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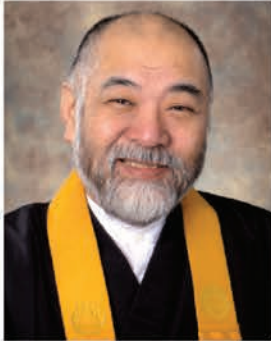


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2018 BCA THEME: PEACE AND HARMONY

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C.C.Sangha would like to express our deepest sympathy to all family members of the victims of another mass shooting, most recently at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. It is our wish that this must not happen again.

'As I am, so are these. As are these, so am I.' Drawing the parallel to yourself, neither kill nor cause others to kill. "Sutta Nipata 705"

Midori and I respectfully inform you that we have acquired our American citizenship!

After twenty six years since coming to the United States, we took an oath to becoming American citizens on January 23, 2018.

We are thinking that we naturalized to this country quite naturally.

In October 2016, Midori and I visited Japan with some members of C.C. Sangha, attending the Accession Service of the new Go-Monshu_the Lord Bishop, Ohtani Kohjun at the Honganji, Kyoto. During this trip, we felt like traveling abroad all the time. At the end of that tour and upon our arrival at San Francisco International Airport, Midori and I truly felt that we were home. We recognized ourselves as more American than Japanese. Midori and I thought at that moment, that the indebtedness for America's soil was deeper than both our birthplaces. This indebtedness may be similar to the typical sense of farmers, particularly Shin Buddhist farmers, and just like the Issei's felt decades ago. It was then that we decided to begin the United States Naturalization process.

After the one-year process, we publicly became American citizens.

Now we are cheering on the American athletes while watching the Winter Olympics on television.

"It's amazing Shaun!" "Well done John-Henry!" "You did it Nagasu" but still Hanyu is so great!

Gassho,

Rev. Kakei Nakagawa, Rinban

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW
U.S. CITIZENS...
REV. KAKEI & MIDORI NAKAGAWA!!**

