The Necessity of Change

It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.

Charles Darwin

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An exploration of the roles that a received tradition and personal engagement play in our realization of the truth and meaning of Jodo Shinshu.

Keynote address by

Dr. Takamori Shigaraki, Professor Emeritus, Ryukoku University

and presentations by

Dr. Michael Conway of the Eastern Buddhist Society


President’s Message

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In Gaisho

Yes, I agreed to cook curry rice for 30+ Ryukoku students studying in Berkeley. I couldn’t say no to a request from Rev. Kwahara. Besides, last year I became the Branch Chief of the Northern California Ryukoku University Alumni Association, and one of its duties is to support the students. Ryukoku University was founded by the Hongwangi over 350 years ago as a seminary. It now has about 20,000 students and over 150,000 alumni throughout the world.

The branch’s annual meeting and New Year’s party was held at the Jodo Shinsu Center on January 23. Students at the Ryukoku University Berkeley Campus (RUBC) were in- vited. I spent hours cooking curry with help from Judy Kono. I used a secret ingredient to give the curry a special flavor. This secret ingredient is the key to making the food richer and tastier.

Likewise, the nembutsu is the se- cret ingredient which makes our lives richer and more meaningful. Life is whether we listen to the Dharma or not. Everyone must experience sunny days and rainy days. The nembu- buta follower, however, is able to live his or her life with more clarity, confi- dence, appreciation, and humility.

The nembutsu does not change the things that happen in our lives, but it does change our outlook on life. Even negative experiences contain seeds of appreciation for Amida’s Vow.

The nembutsu teaching truly al- lows us to see the truth about our- selves; being so deluded and expecting unreasonable things out of life. Our foolish nature brings much pain and suffering to our lives. But by listening to the teaching of Shrinan Shonin, we will be able to accept the things hap- pen in our lives and overcome diffi- culties. Let us add this secret ingre- dient to our lives by taking refuge in Amida, the True and Real Light.

Gaisho

Kodo Umezu

Bishop

By the way, my curry is known as “Umezuru Curry” and is very popular amongst our young members who at- tend CBE events – as shown in the caricature by Travis Honda, a Tech- nology Center participant.

While Charles Darwin referred to adaptation of the species, his words are just as applicable to our Buddhist Churches of America as we face declining membership. I think many people generally agree that any substantial growth will need to come from non-traditional members and that we will need to conduct business in significantly different ways. However, making these changes cannot be accom- plished without also changing our own patterns of behavior.

This is certainly not the first time we’ve heard these ideas and it will likely be an often repeated mes- sage since it’s a message that needs repeating. Just as with stories that convey the Buddha Dharma, these messages are repeated because the inherent truth behind them takes time to be truly absorbed. They’re repeated because as listeners we’re not necessarily the same people with the passing of time; we change as we age, mature, or find ourselves in different circumstances. A new mindset and perspective may allow us to find personal meaning from the same message.

It is our nature to be comfort- able with our own existence and that causes us to resist change in a changing world. It can be difficult, even very stressful, trying new things and some of that is due to a fear of the unknown. Change can also threaten the social structure in a community, so it may affect our es- tablished relationships and conse- quently threaten our comfort level.

Thus, any change must be ap- proached thoughtfully in order to help maintain a needed sense of balance.

In addressing our declining membership we should be careful not to change core Jodo Shinshu values, but we can change the way we think about these values. Rather than merely keeping these values in sight, we should have them at the forefront of our thoughts.

We should be working toward sharing the Nembutsu teaching with all people with the intent that every- one can gain a sense of peace and harmony and live a life of gratitude. Sharing the teaching is the funda- mental reason our temples exist.

We can do a better job at letting people know who we are and the tremendous benefit the Nembutsu has to offer.

One common trait in our tem- ples throughout the United States is a heartwarming kindness that goes beyond courtesy. This kind- ness is a strength that is essential to our future; how fortunate it would be for all concerned to extend this kindness to everyone who walks into our temples. Of course some of us will need to go beyond our comfort level to meet and greet newcomers but this is made easier by focusing on the warmth and fears that newcomers likely experi- ence rather than thinking about our own discomfort. We should under- stand that people come to our tem- ples for many different reasons and be responsive to their interests.

It is one thing to have ideas but something completely different to put the ideas into practice. Most ideas take a substantial amount of effort to implement. Perhaps the changes we need to make will start with the efforts of just a few people but significant change takes the combined efforts of many. It’s easi- er if we all can commit to an idea in both heart and mind. Each of us can help our temples respond to the challenge of change. Individu- ally the task seems overwhelm- ing but we have tremendous poten- tial for survival by working together.

Winter is upon us and most of the continental United States has been hit by colder than normal weather. Washington State has been no exception having endured sub-freezing nighttime temperatures the last three weeks. Fortunately an ex- perience at the end of December offered a welcome contrast to the cold spell. Our nephew, Daniel, and his family, members of the Or- ange County Buddhist Church in Southern California, were in our area for the winter holidays. One of Daniel’s sons, Kyle, had chosen to team up for the video game Mario Kart with our son-in-law, BJ. De- spite being only 5 years old, Kyle showed his concern for BJ by bravely explaining to him, “We’ll be partners when we play but I won’t be able to sit next to you. I’m going to be sitting next to my dad since he’s my best friend.” That heartwarming and inspiring words to hear!

From the Desk of

Rev. Kodo Umezu

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The history of the Arizona Buddhist Temple dates back to 1933, when the temple was established through the dedication and sacrifice of Japanese-American pioneers. With the outbreak of World War II, the temple was closed when the leaders and minister were interned. In March of 1942, the temple was accidentally destroyed by fire. Services were temporarily established in a barrack that had been brought from Phoenix to Gila River Relocation Center. The current temple building was constructed in 1946.

The Arizona Buddhist Temple will commemorate its 80th Anniversary. Our foundation left us not only the temple building but also the most esoteric treasures which are the nembutsu readings. As Amida Buddha’s Pure Land was established and fulfilled for all beings, the Ariz-

A Farewell to Fluffy

By Rev. Marvin Harada
Orange County Buddhist Church

Keiko came into our house carrying little Fluffy. She asked me, “Can we keep her?” How could we turn her down? We had grown up on a farm and we al-ways had a pet dog and at least one or two cats. We always found our way to our farm somehow. It was an easy decision to keep Fluffy.

I don’t remember who named her, but I think it was Keiko. Of all of us, Keiko would become Fluffy’s closest friend and companion, and we all loved her just the same. If there were moments when we would have to be away on business, it was al-ways Keiko’s that she jumped on. They would play together and chase each other around the bedroom and out of the window. Keiko was an evening ritual that Fluffy continued for many years.

Whenever we would go away, we had to ask different people to come over and feed and check up on her. When we would return from a trip, she would be at the front door meowing at us, welcoming us home, and run around the house and not see her in one of her usual spots.

We learned how to commu-nicate with each other. Sometimes when we would forget to refill her water dish or her food dish, she would meow and lead us to the kitchen to show us her empty dishes. Other times she would meow next to her litter box as if to say, “Can you please clean my litter box, please?”

I am sure that many of you have had a pet, cat, dog, or bird, and other animal and have experi-enced how they become a part of your family. It is no less of a loss as any member of a family to lose a pet.

After Fluffy died, we had a little service in front of our fam-ily Obutsudan, and we chanted the juisige. I turned to my kids and gave a short message. I said that when we brought Fluffy home, an abhor mortis memorized her, gave her a home, but ultimately experienced how they become a part of our family. It is no less of a loss as any member of a family to lose a pet.

All BCA temples and churches are encouraged to post their Sharing Suc-ces stories in the Wheel of Dharma. Please keep your sub-mission to less than 400 words. Related photos are appreciated.

An Apology

An earlier article regarding the Novem-ber 8, 2012 IBS Etau-No Service inadvertently included the name of Dr. Mikusen Miyuki in the list of persons memorialized. Unfortunately, Dr. Miyuki is in fact very much alive and well. IBS sincerely apologizes for any confusion or ill feelings that might have result-ed from this error.

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Available at the BCA Bookstore: “Beyond the Mushroom Cloud – Commemoration, Religion, and Responsibility After Hiroshima, Miyake Tatsuya, published by VES 2012.”

A compelling exploration through the extrapolations of hibakusha (atomic bomb survi-vors) of how the event and its victims should be remembered. Of special interest to BCA readers is the discussion of the Jodo Shinshu perspective, the predominant religion of Hi-
CBE Co-director’s Message

It’s already February, but I feel as if we just celebrated the New Year a couple of days ago...time flies. Let me introduce two future CBE events so that you can pencil them in on your calendars.

One is the Eastern Tour: Some longtime BCA members have already heard of this. It is a program in which a minister visits the Eastern District and goes from temple to temple to lead seminars and other educational activities. We started this program about 30 years ago, but for some reason it was discontinued. The CBE decided to revive it this year, and Rev. Jerry Hirano of Salt Lake Buddhist Temple graciously accepted our offer to be the speaker. The program will begin at the Cleveland Buddhist Temple on April 19 and end with activities at the Midwest Buddhist Temple on May 2. For details such as the schedule and seminar titles, please check the CBE website.

The second program will be the annual Western Tour, which invites BCA ministers across the country to visit BCA temples in different regions. This year, the tour will take place on June 22, with interviews with ministers, archival photos and rarely seen film footage from the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Collection at the Japanese American National Museum. Many BCA ministers are featured in the film and in the film production team as well.

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The Institute of Buddhist Studies & Center for Buddhist Education present:
Winter Pacific Seminar: Saturday, February 23, 2013
Los Angeles Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
815 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Path of the Nembutsu (With Dr. Takamaro Shigaraki)
Registration donation of $30 includes lunch. Deadline: February 17, 2013
Details and online registration at the BCA website

Hosted by BCA Southern District Minister’s Association & Buddhist Education Committee

Dr. Takamaro Shigaraki is a Buddhist priest and scholar, who is recognized as one of today’s leading Shin Buddhist thinkers. His many works in Japanese range from scholarly treatments of Pure Land doctrine, to ground-breaking examinations of life science and deeply personal expressions of his own encounter with religious reality. During his long academic career he also served as the President of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, for which he received the degree of Doctor of Literature and the position of Professor Emeritus of Shin Buddhist Studies. He was also the Chairman of the Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (Buddhist Promoting Foundation) in Japan, Tokyo.

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE:

A Conversation with Shigaraki-sensei

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 2:00-5:00 pm
Marriott San Mateo-San Francisco Airport Hotel
1770 South Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402

Program is open to BCA ministers, ministers emeritus and ministers’ assistants.

Please visit www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org and click on CBE for more information. These lectures are held in conjunction with the Central California District Council.

CBE 2013 Tentative Calendar of Events
(see the Jodo Shinshu Cover unless noted otherwise. Dates and programming subject to change)

February 23: Winter Pacific Seminar with Dr. Takamaro Shigaraki (at Los Angeles Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple)
February 26: A Conversation with Shigaraki-sensei has been moved to the Marriott San Mateo-San Francisco Airport Hotel
March 8-10: TechnoBuddha Conference, Belo Horizonte, Brazil (Peter Souki-San Kim)
March 16: Japanese Seminar: Rev. Eriko Eigetsu Satake with Dr. Mark Bham and Prof. Keiko Tono (MAP credit for intermediate/advanced)
July 19-21: College YBA Retreat @ San Luis Obispo Buddhist Church
August 3-4: Jodo Shinshu Continental Conference (BCC) August Workshop
September 5-7: MAP seminar beginner/intermediate: Buddhism and Psychology
October 4-5: Dharma School Teachers’ Continuing Education
October 11-13: College YBA Conference
November 2: Baby Boomers’ Seminar: Rev. Mitsu Kodani
November 5-8: International Hongwanji Overseas Propagation Exchange (IHOPE)
December 12-14: MAP seminar beginner/advanced: A Study of Shinran Shonin’s Shoshinge

Streams of Light – Shin Buddhism in America
Premieres in March 2013

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February 4 - Redley Buddhist Church
Introduction to the Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life
March 4 - Buddhist Church of Fowler
The Life and Thought of Rennyo Shonin
April 1 - Fresno Betsuin Dharma Center
The Meaning of Shakyamuni Buddha’s Seventh Step

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Takayama was covered with snow and I was moved by its beauty. The mountains with snow and I was moved by its beauty. The mountains

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Why then do I ask Shinran

I felt rather badly

A separate room was designated for

And heading to the bus stop in the snow.

To See Clearly with Open Mind

If one gazes critically upon others and forgets to look into himself he will bring tragedy upon himself. Rennyo Shoin

Buddhist Church of San Francisco

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Kodo Umeru, joined the Buddhist Church of San Francisco sangha in welcoming

Question: Why then do I ask Shinran

Because

High school

Questions?

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Fresno Betsumi Buddhist Temple

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By Rev. Hidehito Sakamoto, Reiddayt Buddhist Church

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If one walks looking far ahead and pays no attention to the ground beneath his

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A group of 30 former YBA mem-

and they conducted a meditation mo-

The Opening Service was officiated

It was quite dark by the time we

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A summary of the WYBL history was presented by Dennis Tsukagawa and Glen Tsuwaumi. And a panel discussion on “How YBA had an effect on your life” was moderated by Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka with panelists, Wilbur Takashima, Paul Tomita, Rev. Kobata, Loleen (Doi) Nakan and Craig Honda (MAP). Rev -

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being able to work with the professors and instructors helped to build on the knowledge I already had (or thought I had), and also made me want to do better. I saw that despite what I may think I know, there is always more to learn. The depth and breadth of the knowledge of our many teachers gave me new perspectives which were further expanded by the knowledge and opinions of my fellow participants of whom brought our own perspectives and experiences to the material.

After the night of the training, we participated in a Homonku service at the Nishiyama Betsuin. The homonku was a national treasure with the preface of Sogen Renou on it showing the connection so Jodo Shinshu history is obvious. (The age of the building is also obvious due to its lack of central heating. During services we would wear long underwear, robes and put small heating pads in our hats.) The service was beautifully performed. It was easy to feel a sense of connection and hallowed amongst this large group of fellow travelers (and more) for the non-Japanese. The Godensho “Shinran Shonin” was read. We had been given this information about the Godensho before the seminar. Now in Japan I always bow to the Godensho. Godensho is meant to be listened to carefully and so it is read slowly and melodically. Even though I didn’t know what was being said word for word, I was carried away by the sound of it. I experienced a profound sense of gratitude for how much it has taken to keep these teachings alive, and for everyone who enabled Jodo Shinshu teachings to continue in so many different times and locations. I opened this article with Hymn 497 from Shinin Shonin’s Hymns of the Dharma Age, many of us as the goha, Oudokukyo. It is wonderful expression of his gratitude to all of those who enabled the Dharma to reach him. All of these wonderful Jodo Shinshu great teachers, both contemporaries and those from the past, have had a major impact on my journey. I was reminded of the many people that I feel deeply indebted to in each location. Without the support of family, friends, ministers, professors, and sangha members at the different temples who allowed me to come and learn from them, I would not have made it as far as I have. I have entered into a new stage of my educational process. I am looking forward to continuing to work and learn from all of the fellow travelers of whom I was a part of, and to work and endeavor to repay and retain the connection and friendship shown to me by the others.
Three Shigiraki lectures: Los Angeles, Berkeley, San Mateo

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e, Takamori Shigiraki, noted Shin Buddhist Scholar, former president and Professor of Ryukoku University, and author of A Life of Awakening: The Heart of the Shin Buddhist Path (2007) and Heart of the Shin Buddhist Path A Life of Awakening (2013) will be the key note speaker at three major events in the Buddhist Churches of America.

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宗教の影響力が衰える一方で、科学技術は急速に進化しています。これにより、人々は情報に容易にアクセスでき、新しい知識を獲得することができるようになりました。これにより、人々の生活は大きく変化しています。

このような背景の下、人々は宗教の影響力を求める傾向が増しています。特に、若者層を中心に、宗教に興味を持つ人が増えています。これにより、宗教の影響力は再び増大する可能性があります。

今後、宗教の影響力をどのように持続的に発揮するかが重要であると考えられます。これにより、人々の生活を改善し、社会の安定を保つことが期待されます。
京都で教師教習

昨年12月に本願寺西山別院に隣接する研修施設において教師教習が行われ、米国放送教養から八名、カナダ教總から一名が参加し、教师資格を取得した。彼らは、教務期間中、約80名の日本人僧侶が教務教習生と呼ばれるために、教務は、僧侶、僧侶、僧侶の作業などの講義を受講し、各種考査に合格した。参加者たちは、「親しい友好の精神は、だれが生む」と言っている。

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