

# KOYASAN

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## **110th Anniversary of the Koyasan Shingon Mission North America Special Service: Transmission of the Bodhisattva Precepts and Creating Karmic Bond with Kobo-Daishi**



This year marks the 110th anniversary of the establishment of the Koyasan Shingon Sect on the North American continent. In 1912, the Koyasan Daishi Kyokai Branch was temporarily located in a house in Elysian Park, Los Angeles, and the "Kobo-Daishi O Mie", Scroll of Kobo-Daishi Image, which is said to be drawn by Prince Shin-nyo, a gift from Kongobuji, Koyasan HQ, was transmitted to the land of America. From 110 years to today, this Daishi is still watching over us.

On Sunday, October 23, 2022, we will have a service with Daishi followers from all over the North American continent. The Executive Officer of Koyasan Kongobuji Temple, Bishop Shunga Kiryu, who is also the head of the Department of Educational Affairs and of the International Bureau, will officiate the service. We would like to take the opportunity to invite you to "Jukai", which is held at the Koyasan Daishi Church Headquarters in Japan, to be performed at the Betsuin after the service. Jukai is a ceremony for "taking refuge in the Buddha and receiving the Buddhist lay precepts".

We hope that you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to celebrate our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with us and to make a connection with Kobo Daishi and Buddha.

With Gassho.

Bishop Yuju Matsumoto

Special Officiant:	Bishop Shunga Kiryu Executive officer, Koyasan Kongobuji HQ Director, Educational Department of Koyasan Shingon Mission Director, International Bureau, Koyasan Shingon mission Representative Director, Koyasan Shingon Buddhism USA
Time:	October 23, 2022 (Sunday) 11:00 A.M.
Place:	Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin of Los Angeles Main Hall Altar Area
Fee:	\$50 per person (Please write Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin of L.A. on the check.)

Presentation of Certificate of Bodhisattva Precepts after receiving Jukai.

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## **110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Koyasan Shingon Mission North America**

**Kobo Daishi Kizuna-Jukai:**

**Ceremony to Receive Boddhisatva Precepts and Create a Deep Bond with Kobo Daishi**

**October 23, 2022 at 11:30 A.M.**

This year marks the 110th anniversary of the establishment of the Koyasan Shingon Mission in North America. We had originally planned to have a celebration service in the fall of this year; but due to the outbreak of COVID-19, we have been forced to postpone the service to the fall of 2023.

The history of Shingon Esoteric Buddhism in the U.S. dates back to 1912, when the young Shingon priest, Reverend Shutai Aoyama, established the Koyasan Daishi Church in Elysian Park, Los Angeles, California. Prince Shinnyo of Japan presented a scroll with the image of Kobo Daishi to the Daishi Church to honor its establishment. Today, that scroll resides in the main building of the Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin of Los Angeles.

As a kickoff to the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, the Betsuin will welcome Bishop Shunga Kiryu, Director of the International Bureau, from Mt. Koya. During his visit, Bishop Kiryu will officiate the "Kizuna-Jukai", a ceremony where the congregation will develop a bond with our Great Master Kobo Daishi through an esoteric ritual and also receive ten precepts called the "Boddhisatva Ten Good Precepts." At the headquarters of the Koyasan Daishi Kyokai on Mt. Koya, the Jukai ceremony is performed daily by an Ācharya. However, the Jukai ceremony is rarely performed outside of Japan and the Betsuin will now be hold a Jukai ceremony for the first time in the United States. It is said that those who receive the Boddhisatva Ten Good Precepts will receive many benefits. The benefits cannot be seen with the eyes, but the recipients themselves can realize that "the Buddha nature is indeed present" in our hearts. There is no greater merit than this than if you can use the "mind of Buddha" in your daily life and "make use of" many lives, including your own and those around you.

At the end of the ceremony, you will receive Certificate that you can keep with you in your Butsudan for the rest of the lifetime as proof of your commitment to the Boddhisatva Precepts and a physical representation of your bond with Kobo Daishi.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to this event, and hope that you will take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make further connections with Kobo Daishi, Odaishi-sama, as if you were visiting his ancestral mountain, Koya.

We wish you all the best on your journey to Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin.

In Gassho.

Reverend Yuju Matsumoto

Bishop of Koyasan Shingon Missionary North America

Head Minister of Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin of L.A.

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2022 JUKAI APPLICATION FORM

Jukai – Transmission of the Bodhisatva Precepts  
Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.

\$50 Minimum Donation Per Person

Name of Applicant お申込者ご芳名	Address ご住所	Phone 連絡先	Email

Total Number of Applicants: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Processed Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ck #: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

## What is a Jukai (Receiving Precepts) Ceremony?

This is a ceremony in which the teachings of the precepts given by the Buddha are given directly by an acharya. This is one of the most Koyasan-like experiential practices available at Koyasan's Daishi Church HQ. The ten precepts given here are called the "Bodhisattva Ten Good Precepts". These precepts are the norms that people of today should hold in their hearts, and if all people keep these precepts in mind, we will be much closer to the realization of a wonderful society. The precepts are to teach such "the way of being of the Buddha's mind".

At the headquarters of the Koyasan Daishi Church on Koyasan, the "Bodhisattva Ten Good Precepts" are given daily by an acharya. This wonderful Esoteric Buddhist teaching will be held in the U.S. for the first time, with the bishop of the department of Education from Koyasan HQ. It is said that those who receive this teaching will receive many benefits. The benefits cannot be seen with the eyes, but the recipients themselves can realize that "the Buddha nature is indeed present" in our hearts. There is no greater merit than this than if you can use the "mind of Buddha" in your daily life and "make use of" many lives, including your own and those around you.

## Ten Good Precepts of the Bodhisattvas

Let us take a brief look at the "Ten Precepts of Bodhisattvas", the ten precepts given at Koyasan Daishi Church.

### Fu Ses-sho

The essence of this precept is to realize that all living beings are being kept alive within the life of the universe.

### Fu Chu-to

This is the teaching of "do not steal", but at its essence it expresses the spirit of the Bodhisattva that our hearts are more fulfilled when we give and are pleased to receive. It is a precept for the realization of the "world of the Buddha" where we respect each other and give to each other.

### Fu Ja-in

This is the teaching that one should not have unethical relationships. A self-centered relationship without consideration and care for the other person will ultimately lead to mutual unhappiness. The world where the Buddha resides is filled with the spirit of mutual offerings and mutual worship.

### Fu Mo-go

"Not tell lies". The mind that respects and cares for others is pure and beautiful, and this mind is "hotokegokoro", Buddha's mind. Live with the Buddha is to live honestly with oneself and not to harm others.

#### Fu Ki-go

"Fu kigo" is the teaching of "not saying beautiful things". Frivolous words do not convey sincerity. Also, insincere words will hurt others. Such words do not have the compassion that the Buddha has. It is a precept that we should use words of sincerity in order to live as children of the Buddha.

#### Fu Ak-ku

This is the precept "not to speak ill of others". The language of every country is inherently beautiful. If we use words that offend others, quarrels will quickly arise. On the other hand, if we use kind words, we can make those around us feel at ease. It is a reminder to listen carefully to the voice of "hotokegokoro", Buddha nature in our own hearts and use words that reach people's hearts.

#### Fu Ryo-zetsu

This means "not to use double-talk". If you say what is convenient to one side and not to the other, you will eventually lose credibility. It is a precept to speak words that come from one's true heart, words that are considerate, rather than to try to patch up the situation by trying to curry favor with the other party.

#### Fu Ken-don

"Not to be greedy". We live in a modern society that is overflowing with things, and we are so attached to things that we cannot experience abundance without them. The value of true happiness is to be felt by "knowing enough".

#### Fu Shin-ni

This is the precept to "not be angry". Our anger is caused by "not getting one's own way". We tend to lose our self-centeredness and forget the "Buddha's heart". This is a precept to remember the Buddha's mind, which is deep within us.

#### Fu Ja-ken

"Not to be wrong way of looking at things". The Buddha taught us to look at things from many angles and perspectives. It is a precept to have eyes to calmly discern the true nature of things.

As described above, matters that are very important in one's life are expressed in the form of "precepts". The Great Master Kobo Daishi used the term "Ji Kai" (to hold the precepts). In the words of the Great Master Kobo-Daishi, he said, "It is important to realize that we have the same nature as the Buddha in our hearts, and to maintain that state".

The practice of the precepts is to nurture the "Hotoke-sama", Buddha that is certainly within us.