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For the Sunday paper experience, you can now read this month's issue of the *Wheel of Dharma* online in newsprint format and access the rest of our digital archives.

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FRONT PAGE STORY

Rev. Yuki Sugahara Amplifies the Dharma

When Yuki Sugahara would strap on his electric bass 20 years ago to play with a rock band in Tokyo, he would dress casually in jeans and a shirt.

Now when he plays, he wears the robes of a Jodo Shinshu minister, “fuho” (black robe) over “hakue” (white robe).

His audience is the Sangha of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and those who watch online. Since joining the BCA in 2011, Rev. Yuki Sugahara has amplified his Dharma talks with the same talent he used to pursue a musical career when he was in his 20s in Japan. The 44-year-old Rev. Sugahara, who became Sacramento’s Rimban in the summer of 2023, combines music with social media savvy and an openness to try new approaches to share the teachings and reach more people.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Dorothy Shimizu Fondly Recalled as Enmanji Leader

During her adult life, Dorothy Shimizu was the ultimate, hard-working multitasker. She raised her family, ran her own business, and helped both Enmanji and her community thrive.

She didn’t just teach Dharma School, she taught older Dharma School students how they could teach Dharma School. She didn’t just volunteer to supply a dish for a fundraiser, she chaired the fundraiser. A great cook, she didn’t just bring delicious food, she taught cooking classes for the temple and the local community. All the while, she lived the spiritual insights learned from her parents.

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SHARING THE DHARMA

UCLA Students Learn About Jodo Shinshu in US

San Fernando Rev. Dr. Jean-Paul Contreras deGuzman Teaches Buddhism in and Beyond the Classroom

Buddhism in the United States is often shrouded in misconceptions and misunderstandings, with Asian American Buddhists often stereotyped or outright erased in popular discourse.

As Funie Hsu wrote in the Winter 2016 issue of Lion's Roar: "Asian and Asian American Buddhist practices have often been dismissed as superstitious, inauthentic (yet authentically exotic!) forms of Buddhism."

To remedy these errors, this past academic year, several UCLA students had the opportunity to learn about the sheer richness of Buddhism through both its historical developments and contemporary landscape. What follows is a reflection on building the spaces for that learning to occur and gratitude for all the lives who made it happen.

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Upcoming Events

Celebrating Women of the BCA Seminar

Saturday September 28, 2024
9:30-5:00PM | Jodo Shinshu Center

Celebrate the legacy and enduring impact of women in the growth of the BCA and inspire your path forward! Register NOW for the Women of the BCA seminar to secure your spot!

Register Here

TechnoBuddha Conference RE:CONNECTION

October 12, 2024
Jodo Shinshu Center

The TechnoBuddha conference is back! This year will be all about reconnecting with one another as well as inspiring the next generation of TechnoBuddha leaders.

All adults 21+ are invited to register. Registration closes October 1st.

Register Here

PART 2

Can We Grow Relationship Lotuses from Muddy Conflicts: *Strategies for Dealing with Internal Conflicts*

November 13, 5-6PM PT
Online Seminar

In this seminar, Gregg will offer some ideas of what to do and what not to do, based on his experience with Japanese Psychology and Buddhism.

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BCA YouTube Channel

Bishop's Messages from Rev. Marvin Harada can be found on the BCA YouTube channel. New dharma content from services, events, and activities is added regularly.

BCA Youtube Channel

Start your day with Rev. Yuki's morning services

Rev. Sugahara posts daily morning services and shares his joy of playing music and performing Chinese Martial Arts on his YouTube Channel. On his channel, he enjoys creating videos that capture the ordinary lives of Jodo Shinshu Priests.

Rev. Yuki's Channel

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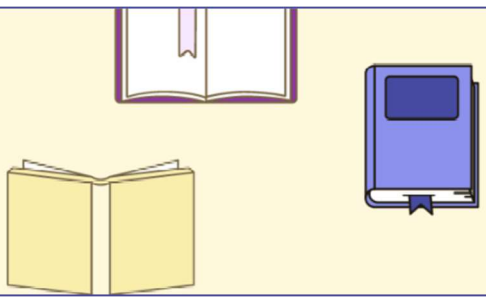

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Gratitude Monto Shikisho

This monto shikisho was specially designed by the Federation of Dharma School Teacher's League in celebration of BCA's 125th anniversary. It features a one-of-a-kind design of vegetables, fruits, and animals that pay homage to the roots of those who came before us.

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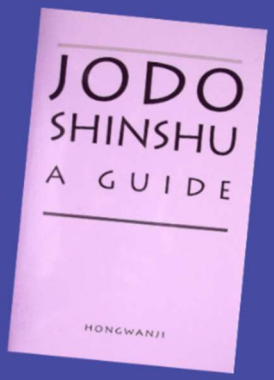

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