Many books have recently been added to the Living Dharma website’s Bookstore. Of course, though our bookstore by no means offers a comprehensive selection, what it does offer is a choice selection of some of the finest books on Buddhism that are currently available. Some of the books are ones we stock at WCBT, such as the Shinshu Center of America’s excellent new publication of *The Seeker* (the story of Shinran’s life).

Most of the books however are available in association with Amazon.com (if you buy through our Bookstore, we get a small percentage of each sale), and include excellent introductory books like Huston Smith’s *Buddhism: A Concise Introduction* and Walpola Rahula’s *What the Buddha Taught*, down-

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**Awakening the Student Within: A Report on the MAPS 4 College Youth Seminar**

by Rev. Peter Hata

Recently, MAPS 4 College contacted WCBT through our Living Dharma Website and invited us to participate in their 2012 Teen Summit Conference. MAPS is a non-profit organization dedicated to “helping students graduate from high school, succeed in college, and professionally.” MAPS is an acronym that stands for “Motivate to strive for excellence, Achieve to help the community, Personal commitment to transcend perceived limits, Speak the truth, change the world” (note the bodhisattva overtones). The event, which was titled “What Would Youth Do?” was held on March 24, 2012 at the Julia McNeil Senior Center in Baldwin Park, CA, which is less than two miles from West Covina Buddhist Temple.

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**The Dharmatones Debut at Hanamatsuri!**

West Covina Buddhist Temple’s 2012 Hanamatsuri Service celebrated the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha, and for this special occasion the Hanamido was beautifully decorated with colorful flowers. In his Dharma talk, Rev. Kawawata emphasized that, in a spiritual sense, Hanamatsuri also celebrates our “birth.” When we take the Buddha’s teachings to heart, everyday is a new beginning.

And, speaking of new beginnings, at this service there was a “birth” of a different kind that we also should celebrate: WCBT has a newly-formed choir, The Dharmatones. In their performance, they sang two gathas not usually performed at WCBT, “Seiya,” the poignant song with lyrics by Lady Kujo Takeko (1887-1928), and “Shinshu Shuka,” known as the “Jodo Shinshu gatha.” The latter was also interesting because the accompaniment was not

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**The Hoonko Hoshidan Tour**

By Merry Jitosho

The Hoonko Hoshidan tour during Shinran Shonin’s 750th memorial (Goenki) was the most impressive ceremonial service I have ever witnessed. The services were filled with precise ceremonial rituals and extremely lengthly and some fast-paced chanting of Shin’ran’s sutras and wasans, which were all lead by the Abbott Otani. What an honor it was to be in attendance with several hundred Higashi Honganji followers, mostly from Japan for these

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**Temple Event Highlights:**
- May 13, Mother’s Day Family Service
- May 20, Tanjo-e/Hatsu-mairi Service
- June 30, WCBT Obon Festival
- Please See Temple News
DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

In keeping with the spirit of Earth Day, we wish to thank all of you who continue to recycle at home as well as save the pull-tabs from aluminum cans. Recently, I had the opportunity to drop off all our collected tabs at the Ronald McDonald House in Redlands. Ronald was happy to pose for a picture.

Speaking of recycling, our Dharma School students are utilizing empty water bottles for a special project to be presented to all of our moms and grandmas who attend Sunday service on May 13th.

June will be here before we know it, so please and thank you to all who can help us gather new, unwrapped toys, games, or crafts for the children’s raffle at our up and coming Obon (last Saturday of June!). The targeted ages are from 4 – 12 years. These donated prizes may be given to Rev. Kawawata or Diane Hata.

With Gassho,
Diane Hata

Quote of the Month
We are like silkworms who make cocoons and who live within the cocoons we ourselves make.

-Rev. Rijin Yasuda
Mother’s Day Service
A Mother’s Day family service will be held on May 13, at 10:00 AM. One of our Sangha members will give a special tribute to their mother so don’t miss this special service.

Tanjo-e & Hatsumairi
The Tanjo-e and Hatsumairi (new baby) Service will be held on May 20 at 10:00 A.M. There will be a special ceremony to acknowledge new additions to our Sangha. Please contact Rev. Ken if you or your family member has had a new baby in the last year.

Oldies Dance
Next Oldies Dance is set for Saturday, June 2. Steve Kikuchi & High Resolution will provide our favorite hits from the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. The dance begins at 8:00 PM and will end at 12:00 AM with lots of good fun in between. Presale tickets are $12 or $15 at the door. For info and song requests, call Joanie at (626) 284-8192 or Lillian at (626) 780-9866.

Your Toban chairs will contact you about work shifts and assignments. Plan to come by the center about 6 PM to help with the set-up. Donations are welcome for raffle prizes and drinks. Sign-up sheets for drinks will be at the Sunday service.

Dads & Grads Family Service
A Father’s Day & Graduation Family service will be held on June 17, at 10:00 AM. All graduates will be honored so please contact Diane Hata or Rev. Ken with the names of graduates in your family.

Join us for this special event.

Obon Odori Practice
Obon Odori (dance) practice will begin in June, every Tuesday and Friday, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. All you need to bring are your kachi-kachi (castanets) and tenugui (Japanese towel) or fabric of equivalent size. The fans will be provided. The dates again are June 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22 and 26. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. See you there!

OBON FESTIVAL!
Hard to believe but Obon 2012, June 30, is just a few weeks away. Preparations are beginning but much work is still needed to make this exciting annual event a success.

Set-up will begin on Friday, June 29, at 1:00 PM. We’ll need help setting up outside and inside the gym as well as food prep and general hands-on help.

In the mean time, we are accepting donations for rice, chili and children’s and regular raffle prizes. Age for inarizushi will be passed out before Obon for those volunteering to make sushi. Raffle tickets will be sent out and don’t forget to get your favorite dessert recipes out.

Sign-up sheets will be passed around at Sunday Services or contact Lillian (626) 780-9866 to see how you can help.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS
Dina Mayeda, Stacey Miyashiro, Teri Ezaki, Say Masai, Ted Hamachi, Peter Hata, Mary Hatakeyama, Cal Kitaura, Kay Sakaue, Garrett Hamachi, Kaylin Kanemaru, Claudia Haraguchi, Sara Kawai, Chimako Matsukiyo, Cheryl Teragawa
Because of the proximity of this event to WCBT and the issue our temple has of being “hidden” within a Japanese community center—most temples and churches are visible from the street and have appropriate signage—I gave the invitation serious thought. Our unique strategic issue necessitates us going beyond the walls of the center and developing ties with the immediate and regional communities of which we are a part. We are fortunate in that regard to at least have a website and it was through our web presence that MAPS 4 College in turn reached out to us.

But it is also significant that Baldwin Park is a predominantly Latino community (78%, according to the Los Angeles Times), so the idea of WCBT actually being invited to participate in that community was, to say the least, eye-opening. It never occurred to me that there could be interest for Buddhism in Baldwin Park and, in this respect, I found their invitation humbling—could it be that “they” are actually more open-minded than I am as a Buddhist?

But also, how can one not admire the youthful optimism and stated commitment of MAPS to young people? Remembering how some of our members have criticized WCBT for not addressing the issues of young people, this event sounded like something our temple should try to be involved in. Apparently, other organizations felt similarly, as their corporate sponsors include Kaiser Permanente, Legoland, Starbucks, AADAP (Asian-American Drug Abuse Program), and restaurant chains such as Cheesecake Factory, Elephant Bar, and Olive Garden. In addition, major support was provided by the City of Baldwin Park.

The pre-event communication was between myself and the event coordinator, Ms. Monica Waraich, an enthusiastic and gracious young lady, who went out of her way to make sure my presentation equipment requests were met. But more importantly, she reassured me that, even though we were a Buddhist organization and MAPS is of course a secular non-profit, MAPS felt that our universal message could benefit young people. To be honest, though I’ve given Dharma talks outside WCBT at other Buddhist temples and seminars, giving what would essentially be a Dharma talk at such a civic event concerned me. No other religious organizations were presenting. But Ms. Waraich was positive that our message would benefit teens and so, I committed to being a presenter.

Besides my presentation and the various college counseling sessions, there were many other presentations as well, such as “Knowing the Importance of Food and Water Sustainability,” “The Gamble of Life” (i.e., making better life choices), “The Facts of Teen Suicide,” “The Rise and Power of Misused Words” (cyber-bullying, the rising use of profanity, etc.), and “21st Century Activism” (all about the “99 percent”). Great, highly relevant topics for youth, to be sure.

My presentation was entitled, “Awakening the Student Within,” and essentially I structured it around the short trailer to the movie, The Buddha, the PBS-produced documentary narrated by Richard Gere. In my opinion, even though the trailer is only 5 minutes, it manages to introduce the three core teachings of Buddhism: the universal truth of impermanence, the Buddhist insight that our suffering is not impermanence-caused but self or ego-caused, and that the Buddha was a human being who was fully awake to these truths and, as a “perfect,” or humble, student and seeker, lived a dynamic, creative, and compassionate life.

Before showing the trailer, I gave the students a short introduction to Buddhism by illustrating these three truths with simple, everyday experiences. For example, regarding impermanence, the vast majority of the 50 or so kids in the room acknowledged they had experienced the death of a loved one—and of course, that they were aware of the recent untimely deaths of so many celebrities. Regardless of our religious affiliation, one thing we all share is that none of us wants to die. However, where Buddhism is a “radical” truth—and, I said, this is the second truth of Buddhism and the part that many people have difficulty accepting—is that it teaches that it is this ego or
attachment-caused “resistance” to impermanence that actually causes our suffering, not impermanence itself. I think they all understood, at least intellectually, my example that getting angry while driving on the San Bernardino Freeway at rush hour is ultimately not caused by all the other drivers or even those who cut in front of me, but by my own egocentric thoughts like, “Everything would be fine if only they would all just get out of my way.”

To hint at the third Buddhist truth that the view of events our ego provides is not in fact, “real,” and that we are asleep to the greater reality beyond the ego, I asked if any of them had experienced “losing themselves” while listening to their favorite music. Not surprisingly, all the teens nodded. Buddhism of course says that this experience shows that “we” are only that which we are currently experiencing in the moment. The experience itself is in fact, the true reality, while the ego is ultimately an illusion. That statement seemed to result in many shocked young faces. To help clarify what the ego “is,” I used the example of the ongoing inner chatter of our ego-mind. “Right now,” I observed, “I’m sharing with you these timeless teachings, but I bet many of you are thinking to yourself, ‘Gee, I wonder what they have here for lunch?’, ‘Hmmm…how much more homework do I have this weekend?’ or, ‘Is this guy ever going to end?’” Of course, the polite, “nervous” laughter heard throughout the room showed me I’m not the riveting speaker I thought I was! In any case, I clarified that the point is not to “get rid of” the ego, since it reminds us to lock our car when we park it or to try to eat more healthfully. Rather, it is to receive the insight that the constant, often dualistic, judgments provided by our ego should be questioned. I think this honest self-awareness is the starting point of the lifestyle of the student and seeker.

After showing the trailer, I discussed one of its most powerful scenes. This occurs when psychiatrist Dr. Mark Epstein (Thoughts Without a Thinker) movingly illustrates this third key teaching of Buddhism, that the ultimate goal is to transcend the ego and see impermanence from the awakened view of a buddha:

What [the Buddha] actually said was that life is blissful. There’s joy everywhere only we’re closed off to it. His teachings were actually about opening up the joyful or blissful nature of reality, but the bliss and the joy is in the transitoriness. Do you see this glass? I love this glass. It holds the water admirably. When I tap it, it has a lovely ring. When the sun shines on it, it reflects the light beautifully. But when the wind blows and the glass falls off the shelf and breaks or if my elbow hits it and it falls to the ground I say, “of course.” But when I know that the glass is already broken every minute with it is precious.

I pointed out to the students that the “glass” referred to in the film is really a metaphor for our lives, and I said, “Even though you are all still very young, your glass is ‘already broken’—because of the truth of impermanence, we know that we all will become old, get ill, and ultimately die.” And therefore, “Your life and all life that supports you is precious and should not be wasted. Awakening to this teaching is what it means to ‘awaken the student within.’”

Though the message of Buddhism seems negative, as my time came to an end, there were signs that some students might have been able to appreciate its ultimate positive benefit. For example, some thanked me while others seemed to be deep in thought. As they were leaving the classroom, I wished them all good luck. I sincerely hope they can carry with them the seed of the Dharma, and that it might guide them and help them lead dynamic, creative, and compassionate lives.

Postscript
Subject: Thanks
From: Monica Waraich
To: The Living Dharma Website
Hi Reverend Peter,
On Behalf of MAPS 4 College and the City of Baldwin Park, we wanted to thank you for taking your time this Saturday to spend with our students! Also, regarding your concern that some people might have taken exception to the inclusion of a Buddhist presentation since it was the only such organization, there was not one complaint about any of the workshops except that they wished they were longer! All the reviews were very positive. The students enjoyed learning something new. They really liked your video. We had an awesome turnout and this event was made a success by people like you! Thank you so much for participating, motivating, informing, and educating the future adults of our world. Let’s hope we made a difference!

Monica Waraich
Special Event Coordinator
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Baldwin Park, CA
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acoustic piano but an R&B-style track reharmonized by the Dharmatones’ director, Peter Hata. The Dharmatones currently consist of sopranos Edith Ariza, Aiko Enoki, Lynette Godoy, and Yasmine Whang, altos Diane Hata, Merry Jitosho, Jeanné Kawawata, and Joannie Martinez, and bass-baritones Rev. Ken Kawawata and Peter Hata.

Why identify a singing group as “tones”? After a mass of back and forth e-mails where many group names were discussed, this idea seemed to be the one that resonated the most with the members. Actually, such a moniker is quite common; you might remember—or not—such groups as Mel Torme and the Mel-tones, The Metropolitones, The Mastertones, The Mellotones, The Silvertones, The Touchtones, The Hi-Tones, The Shy-Tones, The Love Tones…well, you get the idea. But also, from a Buddhist perspective, using the word “tones” instead of “choir,” “singers,” or “voices” is interesting because it serves to indicate a singer is not really a “singer” or even a “voice” as much as they are the “tones” themselves that are produced. Isn’t this the Buddhist teaching of “no-self,” the idea that we are not our egos but only our theramals, extra layers of clothing, scarves, gloves, extra socks and warm fleece blankets. Most of us did not attempt the seiza sitting position during the services.

During our mini tours of Kyoto, I saw many historical Shinran landmarks and temples. The most impressive one was his cemetery. What an inconceivable feeling it was to learn his ashes from over 750 years ago still exist at this site. And many other Higashi followers have also had their ashes placed together with his.

I met many familiar as well as new faces while at Honzan, such as Rev. Ken’s older brother and his wife; Chikako Kiyota (our former minister’s wife); Rev. Hosokawa (Mishima)’s younger brother; Rev. Yuki; Bishop Mine (from Hawaii); Kisa Ito and Rev. Ryoko Osa (now residing in Hawaii).

We became one family with the other North American District members being together for the week. In our group were Janet Ito and Wayne Itoga from Betsuin, Chico Kodama from Newport Beach, Irving Yamashita and his three stuffed animal “kids” from Berkeley, Peggy Waters from Chicago, CharliAnn Nakamoto from Kaneohe, Hawaii and Noko and Steve Yoshida from Hilo, Hawaii and Minako Ito from Honolulu, Hawaii. Also joining us were three ministers assigned to the Hawaii district: Hiroko Maeda, Marcos Sawada and Makoto Honda. We shared our temple and personal experiences to help strengthen each other and our temples. I personally had to overcome several technical challenges during the trip. I can now tell you how to operate the remote control on the airplane, how to turn on the room lights and bathroom lights in the Toyoko Inn and snap on Irving’s camera lens cover. Toward the end of the trip we simply enjoyed each other’s company and parted with hopes to continue our dialog and friendship in the future.

Rev. Peter Lait, our lecturer, provided the opportunity to learn the dharma from each other. A brief summary from our discussion and Rev. Marvin Harada and Dr. Nobuo Haneda’s lectures: Buddhism is not a religion, but a way of life. Some events in your life cannot be controlled. If you try to control it, then you will encounter suffering. By learning to accept the impermanence of life, you will endure less suffering. Also by decreasing the strong attachments and a strong ego mind will also allow for acceptance of life as it is. Thus the theme, “Now, Life is living you.” Let Life live you, don’t try to control how your life is lived. I was chosen to share my story with the sangha after being chosen to give the dreaded kanwa from the North American District.

The highlights of this trip was viewing the Hoonko services, receiving my Buddhist name, shopping at Kiyomizu and Teramachi and seeing old friends and having a special moment during one of the services while singing “Shinshu Shuka,” I could feel my Mom singing with me.

I would like to express a special thank you to Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi, Rev. Ryoko Osa and Bishop Nori Ito for guiding us around Japan and Honzan and providing translations and interpretations along the way. Also thank you to the Dobo Kaikan, the retreat center for their hospitality and to Rev. Matsuda for the cheery personality and for taking care of us during our stay at the retreat center. I fully enjoyed the experience of the retreat life style having heard about it from Stephanie, Michael

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Tanjo-e Service

In celebration of the birth of Shinran Shonin

Hatsumairi Ceremony

Held in conjunction with Tanjo-e Service

Sunday May 20, 2012 10:00 am

Message : Rev. Kenjun Kawawata

A ceremony for infants and children up to 6 years of age who shall be presented initially before the Buddha. It signifies the foundation towards a spiritual life.

初参りは、新しいいのちの誕生を祝う儀式です。6才までのお子さんを受け付け致します。お早めにお寺まで申し込んでください。

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Child's Name

Birthday      Age      S e x

M  F

Parent's Name

Address

City      State  Zip

Telephone

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and Frank such as the surprisingly delicious vegetarian meals, the community baths and assigned chores for us were bathroom clean up and raking leaves outside.

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to-earth essays on everyday Buddhism such as Steve Hagen’s Buddhism Plain and Simple and Jean Smith’s Radiant Mind, and classic, college-level texts like Paul Williams’ Mahayana Buddhism: The Doctrinal Foundations, and James Dobbins’ Jodo Shinshu.

Gassho,
Peter Hata

Selected E-mail
From = Levi Sara
Subject = Interested in Buddhism
Message = Hello, I am 13 years of age and I am currently looking into Buddhism. I am very interested in it and I wanted to ask if you could tell me where to begin my journey, what books to read and what to look at.

Thank you heaps,
Levi Sara

Dear Levi Sara,
I want to commend you for your question! It’s been a long time since I was 13, but even at that age I had already developed an interest in world religions. Learning about others, being willing to explore different traditions and ways of thinking and living, will help you to be open and to expand your horizons. I am a librarian, so I know a lot about books. You’ll find many excellent materials in your school library and your public library. If they don’t have anything on Buddhism then ask your librarians if they can find something for you on inter-library loan. Also look at books on World Religions. Most of them will have a chapter on Buddhism. If you want something with pictures I have found that National Geographic had some excellent books on Religions. One book for young people I really like is called “The Buddha Way” by William Corlett and John Moore. It’s designed

for Junior High School. I think you can handle it! Now I will warn you that a lot of Buddhist books get pretty intellectual, and very technical. If you’re not ready for those then wait. There will be time enough for those later after you get a good foundation. Also you will find that many books are from different schools of Buddhism, which can be confusing, but that’s o.k. You’ll learn about Theravada, Mahayana, Tibetan, Zen, and Pure Land, and many others. I follow Pure Land, in a school known as Shin Buddhism or Jodo Shinshu. All these schools will have something interesting and important to teach you.

One Buddhist book I really love I read when I was younger than 13. It’s called “The Cat who went to Heaven” by Elizabeth Coatsworth. It won the Newberry Award for Best Children’s Book in 1931. It’s a story set in Japan, about a painter, his cat, and the Buddha. I think you will love it! Just about every library should have this book. If you want your own copy to own, get it in hardcover. The pictures are so much better! Now it is not enough to just read books. You’ll want in time to visit temples and see how Buddhists live and deal with their problems. Many temples have different backgrounds and will often reflect different ethnic heritages. Some will do services in a foreign language, others will have services in English. Just be open, listen, and learn.

Look for temples where everyone, including their ministers, consider themselves students and are always learning and always being open. Some temples, I’m afraid, get into what I call “guruism” where you have to obey someone without question. I would be very careful about that. Some people may need that, but you, I think, want to learn, challenge, and expand! Look for temples that will help you do that. There’s more I could probably share, but this is probably enough for now. Make sure you talk with your parents about this too. Don’t be pushy, and watch out for getting arrogant. Young people tend to think in absolute black and white terms. Reality can be very grey at times. Buddhism is about living from black to white through the greys and then back again. Now I think that’s enough! Good luck, take care, and write back if you have more questions! I’d love to see how you grow through all this!

Sincerely,
Frederick

and Frank such as the surprisingly delicious vegetarian meals, the community baths and assigned chores for us were bathroom clean up and raking leaves outside.

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報恩講奉仕団に参加して

地頭所メリー

このたびの親鸞聖人750回御遠忌報恩講は私が今まで参詣させていただいた法要の中で最も思い出深い法要となりました。ご門首が婦善となった報恩講和諧は美しく正確に勤められました。日本全国からの数名の同朋と一绪にこの報恩講の法要に参詣できたことに心から感謝いたしました。

今回の山形は親鸞聖人の御前で帰敬式を受け法名をいただきました。法名を頂戴しこれから親鸞聖人の御教えを聞き続けることを私にとらえて意義深いことがありました。大変な御影堂は私の小さなお寺とは違って緊張しましたが、日本の方々と一緒に行く方々と一つになった思いがありました。厚着の他者ながらの防寒具のお陰で御影堂の寒さも気にならず法要中でした。法要中は、私たちが正座することをせずイスを使わせてもらいました。

京都では親鸞聖人の御旧跡を訪ねました。なかでも大谷祖廟で、750年前の親鸞聖人のお骨が今もそこに安置されておりそちらに多くのご門徒の遺骨が一緒に収められるとお聞きして驚きました。また本山にいる間も水を切りながらの旅がありましたが、研修旅行の最後はただただこの仲間と一緒にいることを楽しみ、これからもこの付き合いが続くことを願ながらお別れしました。（次号に続く）注：地頭所メリー夫人は昨年11月に報恩講奉仕団に参加されました。

お寺ニュース

母の日家族礼拝

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親鸞聖人誕生会

報恩講奉仕団に参加して

東本願寺からは（いつも3匹のぬいぐるみと一緒に写真を撮っていた）山下アーヴィングとその3匹のこどもたち、シカゴ仏教会からウォーターズベギー、ハワイのカナネオヘ東本願寺からなかともとシャーアン、ヒロ東本願寺から吉田スティーブ、本多誠が一緒に参加されました。

参加者のそれぞれの開教寺院と自分。gets的個人的経験をお互いに話し合うことで情報と思いを共有し合い今後に生かそうとしました。

この旅行中、実は秘かに一人でいくつかの小さなことに奮闘していました。でももう今は、飛行機の座席のリモコンの操作や、ホテル東横インのお風呂での洗い方を他の人にちゃんと教えることができます。そんなこともありましたが、研修旅行の最後はただただこの仲間と一緒にいることを楽しみ、これからもこの付き合いが続くことを願ながらお別れしました。（次号に続く）注：地頭所メリー夫人は昨年11月に報恩講奉仕団に参加されました。

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親鸞聖人誕生会

並び新生児初参り法要

本年の親鸞聖人誕生会並び新生児初参り法要は5月20日午前10時より厳修致します。親鸞聖人のご誕生をお祝いし、またあわせて新生児初参りをお勧めいたしますので、みなさまのご家族をお知り合いの0歳から6歳までの子供さんにお薦めください。お申し込みは河和田開教寺まで。（626）913-0622

盆踊り練習

来月はもう6月、お寺のお盆が近づいてまいりましたが、今年の盆踊り練習は6月4日（火）午後7時よりおこなわれます。今年も畠山メリー、比嘉ジェニファー両夫人、また昨年より新たに加わった地頭所メリーの指導の下6月中の毎火曜日並び金曜日6月26日まで午後7時よりセンター駐車場にて行われます。盆踊りの不得意な河和田開教寺も練習に参加します。恥ずかしがらず一緒に練習いたしましょう。
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May
- 3 7:30 pm Howakai Japanese Service
- 6 8:30 am Board Meeting
- 6 10:00 am Shotsuki Service
- 8 10:00 am Bonbu Class
- 13 10:00 am Mother's Day Family Service
- 20 10:00 am Tanjo-e/Hatsumairi Service
- 22 10:00 am Bonbu Class
- 27 10:00 am Sunday Service

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- 2 8:00 pm Oldies Dance
- 3 10:00 am Shotsuki Service
- 5 7:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- 7 7:30 pm Howakai Japanese Service
- 8 7:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- 10 8:30 am Board Meeting
- 10 10:00 am Sunday Service
- 12 7:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- 12 10:00 am Bonbu Class
- 12 7:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- 15 7:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- 17 10:00 am Father's Day Family Service
- 19 7:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- 22 7:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- 24 10:00 am Sunday Service
- 26 10:00 am Bonbu Class
- 26 7:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- 29 1:00 pm Obon Festival Set-up

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