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*Embrace true and
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 in Nembutsu*



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*Promote, protect, and
 share the Buddha,
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November 2011: Major Events of Interest

- Saturday, November 5 Seminar with Rev. Gregory Jundo Gibbs, Oregon Buddhist Temple
- Sunday, November 6 Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo Service with Ochigo; Rev. Gibbs, Speaker
- Sunday, November 27 Family Music Service

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Betsuin Events for November 2011

EVERY SUNDAY All are invited:

- 8:45 am *MEDITATION SERVICE at 1441 S. Main St; Sutra Chanting, 20-minute meditation, discussion.
10:00 am SERVICE - in Hondo (main sanctuary) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk
11:00 am DHARMA EXCHANGE – in dining room, Q/A, dialogue with minister and ministers assistants

EVERY WEDNESDAY **10:30 am DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP with Meditation

SUNDAYS *8:45 am Meditation Service

November 6

- 10:00 pm **Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo Service** with Ochigo
Family: Speaker, Rev. Gregory Jundo Gibbs
Japanese Program
DS DX: Irene Goto & Laverne Imori
DX: Rinban Castro
- 11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

November 13 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

- 10:00 am **Family Service and Children's Service**
Children: Irene Goto and Laverne Imori
Youth: Rev. Warrick
Adult: Rev. Warrick
Japanese Program
DSDX: Irene Goto and Laverne Imori
DX: Rev. Warrick

- 12:00 pm Religious Dept. Meeting

November 20

- 10:00 am **Family Service**
Youth: Laverne Imori
Adult: Rinban Castro
Japanese Program
DSDX: Rinban Castro
DX: Laverne Imori

- 11:45 am SBBWA General Membership Meeting
(Sokai) followed by Luncheon for SBBWA Board
of Directors (Irokai)

November 27

- 10:00 am FAMILY MUSIC SERVICE
Youth: Rev. Warrick
Adult: Rinban Castro
Japanese Program
DSDX: Rev. Warrick
DX: Rinban Castro

- 11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

MONDAYS

- November 14 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

TUESDAYS

- November 15 7– 9 pm Tuesday Dharma Study Group

November 22

- 10:00 am SBBWA Visitation at Keiro
10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

WEDNESDAYS **10:30 am Dharma Support Weekly

November 2

- 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting (Rinban)

November 9 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

- November 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly
Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)

THURSDAYS

- November 3 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service Rinban

November 10 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

- November 17 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban)

November 24 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

FRIDAYS

- November 4 12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon
Meeting (Rinban Castro)

November 11 Office Closed for Veteran's Day Holiday

SATURDAYS

- November 5 10:00 am – 4:00 pm “Becoming
Buddhist, Becoming Buddha” Seminar with Rev.
Gregory Jundo Gibbs, Oregon Buddhist Temple

November 12 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

DECEMBER Major Events of Interest

Sundays:

- December 4 Bodhi Day Service & Potluck Luncheon
December 11 Seattle Betsuin Annual General Meeting
December 18 Temple Cleanup

Saturdays:

- December 17 Mochi Making by Betsuin Youth Groups
December 31 New Year's Eve Service

**SAVE THE DATES: Sunday, December 11 for SEATTLE
BETSUIN'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AT 11:00AM in the Hondo**

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**February 17 – 19, 2012 for the 65TH NORTHWEST BUDDHIST
CONVENTION at The Davenport Hotel
Spokane, Washington hosted by Spokane Buddhist Temple
[www. SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org](http://www.SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org)**

**Newsletter Deadline:
Monday
November 21, 2011
8:00 pm
Print:
November 25, 2011**



Where Has It Come From...?

By Rev. Don Castro

Last year, I gave everyone an assignment. Before you throw something away, ask yourself, “Where has it come from and where is it going?” It only takes a fraction of a second to ask ourselves this question. Lately, I’ve been fishing a lot of cans and bottles out of the temple waste baskets. Often, the waste basket is right next to a blue recycling basket. This is “mottai nai.” I think every Dharma school student should research and write an essay on Japanese expressions and their Buddhist connection; expressions such as “okagesama de,” “arigatai,” “Gokuroosama,” etc. * I think the expression “mottai nai” conveys a very Jodo Shinshu sentiment.

There is a story of Rennyō Shōnin that expresses what I am talking about. The story is contained in “The Words of Shōnin Rennyō Heard and Recorded During His Lifetime” (A translation of “Rennyō Shōnin Goichidai Kikigaki” by the Seattle Betsuin Religious Dept., 1986. Story #308):

Shōnin Rennyō was, once, walking down a hallway when he spotted a scrap of paper lying on the floor. He picked it up and placing it between his palms in gasshō bowed and said, “Who treats this piece of paper that comes from the Buddha so shamefully.” Generally, since he thought that even things like a scrap of paper came from the Buddha and treated it as such. Shōnin Rennyō was never careless in what he did or say. This was taken from Shōnin Jitsunyo’s records.

When I was at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley a few weeks ago, I met Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara as we were both in the kitchen for breakfast. During our casual conversation, I found out that he really enjoys the stories and sayings of Rennyō in the above text and asked me to send him our translation from 1986. I asked Kuwahara sensei what he thought of the above story, especially Rennyō’s comment, “this piece of paper that comes from the Buddha.” For someone unfamiliar with Jodo Shinshu, wouldn’t this sound like the Buddha created the paper? Kuwahara sensei compared Rennyō’s statement with the expression, “Mottai-nai.”

We are all enabled to live through profound causes and conditions. We are also brought to death by profound causes and conditions. A deep appreciation of the significance of this birth-and-death process and our brief life span is constantly addressed by Rennyō (remember, he is the author of the epistle “On the White Ashes”). The often-used Buddhist expression “profound causes and conditions” is another way of expressing the basic truths of impermanence and interdependence. To live is to live interdependently and to live interdependently is to live at the expense of other forms of life. It is not that we deserve what we receive. Consequently, we should humbly treat with reverence even a scrap of paper and not waste it. To waste it is to disregard its life for our own selfish reasons (maybe laziness or carelessness). This is “Mottai-nai.”

The most important Buddhist practice or expression of Mindfulness of the Buddha is the nembutsu. All things are manifesting boundless wisdom and compassion, even a scrap of paper, even a soda can, even a plastic bag. Let us honor them by recycling and conserving. Yes, to live is to live at the expense of other forms of life (“Mottai-nai”) but we don’t have to promote and relish the fact. This is why we say, “Itadakimasu.”

**Excellent essays on all the Japanese words used in this article can be found in the late Rev. Chijun Yakumo’s excellent book “Thank You: Namo Amida Butsu” available in our Betsuin library.*

Obutsudan for Adoption at Seattle Betsuin We have acquired many relinquished Obutsudan that need good Jodo Shinshu homes. They are old and need refurbishing. If you are interested in adopting an antique obutsudan for your home, ask for a viewing to see the sizes and shapes we have available. Irene is available most Sundays at noon to show them to you. Each obutsudan has a suggested donation amount for adoption starting at \$50. – Irene Goto





Health Monitoring --- Betsuin? Blood pressure 130/76, cholesterol 220 (ouch), Colonoscopy check (yup) these are readings related to our personal fitness. For these we see a physician and receive these data points at various times in our lives. Sangha members attending Sunday service (English and Japanese), Dharma school children learning about the Nembutsu, and current active members of the temple are indicators of the health of your Seattle Buddhist Church. The members of the Board take notice of these points each year to provide a picture of the health of the temple and project its fitness going forward. Every year there is a budget forecast made to plan programs, ensure that there is a full-time minister available for these programs and maintain the facility we identify as the Seattle Betsuin. We have been fortunate to have great members leading the temple for one hundred and ten years.

My personal vision is to position our temple for the next Centennial; it will become a reality with tomorrow's leadership possessing the desire and conviction to see the Betsuin into that future. In order to arrive there, new leaders will need to share a common goal with their Sangha friends and to continue the growth in the coming years. Whether temple leaders are found at the Scout, Camp Fire, KSP, Chibichan, Dharma School, SBBWA, ABA, JR/SR YBA, Choir, Taiko or other groups not yet developed, remember that the Betsuin provides support for each leader. So seriously consider stepping up; take your turn in using your potential to be a leader. There are those who already have the capabilities; please don't wait; the time is now...

Gassho paul

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association *Submitted by Joan Nakano*

SBBWA President's Message

- On Friday, September 16, four members of the SBBWA, Fran Shintaku, Kazumi Shimizu, Suzuko Terada, Terrie Tanino and Shizue Yahata prepared a meal for Orion Center. Thanks to Fran Shintaku for her leadership and efficient organization.
 - Joan Nakano, Joyce Kato and Shizue Yahata attended the FBWL delegates meeting on Saturday, October 8, in San Jose, CA.
 - The 2012 FBWL Convention will be held at the Doubletree, San Jose. The dates are October 12, 13, and 14, 2012.
 - Under the leadership of Tish Oye, the members (Tish, Yoshie Dodobara, Kazumi Shimizu, Nori Suguro and Miyoko Tazuma) of the SBBWA Hospitality Committee take time out of their busy schedules to make sure that the temple lounge is ready for our guest speakers and have tea ready on Sunday morning for our guest ministers.
- Thank you, ladies. Submitted by Shizue Yahata

SBBWA Activity Report Submitted by Mabel Nishizaki On Wednesday, November 2, from 10:00 am to noon, Cho Shimizu, SHIBA volunteer, will give a preview of upcoming healthcare and prescription changes for 2012. Please prepare your Medicare questions prior to this workshop. This class is open to all Betsuin members as well as the general public. A sign up sheet is posted in front of the office.

SBBWA Calendar

- Wednesday, November 2
Medicare Update Workshop
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| Sunday, November 6 | SBBWA Board Meeting |
| Sunday, November 20 | SBBWA General Membership Meeting (Sokai) Luncheon for SBBWA Board of Directors (Irokai) |
| Tuesday, November 22 | SBBWA Keiro Visitation at 10:00 am followed by the monthly Keiro Service at 10:30 am |
| Sunday, November 27 | SBBWA Board Meeting |

Camp Fire USA submitted by Grace Tazuma Discovery 6/7 submitted by Dana Nakashima

The group's Blanket and Towel Drive, benefitting the Regional Animal Shelter of King County, is running during the month of October. Tiffany, Lauren and Alison are coordinating the drive. We encourage all Temple families to bring old towels and blankets for the Shelter to use in their kennels. Drop off donations in the marked boxes in the Church foyer or Chapel.

Sunday, October 2, the girls began sewing beads and patches onto black sashes. These sashes will be worn as part of the uniform, along with their happi coats, for special Camp Fire events.

On October 16, the girls began learning to knit. Guest instructor, Kiko, began teaching the girls a basic knit stitch. The girls each received a pair of wooden knitting needles and a skein of fun-colored yarn. Their goal is to knit infant-sized hats that they'll donate to newborns at Madigan Army hospital. →



**Camp Fire will be having a Bake Sale
during the Bodhi Day potluck on December 4.
We will be accepting contributions of baked goods
before service in the gym.
Thank you in advance for your help!**



Study Groups at Seattle Buddhist Temple submitted by Laverne Imori

First Saturday Study Group: In place of its regular November Study Group session, all participants and Sangha members are invited to attend Reverend Gregory Gibbs' seminar titled: "Becoming Buddhist, Becoming Buddha." The seminar will be held in Memorial Hall Chapel between 10 AM and 4 PM. Please see the article related to this seminar in the newsletter or on the website. We will re-schedule discussion of Reverend Kenneth Tanaka's Book, Pure Land Buddhism, to early next year.

On December 3, the First Saturday Study Group, will read and discuss Dr. Jeff Wilson's book, Buddhism of the Heart: Reflections on Shin Buddhism and Inner Togetherness. The book is available new online for \$12.59; used from \$5.98; the electronic version for \$9.99. We will meet between 9:30 and 11:30 for discussion then have lunch and conversation afterward. Please bring your own lunch.

Third Tuesday Study Group: On Tuesday, October 18, Rinban Don Castro will lead a discussion at the Third Tuesday Study Group on the significance and meaning of the Juseige. Although we chant this sutra almost every Sunday, many of us do not understand what we are chanting or why we chant the Juseige. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a most enlightening conversation.

There is no registration fee for the study group sessions. However, donations are always welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rinban Don Castro by calling the temple office or Laverne Imori at limori@comcast.net.

"Practice No Practice: Discover, clarify and share our experiences of Shin Buddhism." That was the theme of the Fall Retreat held September 23-25, at the Bastyr University Campus in Bothell. As the program promised, each participant had the opportunity to move from a conceptual understanding of Shin Buddhism to experiencing Shin Buddhism personally through introspection, discussion and sharing with other Fellow Travelers. We are grateful to the Retreat Committee with special thanks to Gail Kaminishi for her energetic leadership. We are grateful to the Tanino Foundation for its generous financial support in sponsoring Dr. Akahoshi's seminars this year. And, finally, we are grateful to Dr. Kenji Akahoshi who brought his years of training and experience to put together a most wonderful experience for us. *Okagesama de....domo arigato gozaimasu.*



Dharma School hosted the Hatsumairi celebration on October 16. We all would like to welcome the new kids and their families! Thank you for participating in our Hatsumairi or first visit to temple ceremony. Also thanks go out to the volunteers who helped with the festivities, including picture taking, service program, certificates, and refreshments.

1st/2nd Grade kids have been learning and doing lots. We created gratitude journals which we will be writing in throughout the year. They are grateful for everything! We talked a bit about temple etiquette and played out some situations with fish puppets that we made. Finally we have begun a discussion about the Golden Chain. The kids decorated figures of themselves which we have made into an "I am a link..." poster. They also came up with good ways to keep themselves "bright and strong" by eating right and studying hard!

Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

ABA is pleased to present a

**Film Showing of Cal and Victoria Lewin's Documentary
"My Great Grandfather's Drum"
On Sunday, November 20, at
12:30pm in the gym**



Bring your friends and family to see this touching film. It has been aired on PBS Hawaii, here at Akimatsuri and soon to be shown at the Yamagata Film Festival.

The Lewins will be here to hold a brief question and answer session and we will be selling the DVD. Proceeds go to Maui Taiko, the Jodo Shinshu Center and to the Japan Relief. This DVD will make a great gift for friends and family. We ask a donation of \$3 per person at the door.

From the Lewins: The documentary Great Grandfather's Drum celebrates Japanese-American culture and history in Hawai'i. It is a century-long story of struggle and success; of harsh labor on the plantations, internment and patriotic heroism during World War II, asserting civil rights, and helping to establish statehood for Hawai'i. Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Hawai'i preserved Japanese traditions and created a unique blending of culture and community in Hawai'i.

Other news: the next mahjong lesson will be on Sunday, November 27, at noon in the library. Everyone is welcomed to learn or play. *Submitted by Gail Kaminishi*

**Musical Notes: Please plan to attend
the 3rd Annual Family Music Service
on Thanksgiving Weekend
Sunday, November 27, 2011**

The special program this year will include the ukelele group leading the Sangha in a familiar tune. The Betsuin choir will sing new music from Japan. Temple musicians of all ages including the Dharma School Ensemble will be participating, so please arrive promptly to get the full experience of the program planned! - Kemi Nakabayashi

**The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations –
September - October 2011**

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Joseph Hamanaka – Funeral Service	\$ 500
Dick Hara - Nokotsudo	\$ 300
Osao "Ossie" Tsuchikawa – Memorial Service	\$ 150

Given by:

Yoko Hamanaka
Reiko Hara
Frances Kobayashi, J. Harada & S&T Wright

Remembrances for:

Ruth Aoki	Yukio & Karen Morikubo
Paul Tomita, Sr.	Yukio & Karen Morikubo
Theodore Tomita, Sr.	Yukio & Karen Morikubo
Teruo Yorita	Hiro & Dorothy Nishimura

Given by:

Yukio & Karen Morikubo
Yukio & Karen Morikubo
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Hiro & Dorothy Nishimura

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 11:00AM
SEATTLE BETSUIN'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Please plan to attend the **Seattle Betsuin's Annual General Membership Meeting**. The meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 11:00am in the Hondo**.

The Betsuin will present its reports and those of its affiliated organizations, outlining activities and finances of each group. The Betsuin's fiscal year 2011 budget will be presented for approval and the results of this year's Board of Directors election will be announced. The floor will be open for questions and any other business.

On behalf of the SBC Membership Committee...

We would like to **"thank"** the following regular members, for contributing at least the minimum annual Ijikai dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). This is a list of those paid members that have posted dues since the last newsletter posting.

Steven, Aisaka, Jim & Louise Akizuki, Mark & Sarah Aoki- Fordham, Ardith Beitel, Lisa Butler, Suzanne Elizer, Kelly Enstrom, Nobuichi & Sachiko Fujita, Alan & Fumi Groves, Ron Hamakawa, Frances Hamanishi, Rob Hamatani, Reiko Hara, Nelson Harano, Takashi Hori, Kenneth & Pam Horn, David Ichikawa, Takeo & Mary Katayama, Ed & Joyce Kato, Gary & Madeline Kato, Masako Kawamoto, Paul & Jaent Knutzen, Jeff Ko & Tina Zumoto-Ko, Frances Kobayashi, Kris & Keiko Kosugi, Shizuka La Grange, Joe Matsuzaki, Howard Luke & Marie Kosai-Luke, Yoshie Mikami, Paul & Teresa Mori, Ken & Jean Moriyama, Ernest & Sunnie Nagai, Fumiko Nakamura, Kiyoko Nakanishi, , Junko Nakano, Akira Nakashima, Craig & Dana Nakashima, Ryan & Stacy Nakata, Curtis & Charlene Nakayama, Hiro & Dorothy Nishimura, Donna Nobuyama, Stephanie Ojima, Nancy Okawa, Gary & Debbie Shibata, Ken Shigaya, Gayle Sordetto, Ken Takemura & Jill Williams, Susie Taketa, Elmer Tazuma, Florence Terami, Margaret Teramoto, Michael & Gayle Teramoto, Gary & Julianne Tosaya, Fumiko Yamaguchi, Ronald & Kiyoko Yoshida

We'd like to 'welcome' Suzanne Elizer as a new member of our Sangha

(NOTE: This is not the final posting of our 2011 membership list. Our posting list will appear in the next newsletter. THANK YOU, EVERYONE for your continued support!)

Help Wanted to record dharma talks and presentations for broadcast from our website and for screenings at the temple. Instruction and equipment are available; all that is needed is your time. Please see Alan Hoshino for details. -Irene Goto

CAMP FIRE and JR. YBA FUNDRAISER

Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire and YBA organizations are selling reusable, 14"x17" bags as a fundraiser and to help the environment. They are black with the sagarifuji design in gold and sell as 1 bag for \$3.00 or 2 bags for \$5.00. Purchase in the foyer on Sundays or Temple office. - HL





HATSUMAIRI for four children took place during Sunday service on October 16, 2011. They were introduced to the sangha on their first official visit to the temple by Rimban Castro and Reverend Jim Warrick. They were Elena Keiko, Ethan, Max, and Kai Ishimaru. Their parents vowed: *I make this solemn vow to do all in my power to guide the spiritual growth of my child according to the high ideals as set forth in the Teachings of the Buddha. Namo Amida Butsu, Namo Amida Butsu, Namo Amida Butsu.*
 – IG



Seattle Buddhist Church
 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144
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 presents a seminar with



Reverend Jundo Gregory Gibbs
*Becoming Buddhist, Becoming Buddhas,
 Liberating All Beings*

Saturday, November 5, 2011

10 AM – 4 PM at Seattle Betsuin’s Memorial Hall Chapel
Please bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided.

This seminar will be based on Reverend Gibbs’ recently published book, *Becoming Buddhist, Becoming Buddhas, Liberating All Beings*. He will cover topics relating Jodo Shinshu teachings to everyday living and will explore how, as Buddhists, we can learn to reflect on our values and remain mindful of what is really important to us. Reading the book is not a pre-requisite to attending the seminar, but copies are available for \$22 each by contacting Rinban Castro through the Temple Office.

Reverend Gibbs is completing his tenth year as Resident Minister of the Oregon Buddhist Temple in Portland. Prior to his assignment in Portland, he served at the Los Angeles Betsuin for seven years. Reverend Gibbs was born in Santa Rosa, California, raised in Fresno, and graduated from Fresno State College with a BA in Philosophy. It was at FSC where he began his studies in Buddhism. He went on to receive his Master of Jodo Shinshu Studies and MA in Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies and the Graduate Theological Union. Further studies included a year of Japanese language and two years at the Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin Seminary in Kyoto. Reverend Gibbs and his wife, Kyoko, have two sons, Sho Michael and Ren Ian.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a most enlightening day. There is no registration fee, but donations, (to SBC Religious Department), to help offset the costs associated with the seminar are greatly appreciated.

Please join us for a no-host dinner after the seminar at 5:30 PM at South China Restaurant in Bellevue. Indicate on the registration form if you plan to attend the dinner.

Registration Form - Please print

Seminar with Reverend Jundo Gregory Gibbs – November 5, 2011
Becoming Buddhist, Becoming Buddhas, Liberating All Beings

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Will you be joining us for dinner at South China Restaurant at 5:30? Yes No Return completed registration to the Temple Office by Wednesday, **November 2, 2011**. Donation Enclosed? \$ _____

Notes on Dharma Exchange *Dharma Exchange takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. after Sunday Service in the dining room. All are welcome to attend this opportunity for discussion and questions typically led by Reverend Castro, Reverend Warrick, or Minister's Assistants Joe Schwab, Laverne Imori or Irene Goto.*

9-25. Rev. Warrick was in charge of DX. Jack M. was invited to discuss a paper he gave to Jim sensei about his 1976 by-pass surgery. Kiyo T. had asked him to write a piece on it. It was early in the by-pass game and Jack was unsure about the outcome, but finally became resigned to going forward. Later, he became grateful to those who developed the surgery as he had a good result. A participant said many dogs were involved in perfecting the heart-lung machine, which takes over when the heart is no longer circulating blood during surgery.

10-9. Irene, MA, read a Jataka Tale about procrastination during the kids' Dharma talk. Through a tale she skillfully was able to engage them in understanding the implications of being late and how so many others are impacted by our carelessness. . . Laverne, MA, brought forth Rinban Castro's talk this morning about Metta, lovingkindness, and professional sports. Those of us who already have a Buddhist name talked about them at DX. . . Nelson H. referred to the late Steve Jobs of Apple who was a Zen Buddhist. Six years ago Jobs spoke at the Stanford graduation, and put across the idea that we have to die to make space for the new living. . . A participant asked the question, "What one thing would you change in your life?"

10-16. Irene G. ran the DX today and indicated Socho Ogui would be retiring soon. She read a piece from *Wheel of Dharma* of 1993 by Rev. Ogui, describing a man who was not a member of Rev. Ogui's temple, but had a lot of complaining to air. . . Irene asked the group if they thought the word "hakujiin" was insulting as indicated in a recent *Wheel of Dharma* story by a female Jodo Shinshu minister. This minister thought we should stop using the word. The answer was no, nobody felt insulted. Rev. Julie liked the 1993 article and indicated "gaijin" and "yellow" bothered her. She suggested we need to think about those terms. . .

Rinban Castro suggested we respond to the "Jodo Shinshu in America Survey" mentioned in the 2011 October issue of *Wheel of Dharma*, page 6.. See the address listed in the article for the web-based version. The survey will be helpful for the BCA in making future plans, and is part of fulfilling a masters degree for Anne Spencer of Idaho.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow



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- CBE Vehicle Donation Program - Donate your unwanted vehicles. Please find forms and details on the CBE wikisite. This is an easy way of donating to CBE. Pick up of vehicles and DMV paperwork is taken care of. Thank you to the generous donors so far!
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Pacific Seminar 21st Century in 2012

will be on

July 6-8, 2012

at the Jodo Shinshu Center.

Guest Speaker Dr. Mark Blum.

Co-presented by the Institute of Buddhist Studies and CBE

