

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 centered around the Todaiji Temple in Nara was started in which once-a-year, Manto were lit in honor of the Buddha, thus beginning the tradition of Manto-e.

In Los Angeles, Higashi Honganji will follow in the tradition of the Manto-e during the Obon Festival. With your help, we would like to decorate the summer sky with "ten thousand lanterns."

Please fill in the application with your donation of \$25.00 for each lantern you wish to offer in memory of departed relatives and friends. The names will be written on a small tablet to be hung from each lantern. These custom-made-in-Japan lanterns are yours to keep if you wish to pick them up from the temple after the Obon Festival. Please designate below whether you would like to come to the temple office to pick up your lantern. All lanterns must be picked up by *September 1st*. They will not be held after this date.

万灯会法要

黒暗に灯ありて、我等が方向定まる。もし灯なくば、出口なき不安よりいかでか出ずる事を得んや。灯なくて我等は迷い、灯ありて迷いより出ず。かくいう灯とは、あなたの師である仏の教えであり、善知識であり、亡き先祖の方々のごことであります。灯に出合って我々が道定まる事、実に有難き事なり。

今年もお盆法要と共に、万灯会をお勤めしたいと思いますので一人でも沢山の方をお誘い下さって献灯をお願い申し上げます。

万灯会提灯は1灯(日本特製提灯)につき25弗を寄付としてお願いしております。札に名前および法名、寄付者名を記して献灯いたします。申込用紙に必要事項をご記入の上、別院寺務所までお送りください。また提灯引き取りの希望についても下記の申込書にてお知らせください。提灯引き取りは9月1日までとさせていただきます。

MANTO-E LANTERN APPLICATION FORM

万灯会提灯申込書

Number of _____ Total Amount Yes, I will pick up my lanterns by September 1st. No, I do not need my lanterns.

_____ x \$25.00 = _____ Enclosed

IN MEMORY OF

NAME(S)名前 HOMYO (Buddhist Title) if known 法名

Donor's Name 寄付者 _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please charge my VISA MasterCard Cardholder's Name _____

Card Number _____ Exp Date ____ / ____ CVV2: _____

Billing Address _____ Zip Code _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date _____

Please make checks payable to: Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple