

# Dharma School Report

May 2016

Preparing for the annual Hanamatsuri choir performance and after-service program keeps Dharma School teachers, students, and parents busy during the early part of each calendar year. All the hard work culminates with the Hanamatsuri program. The pre-school and Lotus (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders) class students wowed us with their skilled bell performance and singing of "With a Little Help from Our Friends". The Truth's Disciples class (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) students acted out a situation about choosing friendship and kindness over retaliation in their play, "Spam, Yuck!" The Dana class (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders) entertained us with "Sangha Feud", a take-off on the TV show Family Feud. It matched Koyama against Koyama, Reverend captaining team 'Three Poisons' and Linda leading team 'Three Treasures'. It was lots of fun and lots of laughs. Lastly, again our high school, Satori class students, were our Masters of Ceremony and did an clever job reminding us of what the Six Pamamitas are and the virtues we should be striving for. We hope the Sangha enjoyed the entertainment. Students, thanks for all your perseverance and hard work - you were great!! Last, but not least, many, many thanks to Amy, Alice and Yoko for their efforts in leading the choir and Mark, Brandon, and Tyler for sharing their musical talent. The choir performance was wonderful and voices were beautiful.

Dharma School is seeking the names of any former students graduating from either high school or college. Please let Denise Montgomery ([dmontgomery628@gmail.com](mailto:dmontgomery628@gmail.com)) or the Temple Office know by May 8th.

Several of our Dharma School teachers will be attending the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League (the BCA-wide teachers organization) conference in Sacramento April 29-May1st. Dharma School classes **will** be held as usual by the remaining teachers.

Finally, a belated, but sincere thank you to Enomoto family for their generous donation to Dharma School.

Gassho,

Kathy Obana and Denise Montgomery