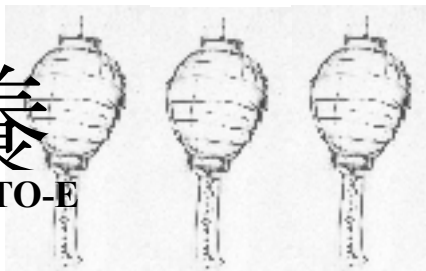


万灯供養

THE TRADITION OF MANTO-E



Long ago in India, wherever the Buddha delivered a sermon, the sangha, those who came to listen, would each light a candle. The Sangha became so numerous that on these occasions, the lights came to be called Manto, ten thousand lights. In Japan, about 1,200 years ago, during the reign of Emperor Shomu, a ceremony was started which centered around the Todaiji Temple in Nara. Thus began the tradition of holding Manto-e once-a-year in honor of the Buddha. Zenshuji Soto Mission will follow in the tradition of the Manto-kuyo during the Obon Festival. With your help, we would like to decorate the Hondo (Main Hall) with many lanterns.

Please fill in the application form (below) with your donation of \$15.00 for each Kuyo Fuda (memorial tablet) you wish to offer in memory of your ancestors, relatives or friends. The names will be written on a Kuyo Fuda to be hung from each lantern.

たとえ、真っ暗な闇の中でも、灯（ともしび）があれば、私たちは進むべき方向がわかります。もし、この灯がなければ、私たちは出口のない不安から抜け出すことはできないでしょう。その灯とは、人生を照らす仏の教えであり、生きる知恵であり、亡き先祖の方々のことでもあります。灯に出会って進むべき道が定まるといふことは、実に有難いことです。本年も昨年に引き続き、お盆法要とともに万灯供養をお勤めしたいと思います。一人でもたくさんの方の献灯をお願い申し上げます。

(申し込み) 1 霊につき 15 ドルを寄付していただき、提灯に下げる短冊に戒名または名前と寄付者のお名前を記し、献灯いたします。申し込み用紙に記入の上お送り下さい。

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MANTO- KUYO LANTERN APPLICATION FORM 万灯供養申込書

Please make check payable to Zenshuji Soto Mission

禅宗寺あてに小切手を送付下さい

\$15 x _____ = \$ _____ offering(s) in memory of:

万灯供養\$15 x _____ 霊分 _____ ドル同封:

MANTO for NAME(S) 名前 or または KAIMYO (Buddhist Title) if known 戒名

1)

4)

2)

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3)

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Donor's Name 寄付者の名前 _____ Phone

Address 住所 _____