



**BISHOP KODO UMEZU TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR AT THE SANGHA**



Bishop Kodo Umezu will be our visiting minister at our first service next year. In order to accommodate his schedule, **our service will be moved up a week to Sunday, January 5, 2020.** Please save the date, and plan to attend!

In Japanese culture, the New Year's Day service is referred to as Shusho-E which is literally "a gathering to recover the correct path." It is a time for renewal and recovery and a time to reaffirm our commitment to following the "middle path" of Buddhism.

**Ho-onko:** January 18th is the memorial for Shinran Shonin, who was born in January, 1172. Ho-onko is a time to express our gratitude to the founder of our Shin Buddhist tradition. By studying the works of the Seven Patriarchs and adding the Jodo doctrine of his master, Honen Shonin, Shinran wrote the Kyo Gyo Shin Sho, upon which our sect of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is based. The Japanese term Ho-Onko, "a gathering to repay a kindness," describes precisely the essential purpose for our Sangha. Remembering the life of Shinran-Shonin, we are able to see him as a signpost along the Nembutsu Path--a Bodhisattva guiding us in our struggles to walk the Pure Land Path with sincere intensity, courage, & humility.

We will be serving a potluck lunch, so please bring your favorite dish to share. As always, put a label on your dish, and make sure to take it with you as you leave.

**Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha  
Buddhist Women's Association**

Starting in 2020, we will hold our general meetings before the first service gathering (usually the second Sunday of each month) at 9:00 a.m. in the Taiko Room.

January 5 (first Sunday)-cancelled, February 9, March 8

Our executive board meetings will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Taiko Room.

January 26, February 23, March 22

Our membership dues will be \$20/year. Please pay by cash or check payable to Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha (reference BWA). Please complete the membership form attached.

Activities:

Coordinate home/hospital visitations with the Minister's Assistants (visited Helen Itow at the Summerlin Hospital after her son, Rick Itow, attended our service on 12/22)

Plan classes, retreats, etc.

Solicit book donations to Heidi's Children's Library and for homeless elementary school students.

(Dr. Muriel Scrivner)

**NOMINATIONS STILL ACCEPTED**

You may still submit nominations for officers and board members before the next service, or call Gene at: 702-233-4376.

**Ikenobo Ikebana Workshop Schedule 2020**

Dr. Muriel Scrivner is a world renowned *ikebana* master. She teaches *ikebana* at our Sangha Center on the following Saturdays:

January 4, 2020	10:00AM — 2:30 PM
January 18, 2020	1:00PM — 2:30PM
February 8, 2020	10:00AM — 2:30 PM
February 29, 2020	1:00PM — 2:30PM
March 7, 2020	10:00AM — 2:30PM
March 21, 2020	1:00PM — 2:30PM
April 11, 2020	10:00 AM — 2:30 PM
April 25, 2020	1:00PM — 2:30PM
May 9, 2020	10:00 AM — 2:30 PM
May 23, 2020	1:00PM — 2:30PM
June 13, 2020	10:00AM — 2:30 PM
June 27, 2020	1:00PM — 2:30PM
July 11, 2020	10:00AM — 2:30 PM
July 25, 2020	1:00PM — 2:30PM
August 1, 2020	10:00AM — 2:30 PM
August 15, 2020	1:00PM — 2:30PM

There will be a nominal charge for materials. Please contact Muriel for details:

Sensei Muriel Scrivner, 702-496-3763

mflowersensei@aol.com or mflowersensei@yahoo.com

**2020 \$20 DUES ARE DUE!**

It is time to think about paying our dues for next year. You may pay online at lasvegasbuddhist.org by clicking on the DONATE NOW button and noting that it's for dues. The Las Vegas JACL dues are also \$20. See the membership form in the last newsletter to apply and pay.

## HARRY AOYAMA DONATES DRUM



Harry Aoyama is in the process of building several drums. He recently donated his first completed drum and stand to the Sangha. A drum of this quality and style is very good for beginners.

After an absence, Harry & Jane Aoyama have recently returned to the Sangha, and we really appreciate their frequent attendance at our services. They are long-time friends of Takako Ogata.

## SANGHA INTEREST & SUGGESTION FORM

We have previously received some ideas for activities below and would like to know what ideas you may have to make the Sangha a better place to belong. Please add any ideas or suggestions you have as well as improvements on the proposed activities/ changes.

1. More services: At present, we are holding a second service on the 4th Sunday of each month, which gives us a service approximately every other week. Our plan is to evolve into weekly services. Let us know of ideas or suggestions on making services better for you.

2. Musicians/choir: We desperately need someone who can play keyboard or any other instrument at our services. We continue to search for Gathas (songs) to sing during service. The ultimate goal is to have an accompanist and a choir which will give us unlimited music for services. Please sign up if you are interested in participating in this.

3. Social activities: The sangha is looking into various social activities to hold at the church. Some suggestions are listed here:

- Meditation (Dr. David Hopper is willing to start a new class)
- Dharma Study/Discussion (Led my one of the MA's)
- Game night
- Movie night with popcorn
- Bingo night (we currently have Bingo after our second service, and it is very popular)

Please indicate if one of these ideas sounds good to you, or list other activities you would like to see happen at the Sangha Center.

4. Other suggestions/ideas (please reply via email to: lvjacl@cox.net):

## CRISTAL ISA IS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH GYMNASTICS TEAM

Cristal Isa is a sophomore at the University of Utah, and a member of their gymnastic team, which is currently 5th in the NCAA's pre-season national ranking. Last season, she received NCAA Freshman of the Week honors when she performed at her first Utah meet and scored a 9.925 on bars. She returns to the competition floor after being hurt last season with an elbow injury during the ASU meet. But Cristal has been working hard and slated to compete on all four events at the season opener against Kentucky. This meet will air on the PAC-12 Network on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 5 pm PT, at Utah's Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City. Listed below is the rest of her competition schedule along with a way to watch it on TV if you have PAC-12 or ESPN access or on Utah's livestream.

- Sat., Jan. 11** Rio Tinto "Best of Utah"  
6pm PT vs. BYU, Utah State and SUU  
PAC-12 @ Maverick Center in SLC
- Fri., Jan. 24** vs. Arizona State  
6pm PT @ U of U Huntsman Center, Livestream in SLC
- Sat., Feb. 1** vs. Univ. of Arizona  
1pm PT @ McKale Center in Tucson, AZ
- Sat., Feb 8** vs. Cal (UC Berkeley)  
12:30pm PT @ UC's Haas Pavilion, in Berkeley, CA
- Sat., Feb 15** vs. Oregon State  
12pm PT @ U of U Huntsman Center, PAC-12 in SLC
- Sun., Feb 23** vs. UCLA  
3pm PT @ UCLA's Pauley Pavilion  
ESPN2 in Westwood (LA), CA
- Sun., March 1** vs. University of Washington  
2pm PT @ HEC Edmundson Pavilion, in Seattle, WA
- Fri., March 6** vs. Stanford  
6pm PT @ U of U Huntsman Center, Livestream in SLC
- Fri., March 13** vs. Utah State (Senior Night)  
6pm PT @ U of U Huntsman Center, Livestream in SLC
- Sat., March 21** PAC-12 Championships  
TBD on PAC-12 @ Maverick Center, SLC

We hope you'll catch Cristal sometime during the season! If you decide to go to Salt Lake or any of the other cities to see her compete, be sure to let Stan or Nancy know so they can help arrange for tickets.

## MINISTER SCHEDULE 2020

JAN 5	BISHOP KODO UMEZU
FEB 9	REV. GEORGE MATSUBAYASHI
MAR 8	REV. TOHO TAKATA
APR 12	REV. MARVIN HARADA
MAY 10	OPEN
JUN 14	REV. KEN YAMADA

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Sangha	(702)228-3071
Center Rental	(619)888-5301
Dharma Ed.	(702)371-0947
Illness/Death	(702)806-5520
Sangha Crafts	(818)219-6982
Editor	(702)228-3071





## JUNE MARUYAMA'S PAINTINGS CAN BE YOURS FOR A DONATION!

June Maruyama now lives in a group home, so she has no room to hang her works of art. Her framed oil paintings are on display at the Sangha Center, so you can pick the ones you want. Akira Sonomura and Sally Hanagami have already selected some paintings. All proceeds will go toward the new video system that Brian Segawa is going to install. Please help us to improve our security!

You may visit June at: 9712 Enniskeen Ave. No need to call ahead; just drop in anytime. She'll be happy to see you!



2020-2021

Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha  
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Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues (\$20/year)

I am paying by:

Cash

Check check # \_\_\_\_\_

(please make check out to: LVBS and in the memo please indicate BWA)

What would you like to see as part of our activities?

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