

**WORKSHOPS AND IBS EVENT FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL AND BCA MEMBERS**

**Thursday January 28 from 1-2:30 PM (PST) - The Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) Symposium**

**"Be the Refuge — Book Launch: A Conversation with Chenxing Han."**

Begun as a research project at IBS, Han's forthcoming book both critiques the erasure and uplifts the voices of Asian American Buddhists. Han's work champions Asian American Buddhists as trailblazers, bridge-builders, integrators, and refuge-makers, bringing a fresh perspective to the study of American Buddhism.

She will be joined in conversation with IBS Dean Scott Mitchell.

To register please go to <https://www.shin-ibs.edu/event/refuge2021/>

**BCA members are welcome to join the National Council attendees at the following free virtual workshops to be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021.**

Event: **BCA Town Hall Meeting – Rev. Harada, Bishop and Dr. Kent Matsuda, BCA President**

Time: 10:30 AM (PST)

Learn about creative strategies implemented at BCA temples aimed to increase temple membership.

Event: **BCA Ministerial Affairs Committee Session – Glenn Kitaoe, Committee Chair**

Time: 1:30–2:30 PM (PST)

Learn about how temples can help their minister reach their retirement goals. Topics - investing, using a financial advisor, having a will/trust & life insurance.

**NOTE: This meeting is limited to the National Council attendees and Temple Board Members Only. Interested attendees should contact their temple president for more information on how to join this session.**

Event: **Pre-School and Adult Senior Day Care Program – Claire Tamamoto**

Time: 2:45-3:45 PM (PST)

Learn about how Aiea Hongwanji Mission was able to implement programs to serve the needs of the community while providing much needed funding for their temple.

Event: **BCA Endowment Session – Koichi Sayano (Endowment Board) and Anna McGibbons (Angeles Investments)**

Time: 4:00–5:00 PM (PST)

Grow your temple's assets over the long-term: learn about investing with the BCA Endowment Foundation.

Event: **Young Buddhist Editorial Workshop – Devon Matsumoto**

Time: 5:15–6:15 PM (PST)

Learn more about the Young Buddhist Editorial and their motivation for creating a platform and space for young adults.

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For more information on any of the programs above, visit the 2021 BCA National Council website:

<https://bcancm.org/workshops>. Instructions on how to join the virtual sessions will be posted on February 19, 2021.

## OPEN INVITATION TO BCA MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

**Saturday, February 27th at 3:30 PM (PST)**

Dharma Messages by and Recognition of Retiring Ministers

 <p>Rev. Ronald Kobata</p>	 <p>Rev. Fumiaki Usuki</p>	 <p>Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi</p>	 <p>Rev. Patricia Usuki</p>
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**Sunday, February 28th at 10:00 AM (PST)**

Join us for the BCA Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service

Speaker: Rev. Kodo Umezu



The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service is held in appreciation and respect for all those departed members who supported and assisted our temples and who wished to ensure the continuation of Shinran Shonin's teachings.

This annual event will have participants from all BCA temples throughout the United States.

## BCA National Council Closing Program: Dharma Forward

Celebrate those who have brought us to this moment as we carry the dharma forward together.

**Sunday, February 28th at 1:30 PM (PST)**

 <p>First we will honor the career of <b>Rev. Kodo Umezu</b>, recently retired minister and past BCA Bishop.</p>	 <p>Next we will hear from Virginia photojournalist <b>Regina Boone</b>. She is the granddaughter of Tsuruju Miyazaki, a Japanese immigrant and incarcerated who never returned home after World War II. Boone's journey to discover what happened to her grandfather leads her to a faraway family butsudan.</p>	 <p>The final segment will focus on the future with a message from our current BCA Bishop, <b>Rev. Marvin Harada</b>. We will share our vision to build the future of Buddhism in America through the Dharma Forward campaign and premiere a special video.</p>
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Musical Entertainment provided by Cherry Blossomz

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