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July 16, Saturday
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

July 17, Sunday
3:00 pm - 8:00 PM

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@ 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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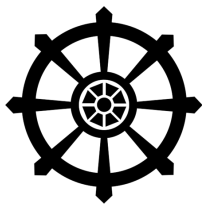
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**2022 OBON FESTIVAL
July 16-17, 2022
TAKE OUT FOOD MENU**

Menu Items	Unit Cost	Qty	Total Cost	Chk'd
CHA SHU BOWL	\$7.00			
CHICKEN TERIYAKI PLATE	\$8.00			
CHIRASHI	\$6.00			
CORN (1 ear)	\$4.00			
CORN (2 ears)	\$7.00			
DANGO (5 pcs)	\$4.00			
CHICKEN SALAD	\$7.00			
SOMEN	\$6.00			
SPAM MUSUBI	\$3.00			
SUSHI (MIXED)	\$7.00			
CHA SHU BANH MI SANDWICH	\$5.00			
CHICKEN TERI BANH MI SANDWICH	\$5.00			
WON-TON (5 pcs)	\$5.00			
BEVERAGES	\$1-\$3.00			
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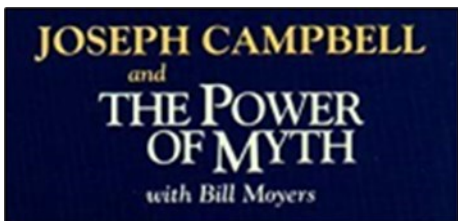
Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha

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A Spiritual Vista

When I first began reading the *Larger Sutra*, I had a very difficult time. I had been taught that religious texts were to be read literally. I wasn't able to do that



as a Christian and was finding that I couldn't do it as a Buddhist either. Then I discovered the PBS series *The Power of Myth* where folklorist Joseph Campbell was interviewed by the host Bill Moyers over six episodes.



Campbell explained that myths carry deep spiritual meaning. I had also been taught that religious texts contain doctrinal truths. So, I was able to interpret the mythic elements of the *Larger Sutra* as placeholders or stand-ins for philosophical teachings. So, for example, the role of Buddha Nature will now be played by Amida Buddha.

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But then I came upon the essay *On Reading Literature Literally: Concrete Imagery before Doctrine* by Luis O. Gómez. I was really shocked. How could a Buddhist scholar read Buddhist texts literally? But it wasn't as literal history but as how a Buddha or Bodhisattva would literally see the world. It is describing the spiritual vista in which an awakening being resides. This essay is included as the auxiliary reading for Lecture 3 in Course **13-A. Amida Buddha** at our online school EVERYDAYBUDDHIST.org. It is a hard read. It is long and sophisticated but the version I posted has the best bits highlighted in **yellow** so it can be read in stages. One EVERYDAY BUDDHIST student, named Esther Shir, who is also an offsite/online OCBC member, was particularly struck by this essay and I wanted to share her impressions of it. I think what she has to say can be very useful for all of us who are sometimes unsure how to approach the fantastical narratives contained within many of the Mahayana sutras.

Many years ago, I read a book called *The Romantic Manifesto* by Ayn Rand. She speaks in the book about her need to occasionally take a "psychic/emotional vacation" from the "real world". We know of the poverty, strife, injustice, anger etc. so we need to use fiction/films to allow ourselves a chance to see our hopes and dreams actually come to fruition. Just for a few hours, our values and ideals WIN! It gives us the energy to go back into the "real world" and keep working to make the ideals more real.

Gómez states that the Pure Land is our universe as it would appear to buddhas and bodhisattvas. And they have the power to manifest and transform the many aspects of our universe. The sutras described their awakened visions of our universe. Again, not knowing the socio-political state of India at the time, surely these visions reflected the hopes and aspirations of the believers for what their universe MIGHT be ...



I am a life-long Trekkie. There were several pages, starting on page 14, that describes all of the different kinds of sentient beings who will be cared for by the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas. Absolutely every single possible type of being is listed and the 9th vow says that he will care for them all in any and all possible circumstances. What immediately came to my mind was the thought of the brave and compassionate members of Star Fleet, perhaps especially the captain and crew of Voyager, as bodhisattvas and buddhas, bringing aid of all types to every single sentient being they came across throughout the seven seasons of traveling through the Delta Quadrant. They met entities who were crystalline, beings who lived in subspace, alien humanoids, etc. etc. There was NO type of sentient being that didn't deserve their compassion and aid when it was possible to give it.

Gómez also notes that these are actually the concrete descriptions of what believers took to be the real world. Of course, the "Matrix" comes to mind. Which is the "real" universe? How would the mass of believers know? I wondered if there were "anti-sutra" groups who insisted that it was possible for humans to be self-reliant – able to bring about the changes which would make the compassion/justice or whatever actually come to fruition in their own village/town etc.

Thanks to the essay by Gómez, I too am able to complete my journey from literal truth to mythic truth to philosophical truth and finally to concrete imagery.

In gassho,
Rev. Jon Turner

These ideas and others will be explored in more detail along the [EVERYDAY BUDDHIST Course Pathway](http://EVERYDAYBUDDHIST.org). For unlimited access to all of our courses and content, you may subscribe for just [\\$10/month](#) or save \$25 with an annual subscription of just [\\$95/year](#).

Women in Buddhism (Part 3)

Obon Memoir with Sachi:

OCBC will celebrate the Obon festival soon on July 16th and 17th. We will enjoy delicious foods, Taiko performance, and meeting friends. Taiko performance starts at 6:00 PM, and Obon dance starts at 6:30 PM and ends at 8:00 PM on both days. Please do not miss them out.

Every year when Obon comes, I remember our Dharma friend Sachi Ochiai. Sachi never missed the Sunday service and study class, and she was a deep listener. When I became a full-time minister in 2015, Sachi came to my office, and offered her Dharma school teacher's yukata (cotton kimono). She told me, "Mutsumi-san, you wear this yukata and dance at the Obon festival." It was such a sudden offer that I lost my words, but I accepted her yukata. Honestly, I was not interested in dancing, because I knew that I was not a good dancer. After thinking for a few months, I decided to practice the dance. Then, I put on Sachi's yukata and danced with the Dharma school teachers in a circle for two evenings in the Obon festival. While dancing, I noticed that nobody was watching me dancing, and I was a little self-conscious. I finally put my ego aside. Sachi wanted me to realize that I am just fine with the way I am! I finally understood Sachi's intention and appreciated her unspoken message.

Women in Shin Buddhism (Jodo Shinshū):

This is the final episode of Women in Buddhism series, and I would like to focus on the Shin Buddhist women. My mother was one of them. And so too are Sachi and Byrda Hamada of course. OCBWA led by President Lynn Black holds a largest membership under BCA. There are many Shin Buddhist women in ABA, Dharma School, ABA, Project Kokoro, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and all temple organizations.



Chiyono Sasaki was another Shin Buddhist woman in Kona, Hawaii. Chiyono was born in Ka'u in 1897. She worked on the Kona coffee farm in all her life, raising ten children. In order to attain some resolution of her problems, she turned to other religions, but she detested any compromise with a religion that was idealistic. She started going to a Shin temple located in Kealahou to hear Rev. Shuun Matsuura's Dharma messages. For months and month, she attended the Sunday service in desperate straits. One afternoon when Chiyono returned home from the temple, her husband, Kumataro, who had just returned from laboring in the coffee fields, scolded her, shouting, "You're always going to the temple! What for?" Chiyono replied, "To listen." "After listening, what did you learn?" yelled her husband. Chiyono could not answer, and finally said, "Nothing." Kumataro then said, "What a fool you are!" Hearing, those words, something flashed across Chiyono's inner being. "Oh, today, I finally am able to truly listen. Yes, I am able to accept and embrace my foolish self."

This awakening to one's true nature as not-enlightened by Chiyono was made possible by the working of true compassion that completely enfolded and affirmed her. Kumataro's critical words hit her and she realized that she had already encountered the Buddha-Dharma and no need

to search for it by herself. To express her thought and feeling, she wrote the following poem.

When told that I was foolish, truly foolish,
It was by calling of Primal Vow that led to my fall.
Rejoicing, I said Namō -amida-butsu,
Namō-amida-butsu.

When I fell after being told to fall,
I found myself on a lotus petal.
I am ashamed of myself, I am sorry:
Tears of joy come streaming down.

The original poem was written in hiragana in her notebook (see the images.) In 2013 when I was studying at Ryukoku University, I had a chance to visit the Hawaii Betsuin where I met Rev. Tatsuo Muneto who showed me Chiyono's original notebook. It was old and fragile. I slowly opened it, and saw Chiyono's handwriting of hiragana by pencil. I was so moved. I felt like Chiyono was telling me to put your ego aside and just appreciate Amida Buddha's deep



compassion to accept you just as you are.

D. T. Suzuki introduced Chiyono Sasaki in his book, *Mysticism: Christian and Buddhism* (1957), praising her heart of a wonderful nembutsu devotee. In the BCA-Center of Buddhist Education zoom seminar: Women in Jodo Shinshu, I will talk more about Chiyono and other contemporary Shin Buddhist women. Seminar start at 11:00AM on Saturday, August 20. More information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/CBEWomen>
Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Namō Amida Butsu
Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

(Reference: *Dharma Treasures*, HHMH Buddhist Study Center Press, 1997)



The Intention of No Intention

*Just as the Moon has no intention to cast its reflection on
the lake,
the lake has no intention to hold the reflection of the Moon.*

Thus, I have heard *“There being this, that exists; with the arising of this, that arises. There not being this, that does not exist; with the cessation of this, that ceases”*. In other words, because this is that is, because this is not that is not. Upon hearing this seeming simple thought, it was said that one of Buddha’s first initiates was immediately enlightened.

The Setting in Motion of the Wheel of the Dharma Sutta is a Buddhist text that is considered by Buddhists to be a record of the first teaching given by Buddha. We know this teaching as the Four Noble Truths. This teaching contains the core Buddhist concepts of the Middle Way and impermanence. Yet, at its essence The Four Noble Truths teaches the concept of dependent origination. Because we think or believe certain thoughts, we create actions that result in the conditions for contentment or anguish.

Dependent arising, Interdependence, Dependent origination or causes and conditions. These are all descriptions of the same core teaching. From the Four Noble Truths, from The Rice Seedling Sutra, from The Flower Sermon and from many other teachings we are presented with numerous openings to enter and comprehend this essential concept.

On the surface, we find that we can grasp the foundation of this theory, but the challenge is holding and applying it to daily life conditions. Specifically, many times it is very difficult to comprehend the consequence of other’s thoughts and actions on our view of “reality” or “truth”. From news articles, to conversations, to people telling us stories about beliefs that we know are contradictory to facts. The truth, it seems is transitory and difficult to find. Nagarjuna developed a thesis on this topic where he discusses what he calls the two truths or two realities – a conventional or nominal truth and the ultimate truth.

It is said that when we seek the Buddha, we are seeking the ultimate truth. It is common for Buddhist to say that they take refuge in the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. For my own understanding of the term refuge, I view it as an intentional action of not escaping, hiding, or denying but going towards and being absorbed into the ultimate reality. But there is a catch, there is always a catch; meet the Ego. Buddhist teachings often discuss controlling or “seeing” the Ego, some even discuss eliminating the Ego. Intuitively, we know that the Ego has negative and positive aspects, and that shedding of the negative aspects may be a wonderful aspiration but may not be entirely possible. One of the characteristics of the negative aspects is the Ego is as the Ultimate Separator. Separation is one of the principle causes of disorder and dissolution in the individual mind and in society.

Thich Nhat Hanh teachings include phrases such as, “Buddhism is made of non-Buddhist elements” and “a flower is made from non-flower elements, but when we look more deeply, we see that everything else in the cosmos is in that flower”. When I read his words, it reminds me of where I go for “refuge”, where I go to be absorbed into the ultimate reality. It’s a place of no Ego and no separation. It’s a place where Interdependence and Dependent Arising are not merely concepts but can be seen clearly, as if looking through a brilliant diamond.

This place is nature or more accurately, the natural world. I spend a lot of my “free” time watching documentaries or reading about nature, especially, what we call the animal kingdom. Look closely, they have many lessons to teach us. The bees, the elephants, the beavers, and the insects all have something to share.

The bee is known as the great pollinator. The bee has no intention of pollinating. It is only seeking nectar for itself and the colony in the hive. When the bee finds nectar, it enters a flower where the pollen sticks to the bee, then the next flower picks up the pollen from the bee, setting in motion the next generation of flowers.

The elephants and hippopotamus walking or migrating through wetlands have no intention of creating islands, canals and streams that extend the wetlands area. These canals provide habitats and paths for fish and other wildlife to traverse the swamps, benefiting the survival for all surrounding life.

The beaver, known as nature’s engineers have no intention of creating a diverse ecosystem where many other plants and animals can thrive. Their goal is to build and maintain a safe lodge for themselves and their kits and yearlings.

One of the many lessons that we can take with us in these examples is that we can benefit others only when we take care of ourselves. Let me give an example from the “human world”. When we are preparing for departure on a plane, we are instructed that in the case of an emergency we are to place the oxygen mask on ourselves, then assist children and seniors with their mask. Sounds counterintuitive, but if we become unconscious, we will be unable to assist anyone.

Then this should become part of our practice, to take care of ourselves. Whatever we call this, self-improvement, self-awareness, or enlightenment, when we take care of ourselves, with or without intention, our benefit to others is immeasurable.

The Intention of No Intention – poem by Mark Van Dyke

*After the storm, there must be some calm
When reason and logic create confusion
That is when I come back to you
My intention to hold you
My intention to never let you go*

*Too much to carry, thoughts are so heavy
What should I bring?
You say, “just do one thing”
Your intention to not hold me
Your intention to let me go*

*When the night falls you shine
Your reflection on the water
Waiting in sky, you’ve travelled so far
No intention to hold you
No intention to let you go*

In Gassho,
Mark S. Van Dyke
Minister Assistant

President's Message

For me, this past month has been the Month of our Youth. During the months when our temple was closed and then when we opened up again, I couldn't help but feel like something was missing. The services had resumed, but there wasn't the same energy and vitality as before the shutdown. I'm sure you all knew what we were missing - our youth, our Dharma School students. Well, the students returned, and they returned with the enthusiasm and dedication that we remembered. This past month was very inspiring and encouraging for me, as I've been able to see the talents, hard work, and promise of our OCBC youth.

It began on May 20th, I, along with Fred Katsuda and Lynn Black represented OCBC at the Girl Scouts End of Year Ceremony. It was so much fun to watch the different troops bridge to their next troops and hear about all their adventures during the year. A special recognition to the Gold Award Recipients: Ashley Mauldin, Kristin Suzuki, Kalen Yamamoto, and the Fujishige Award Recipients: Ashley Mauldin & Taryn Noda, along with the Bronze, Silver, and President's Volunteer Service Award recipients. Then on May 21st, we had the opportunity to attend the Boy Scouts Eagle Court of Honor, recognizing five of our scouts: Tyler Chia, Matthew Lee, Michael Lee, Ben Mendoza, and Kenji Swun. What a group of amazing young men that have contributed to OCBC and their community throughout their scouting career, but especially through their Eagle projects. OCBC is continually grateful for the contributions both scouting programs have given to our temple. From bussing the festival tables when they were barely taller than the tables to setting up the festival booths to all their volunteer shifts, it has all been greatly appreciated.

We'd like to welcome the 5 infants that were presented during the Hatsumairi Service, and the 100 Chibiko participants that started this past month, along with their families. We're excited about all the Dharma classes, friendships, and organizations that await you.

We were once again able to see the dedication, talents, and excellence of our Dharma School students at our musical offering service. During this service, our Perfect Attendance students were recognized along with our graduating seniors. We thank the perfect attendance students and their families for their commitment to making OCBC a part of their weekly lives, and we wish our graduates all the best.

We have our modified Obon Festival coming up on July 16th -17th. Although we're not quite ready for a "traditional" festival with the large public crowds, this year will be a fun transition with food, games, taiko & odori. The attendance is limited, so I apologize if you find that the days are no longer available. For those who were able to pre-register, we look forward to you coming out and enjoying our Obon festival - it might be the only time you'll have a little room at the dance circle.

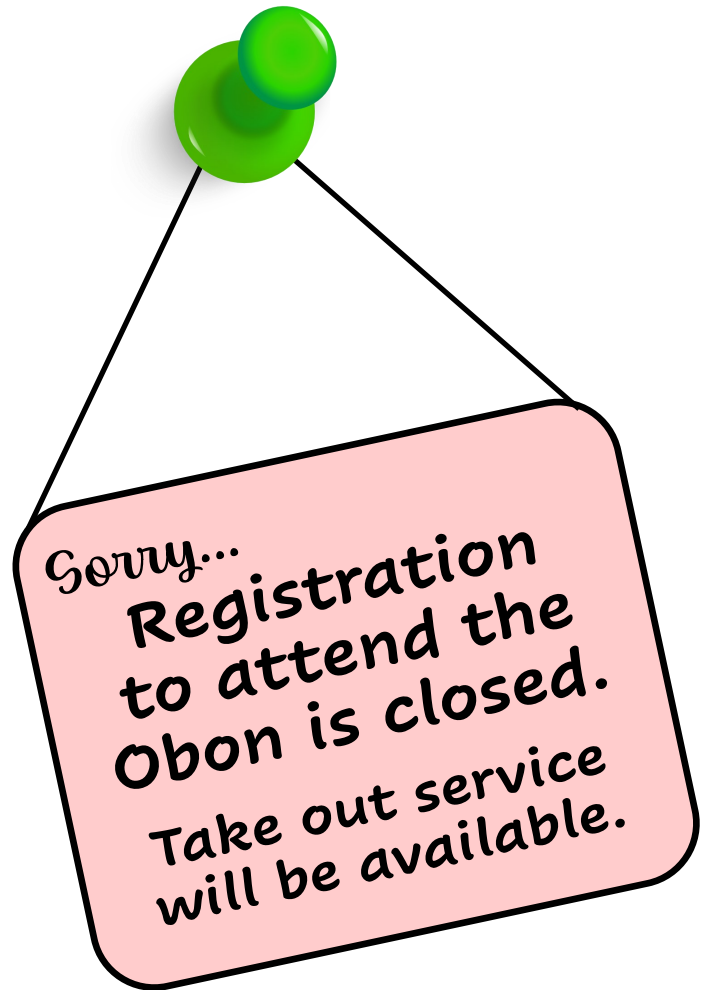
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Jo Ann Tanioka
OCBC President

Obon Raffle Prize Donations

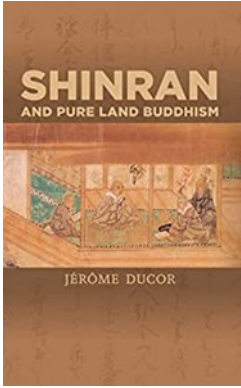
Thank you to everyone for their donations to this past Hanamatsuri and past festivals. We are still seeking raffle donation prizes for this upcoming Obon. If interested, please fill out this google form or contact Carol at jncsak@gmail.com.

<https://forms.gle/Cssd2Vs7YJ8RPWm78>

In Gassho,
Festival Committee



The Shin Reader – *Shinran and Pure Land Buddhism*



This month, the Shin Reader reviews *Shinran and Pure Land Buddhism* (2021) by Jérôme Ducor.

Dr. Jérôme Ducor holds academic posts in Switzerland and in Kyoto, and he is an ordained priest in the Nishi Hongwanji tradition. His book *Shinran and Pure Land Buddhism* contains a wealth of content. My review is necessarily superficial and perhaps ill-informed, for which I apologize to the author.

The book includes a treasure trove of biographical inferences concerning Shinran. I say inferences, because the primary sources on Shinran's life history are very slim, as Ducor acknowledges [p. 39]. For some of his account, the author draws from secondary sources that came into existence after Shinran's passing. This is an important point, because Shinran's spiritual path is very much connected with his life history, as he himself attests [see *Collected Works of Shinran*, vol. 1, pp. 239-241, 289-291]. It becomes difficult to assess Shinran's Buddhism accurately if his life history is too much filtered by the views of those who came after him.

Shinran's spiritual transformation took place primarily between 1201 when he left Mt. Hiei and became a student of Hōnen, and 1214 when he concluded his exile in Echigo and began propagation in Hitachi. How one chooses to infer what took place in Shinran's mind during those transformative years will influence which elements of his teaching one chooses to emphasize, as I suggest below.

Ducor's emphasis is, by-and-large, in line with Nishi doctrine, although expressed from the perspective of a European scholar having encyclopedic knowledge of Pure Land Buddhist literature. The author is to be commended for quoting in full the original Chinese and Japanese texts of all passages cited and for producing his own English translations, which differ significantly from the translations usually referenced, such as Nishi's *CWS*. Being surprised by Ducor's translations can cause us to rethink our understanding of Shinran's writings, as in these examples:

1A. "Amida Tathagata comes forth from suchness and manifests various bodies—fulfilled, accommodated, and transformed." [CWS, vol. 1, p. 153]

1B. "The Tathagata 'Mida comes into existence from suchness, and he reveals himself by manifesting all kinds of bodies of retribution, adaptation and transformation." [Ducor, p. 85]

2A. "Further, once one has entrusted oneself to Amida's Primal Vow..., no working is true working. Thus, it is taught that as long as one's own working remains, it is not Other Power, but self-power." [CWS, vol. 1, pp. 571-572]

2B. "...'As soon as you have faith in 'Mida's Primal Vow, nonsense makes sense.' So I learned that 'As long as there is sense, there is no Other Power: it is personal power.'" [Ducor, p. 91]

3A. "The word *hear*... means that sentient beings, having heard how the Buddha's Vow arose—its origin and fulfillment—are altogether free of doubt." [CWS, vol. 1, p. 112]

3B. "To *hear* means that beings hear the genesis and full process of the Buddha's Vow without having a heart of doubt." [Ducor, p. 168]

Ducor comments on the above passage: "If we follow Shinran's thought well, the only alternative that remains is to really listen to the Buddha's teaching by hearing the content of Amida's vows and their fruition." Indeed, because Shinran's Buddhism is based on the *Larger Sutra*, it is the path of "hearing the Name"—Namo Amida Butsu—and reflecting on the deep meaning conveyed by the Name. This idea is the core of Shinran's teaching, and I would contend that it is not sufficiently emphasized in Nishi doctrine or in Ducor's *Shinran*.

Another disagreement that I have concerning where to place emphasis is in regard to the eight Vows from the *Larger Sutra* around which Shinran has structured his teaching. His main writings are nothing but the elucidation of the 17th, 18th, 11th, 22nd, 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th Vows—in that order. You will not find this crucial and very obvious structure emphasized in Nishi doctrine or in Ducor's *Shinran*. The 17th Vow, in particular, is presented by Shinran as being of equal status with the 18th Vow and the essential counterpart to it. However, the 17th Vow receives only one passing reference in Ducor's *Shinran*, which to me is a serious omission, again steering the emphasis away from the core teaching of "hearing the Name" and reflecting on its meaning.

Although I have highlighted areas of disagreement, let me state that I value the important contribution made by this book to the popular appreciation of Shinran's Buddhism. It was published by the Jodo Shinshu International Office in 2021 as a paperback. I assisted the JSIO in publishing the Kindle eBook edition, which can be accessed by typing "Jerome Ducor Shinran" in the Google search bar.

-Review by James Pollard

MPB Stage Has New Curtains!



MPB Stage with podium and new curtains.



Stage Curtain Subcommittee – Lila Grant (Chair), Jo Ann Tanioka, Kevin Tanioka, Daryl Doami, Janet Uyeno, and Nancy Hara.

As part of the MPB renovation, new stage curtains were finally installed in June. The curtains were delayed due to the pandemic and supply chain issues. The curtains bring the stage back to the original design for performances. There are

Main and Mid curtains - Hunter Green (use pulley to open/close)

Back curtains - Black (use pulley to open/close)

Side curtains - Black (gently pull curtain)

Stair entry curtains - Black (gently pull curtain)

Top valances - Hunter Green and Black

Many thanks to Lila Grant and the stage curtain subcommittee. Lila solicited proposals from multiple vendors to replace the curtains and several bent curtain rails. The subcommittee reviewed the proposals and recommended colors and fabrics that complement the various activities held on the MPB Stage. The LRPC approved their recommendation and payment from dedicated MPB Project funds.

Please use the curtains and stage for your events. With care and respect, the curtains should last another 40 years!

In Gassho,
Calvin Togashi
Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)

MPB Activities Are Back!



After many months of construction and the pandemic, activities are finally back in the MPB every day of the week. Organization leaders worked with the Risk Management Committee on safeguards for Sangha members and families from affiliated organizations. Examples of safeguards include limiting attendance, social distancing, wearing masks, ventilating rooms, filtering room air, and screening questionnaires.

We are grateful to the many individuals, families and organizations who donated to the MPB Project and Building Fund, emptied out the MPB into storage containers, moved everything back into the renovated building, set up desks and chairs, mounted dry erase boards, and installed bulletin boards. It truly took a village of people to get the MPB ready for activities.

The Sangha can finally enjoy the MPB with renovated classrooms, lobby, gym floor, stage, kitchen, restrooms, wheelchair lift, air conditioning, roof, audio system and Wi-Fi.

Organizations and activities returning to the MPB include:

Hanamatsuri and Obon food preparation

Mon – Women's and Men's Basketball

Tue – Judo and Kendo

Wed – Pickleball and Men's basketball

Thu – Judo and Kendo

Fri – Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts

Sat – Japanese School, Pickleball, and Youth Basketball

Sun – Taiko, Dharma School, and Chibiko Basketball

For further information on organizations and activities, please contact the OCBC office at:

hello@orangecountybuddhist.org.

In Gassho,
Nancy Hara and Calvin Togashi

BWA News

Sometimes, inspiration for the monthly article comes from out of the blue and in this case, it was Home Depot. Before we entered the realm of the pandemic, there was a set routine we followed every day and life was good and predictable. As if overnight in the spring of 2020, our world was thrown into turmoil and we had to find other ways to entertain ourselves. Whether it was gardening, baking, birding, or pickleballing, we jumped right into this new routine or "hobby" with arms wide open and became more or less in-tune with the world around us. That seemingly ordinary tree you walked past every day changed "personalities" with the seasons, the sight and smell of bread rising perked up the senses, and taking on a new sport wasn't so daunting after all. After many months of honing in on a new skill, the word "obsession" comes to mind, but feel the word "enthusiasm" is a gentler synonym. The next time you feel the pull to buy another plant, remember to take a deep breath to stop and smell the roses, and this literally makes sense with added benefits!

-On Monday, June 13th, 25 attendees enjoyed a delicious bento filled with bulgogi with green beans and carrots, orange chicken, cold noodle salad, tamgoyaki, and assorted fruits. This month, we celebrated Amy Iwamasa's birthday. Thank you to Taka Noguchi for the monetary donation. Our next Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, July 11th, so please join us for another opportunity to catch up with your friends and enjoy a tasty lunch which also includes a slice of birthday cake! Our staff of volunteers not only prepares lunches for BWA seniors and maintenance crew, but also for the Tomodachi Bento recipients once a month. A special acknowledgement to the team of dedicated drivers who personally deliver lunches to the doorstep of many OCBC members.



- We would like to express our appreciation to our Sangha for supporting our BWA pop-up craft booth over the last few months. Our cheerful group of volunteers could be seen in the patio before and after service selling a variety of homespun items, homemade jams, and colorful Tupperware. We will be holding a "Buy it Now" fundraiser in the fall with more information to follow in the coming months. Thank you for your continued support of our fundraisers!

-Our next BWA meeting will be held on Thursday, June 30th, at 7:00 pm. It will be a Zoom session and a link will be provided in the near future.

Obon July 16-17 2022

If you haven't done so already, we encourage members to register for the event and please sign up for a shift or two. We will prepare sushi, inari, chirashi, wonton, and somen to sell on both days. We will also need help on the Thursday and Friday prior for cleaning and food preparation in all areas. For your convenience, a Google Sheet document has been prepared and available on-line. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn at the email listed below.

Questions: For general questions regarding BWA or its activities, BWA members may contact Lynn Black at BWA@orangecountybuddhist.org

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura



There will be no August issue of the Korin. Next issue will be September's. Articles for the September issue are due on August 14. Thank you!

Korin Articles Due

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Email articles to:
OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com

* DWC, ST, Jr Y, Daion Taiko can submit articles

** All scout troops can submit articles

*** All Organizations can submit articles

Dharma School Korin Article for July 2022

The OCBC Sangha has experienced a very challenging time throughout the pandemic, but with the collaboration and cooperation among the DS teachers, Rev. Turner, the DS parents, and DS students, it is very exciting to realize that we are now gathering in-person for service, DS classes, and other OCBC activities.

Dharma School Fun Day

On the last day of Dharma School, June 12, the DS students enjoyed a fun game day in the Ball Road parking lot. It was very fun and relaxing for all who attended. Many thanks of appreciation are extended to the Sports Activity Committee for providing ice-cream for everyone to enjoy and to Tessho Aoyama for organizing the wide variety of games that DS students of all ages could play. It was wonderful to see the social interaction among the students and even some teachers!

Teacher Recognition

We would like to recognize Teri Whited, a kindergarten teacher at OCBC, for her 25 years of dedicated service as a Dharma School teacher. We appreciate the teachings of the Dharma that she has shared with the many students throughout those 25 years. Thank you very much!

Obon Festival – July 16-17

We are very fortunate and grateful to have Gail Kusano as our Obon Odori Sensei again this year to teach the DS teachers the dances prior to our Obon Festival and to lead the dancers during the festival.

Remember to register to attend our Obon Festival as attendance is limited to 1000 people for each day.

DS teachers and families and the Girl Scout families will be donating baked goods for the Bake Sale. Come check out their yummy treats!

Please note the corrections of the names of Hatsumairi participants/parents (May 15, 2022).

Hana Audrey Morikawa Sause and parents **Andrew/Erin Sause**

Keilani Emiko Bacho and parents **Brian/Tracie Bacho**

Dharma School Teachers/Assistants

If you, or someone you know, is interested in helping our Dharma School program as an adult assistant for the 2022-2023 school year, we would like to welcome you with open arms. It is very rewarding working with children and sharing the Dharma. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Yada and Teri Futaba at:

dharma.school@orangecountybuddhist.org

Scrip Program

Many thanks to the people who have been supporting our scrip program to help our Dharma School. Scrip will be available during the summer months. If you are new to ordering scrip or have any questions, please contact the Dharma School Scrip Coordinator, Cheryl Higashi, at **dharma.school@orangecountybuddhist.org**

DS Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the DS students who received Freddie Awards by attending at least sixteen DS classes/special services during the 2021-2022 school year. These awards

were presented on June 12 in their respective classrooms. We are very proud of your efforts!

Congratulations to the following DS students for their diligent efforts who have achieved **perfect attendance** throughout their years in Dharma School. We are so proud of your impressive accomplishments!

1 Year Pin: Avery Hsieh, Avery Soohoo

2 Year Pin: Adalyn Yao, Ryland Yao, Melanie Morimoto, Grant Nguyen, Camden Yao, Brayden Yao

3 Year Pin: Peter Shimogawa, Alyssa Ige

4 Year Pin: Michael Morimoto

5 Year Pin: Akio Steimetz, Kira Chaisawasdi

6 Year Pin: Megan Hsieh

7 Year Pin: Kenji Steimetz, Gabriel Garcia, Diego Garcia, Kathryn Nakahira

8 Year Pin: Connor Inanaga, Satoshi Aoyama, Emma Wakabayashi

9 Year Pin: Trevor Sasaki, Kohei Steimetz, Natalie Osako

11 Year Pin: Justine Ueno, Tesshin Aoyama, Analisa Togashi

12 Year Pin: Kyle Sasaki, Lauren Ueno, Shannon Ueno

13 Year Pin: Preston Sasaki

14 Year Pin: Kyle Futaba, Courtney Yada

You are to be commended for your dedication and perseverance!

Congratulations High School Graduates of 2022!

Emily Doami	Ashley Mauldin	Natalie Osako
Wyatt Hamabe	Ben Mendoza	Isshu Sugimura
Carson Kita	Taryn Noda	Scott Wong

Congratulations College Graduates of 2022!

Ryan Fujimoto	Tessa Shimizu	Tyler Yamaguchi
Brianna Katsuda	James Sugawara	Lauren Wong
Sophie Kato	Riley Togashi	Kristine Yada
Kevin Mar	Greg Terada	Kallie Ochiai
Taylor Okada	Maddy Uchiyama	Rev. Ellen Crane

Congratulations to all the graduates as you continue your education or start your careers.

The graduates were honored at OCBC during service on June 19.

Dharma School for the 2022-2023 year

The new school year will begin on September 11, 2022. We hope to see you then!

Have a fun summer! Be safe and healthy.

In gassho,
Gail Harada



Dharma School Scrip Program

2022 Talbert Gakuen High School Scholarship



Left: Rev. Dr. Wondra, Ashley Mauldin, Scott Wong, Natalie Osako (missing Taryn Noda).

At the Father's Day "Buddhism in Concert" Sunday Service, four (4) high school graduates were awarded an OCBC Talbert Gakuen High School Scholarship.

Each well deserved awardee submitted an application confirming their excellence in academics, articulation in expressing themselves in essays relating to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and their life experiences, citizenship involving activities with community, school, and OCBC, and leadership.

In recognition and encouragement to excel educationally, an OCBC Talbert Gakuen Scholarship has been awarded to: (alphabetically)

Ashley Mauldin

Parents: Janis, Jon
High School - Canyon
College - UC Berkeley
Major: Political Science

Taryn Noda

Parents: Renee, Hiroki
High School - Cypress
College - UCLA
Major: Biology/ Sports Med

Natalie Osako

Parents: Lisa, Tilden
High School - Arnold O Beckman
College - Wellesley
Major: American Studies

Scott Wong

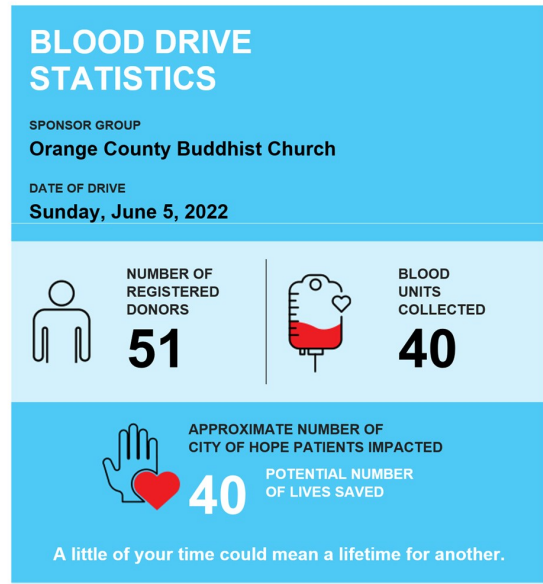
Parents: Nanelle, Kurt
High School - Kennedy
College- UCSD
Major: History

Congratulations!

Rick Oishi
OCBC High School Scholarships Chair

Social Welfare

1) OCBC Blood Drive: Thank you to everyone who donated, tried to donate, and helped us recruit donors. We ran out of supplies before donors! Special thanks goes to Nancy Hara for her incredible support and expertise in bringing this opportunity to OCBC. Hopefully, we can offer this again next year. Below is a snippet of our stats:



2) Changing Tides, a program of the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC), is holding a Ripple Effect walk-a-thon on July 16th, 9am-1pm, in support of programs for suicide prevention in the JA community. For more information and to register please go to: <https://thechangingtides.org>

3) Shinrin-Yoku Nature Hike – July 30, 2022, 7:30 am at Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park
2701 Glenn Ranch Road, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679
It will be a moderate 4-mile hike.
For more details please reach out to Jill Katsuda:
jillkatsuda@gmail.com

In gassho,
Nancy Clifton-Hawkins

Project Kokoro News

California Science Center **7/28/22**

Registration deadline is June 30th for the bus trip to Los Angeles to view the IMAX movie *Angkor 3D: The Lost Empire of Cambodia*. A 3D experience on a giant screen that will unveil the mysteries behind the lost jewel of Cambodia. Over 120 ancient artifacts will be part of the walk-thru exhibit. Lite lunch in the gardens to follow the exhibit. For more information contact Betty Ann Nagami via email: ocbcprojectkokoro@gmail.com

Team Scattergories Game

Please contact Betty to confirm the date and register for a Zoom link. Game begins at 10am – 11am, log-on time is 9:50am. Betty Ann Nagami: betnag3s@me.com

PK Craft Club

PK Crafts has resumed in-person meetings each Wednesday morning from 9am to 12pm in the OCBC Social Hall. No Craft meetings in August and will resume September 7th. In the meantime, they continue to meet on Wednesday mornings. Recently they painted river rocks for fun and for the Obon boutique.

For more information, please contact:
Dorothy Matsuoka : dcmatsuoka@aol.com or
Rumi Nakatani: rumiko@sbcglobal.net

Craft On-Line Boutique and Obon Booth

Please join us at the in-person boutique event during Obon. There will be hand-crafted items and a Kimono and Yukata trunk sale! And, if you have not already, please check-out the hand-crafted items to purchase from the On-line boutique.

Access the site and make purchases:
<https://www.orangecountybuddhist.org/pkstore>

If you have questions regarding items for sale, pick-up procedure, or other topics please send questions to:
ocbcprojectkokoro@gmail.com

PK Membership and Involvement

If you would like to become a PK Senior Member or would like more membership information, contact either of the following co-presidents:

Stacey Suzuki: staceysuzuki@yahoo.com
Chris Hirata: cthirata@gmail.com

In gassho,
Neddie Bokosky

ABA NEWS

It's Obon time already! We can finally dust off the yukatas and kachi kachi's that haven't been used since before the pandemic. Like many of you, I have many fond memories of "Obons past". No matter how busy my dad was, he would always dance the first dance: the Bon Odori. A chance to dance with our past ancestors? What a great tradition! I also remember Obon as being the only time we wore make up. My mom would put lipstick on us and a little "powder" on our faces. We didn't care for this tradition very much, but it sure makes us laugh now, when we see photos of ourselves pursing our lip-sticked lips, not knowing what to make of ourselves!

We recently took a Ranger Walk in Yosemite and one of her thought provoking questions was, "What do you want to be remembered for?" One thing I hope, is that I will be able to pass on some of our heritage and traditions to my children, and that they will want to do the same for theirs someday. The tradition of Obon (and pursed lip-sticked lips) is one of them. How about you? (You might have to dust your brain for this one!)

Before we dust off our yukatas, we have to dust off our aprons. ABA members are going to be busy! We have Chicken Teri prep on July 15, the Obon Workers' Lunch on July 16, and Chicken Teri on July 16-17. Even if it isn't your Toban, please consider coming out to help.

Hopefully, the new cooking equipment ABA will purchase, will make all of these tasks a little easier. A reminder that our next ABA meeting will be held on June 26 at 11:45 to finalize our Obon responsibilities.

Dust off those passports and suitcases because the Japan trip is still a "GO" for October 6-19. More details will be shared with those who have signed up for this memorable trip. Looking forward to seeing all of you in the Obon odori circle this year. Let's keep the traditions alive!

With Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai



Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041

The Daisy Girl Scout Troop had a great year. Our troop of 12 girls earned lots of petal badges as they learned about the Girl Scout Law. Many of the great meetings were with our older Girl Scout Sisters who guided the Daisies through a flag ceremony, mochi making, Girls Day celebration, part of the Between Earth and Sky Journey, and even some science experiments.

We wrapped up the year with a few fun events. In April the girls visited Fire Station 61 for a tour and also earned their Safety Awards. May was our bridging ceremony and our last meeting was in June where we ended the year with a scavenger hunt and a party in the park.

At our bridging ceremony we had seven girls bridge up to Brownie. All seven girls also completed three Journey awards over the last two years and earned the Daisies highest award, the Summit Pin. I'm so proud to have led these girls over the last two years and look forward to next

year with them as they continue their Girl Scout Adventure.

Thank you to Suzanne Maekawa for co-leading the troop, being a cookie parent and guiding our families through the last two years along with the help of Craig Maekawa. Thank you to Leigh Ann Tomooka for being troop treasurer and I would like to thank the wonderful parents that helped make a great year.

We're looking forward to Obon and the year ahead!

Scan the QR code for a photo slide show of the highlights of our year, and if you know a girl entering kindergarten or 1st grade in the fall who would like to know more about joining our troop please email:

troop2041@orangecountybuddhist.org



In Gassho
Katie Suinn



Brownie Girl Scout Troop 916



Congratulations to all the Girl Scouts for Bridging to the next level!!! We are proud of all our Brownie girls for their participation and effort to learn new things and share experiences together. We are so grateful for the support of the engaged parents for their help, time and effort with our meetings and obligations to support the Girl Scout way.

We have accomplished the multicultural patches learning about different cultures, food, art, music and traditions from African American in the South, Brazil, American Indians, and Asian American Pacific Islander. The girls enjoyed the science experience with chemiluminescent and lava lamps. They learned to state their prediction, test and observe their findings.

The girls are very creative and enjoy arts and crafts. For Earth Day the girls reused and recycled their boxes from the cookie sales to make bright and fun-looking picture frames. They also made creative art projects with different mediums of paint, crayons, tissue paper and stickers.



Reuse, Recycle: Picture Frame & Yarn



If you now any 7–8-year-old girl who is interested in joining Brownies, then please reach out to: Stacy Yamanishi at Stacyyama@gmail.com or Mary Jane Morimoto at mj.moto212@gmail.com.

Please view the link if you would like view some of our meetings that we have hosted during the past school year: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FkyY0LDCvipoFvVGHCOi7Tby7jLaahCK/view?usp=sharing> (there is no audio with the video)

In Gassho,
Mary Jane Morimoto

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

Hello everyone! Our 8th Grade Cadettes attended the End of the Year bridging ceremony to bridge to the Senior Troop 881. In May, we voted on a Team Up Ropes Course for our end of the year activity. It was a great and fun way to end our year. Coming up on July 16th and 17th we have our Obon at OCBC. We hope to see you there!

Tamlyn Y.

Senior Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 881

Happy Summer everyone! Just as the Senior Ambassador Girl Scout Troop at OCBC goes into summer, we've been wrapping up the last few activities to end another great year of Girl Scouts. Towards the end of May, we had our End of Year Ceremony with all the other OCBC Girl Scout troops to reflect upon our year and recognize the awards and accomplishments of our scouts. We welcomed new scouts as we also said goodbye to our graduating seniors Ashley, Mariko, and Taryn. Ashley received her Gold Award this past year and will be attending UC Berkeley in the fall. Mariko and Taryn have been a part of Girl Scouts since they were Daisies and have made it all the way up to Ambassadors. Mariko will be attending UC San Diego and Taryn UCLA this upcoming semester. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and will miss having them as a part of our Girl Scout family. To celebrate the year we've had, we went to an afternoon tea as a troop. We enjoyed a day filled with tea and lemonade to the brim of our teacups with mini sandwiches and a scone on the side. Our troop enjoyed the day being able to socialize and have fun right as school was finishing up for some, or already over for others. We still have a high ropes course planned as the last event of this year. That's all the Senior Ambassador Troop has been up to this year, and we hope to see you all again later this month at our two-day Obon festival to continue to see our fellow scouts there!

In Gassho,
Gwen Takagi



Cub Scout Pack 578

Cub Scout Pack 578 completed our 2021-2022 program in May with our annual Crossover weekend. The boys and their parents camped in the beautiful facilities of the Irvine Regional Outdoor Education Center. They enjoyed the camaraderie of being with their Pack friends as well as a variety of activities that included the following: zip lining, swimming, playing games, shooting BB guns, archery, and just hanging out with fellow scouts. We would like to thank Den Leader Kam Ho and the Webelos I families for hosting such an organized, fun, and special event.

The highlight of the weekend was the Crossover Ceremony. We honored and said a Cub Scout good-bye to our Webelos II Den - Satoshi A., Collin F., Jake H., Aiden K., Wyatt M., Michael M. Kyle M., Ryan M., Landon N., Connor S., Rex S., Sawyer S., Justin Y. This group consisted of boys who took part in the Pilot Lion Den program in 2016. The group has grown over the years and now all 13 scouts are continuing on to Boy Scouts with Troop 578. Congratulations! With their continued perseverance, dedication, and hard work, they will be able to achieve almost anything. We will also miss their fun, supportive, and hardworking families.

Crossover was also the last official duties for Jason Muramoto as Committee Chair, Joy Aoyama as Pack Secretary, Mark Morimoto as Den Leader and Gregg Suzukawa as Asst. Den Leader. We thank them for their leadership, dedication, hard work, and support to our Pack. Their contributions have kept our Scouting Program successful and strong.

This summer you can see our boys at Obon. They will be staffing several booths, both in gratitude for the wonderful support we receive from OCBC and to experience service to the community.

Cub Scout Pack 578 holds a Summer (Recruitment) Picnic every August, and we love to see new faces eager for adventure and fun. Boys entering K – 5th grade this fall are invited to bring their families to learn more about the Cub Scout experience and join in fun activities with other scouts. So this summer, be on the lookout for more details.

Cub Scout Pack 578 is truly fortunate to have a supportive community at OCBC, dedicated families, and enthusiastic boys. These factors make all our activities run smoothly and allow our Pack to thrive. We close this past scout experience with fond memories, and look forward to the excitement of the upcoming year!



Lion Den 2017



Webelos II Crossover 2022

Join 
Cub Scouts!

Boy Scout Troop 578

Since April, Troop 578 has held many in-person meetings and events. On May 21st, Troop 578 held its Eagle Court of Honor and recognized new eagle scouts Michael Lee, Kenji Swun, Ben Mendoza, Matthew Lee, and Tyler Chia. These scouts have put in countless hours of dedication and time to obtain the highest rank in scouting. Troop 578 is proud of these scouts and their accomplishments and is thankful for the adult leaders who helped them achieve the rank of eagle. Also, Troop 578 held their first water sailing event. Scouts met at the Newport Sea Base on June 4th. The scouts had to go through a safety course but then were able to sail with their friends and explore the waters of Newport. After a day of fun, scouts returned to the dock and expressed their gratitude for being able to borrow the boats. The June Court of Honor was successful in recognizing all the troop scouts and their accomplishments. During the summer, scouts plan to participate in Rock Creek and Summer Camp. The troop is thankful for all the scouting opportunities we have been presented with and look forward to an even better future!

Ryan Chia

In Memoriam

The Orange County Buddhist Church wishes to express its deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of the late:

Allen Kazuo Goya
Leslie Sachiye Sakioka

May the family members find solace and comfort in the infinite compassion of Amida Buddha

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted**May**

27 Allen Kazuo Goya, Funeral Service
28 Sadayo Ono, Memorial Service
28 Sato/Lines Wedding

Jun

4 Raymond Takashi Imahara, 49 day Service
4 Setsuken Iwakoshi, 3 year Service
11 Leslie Sachiye Sakioka, Funeral & Burial Service



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In Gassho,
Doug Iwanaga
Building Fund Treasurer

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光輪 七月号

浄土真宗のお盆のお味わい

先日の6月25日(土)に開催されました南加仏教徒大会に多くのご参加をいただきました。大会後、南加BWA会議も開かれ、おかげさまで盛況に終わることができました。

続きまして、7月10日(日)には西L.A寺院の高田興芳(たかた・こうほう)先生をお迎えして「お盆法要」を営みます。先生のお話は事前録画となりますが、法要は本堂で対面・ハイブリッドで行いますので、どうぞお参りくださいませ。

また、7月16・17日両日は「お盆祭り」が午後3時から8時まで行われます。なお、太鼓演技は午後6時より、お盆踊りはその後、午後6時30分から8時までとなります。案内の手紙が届いているかと思いますが、参加希望の場合は、お手間ですが、手紙にあるQRコードから登録をお願いいたします。

さて、お盆についてのお味わいは、宗派や地域性によって様々です。世間一般でよく聞くのは、「8月の13日になると、地獄のカマの蓋が開き、霊魂が帰ってきて、15または16

日にまた戻ってゆく」とか、「迎え火(迎え提灯)を準備していないと迷って故人が帰ってこれなくなる」などと聞かれたことがあるかと思えます。浄土真宗の教えは、霊魂を話すことはせずに、私たちの大切な亡き方々は、お念仏の毎日を通じて後、仏さまとなって阿弥陀さまの浄土の国に行かれたといわれます。決して地獄に落ちたのではなく、また短い夏の期間だけ帰ってくるようなさびしい存在ではありません。

お盆という仏事は「盂蘭盆経(うらぼんきょう)」によると、釈尊の仏弟子(十大弟子)の一人で「神通(力)第一」の目蓮が、あるとき、亡くなった母親がどの世界にいるのか、その神通力を使い探していたところ、仏教でいう迷いの世界(六道)の一つである餓鬼道(がきどう)に落ちて苦しんでいるのを見つけたそうです。餓鬼道という世界は、空腹を満たすために食べ物や口元に運んでもその直前で全て炎となつて消えてしまい、飢餓感・空腹感が満たされずに苦しみ続ける世界です。さながら逆さまに吊り上げられる倒懸(とうけん)の苦しみと言われます。(インドの梵語(サンスクリット語)では倒懸をウランバーナと言ひ、盂蘭盆とはこの梵語を音写したものです)

何故、目蓮の母が餓鬼道に落ちたかという点、生前わが子(目蓮)を溺愛し過ぎたために、他の人やものをないがしろにしたためにこの世界に落ちたと言われています。目蓮は大変驚き、何とか母を救いだそうとし何度も神通力により食物を差し出しますが、当然の事ながら口もとまで来た時に全て炎となつて燃え

尽き、救うどころか逆に苦しみが深まるばかりであったと言います。

そこで目蓮は、釈尊に救いを請いますと、「7月15日(旧暦)に雨季の安居(あんご)を終えた僧侶らに盛大な法要を営んでもらいその後、

僧侶らに、敬い・感謝の心を持ち(讃嘆供養)、施しを与えなさい。そうすれば母は救われるであろう」と説かれたと言います。その通りに目蓮が僧侶たちに多くのご馳走をしたところ、餓鬼道で苦しむ母が救われます。そして、僧侶たちも目蓮も喜びのあまり踊り始めて、それが盆踊りの由来となりました。

盂蘭盆経にちなんでつとめられるようになったお盆の時期に、自らの日々の生き様をかえりみて、浄土に往生した亡き人をご縁として、仏法にあずかせて頂いたことをあらためて喜び、感謝させていたかどうかというところが浄土真宗におけるお盆の味わい方なのではないでしょうか。だからこそ真宗ではお盆のことを「歓喜会(かんぎえい)」とも呼びます。

どうぞ健やかな夏をお過ごしくださいませ。

南無阿弥陀仏 ワンドラ 睦



してフルーツ盛り合わせを詰めた美味しい弁当を楽しみました。今月は、エイミー岩政さんの誕生日を祝いました。寄付をくださった野口たかさんに感謝します。次回のシニアランチは7月11日(月)に開催されますので、ぜひご参加いただき、お友達との交流やバスデーケーキ付きの美味しいランチをお楽しみください！ボランティアのスタッフは、BMAシニアとメンテナンスクルーにだけでなく、友だち弁当の受取人にもランチを用意しています。多くのOCBCメンバーの玄関先に個人的に昼食を届ける熱心なドライバーチームにも深く感謝します。

*過去数ヶ月にわたってBMAポップアップクラフトブースをサポートしてくれたサンガに感謝の意を表します。サービスの前後にパティオで陽気なボランティアグループが、さまざまな自家製のアイテム、自家製のジャム、カラフルなタッパウエアを販売する姿を見ることができました。秋には「Buy It Now」募金活動を開催し、今後数か月以内にさらに詳しい情報をお知らせします。今後とも募金活動をよろしく願います。

*今回のBMAミーティングは、6月30日木曜日の午後7時に開催されます。これはズームセッションであり、リンクは近い将来提供されます。

お盆2022年7月16日～17日

参加希望の場合は登録をお願いします。また、1～2シフトに登録してください。

寿司、稲荷、ちらし、ワントン、そうめんを両日でご用意しております。また、清掃と食事の準備の前に木曜日と金曜日にすべての部署でお手伝いが必要になります。便宜上、Googleスプレッドシートのドキュメントが用意されており、オンラインで利用できます。ご不明な点がございましたら、下記のメールアドレスでリンまでお問い合わせください。

婦人会あるいは婦人会のアクティビティに関するご質問がありましたら、ブラック・リン会長までご連絡ください。

E-mailは BMA@orangecountybuddhist.org です。

合掌 中村クリス



「イ」寄付



(2022年5月16日～2022年6月19日まで)に御寄付戴きましたご芳名)

「祥月法要」

「祥月」法要にご寄付戴きました方々のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧ください。

合計 3,935ドル

「降誕会法要」(追加分)

「降誕会」法要にご寄付戴きました方々のお名前です。(敬称略)

クレイン エレン・トム
原 俊樹・ナンシー
オキニシ ジャン
タニモト デイック・テリー
矢田 フランク・ジョイス
山下 ようこ

合計 275ドル

「納骨堂」

ご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

匿名 (2)
チャン ダリル・シエリル
林田 ニール
モリス シリマ
ナガホリ フレッド
中川 ロン・ヴィッキー
中原 カレン
斉藤 俊子
坂原 ビル・ジャネット
スー リンダ
平 ガリー・ジェイン
ターナー ジョン・リンダ

合計1,1780ドル

「仏教会にお礼」

ご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

匿名

ゴヤ ゲイル

今原 けいこ

岩越 みさこ

クリス―サルツ ファリス

オノ ハリー

佐藤 ウオラス

合計 1, 510ドル

「仏教会に特別寄付」

ご芳名です。(敬称略)

ガルシア ジョー・

タボーガ マルシア

ガールスカウト916隊

ハキカワ マサシ・ジュンコ

勝田 クミコ

メーレン スーザン グレース

西村 ロドニー・マリオン

ソーフィス オブ

オレンジカウンティ

高木 キヤロル・ノボル

トレセダー キヤサリーン

若林 エドウィン・ローリー

ヤオ ダニー

匿名 (2)

合計 1, 101ドル

「メモリアルデーお参り」

「メモリアルデーお参り」にご寄付戴きました方々のお名前です。(敬称略)

カトウ ヒトシ・マリ ファミリー

カトウ カズコ

イノクチ ラリー・ジューン

中垣 ヒロミチ

中脇 ベバリー

中脇 ふしお・よしこ

中脇 ロイド

沖田 ユジーン

坂原 ビル・ジャネット

更科 ジェームス・メリッサ

高橋 アリス

谷岡 ケビン・ジョアン

トーマス ジョアン

富松 りょうしろう

合計 898ドル



「花祭り法要」(追加分)

タニモト デイック・テリー

「初参り法要」(追加分)

「初参り法要」にご寄付戴きました方のご芳名です。(敬称略)

安藤 テッド・トミコ

「お賽銭」

ご寄付です。(敬称略)

匿名

合計 694ドル

「お盆法要」

「お盆」法要にご寄付戴きました方々のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧くださいませ。

合計 520ドル

「お盆特別寄付」

大勢の方にご寄付を戴き心より感謝いたします。ご寄付戴きました方々のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧くださいませ。

合計 805ドル



お葬儀

故ゴヤ アラン カズオ

2021年12月23日往生

故サキオカ レスリー サチエ

2022年5月26日往生

仏教会一同、心よりお悔やみを申し上げます。

南無阿弥陀仏

WELCOME TO THE BEC'S BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022

FEATURED BOOK:

A Cloud Never Dies:
A Documentary

We will watch together

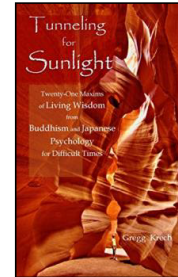


TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022

FEATURED BOOK:

Tunneling for Sunlight
(First 11 maxims)

by Gregg Krech



TIME: 6:00 – 7:30pm PLACE: Online Zoom Meeting TBA

To register for Zoom meetings either click on QR code or open camera on cell phone, focus on QR code then tap link at top of screen then fill out Google form.



For more information, please visit orangecountybuddhist.org/bec



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Orange County Buddhist Church 909 South Dale Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92804



OCBC's WEEKLY WHEEL PODCAST IS HERE!

THE WEEKLY WHEEL PODCAST WILL BRING THE DHARMA DIRECTLY TO YOUR FAVORITE PODCAST PLAYER!

- MEDITATION
- CHANTING
- DHARMA MESSAGE
- SPECIAL TOPICS & DISCUSSIONS

YOU CAN FIND THE WEEKLY WHEEL ONLINE AT:



WEBSITE: SoundCloud.com/weeklywheel

E-MAIL: WeeklyWheel@OCBuddhist.org

Tomodachi Bento Project (TBP) Volunteers Needed

“Before I received bentos, I did not have any Japanese food and really missed it. I enjoy the bentos and can usually eat only half and have the other half for another meal.” “ My volunteer is so kind and so sweet. She listens to all my problems.” “ I am happy when it is a delivery day. I know I will see someone who cares and takes the time to make me feel good.” “ Having TBP visits make me happier because it’s nice that someone is thinking of me.” “We look forward to seeing the TBP volunteers. Their cheeriness lifted our spirits.” “The visits reassured us that we are not alone when facing the covid shut down.”

The above quotes are from some of the TBP clients which expresses their appreciation and benefits of the program. The purpose and mission of the Tomodachi Bento Project is:

- To provide Japanese and Asian-inspired bento lunches twice a month to homebound Japanese and Japanese American seniors, 65 and older in Orange County.
- To provide visitations with seniors to reduce isolation.
- To provide information/connections to community and health services.

Tomodachi Bento Project is a volunteer organized and operated program sponsored by and based at OCBC through generous grants from Keiro, City of Hope, and the Red String Foundation.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED as drivers to deliver the bentos and to assist with meal preparations. All volunteers must complete a volunteer application and attend a mandatory orientation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and making a difference in the lives of homebound Orange County seniors, please contact tomodachi.bento@orangecountybuddhist.org or call the OCBC office at 714-827-9590. Thank you for your support.

「友達弁当プロジェクト」(TBP) ボランティア募集

「友達弁当を受け取るまで日本食を食べることがなく本当に食べたかった。半分食べて、残りは次に取っておきます。」「ボランティアの人たちはとても親切で優しい。彼女は私の話を良く聞いてくれます。」「弁当の配達日を楽しみにしています。私が嬉しく感じられるようにケアしていただき、時間をとってくださるのは有難い。」

TBP 参加者から上記のような感謝の言葉といかに本プログラムが貢献しているかについてのコメントが届いています。友達弁当プロジェクトの目的と意義は次のようなものです。

- ◆ オレンジ郡に住む65歳以上の日本人・日系人たちに日本食弁当を月2度提供する。
- ◆ 訪問して話し相手になる。
- ◆ コミュニティや健康サービス情報やコネクションを提供する。

弁当を配達して下さるボランティア・ドライバー（特に日本語がわかる方）を募集しています。ボランティア希望者はボランティア申込みの提出とオリエンテーションに出席していただきます。希望者は tomodachi.bento@orangecountybuddhist.org あるいは、OCBC office at 714-827-9590 へご連絡ください。ご支援、ありがとうございます。

オレンジ郡日本語学校

ORANGE COUNTY JAPANESE SCHOOL

STUDY WITH US! LEARN JAPANESE!

1st-12th Grade

We offer 1st- 12th grade classes that are aimed toward children living in the U.S. learning Japanese as a second language.



Adult Class

We also offer an adult class for learners age 18 and older. Level 1 and Level 2. Each class is 2 hours.

Learn the Japanese Language and Culture here at OCBC



Classes are on Saturdays 8:30am-12:00pm
Visit our Website for more info!



Scan the QR code to get to our Website.



OCBC Sports is here to provide a fun and safe place to learn and play pickleball for OCBC members. Pickleball is an easy game to learn and can be played at all different skill levels. No prior sports experience necessary.

Weekly sessions in the newly renovated MPB gym, email for more information:
Wednesdays (12:30 – 2:30 pm) session – Ryan at rko7@hotmail.com
Weekend sessions (times based on gym availability) – Jeff/Carol at ocbcpickleball@gmail.com

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2022 OCBC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the following form to apply for Membership.
Note: OCBC Membership is January - December

STEP 1: MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

Level	Explanation	Individual	Family	Annual Dues
Young Adult	Members 18-30 yrs. old	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60		
Introductory	First time new members over 30 yrs. old (Initial Year)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240	
Seniors	Members 85 years or older	<input type="checkbox"/> \$156	<input type="checkbox"/> \$312	
Sustaining	Current members	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480	
Kansha	Special membership option	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000	

Membership can be also remitted, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually
(See Bottom Below)

Young Adult

OCBC members between 18-30 years of age.

Introductory

New First Time OCBC members (singles over 30 years of age and families). Honored for the 1st Initial year.

Sustaining

Current/Ongoing members of OCBC. Returning Introductory Members.

Kansha

Special membership opportunity to provide additional financial support to OCBC. Long time supporters of OCBC who are 85 years old and over.

Individual

- Membership for single (individual) adult.
- Includes One Adult and dependent children under the age of 25

Family

- Membership for adult couples
- Includes Two Adults and dependent children under the age of 25

Seniors

STEP 2: MEMBER INFORMATION *Please provide email so that we may email you your receipt

Name _____ [] Address changed [] Membership changed
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Home: _____ Cell: _____
 Email _____

Family Membership Information

Spouse Name _____
 Spouse Phone _____ Cell: _____
 Email _____
 Child Name _____
 Child Name _____
 Child Name _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

For Office Use Only:

Received by: _____
 Quick-Book Entry by: _____
 Database Entry by: _____
 BCA Entry by: _____
 Date: _____
 Date: _____
 Date: _____
 Date: _____

Regular reminder notices will not be sent to those who pay semi-annually, quarterly or monthly

STEP 3: MAIL Orange County Buddhist Church 909 South Dale Avenue Anaheim, CA 92804

Send membership form and check to:
Mark or note on your check:

Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually

Method of Payment:

[] Check No. _____ (Make check payable to OCBC)
 [] Credit card (go to OCBuddhist.org)

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JULY 2022 CALENDAR

2022年 7月 カレンダー

Calendar Subject to Change! Please check our website. For all **ONLINE** services please log on to www.ocbuddhist.org and follow the links.

日 SUN	月 MON	火 TUE	水 WED	木 THU	金 FRI	土 SAT
26 8:30 AM – 瞑想 Mindfulness Service (in person) 10:00 AM – 家族礼拝 Family Service Hybrid (In Person/Online) 11:00 AM – Adult Discussion	27 6:00 PM - BEC English Zoom Class (Rev. Dr. Wondra)	28 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	29 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	30	1	2
3 No Services (Independence Day Observance)	4 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	5 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	6 7:00 PM –Zoom Mindfulness Service	7	8	9 In Person 4:30 PM Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service) 7:00 PM –BEC Japanese Zoom Class (Rev. Dr. Wondra)
10 10:00 AM – 家族礼拝 Obon Service Hybrid (In Person/Online) -Rev. Koho Takata, West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple 1:00 PM Hatsubon Service (in person)	11 7:00 PM –BEC English Class	12 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 6:00 PM - BEC Book Club	13 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	14	15	16 OBON FESTIVAL 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM
17 OBON FESTIVAL 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM	18	19 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	20 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	21	22	23 7:00 PM –BEC Japanese Class (Rev. Dr. Wondra)
24 10:00 AM Summer Dharma (Zoom)	25 7:00 PM –BEC English Class (Rev. Dr. Wondra)	26 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	27 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	28	29	30
31 10:00 AM Summer Dharma (Zoom)	1	2 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	3 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	4	5	6 4:30 PM – IN PERSON Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)



SUMMER DHARMA Zoom Sign Up
Use cell phone camera, focus on the
QR code then tap link that appears.



BEC Book Club Sign Up
Use cell phone camera, focus on the
QR code then tap link that appears.