



# Temple Reflections

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### JANUARY SERVICES

Friday, January 1, 2021  
New Year's Day service  
11:00 am ZOOM

Sunday, January 3, 2021  
9:30 am ZOOM service  
10 am Dharma School  
YouTube service online

Sunday, January 10, 2021  
9:30 am ZOOM service  
10 am Dharma School  
YouTube service online

Sunday, January 17, 2021  
HoOnko Service  
9:30 am ZOOM service  
10 am Dharma School  
YouTube service online  
11:30 am Board Mtg

Sunday, January 24, 2021  
9:30 am ZOOM services  
10 am Dharma School  
YouTube service online

Sunday, January 31, 2021  
January Shotsuki Service  
9:30 am ZOOM service  
10 am Dharma School  
YouTube service online

Thursday evenings  
Minister's Dharma ZOOM  
classes; alternate weeks —  
6 pm or 7 pm start time

*Hard is it to keep our health until New Year's Eve. Now we have done it.  
Difficult is it to welcome the New Year. Now, we are welcoming it.  
I look forward to sharing the teachings of Buddhism  
with all Dharma friends this year as well.  
Namo Amida Butsu*

Gassho,  
Rev. Noritaka Imada, Emi and Emma



Hello everyone, welcome to 2021! I, myself, am still stretching and hitting my snooze button, but I can nonetheless find things to be grateful for. You guys, my sangha, are one of the most important on my list. Though we have not been able to meet in person, you have nonetheless managed to keep a space open for the Dharma. Thank you all so much for attending our Zoom services and classes, for watching our YouTube services and for otherwise supporting the ministers and each other during this bizarre time. I know that we are all looking forward to the time when we can sit next to each other, chant, sing, talk and laugh in the same room, but for now, let us reflect in gratitude on the fact that we are still together. Thank you again and Happy, Happy New Year to you all. Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Diana Thompson

**Wishing all a happy and healthy 2021, filled with patience  
and anticipation for a grateful year.**

*Richard and Michi Yoshida*

***May 2021 bring peace, hope and good health  
to all of our Temple friends and relatives.***

Rod and Shirley





As we mark the end of a difficult year we are wishing everyone all the best for 2021. Happy New Year!

In Gassho,  
Ted & Elaine Tsumura

## Dharma Conduit

By Rev. Kaitlyn Kongo Mascher-Mace

Happy New Year Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple. There is a lot to look forward to in the year 2021. However, it is going to be hard for any of us to leave 2020 behind. It was a year where we lost control of what we think of as our ability to control our trajectory, where our norms shifted and shifted and shifted. Our behavior going forward will likely always be changed, as the causes and conditions which drive our actions have changed from something we expected to something different. The uncertainty of each day was and, quite likely will continue to be, difficult for a good part of 2021 as well.

The one thing that is not going to change however, is that you are in the grasp of Amida's Primal Vow. It does not matter if its 2020 or 2021, if things are great or things are horrible, Amida's vow meets you where you are at. You do not need to ask for the Nembutsu, it is there. There is nothing to fear, for the compassion storehouses are open, always. Rennyo Shonin wrote these words in 1461 and they have touched me deeply when reflecting on the old and new year, I hope they will do the same for you.

The single way of faith taught by our tradition's master [Shinran] is that lay people should not concern themselves with the weight of their evil karma or with the unending delusions and attachments of their minds; rather, they should steadfastly discard their mistaken attachment to the sundry practices and disciplines and simply take refuge in the compassionate vow of Amida Tathagata; and with the awakening of the one thought-moment in which they entrust themselves single-heartedly and without doubt, Amida Tathagata immediately send forth his light and embraces them. This means that we are saved by the Buddha; it also signifies that faith is given by the Tathagata. Therefore, once [this is understood], if [people] say the Name, they should not think, "Buddha, please save

me" (butsu tasuke tamae - 仏たすけたまえ). They should simply realize that they are readily saved with the one thought-moment of faith in which they entrust themselves to Amida, and that the nembutsu is an expression of overwhelming gratitude to Amida Tathagata for his benevolence in having saved them. This is [the understanding] of a true practice of the exclusive practice [of the nembutsu] and single-mindedness; it is also what is meant by "completing the cause [of birth] in ordinary life, with the awakening of the one thought-moment" (inchinen hokki heizei goujou

– 一念発起平生業成)

Rennyo's words, "They should simply realize that they are readily saved with the one thought-moment of faith in which they entrust themselves to Amida" is a statement for us to let go and know that this part of our lives is taken care of. We say the nembutsu to say thank you, the work has already been done. Feel the joy that comes from this knowledge, that when the time comes which it does for all, that our birth in the Pureland is settled. When I visualize this, the feeling of knowing my birth is settled, I liken it to sitting on a really comfy couch, allowing my body to sink into it and the tension to release from my muscles. Nothing but the Nembutsu can slip from my lips then in gratitude for this feeling. There is then no uncertainty in this, and your life can be that much fuller for it. Take on the challenges and joys that 2021 will bring you and fall back into the comfy couch that is knowing your birth is settled. Say the Nembutsu of gratitude and let your actions show and spread the joy that this teaching brings you to all that have the need. Happy New Year.

In Gassho,

WISHING YOU HOPE, PEACE AND A VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

From the BWA



Best wishes for a healthier, safer and happier New Year of the OX!

From the Googins' and Charness' families

## Dharma School Greetings and News

by Alyssa Nilemo, Dharma School Superintendent

Firstly, Happy Holidays and wishing you all a Merry New Year!

This is such a busy, crazy and often joyous time of year. No matter how you choose to celebrate there is probably a lot of focus this year on how 'bad' 2020 has been and wishes for 2021 to be 'good'. Although everything is always changing, it is extremely unlikely that the stressors of this past year will suddenly lift at the stroke of midnight New Year's Eve. Still, we at Dharma School would like to affirm how very okay this is!

Did you know Dharma School gathers virtually every Sunday after a family Dharma message from the Reverends? Even with a good number of our kids attending school virtually each week, they faithfully log on each Sunday to hear the teachings of the Buddha and spend time with one another. In fact, attendance has grown slightly from when we were able to meet in person and we have been fortunate to see some old familiar faces and make some new friends! Although we miss spending time with the Sangha at bake sale, we have had other special ways of connecting: In October we had a virtual Aki Matsuri where the students got to show off their Halloween costumes and we watched a special video message from YBA. In November, the YBA hosted a Bingo game! And at the end of December, we had a special end of season virtual gathering to play games and wish everyone well.

So, no, I do not think the strike of midnight, December 31<sup>st</sup> will bring the relief of a 'good' coming year or that we might be doomed for another 'bad' year. Likewise, I do not think a strike of the clock will erase those qualities in each of us that make the Sangha such a strong Golden Chain. Into the Spring of 2021 Dharma School will remain virtual, it will still pose challenges, but we will also look forward to the unique opportunities it holds! Please stand by as we announce virtual versions of Hanamatsuri, our end of school year picnic and other chances we discover to gather.

With the start of stay-at-home it was not an irrational fear that this practice might be the end of Dharma School. Instead, we discovered how strong and beautiful our connection is, this is true no matter what changes...or doesn't at the strike of midnight.

*Happy Holidays*

from Jay, Sue and Joe Yoshimura

*Season's Greetings*

from Youko Yamasaki



*Have a Safe and Happy Holiday*

from Jon, Amy and Arthur Campbell



On the global stage, 2020 was a year of crisis (you are more than familiar with the list). For the Temple, 2020 was a year of remarkable response – filled with innovation, imagination, creativity and human kindness.

The Ministers made weekly Sunday services happen virtually, regularly. And they have also built a 'library' of religious talks on YouTube which can be viewed anytime from anywhere. They have presided over funerals, burials, hoji services and weekly Dharma classes. BWA members reached out through email and telephone to keep in touch with one another. YBA students sent 'snail mail' letters to touch base with those who might not enjoy wi-fi access. Dharma School students, teachers and families continued friendships and learning projects.

The Temple building remained silent and empty. Yet, our activity level rose to a simmering level. While 2021 will find the Temple building empty still, activity bustles. You may feel isolated but you can be involved.

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*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges  
Donations and offerings received from November 1, 2020 – November 30, 2020*

**Eitai-kyo service**

Michiko Chikuma  
Manabu & Junko Kimura  
Shirley Tsuchimoto  
Richard & Michiko Yoshida

**In memory of Matsuye Doida – 7<sup>th</sup> yr**

Stanley Doida  
Eileen Doida  
Stan Doida, Jr.  
Sharon & Dennis Ioka

**November Shotsuki donors**

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Rev. Kaitlyn Kongo & Ms. Karen Myosei Mascher-Mace  
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**in memory of**

Izo Onoda  
Leonard Mizuno  
Matsuye Doida – 7<sup>th</sup> yr  
Nancy Matsuda  
Rev. Doei Fujii

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**for/in memory of**

CBF 2020  
AkiMatsuri  
donation  
donation  
graveside 7<sup>th</sup> day service  
BWA CookBook sales  
Nikkei Treasures inventory sales  
Kohaku Uta Gassen  
Sept Shotsuki; Amy Tsumura  
Turkey Bingo donation  
Betty Yamashita – 7<sup>th</sup> year  
family hoji  
George Yoshida – 35<sup>th</sup> yr  
Helene Ioka – 3<sup>rd</sup> yr  
Karen Takamatsu  
Kazuo Kimura – 33<sup>rd</sup> yr  
Tsurue Kimura – 33<sup>rd</sup> yr

*TriState/Denver Buddhist Temples’  
membership offers sympathy and condolences  
to the family and friends of:*

*John E. Iwakiri  
July 7, 1928 - October 25, 2020*

*Sally Nakata  
January 15, 1926 - November 12, 2020*

*Ron Matsushima  
June 17, 1958 - November 14, 2020*

*Jim Fujii  
Died November 18, 2020*

*Mary Omoto  
July 18, 1927 - November 26, 2020*

*We miss you and look forward to seeing  
you this year!*

- Kaitlyn and Karen Mascher-Mace

**Shotsuki Monthly  
Memorial Service**  
January 31, 2021

The Shotsuki Service is a general memorial service held on a monthly basis for members and friends of the temple who have passed away during the month of service. Although there are major memorial (hoji) services set at specific time intervals such as 49<sup>th</sup> Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Year, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> years, the temple provides families with monthly memorial Shotsuki services held in conjunction with regularly scheduled Sunday services, so family members will have the opportunity to pay respect and gratitude to loved ones who have passed away in that particular month. Donation by affected family members is appreciated: \$50/observance.

In Gassho

# January Shotsuki Names

*(Sangha members who have passed away in the month of January)*

Ine Abe	Hanayo Kataoka	Tomoichi Nagamoto	Frank Shigeo Tagawa
Thomas Tatsunori Ajsaka	Kameichi Kato	Misuyo Nakagawa	Henry Yoshitada Tagawa
Jerrie M. Akahoshi	Tsuya Kawaji	Akira Nakamura	Tomie Taggart
Toyo Akahoshi	Katsusaburo Kawamura	Eikichi Nakamura	Charles H. Takahashi
Toichi Akimoto	Steven Masumi Kawanabe	Zennosuke Nakamura	Roy Mitsunori Takahashi
Taeko Alger	Tomehachi Kawano	Sobei Nakano	Tomi Takahashi
Nobuko Arakaki	Phillip Andrew Kennedy	Masano Nakatsuka	Harry Hiromitsu Takaki
Fumio Arakawa	Scott Lee Kim	Hisako Nakayama	George Hisao Takao
Hiroko Asano	Sakutaro Kishimoto	Minekichi Nakayama	Shigeo Takase
Donald Buckmaster	Michiko Mitzi Kishiyama	Noboru Nakayama	Kiyoshi Takata
Gotaro Chikuma	Benjamin Kitashima	Yahei Nayematsu	Ray Takeo Takeda
Mary Chikuma	Jun Kito	Katsu Nishi	Ben Yotaro Takeshita
Sadami Sam Doida	Mary Fusae Kobayashi	Kinbei Nishida	Yuwako Takeuchi
Kumakichi Doizaki	Seiichi Kobayashi	Chiyo Noaki	Dorothy Sumiye Tanaka
Shogo Doizaki	Steven Koga	Tomezo Nobuta	Kikue Tanaka
Chizuko Domoto	Junichi Komuro	Frank Genji Norimoto	Kikutaro Tanaka
Terry Masaru Domoto	Frank Yoshimi Kondo	Goro Nukaya	Paul Mitsuo Tanaka
Roy Satoshi Fujii	Kathleen Chikako Kondo	Naota Ogata	Tsunetaro Tanaka
Tadao Fujimoto	Matsuye Konishi	Takeshi Ohtake	Yukio Tanaka
Helen Sumiko Fujishima	Shime Koshio	John Casey O'Hara	Fumio Tani
Midori Josephine Fukaye	Charles Takayoshi Koto	Yoshiko Okamoto	Hazel Sunaye Tani
Shige Fukaye	Harry K. Kuga	Kazuo Okazaki	Riichi Tanigawa
Ayako Fukuhara	Isamu Kuge	Ryoichi Omoto	Matazo Tateyama
Shiichi Fukuhara	Satoro Kunita	Mary Osaki	Mitsunobu Tatsumoto
Albert Nobori Furuiye	Fusako Fairy Kuritani	Teruko Otsuki	Susan Kiyoko Tawara
Taro Hada	Albert Saburo Kushihashi	Kathleen Robin Oyama	Satoshi Terada
Tomoemon Hagihara	Sumako Kusuno	Tamiye Mary Ozaki	Michiko Thompson
Utetake Kiyoko Hand	Mitsuno Kuwabara	Hisayo Saeda	Sachiko Tobo
Rikichi Hara	Tomiko Lovejoy	Moriichi Saeda	Shiro Toda
Misako Ruby Harada	Tosuke Mabe	Carl Kunitoshi Saito	Hanayo Totsugi
Mollie Mae Harada	Ginjiro Matoba	Frank Saito	Hisakichi Tsukamoto
Fumi Hatanaka	Kunio Matsuda	Tsuyo Saito	Ichimi Tsushima
Joe Iwao Hatanaka	Margaret Matsuda	Goro 'Goon' Sakaguchi	George Masao Uchida
Kazuto Hayashi, Sr	Kazuo John Matsuo	Henry Sakaguchi	Yuzo Uchida
Mitsuzo Hayashida	Eiko Karen Matsushima	Kyosuke Sakaguchi	Hatsumi Umemoto
Yaeko Hellen Hayashida	Kikutaro Mayeda	Kitaro Sakai	Kaoru Urano
Mumeko Masae Herndon	Sam Isamu Mayeda	Ron Sakai	Tohachi Uyehara
Tsutayo Higuchi	Earl Lennie Mayemura	Haru Sakata	Chiki Uyemura
Hajime Jimmie Hiraki	Suyeko Sue Mayemura	Hideichi Sakurai	Tomiko Togashi Uyemura
Goro Hirayama	Peony Miyahara	Kunio Sakurai	Gosaku Uyeno
Kikuno Hirayama	Chiyono Miyake	Tom Kiyotaka Sameshima	Masao Washizu
Fusaye Hisamoto	Genichiro Miyake	Tomigoro Sameshima	Andrew Ryuichi Watada
Sachiko Sue Hisamoto	Jean Tazuko Miyamoto	Hiroshi Bill Sato	Robert Wetmore
Mary Yoshiye Hisamoto	Yoshio Miyao	Joe Tsuyoshi Sato	Yamako Yagami
Jong G. Hong	John Takeo Miyasaki	Sada Sato	Betty Haruko Yagi
Kichitaro Hora	Margaret Masako Miyasaki	Shoji Joe Sato	Magosaburo Yamachika
Toshio Hora	Mary Yuriko Miyazawa	Zennyemon Sato	Asamatsu Yamada
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Kazuichi Hoshijima	Katsuji Mizushima	Toshiye Shibata	Noboru James Yamashita
Kikuko Hoshijima	Seki Momii	Jim Kanao Shimamoto	Doris Kimiko Yanaga
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## Redevelopment Update

by Gary Yamashita, Sakura Square/Temple  
Redevelopment Project Management Group

**Sakura Foundation** is the nonprofit entity that is the sole owner of **Sakura Square LLC**. To keep the Temple sangha and greater community informed on the progress of the Sakura Square and Temple redevelopment, regular updates will be provided in the monthly Temple and quarterly Sakura Foundation newsletters. If you are interested in receiving the Sakura Foundation newsletter, please contact me directly.

Despite the considerable challenges in 2020 that the COVID-19 virus has presented, the owners of the block - Sakura Square LLC and the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple - have been actively working together with numerous consultants and real estate development professionals to investigate various development options for the block. As the facilities at Sakura Square and the Temple continue to age and require major and costly repairs, the goal of the redevelopment is to reposition Sakura Square and the Temple for current and future generations. The vital component of the redevelopment is the construction of a new Temple building and Community Center to be located on the block. The overall redevelopment will consist of a variety of uses which may include residential, retail, commercial, parking venues, along with community uses which will highlight our Japanese American heritage and culture. An open plaza area located on site for enhanced cultural and community programming is a priority as well. Sakura Square will continue to remain a gathering hub for organizations participating in Japanese and Japanese American cultural and community programming.

Recently more than 500 community members and representatives of the development team participated in an online survey, workshops and focus groups to provide feedback on the visioning process for Sakura Square. Central themes that arose from those sessions include the need for Japanese-influenced design and architecture for the project, finding a balance of honoring our rich history and heritage while creating new traditions and activities for future generations, Sakura Square

serving as a cultural gateway open to everyone interested in Japanese and Japanese American education, programming, festivals, merchandise and cuisine and the Temple being the centerpiece of the redevelopment project.

The planning for a mixed-use, whole-block redevelopment in downtown Denver which incorporates private, community and commercial uses is a highly involved and complex process. Representatives from Sakura Square and the Temple who form the Joint Redevelopment Executive Committee currently volunteer countless hours working together in regular meetings to advance the redevelopment planning process.

The Temple and Sakura Square share a long history of working together, side-by-side. This collaborative effort is the foundational block upon which the Temple and Community Center redevelopment will be established. Expenses will be shared between the two entities for both the redevelopment and operation of the new facilities. The Temple will continue to oversee and manage all of its religious programming. Sakura Square and the Temple will combine resources to manage many of the cultural and community programming, similar to our current team effort with the joint presentation of the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. It is in this spirit of togetherness and respectfully supporting one another that Sakura Square LLC is pleased to make our annual donation to the Temple of \$75,000 to assist with its current operations.

As the vision and strategic planning for Sakura Square and the Temple continues to develop, we will keep the sangha and community updated on our progress. Questions regarding the Sakura Square redevelopment can be addressed to Gary Yamashita, Sakura Square CEO at [garyy@sakurasquare.com](mailto:garyy@sakurasquare.com); Temple-related questions can be addressed to Chad Nitta, at [chad.nitta@kutakrock.com](mailto:chad.nitta@kutakrock.com)

**We look forward with optimism that 2021 will bring renewed hope and opportunity to all. Best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season from Sakura Square LLC and Sakura Foundation!**