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How Stories Lead to Teachings

When I was growing up in Kailua, there were a number of times that groups of students or certain factions would ostracize and pick on a new student who came to the school for the first time, simply because he or she was new and therefore “looked” different or “acted differently” from the other so-called kids in the school. Actually, the presence of the new student upset the normal routine of the daily occurrences at the school and so now campus life was going to be a little different from what the rest of the class was used to. They now had to contend with something they were not used to, something out of the normal routine activities of the class structure. This usually continued until the rest of the class realized that instead of being a threat to what they were used to, in fact the new student may actually enhance the activity of the class. Finally, the new student was accepted as one of them.

There is a well-known story about a man named Bennen of Mt. Itajiki in present day Ibaragi Prefecture. About 800 years ago, while Shinran was living in the Kanto area, he frequently took the pathways of Mt. Itajiki to get to the other side of the mountain to propagate his Jodo Shinshu teachings.

Bennen, who was a mountain ascetic or a *Yamabushi*, was increasingly getting envious of Shinran because he

was losing a great number of believers of his magic who were gravitating to the teachings that Shinran was propagating in that area.

So Bennen, out of frustration, jealousy and bitter anger, decided to confront Shinran and even considered taking his life if the situation warranted. Bennen laid in wait along the mountain path many times, but was never able to meet up with him.

He became increasingly frustrated, and decided to confront him at his home in Inada. But when Bennen approached Shinran, and met him face-to-face, Shinran's true, honest and real humanness of compassion struck Bennen's heart, and in realizing his arrogant, selfish and foolish attitude, and repenting in his evil intention, he immediately asked Shinran to take him as his disciple. Bennen was given a new name, Myoho-bo and lived the next 30 years of his life truly rejoicing in the nembutsu teachings.

He had described his new life of peace embraced in the Compassion of Amida Buddha in a poem carved on a rock on Mt. Itajiki:

*The mountains remain the same,
As do the trees and streams....
All that has changed
Is my heart.*

A parallel in the bible speaks of a man named *Saul* who was hell bent on persecuting believers of Christ.



On the way to Damascus, he was stopped by a blinding light that said, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” Saul asked, “Who are you?” and the reply came that he was Jesus and so he followed him into the city and soon his zeal in persecuting Christians was re-channeled into preaching the Gospel. He was renamed Paul and became one of the apostles.

This relationship may be compared to Saul and Paul. Saul was a man bent on persecuting Jesus. Paul was a man who faithfully followed the footsteps of Jesus. Are these two men different or the same? The same relationship is seen in the life of Shinran. Bennen may correspond to Saul in that he was bent on persecuting Shinran. Myoho-bo known as Bennen before he was converted by Shinran, would correspond to Paul. Is Bennen different from Myoho-bo or is he the same?

According to T’an-Luan’s reasoning, they are different and the same in that the meaning of “birth” is a spiritual transformation that takes place in man’s mind at the experience of conversion. Of course, although T’an-Luan did not know either Saul or Bennen, the teachings are nevertheless the same.

It is through stories like this that we come to the realization that we are truly embraced by the Buddha and are very fortunate to have come to be exposed to so many good teachers along the way.

GEMS FROM THE 105th LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



Representing Moiliili Hongwanji at the 105th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) held on February 10-11 at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii were Rev. Bert Sumikawa, Kerry Kiyohara Sensei, Rose Nakamura, Raymond Takiue, Jr., Roy Masuda, and myself. Also attending was MHM member, Rev. Thomas Okano (retired). We were there among 140 Statewide

Jodo Shinshu ministers, leaders, delegates, observers, guests, and two representatives from the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). The morning opening services, Dharma messages, presentations, reports, rap session, group sessions, resolutions, discussions, and the Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Luncheon and

Program were, in turn, invigorating, enriching and filled with “Nembutsu Moments.”

Talks by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and State Kyodan President Pieper Toyama emphasized and focused on making changes, breaking out of our comfort zones, and taking action now. The following are some of the **GEMS** we gathered over the course of the Giseikai:

- The importance of all temples to be more Dharma centered organizations with high priority on being inclusive through connecting, sharing and partnering with others
- Embrace everyone just the way they are; there are people looking for a place to belong, where they can listen to the Dharma
- Jodo Shinshu is a religion of relationships built on kindness, respect, and compassion; we need to show these behaviors
- Take the Three Treasures seriously to help guide us in all situations
- Integrate Buddhist teachings in daily life – concepts of compassion, interdependence, gratitude, awareness of “bonbu nature” (foolish beings), “ondobo ondogyo” (we are all Jodo Shinshu fellow travelers), “ichigo ichie” (precious, unrepeatable moment), and “namu amida butsu moments” (find joy in the sound of namu amida butsu, learn to say it naturally)
- Take notes during temple service and make a collection of passages to remember, to reflect on, or to share
- Movement toward becoming a more youth-oriented organization; connect with youth
- There must be dialogue and collaboration between minister and lay leaders; we are all equal and all humans, including ministers
- Update yourself by checking websites of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, as well as other Hawaii or mainland Jodo Shinshu temples

It was heartwarming to feel the energy and enthusiasm of President Toyama and his commitment of working closely together with Bishop Matsumoto. Together they presented insightful and practical ways of working better at our temples NOW.

I would like to express our appreciation to our MHM Board of Directors for sponsoring our attendance to this year’s Giseikai. We would like to invite our young and new Board members to attend the 106th Giseikai in 2018. It’s a great learning Jodo Shinshu experience!

Nancy Shimamoto, President



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Love is in the air! It is Valentine's Day, the sweetest time of year! We celebrated this special occasion with stories and songs of friendship, crafts and cookies to decorate. When children were asked, **"What does Valentine's Day mean to you?"** some replied: "Being nice to your friends", "Love", "Loving mommy and daddy" and "Playing and sharing nicely with everyone". I guess Valentine's Day should be everyday!

To avoid the hustle and bustle of the Chinese New Year crowd, we visited Chinatown on February 9, a week after Chinese New Year. It is always fun to walk around Chinatown and look at the interesting food, the many displays and the brightly colored decorations that each store has. The best part is stopping for a snack, or two – manapua, candied fruits, look funn or shrimp chips. Everything was so yummy!

Before leaving, we visited Senia, a new restaurant that recently opened. Christopher Kajioka, father of student, Cade, is chef/owner of this beautiful restaurant. He welcomed all of us and offered everyone these amazing chocolate chip cookies. Some of us wanted to stay for more and one child even asked for spaghetti! Parents wanted to stay for dinner! It was a beautiful day spent in Chinatown!

We are looking forward to our Grandparents and Senior Day on February 17. It is always a pleasure to have our grandparents spend this special time with their grandchildren. This second annual event will include a performance by the children, a make and take craft session and lunch for all. It should be a wonderful day spent with wonderful people who are much loved and appreciated and who are always doing so much for the children!

Rev. Sumikawa presents his Dharma message, "The Spirit of Dana"



On January 29, Project Dana at Moiliili Hongwanji observed its 28th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Service. Rev. Bert Sumikawa, Resident Minister gave an inspiring Dharma talk on the "Spirit of Dana". Here are excerpts from his talk:

"... we are here to pay tribute to and acknowledge the selfless acts of courage and gifts of heart and spirit to those members of our society in need. These gifts of Dana, day in and day out help to lessen the suffering of those in need and make life just a bit easier to sustain. Please let's put our hands together in gassho as I read the words of Rev. Chikai Yosemite:

Service to others is Faith in Action. The act of Dana is part of our life and in Jodo Shinshu it is to place oneself in the position of another and give service with joy and gratitude. This is the person of Shinjin. Your suffering is my suffering and your happiness is my happiness, for it is the nature of Buddhahood to be compassionate. Namo Amida Butsu.

... But, what is Dana, after all? The short answer is that it means to share and give whatever we think we possess. Dana can be done by material, time, space, knowledge, energy, information, a skill, a smile, kind words, and much much more. All what we think we possess can be the object of Dana.

Dana gives us positive energy. Whatever we give, the action of giving produces positive energy. Let me give you a small example. Let's say a salesperson spends extra time to find something pretty, like a dress for a customer. At the moment the customer takes the dress, this salesperson feels positive energy, not because she is giving it to the customer for free or at a great price, but because of her giving of "extra time". Even if we do Dana to show off to be a good person, it gives a certain amount of positive energy. So why does the action of Dana give pleasure and positive energy? Dana is giving up the possession of the mind, not from the object, the place of the matter. When you let go and give something with a genuine mind, it necessarily gives you positive energy. This is the effect of genuine giving. This is how genuine Dana works.

....It is the nature of Dana that produces positive energy. Dana gives happiness, and *that is the way it is*.

It's an important day, important to recognize the contributions of all the people that make our Kyodan possible and lessen the sufferings of people in need. So on this day of observance of the volunteers both the Project Dana and members of Moiliili Hongwanji and the larger community as well that give of themselves we thank each and every one of you for making the Hongwanji in Hawaii what it is today, and for the gift of a smile, of a hand, that shows how valuable and important each and every one we touch is to all of us, as we lift up their spirits, and in turn, our gratitude for their gifts to us, a symbiotic relationship, for in order to have a giver, there must be a receiver, and to have a receiver, there must be a giver."

If you are interested in Rev. Sumikawa's entire Dharma talk, please contact the Project Dana office at 945-3736.

Blessings of Caregiving



**Martha's parents,
Frankie & Jesse Gentle**

Blessings of Caregiving". In reading her article, with her chosen words, you felt the love and admiration Martha has for her parents. Her experience of caregiving was not of sadness or unhappiness but one of gratitude, inspiration, and appreciation. Copies of the magazine

Martha Samson, long time Moiliili Hongwanji Member and Project Dana volunteer (25 years) was asked to contribute an article for the Generations Magazine (vol. 7/1, Feb./Mar 2017) issue. She titled the article "The Unexpected

are available in the Annex Hall, so please take time to read Martha's heartwarming article. Thank you Martha for sharing your experiences of caring for your parents.

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thank you to members who provided the delicious refreshment for the Hoonko (Shinran Shonin Memorial) Service on January 22. A highlight was the special refreshment (otoki) of mazegohan, kanten, and yokan which was also delivered to about 30 homebound elders. What a wonderful opportunity for a friendly visit!

Dana Day was observed in February by Hongwanji BWAs worldwide. Mahalo to members for your generous dana. Donations will be forwarded to the Honolulu United BWA which makes awards to charitable agencies that do wonderful work for the welfare of our community.

As reported in the January issue of the newsletter, Karen Kikukawa requested to be relieved from office of President due to family responsibilities. Lois Ohta will continue to lead us as President for 2017. Also there was an error in the names of the auditors listed--the auditors for 2017 are Satsuye Tanaka and Anne Kawabata.

The BWA will be making spam musubi, mazegohan and inarizushi for the Hawaii Betsuin's Taste of Hongwanji Spring Bazaar on March 26. Our Kyodan will also be making ono things to sell. There will be no service at Moiliili so let's all go to this fundraiser and support the Hawaii Betsuin, our temple and BWA.

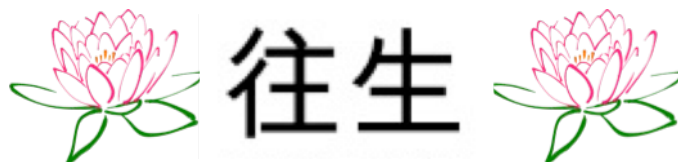
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THE WHITE WAY NEEDS YOU

We need volunteers to write articles, take photos, design, layout, collate, mail, and distribute this newsletter. Did you know that The White Way reaches more than 400 people around the world? For our students, this would be great practice for that all important essay section on your college applications!

If you're interested or have any questions, please email Martha at communications@moiliilihongwanji.org.

BORN INTO THE PURE LAND

Moiliili Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the following who have recently passed away:

- Wayne Jun Tsukazaki, 54, on Jan. 14
- Sumiyo Oda Wannomae, 72, on Jan. 19
- Edward Wataru Hanaumi, 86, on Jan. 21
- Patricia Mieke Suenaga, 70, on Jan. 22
- Asae Fujitani "Mary" Shimokawa*, 93, on Jan. 24

May the Nembutsu provide solace to family members in this time of sorrow. (* indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)

YESS CAMP 34

YESS Camp 34 will be held on April 14-16, 2017, at Camp Kokokahi on Oahu and is open to anyone aged 13 to 23 years old who is interested in learning more or growing deeper in Buddhism.



New Gojikai Members!



Welcome 2016 New Gojikai Members: Kunito & Ritsuko Kunimura, Henry Sims, Dr. Fujio Matsuda, Iris Wasa-Uehisa, Walter & Ellen Inouye, Kazuko Stone, Mabel Shimabukuto, Gale & Yoshiko Young.

MOILILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2017

- 4 8:30AM Spring Seminar
Rev. David Fujimoto
- 5 9AM Sunday Service/Monthly Remembrance
Guest Speaker: Rev. David Fujimoto
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 12 9AM Sunday Service/Spring Ohigan
Guest Speaker: Rev. Brian Siebuhr/Hilo Betsuin
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 14-15 BSC Spring Seminar
Prof. Naoki Nabe
- 19 9AM Sunday Service
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 20-27 Preschool Spring Break/Preschool Closed
- 26 8:30AM Taste of Hongwanji/Betsuin
9AM Sunday Service is CANCELLED

APRIL 2017

- 2 9AM Hawaii Buddhist Council / Hanamatsuri
- 9 9AM MHM Hanamatsuri Service
Guest Speaker: Rev. Noriaki Fujimori, Palolo Higashi Hongwanji
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 14 **Preschool Closed for Good Friday**
- 16 9AM Sunday Service
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 23 BWA Eshinni/Kakushinni Service
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 30 9AM Sunday Service
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES & CLUBS

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| Mondays 10AM | Quilting |
| Mondays 5:15PM | Zumba |
| Tues/Thu 8AM | Shoshinge Chanting |
| Tuesdays 9AM | Adult Fitness & Falling Safety |
| Tuesdays 6:30PM | Meditation Service |
| 1 st Wed. 10AM | Japanese Grief Support Group |
| 2 nd /4 th Wed. 10AM | Japanese Dharma Class |
| Thursdays 9:30AM Ikebana | |
| Thursdays 5:30PM | Zumba |
| Fridays 1PM | Conversational Japanese |

For More Information: Temple Office (808) 949-1659

Subject to Change: Please call the Temple Office to confirm times & dates of any event.

Ikebana



Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM is flower arranging time! Led by Mrs. Michiko Okano, a master instructor of the Saga-goryu school, the class is open to anyone with an interest in this ancient art of Japan, and is taught in English and Japanese. The beautiful arrangements adorn the altars of the temple so feel free to join our Sunday service at 9:00 AM if you would



like to view the arrangements!

Dharma School Visits Mouna Farms

On February 26th, the Moiliili Dharma School visited Mouna Farms in Waianae. Mouna is a Sanskrit word meaning “Inner Silence”.

~ THE HEART ~

*The Heart is Everything.
The Heart of Mouna is to Love and
care for the Self,
For the land and for one another.
The Heart of Mouna is expressed
Through gratitude for the Self,
For the land and for one another.
The Heart of Mouna is achieved
Through Inner Silence;
The knowina of your true Self.*



MOILIILI HONGWANJI "LEGENDS" TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT

From the 1st MOILIILI HONGWANJI LIVING LEGENDS to the infamous LEGENDS IV production, 2017's Shinnen Enkai (New Year's Party) will long live in our hearts!

Kudos to Event Coordinator and emcee Cheryl Yasunaga for making all the arrangements and

organizing a fantastic program! Temple members, former ministers and their wives, guests, and friends enjoyed the fellowship, scrumptious luncheon buffet and memorable entertainment at our friendly neighborhood restaurant, Willows, on Sunday, February 19.

Earlier in the day, regular Sunday service, arranged by Dharma Chair Lily Masuda with emcee Bert Matsuoka was held at the temple.

Following the Dharma Message by resident minister Rev. Bert Sumikawa, new members were introduced (see separate list) and this year's keirokai (80 year olds) were recognized. Those in attendance and celebrating their 80th birthday this year included **Mrs. Nancy Hironaka, Rev. Thomas Okano, Roy Shimamoto and Rev. Bert Sumikawa**. They were gifted with an insulated bag, box of chocolates, box of Salonpas and happy sounds of laughter.



New Keirokai Members: Roy Shimamoto, Nancy Hironaka, Rev. Bert Sumikawa & Rev. Thomas Okano

Hikariyama, Japanese Enka Singer from Waipahu, performed several numbers for us in full kimono attire. His nostalgic old-style Japanese songs brought back warm memories to many of our Nisei members. Tevita offered a limited number of CD's for sale; also available on Amazon.

Six temple members were individually recognized and celebrated as our **First Moiliili Hongwanji Living Legends**. Each has used his/her skills, talents, leadership, experiences, and time, contributing to our Jodo Shinshu Ohana and our larger community. The honorees were –

- **MICHIKO MOTOOKA** – (presented by Donna Higashi) for her more than 25 years of sending birthday cards to members 77 years or older; accompanied our Preschoolers on her ukulele for close to 30 years; changed the water in the flower vases weekly in the columbarium for nearly 20 years; led the Happy Strummers for 25 years; has been accompanying our ministers to Maunalani Nursing Center for 20 years. AMAZING!



Cheryl Yasunaga

At 10:00 a.m. President Nancy Shimamoto called the annual general membership meeting to order. A moment of remembrance was held in memory of those members who entered the Pure Land in 2016. Reports by the Minister and President were shared, and the 2017 Budget was approved. All financial reports from Moiliili Hongwanji organizations were accepted. Upon adjournment at 10:30, luncheon attendees leisurely walked over to Willows.

Our **Happy Strummers, Amanda Meade** on the flute, and soloist **Shayna Yasunaga** entertained us during lunch. After lunch special guest **Tevita Apina**, also known as Torao



Ethel Shintaku, Michi Motooka

- **ETHEL SHINTAKU** – (presented by Donna Higashi) for teaching hundreds of Dharma School students for 50 years; serving as a greeter at the temple entrance, welcoming newcomers, visitors and guests to weekly Sunday service, and introducing them to the minister and president; plays and sings with the Happy Strummers. “Small but mighty!”
- **KERRY KIYOHARA SENSEI** – (presented by Rev. Sumikawa) for sharing his background and expertise in technology, social media, marketing and public relations, bringing MHM up-to-speed; helping to create a new and improved website; embracing Shin Buddhism and completing his tokudo ordination and continuing to pursue his kyoshi studies; assisting the minister with religious services and temple functions, leading study groups in meditation and chanting. Super talented with a bright future!
- **JEANNE WATARI & ANNE KAWABATA** – (presented by Nancy Shimamoto) for working together in producing our White Way Newsletter for over 25 years; adapted to many changes in computers and printing equipment, as well as changes in ministers and expectations while running the office; coordinated work in publication and distribution with the Newsletter Committee; dedicated and committed to keeping everyone informed. Truly humble, always giving credit to others.
- **ROSE NAKAMURA** – (presented by Nancy Shimamoto) for her 28 years of service as a full-time VOLUNTEER Administrator of Project Dana; for dedicating her retirement years to Project Dana while inspiring, motivating and mentoring others of all ages; for spreading the word of volunteerism across Hawaii, the mainland and other countries as a lecturer and writer; for writing grants, conducting meetings, training sessions; recipient of numerous awards. What an honorable woman of vision and integrity!



Moiliili Hongwanji 2017 Living Legends

Roy!

- “Uptown Funk” by **CHRISTOPHER MEADE-MARS** & the Dharma Dancers shook up the house! Off stage and in front, Mom Ann Miyasaki did her moves to cue the dancers, including little Nicholas. Cute!
- “Special Political Candidate” by **LYNN “B.K.” NAKATA** was rip-roaring hilarious! Dressed like a local boy with a cap and eye glasses, Lynn portrayed the innocent former Big Island Mayor Billy Keno. She was a natural comedian, sometimes struggling with her lines because she couldn’t see through her glasses. Made it even funnier!
- “Hawaiian Supah-man” by **REVEREND “BRADDH” BERT** (Sumikawa) with his ukulele and dressed in Superman T-shirt and some kind of cloth/raffia wrap-around brought the house down! Impressive with his wig of long black strands, he flung them from side to side while strumming his uke! Playing Braddah Iz may be in his future!

More fun, cheers and laughs followed with **LEGENDS IV** produced by Ann Nakata, our in-house Director of Talents and Costume Lady. We were in for a real treat with performances by our in-house show-stoppers:

- “Crying” by **ROY ORBISON-MASUDA** – who would have thought? Wearing dark shades and playing the guitar, Roy Masuda really got into the role and mood of Roy Orbison. The distinctive, impassioned voice was all there. He even did an encore after the program was all over. You go,



Rev. “Braddah Iz” Bert

What a day! It was relaxing and filled with lots of laughter and plenty aloha! THANK YOU, everyone, for your presence. If this was any indication, we look forward to a very invigorating and innovative New Year at Moiliili Hongwanji!
By Nancy Shimamoto



Roy Orbison-Masuda



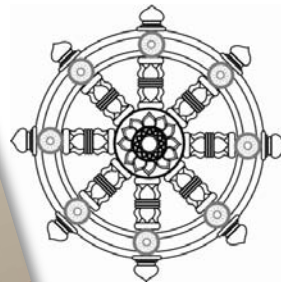
Lynn "B.K." Nakata



Enka Singer, Tevita Apina



Christopher Meade Mars and the Moiliili Dharma Dancers!



Happy Amanda Meade



Koko Ni Sachi Ari, "There is Happiness Here"

Sayonara Sensei Kerry Kiyohara



Best Wishes from your Moiliili Hongwanji Ohana!

Moiliili Hongwanji Spring Seminar



Rev. David Fujimoto, Mililani Hongwanji Mission

Saturday, March 4th from 8:30am – 12:30pm

COST: \$10.00 registration fee which includes refreshments and a light lunch.

TOPIC: “Mindfulness in the Pure Land Path.” Mindfulness, is a basic human ability to be fully present in the moment, awareness of where we are, what we are doing, and the reaction to what is going on around us. It is taking the time for what matters the most, us. Through Shinran Shōnin’s “Spiritual Model”, this seminar will attempt to investigate and consider the Practice of Nembutsu and the here and now through “Mindfulness.”

Several Mindfulness Practice activities will be introduced to help us be fully aware of the precious moment of the here and now and how appreciation and gratitude becomes the by product of being mindful.

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact our temple office at 949-1659 or email mhm@moiliilihongwanji.org.

WHITE WAY RADIO: SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 7:45AM ON KZOO AM1210

Join us on Saturdays for White Way Radio on KZOO1210 at 7:45a.m. for inspiring messages from a variety of speakers. We are truly grateful for our White Way Radio Sponsors who make it possible to share the Dharma on the air every week.

WHITE WAY BROADCAST SCHEDULE 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Sponsored By</u>
March	4 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto	Kanazawa Family
	11 Rev. Ryoso Toshima	Mrs. Alice Shiroma
	18 Rev. Shigenori Makino	Ms. Donna Higashi
	25 Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani	John & Laura Moriyama
April	1 Rev. Earl Ikeda	Harman Family
	8 Rev. Yuika Hasebe	Mrs. Wendy Nakanishi
	15 Rev. Joshin Kamuro	Mrs. Rose Nakamura
	22 Rev. David Fujimoto	Mrs. Michi Motooka
	29 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto	Mrs. Thelma Ando

Contact the Temple Office at 949-1659 if you'd like to sponsor a broadcast, be a speaker, or volunteer to help produce the weekly broadcast!

