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Book Review

Buddhism for  
Everyday Life

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## Current Events Dharma Around the World Quilt Project



2011/7/19



An International Leaders Seminar took place during the summer of 2010. During the commencement activities, the President-Designate Rev. Kosho Niwano and Chairman Rev. Watanabe in two different speeches talked about the growth of Rissho Kosei-kai internationally. An idea developed to produce a quilt that reflected the nature of RK International. RK Dharma Centers and Churches outside of Japan, around the world were invited to participate in producing a quilt block. The challenge was to produce an image that reflected the uniqueness of their sangha and culture. Leaders were asked to submit a description of the symbolism of the elements in the block and a description of their particular mission. Nineteen blocks representing thirty-two centers were submitted. The US centers that participated are: Honolulu, Maui, Kona, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Klamath Falls, Tucson, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Chicago, Dayton, New York, Tampa Bay, and Fort Myers. The international centers are Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bangkok, Singapore, and Europe. The result is a colorful walk around the world.

The quilt was presented to President Niwano in July 2011, in recognition of his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Inheriting the Lamp of the Dharma" from Founder Nikkyo Niwano. The quilt is on display in Horinkaku Hall Nov. 14– Dec. 2 then it will begin its travels around the globe. Each participating sangha will have the opportunity to display the quilt for 3 weeks. At the end of its tour, the quilt will find a final resting place somewhere in the Rissho Kosei-kai complex in Tokyo.

### Features of the Quilt

The brown sashing on the quilt represents the mud from which lotus flowers grow. Just like the sashing supports the blocks, so do the sanghas support their members.

The Rissho Kosei-kai logo can be found at the bottom of the quilt. The green represents the vegetation and life that lives on the earth. The yellow ochre represents the earth itself. As humans, we must embrace the earth and live lightly on it. The image suggests arms embracing the earth and its life. The circle at the top of the logo represents a human head.

The border of the quilt suggests the logo. The blocks of the quilt are located at the heart of the human indicating that it is the sangha that is the heart of the organization. Also at the base of the quilt, the motto of RK is embroidered in yellow and green: "Gift of Life. Power to Live."

The quilting design in the "head" is the original logo of Rissho Kosei-kai. The design is a combination of the Niwano and Naganuma family crests. The placement of the crests in the head symbolizes their role in founding, developing and leading Rissho Kosei-kai.



**Nikkyo Niwano**  
**Founder of**  
**Rissho Kosei-kai**

Excerpt from new book  
**BUDDHISM FOR**  
**EVERYDAY LIFE**

No One Exists Alone

*“Words of praise are also important. Even the dourest person can be transformed by praise. The child who is regularly praised and reassured that she will certainly grow up into a fine adult, little by little makes those words come true. Words have a spirit of their own.”*

*Buddhism for*  
*Everyday Life*

## Guidance from Founder Niwano

No one can live in isolation, but we hate interference. We are inundated from morning to night by so many people and so much information that sometimes we long for a few precious moments of quiet alone.

What would happen to us if we were completely free of others' influences? An experiment was once conducted in which blindfolded volunteers with their ears plugged were placed alone in a completely silent room. They came into contact with no one and were completely cut off from all sources of information. Nothing was required of the volunteers except that each stay isolated in one of these rooms. At first the volunteers slept, but they could not sleep forever. They began talking or singing to themselves out of boredom, and eventually they started to hallucinate. By then they were ready to be hypnotized. Asked under hypnosis how much two plus three was, they would answer five, but if they were chided, “But you know, two plus three is six,” they would quickly apologize for their “mistake.” Psychiatry says that such

eagerness to please arises from human intolerance of solitude. The experiment demonstrates how important it is to maintain constant interaction with the people and events around us.

To be completely cut off from the world, to be deprived of all stimulus, is to lose touch with our *en*, the continuity of people and things that defines our being. People left in such a state of limbo for long periods are bound to show signs of imbalance. Alone, with no place and no one to turn to, we begin to doubt our own existence. We cannot confirm our being in a vacuum. The Chinese character-compound for “human being” literally means “person and relationship” and symbolizes the interrelations binding all human beings. Humans are social animals. Alone we lose our humanity --- in psychiatric terms, we suffer an identity crisis.

Even as we grow and change, we maintain the conviction that, deep down, we are part of the same continuum. Losing this sense of unity plunges us into confusion. The self exists in relation to the people and things around it; we cannot live without confirming this relationship.

## Advanced Study Course Graduates

The end of October marked the final gathering of those participating in the National Lotus Sutra study course.

There were attendees from many areas of the country. Those graduating were: James Lynch, Jeanell Jordan, Jan Rose, Naomi Chinen, Ira Bryant, Miwa Kubota, Anna Strom, Rowland Fujii, and Kristen Serrano. The lead instructor was Rev. Kris Ladusau and the assisting instructor was Rev. Yoshizawa. Rev. Kamiya from the NY Dharma Center also gave guidance during the seminar. It was a wonderful opportunity to join with the national

sangha members and study the Lotus Sutra. Submitted by Rev. Kris Ladusau.



# Ft. Myers "Day of Union" by Mary Sigman

We are finally getting back into a regular schedule, as we were closed in July, due to training in Japan. August was fairly quiet, but I did give a Dharma Talk at the Tampa Bay Center on Aug. 21st.

September has been busy!

We had a special visitor to our September 11 Peace Service. One of our "regulars," John, invited William to come to our service and give us a very peaceful crystal bowl/gong concert during our closing Meditation Period. Everyone loved the sounds and left feeling quite blissful that day. Many of us purchased his great CD so that we can relive that moment, and we use it in our meditation period now quite often.

I took part in the Day of Mindfulness here in Ft. Myers on Sept. 24th. I joined in the Peace Walk and then had 2 small tables set up with RK books and flyers. We are trying to spread the Dharma!

RK and UUCFM celebrated a Day of Unity on Sept. 25th, and I co-led the service with the UU minister Rev. Allison Farnum. It was good for the greater UUCFM community to be aware of who RK is, as we have been with them for a year now, and our message of unity was well-received.

Our RK Ft. Myers group will now be taking over the duty of assisting with Memorial Services for UUCFM. It will be an opportunity for our group to be of service and engage in our Buddhism. This should allow our group to bond even more, as well as provide compassionate help during this time of need.



## Maui Members Attend Peace Event

Rev. Seniji Hironaka and the Maui Dharma Center members attended the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance peace event on August 6, 2011 at the Maui College Campus.



Rev. Hironaka delivers a Buddhist aspiration



Maui Dharma Center members at the information table.



Miyako Yasui (right) with Lillian Maeda of Lao Congregational Church serving refreshments. Yasui-san is originally from Hiroshima and is an atomic bomb survivor.



# New Rissho Kosei-kai Members

Send in biographies and photos of your new members!

“Tilling the field of the heart is the basis of Buddhism, and a key element of the ‘age of life.’ It is this that brings about peace of mind and peace in the world.”

President Nichiko Niwano

Cultivating the Buddhist Heart

## Ft. Myers FL Kimberly Littleton

My Name is Kimberly Littleton, I live in Cape Coral Florida and attend the Fort Myers Florida Dharma Group. I am 39 years old and I work as a Medical Technician for an Allergy and Asthma Doctor.

I joined Rissho Kosei-kai for guidance where I along with a community can grow by the teachings and practices. I feel connected and have an easy understanding of the teachings to apply to my daily life to help others live in harmony and peace.

Dharma Leader Mary Sigman wrote of Kimberly: she has been attending our group since the beginning, and I could see she felt very comfortable with us. She has been curious about Buddhism and Rissho Kosei-kai, and has challenged me often with good questions. She officially joined last December, along with her mother.



## Dayton OH, Progressive Altar Installations

In the month of August there were so many of the members at the Dayton Ohio Dharma Center that requested home altar installations that we made a day of it. On August 28th, we began at 10 am at the home of Carrie Groesser and Kelly Bulger, then the whole group plus additional supporting members traveled to the homes of Dan Klawon, Michelle “Shelley Gordon, and Ash Jones. Before leaving each home, we conducted a home blessing too. After the final altar installation at the home of Ash Jones, Ash treated us to a wonderful early dinner and wine tasting experience.

By the end of the day, the energy was at a high peak, yet at the same time all the stressors that each of us might have felt at the start of the day were gone. All that was left was a great sense of closeness and camaraderie. - Jane Perri



## Ft. Myers FL Nadine Sarlin

Nadine has been coming to our group in Fr. Myers almost from the start. She is a UUCFM member, and came to us shortly after the death of her second husband, George. In her words, she says that she is convinced that she has been "marching to the drummer" of RK Buddhism for a while, but just didn't know it. She finds peace in

meditation, and has come to recognize/accept that change and suffering are constant in life. She likes sharing experiences and ideas with like-minded people. She says she is proud to wear the sash (otasuki) and use the Kyoten.

*"Marching to the drummer of RK"*

## Chicago IL, Pauline Ziemanne

Pauline was born and raised Catholic, but left the Catholic church at the age of eighteen. For a while, she was a member of a Lutheran church, but left that church as well. She was without religion for a while, but began to study Buddhism after encountering it in a world religions course and an Asian philosophy course. Pauline went to the hospital and asked for a Buddhist priest before an operation. Reverend Nikki came from a temple in Chicago (that was not RK) and spoke with her. After she got out of the hospital, she went to the temple, but felt that it was

too far away and didn't feel at home at the temple. She then asked if there were any churches that were closer to her. She was told about Rissho Kosei Kai, and made arrangements for a visit. She felt very welcome and said that Yoshiko was very welcoming. Since then, she has attended services and has also attended the classes on the Lotus Sutra that Reverend Kamiya holds on the Lotus Sutra monthly.

Submitted by Ed Kirchner

## Danny Mangelsdorf



My name is Danny Mangelsdorf. I was born in St. Louis, Missouri and am fourth in line of five brothers and sisters who were raised Catholic. I am an artist, of which I inherited from my mother and have a strong need for order that I inherited from my father.

Being raised a Catholic as a child, I was intrigued with certain rituals of the church. The way the church exemplified the mystery and majesty of God was inspiring to me. However, the concept of "suffer now and walk the streets of gold in heaven or the fiery pits of hell later," left me feeling fearful and confused. In the years following, I tried other traditional Christian practices, but was left feeling empty. Through talking with friends, other practicing Buddhists, and reading literature on Buddhism, I find it to be a beautiful and sober practice that seems to fit with me. It is at this time that I have chosen Buddhism as a springboard to my life. Rissho Koseikai Dharma Center offers me a warm environment where I can learn and grow.

## Dayton OH

## Dan Klawon

My name is Dan Klawon. I've spent my adult life dealing in antiques and estate jewelry. In 2005, I had a near death experience and came to realize that I was channeling a Native American spirit called Eagle Man Soaring. My channeling spirit guides assisted me in becoming a medical intuitive and healing "go between" for numerous healing spirits.



Don't ask me to find your lost house keys, nor I can I tell you when you will meet Mr. or Mrs. Right" but if you have health issues, I can help.

When I started channeling I spent hours talking to my guides about religious matters, then I gave it all up. When I started reading about metaphysical texts, I realized that many of the concepts parallel Buddhism. One day, I was on my way to an antique shop and across the parking lot I saw the Dharma Center; I knew right then, this is where I am suppose to be. I have been coming ever since.

## Teen Life— RK Youth Attend Seminar in LA

From August 11-14, 2011, youth members from around the U.S. joined in this year's Dharma Youth Seminar in Los Angeles. The intensive seminar lasted two days and was followed by the Nisei Week Parade. Rev. Nick Ozuna, U.S. youth coordinator, instructed the seminar that 12 youth members from RK New York, Hawaii, San Antonio, and Los Angeles participated in.

more involved in Rissho Kosei-kai activities and were looking forward to the youth seminars next year.



The seminar's theme was "What Does it Mean to be Buddhist Today?" and included lectures, videos, interactive games, meditation and concluded with a hoza. Many of the youths vowed to be

*What does it mean  
to be Buddhist  
today?*

## Activities

**In Gassho**



What does it mean to place your hands together "in gassho"? Color the hands to match your hands and draw a set of beads hanging from the fingers.

## Family Matters—Finding a New Spring

Buddhist Tales for Young &amp; Old

Prince Goodspeaker [www.buddhanet.net](http://www.buddhanet.net)

Once upon a time a certain tradesman was leading a caravan to another country to sell his goods. Along the way they came to the edge of a severe hot-sand desert.

They asked about it and found that during the day time the sun heats up the fine sand until it's as hot as charcoal, so no one can walk on it—not even bullocks or camels! So the caravan leader hired a desert guide, one who could follow the stars so they could travel only at night when the sand cools down. They began the dangerous nighttime journey across the desert.

A couple nights later, after eating their evening meal, and waiting for the sand to cool, they started out again. Later that night the desert guide, who was driving the first cart, saw from the stars that they were getting close to the other side of the desert. He had also overeaten, so that when he relaxed, he dozed off to sleep. Then the bullocks, who of course, couldn't tell directions by reading the stars, gradually turned to the side and went in a big wide circle until they ended up at the same place they had started from!

By then it was morning, and the people realized they were back at the same spot they'd camped at the day before. They lost heart and began to cry about their condition. Since the desert crossing was supposed to be over by now, they had no more water and were afraid they would die of thirst. They even began to blame the caravan leader and the desert guide—"We can do nothing without water!" they complained.

Then the tradesman thought to himself, "If I lose courage now, in the middle of this disastrous situation, my leadership has no meaning. If I fall to weeping and regretting this misfortune, and do nothing, all these goods and bullocks and even the lives of the people including myself, may be lost. I must be energetic and

face the situation!" So he began walking back and forth, trying to think out a plan to save them all.

Remaining alert, out of the corner of his eye, he noticed a small clump of grass. He thought, "Without water, no plant could live in this desert." So he called over the most energetic of his fellow travelers and asked them to dig up the ground on that very spot. They dug and dug, and after a while they got down to a large stone. Seeing it, they stopped, and began to blame the leader again, saying "This effort is useless. We're just wasting our time!" But the tradesman replied. "No, no, my friends, if we give up the effort we will all be ruined and our poor animals will die—let us be encouraged!"

As he said this, he got down into the hole, put his ear to the stone, and heard the sound of flowing water. Immediately, he called over the boy who had been digging and said, "If you give up, we will all perish, so take this heavy hammer and strike the rock."

The boy lifted the hammer over his head and hit the rock as hard as he could—and he himself was the most surprised when the rock split in two and a mighty flow of water gushed out from under it! Suddenly, all the people were overjoyed. They drank and bathed and washed the animals and cooked their food and ate.

Before they left, they raised a high banner so that other travelers could see it from afar and come to the new spring in the middle of the hot-sand desert. They continued on safely to the end of their journey.

**The Moral Is:** Don't give up too easily—keep on trying until you reach your goal.

### Dear Abhidharma By Rev. Kris Ladusau

My daughter is in a new school this year. She is in fifth grade at a city public school. She has told me a couple of times that there is a very popular girl who is openly mean to her on the playground and in the restrooms. Today, she adamantly refused to go to school because the girl said that my daughter would be beaten up if she was in the bathroom at the same time. I wanted to call the principal and discuss the matter, but my daughter pleaded with me not to say anything because it would only make things worse. What should I do? - Mom of Crying Kid

Dear Mom of Crying Kid

I know this must be very hard for you as a mother to see your daughter suffering. This is a very serious problem in the schools. Although practical advice includes reporting this to the school authorities and holding them accountable to enforce the current protective meas-

ures—from the Buddhist perspective, this is a true opportunity for you to have an important bonding experience with your daughter too. I would guide you to sit with her and listen deeply for as long as she wants to talk. The important aspect is you listening... If you have a husband or partner, it is important for them to also be a part of this process. Compassionate listening and letting her feel your support on all levels is what is needed the most right now. This interaction will not only be important with this situation, but will also be reflected in future situations. The merit of this can be seen in a better relationship with your daughter and also between the adults of the household (if that is the case.)

Also, another positive outcome can be that your daughter will be a more compassionate individual because of working through this experience with the help of the Dharma.



# Tampa Bay's Cultural Festival

On October 1, 2011, Rissho Kosei-kai of Dharma Center of Tampa Bay organized their first annual Japanese Cultural Festival in Clearwater, Florida. The Festival brought about 300 visitors from around the Tampa Bay area to take part in the festivities, which included traditional and modern Japanese music, food, dance, martial arts, games, tea ceremony, and other activities.



Entertainment included spectacular performances from Maturiza, a taiko group that regularly performs at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center in Orlando, as well as JPOP singer Chii from Tokyo, Japan, among others. The festival was a true success as a first time effort and the Tampa Bay sangha is looking forward to making this festival an annual event.



*“Know with your whole being as well as your intellect that today can never be repeated, and you will feel compelled not to waste even a moment.”*

*President Nichiko Niwano*

*Cultivating the Buddhist Heart*

## Living Life Naturally - Leaves!

FALL is here! It is time to put on your walking shoes and hit the trails in your cities' parks. The trees are going through their annual parade of colors and you don't want to miss it. In fact, here is how you can preserve those autumn beauties to decorate your home or crafts.

Take with you a large but light weight hard back book to keep your leaves flat for transporting home. Pluck them from the tree so that they are not dry or brittle. Look for leaves with a heavy structure and are at least 3" in diameter.

Once home, layer the leaves between paper towels and place in a plastic zip-

lock bag. Mix one part vegetable glycerin to two parts water. Pour enough solution into the bag to thoroughly soak the towels. Press out excess air and seal the bags. Set bags aside, in a cool place out of direct light for six days. Turn the bags over once a day.

Carefully remove the leaves and towels from the bag. Gently wipe excess solution from the leaves using clean, dry paper towels. Allow them to dry completely. After preservation, the leaves will feel much like they did just after they were plucked from the tree.

Excerpt from Loraine's Leathery Leaves by Barbara Polston in American Quilter Vol XXVII No. 6



# Member Milestones Send us your special announcements!

Record of births, deaths, graduations, military service, retirements

- Paul Oswald and Jane Perri of the Dharma Center of Dayton announce the marriage of their daughter Amanda Oswald to Marine Lieutenant James Green on October 22, 2011.
- Rev. Kris Ladusau performed a special blessing for Jackson Risk Barrett and his mom Jen on October 9th. His father is overseas. The Barrett's are members of the Denver Dharma Center.



“When we become aware of the preciousness of our own life, we become aware of the preciousness of other lives, too, and are thankful for each encounter of every day. Thus opens up the realm of praise.”

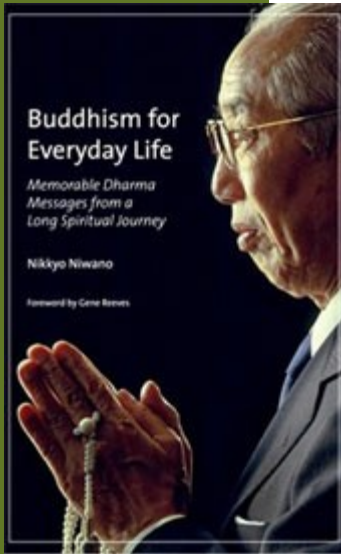
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## Members Activities

- Mary Sigman volunteers her skills to assist in the Pre-K-2nd Grade Religious Ed class at UUCFM, as they are exploring being "Budding Buddhists."

**Your community outreach activities go here. Submit them now!**

## Book Reviews by Nancy Anderson



**Hot Off  
the Press!**



**Nancy Anderson  
Klamath Falls OR**

Once you have this book in hand, and before you start reading, go get your highlighter. You are about to be escorted skillfully and mindfully along a noble path of wisdom. It's not just a book, it is more a comprehensive manual about living life and living rightly.

*Buddhism for Everyday Life* was written by Nikkyo Niwano (1906 -- 1999), founder of Risho Kosei-kai, and president until 1991. Like a kindly grandfather who sets us upon his knee and tells us things we need to know, Founder Niwano pours into our heads and hearts, with this book, a lifetime gleaning of wisdom.

This book delivers what the title implies, with emphasis on every day. As Gene Reeves stated in the Foreword, "In it you will find no heavy-going philosophical discussion or extensive explanations of difficult Buddhist teachings." What you will find, however, is an easy-to-read book that covers everything from parenting, business operations, interpersonal relationships, and life's deep questions, all framed within the principles of Buddhism.

There are two groups of people that should read this book. The first group is young people starting out in life, or thinking about it. The second group consists of all the rest of us. Just when we think we are individuals who can take care of ourselves, Founder Niwano reminds us of our interdependence with others. "Once we acknowledge that our lives are intimately related to innumerable other existences," he writes, "it becomes impossible to insist that we can live on our own."

Highlight this, for it is a recurring theme throughout the book. It is the

forerunner of another important principle: gratitude. Once we've managed to wrap our heads around the idea of interdependence, gratitude naturally follows. "Gratitude," he writes, "wells up with us when we become aware of how much we are supported by those around us."

Using not only Buddhism as a pole star, Founder Niwano also invokes teachings from Christianity and other great religions of the world to illustrate his points. Examples include several quotations from Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Then there's the old Jewish adage of blaming the stone we trip over. Founder Niwano has no problem with citing other sacred scriptures, and he says, "A truth of one religion that cannot be accepted by another religion is not a universal truth."

The grand finale, the ultimate truth included in the book, is found appropriately enough near the end. Founder Niwano shares the answer for those of us who have walked many crooked miles, tripped over many stones, and taken countless wrong forks in the road while asking the question "Who am I?" He gently reminds us of a core teaching of Buddhism: "Life is the opportunity we are given to awaken the buddha-nature within us."

Highlight this, too. It's huge. It's why we're here.

*(Nancy Anderson, a member of Risho Kosei-kai and a resident of southern Oregon, has written numerous articles and book reviews published in the Dharma Center of Klamath Falls e-newsletter. Her Buddhist studies are ongoing, and include book reading and online course work. She took the Buddhist precept vows and received her Lay Buddhist Ordination at Shasta Abbey Buddhist Monastery in northern California, where she frequently returns to attend practice and study retreats.)*

# Art from the Sanghas



*Lotus Flower  
from the  
Suganuma  
Pond, home of  
Founder and  
President  
Niwano  
-Jane Perri*

2008

# *Six Perfections*





## RK at United Nations 9/11 Remembrance

Rev. Masamichi Kamiya served as the representative on behalf of Rissho Kosei-kai, in the tenth anniversary remembrance ceremony of September 11th at the United Nations. Rev. Kamiya was one of four religious leaders at the United Nations sponsored event held on September 9, 2011. The inter-faith leaders read a poem by Maya Angelou, after which they lit a candle together, followed by a minute of silence.



Links to  
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## Interesting Hot Links

[Ekayana Foundation for Contemporary Buddhism](#) The foundation is a “donation basket” for projects based in the spirit of “one dharma for one world.”

[Mr five Go Blog](#) Blog from Jadwal Kegiatan Ritual Ekayana Buddhist Centre di Bulan

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the holidays?

Try visiting  
one of your  
sister sanghas!



Upcoming  
Events  
In  
North  
America

## Locations and Calendar of Centers

### **Rissho Kosei-kai International of North America (Irvine CA)**

Rissho Kosei-kai Dharma Center of Orange County (CA)

12/4/11 Lecture by Dr. Miriam Levering titled "Living the Lotus: Celebrating the Life & Vision of Founder Nikkyo Niwano"

Rissho Kosei-kai Dharma Center of Tampa Bay (FL)

Sunday service - 4 PM Thursday Lotus Sutra Study at 7PM

### **Rissho Kosei-kai Buddhist Church of Hawaii (Pearl City, Oahu)**

11/14/11 Presentation "Refreshing My Heart and Soul Sutra of Meditation—One Who Practices" by Jo-Ann Ozaki

12/12/11 "The Treasures of our Lives, The Three Treasures"

by Mae Takamoto

Rissho Kosei-kai Maui Dharma Center (HI)

Rissho Kosei-kai Kona Dharma Center (HI)

### **Rissho Kosei-kai Buddhist Church of Los Angeles (CA)**

12/3/11 Lecture by Dr. Miriam Levering titled "Living the Lotus: Celebrating the Life & Vision of Founder Nikkyo Niwano"

Rissho Kosei-kai Dharma Center of San Antonio (TX)

Rissho Kosei-kai of Buddhist Center of Arizona (Tucson)

Rissho Kosei-kai Buddhist Center of Colorado (Denver)

Rissho Kosei-kai Buddhist Center of San Diego (CA)

Rissho Kosei-kai Buddhist Center of Las Vegas (NV)

### **Rissho Kosei-kai of San Francisco (CA)**

Rissho Kosei-kai of Seattle's Buddhist Learning Center (WA)

Rissho Kosei-kai of Sacramento (CA)

Rissho Kosei-kai of San Jose (CA)

Lotus Buddhist Circle of San Mateo (CA)

Rissho Kosei-kai of Vancouver (Canada)

### **Rissho Kosei-kai of New York (NY)**

Rissho Kosei-kai of Chicago (IL)

Rissho Kosei-kai of Ft. Myers

Members are participating in a new Interfaith initiative where several local churches are banding in unity to define a local social justice issue, and approach local government officials with possible solutions and support for resolving it.

### **Rissho Kosei-kai Dharma Center of Oklahoma (OKC)**

11/30/11 Lecture by Dr. Miriam Levering titled "Living the Lotus: Celebrating the Life & Vision of Founder Nikkyo Niwano"

Rissho Kosei-kai Dharma Center of Dallas

Rissho Kosei-kai Dharma Center of Denver (CO)

Rissho Kosei-kai Dharma Center of Klamath Falls (OR)

Rissho Kosei-kai Dharma Center of Dayton (OH)

12/8/11 Hoza Ceremony Rev. Kris Ladusau

Sunday service 10 am Individual hoza Tues. Wed, & Thurs. 5:30-7:30 PM