

# Commemoration of 100th Anniversary of Soto Zen in North America

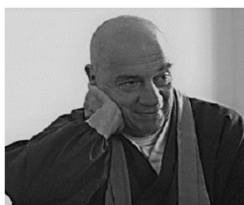
## 5-day Precept Retreat (*Online*)

One hundred years ago, a small Zen group was born in the city of Los Angeles on November 20, 1922 after the pandemic of the Spanish flu had been finally contained. This group rented a space on the second floor of a private house and put up a sign which said "Soto Zen Buddhism North America Buddhist Church". Then, they built an assembly hall and named it Zenshuji temple. The first thing they did after celebrating the completion of the Zenshuji temple was the commemoration service for their ancestors and the Jukai-e ceremony where they gave the precepts and the *Kechimyaku*, "karmic connection charts", to the people. That's how Soto Zen Buddhism in North America was born.

During the last 100 years, Soto Zen Buddhism spread across North America and there are now over 200 temples and Zen centers and 800 Soto Zen priests. Though many of their dharma lineages share the same roots, they have become so diverse and complex that they are often unaware of the presence of their distant dharma relatives. On this occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Soto Zen Buddhism in North America, we are going back to the root of our origin and once again share the Jukai-e ceremony with our dharma brothers and sisters.

**※ Traditional Jukai-e ceremonies should be done in person; On behalf of the Jukai-e, we will bring you lectures and ceremonies apart from primal Jukai ceremonies.**

**We are making the teachings available online for people who would like to participate but cannot come to the Jukai-e itself.**



INJOSHI (引請師)  
Great Guiding Teacher  
Rev. Shoken Winecoff



KAISHI (戒師)  
Great Precept Teacher  
Rev. Gengo Akiba



KYOJUSHI (教授師)  
Great Instructing Teacher  
Rev. Chozen Bays



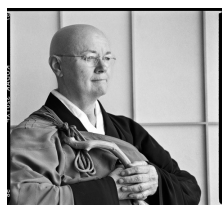
Rev. Shohaku Okumura

SEKKAISHI  
(説戒師)  
Precept Explaining  
Teachers

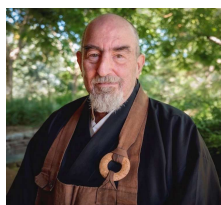


Rev. Zenki Anderson

### SEKKYOSHI (説教師) Instructing Lecturers



Rev. Enkyo  
O'Hara



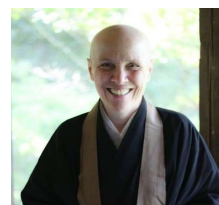
Rev. Kushiki  
Senauke



Rev. Konjin  
Godwin



Rev. Shumyo  
Kojima



Rev. Teijo  
Munnich

## Limited 100 Accounts

- Each account must be one window (either person or group)
- The zoom link will be sent in advance (do not share)
- Not allowed to record

## Retreat Fee : \$150 (per account)

- Includes
  - Formal teaching on the Precepts (6 sessions)
  - Dharma Talks (5 sessions)
  - Zazen, Special Lectures and Ceremonies
  - "Hakumyaku" will be shipped after retreat
  - \*"Hakumyaku" is Kechimyaku without your name\*



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