

Busshin

The Empathy Challenge

BY REV. HARRY GYOKYO BRIDGE

EMPATHY IS A CONCEPT THAT I have known about for a long time, but it is only recently that I am really coming to appreciate it. I probably was first exposed to the idea through Star Trek: The Next Generation. One of the characters, Deanna Troi, the ship's counselor aboard the starship Enterprise, was half-Betazoid. Her mother was fully

telepathic, but since she was "only" half, Troi could only sense others' emotions. So "empathy" probably wasn't the right word; instead, she was referred to as an "empath" and her abilities were "empathic."

Another aspect of empathy that I remember hearing was that it is a level above sympathy. Sympathy might be

being aware of others' feelings, with empathy consisting of the actual feeling of the emotions of others. I don't think that these are hard and fast definitions, they are probably much closer than this, and yet they still point to an aspect of empathy - the experience of the emotions of another person.

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Co-Presidents' Message

BY JON TAKAGAKI & STEVE TERUSAKI

IT'S SEPTEMBER AND LIKE-IT- or-not, another summer season has passed. We can now turn our attention to a new school year with new teachers, new classrooms and for many a new school: middle school, high school, or college or graduate school. We look forward again to be with familiar friends while also meeting new ones.

As Jon and I age, we see this cycle occurring every year: children growing up and moving onward; and we marvel at how quickly it all happens. Yes, summer is over and the pace of life seems to quicken as we look forward with nervousness to see the year-end events rapidly approaching: Fall Ohigan, Keiro-kai, Halloween, Thanks-

giving, Mochitsuki and the year-end holidays that are just around the corner.

As the new Dharma School year starts, we encourage you to bring your children and grandchildren to Dharma Family Services on Sundays at 10:00 AM. Dharma classes begin for the

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IN EARLIER ARTICLES IN THIS series, I reviewed two of the three categories of assets that comprise the financial structure of the Buddhist Church of Oakland: Operating Funds and Organizational Accounts. In the most recent article, I provided an overview of our Special Funds, which have been established by the BCO Board or by donors for specific purposes. You will recall that (a) the use of those funds is restricted to their specified purposes, (b) oversight of the funds may be specified by the donors or provided by the Board, in consultation with the donor or the donor's family when possible, (c) some funds may be set up as endowments, while others may be expended for the specified purposes until the funds are exhausted, and (d) BCO welcomes and encourages donations to any of our Special Funds or to establish new funds. In this and the following series of articles, we'll begin to look at the individual funds that comprise the Special Funds group.

The funds that are perhaps most familiar to BCO members are the three funds that we collectively call the "Education Funds," because these funds provide the resources for the scholarships that are awarded each year to graduating high school seniors at the annual Graduation Service. (I'd like to thank Robert Noguchi, current convener of the ad hoc scholarship committee, for supplemental information on each of these funds.) The three funds are:

- **The Reverend Toshio Murakami Fund.** Rev. Murakami served as BCO resident minister from 1984-86. His gift was designated to "encourage and

support young Buddhists for their pursuit of becoming good leaders in the Sangha, community and the world in the light of Namu Amida Butsu." One or more Murakami Youth Sangha scholarship awards for college-bound high school seniors are conferred each year. In 2018, the awardee was **Leila Neishi**.

- **The Nakashima/Masuyama Fund.** This fund was established by gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Nakashima, in memory of Mr. Kikutaro Nakashima, and Rev. and Mrs. Kenyu Masuyama (BCO resident minister, 1954-68 and 1986-87), and is designated to provide support for activities that advance the Jodo Shinshu teachings, including the Church's Life Enrichment Program. One or more Nakashima/Masuyama Life Enrichment scholarship awards may be conferred on graduating high school seniors each year. **Sydney Wong** was awarded this scholarship in 2018. The fund also supports activities as varied as seminars, guest speakers and other special events, and partial support for BCO members' registrations at regional and national meetings and educational events.
- **The Reverend Zuikei Taniguchi Fund.** This fund was established by Rev. Taniguchi (resident minister, 1971-83) and his family in appreciation for the kindness and support they received during their 12 years at BCO, and is designated to provide scholarship awards. One or more Taniguchi Dharma Awards, acknowledging outstanding Dharma School students upon high school gradua-

tion, may be conferred annually.

The 2018 awardee was **Alyssa Cho**.

Scholarship awards are determined each year by an ad hoc committee typically chaired by the Vice President - Religious, and including the resident minister, the church president(s), a representative of the Masuyama family, and one of the parent advisors from the Junior YBA. Other uses of these funds (most notably the Nakashima/Masuyama Fund) are determined by the Board, in consultation with donor family representatives as appropriate.

Each of these funds may be used for the intended purposes until depleted, and each may receive additional donations from time to time. Of the three funds, the Murakami Fund is closest to being exhausted, holding assets of less than \$700 at this writing. When this fund, which is the primary source of funds for student scholarships, is fully depleted, the church will need to reconsider its strategies for funding and awarding scholarships. At the current award level, the Murakami Fund will be exhausted in one or two years unless refreshed with additional donations.



HŌ-ON Service Teams

THE HO-ON SERVICE TEAMS ARE LISTED BELOW. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN CONTACTED AND and you would like to help on a team, please call the office (510) 832-5988 or email officebco@gmail.com. We welcome all members and friends of the BCO to be part of a Host Group, so feel free to invite your children and extended family to help out on the teams. Please note that these service teams do not affect our BCO Bazaar & Food Festival shifts or our Obon Festival shifts. Your help at these two major fundraisers is still vital to the life of our church. *In Gassho, The BCO Board of Directors* ■

HO-ON SERVICE TEAM 2:

(Responsible for Oct. 2018)

Linda Minamoto (Leader)
Ken Aisawa
Kathy Aoki
Yasuhiko & Margaret Aoki
Mary Hiromoto
Brian & Thea Horii
Doug Izuno
Harvey & Gay Kaplan
John Minamoto

Edwin & Mabel Minamoto
Linda Minamoto
Peter & Lynn Nakaso
Ren & Meta Orans
Edward & Sabrina Shepard
Alice Shibata
Kunio & Teruko Shibata
Ellen Takayama
Itsuko Uota

HO-ON SERVICE TEAM 3:

(Responsible for Nov. 2018)

Jon Takagaki (Leader)
John & Stacy Eastley
Don & Clare Kaneshige
Jane Koizumi
Akashi & Jan Wiley Matsuno
Raleigh & Julia Nakao
Nancy Nakatani
Robert & Gayle Noguchi

Dick & Agnes Sasaki
Richard & Tsuneko Seiki
Mimi Sullivan
Jon & Linda Takagaki
Mark & Erin Takemoto
Sharon Tatai
Janis Yoshisato-Cavey

Dharma School News

BY CINDY SAKAI

WELCOME BACK TO DHARMA School! Our Dharma School teachers are excited to welcome back students, both new and returning. This year our teachers are: **Kathy Aoki, Jun Hamamoto, Delia Ikeda, Gloria Fujimoto, and Doris Okano.**

Please join us at the **Halloween Party** on **Sunday, October 28.**

Thank you to **Joyce Yokomizo** and **Ted & Susan Tanisawa** for your donations. The Dharma School is grateful for your contributions.

Happy Birthday

We are happy to celebrate the following October birthday: **Sachi Anderson.**

IN MEMORIAM:

The Buddhist Church of Oakland extends its deepest condolences to the families of:

Arthur Kanzaki

July 16, 2018

Shigeiko Yamaoka

August 4, 2018

May the family members find comfort and solace in the Nembutsu, Namu amida butsu.

Temple Tidbits

THANK YOU, THANK YOU VIPS!

Thank you to the Tuesday night volunteers who came out for Obon Festival clean up. **Michael Endo, Dennis Katayama, John Minamoto** and **Jon Takagaki.** We appreciate all you do! ■

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

We are now heading into September, schools have started up again for another season. We have many upcoming activities for the Fall and Winter seasons. I will relist some of the activities which have been reported in the prior issue to refresh your memory. The activities will be taking place on the first or fourth Thursdays of the month as they are our regular meet days.

First off, members of the Momiji kai offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Rev. Yamaoka** on the recent passing of *dear Mrs. Shigeko Yamaoka*. She will be missed by us all. Gassho.

On **Sept 20th**, plans are being formulated to visit the Semifreddi Bakery in Alameda, under the leadership of **Carol Thunen**, as this is to be a joint venture with the OBWA.

Attendees will be limited to 20 people. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the office door once details are finalized.

On **October 18**, we look forward to having *Dr. Athija Nair*, a local Podiatrist as guest speaker. The main focus of her talk will be on - Reducing risk of falling through balance and fitness exercises. She will be presented to us by **June Masuyama**. Thank you, June, for thinking of our welfare.

We look forward to **November 1**, when our field trip takes place at Rossmoor with **Fuzy Yoshida** hosting a luncheon at her residence within the compounds.

On **November 15**, **Joyce Yokomizo**, who recently visited Japan on a business trip, will enlighten us all with a presentation on her activities while in the country.

December 6 will be a busy day as we will be working to finalize the year of 2018. A memorial service will be conducted by our **Rev. Bridge** for all deceased members of the Momiji kai and church members. We will partake of our annual year-end luncheon and we look forward to our guest speaker, **Brian Nagata**, who will also be presenting some unusual slides.

Also, this year we decided to hold a fund-raiser to fill our dwindling account. Under the able leadership of **Renie Yoshida Grohl**, we have been busy knitting winter caps for sale. A trial run was held during the Obon festivities and it seems it all went well, so more caps will be available to everyone during this time. I understand several orders were received. Thanks to everyone for accommodating the Momiji kai on our fund-raising efforts. ■

Rev. Harry

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Can we be empathetic? *Should* we be empathetic? Although we cannot truly feel the emotions of another like Deanna Troi in Star Trek, I think that empathy is worth cultivating. Even to just consider what another person is going through is taking a step towards empathy. Usually we just make assumptions, or even just walk on by without even acknowledging the feelings of other people. But if we can take a moment to try and think about what someone else is going through, then we have already taken a step beyond our own perspective.

One of my challenges to Church members and myself this past summer has been to "try and look at things

from another perspective." I'm not sure how successful I have been - have you tried? Taking on this challenge in the context of empathy may be a way to make it more real. Shinran Shonin cautions us from thinking that we are undertaking Great Compassion, but I think that this first step towards empathy makes us more aware of what compassion is about - in case you didn't notice, I think that empathy and compassion are deeply linked. Trying to see things through someone else's eyes, even if it doesn't awaken true empathy in me, it at the very least shows me that my own perspective is limited. Realizing this, how much more do I Take Refuge in the Buddha of Infinite

Light and Immeasurable Life - Namo Amida Butsu - trying to help others and grow beyond myself at the same time that I realize how difficult this truly is. But I am not alone - the Wisdom & Compassion of Amida Buddha always shines on me, transforming me no matter how hard I resist!

So let's all undertake this Empathy Challenge - try and see things from the perspective of another. Try and realize that our own perspective is limited. Try and see that the big picture is much bigger than we realize. And whether or not you are successful, Take Refuge in Amida Buddha - Namo Amida Butsu!!! ■

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND (BCO)

Presents



Come celebrate our BCO Senior members with service and luncheon!

Keirokai Service & Luncheon

Sunday, October 14, 2018

10:00am: Keirokai Service

11:30am: Keirokai Luncheon

Eitaikyo Service

Sunday, November 18, 2018

10:00am: Family Dharma Service

10:45am: Adult Service



Speaker for both events: Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge,
Resident Minister, Buddhist Church of Oakland

*Public is welcomed to attend - Donations are appreciated, but not required.
Coffee, juice and breakfast treats available from 9:00am in the Social Hall.*

Buddhist Church of Oakland
825 Jackson Street, Oakland CA 94607 – 510-832-5988
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2018 October Shotsuki Memorial Service

Service: Sunday, October 7, 2018, following Dharma Family Service at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Dharma Message: Reverend Harry Gyokyo Bridge

Family and friends are invited to attend this monthly memorial service for those listed below. If any errors appear, please direct them to the church office at (510) 832-5988 or officebco@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. For next month's Shotsuki Service, please see the Busshin Calendar.

Mrs. Maya Aikawa	Mr. John Kido	Mrs. Miyeko Okamoto - 13th year
Mr. Charles S. Ajari	Mr. Meiji Kido	Mrs. Sei Okawa
Mrs. Kane Aochi	Mrs. Teiko Kido	Mrs. Fujie Oniki
Mr. Shigeru Asakura	Mr. Takashi Kimoto	Ms. Etsuko Onizuka
Mrs. Kane Baba	Ms. Setsuko Kimura	Mr. Edward Otake
Mr. Takashi Baba	Mrs. Shige Kisanuki	Mr. Ted Hitoshige Sakaki
Mrs. Gloria Bucol - 3rd year	Mr. Kokichi Kiya	Mr. Kumamashichi Sakamoto
Mrs. Ichi Chiyoda	Mr. Tameji Kobori	Mrs. Kikue Sameshima
Mr. Hachiro Endo	Mrs. Kathleen Koeber	Mrs. Hisa Sasaki
Mr. Heitaro Fujii	Mrs. Yoshiye Kume	Mrs. Tomekichi Satake
Mrs. Kikuno Fujii	Mrs. Tama Kuritsubo	Mr. Hidemi Seiji
Mr. Fred Fujii	Mrs. Tamae Kurotori	Mr. Shigeru Seta - 3rd year
Mr. Rikizo Fujinami	Mr. Shoroku Kuwahara	Mrs. Tomiye Seta
Mrs. Marie Miyako Fujino - 33rd year	Mr. George Matsutani - 7th year	Mr. Yasumatsu Shigaya
Mr. William Furuta	Mrs. Grace Masui	Mrs. Ruth Shimada
Mr. Miyao Harada	Mrs. Sachi Masuyama	Mr. Harvey Shinomoto - 33rd year
Mr. Sunao Harada	Mr. Gary Matsumoto	Mrs. Fumiko Evelyn Soga
Mr. Katsuji Harano	Mrs. Misty Minamihara	Mr. George S. Takahashi
Mrs. Seki Hayashi	Mrs. Tomiko Minamoto - 25th year	Mrs. Tame Takahashi
Mrs. Saki Hirao - 33rd year	Miss Yuki Minamoto	Mr. Shinobu Tani - 17th year
Mrs. Fumiyo Honda	Mr. Tomijiro Miyagawa	Mr. Masayuki Terada
Mr. Horizo Horimoto	Rev. (Rinban) Shoki Mohri	Mr. Loren Teramura
Mr. Kiichi Hiramoto	Mrs. Kazue Mori	Mr. Eiya Ugai
Mr. Jitsuro Hiramoto	Mr. Gene Tatsuo Moriki	Mrs. Misao Watanabe
Mrs. Lorelee Tucker Hiramoto	Mrs. Sumiko Murashima	Mr. Wataru Watanabe
Mrs. Kiyoko Idehara	Mrs. Taki Nagafuji	Mrs. Ruth Miyoko Wong
Mr. Jukiji Igaki	Mr. Kohachi Nakao	Mrs. Dai Yamabe
Mr. Tomenosuke Inouchi	Mrs. Satsuki Nakao	Baby Yamamoto
Mrs. Fusayo Inouye	Rev. Juko Nakashima	Mr. John Yamamoto - 1st year
Mr. Shokichi Isono	Mrs. Tsuneno Nakatani	Mrs. Miyuki Lois Yamamoto - 25th year
Mr. Seitaro Iwamoto - 50th year	Mr. Ben Nakaya	Mrs. Tatsuyo Yamamoto
Mr. Jitsugo Iwata	Mr. Torataro Nakayama	Mrs. Chizuko Yamanaka
Mrs. Yuki Kamano	Mr. Yaichi Nakazono	Mrs. Michi Yamane
Mrs. Tatsumi Kanada	Mr. Alan Neishi	Mr. Kuhachiro Yamaoka
Mr. Seiso Kanesaki	Mr. Motomu Neishi	Mrs. Tsuya Yamashita
Mrs. Alice Kaneshige	Mr. Tsunekichi Niizawa - 33rd year	Mr. Choshiro Yokoyama
Mr. Shonosuke Kato	Mrs. Toshiko Ninomiya	Mrs. Yoshino Yokoyama
Mrs. Yoshiye Kawabata - 3rd year	Mr. Keary Nitta - 1st year	Mrs. Ino Yoshida
Mrs. Hatsu Kawabe	Mr. Sam Hoyo Noma	Mrs. Misa Yoshida
Mr. Tokichi Kawamoto	Mr. Seizo Nomura	Mr. Yozo Yoshida
Mr. Shuichi Kawaoka	Mrs. Tamayo Norimoto	Mrs. Grace Yoshioka
Mr. Ichiro Kayatani		Mr. Shosaburo Yoshioka

Co-Presidents' Message

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youngest in the Nursery School Class and extend to the Jr. YBA high school group. Adult dharma chats are also held on select Sundays with Rev. Bridge. The first Dharma Family Service of the new year will be on September 9th so please come and join us in learning about the Dharma.

Also, in September the other youth organizations of the Church are organizing their programs. The Japanese language program (Nippongo Gakuen) meets on Saturdays from 9:00 to 12:00 noon for children from 1st grade through high school; with adult classes on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings. Oakland's Youth Club will begin forming both boys' and girls' basketball teams in September for fall practice and league games that start in December. Participants can be as young as 6, through high school age. Please find more information about both of these organizations on the church's website under the Organizations tab at www.buddhist-churchofoakland.org

Our summer memories have to include another successful Obon weekend. Each year, the Obon Festival and odori seem to attract more and more people. The church grounds were filled with people enjoying the great food and wonderful weather, while listening to the **Eden Aoba Taiko group** and the **Chidori Band**. Inside the Isei Kaikan Hall, a select audience was observing **Madam Fujimoto** and her students from the Urasenke School of Tea perform a traditional tea ceremony; followed by the always-inspiring koto performance by **Shirley Muramoto-Wong** and son, **Brian Wong**, and their students. Inside the main church were Ikebana exhibits by

students of the Ohana School and a talk in the hondo by **Rev. Bridge**. It was wonderful to see all who came to the Festival to witness and participate in the many cultural activities and to dance in the Bon Odori. Thank you to the many families who donated to have Obon lantern tags above the dance area on Jackson Street. I would like to especially thank **Mr. Robert Noguchi** for chairing the Festival. Robert alone could not have made the Festival a success, for it was the efforts of everyone who were shift captains, the organizing committee and all of you who came out to help: from food prep to yagura construction; from grilling chickens and steaks to permit submittals, thank you letters and decorations; to the **Oakland Fire Department** washing down Jackson Street; and to all the performers and exhibitors who shared their artistry with us. I know there are many with sore feet, aching shoulders and backs; and I also know that there aren't enough words to express how much the Church appreciates each and everyone's contributions in helping to make this year's Obon Festival the success that it was. *Taihen, otsukaresama deshita.*

This year's Hatsubon service was held for 18 families who lost loved ones in the past year. We hope that in that loss and the mourning process that follows, new meaning and appreciation can be found in how your loved one has positively impacted your lives. And it was also with great sadness that we learned of the passing of another great lady of the church: *Mrs. Shigeko Yamaoka*. We will truly miss her spirit, dedication and service to the Church, the OBWA and, of course, to **Rev. Yamaoka**. Our sincerest condolences are extended to the Yamaoka and Masuyama Families on this loss. *Namo Amida Butsu.*

Finally, if you've grown up in the church; recently found a new interest in participating in the activities and direction of the church; and/or new to the Buddhist Church of Oakland, please connect with **Jon and/or me**. The Church is only as successful as those who step forward with the interest and energy to volunteer and help carry the legacy of our 117 year-old institution forward. Please consider getting involved as we start this new school year. ■

Keirokai 2018

DID YOU TURN 75 THIS PAST year? Would you like to join the Keirokai? If so, please contact the office at officebco@gmail.com or 510-832-5988. We will welcome you at the **Keirokai luncheon on Sunday, October 14**. Thank you and congratulations! ■

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER 2018 BUSSHIN ARTICLES: September 28th

Articles submitted after this date may not be printed.

SEND ARTICLES TO:

Joyce Yokomizo
email: joyce@yokomizo.com
or fax: (415) 970-0810.

You can also send articles to the church office.

BUSSHIN COLLATION:

Sunday, October 7th, 2018 HOST 2

Fall 2018

East Bay Tri-Temple

Dharmanar



**Featuring Rev. Dennis Fujimoto, Rev. Harry Bridge,
and Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara**

Saturday, September 22 – Berkeley Buddhist Temple

Address: 2121 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

Tel: 510-841-1356

Saturday, October 20 – Buddhist Temple of Alameda

Address: 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501

Tel: 510-522-5243

Saturday, November 17 – Buddhist Church of Oakland

Address: 825 Jackson Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Tel: 510-832-5988

All sessions from 2:00-4:00 PM

For more information email: officebco@gmail.com

OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Karaoke, Social Hall, 7:30-9:30 pm	2	3 Line Dancing 1:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting, Small Chapel, 7:00 pm	4 Momijikai, Small Chapel 10:00 am-2:00 pm Gakuen - Adult Beginners Class Issei Kaikan, 6:30-8:30 pm	5	6 Gakuen Issei Kaikan, 9:00-12:00 pm
7 Welcome Coffee Hour- 9:00 am-9:50 am Dharma Family Service 10:00-10:45 am Shotsuki Memorial & Adult Dharma Service 10:45 -11:30 am Jr. YBA Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser Busshin Collation	8 Wanto Shodo Kai Issei Kaikan, 10 am-12 Noon Karaoke, Social Hall, 7:30-9:30 pm	9	10	11 Gakuen - Adult Beginners Class Issei Kaikan, 6:30-8:30 pm, Concord Howakai 7:00-8:30 pm	12	13 Gakuen Issei Kaikan, 9:00-12:00 pm Ikebana Issei Kaikan 1:30-4:00 pm
14 Welcome Coffee Hour- 9:00 am-9:50 am Dharma Family Service Keirokai Appreciation 10:00-11:00 am Keirokai Luncheon 11:30 am-1:00 pm	15 Karaoke, Social Hall, 7:30-9:30 pm	16 OFSCA General Meeting Issei Kaikan, 7:00-9:00 pm	17 Line Dancing 1:00 pm Board Nominating Committee Meeting, Location: TBD, 6:30-8:30 pm Business Committee Meeting-7:00-8:30 pm	18 Momijikai, Small Chapel 10:00 am-2:00 pm Gakuen - Adult Beginners Class Issei Kaikan, 6:30-8:30 pm,	19	20 Gakuen Issei Kaikan, 9:00-12:00 pm
21 Welcome Coffee Hour- 9:00 am-9:50 am Dharma Family Service 10:00-10:45 am Eshinni/Kakushinni/Lady Ohtani Memorial Service, 10:45-11:30 am Hanko Designs Make -and- Take Card Workshop 11:30 am Ashland Howakai 5:00-6:30pm	22 Wanto Shodo Kai Issei Kaikan, 10 am-12 Noon Karaoke, Social Hall, 7:30-9:30 pm	23	24 Asian Health Services Monthly Meeting Social Hall, 9:00 am-12:00 pm	25 Gakuen - Adult Beginners Class Issei Kaikan, 6:30-8:30 pm	26 Busshin Articles Due	27 Gakuen Issei Kaikan, 9:00-12:00 pm Jr. YBA Haunted House Prep 1:00 pm
28 Welcome Coffee Hour- 9:00 am-9:50 am Dharma Family Service 10:00-10:45 am Halloween Party & Luncheon-Dharma School 10:45 am-1:00 pm	29 Karaoke, Social Hall 7:30-9:30 pm	30	31 Happy Halloween!	HOST 2: Leader: Linda Minamoto Coverage for October support tasks including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome Coffee Hour Refreshments (9:00 am-9:50 am); ▪ Sunday services greeters; ▪ Straighten hondo the week before Keirokai (10/7) ▪ Keirokai Appreciation luncheon; ▪ Weekend garden clean-up; ▪ Busshin collation. 		

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
HOST 3 Leader: Jon Takagaki Coverage for November support tasks including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Coffee Hour Refreshments (9:00 am-9:50 am); Sunday service greeters; Straighten hondo the week before Etaikyo 11/11; Eitaikyo refreshments; Weekend garden clean-up; Busshin collation. 				1 Momijikai, Small Chapel 10:00 am-2:00 pm Gakuen - Adult Beginners Issei Kaikan, 6:30-8:30	2	3 Gakuen Issei Kaikan, 9:00-12:00 pm
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