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AWAKEN

- To our interconnectedness
- To the impermanence of all things
- To the notion that our thoughts, words and deeds have a real effect on those around us

WCBT had another one of its insightful seminars, this time with speaker Josh Hernandez Morse, head of school and president of the Pacific Buddhist Academy located in Honolulu. PBA is the first accredited Buddhist high school in the USA founded on the core principles of our Shin Buddhist teachings.

Pacific Buddhist Academy and the Enlightened Learning Academy West Covina Buddhist Temple Seminar

Phillip Underwood

In August of 2003, the Pacific Buddhist Academy (PBA), the Enlightened Learning Academy, was established on Oahu, Hawaii, as the 'first accredited Buddhist High School in the U.S.' in its core classes and electives. Since that time, they have had a 99.5% college admissions rate with over 66 % of its students going on to 4-year colleges, and the remaining 34 % attending 2-year colleges. The mission of the Pacific Buddhist Academy is to: 1) prepare students for college through academic excellence; 2) enrichment of life through Buddhist values; and 3) nurturing the courage to practice peace in the community. About 25% of PBA families identify as Buddhists, and over 35% of students identify as Buddhists.

The Pacific Buddhist Academy is a Shin Buddhist School more than in name only, as Buddhism is fundamental to its identity and core mission. The mission of the school is summarized in 3 verbs: Awaken, Connect, and Help (as in self-help and also helping others). Awakening and connecting both mean to awaken to our interconnectedness, to the impermanence of all things, and to learn and appreciate how our words, thoughts, and deeds profoundly affect all things we do, including our encounters with others. And the end product of the verb Help is also two-fold, as it affects both ourselves and others in many ways. The Pacific Buddhist Academy's vision includes betterment of self in the areas of leadership, intellect, and spirit. These

betterments will especially help artists, innovators, and intellects alike.

In Japan and in the United States, Buddhist Temples, mainly Buddhist Temples in Hawaii, both help and support one another through a program known as The Gratitude Tours. For the past several years, students and family members have traveled to other islands to engage in activities, such as Taiko festivities, while at the same time interacting with the Shin Buddhist Community. Students also study abroad, which has the effect of additional enlightenment, while broadening support for the program that will last for many years to come. Families have also traveled annually to Kyoto to attend seminars and other religious festivities.

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DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Spring to all! The Dharma School students' latest "lesson" was about the Asian New Year—the year of the Tiger. We thought it would be a fun activity for the children. Look for the next lesson to be about the home altar. The significance of each part of the altar will be addressed. There will be an activity included in the lesson.

Two special services are coming up during the next two months. In March, during the spring equinox, our Ohigan service will be observed. Perhaps the parents and/or grandparents can review the significance of Ohigan by looking at the Fall Ohigan lesson that was sent to the children in the 2020.

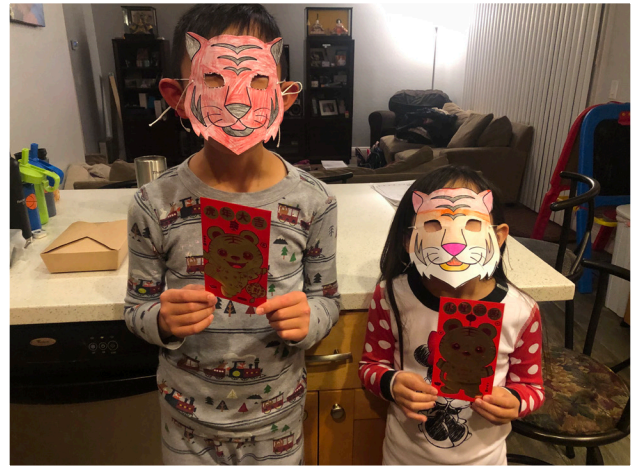
April 8 is the birthday of Prince Siddhartha. This special service is called Hanamatsuri. The following is a short re-telling of the story of the Baby Prince's birth. To the parents and/or grandparents: will you please share this story with your children:

About 2,500 years ago in Northern India, the king and queen of the Shakya kingdom were expecting their first child. They had waited for many years for a baby and were very excited. When it became time for the baby's birth, Queen Maya set out to return to her parents' home. This was the way things were done so long ago.

As the Queen and her servants were resting in a lovely garden called Lumbini, the baby was born. It is said that beautiful flowers blossomed and sweet rain fell when Prince Siddhartha was born.

This little baby grew up to become awakened to the truth of suffering. He became known as the Buddha, a great teacher who shared his teachings for many years.

When our temple celebrates Prince Siddhartha's birthday, we decorate a special altar with beautiful flowers. A statue of the Baby is in the center of the flowers and each one of us pours sweet tea over the statue. Why do you think we do this on his birthday?



Keep safe and hope to see you when we can get together again!

Gassho,
Claire Hansen

25th Annual Golf Classic at Hacienda Golf Club

In 1996, Glenn Nakatani and I came up with this crazy idea of having a WCBT golf tournament as a fundraiser. Now, 26 years later (event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID) we will be holding our Silver Anniversary Golf Classic on June 6, 2022, at the Hacienda Golf Club.

More details will follow. Please keep in mind that this was WCBT's only fundraiser for 2021 and it may be so again this year. So, please support this fundraiser as a player, tee sponsor or donor of a raffle prize. As in the past your tee sponsorship will not fund the golf tournament but will go into the temple's general fund.

We will also be asking the Sangha to provide snack items for the players' goodie bags and day of the event volunteers at the golf course. So, if asked, please say yes, thank you.



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T E M P L E N E W S

Sunday Services

All Sunday services will be conducted via Zoom until March 20. Look for an email from Rev. Miyoshi or Rev. Fred inviting you to the services with the Zoom meeting ID and Password. If you have not received an email from them, please contact the temple wcbt.livingdharma@gmail.com. It's such a pleasure to see all the familiar faces so please join us!

Regarding the temple re-opening, please see page 4.

Discussion Class

The weekly discussion class will be every Thursday at 10am via Zoom. There is a different topic of discussion each week and a lively dialogue between the participants. Look for the email invitation with meeting ID and password or contact Rev. Miyoshi for the information.

Study Class

An evening Study Class is held every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm and we invite those who are unable to attend the morning Discussion Class to join us. The Study Classes will focus on the history and teaching of Jodo Shinshu and will be held on March 8 & 22 and April 12 & 26. If you are interested in purchasing "The Teaching of Jodo Shinshu and the History of the Honganji Community" book which will be used as reference, please contact Rev. Miyoshi.

Spring Ohigan Service

Spring Ohigan will be observed on March 20 at 4:30 pm via Zoom. Look for the email invitation to join the service.

Zoom reunion with Rev. Hosokawa (Rev. Koen Mishima)

A North America District Seminar will be held on April 2 with guest lecturer Rev. Hosokawa (Rev. Koen

Mishima), the former resident minister of LA Betsuin and West Covina Buddhist temple.

This seminar is in Japanese, but we have a special zoom reunion session to talk with Rev. Mishima. You may have many questions for him; about his current life, the COVID situation in Japan, his preschool, his temple, and so on.

The special reunion time is 5 pm to 5:30 pm on Saturday April 2. You may stay for his Japanese Dharma talk from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm or you can leave at 5:30 pm.

To join the Zoom meeting please contact Rev. Miyoshi.

LABTF Hanamatsuri

The Federation Hanamatsuri Service will be held virtually on April 10 beginning at 10:00 am hosted by Higashi Honganji.

WCBT Hanamatsuri

WCBT will hold it's Hanamatsuri Service on April 17 at 10:00 am.

Mother's Day Service

A Mother's Day family service will be held on May 8, at 10:00 am. A special tribute to all mothers will be presented so please attend this special service.

Tanjo-e & Hatsumairi

The Tanjo-e and Hatsumairi (new baby) Service will be held on May 15 at 10:00am. There will be a special ceremony to acknowledge new additions to our Sangha. Please contact Rev. Miyoshi if you or your family member has had a new baby in the last year.

MARCH BIRTHDAY

Brandon Kawaguchi, Kendra Kagawa Jucksch, Brion Martinez, Brooks Martinez, Edward Miyashiro, Cathy Nakano, Glen Fujimoto, Karolyn Fujimoto, Mae Horie, Joy Kitaura, Kelley Sakoda, Kathy Masai, Danny

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In the spirit of universal brotherhood, West Covina Buddhist Temple provides the opportunity for all to listen to and share the Teachings of the Buddha in order that we may awaken to our true selves, living our lives fully and dynamically.

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APRIL BIRTHDAY

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WEST COVINA HIGASHI HONGANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

March 9, 2022

Reopening the Temple (Again)

Dear WCBT Members and Friends,

This announcement kind of plays like an old cowboy song with lyrics that stated, “I’m back in the saddle again.” Initially the opening was scheduled for January 23, 2022, however, that was canceled due to a new variant and upswing of hospitalizations. So here we go again. We are planning our first hybrid service with both in-person attendees and Zoom participants on **Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 10:00 am.**

We will be following the guidelines of the Community Center, which include wearing a mask in the facility, showing proof of vaccination or a negative COVID 19 test 72 hours prior to service. We strongly encourage attendees to be fully vaccinated with proof submitted to the Community Center. All others can still attend the service via Zoom, especially if you are hesitant to interact in person or live too further away.

No matter which course you choose, please be safe and remain connected until we can all gather together again.

With Gassho,
Johnny Martinez
WCBT President

2022年3月9日

寺院での活動再開について

去る三月六日に開かれたウェストコビナ東本願寺の理事会において、対面での日曜礼拝の再開を三月二十七日(日)といたしました。日曜礼拝は午前十時からです。お寺での日曜礼拝はオンラインと対面のハイブリッド形式で行います。

寺院での活動再開につきましては、コミュニティセンターのガイドラインを遵守いたします。お寺に来られる方にはワクチン接種証明書もしくは日曜礼拝参加七十二時間以内の陰性証明の事前提示をお願いいたします。法要中のマスク着用もお願いいたします。対面での参加に不安を感じる方、あるいは遠方にお住まいの方はぜひオンラインで法要にご参加ください。

ご門徒の皆さまと三月二十七日にお会いできることを心待ちにしております。

合掌
理事長
マルティネス・ジャーニー



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WEST COVINA HIGASHI HONGANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

February 25, 2022

Dear Members and Friends,

The West Covina Buddhist Temple and its Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend the Spring Ohigan Service which will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2022 via Zoom. The information for the service is as follows:

Date: Sunday, March 20, 2022
 Time: **4:30 P.M.** (via Zoom)
 Dharma Message: Rev. Ryuta Furumoto
 (Senshin Buddhist Temple)
 Meeting ID: 844 5349 6227
 Passcode: 691114

Higan, meaning the Other Shore (of enlightenment), is a service is conducted on or about the vernal and autumnal equinoxes. At these times of the year, we endeavor to strengthen our commitment of the Buddhist life.

門信徒の皆様へ

立春を過ぎましたが寒さが戻ってきた用の今日この頃です。皆様におかれましては健やかに過ごしのことと存じます。さて春のお彼岸法要を下記の如くオンラインにてお勤め致しますのでご案内申し上げます。お彼岸は古く聖徳太子の時代より行われてきた伝統ある法要です。私ども先達はこの機会を仏様の教えを聞く良き機会としてまいりました。ご家族で一緒にご参り下さい。

記

春のお彼岸法要

日 時 2022年3月20日 午後4時半 (Zoom にて)
 法 話 古本竜太師 (洗心仏教会) (英語)
 ミーティング ID : 844 5349 6227
 パスコード : 691114

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Online Donations

The Living Dharma website now has a link <https://livingdharma.org/index.php/donations/> for donations. You can use PayPal, credit or debit cards to make donations to the temple with a few simple clicks. Checks are still and always accepted as well for the traditionalist.



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HIGASHI HONGANJI NORTH AMERICA DISTRICT

2022 Southern California NAD Seminar

We wish to invite you to attend the 2022 Southern California Seminar of the Higashi Honganji North America District. The lecture and discussion sessions will be given in English. **Rev. Steven Toyoshima** (Hawaii District) will speak on the theme “**My Neighbor Amida: Meeting the teachings in Everyday Japan.**” He will talk about the Japanese culture as well as the differences between American Buddhism and Japanese Buddhism that he experienced during his stay in the country.

To participate, please register from the link below.

**Date**

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Time

1:00 pm — 2:30 pm (PDT)

Speaker

Rev. Steven Toyoshima (Hawaii District)

Location

On Zoom

Registration (Required for Zoom Link)<https://forms.gle/CcAY68oz18ZHhp2r8>**Fee**

Free (Donation will be greatly appreciated.)

You can make donation from our PayPal account

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or send a check payable to

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T H E G A T E W A Y

第二回オンライン セミナー

アンダーウッド・フィリップ

Pacific Buddhist Academy (PBA)がハワイのオアフに設立されたのは2003年8月でした。PBAは全米初の仏教系の高校です。それ以来大学進学率は99.5%、そのうち四年制大学への進学は66%、二年制大学への進学は34%を誇っています。

PBAの掲げる創立精神は以下の三点です。

- 1) 質の高い教育を提供し学生の大学進学への支援をする。
- 2) 仏教の教えを通じた生活の質的向上。
- 3) コミュニティでの平和意識を高め実践を推進する。

仏教の教えが学生の生活に深く根付いていることは、25%の家族が自分は仏教徒だと思う、と答えたのに対して、それ以上の35%の学生が自分を仏教徒と認識している、というアンケート結果からも伺えます。

PBAは真宗の教えを基礎とする学校です。次の三点が目標として掲げられています。

- 1) 目覚め (Awaken)
- 2) 絆 (connect)
- 3) 自利利他 (Help)

目覚めと絆はともに自分たちが関わりの中で存在していることに気づくこと、諸行無常の理に深く領くこと、そして自分たちの発する言葉、考え、行動が周りにどのような影響を与えるかを学び、体験していくことを

目的とし、それは最後の自利利他の実践へとつながっていくのです。学校では学業とともに精神やリーダーシップの向上も目指しています。生徒の可能性は芸術面や、新しいものを作り出す創作力、そして知性の深まりなどあらゆる面に広がります。

私が感銘を受けた活動の一つは、ハワイの寺院と日本の寺院が協力しながらGratitude Tourというプログラムを行なっていることです。学生やその家族はこれまでハワイの他の島で研修会を行い、そこでの人々と交流を重ねてきました。太鼓のアクティビティも人々をつなぐ重要な活動です。また現地のお寺のメンバーの話を聞き歴史を学びます。その活動は海外にも広がっています。また家族で京都を訪れる機会もあります。

PBAでは学生の自主性を重んじ、リーダーシップの育成に力を入れています。生徒一人一人が自由に、自信をもって自らの言葉で考えを表現することを大切にしているのです。

PBAの学長であるモース・ジョッシュ氏を講師としてお招きした今回のセミナーで私たちは学校の精神や多くのことを学びました。同時にPBAでいま学んでいる生徒たち、また卒業生の活躍や彼らの生活の中で仏教の教えがどのように息づいているのかを知ることができたことも、私たちにとっては大きな学びでした。

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The historical vision of the Pacific Buddhist Academy has been one of encouragement to strengthen leadership qualities, awaken intellectual qualities and nurture each student's overall spirit. It also aims to stimulate artists, pioneers and innovators with the goal of helping to connect students to the Bodhisattva Path. The

primary goal, known as awakening, is meant to unlock our understanding of 1) our interconnectedness, 2) the impermanence of all things, and 3) the notion that our thoughts, words and deeds affect us and others around us.

We all have much to learn from the faculty and the guidance of the Pacific Buddhist Academy. But it's the students that give us the proof that we also have much to learn from each other.

The information contained in this article was presented in a Zoom Meeting by Josh Hernandez Morse: Anthropologist, Oregon University (Master's Degree)

- raised in the Mormon Church
- studied World Religion in Hawaii (Big Island & Honolulu)
- studied How to Learn and Listen
- works at the small community high school in Hawaii with 80 students.
- a school small enough that each student can realize that their actions can and will affect others.

お寺ニュース

日本語春のお彼岸法要

日本語春のお彼岸法要は3月法話会、祥月法要を兼ねて3月3日(木) 午後7時よりオンラインにてお勤めいたします。

また英語によるお彼岸法要は3月20日(日) 午後4時半より同じくオンラインにてお勤めいたします。洗心仏教会の古本竜太師をお招きして法話を聴聞します。英語法要にもご家族で是非お参りください。

4月の法話会祥月法要は4月7日(木) 午後7時よりオンラインにてお勤めいたします。

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- 3 7:00 pm Howakai Japanese Service-online
- 6 8:30 am Board Meeting-online
- 6 10:00 am Shotsuki Service-online
- 10 10:00 am Discussion Class-online
- 13 10:00 am Sunday Service-online
- 17 10:00 am Discussion Class-online
- 20 4:30 pm Spring Ohigan Service-online
- 22 6:00 pm Study Class-online
- 24 10:00 am Discussion Class-online
- 26 1:00 pm NAD Seminar-online
- 27 10:00 am Sunday Service-hybrid

April

- 3 10:00 am Shotsuki Service-hybrid
- 5 7:00 pm Board Meeting-online
- 7 10:00 am Discussion-online
- 7 7:00 pm Howakai Japanese Service-online
- 10 10:00 am LABTF Hanamatsuri
- 12 6:00 pm Study Class-online

2022年3月行事予定

- 3日 午後7時 法話会ーオンライン
- 6日 午前8時半 理事会ーオンライン
- 6日 午前10時 祥月法要ーオンライン
- 13日 午前10時 日曜礼拝ーオンライン
- 20日 午後4時半 春季彼岸法要ーオンライン
- 27日 午前10時 日曜礼拝ーハイブリッド

4月行事予定

- 3日 午前10時 祥月法要ーハイブリッド
- 5日 午後7時 理事会ーオンライン
- 7日 午後7時 法話会ーオンライン
- 10日 午前10時 仏連花祭り

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