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SACRED WORDS

Those who keep the true dharma are few in number just like a bit of soil on a fingernail.

Nichiren Shonin—*Kaimoku-sho*

Weekly Services

We will continue to hold services with limited in-person attendance and broadcast online via **Zoom.** For those interested in participating online, please contact the temple to obtain meeting ID and password. Donations can be made either by check payable to **Kannon Temple of Nevada** or **Zellepay.com** to kannontemplenv@gmail.com.

Komatsubara Persecution Service

Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

The Third of Four Major Persecutions in Nichiren Shonin's life. Before sunset on November 11, 1264, Nichiren was ambushed in the forests of Komatsubara, in current Chiba Prefecture. He was on his way to a devout follower's residence after secretly visiting his sick mother. He was wounded in the ensuing attack, while two followers were killed.
Please join us online to commemorate this important event.

Bodhi Day Service & Buddhist Statues Appreciation

Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

Let us celebrate Sakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment Day. Traditionally a bodhi-tree is placed near the altar, representing the time Buddha became enlightened under that tree.
We will also show our appreciation to your Buddhist statues (Daikoku, Kishibojin, Kannon, Nichiren Shonin, Buddhas) or any statue(s) that you place in your altar. Detailed instructions will be given later.
We usually hold our Year End Potluck Luncheon after service. Unfortunately, we will discontinue this tradition until further notice.

New Year's Eve Ceremony

Dec. 31, 10:30 a.m. (Thu)

Come join us for the last service for 2026! This service is to show our gratitude to the Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, Gohonzon, deities, ancestors, and all those around us throughout this interesting year.
We will hit the *hansho* bell a total of 108 times, symbolizing our 108 attachments and illusions. All negativity will hopefully be gone with the sound of the bell to welcome in 2027 with A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Electronic Newsletter

If you wish to receive this bi-monthly newsletter electronically, please email temple with your request at kannontemplenv@gmail.com. We are in the process of moving many operations online, which will help reduce temple expenses.

Monthly Amulets

Continuing from last year, Kannon Temple will be creating its own special monthly amulet with donation remaining the same at $5 per month per amulet or $60 per year per amulet. Please contact the temple either by mail or email with your name and number of requested amulet(s). Donations can be made via check or Zellepay.
New amulets will be mailed out starting January 2027.

Deity Daikoku Special Blessing Service

Dec. 16 (Wed)

Deity Daikoku is one of the seven lucky gods of Japan. Every 60 days, we honor Deity Daikoku which happens to fall on Wednesday December 16.
Those of you who have a Daikoku statue or are interested in attending this service. Please reach out to the temple at kannontemplenv@gmail.com for further information.

Temple Cleaning

Dec. 26 10:00 a.m. (Sat)

In late December, it is tradition to help thoroughly clean the temple. This deep clean is to help rid the temple and you of any grime and negative energy accumulated over the year. This is in preparation for the coming new year so we can start fresh.
We ask for volunteers to come to help with this year's temple cleaning on Saturday *December 26. Bring your own cleaning supplies if you wish.*

Listen to Minority Viewpoints

Shoda Kanai

The *Sacred Words* is from October's "Nichiren Shonin's Words." If you have a chance, go to the temple's Facebook page to see the full translation. Here is an excerpt:

Even in modern society, many things are decided⇨

⇦by majority rule in the name of democracy. However, there are times when we fail to think things through for ourselves, simply yielding to those in power or going along with the majority opinion.

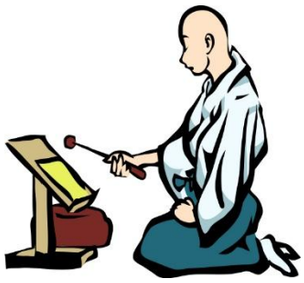
"Those who do what is right are as few as the specks of soil on a fingernail." Let us take these words to heart and listen even to minority opinions as we seek where the truth lies.

With the increased use of social media and their algorithms, we can easily fall into "like-minded" thinking. These thoughts can sway our decision making. Instead of listening to one source, try searching for many sources and viewpoints. Sometimes these viewpoints may be contradictory to what you believe now, but having more information will lead to better overall insight.

It may be difficult to change one's opinion. To say, "I am wrong," is not easy. Our identity is wrapped in how we view the world and to change will be mentally crushing. How can we navigate through all this information to find out what is correct and keep our sanity?

Through continual chanting and meditation, we can calm our minds so that knowledge and wisdom will grow. This is how we develop our 'Buddha mind.' It is only when the mind is calm that we can be able to process all information. As we chant and meditate, we are little by little becoming more like a Buddha. The vast understanding becomes more accessible as we can see the "Reality of All Things." We can start to see the truth and discern what is false.

Continue practicing every day. Knowledge and wisdom do not come right away. It will take time and patience. But the hard work that everyone puts in will manifest itself when one least expects it. Be that 'rare speck of soil' that listens to all viewpoints and forge your own path.



New Building Fund honoring the 750th Commemoration of Nichiren Shonin's Passing
803 *shakyo* tracing Chapter 25 of the Lotus Sutra offered, **25,320,000** times of Chanting *Odaimoku* offered, As of October 25, 2026
Thank you very much! Please continue your support.

From the High Desert, I Bring you Good News!

Sakyamuni Buddha Statue

Shoda Kanai

During my latest trip to Japan, I had a change to visit the *Hokuriku* (northwest part of Honshu) area and the Honzan (Head Temple) Myōjōji Temple. Usually there are one or two in each prefecture, but this region only has one among a couple of prefectures.

The buildings are very, very old and built in the Momoyama style (1573-1615), but the temple was founded in 1294 by Nichizō Shonin on his way from Sado Island to Kyoto to spread the Lotus Sutra at the request of Nichiren Shonin's dying words.

There are many special halls built around the temple complex. There is a five-story pagoda, a rock lake where the upper class viewed while resting, and a Sakyamuni Hall.

Inside the Sakyamuni Hall is a five meters golden statue and has been labeled as a prefectural cultural treasure. The hall is tucked away in the rear but is majestic, nonetheless. Inside, visitors can write prayers on a little flag and place it in a sandbox.

This temple is very difficult to get to, but well worth the trip if you happen to be in the Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture area.





EVENTS

November

1 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly *Kito* Blessing
8 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	*Komatsubara* Persecution Service
15 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	English Service
22 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	*Shodai-gyo* (Chanting Meditation)
29 (Sun) **No Service**	**5th Sunday**

December

6 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Bodhi Day/Statue Appreciation
13 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	*Monthly Kito Blessing*
20 & 27 (Sun)	**No Service**
26 (Sat) 10:00 a.m.	Temple Cleaning
31 (Thu) 10:30 a.m.	New Years Eve Service & Tolling of Bells

*** Join in every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. for **Tea Time with a Priest** to have your questions answered. Email temple for zoom ID and password ***

*** Those interested in Study Class and/or Counseling, please contact the temple to make arrangements ***