



Historic Letters from Zuiken Inagaki to Jack Austin

Rev. Jack Austin (1917-1993) first encountered Zuiken Inagaki's (1885-1981) translation of the Tannisho as early as 1949. Following this encounter, Rev. Austin initiated an extensive correspondence with Zuiken which led to letters being sent almost every week about Jodo Shinshu and Buddhism more generally. Zuiken's responses to Rev. Austin over the years amounted to over three hundred letters.

Ten of Zukin Inagaki's Letters to Jack Austin can be seen @ https://www.nembutsu.info/horai/letters_ja1.htm



The Shin Buddhist Association of Great Britain was founded by Jack Austin [1917-1993] and Zuikin's son, Rev Hisao Inagaki [1929-2021] in around about 1977. At that time, Jack was the Development Officer for the World Congress of Faiths, and Hisao sensei was a Lecturer in Buddhism at the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University. Jack had corresponded with Rev Saizo Inagaki [1885-1981], Hisao's Father, and they arranged it for the Ven Kosho Otani, then the Monshu of the Nishi Hongwanji, to take part in a big interfaith conference held at the University of Kent at Canterbury in 1976.

Following this event, in the August of that year the Monshu and his wife came to London, where he conferred Kikyoshiki on several people who were interested in Jodoshinshu, including Jack, Max Flisher and Jim Pym. Along with Hisao Inagaki, these four are the founders of the organisation now know as the Shin Buddhist Fellowship UK.

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