-day Self parking - \$12.00

Overnight valet parking (hotel guests) - \$28.00 – One-day Valet parking - \$20.00

All parking rates are subject to 10% applicable tax (as of Dec 2015 – subject to change)





## Qi Gong: All Are Welcome!



Qi Gong class every Tuesday, 11 AM—Free! See below for details.

Photos by Alica Murata and Rev. Patti Nakai

## April 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 ◀◀◀

- April 3, Sunday, 11 am – Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service (English).
- April 10, Sunday, 11 am – Hanamatsuri Service – special guest speaker Steven Asma (see insert)

#### Regular Sunday Services

- Religious Service (in English) – Sundays, 11 am.
- Lay Speaker Sunday – Generally the third Sunday of the month, 11 am. This month: April 17.

#### Meetings, Socials, Volunteering

- Asoka Society – Generally the third Saturday of the month, 1 pm. This month: April 16,
- Board Meeting – Once a month, Sunday, 12:30 pm. April 24.
- BTC Bulletin mailing – Generally 2nd-to-last Friday of the month, 10 am, as many volunteers as possible much appreciated. This month: April 22.
- BTC submissions – See page 3 for details on submissions. Generally due 8 days prior to the mailing on Thursday, 6 pm. This month: April 14.
- BTC Young Adults Group – Check the Bulletin for events scheduled throughout the year.

#### Education & Meditation

- Dharma Sunday School (for children) – Second and fourth Sundays, 11 am. April 10 and April 24.
- 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: April 17 (tentative).

#### Cultural Activities

- Book Club – Generally, one night a month. This month: April 26.
- 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: April 16.
- 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 (BTC Kokyo Taiko Drum Troupe) – Adults, Fridays, 7 to 9 pm. Email [kokyotaiko@yahoo.com](mailto:kokyotaiko@yahoo.com) to confirm.
- Taiko (BTC Kokyo Taiko Drum Troupe) – Children, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at 11. Email [sanghacomod@yahoo.com](mailto:sanghacomod@yahoo.com) for appointments.
- Movie Night – Generally, one Tuesday night a month. This month: April 19 (see page 4).



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## BTC CALENDAR APRIL 2016

日本語の 祥月法要  
4月3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
					1 7 pm Adult Taiko	2 10 am Japanese Language School
3 9 am Meditation 11 am Monthly Memorial	4 7 pm laido	5 11 am Qigong	6 7 pm Study Class	7 7:30 pm Meditation	8 7 pm Adult Taiko	9 10 am Japanese Language School
10 9 am Meditation 11 am Hanamatsuri Service (see insert) 11 am Dharma School 12:30 pm Children's Taiko	11 7 pm laido	12 11 am Qigong	13 7 pm Study Class	14 6pm Bulletin Submissions due 7:30 pm Meditation	15 7 pm Adult Taiko	16 10 am Japanese Language School 10 am Crafts 10 am Asoka Society
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