

*Spring renewal and reaching the other shore on the Oregon*



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*March 2009*



## *Life begins flourishing in March*

*Reverend Jundo Gregory Gibbs*

By the time you are reading this we will all have survived another February. T.S. Eliot once said that “April is the cruelest month”. He meant that it distracts us from the pain of the human condition. T.S. Eliot had issues with the human condition. However, he never expressed a particular opinion about February so far as I know. For the long-time OBT members you realize that February comes right after Ho On Ko Seminar & Service and Mochitsuki festival. February itself is the month of the NW District convention, hosted by OBT this year, and the National Council (held in Irvine this year, a city which holds mostly negative memories for me). And then what happens as soon as February is over – we must work on the Spring Food Bazaar. Congratulations on surviving another February.

Allow me to thank our members in advance for their hard work on the Spring Food Bazaar and in retrospect for their efforts for the Convention last month. I regret that I will be out of town on 3-8, the day of the Spring Food Bazaar. I had agreed to officiate at a wedding in Los Angeles that day before the food bazaar date was set. Despite the hard work involved in putting on the food bazaar and the Ohigan service, March is a hopeful month. March sees warming trends, life beginning to flourish all about us, and I have a guest speaker for our major service which allows me to relax a little.

On 3-22 we will have our Spring Ohigan Service. The guest minister will be Rev. Tatsuya Aoki of the Vancouver Canada temple. Aoki Sensei is a highly trained Jodo Shinshu minister and also a very nice guy (is that an unusual combination?). Please come out to hear his Dharma messages. He will deliver a Japanese-language message at 9:30 a.m. To hear him illumine the Dharma for us in English please attend the 10 a.m. service on March twenty-

second.

I trust we are already seeing life begin to flourish all about us. I hope we will contribute to the renewal of life and energy and hope on this planet. From my perspective, a pretty grim decade in American history was capped by the downturn in the financial markets last Fall. I believe we have hit bottom and are on the way back up. Hoping and believing that we are in a renewal phase now, in an upswing, is part of the conditions needed for that renewal to take place.

I often refer to the Buddhist religion as a process of renewal taking place on earth. So far as I know, and so far as the Buddha-dharma teaches, there is no particular reason that life occurs. Life has no meaning until we give it one. Buddhism is a process of giving a positive meaning to this life and helping a sort of renewal process to take place. We can see biological renewal all around us in springtime, in March and April. Lets, each of us, think about how our participation in Buddhist spirituality can be part of a similar renewal. I hope that, as you think about how to remain hopeful and act positively, you will turn to the nembutsu from time to time. I hope you will turn to saying the Buddha's name aloud in forms like “Namo Amida Butsu”. When the circumstances don't allow vocal utterance, simply thinking of a phrase like “Namu Amida Butsu,” or simply “Namanda,” can be very nurturing.

As Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno suggested to us last month, our very limitations can be the contexts within which we can live and act positively. Since I'm not double-jointed (since my elbow does not open out but only folds inward) I can more easily carry my beautiful and noisy four-year old when he gets tired. I can even, when he falls asleep in the car after one of his masterful performances at a soccer game, carry my ten year old into the house on occasion. I like the human condition even if it does involve limitations. As Shunryu Suzuki once put it, “Everything is perfect just as it is. This does not mean, however, that things cannot be improved”

Gassho, Reverend Gibbs

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March Highlights

Mar 1	Convention wrap-up meeting	after service
Mar 5	Bazaar food preparation	9 am
Mar 6	Bazaar food preparation	9 am
Mar 7	Bazaar food preparation	7 am
	Dharma School	7 pm
	Bazaar bakery preparation	
<b>Mar 8</b>	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</b>	
	<b>BEGINS</b>	
Mar 8	Bazaar food preparation	6:30 am
Mar 8	OBT Spring Bazaar	11:30 am – 3:30 pm
Mar 13	OBT Board meeting	7 pm
Mar 21	OBWA meeting	9:30 am
Mar 22	Spring Ohigan service	9:30 am

Followed by potluck lunch  
**Bazaar food pre-order form is attached.**  
**Work schedule is attached**

**President's message***Yoshi Ono, OBT President*

My First NW District Convention

I've attended many scientific and engineering conventions through the years. There are so many throughout the year that you need to peruse the programs and chose the ones that are not only interesting but are also relevant to your line of work. I was guilty of applying the same criteria to deciding whether to attend past NW District Buddhist Conventions and now I know that I've been missing out big time. This year's event hosted by our Temple was my first and it was quite a wonderfully enriching experience. The workshops, services, luncheon, and banquet were terrific. Our chairs Carolyn Saiget and Brenda Fugate did a superb job of organizing the event and all of our Temple members that helped out made it a huge success. I want to thank everyone for their work, support, and attendance. Since last year, we have truly built up quite a reputation for hosting conventions.

Now we turn our attention to the next major Temple event, Spring Bazaar. Todd Yuzuriha has been working hard organizing the team and covering all the details. I'm hoping that it will actually feel a little Spring-like by that time. Even though we put out a work schedule, please lend a hand when it's convenient for you and make sure to set aside some time to enjoy the various food items, omiyage shop, displays, and the company of our many friends.

At the next board meeting, we will start to update our list of members on standing committees. If you are curious about what committees we have and how you can lend your talents to help out the Temple, please talk to me or another board member. The next meeting is on March 13th at 7PM, and is open to interested members.

I'll see you at the next service.

In Gassho

**It's Spring bazaar time!***Todd Yuzuriha, Bazaar co-chair*

This year Yoshi Ono and I are co-chairs for the Spring Bazaar. It will be on March 8, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will be fun and a bunch of work.

Here are some of the ways you can get involved:

- Sell Raffle Tickets (see Herb Osaki if you need tickets). Because of the generous donation by Alice Sumida, we offer \$500 for 1st place, \$300 for 2nd, and \$200 for 3rd place. Tickets are \$1 each and \$10 for a book of 11 tickets.
  - Help with OBWA food prep. The schedule is  
 Thu, Mar 5, 9:00 am – prepare chow mein noodles  
 Fri, Mar 6, 9:00 am – prepare chow mein / sushi  
 Sat, Mar 7, 7:00 am – cook chow mein / udon (noodles)  
 Sun, Mar 8, 6:30 am – rice cookers  
 7:00 am – sushi rollers
  - Help with chicken and beef bento food prep. See Jerry Sumoge for more details.
  - Work on the day of the event. See the Work Schedule in this newsletter.
  - Order lots of food! See the order form in this newsletter, and turn them in by March 5, 2009.
  - Bring family and friends
- Thank you in advance for all of your help and dedication.

**OBWA news***Jean Matsumoto*

Our deepest condolences to the families of Sakae Ando and Masako April Kinoshita on the loss of their loved one. We will miss them, too.

OBWA gratefully acknowledges the following donations received in January: Anonymous, Takako Ishida in memory of (imo) Masako Iwai, Katie Tamiyasu, Lisa Anderson proceeds from kimono demonstration, Shizuko Ouchida 88th birthday, Ando family imo Sakae Ando. We also wish to express our appreciation for the donations received in February: Mr. and Mrs. Shig Toyoshima imo Masako Kinoshita, Susan Endecott, Fumi Saito, Nadine Kinoshita imo mother Masako Kinoshita, Ami Kinoshita imo Masako Kinoshita, anonymous, Tacoma BWA convention thank you, and White River BWA convention thank you.

On January 31st, monthly clean-up was undertaken by Miki and Kan Yagi, Katie and Ken Kawazoe, Yoshie Kagawa, Fumi Okubo, Sandie Yamauchi, Carol Saiget, Sumi Ishida, Susan Yoneda, Lora and Joe Wahl, Chris Dart and Briana Jones. Thank you to all.

On Saturday, February 7th, OBWA celebrated its New Year Party in the Penthouse of Holladay Park Plaza under the direction of Tomiko Takeuchi. The rooms were beautifully decorated with signs and flowers and the tables

had special streams of water with lily pads on which origami frogs frolicked. Tammy Ando was responsible for all the decorations including the folding of hundreds of paper frogs. Tom Takeuchi arranged for the goodies in the gift bags. The bags were donated through HAH, Inc. – Harmony among Humanity by Servpro of Tigard/Tualatin and Beaverton. They do clean-up and restoration following fire, water and mold damage. They also do carpet, furniture, air duct, and household cleaning and can be reached at 503-684-5829. Over 60 people attended this event. Our contribution to FISH consisted of 169 lbs of food, 29 lbs. of cosmetic and toiletries, and \$15 in cash. Ren Gibbs helped Tammy Ando with the raffle and bingo and a good time was had by all. Great job Tomiko, Tammy and Tom. We all appreciate your hard work on this event.

A special thank you to Skip Yamamoto and the crew who helped him prepare all that wonderful food on February 12th which was served in the hospitality room during the recent NW District Convention. It was awesome! Thank you to the 41 registrants from OBWA who supported the Convention. We all appreciate the effort that went into it by the Convention planners and workers who did such an excellent job in organizing it.



### **Dharma school news** *Ann Shintani, Coordinator*

Hello from Dharma School! We are over half-way through the school year. Where has the time gone!?! The Dharma School has a few changes. Kim Kono has stepped down from co-teaching the Sangha class with Elaine Yuzuriha, and Cathy Shikatani has stepped in to help Elaine. Thanks Cathy! Kim Kono married Randy Choi on February 14th in Monterey, California. Congratulations to them and to Kim's son, Justin! In addition, Kim is a board member, so her plate is full for now. Cynthia Wong has also stepped in to help here and there in the younger classes. Thank you Cynthia, and congratulations to her and Tammy Herald for receiving Assistant Minister Certifications.

New Art: Thank you to Jane Fortune and Albert Romos for donating two pieces of art for the downstairs children's room. We received these back in January, and we hope we may be able to hang them on the blue, concrete wall to brighten the space soon.

New Year's Party: Thank you to Amy Peterson for making corsages, Beebee Tan-Beck for donating fragrance samples and tea bags, Kyoko Gibbs and Cathy Shikatani for making origami oxen, and the Fukunagas, the Yuzurihas who also donated candy, Marilyn Achterman, and Ann Shintani for donating their time for the corsages and gifts for the New Year's party. It is so nice of the New Year's planning committee for asking the Dharma School participate in honoring our temple elders. Also, we received a generous donation from the OBWA with a nice card. Thank you, Alice Ando and OBWA.

Spring Bazaar: the Dharma School will be managing the Snack Bar again. Because of Multnomah County Health Department regulations, we can only sell items that are store-bought or made in licensed kitchens. The OBT kitchen will be inspected for the event, so is considered a licensed kitchen. Please join us there for a Baking Party on Saturday, March 7, at 7pm for "marathon baking and packaging". We plan to bake cookies,

brownies, and other items that are easy for novice cooks and parents to prepare. Please contact Ann at 503-240-1804 if you can make donations of eggs, flour, butter, brownie mixes, chocolate chips, and other items that you may have. Proceeds will go towards the OBT.

Spring Ohigan / Potluck: will be on Sunday, March 22, 2009.

Dharma School is in charge of the potluck, which means that we ask parents and friends to help set up and clean up the potluck items. All Sangha are welcome to the potluck, even if you forget to bring a dish to share. We will post reminders.

Federation of Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) Conference is on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Mountain View Buddhist Temple, (near San Jose, Ca. The theme for this annual conference is "Looking BACK to the FUTURE: The Early Life of Shinran Shonin". We usually try to send a teacher and Rev. Gibbs to this. The cost of airfare, registration, and lodging is paid through available interest income from OBT's Hishinuma Fund, and from Dharma School funds.

## **Lotus circle - March**

*Jean Matsumoto*

Altar flowers are being provided by:

- March 1 - Judy Yamauchi in memory of (imo) mother Chiyoko Sakurai
- March 8 - Kim Kono imo mother Jean
- March 15 - Anna Tanada imo husband Howard
- March 22 - Misa Kodama imo mother Sada Kitagawa
- March 29 - Setsy Larouche imo father George Yoshito Sadamoto

Thank you to all who are jumping on the Lotus Circle wheel again this year making sure that our Flower Toban ladies have the beautiful flowers to arrange on the onaijin and around the temple. Don't forget to contact Ken Garner [webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) and add to the Lotus Circle page on our website. For more information about joining the Lotus Circle, please contact Jean Matsumoto, 503-280-2463, or e-mail [jamatsumoto@gmail.com](mailto:jamatsumoto@gmail.com).



### **New books in the library** *Etsu Osaki*

*Who Loves Dies Well: On the Brink of Buddha's Pure Land* by D. J. Brazier, 2007, 250 pages, paperback. The author is a Jodoshinshuist who with friends has a small Buddhist community in Leicestershire, England. This book is a "moving introduction to Pure Land Buddhism...a thoroughly spiritual form of Buddhism, yet very practical in its recognition of human limitations. It does not insist on perfection nor encourage guilt at our failings. It is for ordinary people—for all of us who make mistakes and weep with the sorrows of life."

*The Essential Shinran: A Buddhist Path of True Entrusting*, compiled and edited by Alfred Bloom, 2007, 251 pages, paperback. "Dr. Bloom has done an excellent work of pulling together the essential teaching of Shinran... he has selected the important passages from the writings by Shinran, and added his commentaries on these passages, so that readers may understand the essence of the universal teaching of Shin Buddhism."

*Buddhism and Psychotherapy Across Cultures: Essays on Theories and Practices* edited by Mark Unno, 2006, 372 pages,

paperback. "The essays in this collection offer rich insights and present new angles of vision on the exciting dialogue going on between the ancient traditions of Buddhism and the recent advances in the field of psychotherapy." It includes articles by Mark and Taitetsu Unno, Julie Hanada-Lee, and Seigen Yamaoka.

*Encountering the Buddha: 108 Teachings of Buddha* by Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai, 2005, 233 pages, paperback. 2 copies. These one-page stories are in English and Japanese. One of the final chapters is "Be a Lamp for Yourself" that tells about Sakyamuni's passing.

*What Makes You Not a Buddhist* by Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse, 2008, 134 pages, paperback. The author is a Tibetan Buddhist lama who travels and teaches internationally. In this book he challenges common misconceptions, stereotypes and fantasies. He urges readers to "move beyond the superficial trappings of Buddhism--beyond the romance with beads, incense, or exotic robes--straight to the heart of what the Buddha taught."

*Karma Kids: answering everyday parenting questions with buddhist wisdom* by Greg Holden, Ulysses Print, Berkeley, CA, 2004, 176 pages, paperback. This book teaches parents how to:

1. Focus attention on your kids.
2. Encourage respect for living things
3. Become a better listener.
4. Make dinnertime a special family ritual.
5. Teach your kids about Buddha.
6. Create sacred space in your home.

*Nukunori, Warmth*, by Takayuki Ashikaga, translated by K. Yokogawa, The Nembutsu Press, Los Angeles, 87 pages, paperback. These are series of articles that appeared in the Jodoshinshu magazine Shinko. They tell about how Amida Buddha entered people's lives.

### March Toban

Asakawa, Carol	Dawson, Beebee
Dawson, Charles	Greenwood, Don
Greenwood, Merrie	Hittle, Judy
Hittle, Paul	Hokama, Pat
Hokama, Tom	Larouche, Chip
Larouche, Setsy	Matsunaga, Robert
Nishi-Strattner, Linda	Nishi-Strattner, Mark
Ono, Al	Ono, Tomoko
Ono, Yoshi	Okamoto, Janice
Osaka, Gordon	Shikatani, Cathy
Stoeller, Willem	Tanaka, Bill
Tanaka, Linda	Tateishi, Jeanie
Yanase, Craig	Yanase, Lisa
Yuzuriha, Elaine	Yuzuriha, Todd

*Toban not only means "my turn" but "my chance" to show my appreciation to all the men and women whose monetary donations and hard work resulted in this beautiful place, our Temple, to hear the Dharma.*

Words of Jean Matsumoto – 1995

### Condolences ...

- To the family of the late April Kinoshita who passed away January 29, 2009.

### 2009 Memorial Chart

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2008	1 year	1987	23 year
2007	3 year	1983	27 year
2003	7 year	1977	33 year
1997	13 year	1973	37 year
1993	17 year	1960	50 year

*If you would like to have a memorial service performed for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Gibbs as early as possible.*

### TechnoBuddha Conference 2009

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### Hey Japanese American High School Seniors ...

*This year's Graduation Banquet will be on  
Sunday, May 3, 2009*

*To make sure you get invited, please register your  
contact information! Register with  
Elaine (e.yuzuriha@comcast.net)  
or Kim (kim\_kono@yahoo.com)*

*Community scholarships postmark deadline is:  
Monday, March 2, 2009*

*Scholarship interviews will be:  
Saturday, April 11, 2009*

*Scholarship applications and eligibility are available on:*

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***Looking back at the 62nd  
Annual NW District  
Buddhist Convention  
Carol Saiget, Co-chair***

***Committee Members***

Services: Reverend Gibbs, Brenda Fugate

Workshops: Brenda Fugate

- Adult: Brenda Fugate, Reverend Gibbs
- Primary (PreK – 2nd gr.): Cynthia Wong, Mie McGraw
- Intermediate ( grade 3 – 5): Marilyn Achterman, Elaine Yuzuriha
- Middle (grade 6 – 8): Amy Peterson, Lori Fukunaga
- Youth (High School-college): Stan Shigii
- Daycare: Ann Shintani, Kyoko Gibbs, Teresa SotoDeRoman

Guest Relations:

- Registration/Info: Tammy Herold, Jean Matsumoto, Lily Meiner, Chris Dart, LaRhette Swann, Ray Fields
- Hotel Relations: Al Ono
- Reusable Shopping Bags: Nancy Kajitsu, Katie Tamiyasu
- Saturday Lunch & Banquet: Cathy Yarne, Al Ono, Jayne Ichikawa, Lora Wahl
- Sunday Bento to go: Janie & Hiro Matsushima, Tom McCormack
- Hospitality Room: Herb & Etsu Osaki, Ken & Katie Kawazoe, Susan & Chris Leedham, Connie Masuoka, chef Skip Yamamoto
- Transportation: Mike & Jan Ishii, Richard Koyama, Amy Peterson, Gordy Osaka

Treasurer: Shinya Ichikawa

Entertainment:

- Book Store: Jeffrey Kimoto, Karen Scapple, Jayne Ichikawa, June Shiigi, Janice Ishii
- Friday Night Mixer: Judy Hittle, Susan Leedham
- Sat. Evening Entertainment: Elaine & Todd Yuzuriha, Amy Peterson, Lori Fukunaga
- Audio-Visual: Jerry Fugate

Communications:

- Convention Booklet: Susan Endecott, Kiyo Endecott
- Boosters/Advertisers: Joe Wahl
- Photographers: Shinya Ichikawa, Stan Shiigi, David Wright, Todd Yuzuriha, Ken Garner
- Signs: Susan Endecott, June Shiigi
- Website: Ken Garner
- Publicity: Etsu Osaki

Guest Relations: all of the OBT Sangha

Convention Co-Chairs: Brenda Fugate, Carol Saiget

THANK YOU to all of you who helped put on the NW District convention. Working together, we were able to house, feed, entertain, and stimulate the Jodo Shinshu hearts and minds of over 350 participants. Many hands had to work together to accomplish all of the numerous tasks

before, during, and after the convention. Your contributions of your time, expertise, materials, and financial support helped to make the convention a successful event. Whether you have been acknowledged in front of an audience, in print, verbally, or maybe not at all, you stepped up to help in some way. My sincere apologies if I have inadvertently left your name off the list of committee members.

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**Boosters:** Al Abe, Alan Kasubuchi, Ben & Sumi Ishida, Yoshi & Tomoko Ono, Susan Endicott, Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa, Nobu & Takako Ishida, Cathy Yarne, Brenda Fugate, Rose Ikata, Michael Ishii, Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha

***Convention Highlights and Surprises***

- The debut of the Dharma Dollies – backup singers!
- No one ever get tired of listening to Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno's Dharma talks
- Being present to see Jean and Alice being recognized as Honorary Minister's Assistants
- Skip Yamamoto's seafood pot stickers, yum, yum!
- Over 350 voices coming together to sing "Ondokusan"... absolutely moving
- Young Adults engaged in painting murals and writing post cards home.
- Having a green, lean, and user friendly convention program booklet.
- Witnessing the Certification of our newest Ministers' Assistants: Cynthia Wong and Tammy Herold.
- Young children fully engaged in the Portland Taiko Workshop!
- A full dance floor of swingers enjoying the music from the Minidoka Swing Band... thank you Elaine & Todd.
- Finding out who is addicted to dark chocolates
- Jerry Fugate single-handedly usurping the audio/visual job from hotel staff and saving a bunch of money

***Arigato, arigato (thank you, thank you)***

***Jean Matsumoto***

Last Saturday evening at the 62nd Northwest District Buddhist Convention, my sister Alice Ando, and I were overwhelmingly honored. We were certified as Honorary Minister's Assistants for which Alice and I wish to thank our Temple, our Minister, and our Sangha. We were

fortunate to be raised in a home where *kodomono tame ni* (for the sake of the children) came first. Second was *otera no tame ni* (for the sake of the Temple). My father was passionate about the Oregon Buddhist Temple from the early 1920's. Alice and I grew up nurtured by the Temple, so as our mother would say, "atarimai" ("it's only normal") for us to carry on this legacy. How aritagai (grateful) we are to have OBT, a place to share the Dharma.

Namo Amida Butsu. Jean Matsumoto



### ***Youth Saturday night fever*** **Amy Peterson**

It is hard to thank all those that helped put together the programs for the Middle, High School and College programs but here goes:

Invaluable to the planning besides the Dana Class led by David Fukunaga were Katherine Achterman, Kristi Fukunaga, Aisha Almahmoud, Akiko Gorawski, Bradley Sumoge and Leigh Nishi-Strattner were Travis Suzaka and Kendall Kosai who have direct connections with Socho Ogui. Stan Shiigi and Lori Fukunaga took care of making sure we were on task and provided adequate nourishment.

Bee Bee and Charles Dawson helped write the Eight-Fold Game of Life which we hope to one day expand and make available to other Temples. Jerry Karo with the Portland Bonsai Society activated Ann Spencer who organized a host of volunteers to teach the MS group the art of Bonsai and thanks to the very generous donation of Stanley and Son Nursery of Boring they had the material to shape their own tree to keep for a long time. After the tranquility of that moment and full of lunch, Michael Wolcott from Epworth Methodist brought in some fantastic young people to help the kids learn about Hip-Hop in an interdependent world. Not only was the entertainment value great, but some of the kids tried their own hand at freestyle. So if you see them spinning on the linoleum you'll know why.

Beside the Dana Class HS students, Yuki Inouye, Kiyoko Endecott, Wendy-Lin Peterson and friend Josh along with Lori Fukunaga, Charlene Grinolds and an un-named (sorry) adult from Seattle helped make the Scavenger Hunt a success. Team 3 won in a close battle with Team 1 although Team 3 should have gotten extra points for getting a picture with Hiroshi Matsushima and picking up a lost member from another team. We have the clues available in case anyone wants an interesting tour of Portland from a Buddhist Perspective. Pictures are available.

Thanks to Cathy Shikatani who also provided snacks and David Fukunaga and Bradley Sumoge for setting up the video games.

With Gassho, Amy

### ***More Convention thank you's*** **Ann Shintani**

Thank you to the following volunteers for their contribution to this year's Youth/YAC programs: Stan Shiigi and David Fukunaga for the YAC program; Amy Peterson and Lori Fukunaga for the Middle School workshops and the YBA mixers; Elaine Yuzuriha and Marilyn Achterman for the Intermediate workshops and youth morning activities; Cynthia Wong and Mie McGraw for the Primary workshops; Kyoko Gibbs, Theresa SotoDeRoman, and Ann Shintani for the Daycare workshops; Michelle Fujii, Theresa Enrico, Ann Ishimaru and Portland Taiko for coordinating the Youth Taiko Workshop; Cathy Shikatani for the youth snack bags, and Brenda Fugate for coordinating the ministers.

### ***Convention words of wisdom*** **Compiled by Etsu Osaki**

- Bishop Ogui - Be sincere, have a sense of humor.
- Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno - The elbow does not bend outward. What does this koan mean? It means that we all have limitations and if we appreciate that fact, we will have freedom. Rather than worrying about ones limitations, be grateful for what you have. Use it to help others in creative ways. Make full use of the freedom you have and share it with others.
- Rev. Don Castro - We live at the expense of the death of other beings. Before throwing something away ask "Where did it come from, where is it going?" Live simply so others can simply live. In Buddhism we are responsible for our environment.
- Rev. Dennis Fujimoto - You can't understand happiness unless you have suffered. With every single meal we are killing. Contradictions in your life are OK. The truly humble realizes his ego.
- Rev. Dr. Hosho Matsubayashi - Interdependence is selflessness. Shinjin is the entrusting heart.



***Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Tateitsu Unno at the Convention closing service***

