

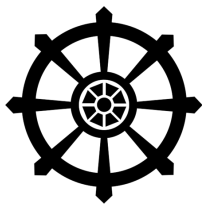
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Shinran's Joy of Embracing the Pure Land

Teachings

Celebrating the 850th Year of Shinran Shonin's Birth and 800th Year of Establishment of Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism) – Part 1/3 -



Hello, everyone. Hope you are staying safe and well. We surely had quite a lot of rain this winter, but finally it feels like spring has come. Coming this May, the OCBC delegation (mostly BWA members and friends) will fly to Kyoto and attend the special service in the Nishi-Hongwanji (our mother temple) to celebrate the founder Shinran Shonin's 850th birth and the 800th year of establishment of Jodo Shinshu, called Shin Buddhism in the West. They also will attend the World Buddhist Women's Conference after the special service, and will have a tour in Japan. It will be a fun trip. Taking this wonderful opportunity, I will contribute the article focusing Shinran's important life events for the next three months until the May issue. The first article in this month talks about the background of Shinran's dramatic meeting with Pure Land Buddhism and his teacher Honen.

Religious Landscape in Honen's Time

Of all the religious currents in Kamakura Buddhism (Kamakura period 1185 – 1333 C.E.), the Pure Land movement was the most pervasive. The period is known for the emergence of local samurai and warriors who formed feudalism in Japan. There were continued political unrest and many natural disasters that made ordinary people confused and fear of their future, and become eager to be born in the land of peace and bliss after life. Within that movement, Honen (1133 – 1212 C.E.) stood as Pure Land's foremost advocate. Honen himself withdrew from Mt. Hiei in 1175. Honen was forty years older than Shinran, and both of them were nurtured for many years in the Tendai interpretation of Pure Land and with the *Ojoyoshu* (*The Essentials of*



Rebirth in the Pure Land) that was the Pure Land handbook written by the Tendai priest Genshin. Tendai's interpretation integrated the aspiration to be born in Pure Land with Mt. Hiei's concept of personal religious development.

Religious practice on Mt. Hiei was ultimately geared to the cleric and was predicated on the idea that the priest is superior to the lay person in spiritual advancement. Honen, who grew up under the monastic training system, began to reassess its value while still on Mt. Hiei, particularly after reading the *Kuan ching shu* (*Commentary on the Pure Land*

Meditation Sutra) composed by the Chinese Pure Land master Shan-*tao* (613 – 681 C.E.). From this work, Honen came to revere the *nembutsu* (recite the Buddha's name) as the right religious act which could lead any human being to spiritual liberation in Amida's realm of nirvana, regardless of any gender and social status, if practiced exclusively.

The accessibility of the *nembutsu* to believers finally led Honen away from the religious and selective program of Tendai school and toward his teaching of the exclusive *nembutsu* (*senju nembutsu*).

Honen's Teaching

After Honen's departure from Mt. Hiei, he settled in the Yoshimizu area in Kyoto, and preached the exclusive *nembutsu* to people coming to his place, including aristocrats, priests from major Buddhist temples, former samurai, ordinary townsmen, lowborn itinerant monks from the country side. Honen's Pure Land teaching sounded easy and was widely appreciated by those people, and Shinran was one of them. The image below shows Honen giving the Dharma messages to people.



Honen interpreted the *nembutsu* in a much broader context that the traditional schools of Old Buddhism (so called Nara Buddhism) did, and at his deepest level of conviction he embraced the Pure Land teaching to be the exclusion of the traditional path of religious exertion. Honen summed up this conviction in a series of choices outlined in the concluding section of his *Senjaku-hongan-nembutsushu* (*Passages on the Nembutsu Selected in the Primal Vow*), composed in 1198. In summary, he urged that anyone who desired to escape quickly from the cycle of birth and death should decide between the two types of the excellent Dharma, choose to enter the gate of Pure Land rather than the holy path; next to choose the right practices rather than the various miscellaneous practices; and then lastly to choose the act of right assurance which is uttering the Name of Amida Buddha exclusively. Those who utter the Name will unfailingly attain rebirth because it is based on Amida's universal vow.

Dim Light as Hope

Shinran first visited Honen at his Yoshimizu school after having the revelation in a dream at the Rokkaku temple during dawn of the 95th day of 100th day visitation.

Running Hot And Cold

Spring is quickly approaching and we will be having our Spring Ohigan seminar and service. Traditionally, spring has been thought of as having the perfect Dharma listening weather. It is neither too hot nor too cold so that we may focus on the teachings without distraction. With our modern luxuries of central heating and air conditioning, this may not be as relevant as it was in the past but the tradition continues. This is also the motivation for the Fall Ohigan.



I didn't really appreciate the importance of the weather until I traveled to St Louis on business in both the winter and summer. Their winters are extremely cold even with a bright blue sunny sky and the summers are unbearably hot and humid. This is much like the weather in Kyoto, Japan. Without heat and air, it must have been very difficult to practice in these conditions.

As they say, *"everybody complains about the weather but nobody does anything about it."* Well, I am one of those people who foolishly tried to do something about it. I would like to share a personal story of my own foolish battles with the weather.

In our tradition, we often hear ordinary people described as "foolish beings" or as being "deluded" and "filled with blind passions". I think this is true but not for the reasons we often think. We have to be careful not to assign any moral and ethical value to these statements. We are merely confused and lost in our thoughts. It is not just ordinary people that find themselves in this predicament, but it is all people, monks as well. We are all just ordinary, foolish beings.

When I was young, my family would drive to Lindsay California to visit my grandparents. In the winter, it was quite cold in the San Joaquin Valley, often 30 degrees or less at night. But I always found my grandmother's house to be usually hot, I mean really hot especially to a fourteen-year-old boy. The reason was that she set the thermostat to 74 degrees in the winter. To me it always felt like 80 degrees. Maybe I was sitting too close to the vent.

I would often lower the thermostat to 70 degrees when she wasn't looking. But she would always catch me and turn it back up again. But then I noticed that she had a standing lamp near the thermostat so I would turn on all the lights to high and move it right in front of the thermostat so that the heat from the lights would cause the thermostat to turn off the heat. But she also caught me doing this and would turn off the lights and move the lamp away from the thermostat again.

I finally complained to my mom and she said that when we are at my grandma's house she gets to have the heat to her liking. But I later realized that when she visited us at our house in the winter the thermostat was still set to 74 degrees. I asked my mom why does grandma get to do this

at our house as well? She explained that grandma was our guest and she gets to do whatever she wants as a guest (so frustrating).

My grandmother also did this in the summer, setting the AC to 68 degrees, I was now freezing. And it made me wonder why 68 was too cold for the winter and 74 was too hot for the summer. But I caught myself doing this very thing recently in our Hondo. I fanaticized recently at how happy I would be if the Hondo in the winter could be as hot as it is in the summer and if the Hondo could be as cold in the summer as it is in the winter. In that moment I had become my grandmother, always wanting things to be different and not even in a consistent way.

My family often teases me because all summer long I say that I can't believe how hot it is and then in the winter I say I can't believe how cold it is. In the summer, I yearn for the winter and in the winter I eagerly anticipate the return of summer. I am always living in the future, not happy or appreciating how things are now.

How funny it is that my ideal temperature is also based upon my thoughts and feelings. I love 68 in the summer but not in the winter and love 74 in the winter but avoid it in the summer. But this is our reality. We mistake our opinions and preferences for facts and objective truth. This insight into our foolishness helps us become more flexible and much less dogmatic. Our minds become more supple and gentle. As Dennis Hirota explains,

"[Using] Shinran's metaphor, the light of Amida's wisdom-compassion illuminates and pervades human existence 'unhindered' by blind passions. Further, Shinran emphasizes the transformative power in the Thirty-third Vow, which states that beings touched by Amida's light 'become supple and gentle in body and mind'" (CWS I: 117).

This experience also helped me realize that I am just like everyone else. We are all foolish, ordinary beings every day. We are all doing the best we can. And realizing our foolishness is a precious gift. It humbles us and opens us up to new experiences. When we see and accept our foolishness we can truly connect with others. We can embrace everyone as they are. All hierarchies dissolve. We are all now part of the same family no matter what the weather or the temperature. We can now always live in the spring and fall of our lives, where every day is the best day to listen to the Dharma.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev Jon Turner

Time-Value the Moments



March is the month when we change our clocks to daylight saving time. I see this event as one of the mileposts to the start of spring, and ultimately appreciate the long summer evenings. I somehow missed the news last year that there was an attempt to pass legislation to make daylight saving time permanent. It did not go through and there

continues to be discussion on the pros and cons, whether it conserves energy, increases productivity, is a safety issue in the dark morning hours, etc. I am neutral on any changes to this manipulation of clock time. The earth and sun will always provide longer daylight in the northern hemisphere summers regardless what clock time we give it. This seasonal event gives us an opportunity to pause and think about the concept of time.

Dr. Taitetsu Unno, in his book Shin Buddhism, Bits of Rubble Turn into Gold, has a wonderful essay titled “The Absolute Present”, which reminds us of the Buddhist perspective on living in the present, in the here and now.

What is time? The shadow on the dial, the striking of a clock, the running of the sand, day and night, summer and winter, months, years, centuries – these are but arbitrary and natural signs, the measure of Time, not Time itself. Time is the life of the soul.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Of course clock time and calendar time are useful and necessary concepts required in our everyday lives, but Dr. Unno states that actual lived time, Time itself, flows below conventional notions of time, whether clock time or calendar time. This is what Longfellow meant by “Time is the life of the soul”. Buddhism teaches us that life is impermanent and is a series of moments that we never notice because they are so short. And that the immediacy of every moment requires our full attention.

Do not think that time merely flies away. Do not see flying away as the only function of time. If time merely flies away, you would be separated from time. The reason you do not clearly understand the time-being is that you think of time only as passing. In essence, all things in the entire world are linked with one another as moments. Because all moments are the time-being, they are your time-being.

Dogen

Soto Zen founder Dogen referred to “time-being” as “time itself is being, and all being is time”. It’s also been described as oneness between time and space, functioning from moment to moment.

The philosophy of *ichigo ichiye* (one time, one meeting) focuses on the appreciation of a single encounter, a single moment. It has roots in Japanese tea ceremony where the meeting between host and guests is treasured as a single event, never to be repeated. The concept appreciates the unrepeatability of a moment and builds on the Buddhist teachings of impermanence and gratitude for each and every moment. When we remove the complications of worrying about the past or the future and focus on appreciating all the moments, big and small that we face in the present, it can be an invigorating experience. You’re seeing and experiencing events in a fresh and more thoughtful perspective.

I don’t remember to practice this as often as I should, but I have noticed the older we and our loved ones get, we are naturally reminded more frequently of *ichigo ichiye*. Do you recall ever thinking of wanting time to go by faster towards a goal in the future? I remember a shift in attitude when I realized I was well beyond the half way point of the average female life span and my mother had turned 90. People of all ages can benefit from a simple attitude adjustment (because that’s all that it is) to recognize the importance of valuing the moment we’re living now –regardless of whether it’s daylight saving or standard time.

Namuamidabutsu,
Janet Arima



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Shinran's Joy of Embracing the Pure Land Teachings (Continued from page 1)

Honen was then close to 70 years of age. His full figure and face seemed perfectly matched to his mellow personality. Shinran probably could not help but feel that Master Honen was the very embodiment of Amida Buddha's mind and heart. Shinran visited Honen day after day to hear the Amida Buddha's teaching and the way to escape from the cycle of birth and death in this life.

Regardless of how ignorant we are, however, regardless of the evil acts we have committed, if we respect the Buddha from the bottom of our hearts and recite the Buddha's Name with total trust in the Buddha's Vow to enlighten all sentient beings, we will be born in that Buddha's realm. That way is like traveling to your destination on a large ship with others. It guarantees that even the most ignorant, even those who commit the greatest evil, will be saved. That's why it is referred to as the 'easy path.' Honen's simple teaching touched Shinran's heart and mind, and more and more it led Shinran away from Mt. Hiei and the monastic practices.

After several years as Honen's disciple, in 1201 Shinran finally discarded sundry practices and took refuge in the Primal Vow, which signified his great turning point. Subsequently in 1205, Master Honen allowed Shinran to copy his *Passages on the Nembutsu Selected in the Primal Vow* and his own portrait, and Honen signed Shinran's name on the copy. Honen was seventy-three years old. Shinran must have been in deep joy to have realized the efficacy of Amida's universal vow through meeting Honen. More than twenty-years of his monastic path finally ended while a new path opened up toward the gate of Pure Land. Shinran finally saw a light of hope at the end of a long tunnel.

Suppression of the Nembutsu

Honen's revolutionary interpretation of Pure Land Buddhism soon evoked a harsh reaction from other Buddhist schools particularly the Tendai school. While Honen's teaching was getting tremendously popular, in 1204 he issued the *Seven Article Pledge*, called *Shichikajo kishomon*, which is the rules of conduct to have his followers obey. Consecutively, Gedatsubo-Jokei of Hosso school (one of the Nara Buddhist Schools) presented the nine accusations in 1205 toward Honen's teaching compared with the traditional schools. Condemnation reached the peak in 1207 which resulted in the suppression of the exclusive nembutsu, the exile of Honen and Shinran from Kyoto, and the execution of a number of his followers. It was a surprising event never heard before in the Japanese Buddhist history.

The next issue will talk about the place of exile and Shinran's propagation in Kanto-Ibaraki area.

Namo Amida Butsu
Gassho, Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

President's Message

If You Build It They Will Fill It

Last month I attended the funeral service for a long-time member of OCBC. The service was packed and I found a seat at one of the side pews along the edge of the Hondo. It was the first time I sat in that location, as I am a creature of habit and always seem to sit in approximately the same pews during Sunday Service. During the funeral, I was trying to figure out why my view seemed new and different, then I remembered that the pew I was sitting in didn't exist in the "original" Hondo when I was growing up. For those who might not remember the older Hondo, the original design had the middle pews but there was an exterior walkway on both sides of the Hondo. My understanding is that the early pioneers had the vision and dream to create this exterior walkway hoping to give flexibility for a future growing Sangha to one day use that walkway to enlarge the Hondo. What foresight and commitment. I felt so humbled and grateful sitting in the funeral service and listening to the contributions of the recently departed and reflecting on all the contributors to our Sangha - the pioneers who had the dream and the volunteers who came later and completed the Hondo expansion as well as the many other improvements at OCBC. I think the early pioneers would be so pleased to see how at times even the expanded area is filled, and I can't think of a better tribute to them than by filling our Hondo on Sunday services and special services.

In a few weeks, I will be representing OCBC at the National Council Meeting along with Rev. Wondra, Rev. Turner, and Bryan Furumoto. This year will again be a virtual conference under the leadership of the Coast District. It is an opportunity for all the temples in the BCA to meet to discuss events and issues that are impacting our temples. I've always found it informative to find out what successful events other temples are hosting and to see if they are something our Sangha would enjoy, and it's always a nice bonus to see Reverend Harada again. The meetings are held over several days and discuss not only the different social events at each temple, but also the business side of the BCA and temples with approvals of budgets, programs, membership fees, and other issues. It is very motivational and uplifting to be participating with so many other volunteers, and it amazes me when I hear how much time and effort these representatives spend at their temples. It also makes me reflect on OCBC when I hear of the struggles that some of the other temples face - financial, declining membership, and lack of volunteers. OCBC's struggles may not have been as difficult as some of the other temples, but COVID and its aftermath have impacted us too and we're finding that we all need to try a little more, give a little more, and do a little more. I wonder if the founding pioneers imagined that their little temple in the "sticks" of Orange County would one day be one of the largest Sanghas represented at the National Council Meeting? Maybe their thought for that original walkway was, "**If you build it, they will fill it**" I'm not sure what their intent was but go sit in one of those pews the next time you're in the Hondo and thank a pioneer.

In Gassho,
Jo Ann Tanioka
OCBC President

The Shin Reader — BEC Publications

Twelve books have been published by the OCBC Buddhist Education Center. The books are listed in the order of publication with a short excerpt from the respective Shin Reader book review.

Coffinman: The Journal of a Buddhist Mortician (1993 and 1996 Shinmon Aoki, 2002 BEC and Wayne S. Yokoyama) by Shinmon Aoki
 “a touching and moving story of Aoki's experiences dealing with death” – Rev Harada (Feb 2016 Korin)

Currents of Change: American Buddhist Women Speak Out on Jodo Shinshu (2007) by Patricia Kanaya Usuki

“In America, where the focus is on equality, there is more pressure on Buddhism to shift their traditional attitudes towards women. [...]”

“Laywomen and ministers felt the institution must reorient and become more religious, and less ethnic if it is to survive. Do you agree or disagree?” – Rumi Nakatani (Jun 2020 Korin)

Discovering Buddhism in Everyday Life (2011, Kindle version 2021) by Marvin Harada

“I too saw the *Wizard of Oz*, the *Waving Man*, and the *Crawling Bougainvillea*. Perhaps all these essays can be experienced within our everyday life as Buddhist teachings. We just need a guide, pointing these things out to us otherwise we might just drive right by them. It is books like this one that help us in *Discovering Buddhism in Everyday Life!*” – Rev Turner (Feb 2023 Korin)

The Hands and Feet of the Heart (2011) by Hisako Nakamura

“Here is my favorite poem of Hisako:

Although I have no arms and legs,
 how peaceful the day is that I am being wrapped
 in the Buddha's sleeves.

“Hisako Nakamura is the contemporary Shin Buddhist Myokonin – Wondrous Nembutsu Person!” – Rev Wondra (Jan 2023 Korin)

Shin Buddhist Service Book (2013, second printing 2014, third printing 2016)

“We included modern English translations of the chanting texts. As far as songs (gathas), we aimed for a balance of old and new material. A few of the older song lyrics were modified to be less theistic and more Buddhistic. In preparing the book, we incorporated numerous suggestions from Sangha members. As an indication of success, the Shin Buddhist Service Book is now in its third printing and has been adopted by many temples in the US and Canada.” – Jim Pollard (Nov 2016 Korin)

Teriyaki Priest: Tales from the Realm of Gratitude (2013, Kindle version 2021) by J.K. Hirano

“The title refers to the millions of chickens that have been eaten over the years to support the BCA temples and how Rev Hirano is grateful to humans and chickens who have allowed him the wonderful privilege of sharing the Dharma.” – Howard Nakagiri (Mar 2016 Korin)

The Awareness of Self: A Guide to the Understanding of Shin Buddhism (1967 Takudo Haguri, 2nd printing BEC 2015) by Gyodo Haguri, translated by William Masuda
 “Awakening to the true self requires that we constantly listen to and reflect upon the teachings. It demands our greatest sacrifice, for the goal is priceless.” – Jim Pollard (Mar 2016 Korin)

Buddhism On Air: Televised Kaleidoscope of a Growing Religion (2015) by Ken Tanaka

“a kaleidoscope of the beautiful, vibrant, and constantly-evolving face of Buddhism. [...] though the author is a Jodo Shinshu minister, the book does not limit itself to any one school of Buddhism, and includes essays and interviews with practitioners and experts representing a variety of traditions.” – Janis Hirohama (Feb 2016 Korin)

Awaken to Your True Self: The Shin Buddhist Way of Life (2017, Kindle version 2021) by Hideo Yonezawa, translated by Marvin Harada

“I can think of no better way to appreciate Jōdo Shinshū than by reading Dr. Yonezawa's book.” – Jim Pollard (Oct 2017 Korin)

Encounter: Memoir of Orai Sensei as a Buddhist Minister in Canada (2020) by Orai Fujikawa

“I suspect that, like me, most BCA members are not familiar with Shin Buddhism in Canada and that they will be intrigued by the many parallels and the distinct differences between Japanese American and Japanese Canadian Buddhism.” – Jim Pollard (Apr 2021 Korin)

Let This Be Known: Finding the Shin Buddhist Path (2020, Second Edition 2021, Kindle version 2021) by James Pollard

“Jim clearly has embraced Shin Buddhism as his path, and his presentation of Shinran's teachings is one of the clearest renditions of our founder's path to awakening that exists today.” – Rev Crane (Dec 2021 Korin)

The Power to Live and Die: Poems and Reflections on Buddha-dharma and Jōdo Shinshū, (2021) by Chikō Iwagami.

“With a book of poetry, it's important to respect the author's placement of words. For example, there might be only one or two lines on a given page, or even just three or four words. The author might choose to vary the spacing between words within a line for poetic effect. The challenge with the Iwagami book was for the translation to match the intent of the original layout. In Japanese, lines run vertically on the page and are sequenced from right to left, while in English they run horizontally and are sequenced from top to bottom. This presented some puzzles that we did our best to solve. I believe the result was successful, and I encourage you to take a look.” – Jim Pollard (Nov 2021 Korin)

OCBC Wish List

Remember our WISH LIST? It's baaack! This one is all about Hanamatsuri. Your help on any of these needs would be greatly appreciated. Whenever you're out shopping, it would be easy to throw an extra item (or two) in your basket. Thanks for taking a look:

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Questions to the office staff. Your donations are always appreciated. Thank you.

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara



Bingo Silent Auction and Hanamatsuri Festival Raffle Prize Donations

Bingo and Hanamatsuri are combining donations since they are back-to-back OCBC events. We are seeking donations for Bingo Silent Auction, Pop-A-Ballon, Raffle and Table Prizes. We are also requesting donations for the Hanamatsuri Festival Raffle. You can donate items such as services, gift certificates, gift baskets, sport tickets or consider purchasing scrip from OCBC for gift cards. If interested, please fill out this google form link or contact Carol Sakamoto at jncsak@gmail.com for more information.

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In Gassho,
Bingo and Festival Committees

BWA News

Words to a song can sometimes bring a flood of emotions. Whether it's joyful or sad, lyrics often tell a story, while the melody creates the mood. Recently, the Sangha was introduced to a new gatha written by OCBC member Rene Maruyama and the BCA New Buddhist Music Subcommittee for the upcoming 2023 FBWA World Buddhist Women's Convention to be held in Kyoto. This song was inspired by a poem called "Gassho from the Heart" written by Lady Takeko Kujo, one of the founders of the BWA and whom our group honors every February. After listening to the choir sing this beautiful song, "With Gassho from the Heart" for the first time, it was the Sangha's turn to sing. Learning a few Portuguese and Japanese phrases in the process can only build a deeper connection to all the attendees and one can only imagine the feeling when BWA groups from Japan, Brazil, Canada, Hawaii, and BCA come together to sing this song in unison in May. Better have some tissues on hand!

-Thank you to everyone who supported our Pop-up Store on February 5th. Despite the early morning rain, beautiful weather prevailed for everyone attending the service on busy Scout Sunday. Future Pop-up events will be held in advance of special occasions.

-Our next Senior Luncheon will be held on March 13th with an opportunity to win a goodie bag. On the second Monday of every month, we prepare a variety of tasty dishes for the Tomodachi Bento program, the BWA attendees, the birthday celebrants, and the hard-working maintenance crew. Food and friendship bring everyone together once a month so join us as we say "Itadakimasu and Gochisousama!"

-Our next BWA meeting will be held on March 19th following the Spring Ohigan Service and luncheon.

-OCBWA will be helping at the OCBC Bingo event on March 25th. We will be distributing bento lunches and maintaining the hot beverage cart. Thank you in advance to all the volunteers and everyone is looking forward to a fun Saturday afternoon.

-Save the Date for OCBC's Hanamatsuri Festival on April 15 and 16. Tobans J and K will be in charge of Friday's worker lunch and respective Tobans will help prepare the wontons, sushi and somen. Details will be available at our next meeting and via email.

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

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura

Dharma School

It is very exciting and encouraging to see our services feel “normal”—seeing people sitting right next to one another visiting, hearing that wonderful sound of everyone chanting together, listening to the senseis’ sermons in person, and hearing the DS students’ enjoyable interaction with one another in their classrooms.

We gratefully appreciate the parents and children who attend the in-person services and classes to learn about the Buddha Dharma.

Dharma School Class Schedule:

March 5, 12, 26.

April 2, 23, 30.

May 14.

Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 am.

Upcoming Events:

March 19 – Spring Ohigan Service

April 9 – Hanamatsuri Service (Mandatory for perfect attendance.)

April 15-16 – Hanamatsuri Festival

May 21 – Gotan-e Service and Hatsumairi Rites Ceremony

Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation to the Buddha) – May 21, 2023

Hatsumairi Ceremony is an occasion for parents to present their child to the Buddha and OCBC Sangha, formally for the first time, so that they too can be embraced by the teachings of the Buddha. Currently we are planning for an in-person ceremony on May 21 during the Gotan-e service when we observe the birth of Shinran Shonin.

If you have a child who is 36 months or younger and would like to participate, please contact the OCBC office (714-827-9590) or email dharma.school@orangebuddhist.org to request an application. If you have family or friends who have a child who would like to participate, please share this contact information with them.

The deadline for applications is Sunday, May 14, 2023.

Generous Acts of True Dana (Giving)

Our Dharma School has received generous monetary donations from the following people: The Folick Family Endowment Fund, OCBC oseibo, Amy Takata, and Irene Yamanishi. We thank them for their thoughtfulness and their visions for the future of our children by supporting our Dharma School program to spread the Dharma. We sincerely appreciate their generosity!

BCA’s “My Offering” Fundraising Drive

This fundraiser supports education and training of Dharma School teachers, provides new teaching materials, and helps new ministers who are beginning to serve in a BCA temple, particularly with the purchase of their new robes. The fundraiser will continue through June. If you have not received a letter regarding this fundraiser, please contact your child’s DS teacher for details. Thank you in advance for your generous donation that will tremendously help in spreading the Dharma.

Attention High School and College Graduates

We are gathering names of high school and college students graduating this school year, June 2023. Those students in Rev. Crane’s class are on the list already.

Please send the following info to Joyce Yada at jtyada@me.com or 714-423-8233:

Student’s name, address, phone #, email address, indicate if high school or college, name of school, and degree earned if college. Please send info by May 1, 2023. Please share this info with friends who will be graduating.

Scrip Program

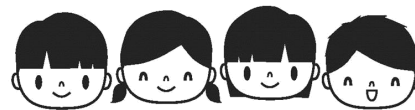
Our scrip program helps to provide the Dharma School teachers with materials, conference fees, equipment, books, etc. We want to extend appreciative thanks to the people who support our scrip program. If you are ordering scrip or have any questions, email to dharma.school@orangecountybuddhist.org.

Lynn Morita and Michael Li will be our new coordinators for our scrip program effective immediately. Dharma School thanks Cheryl Higashi for all her years of maintaining the scrip program. We are truly grateful for her commitment to us for so many years.

Welcoming New Students

If you are new to OCBC and would like to join Dharma School, please contact us at dharma.school@orangecountybuddhist.org or inquire at our hospitality table. Dharma School includes students from pre-school through high school. We welcome new students at any time during the school year. In addition, if you know of any families with age appropriate children who are interested in Dharma School, please share our contact information with them. Thank you.

Please stay healthy and safe!
In gassho,
Gail Harada



Dharma School Scrip Program

**Support the Dharma School
Scrip Program!!**

Project Kokoro News**Team Scattergories Game** **Mar 6**

If you are interested in playing this fun and stimulating game, please contact Jodi Hisamoto or Marion Nishimura. The next game is March 6 from 10am-11am.

If you would like to play, or want more information, please contact Jodi at the email below. Jodi will send a zoom link, please log-on by 9:50am.

Jodi: jahisam@pacbell.net

OCBC/Tanaka Farms CSA Program

Farm fresh seasonal produce delivered every other week for members and affiliated organizations!

PK member, Bonnie Goodman, will offer recipes and meal ideas. To sign up, visit:

<https://csa.farmigo.com/join/tanakafarms>

note: be sure to select OCBC as your "pick location"

To learn more, visit:

<https://www.tanakafarms.com/about-csa>

or contact Patty Nagatoshi: csa@tanakafarms.com

or PK member, Bonnie Goodman: bgood1@cox.net

PK Craft Club Boutique

The Crafters are busy making wonderful items for the upcoming Hanamatsuri Craft Boutique and we hope you will come by the booth. Meetings are on Wednesdays from 9am to 12pm in the Social Hall. For details please contact either Dorothy Matsuoka or Rumi Nakatani

dcmatsuoka@aol.com, rumiko@sbcglobal.net

Craft On-Line Boutique **On Hold**

The on-line boutique is temporarily down until further notice.

Website for future reference:

<https://www.ocbuddhist.org/pkstore>

Send questions to: ocbcprojectkokoro@gmail.com

Appreciation

We would like to express gratitude for donations received recently from Chris Hirata, Stacey Suzuki, Bill & Janet Sakahara in memory of Mitsuo Kawaguchi, Cheryl Higashi, Fusako Ichikawa, Irene Yamanishi, And Beth Fujishige.

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

Have any of you had 120 people laughing at/with you? I have, and I can tell you that it isn't as bad as it sounds. I was asked to plan the games for the Shinenkai at OCBC. I had planned a total of 3 games, and led them in order from the one I was most anxious about, to the one I felt most confident about. Turns out that my "in brain" calculations did not work "in reality". My confidence was based on a theory which had no way of working. Luckily, I had a table of friends and husband, who were nearby giving me solutions to help me "fix" the game. Because of their intervention, it all worked out, and the third game successfully proceeded from that point on. My biggest take away was a sense of gratitude that people "had my back", and that the game players were all willing to laugh and continue on with me. There wasn't a single "heckler" or "hater" in the crowd! That's the kind of place OCBC is: supportive and forgiving! The ABA group is like that too. If you mess up on something or can't make your toban, it's DAIJOUBU. Someone will have your back.

ABA continues to be in the planning stages for many upcoming events. The members in charge of the OCBC BINGO night are busy making sure that everything is prepared. It will be held on March 25, and is expected to be a very large event! Those attending the Japan Trip, will be having a final pre-trip meeting on Thursday, March 2. The Hanamatsuri ABA responsibilities are being planned out, and a sign up sheet will be emailed to all ABA members soon. Finally, Sue Endo and Karen Kino are planning the ABA Social for April 30. Lots of fun and memorable times ahead for us all.

Happy Valentine's month and have fun celebrating the love of friends and family. It feels great to know that people have your back!

With Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai



Weekly pickleball sessions in the MPB gym. For more information:

Wednesdays 12:30p—2:30p session email Ryan @ rko7@hotmail.com

Weekend sessions (times base on gym availability) email Jeff/Carol @ ocbcpickleball@gmail.com

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 916



Hello! Much has happened since our last update. We are now a troop of 11 girls with Sydney C. joining us a couple of months ago. Welcome Sydney! In January, the girls prepared for cookie season by attending the GSOC council sponsored Cookie Kick-off event, learning all about Girl Scout cookies and how to be good entrepreneurs. They also had their first overnighter in the social hall and had an absolute blast. They are definitely ready for the San Diego Zoo Safari Park Sleepover.

In February, they got to do some basic programming with the GiggleBot kits and had fun practicing their Girl Scout Sunday song with the Daisies.

Finally, the girls would like to share with you all what they learned in their first leadership journey and how they would like to contribute to their community.

Hi! We are **troop 916**. We are completing the final steps of our first leadership journey, the Brownie Quest. In this journey, we learned about ourselves, friends and family, and our community. For our Take Action project, we decided we would like to help ~~family~~ **others** people in our community by organizing a **food Drive**. We are collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Cal State Fullerton Food Pantry. Our last collection date will be on

March 5, 2023. Please help if you can. Thank you!
Caroline Adalynn Nikki Scarlett chad
Allison Elie Lia Linn Sydney cordova
Tegan Willow Skane

MPB. Your donations would be much appreciated.

In gassho,
Joycelyn Li-Osato



Collection boxes have been placed in the Brownie Troop 916 combating food insecurity in their community.



Junior Girl Scout Troop 855



The juniors have been busy selling cookies and planning for Junior Jam. They have several booth sales scheduled, and recently completed the “My Cookie Team” and “Cookie

Collaboration” patches.

Junior Jam this year has a theme of “Villains and Heroes,” and the girls are in the early stages of picking skills to start practicing before the competition in April.

Last month, the troop held its Court of Honor, which recognizes the girls for their participation in learning and earning their patches.

If you know any 4th or 5th grade girl who is interested in joining Juniors, please reach out to: Stacy Yamanishi at Stacyyama@gmail.com or Mary Jane Morimoto at mj.moto212@gmail.com.

In Gassho,
Teresa Shimogawa



Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

In December, Girl Scout Cadette Troop 675 made numerous little crafts for the Holiday Trefoil Bazaar at the Anaheim United Methodist Church. On our December 9th meeting, we completed a Holiday Service Project where we painted and decorated pinecones with some of our grandparents, then donated them to senior centers for a little holiday cheer!



Some of us also participated in the OCBC Mochitsuki. It was great to be a part of a cherished Japanese tradition!



In January, we met with our Daisy Little Sisters. We taught them how to play Taiko, made some snacks and decorated

Ronald McDonald boxes. We had so much fun with our Li'l Sisters!

Also in January began the Girl Scout Cookie season! If you would like some GS Cookies, feel free to let any of our Cadettes know and we'll be happy to take your order. And keep a look out for us on March 5th - Girl Scout Sunday! We will be making desserts with our GS cookies and sharing them with you after the family service. On January 27th, we elected new Troop Officers and formed new Patrol Groups. In our new Patrol Groups, we worked on our Leader in Action (LIA) award, which will be helping the Brownies complete their Wonders of Water (WOW) Journey. We also prepared decorations and activities for Girl's Day.



it's Cookie Time

In February, many of our Cadettes were busy every weekend at cookie booth sales and selling cookies around their neighborhoods. Cookie season will be ending soon on March 12th, so please place your orders before it ends! Thank you so much for your support!

In Gassho,
Madison Nakao
Cadette Troop 675



Senior-Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 881

Hello Everyone! The Senior-Ambassador troop has been working hard these past few months. We ended the year with a holiday party, at which we played games, painted tote bags, and celebrated the start of a two week break from school. We then met again in the beginning of January for our first meeting of the year.

For the 2022-23 year, the Senior-Ambassadors decided on the theme of "self-care" for our meetings, and so in relation to the theme, our first meeting was based on healthy coping mechanisms and the topic of mental health as we come out of the covid pandemic. The 11th graders led this meeting, and they had guest speakers who spoke of the effects of the covid pandemic on teenager's mental health, and how teenagers can cope with their feelings.

Moreover, as of January 29, the Girl Scout cookie season has started! Feel free to order from any girl scout you see at OCBC from now until March 12. There is a new cookie this year, named Raspberry Rally, which is only available online. To order, ask any girl scout for her personal online link, from where you can order a box that can be delivered straight to your doorstep. This raspberry flavored cookie with a chocolate coating is in high demand, so be sure to order a box soon!

We will continue to work hard in these coming months, and we are looking forward to Girl's Day and Girl Scout Sunday. We hope everyone is well!

In Gassho,
Olivia Mendoza



AMAZONSMILE ENDING

Hello - If you have not seen otherwise, Amazon is ending the AmazonSmile program which contributed a small portion of each purchase to OCBC. Over the years this has resulted in over **\$6,600 being donated to OCBC.**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TOOK THE TIME TO SIGN UP AND HELPED AMAZON DONATE TO OCBC.

Here are excerpts from the Amazon letter that was sent regarding the end of the AmazonSmile program:

...With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

...We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023.

With over a million organizations getting donations, this was probably a logistical burden and they are transitioning to something different. Amazon did indicate they will be providing a final one time donation (like a severance payment?). So for all at OCBC who participated in AmazonSmile, Amazon will provide one more donation.

Thank you,
OCBC
Aaron Nagayama

thank you


Korin Articles Due

March 19, 2023*

Email articles to:
OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com

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



Cub Scout Pack 578

Hello from the Tiger Den!

Pack 578 –The Tiger cub scouts are off to a fast start! The five-member den have come together to create a strong growing bond as we bowled the night away at Bowling Night in Irvine, and shared the scariest and funniest costumes at Trunk-or-Treat in 2022.

The year ended on a high note at the annual holiday party, where all members of the Tiger den earned and received their Bobcat rank badges! This was a joyous moment and our first milestone! The Tiger scouts **recited the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and demonstrated the Scout sign, Scout handshake, and Scout Salute.**

In the new year, we continued to learn about our community by volunteering our service and teamwork at OCBC's church cleanup. The Tiger scouts and scouting families helped pick up debris, cleared hedges and yards, and of course, continued to make our community better! The den also learned about healthy eating habits and being of good service at home.

The most recent event was the hosting for OCBC's Ho-Onko luncheon fundraiser. The den helped set food dishes and drinks on tables and provided good old service to all attendees. It was a great opportunity to give back and provide top-notch culinary service to the church members!



As the mid-year approaches, the Tiger den will hike at El Dorado Regional Park, participate in Sports Day, and join the fun at Pinewood Derby in April.

We welcome more members to join the Tiger den, as we strive to grow together and be our best!

All the best, Ed Ho



Boy Scout Troop 578

The first month of 2023 was amazing. Boy Scout Troop 578 participated in two fun activities - Snow Sports and Desert Camp. While both activities were very cold, they were located in two very different locations.

On Saturday January 21st, 15 boys went to Mountain High for a day trip of skiing and snowboarding. The troop was split up into 3 different patrols based on their skiing or snowboarding level; beginner, intermediate, and advance. At around noon the troop was called back to the parking lot to have lunch and to end the day. The scouts that stayed after lunch were able to do more slopes without needing to be in their patrol.

From January 27-29th, the troop went to the Anza Borrego Desert located south-east from LA between San Diego and Palm Springs for a fun weekend of hiking and activities. There were 15 boys who were split up into 3 different patrols. Friday was the day when everyone was able to arrive and set up camp. Saturday was mainly about going on hikes and learning experiences. On Saturday the scouts went to the Borrego Palm Canyon for a 4.5 mile hike navigating through the valley floor. There were mountain goats but we didn't get to the hiking spot quick enough to see them. We came back at around lunch time. We were going to the Slot Canyon Hike but the hiking spot was so far away the troop carpoled in a couple of cars. The Slot Canyon Hike had narrow pathways and walked through the rough and narrow terrain. Scouts were also able to start the Astronomy Merit Badge by looking at the stars, planets, meteors, and satellites. The nights were cold while the day was nice and comfortable. Sunday was when everyone was able to pack up and head home.

Thank you to all of the Senior Patrol Leaders, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders for leading us. We couldn't have done these events without the Scoutmaster, ASMs (Assistant Scoutmasters), and other families that helped out and participated in these events

In Gassho,
Michael Morimoto

In Memoriam

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

***Husako Kawabata
Aiko Kiyohara
Jean Chiyeko Koizumi
Mitsuo Kawaguchi***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

Jan

- 20 Ethel Suetani, Memorial Service
- 21 Aiko Kiyohara, Funeral
- 21 Gary Shigenaga, 1-year Memorial Service
- 27 Jean Chiyeko Koizumi, Funeral

Feb

- 1 Tomio Ito, Makurakyo
- 4 Robert Eto, 49-day Memorial Service
- 4 Husako Kawabata, Funeral
- 4 Aiko Kiyohara, 49-day Memorial Service
- 6 Grace Clark, 1-year Memorial Service
- 8 Tomio Ito, 7-day Memorial Service
- 8 Mitsuo Kawaguchi, Funeral
- 8 Teruyo Nishi, Makurakyo
- 12 Paul Fujita, 3-year Memorial Service

OCBC Building Fund Donations

In 2023 the OCBC Long Range Planning Committee will embark on two major renovation projects funded by the Building Fund. The first project will replace the entire air conditioning system in the Hondo. The second will redesign and renovate the OCBC parking lot to improve rainfall drainage to mitigate costly erosion and destruction of the asphalt parking surface. The renovations are much needed but will deplete the Building Fund. To replenish the Fund for future renovation projects, donations are being accepted either by check to OCBC (with memo line noting Building Fund) or by PayPal through the OCBC website. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

The Building Fund greatly appreciates and acknowledges the following donations to the Building Fund.

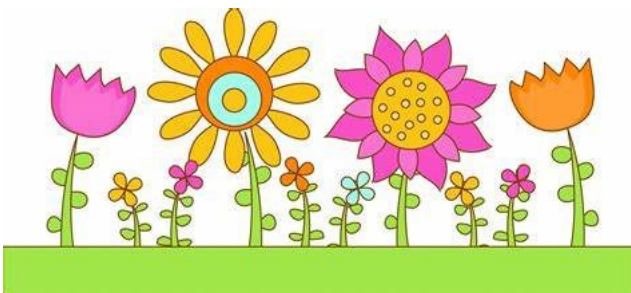
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Total: \$12,000

In Gassho
Doug Iwanaga
Building Fund Treasurer

THANK YOU!



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In memory of Aiko Kiyohara

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Kiyohara

Due to the Korin deadline date, some donations received may not be acknowledged in the Korin until the following month. We thank you for your understanding.



2022 Orange County Buddhist Church Members

Below is a list of the 2022 Orange County Buddhist Church Sustaining, Senior, Kansha, Introductory, and Young Adult members as of **December 31, 2022**. These members pay dues based on their respective membership level. Approximately one-third of our temple's gross income is from membership dues. The annual per member assessment by the Buddhist Churches of America is paid from the proceeds of our membership income to help fund BCA operations and religious programs which benefit all BCA temples.

In 2016, the Kansha membership level was introduced as a voluntary higher contribution membership level. In 2017, an introductory membership option and a young adult membership (under the age of 30 years) were added. The Introductory and Young Adult membership levels provide a transition to the Sustaining Membership level. Beginning in 2020, a reduced Senior Membership rate became available to persons 85 years and older. A membership form is in each issue of the Korin.

We strive to be as accurate as possible. If you paid 2022 dues (in full or partially) and you cannot find your name or your partner's name or if your name is misspelled, please contact the OCBC office. We also try to group the names of couples next to each other including those couples who have different last names.

To all members, thank you very much for your continued support.

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Spring Ohigan Seminar

Dr. Nobuo Haneda
Maida Center of Buddhism

Saturday, 18 March 2023
9:30 am on YouTube



**Shakyamuni and Shinran:
Buddhism as a Teaching of Self-Examination
(English)**

**釋尊と親鸞聖人:
内省の教えとしての仏教
(Japanese)**

English & Japanese are separate presentations.

YouTube links on www.orangecountybuddhist.org/bec

No pre-registration needed. Donations accepted.



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE

Hybrid Format with Guest Speaker

SPRING OHIGAN

Sunday, March 19, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Dr. Nobuo Haneda

Maida Center of Buddhism

Recorded Messages in English and Japanese

Luncheon in Social Hall

hosted by Sangha Teens and Dharma Wheel Club



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OCBC Bingo Committee presents

Saturday
March 25, 2023



OCBC would greatly appreciate your Dana in any of these categories:

— SPONSORS —

Bingo Lunch Sponsor — \$3,000

(includes reserved parking, bentos, bingo games, reserved table for 8)

Bingo Event Sponsor — \$1,500

(includes reserved parking, bentos, bingo games, reserved table for 8)

Table Sponsor — \$750

(includes bentos, bingo games, reserved table for 8)

Blackout Sponsor — \$300

Game Sponsor — \$150

— IN-KIND DONATIONS —

For the Silent Auction and for secondary game prizes (examples from previous Bingo events)

- A Service You Provide (Tutoring, Work Tour, Dental, Cooking)
- Gift Certificates, Cards
- Tickets to Sporting Events, Amusement Parks, Plays, Concerts, etc.
- Hand-crafted Jewelry and other items
- Asian Cultural Artwork
- Senbei, Snacks
- Gift Baskets

**Sponsorships and Individual Tickets will go on sale in January 2023.
See OCBC Weekly Announcements.**

OCBC Bingo Committee presents



Saturday, March 25, 2023

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. LUNCH
2:30 – 5:00 p.m. BINGO

BINGO Admission

- \$60 per Adult** (includes Bento, Admission and Bingo games)
- \$20 per Child** Ages 3 - 14 (includes Pizza and Fun Zone)
- \$160 per Family** (2 Adults and 2 or more Children)

Prices will increase on March 11.

Must be 21 years or older to play Bingo. No minors in MPB.

Additional Bingo Game Packets will be available for purchase

Orange County Buddhist Church • MPB (gym)
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Proceeds to benefit OCBC Building Fund and OCBC Sports

Bingo to benefit Building Fund and OCBC Sports.
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For more information please contact:

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To benefit:

**OCBC Sports and
OCBC Building Fund**



● **Orange County Buddhist Church** 

Hanamatsuri Festival

Tel. 714-827-9590 909  Dale Ave, Anaheim CA 92804 orangecountybuddhist.org

FOOD!

GAMES!

Boutique & Craft Items

**April 15, Saturday
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**April 16, Sunday
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

TAKE OUT!

• **Exhibits**-Tea Ceremony, Japanese Artifacts, Kimekomi Dolls, Calligraphy, Ikebana, Swords, and Bonsai.

• **On Stage**-Aikido, Taiko Drums, Nihon Buyo (Classical Dance), Kendo, Koto, Karate, and Tsugaru Shamisen/Minyo

please check the OCBC website for current information on parking locations and festival updates www.orangecountybuddhist.org/hanamatsuri



Clothing & Textile Collection Day

KonMari Method

1. Hold the clothing item in your hands.
2. Ask yourself does it spark joy?
3. If not, "thank it."
4. Let it go...into a plastic trash bag.
5. Donate it...to OCBC's Clothing & Textile Collection Day on Sunday, April 23, 2023

Additional details

We are collecting clothing, shoes (rubber band or tie them together), socks, mittens, scarves, hats, ties, belts, purses, wallets, backpacks, bags, bedding, table cloths, and towels. Items need to be clean for resale. Please put items into tall kitchen trash bags or large trash bags. Drop off at the OCBC parking lot between 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on Sunday, April 23, 2023. Please do not bring items before the drop-off day. There is no storage space available at the church. Donated items will be taken to Savers Thrift Store.

Date

Sunday,
April 23, 2023

Time

8:00am to
12:00pm



All proceeds go to the OCBC
Youth Department - Thank You!

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2023 OCBC MEMBERSHIP FORM



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

STEP 1: MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

Single Member/Parent:

- Single Member (Young Adult): 18 to 30 years old \$66
- First-year Single Member: Over 30 years old (and any dependent children, up to 25 yrs. old) \$150
- Sustaining Senior Member: Long time OCBC supporter, 85 years or older \$164
- Sustaining Member: One adult (and any dependent children, up to 25 yrs. old) \$264
- Sustaining Kansha Member: One adult, (and any dependent children, up to 25 yrs. old). \$600
- Special membership opportunity to provide additional financial support to OCBC.

Family:

- First-year Families: Two adults over 30 years old (and any dependent children, up to 25 yrs. old) \$300
- Sustaining Senior: Two adults, Long time OCBC supporters, 85 years or older \$328
- Sustaining Family: Two adults (and any dependent children, up to 25 yrs. old) \$528
- Sustaining Kansha Family: Two adults (and any dependent children, up to 25 yrs. old). \$1200
- Special membership opportunity to provide additional financial support to OCBC.

STEP 2: MEMBER INFORMATION

*Please provide email so that we may email you your receipt

Name _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Home: _____ Cell: _____
 Email _____

[] Address changed [] Membership changed

Family Membership Information

Spouse Name _____
 Spouse Home: _____ Cell: _____
 Email _____
 Child Name _____
 Child Name _____
 Child Name _____

For Office Use Only:

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

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Date: _____
 Date: _____
 Date: _____
 Date: _____

Regular reminder notices will not be sent to those who pay quarterly

STEP 3: MAIL

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

Quarterly Annually

Orange County Buddhist Church

909 South Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

Method of Payment:

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

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MARCH 2023 CALENDAR

2023年 3月 カレンダー

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

日 SUN	月 MON	火 TUE	水 WED	木 THU	金 FRI	土 SAT
26 BCA Eitaikyo Memorial Virtual Service <i>(zoom link will be provided soon)</i> NO SERVICES AT OCBC NO Dharma School	27 7:00 PM - Zoom BEC English Class Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra	28 <u>OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	1 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	2 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai Chi Class	3	4 4:30 PM – (in person) Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
5 8:30 AM – 瞑想 Mindfulness Service (in person) 10:00 AM – 家族礼拝 Family Service (hybrid) 11:00 AM –Adult Discussion & Dharma School (in person)	6	7 <u>OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	8 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	9 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai Chi Class	10	11 7:00 PM - Zoom BEC Japanese Class Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
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19 No Mindfulness Service 10:00 AM – 家族礼拝 Spring Ohigan Service (hybrid) Dr. Nobuo Haneda, Maida Center of Buddhism Pre-recorded Message English & Japanese	20	21 <u>OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	22 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	23 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai Chi Class	24	25 7:00 PM - Zoom BEC Japanese Class Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
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Zoom Mindfulness Service sign up
Use cell phone camera, focus on the QR code then tap link that appears.



BEC Book Club Sign up
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