



Bishop Chiko Inouye
1991-1993



Bishop Taisen Miyata
1993 - 2007

*Although its scent
still lingers on,
the form of a flower
has scattered away.
For whom will the glory
of this world remain
unchanged?
Arriving today at
the yonder side
of the deep mountains
of evanescent existence,
we shall never allow
ourselves to drift away.*

Iroha Uta - Written
by Kukai (Translation
by Ryuichi Abe)

The temple Nokotsudo was completed in 1993. It is a great comfort in our hectic world to know that the memory of our ancestors is being sanctified every day with the proper rituals. It is, in fact, a double blessing. Through prayer and the simple offering of rice and vegetables, we are not only honoring our obligation to past generations but in celebrating that sacred bond, we help to keep ourselves from drifting away into the illusion of this evanescent existence.

1992-2001

1993

- Reverend Taisen Miyata succeeds Bishop Chiko Inouye.
- Nokotsudo (columbarium) Shrine is installed at the east side of the main hall.
- Kannon Pilgrimage to 33 Temples of Saikoku is led by Reverend Tomotaka Nishikubi.
- Girl Scout Troop 379 is organized under the leadership of YABA members.



1995

- Koyasan High School students and delegates from Mount Koya Headquarters visit.
- Memorial service for victims of the Hanshin earthquake is conducted.

1999

- Visit by a large group of delegates from Mount Koya Headquarters touring both South and North America.



1992-2001



1995

- The Shingon Buddhist Service book is published.
- The Kenshusei program comes to an end. Yasumasa Fukushima is the last Kenshusei to train in Los Angeles.

1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001

Hoshimatsuri - 1992 and 1993



COURTESY OF TOYO MIYAKE STUDIO

1992 – Top row (L to R): Fujin-kai President Masako Kanogawa, Temple President Yutaka Sadamitsu, Takashi Miyamoto as “oni”. Bottom row (L to R): Toshi otoko Roy Takata, Reverend Taisen Miyata, Bishop Chiko Inouye, Bishop Emeritus Ryosho Sogabe, 1991 Nisei Week Miss Tomodachi.



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1993 – From left, Fujin-kai President Yachiyo Kato, 1992 Nisei Week Queen Andrea Kawamoto, Reverend Taisen Miyata, Bishop Chiko Inouye, Bishop Emeritus Ryosho Sogabe, Toshi otoko Yoshio Kato, Temple President Yutaka Sadamitsu.

Hoshimatsuri - 1994 and 1995



1995 - The congregation enjoys watching the guests of honor ward off double oni, Kenshusei Yasumasa Fukushima and Takashi Miyamoto, with fuku-mame.



1994 – Bishop Taisen Miyata offers an omamori to the 1993 Nisei Week Queen Naomi Ono.



1994 – Naomi Ono, the 1993 Nisei Week Queen.

Hoshimatsuri - 1996 and 2001



1995 – From left, 1994 Nisei Week Princess, Toshi otoko Archie Miyatake, Reverend Myojo Yokota, 1994 Nisei Week Queen Judy Sato-Gilbertson.



2001 – From left, Fujin-kai President Frances Nakamura, 2000 Nisei Week Queen Tricia Tanaka and Bishop Taisen Miyata enjoy the traditional ritual of mamemaki (bean tossing).

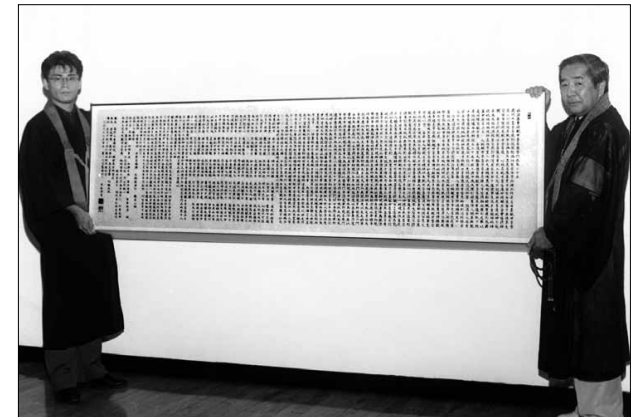
Shukan Inauguration Procession - 1993



Hiro Miyata holds up the umbrella over his father, Taisen Miyata - the newly appointed Shukan (head minister) of the Temple - as the procession goes through Little Tokyo. Other dignitaries in the procession include Bishop Ryosho Sogabe (right) and Bishop Kakusho Ureshino (far left), the Chief of Education from Koyasan Headquarters.

Kannon-gyo Sutra Scroll - 1993

Reverend Tomotaka Nishikubi and Bishop Taisen Miyata display a framed scroll of the Kannon-gyo Sutra.



Nokotsudo Shrine Dedication and Bishop

Miyata Installation Ceremony - June 6, 1993



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On June 6, 1993, the Temple celebrates both the Nokotsudo Shrine Dedication and the promotion of Reverend Taisen

Miyata to Shukan (Head Minister) of Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin.

Nokotsudo Construction and Completion - 1993



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Above:
Completion of the Nokotsudo.

Left: Roy Takei, chief architect for the Nokotsudo, with Bishop Taisen Miyata.

Nokotsudo Dedication Service - 1993



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Before the Nokotsudo Dedication service on June 6, 1993, Temple President Noboru Yonemoto, Bishop Taisen Miyata and Fujin-kai President Yachiyo Kato stand before the newly installed pillar that reads Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin.



Ramp Construction Spring 1999

A handicap ramp is installed. Bishop Taisen Miyata stands in background.

Spring Ohigan - 1995



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The members of the Temple welcome a contingent of Koyasan High School students at the Spring Ohigan

service in March of 1995.

Fall Ohigan Reverend Tanjo Visit - October 5, 1996



At the Fall Ohigan service, the congregation welcomes Reverend Suen Tanjo, a former residential minister from 1959 to 1964. Reverend Suen Tanjo, who hails from Hyogo Prefecture, Japan, is seated on the left next to Bishop Taisen Miyata and Bishop Emeritus Ryosho Sogabe.

Fall Ohigan - October 20, 1998



Members of the 1998 Shikoku Pilgrimage have a reunion during the Fall Ohigan. Top row (L to R): Mine Fujinami, Suzie M. Tanaka, Noriko Ishikawa, Kiyoko Yanagisawa. Second row (L to R): Hiromu Matsuo, Ruby Matsuo, Satoko Kurata, Yasuo Kurata, Masanori Fujimoto, Sakae Fujimoto. Seated (L to R): Temple President Noboru Yonemoto, Bishop Taisen Miyata, Fujin-kai President Frances Nakamura.

Temple Visit by Delegates from Mount Koya -

September 16, 1999



Director of Education, Yukou Kitahara, and several delegates from Mount Koya visit the Temple during their

goodwill trip through North and South America in 1999.



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A luncheon is held at the Temple for delegates from Mount Koya after they attend a commemorative

service in Brazil.

Commemorative Service and Banquet
for Delegates of Mount Koya -
November 18, 1995



Visiting priests from Mount Koya begin a service in the Temple courtyard.

Koban Dedication Service
LABCF - May 1996



Ministers of the LABCF, from left, Reverend Shomyo Kojima (Zenshuji), Head Minister Ryosho Kokuzo (Long Beach), Bishop Ryosho Kawai (Jodo Shinshu), Bishop Kenko Yamashita (Zenshuji), Bishop Taisen Miyata, Reverend Shokai Kanai (Nichiren), Bishop Noriaki Ito (Higashi Honganji), Reverend Myojo Yokota pray for the success and safety of the Little Tokyo Koban and Visitor's Center.

Aobamatsuri - June 8, 1997



Goodwill visit between Los Angeles and Hawaii - A contingent from Liliha Shingon Mission of Honolulu comes to visit the Temple on Aobamatsuri in 1997.

Obon - July 1997



Former Los Angeles minister, Reverend Shuho Jishi (seated next to Bishop Taisen Miyata) and his family visit the Temple on Obon in July 1997. Standing from left are Reverend Taishu Hosokawa, Reverend Akio Okuni and Reverend Myojo Yokota.

Hanamatsuri - April 4, 1999



Reverend Eisho Okawa, Reverend Myojo Yokota, Bishop Emeritus Ryosho Sogabe, Shikako Sogabe and Reverend Taishu Hosokawa pose before a new life-size Baby Buddha diorama created by the YABA for the Hanamatsuri service.

Shichi-Go-San - November 2001



Above: For the second consecutive year, students from South High School in Torrance assist at the Shichi-Go-San service in 2001.



Left: Volunteer Rika Itami gives a balloon to one of many children who attend the service. The Shichi-Go-San service is a blessing for the healthy growth of those children in attendance. The children are often in traditional Japanese garb - boys in hakama and girls with their first obi.

Cub Scout Troop 379 at Dodger Stadium - 1992



Proudly presenting colors before a Dodger game are from left, Assistant Cub Master Ken Fujimoto, Gilbert Guevara, Jeffrey Takimoto, Quincy Yamada, Wayne Aono, Yamato Ota, Cub Master Robert Narumi.

Koyasan Cub Scouts - 1992 through 1993



Junichi Nakagawa, Eagle Scout Alumni, watches Yamato Ota having fun pounding mochi.



Richard Narumi shows scout Leo Nakano the proper way to do mochitsuki.



Cub Scout Summer Camp 1992.



Dan Suzumori and Kevin Koga.



From left, Shaun Oshita, Go Ogawa, Derek Norimoto, Yoshi Nakazato, Ricky Kotani.

Sangha Award Recipients - November 19, 1993



Nine Boy Scouts are awarded the Sangha Award in 1993. Standing from left, Kazutaka Osumi, Roy Yamamoto, Shogo Takayama, Youki Terada, Kirk Yamada, Shingo Kusama, Jyun Tosa, Ryotaro Isobe, Ben Okazaki. Seated in front are Bishop Taisen Miyata and Reverend Myojo Yokota, acting Troop Minister.



Troop 379 Year-End Party - 1993

Girl Scouts, Mai Suzumori (foreground), Sallien Kaneko and Susan Keefe (in background) give a performance at the annual Year-End Party.

Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop 379 Award Celebrations - 1997



From left, Boy Scouts, Derek Kusagaya, Yamato Ota and Gilbert Guevara celebrate their Eagle Scout Awards with their mothers, Susie Kusagaya, Etsuko Ota, and Sugiko Guevara.



Chikara Ota and Christopher Chu celebrate their advancement from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.

Girl Scout Troop 379 at Nisei Week - August 8, 1998



The Boy Scouts Drum and Bugle Corp accompany the Girl Scouts in a performance at the Nisei Week Parade. From left, Candy Lee, Alice Lee, Heather Iwata, Michele Shimabukuro, Jennifer Koga.

Boy Scouts Reunion at Sambi - November 2, 1997



A reunion at the Japanese restaurant, Sambi, in Downey, California. Colorful displays in the banquet room chronicle the history of Troop 379, while past scouts, mothers and wives of scouts reunite and tell stories, recounting their past memories as if it were yesterday.

Junior YBA Installation - 1994



Teen members are installed as Cabinet members of the Jr. YBA by Bishop Taisen Miyata. Johnny Kuramoto (far left) is elected as President of the association.

YABA Chibi 5K Fair - 1999



Students of South High School and members of YABA sell drinks and hurricane popcorn at the Chibi 5K Fair in the Summer of 1999.

Cabinet - November 1, 1998



Top row (L to R): Koichi Ohara, Jack Wada, Yutaka Sadamitsu. Second row (L to R): Toshio Babamoto, Kiichi Kazahaya, Shoji Kanogawa. Third row (L to R): Frances Nakamura, Masanori Fujimoto, Yoshio Kato, Roy Takata, Noboru Yonemoto. Seated (L to R): Reverend Eisho Okawa, Reverend Taishu Hosokawa, Bishop Taisen Miyata, Reverend Myojo Yokota.

YABA - December 2000



Members of the YABA celebrate the winter holidays at Empress Pavilion Restaurant. From left, Craig Harada, Pei Eto, Naomi Kariyama, Kevin Eto, Regina Sakurai, Pat Murakami, Kenneth Ito, Hope Fujita, Haruko Harada, Paul Kaneta.

Saifukuji - July 8, 1996



A group from Saifukuji Temple of Kagoshima, Japan, visits the Temple on July 8, 1996. The head priest of Saifukuji Temple, Bishop Ekan Ikeguchi, seated between Bishop Taisen Miyata and Bishop Emeritus Ryosho Sogabe, is a high ranking minister renowned for his elaborate Goma Fire Ritual.

Kenshusei Reunion - 1994



Kenshusei reunion at Hanabishi Restaurant in Koyasan, Wakayama Prefecture, Japan. Top row (L to R): Reverend Hirotsugu Okuni, Reverend Jiro Takagi, Reverend Kunihiko Yabu, Reverend Tainin Nishi. Second row (L to R): Reverend Tomotaka Nishikubi, Reverend Shinnin Hokimoto, Reverend Eiryō Tokoro. Bottom row (L to R): Reverend Chisei Uragami (Aratano), Bishop Emeritus Ryosho Sogabe, Shikako Sogabe.

Ministers - 1992 through 1995



1993 - From left, Reverend Myojo Yokota, Kenshusei Tainin Nishi, Bishop Taisen Miyata, Reverend Tomotaka Nishikubi, Bishop Emeritus Chiko Inouye.



1994 - From left, Reverend Tomotaka Nishikubi, Kenshusei Hirotosugu Okuni, Bishop Taisen Miyata, Reverend Myojo Yokota.



1992: Reverend Tokusei Miyake from Seattle Koyasan (top row second from left) visits the Temple.



1995 - From left, Kenshusei Yasumasa Fukushima, Reverend Myojo Yokota, Bishop Taisen Miyata, Reverend Tomotaka Nishikubi, Reverend Seinin Otaga.

Ministers - 1997 through 1999



1997 - From left, Reverend Akio Okuni, Reverend Taishu Hosokawa, Bishop Taisen Miyata, Reverend Myojo Yokota.



1999 - From left, Reverend Shinyu Masuda, Mine Fujinami (cook), Reverend Eisho Okawa, Bishop Taisen Miyata, Fumie Ito (bookkeeper), Reverend Myojo Yokota.



1998 - From left, Reverend Eisho Okawa, Bishop Taisen Miyata, Reverend Myojo Yokota, Reverend Taishu Hosokawa.

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