

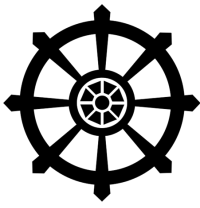
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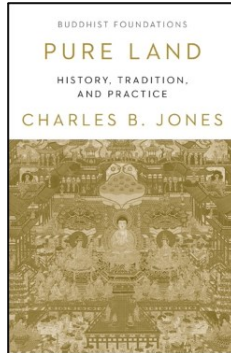


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**Navigating the Three Pure Lands**

In May of 1999, I began to attend OCBC with my family. Each Sunday at regular services, we listened to a Dharma talk given by either Rev. Akio Miyaji, Rev. Marvin Harada or Rev. John Doami. There were also monthly special services where guest ministers were invited to speak. We were very lucky to be able to listen to Rev. Tetsuo Unno, Rev. Mas Kodani and Rev. Sunnan Kubose, for example.



The variety of speakers was very helpful. Each had their own perspective and approach to the Dharma. But as time went on, I began to hear doctrinal differences as well. I found this to be very confusing. I asked Rev Harada about this and he gave me a compliment. He said that I must have a good ear and was becoming a better listener. He said that many people don't notice the differences. I was happy that I was listening well but the confusion remained.

Rev Dr David Matsumoto often says that Shin Buddhism has a very large tent that is able to support many different interpretations and approaches. As a minister, I am happy to say that I have never been cautioned about going off brand. We don't have a strict catechism in our tradition. There is not one way to appreciate or explain our tradition. I think personal expression is prized over consistency.

So, the good news is that my confusion was well founded but the bad news is I still didn't know how to resolve these various approaches. How do we synthesize the various messages we hear into a single, coherent tradition?

It turns out that there is a historical basis for these various forms of Pure Land that we often come in contact with. Sometimes this occurs at temple but also in the books we read and the seminars we may attend. There are, in fact, three major streams of Pure land Buddhism. These are outlined in the book **Pure Land: History, Tradition, and Practice** by Charles B. Jones.

First, there was the "western-direction Pure Land." This "maintained the legitimacy of thinking that the Pure Land was a real place located to the west."<sup>1</sup> This approach challenges our secular values in favor of a spiritual realm beyond our everyday lives. However, this can lead to a lack of engagement in this world.

Second, there is the "mind-only pure land". This approach maintains that this is "the way any world appeared to a purified consciousness."<sup>2</sup> This path requires extensive meditation and visualization practices.

Third, we have the "pure land in the human realm." This type of approach can often be heard from Thich Nhat Hanh. It "designates a new religious style that would engage with concrete problems of human life."<sup>3</sup>

We can very easily come in contact with all three of these approaches as we move along the Buddhist path. So, we might ask, does the benefit of diversity outweigh the confusion of overlapping and sometimes contradictory messages? Especially for those new to our temples and our tradition?

Fortunately, Jones answers in the affirmative. It is when these three are synthesized together that they can help lead us to the middle way. Each one being a very effective expediency.

Jones states it in this way.

*"These three strands of Pure Land [can be thought of] as three legs of a tripod. 'Wester-direction', 'mind-only' and 'the pure land in the human realm' do not contradict one another; in fact, all three are needed. In isolation, the search for rebirth in [the pure land] would indeed be escapist and otherworldly, 'mind-only' would benefit no one but the person whose mind has been purified, and the search to construct a pure land in the human realm without aspiration for rebirth and mental purification would just be another form of clinging."<sup>4</sup>*

Thus, we have successfully avoided a false choice between these three seemingly contradictory options. It turns out that we can approach this choice as an "and" rather than as an "or". Thus, navigating ourselves successfully between this life and the next, a mind that is defiled and purified and a world that is dystopian and utopian. I am certain that the advanced listeners at our temple can synthesize these three streams together effortlessly with *Namuamidabutsu* on their lips and gratitude within their hearts.

In gassho,  
Rev Jon Turner

<sup>1</sup> Page 75

<sup>2</sup> Page 75

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## Why Important to Meet a True Teacher?

### **Shinran's Time:**

May is an important month for Shin Buddhists. We will celebrate our founder Shinran's birthday at the Gōtan-e service (literally meaning "coming-down-birth-gathering") on Sunday, May 15. Shinran was born on May 21, 1173, at the end of Heian period that was the transitional time from the imperial court government system to the rise of samurai and towards the bakufu system. There were also numerous political unrests, natural disasters or earthquakes, tsunami, and continued heavy rain, and even the attacks of locusts which took many people's lives. People lamented living in the unsettled world and seriously desired to be born in the land of bliss in the next life.



### **Shinran on Mount Hiei:**

Shinran was sent to Mount Hiei at the age of nine because his father lost his job in the imperial court and could not make a living. Shinran became ordained as a Tendai monk, and spent twenty years there to work on the Tendai practice. That was a difficult path to continue. Shinran noticed that the more he practiced, the more he got away from the Buddha's enlightenment. It was a huge problem for a Buddhist monk at that time not to be able to find the way to attain Buddhahood in this life. With the continued dilemma, Shinran finally decided to descend Mount Hiei and went to see Hōnen (1122-1313) who was living at the eastern mountain called Higashiyama in Kyoto. Hōnen was one of the forefronts who learned Chinese Pure Land Buddhism from Shan-tao (613-681) and developed Japanese Pure Land. Hōnen's teaching was universal for all people, not only for the selected people. It was a simple teaching, just focusing on the recitation of the Amida Buddha's name, Namo Amida Butsu, to get liberated from the world of samsara and pursue the path of Buddhahood. It was an easy practice for all people.

### **Shinran's dramatic encounter with Hōnen:**

The meeting of Shinran and Hōnen must have been dramatic. Responding to Shinran's religious confession, Hōnen told Shinran that he also had had the same problem on Mount Hiei, and recommended to Shinran that he learn and appreciate the Amida's deep wish toward all human beings' awakening to the reality. What a relief it was for Shinran to hear Hōnen's compassionate words! Shinran must have felt a new world welcoming him. He became one of the top disciples in Hōnen's Jōdoshū school, and was allowed to copy the *Senchaku Hongan Nembutsu-shu (A Collection of Passages on the Nembutsu Chosen in the Original Vow)* and draw the portrait of Hōnen at the age of thirty-five years old. However, in 1207, the Nembutsu persecution unfortunately occurred by the claim of the Kōfukuji and Imperial Court, Hōnen and Shinran were exiled to Kagawa and Niigata respectively. They never met again after their separation. Shinran praises his true teacher Hōnen in one of his wasans.



Through countless kalpas and innumerable lives,  
We did not know the strong cause of liberation;  
Were it not for our teaching Genkū (Hōnen),  
This present life also would pass in vain.  
[Hymns of the Pure Land Masters, 101, CWS I, p.387]

### **True Teacher in the *Contemplation Sutra*:**

The *Contemplation Sutra*, one of the Pure Land Sutras, that Shinran revered has the section explaining the nine categories of human beings (in non-meditative method) to be born in the Amida's land of bliss. Let's see the people in the highest grade of the lowest rank, and the lowest grade of the lowers rank.

Those who attain birth in the highest grade of the lowest rank – Although these foolish people do not slander the Mahayana sutras of greater scope, they feel no shame about committing many kinds of evils. When such a person is about to die, he encounters a true teacher who praises the titles of the twelve divisions of the Mahayana scripture. Because he hears the titles of the sutras, he is freed of extremely heavy, evil karma binding him for a thousand kalpas. The wise teacher further advises him to put his palm together and say 'Namo Amida Butsu.' Because he recites the name of the Buddha, his evil karma binding him to birth-and-death for fifty kotis of kalpas is eliminated. [HIC Trans Volume I, p.57]

Those who attain birth in the lowest grade of the lowest rank are as follows: suppose there are sentient beings who commit such evils as the five grave offenses and the ten transgressions, thus burdened with all kinds of evil. Such a foolish person, because of his evil deeds, is destined to fall into evil realms, where he transmigrates for many kalpas and suffers agonies endlessly. When he is about to die, he may meet a true teacher who consoles him in various ways, preaching the wondrous Dharma, and urging him to be mindful of the Buddha. But he is too severely tormented by pain to do so. Then this good friend says to him, "If you cannot concentrate your thought on the Buddha, you should simply recite the Name of the Buddha of Immeasurable Life." Accordingly, he sincerely and continuously says 'Namo Amida Butsu' ten times. Because he recites the name of the Buddha, with each recitation his evil karma binding him to birth-and-death for eighty kotis of kalpas is eliminated. [HIC Trans Volume I, pp.59-60]

The true teacher constantly recommends those ordinary people to simply recite the Amida's name to receive the eternal bliss. Shinran was so impressed those sections, and followed Hōnen's teaching.

### **My True Teacher Naito-Sensei:**

Until I became a full-time Kaikyoshi Minister, there were many teachers whom I met and studied under. I was so fortunate to have many teachers to guide me to the ministerial and Shin scholar path. Naito Tomoyasu Sensei is one of my unforgettable teachers at the Ryukoku University Graduate School where I studied for five years. Naito Sensei was born in Osaka and became the temple jūshoku (head minister) in Fukui, and taught Shinran's writings and doctrinal interpretations over forty years at Ryukoku. I was fortunate to be able to take his classes and receive his guidance for my dissertation. His deep understanding and strict attitude sometimes intimidated me, but he kindly advised me when I visited him in his office. Naito Sensei suddenly passed away on February 28. I still cannot believe it. His emails and recording lectures are still in my computer, and I cannot erase them forever. I deeply appreciate Naito Sensei for his guidance to have me stay in the academic field. Meeting a true teacher is very important and they all made my life.

Namo Amida Butsu  
Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

## The Nature of the Self

For Spring Ohigan this year, we had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Nobuo Haneda's dharma talk entitled "They First, Me Last." It got me thinking about happiness and the Brene Brown book I have been reading.

In his talk, Dr. Haneda quoted Zen master Dogen's famous words, "Studying Buddhism means studying the self. Studying the self means forgetting the self. Forgetting the self means being attained by all kinds of things."

This has been a difficult concept for me to wrap my mind around. Forgetting the self seems like an impossible way to find happiness. While I can understand not spending all of my time thinking about personal wants and needs, and the importance of considering others, aren't we all at our core self-interested beings? I think mainstream society teaches us that if we do not look out for ourselves, who will? We are socialized to believe it is survival of the fittest in a cutthroat world, navigating challenges such as the competitiveness of college admissions, how we interact in the workforce, and even the way we feel compelled to keep up with the Jones'. It can feel uncomfortable to be told to set aside our own self and trust that this will give us joy.

Haneda explained that Buddhism is self-examination. It is knowing and studying the self, and when you engage in true self-examination, it will result in the realization that the self is worth forgetting.

According to Dr. Haneda, there are two types of "studying the self." One is looking for your own happiness. He explained that it is okay to start here, to begin to study Buddhism for the purpose of finding ways to be happier. From my personal experience, I became most engaged in Buddhism when I was at my lowest point in life. I wanted a solution for the gaping emotional wound slowly draining me, and it was all about me and my woes. But this method of pursuing happiness is a bandaid. It does not get to the root of what is making happiness elusive.

The second type of studying the self results in "forgetting one's individual happiness" and "considering the self unimportant." This is very different from the first type. Dr. Haneda's explanation was pivotal in clarifying this concept for me. He said that the focus becomes on the true nature of the self, which helps you understand that the self is not important. Thus, we become less self-centered and less self-attached.

That helped it click in my brain. We aren't necessarily forgetting who we are or our uniqueness. It isn't neglecting ourselves. Rather, we learn to understand human nature better, developing a clearer view of reality, which allows us to become more objective about our experiences.

When we understand the true nature of the self, we realize that we are nothing but a human archetype. We are a mere speck in the universe. I personally feel like a grain of sand who has spent her life bathing in self-indulgence, lost in misguided self-importance.

We all experience suffering. Every one of us will have loss and pain and sadness occurring throughout our lives. We all have ups and downs. It doesn't matter where we are born or how much money we have or what we look like, we can not escape the trials and tribulations of being human. Maybe we are not all in the same boats, but we are in the same storm, interconnected and strung together by an invisible string of a shared humanity.

Recently I have been reading Brene Brown's wonderful new book, *Atlas of the Heart*. Brene is a researcher and professor, and in this book she explores 150 emotions and

experiences. Brown wrote, "the ability to name this emotion or experience is essential to being able to process it in a proactive and healing manner." She quoted sociology professor Eduardo Bericat who said, "As human beings we can only experience life emotionally." The goal of the book is to give people the language to navigate their inevitable emotions.

I think having an understanding of our human emotions and experiences is part of the puzzle to understanding our true nature. One of my coping mechanisms after my husband passed away was to read as many sad stories that I could get my hands on. I read them all: loss of partners, loss of children, cancer, traumatic childhoods, natural catastrophes. If it was sad, I wanted to read it. What I learned through this voracious appetite for terribleness was that I was not the only person suffering. When you experience something traumatic, you can feel very isolated and lonely. You begin to feel like you are the only one who the lightning struck, especially as you watch the people in your social circles continue to live their normal lives while yours is irreparably broken. Yet suffering is universal-- the price we pay for being alive.

The emotions in Brene Brown's book resonate because we can all plug in our own experiences and relate. She addressed anxiety, which she described as "an intolerance for uncertainty." It is simple, yet important to me as I attempt to understand my feelings. She discussed disappointment as "unmet expectations." Cognitive dissonance is explained as "cognitive gymnastics" to justify our ideas and behaviors. There is a section on hope, perfectionism, belonging, and gratitude. There isn't enough space here to give adequate attention to the wonderful gems of wisdom she shares for the various emotions.

By naming them and engaging in self-reflection, the emotions lose their power over us. Most importantly, we come to understand that they are fleeting, shape-shifting, and impermanent-- an important concept in Buddhism.

Throughout the book, Brene implores her readers to "reality check." I love this. One of the beautiful aspects about Buddhism is that it truly teaches us to reality check. Through constant self-examination, we continue to learn and get better, finding ways to control our spiraling minds in order to enjoy the happiness we desire.

Teresa Shimogawa

Corrections: *Wish for the World Peace of Harmony* (April Korin)

The BCA's Social Welfare Committee and the Executive Committee have moved quickly to approve significant donations to two international organizations aiding Ukraine. UNICEF and Global Giving, Inc. each received \$20,000 from the Social Welfare Fund. - BCA Wheel of Dharma, Volume 44, Issue 4, April 2022 -[https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/\\_files/ugd/458b11\\_4b93ff46b6734c6bb77ebf07cfdc9a48.pdf](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/_files/ugd/458b11_4b93ff46b6734c6bb77ebf07cfdc9a48.pdf)

## President's Message

### Thinking INSIDE the Box

This past April seemed so familiar - familiar faces, sounds, scents, and tastes. We began our reunion with our Hanamatsuri service on April 10th and a dharma message from a visiting reverend, for the first time in over 24 months. We were very grateful to have Reverend Kaz Nakata and his companion Kana Mochi join us from the Fresno Betsuin and inspire us with his dharma message on Dana. During the service, we were able to experience the traditional pouring of the sweet tea by our dharma school students and organization representatives, then we enjoyed a Hanamatsuri luncheon fundraiser provided by our Girl Scout troops. The luncheon was "to go", but we all left with the excitement of being on the path to returning to familiar OCBC traditions and events.

On the following Saturday, April 16th, we were able to come together once again to enjoy an in-person Hanamatsuri Festival with our Sangha, families, and friends. We have waited so long to enjoy one another's company, hear the sounds of the taiko drums along with our Reverends signifying the start of the festival, and of course the scents and flavor of our infamous OCBC festival food. With the uncertainty of COVID and Omicron at its peak in January, it wasn't definite if the festival would even happen. Fortunately, the Festival Committee was able to quickly go into planning mode to organize a modified Hanamatsuri Festival for the Sangha to enjoy. Although the attendance was limited, the effort and dedication of our members were boundless. It had been almost three years since our last Hanamatsuri Festival, so like any activity that a person puts on hold for more than two years, there was some uncertainty, hesitation, much-needed pep talks, grunting and sighing, and sore muscles, but the excitement of finally returning to a festival kept everyone in high spirits. What a heartwarming feeling we had seeing our volunteers, the yummy workers' lunch, the fun games, the delicious variety of baked goods, making unique purchases at the PK craft boutique and the BEC bookstore, the entertainment provided by our Daion Taiko, OCBC Ukelele Jammers,

Stacey St. James and Eugene Scott, Calligraphy, the AV team, the Hanamatsuri Art Contest, Bingo, and Raffle prizes. I'd like to thank the Sangha and all the volunteers that helped support the festival, and especially the Festival Committee: Tessho Aoyama, Dickie Fukuda, Nancy Hara, Mike Mio, Ron Nakahira, Trenton Tanioka, Krystal Tanioka, Kevin Tanioka, and Jo Ann Tanioka.

One of the changes we had at this festival was our obento. We're all familiar with our traditional food line where we can choose to order the different food items. With a one-day festival and limited resources, the Festival Committee chose to combine our food items (sushi, chicken teriyaki, cha shu, chicken salad, won ton and spam musubi) into a single obento box to give our guests a taste of Hanamatsuri. Just a simple obento box, yet it meant many changes to our organizations. Our organizations take great pride and effort in providing us with the most delicious festival food in the BCA. This reputation comes with years of perfecting their food item in flavor and production. So, when the Festival Committee requested the groups to change their system and to "**think INSIDE the box**", this was a big request. What had once been a group of independent systems, now required the organizations to work together to not only adjust their food item but to make sure they complemented the other items in the box. Such a simple obento box, yet so much change, cooperation, open-mindedness, and effort were required to provide it to our guests. This is truly the theme and attitude that resonates at OCBC; everyone works together to provide the best for the temple. We help each one another when needed, and we step up to lead when needed. It always fills me with pride when the rest of our community is able to witness the strength and commitment of our Sangha at our festivals. We hope you all enjoyed the Hanamatsuri festival and your obento, and please stay tuned for upcoming news on Obon.....

In Gassho,  
Jo Ann Tanioka  
OCBC President

## 2022 Memorial Day Service Schedule Cemetery Visitations

**Monday, May 30th**

*Please note: Visitation Time Changes Below*

**9:00 AM - Forest Lawn, Cypress (Rev. Dr. Wondra)**

**9:40 AM - OCBC (Revs. Wondra and Turner)**

**10:45 AM - Westminster (Rev. Turner)**

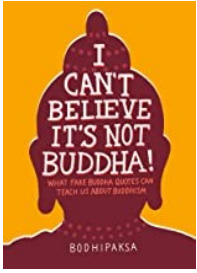
**11:00 AM - Fairhaven (South) Anaheim (Rev. Dr. Wondra)**

**11:30 AM - Good Shepherd, Huntington Beach (Rev. Turner)**

**11:45 AM - Fairhaven (North) Anaheim (Rev. Dr. Wondra)**

**12:30 PM - Angeles Lawn, Anaheim (Rev. Turner)**

## I Can't Believe It's Not Buddha



This month, the Shin Reader reviews the book *I Can't Believe It's Not Buddha: What Fake Buddha Quotes Can Teach Us About Buddhism* (2018) by Bodhipaksa

I recently received a framed watercolor of the ocean with the following quotation overlaid on top of that,

*"To live in the hearts one leaves behind is not to die."*  
Joseph Campbell

I treasure this gift. Joseph Campbell, the famed mythologist and folklorist, is one of my favorite writers. He also appeared in the six-part PBS documentary series *The Power of Myth* with Bill Moyers. But there is one problem. I discovered that Joseph Campbell never actually said this. This is actually a quotation from Thomas Campbell. The author of the book *My Big TOE: Awakening*. "TOE" is an acronym for *Theory of Everything*.

This is called "quotation inflation". It is still a wonderful quotation but perhaps not quite wonderful enough without attributing it to Joseph Campbell. It may even be that Joseph Campbell wishes he had said it but alas he did not. This is one example of how quotations can become incorrectly attributed. It is even possible that it was due to an innocent typo, Joseph for Thomas.

This often occurs with quotations attributed to the Buddha. This is highlighted in the book *I Can't Believe It's Not Buddha!* by Bodhipaksa. He illustrates how many of the popular quotations of the Buddha are incorrect. Promoting the importance of a quote by attributing to the Buddha is quite common. Bodhipaksa explains the process in this way,

*"When quotations are anonymous or by people who are no longer well known, it is common for them to be reassigned to more famous figures ... I predict that in the distant future all quotes from our era will be attributed to Mark Twain, Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein – and of course the Buddha."*

Often a spurious quote of the Buddha can be detected by the type of language being used. For example, *"the quote in question might be part of an attempt to make Buddhism seem rationalistic and therefore more palatable to modern readers"*. Like the following:

*"The Dharma that I preach can be understood only by those who know how to think."*

This is not the words of the Buddha. The author reminds us that *"we can't think our way to Awakening. Reality is something to be experienced and seen."*

Another possibility is that the quote is too New Agey and modern to be an authentic quotation from the Buddha. For example, the following quotation attributed to the Buddha was found on the Twitter bio of actress and pop icon Miley Cyrus:

*"Happiness does not depend on what you have or who you are. It solely relies on what you think."*

This one easily stands out as inauthentic due to its *Law of Attraction* style language. Bodhipaksa explains that there is much more to Buddhism than just our thinking. It also includes the changing of one's heart. *"The difference between [the Buddha's teachings] and positive thinking is that for the Buddha, 'citta', or 'mind,' was as much more than 'thought.' In fact some translators choose to render 'citta' as 'heart-mind' or even just as 'heart.'" The Buddha focused much more on "the emotional tone of our volitions" rather than volitions alone.*

And then there are some that are just plain wrong. Karma seems to be a particularly misrepresented in the Buddha's quotations on social media. Like this one.

*"Every human being is the author of his own health or disease."*

Again not a quote from the Buddha. *"This quote crops up regularly on Twitter, on quote sites, and in many books as well – most of them published since 2005, which shall henceforth be known as 'The Year Fact-Checking Died.' ... Karma in Buddhism, isn't some kind of cosmic judge, meeting out rewards and punishments."*

This is also an example of a Buddhist idea being influenced by modern Hindu teachers. *"The quote in question comes from 'Bliss Divine,' by Swami Sivananda, who was indeed a Hindu teacher. As it happens, a significant number of Fake Buddha Quotes are more Hindu than Buddhist in tone."*

Bodhipaksa also explains that he is not trying to verify Buddha quotations as being the actual words of the historical Buddha rather he is only pointing out the ones that are really from Madam Marie Curie or Robert Louis Stevenson.

It is important to note that in the Mahayana tradition there are four types of authentic Buddhist quotations within the sutras. First, *the Buddha said it*. Second, *some one said something and the Buddha agreed with it*. Third, *the Buddha asked some one to speak in his place*. Fourth, *a Buddha said it*. There is no fifth way, being that it appeared on the internet somewhere. If it sounds like a Hallmark card then it is likely from HuffPost and not from the Buddha. Also be very wary of consuming the Buddha's teachings from t-shirts and coffee mugs.

Namoamidabutsu, Rev Jon Turner



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**BWA News**

After attending last Sunday's service, the song "Have You Ever Had That Feeling" by a once popular Hawaiian duo comes to mind. To put it simply, it's a feeling you get when everything seems to be on the right track and puts a smile on your face. A couple examples include, attending OCBC's Hanamatsuri in-person service and sitting side by side at April's Senior Luncheon after a two-year absence. Viewing our beautiful Hanamido, pouring tea over the baby Buddha, chanting in unison, listening to Rev. Nakata's enlightening Dharma message, singing the "Happy Birthday" song to birthday celebrants, and eating our bentos together felt familiar and uplifting. Taking that first step out of the comfort zone back to church is the hardest, but once it's taken, there's a good chance you may also get a little teary-eyed seeing everyone come together beyond the mask, and that's a good thing!

-On Monday, April 11th, 37 seniors and guest enjoyed a delicious bento and celebrated birthdays for Rev. Dr. Wondra, Mitsuko Korin, Rumi Nakatani, Mary Nakayama, Kyoko Sarashina, Irene Yamanishi, Junji Sarashina, and Winston Shigenaga. Thank you to Mitsuko Korin and Seiko Hoshino for the monetary donations. Our next Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 9th, so please join us as this will be our first in-person cooking in over two years!

-Thank you to everyone who supported our OC BWA Tupperware Fundraiser. For the past year, under the guidance of Hazel Ando and BWA volunteers, we were able to provide long-lasting quality products to our friends and families.

- Our pop-up craft booth will continue to sell decorative cranes, scrubbies, jewelry, pot/pan protectors, and homemade jams from Kathy Ito on the following days in front of the Social Hall: April 24, May 1 and 22, June 5 and 12. We are also collecting Asian style artifacts, kitchenware, and clothing that are new or gently used for an online auction in the fall. If you would like to donate, please bring your items to OCBC on our fundraiser days or to the Wednesday morning craft sessions from 9:00-11:00 am. Thank you for your support of our fundraisers!

-Our next BWA meeting will be held on May 15th at 12:30 pm and it will be held in-person. Details to follow in a future email.

**SD Buddhist and SDBWA Conference June 25, 2022**

If you are planning to attend this informative Conference hosted and held at OCBC from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, please fill out the flyer and mail in your payment as soon as possible. Early registration fee is \$25 or \$12.50 for OCBWA members and due April 25th. If you would like to purchase an optional bento, please add \$12 and see flyer for details.

**Questions:** For general questions regarding BWA or its activities, BWA members may contact Lynn Black at [BWA@orangecountybuddhist.org](mailto:BWA@orangecountybuddhist.org)

In Gassho,  
Chris Nakamura

**Maintenance Report**

Thank you to our dedicated OCBC volunteers, including those noted below, for their help at various times since the last report:

Paul Fujimoto	Alan Maruyama	Taka Noguchi
Steve Higashi	Dorothy Matsuoka	Janet Sakahara
Dan Kaneko	Aaron Nagayama	Winston Shigenaga
Hideo Kawamura	Marion Nishimura	

Thank you to the fully vaccinated volunteers who continue to assist with maintenance.

**1. General.**

- a. Removed trash from the Dale Street and Ball Road frontages.
- b. Removed some weeds and hand watered some of the greenery.
- c. Sprayed selected weeds with Roundup.
- d. Located and disposed of items left on campus by unhoused individuals.
- e. Disposed of pallets used as ladders by unhoused individuals.
- f. Removed some excess foliage from selected bushes.
- g. Challenges with the operation of some toilets and faucets.
- h. Trimmed several sago palms.
- i. Moved ticket booth AC outlet inside the fence and verified functionality.
- j. Removed leaves and debris from the courtyard and parking lot.
- k. Repaired some water control devices.
- l. The maintenance cart is still out for evaluation and repair.
- m. Replaced vandalized locks on three sheds.
- n. Trimmed the courtyard bamboo plants.
- o. Replaced failed exhaust air fan motor in the downstairs women's social hall restroom.
- p. Tested and verified operation of festival cooking equipment.
- q. Installed locks on cabinets in many classrooms.

Join us on most Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday mornings. We generally leave campus for personal pursuits about one PM. Please wear a N95 mask and practice social distancing.

Gassho,  
Jim Mitchell  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Maintenance

## Dharma School

### **Dharma School classes**

It has been very nice to see Dharma School students of all ages attend service in the social hall. Many students can be seen bowing as they enter the social hall as they would do when entering the actual Hondo. All of the students appear to be engaged, respectful listeners.

We would like to thank the parents for bringing their children to the in-person services and classes to learn and interact with their friends.

### **Dates of In-person Classes:**

May 1, May 22

June 5, June 12

Service will begin at 10:00am.

Classes will begin at 11:00am and end at approximately 11:30am.

### **DS Teachers Appreciation Luncheon**

Those in attendance at the luncheon on April 10 were able to "Escape to Tranquility" as the theme suggested. We would like to extend a huge "thank you" to the Suzuki and Terada families and their committee for the enjoyable, fun, relaxing, delicious, entertaining afternoon!

### **Hanamatsuri Service -- April 10, 2022**

The Jr. YBA prepared the beautiful Hanamido, headed by the Jr. YBA Religious Chairs: Lauren Ueno & Zach Mauldin. They were assisted by Natalie Osako. Mr. Paul Fujimoto guided everyone as he has for the past many years and also donated the beautiful orchids that were used on the front of the Hanamido. Frank Yada and Irvine Village Flowers generously donated the rest of the flowers and greenery. Thank you very much for your contributions. We are very grateful to all of you!

We would also like to thank Laura Yamamoto for arranging to have representatives from each class and each organization pour sweet tea over the Baby Buddha. Thanks also are extended to Laura's assistants, Teri Whited, Merry Hiroshima, Marion Nishimura, and Irene Yamanishi for assisting and directing the students as they poured sweet tea over the Baby Buddha.

### **Hanamatsuri Festival**

On April 16 the Hanamatsuri Festival was held. The Dharma School would like to thank those of you who helped us out at the bake sale by donating bottled water/delicious baked items, giving your time in the booth with sales, or purchasing/eating the baked items, and telling the people around you how delicious they tasted.

**Hanamatsuri Display** – The Hanamatsuri display of the DS students' work has been postponed until June 19, the same day as the Father's Day Service. Hopefully, you will be able to attend to enjoy the projects/activities the DS students have been preparing.

### **BCA's "My Offering" Fundraising Drive**

This fundraiser supports education and training of Dharma School teachers, provides new teaching materials, and helps new ministers, particularly with the purchase of new robes, who are beginning to serve in a BCA temple. If you would like to donate, please send a check payable to OCBC Dharma School with the notation "My Offering" to OCBC, 909 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim 92804. Thank you!

### **Attention High School and College Graduates**

We are gathering names of high school and college students graduating this school year, June 2022. Those in Rev. Crane's class are on the list already.

Please send the following info to Joyce Yada at [ityada@me.com](mailto:ityada@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 as soon as possible. Please share this info with friends who will be graduating. We want all graduates to be recognized for their achievements.

### **Scrip Program**

Many thanks to the people who have been supporting our scrip program to help our Dharma School.

If you are new to ordering scrip or have any questions, please contact the Dharma School Scrip Coordinator, Cheryl Higashi, at 714-857-2926 or email [pigashi@aol.com](mailto:pigashi@aol.com).

### **Welcoming New Students**

If you are new to OCBC and would like to join Dharma School, please contact Chris Hirata at [cthirata@gmail.com](mailto:cthirata@gmail.com). We welcome new students at any time during the school year. In addition, if you know of any families with young children preschool age interested in Dharma School, please tell them they can email Chris Hirata.

Please stay healthy and safe!

In gassho,  
Gail Harada





## Project Kokoro News

### Team Scattergories Game **June 20**

No Game day in the month of May, but sign-up for our next scheduled event on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. It is easy to learn, fun, and activates the brain cells! The Game is from 10 am to 11am so log-on 10 minutes prior to begin promptly. Register for a zoom link by emailing Betty Ann Nagami. [betnag3s@me.com](mailto:betnag3s@me.com)

### PK Craft Club

The PK Craft Club would like to thank everyone for their support for the PK Boutique during Hanamatsuri. Proceeds were donated to the OCBC General Fund.

PK Crafts has resumed on Wednesday morning in the OCBC Social Hall. Please contact Dorothy Matsuoka for more information: [dcmatsuoka@aol.com](mailto:dcmatsuoka@aol.com) or Rumi Nakatani: [rumiko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rumiko@sbcglobal.net)

### PK Craft On-Line Boutique

There are many items available for purchase at the online boutique. Use the link below to 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](mailto:ocbcprojectkokoro@gmail.com)

### Words of Appreciation

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for donations received to help support our programs and activities. Thank you to Juliet Kitajima, Irene Yamanishi, Greg and Bonnie Goodman.

In gassho,  
Neddie Bokosky

## ABA NEWS

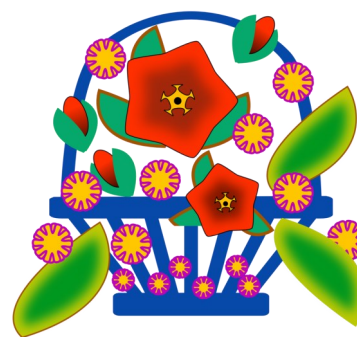
We are FACE TO FACE again!! How nice to be able to see each other in person, and to catch up, discuss, and hug each other again! We will not take this for granted like before, since we now know how quickly these opportunities could be taken away. We've always been taught that life can change in an instant, but we get caught up in our daily lives and sometimes assume that everything will continue status quo. I, for one, value our times shared in person, much, much more!

ABA members had our first "on site" ABA meeting in April. Judging from the number of attendees, it is evident how everyone has missed seeing each other. Working our shifts at Hanamatsuri seemed more fun and less "abnormal" as well, since we were able to do it TOGETHER and on site. Thank you to our Commanders in Chief Karen Kino and Janet Uyeno for planning and organizing the Teri Chicken, along with Chairperson Extraordinaire Mark Sollberger! Because everything was different from before, their flawless leadership was very important for the rest of us!

More in-person activities are heading our way, including our much anticipated trip to the Tohoku region of Japan in early October. George Miyake, Glen Morita and Alan Endo are doing everything possible, to make this trip happen.

Please note that ABA will NOT be hosting the Gotane Luncheon this year. The next meeting will be held in the mini chapel on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 11:45 am. Hope to see your smiling faces there!

With Gassho,  
Jeanne Kumagai



## Korin Articles Due

**May 15, 2022\***

Email articles to:  
[OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com](mailto:OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com)

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

\*\* All scout troops can submit articles

\*\*\* All Organizations can submit articles

## Cub Scout Pack 578



The seven Wolf scouts of Pack 578 and guests met for their first indoor meeting on April 1st to complete their second elective adventure, Motor Away. Led by the Sato family, the scouts (second graders) made a foam boat, battery operated car, and 3 different types of paper-airplanes. The scouts then had a contest to see which of their paper-planes would fly the furthest. With one remaining adventure left, the seven scouts are on schedule to earn the Wolf rank by the end of May 2022 and advance onward to Bears with one addition to the den.



Wolf-scout, Braden Imoto Yao, was the Cub Scout representative for the Hanamatsuri Service on April 10th and offered the baby Buddha statue sweet tea which represents the gentle rain falling in Lumbini Garden on the day of Siddhārtha's

birth. The families of Cub Scout Pack 578 will also volunteer to help clean up after the Hanamatsuri festival scheduled on April 16, 2022.

If you know any boys in Grades K-5 who have an interest in the scouting program, please have his parent/guardian contact our Committee Chairperson, Jason Muramoto at [jasonmuramoto@gmail.com](mailto:jasonmuramoto@gmail.com) for more information.

In Gassho,  
Simon Yao  
Wolf Den Leader

## Boy Scout Troop 578

After doing virtual meetings for the past few months, Troop 578 was finally cleared to go back in person. We held many events such as our March Court of Honor. We honored and congratulated scouts for their achievements in rank and merit badges since the last Court of Honor. Our shotgun shooting event was also held for the first time in 2 years. There was a merit badge class and a shotgun shooting competition for the attending scouts to participate in. Our weekly meetings were approved to be held in person at OCBC. This allowed the troop to hold more beneficial, inclusive, and hands-on meetings. Even though we still have to follow many protocols, we are thankful and grateful for what we can do as a troop and look forward to a bright future.

Thank you,  
Ryan Chia



### OCBC SCHOLARSHIPS


**OCBC offers two types of Scholarships to High School Seniors to encourage and support post high school education: Talbert Gakuen Scholarships for college education and Ben Sanematsu Scholarships for individuals that are challenged and enrolled for continued education.**

Scholarship applications are available by request to: Rick Oishi, [ricksoishi@gmail.com](mailto:ricksoishi@gmail.com) or by mail, 4664 Portofino Circle, Cypress, CA 90630

**Deadline to submit application: May 31, 2022, Tuesday.**

**Scholarship Awards will be presented during the Father's Day, Music Sunday, June 19, 2022.**

### Brownie Girl Scout Troop 916

**brownies**  Congratulations to all the Girl Scouts for their best efforts with Cookie Sales. The Brownies have done well with greeting customers, managing money and advertising and describing the new cookies and selling classic favorite cookies.

Girls' Day celebration in February was fun for all the girls that attended. We had generous families that shared extra kimonos for the other girls to wear for the special celebration. It was great that the girls got to meet in-person and have a flag ceremony, learn new crafts, listen to the Taiko performance and take photographs. This is our first photograph together as a troop for 2022 for Brownie Troop 916.

March completed our Black History Month with sharing our home cooking experience, Shapes of Nature and sharing our Take Action Project in Science.

We continue to meet in-person and looking forward to more outdoor adventures in the future as a troop such as hiking and learning field trips.



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

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

In Gassho,  
Mary Jane Morimoto

### Junior Girl Scout Troop 855

Hello OCBC! The Juniors, once again, have been busy the past couple of months! In April, the girls completed reviewing their scouting skills and put them to the test at the annual Junior Jam at El Dorado Park, Long Beach. Eight of our Juniors, representing OCBC Troop 855, won First Place in the Skills Event! Well done girls!!



Next, the girls made handmade note cards for the Hanamatsuri Luncheon and baked goods for the Hanamatsuri Festival. We hope you enjoyed all our treats!

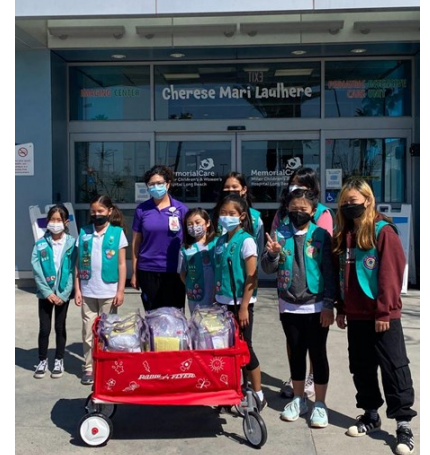


Lastly, our fifteen 5th Grade Juniors completed their Bronze Award projects and will be presented at the Girl Scout Year End Ceremony as they "bridge" to the Cadette level.



Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in person at Obon.

In gassho, Sherry Sato



### Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

Hello everyone! Girls' day was on February 25 and there, we did crafts and activities outside the Hondo. We helped the Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors make their crafts. We made flower swaps out of rubber bands, kokeshi doll M&M's and we decorated frames for pictures that we took. It was really fun helping out the younger scouts and celebrating Girls' day. A couple of weeks ago we helped the Daisies complete a section in their journey of saving the forest, conserving water, etc. We had to brainstorm ideas for a craft or activity we could do with the Daisies about our topic. Then, we provided all the materials needed for them to do the project. For our next troop activities, we are looking forward to ice skating on April 22 and doing a ropes course on May 21. We are looking forward to it!

Thank you,  
Tamlyn Y.

**Memorial Day  
Monday, May 30, 2022**

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*By appointment only*  
**9 am to 1 pm**

**Please make a reservation**  
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The OCBC Building Fund greatly appreciates the following contribution toward improvements and repairs of OCBC facilities.

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In Gassho,  
Doug Iwanaga  
Building Fund Treasurer





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# 光輪 五月号

## 宗祖降誕会に寄せて

### よ し であ 良き師に出遇うとは

今年もいつの間にか春が過ぎて、初夏を迎える五月の頃となりました。お寺の日曜礼拝も段々とお参りの人数が増えております。お越しになれば、お友達にも会うことができますよ。また、美しいお内陣やお香の香りのなかで、ひと時を過ごすことは心が休まることとなります。

五月には浄土真宗のご開山であられます親鸞聖人さまのお誕生日をお祝いする「降誕会法要」が五月十五日(日)午前十時より、ロサンゼルス別院開教使・村上響(むらかみ・ひびき)先生をお迎えして対面で営まれます。村上先生は龍谷大学修士課程を卒業して、北米教団にいられた先生です。どうぞ、先生のご法話を本堂でお聴聞くださいませ。

来年2023年には京都にある本山で親鸞聖人御誕生850年・立教開宗800年をお祝いする特別法要が営まれます。また、同時に世界婦人会が開催されます。BWA会長のリン・ブラックさんを中心に昨年より日本行き旅行の計画が着々とされています。コロナが収まって、どうか無事に旅行が出来るように

念じています。

親鸞聖人のご生涯については、何度もお話を聞かれています。平安時代後期に藤原一族として京都でご誕生され、比叡山上り二十年という長い間のお山のご修行後、その頃、阿弥陀さまのお救いを万人に説いておられた法然聖人に出遇われます。法然聖人も親鸞聖人と同じように比叡山で天台宗を学ばれ、また厳しい修行をされた方です。しかし、優れた人だけが仏さまに救われていくという不平等に疑問を持たれて、京都東山にある吉水の草庵にて様々な人々に阿弥陀さまのみ教えをお話されました。

親鸞聖人と法然聖人の出遇い・・・それはドラマチックであったことと想像します。長年の修行と勉学に疑問を持たれた親鸞聖人が大きな決意で比叡山を降りられて、吉水におられた法然聖人の門を叩かれます。

「私は長い間、比叡山で励んできました。しかしながら、修行・勉学すればするほど、私は仏さまのさとりから離れていくような気がするのです。どうしたものでしょうか・・・」

このような会話の始まりであったかと想像します。そうすると、40歳年上の法然聖人は優しい眼差しで親鸞聖人に「そうですか。実はこの私もそなたと同様に比叡山を降りた人間です。そして、どのような人間でも救い取ってくださいる阿弥陀さまの教えにめぐり遇うことができたのです。ですので、そなた親鸞殿も、もう悩むことはありません。素直に阿弥陀さまの真の誓いを信じて、それに従ってお念仏

の毎日を過ごして参りましょう。」と力強いアドバイスを親鸞聖人は法然聖人よりいただかれました。それ以降、親鸞聖人は法然聖人を我が師として仰がれ、深い教えを伝授されたのです。仏教僧としてスランプに入っておられた親鸞聖人はこの法然聖人の包むような慈悲深いお言葉をお聞きになって、どんなに安堵されたことでしょうか。

親鸞聖人は法然聖人のもとで、日本浄土教を深く学ばれ、師である法然聖人の教えが書かれた『選択本願念仏集』の書写を許されました。

しかしながら、この師と弟子の関係は永遠に続くことなく、1207年に起こった念仏弾圧によって、法然聖人は土佐(現在の香川県)のあたりと言われている、親鸞聖人は今の新潟県である越後にご流罪となられます。離ればなれになったお二人はその後、再会することなく、法然聖人はご往生され、親鸞聖人は越後から関東の稲田という土地に移られて、阿弥陀さまのみ教えを土地の人々に広めていきます。法然聖人を讃えられた和讃です。

くわうたしやう  
曠劫多生のあいだにも

しゅつり ころえん  
出離の強縁しらざりき

ほんしげんくう  
本師源空いまさず

このたびはなしくすぎなまし

(法然聖人に出遇うことができ、ようやく生死輪廻から出る道が開かれたという意味)

## ❖ 祥月法要について

祥月法要は本堂で対面法要、あるいはオンライン参加となります。ご参加ご希望の方(対面参加また、YouTube ライブストリーム参加)は、お寺のウェブサイトにあるグループ・フォームを記入して送信ください。こちらからリンクを送信します。なお、対面による参加者はマスク着用が必要となります。往生された方のお名前を示しますので故人や家族の個人情報を守るため、レコーディングはされません。

## ❖ 五月祥月法要

7日(土) 午後4時30分より本堂にてお勤めします。

- ・ 日本語法話・・・ワンドラ先生
- ・ 英語法話・・・ターナー先生

## ❖ 六月祥月法要

4日(土) 午後4時30分より本堂にてお勤めします。

- ・ 日本語法話・・・ワンドラ先生
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## ❖ 「宗祖降誕会法要」のご案内

浄土真宗ご開山、親鸞聖人さまのお誕生日をお祝いする法要です。多くの方々のお参りをお待ちいたします。

- ・ 5月15日(日) 午前10時よりハイブリッドにて予定しています。

- ・ 日本・英語ご講師はロスアンゼルス別院の村上響(むらかみ・ひびき)先生をお迎えする予定です。

## ❖ 「初参り法要」のご案内

5月15日の誕生会法要の後に、対面で行われる予定です。3歳未満のお子様がおられ、この法要に参加を希望される方は、お寺に電話あるいはメール [dharma\\_school@orangecountybuddhist.org](mailto:dharma_school@orangecountybuddhist.org) にお問い合わせください。

## ❖ メモリアルデー・お参り

5月30日(月) 新しいスケジュールですので、お間違えのないように。

- ・ 午前9時・・・フォーレスト・ローン、サイプレス市(ワンドラ先生)
- ・ 午前9時40分・・・OCBC(ワンドラ・ターナー先生)
- ・ 午前10時45分・・・ウイストミンスター・メモリアル・パーク(ターナー先生)
- ・ 午前11時・・・フェアヘブソン、南サンタアナ市(ワンドラ先生)
- ・ 午前11時30分・・・グッド・シェパード・ハンテイングトン・ビーチ(ターナー先生)
- ・ 午後11時45分・・・フェアヘブソン、北サンタアナ市(ワンドラ先生)
- ・ 午後12時30分・・・エンジェルズ・ローン、アナハイム市(ターナー先生)

OCBCオフィス・納骨堂は午前9時から午後1時まで開いています。納骨堂へお参りを希望される方はこの時間の間にアポイントをお入れください。

## ❖ 納骨堂へのお参り

納骨堂へのお参りを希望される方は、予約のためにお寺のウェブサイトにあるグループ・フォームを記入して送ってくださいるか、オフィス 714-827-9590 にご連絡ください。

## ❖ オレンジ郡仏教会の再開予定

オミクロン異種の感染状況が改善され、現在、日曜礼拝にはワクチン接種完了者150名の参加が可能となりました。ご質問の際は [helio@orangecountybuddhist.org](mailto:helio@orangecountybuddhist.org) にお問い合わせください。

## 婦人会だより



\*先週日曜日のサーブスに出席した後、かつて人気のあったハワイアンデュオの「Have You Ever Had That Feeling」という曲が思い浮かびます。簡単に言えば、すべてが正しい方向に進んでいるように見え、笑顔を浮かべるときの感覚です。例えば、OCBCの花まつりの対面式サーブスに出席したり、2年の後にやっと開かれた4月のシニアランチに並んで座った時の事です。美しい花見堂を眺めたり、ベイビーブッタに甘茶を注いだり、一斉にお経を唱えたり、中田先生の興味深い

ご法話を聞いたたり、誕生日のお祝いの歌を歌ったり、お弁当を一緒に食べたりすることは、とても楽しく心が和みます。その最初の一步を戻すのはとても難しいことですが、みんなが一斉に集まるのを見ると少し涙目になります。でもそれはとても喜ばしいことです。

\*4月11日(月)、ワンドラ先生、光林満子、中谷ルミ、中山メアリー、更科清子、山西アイリーン、更科洵爾、重永ウインストンさんから37人が美味しいお弁当を楽しみ、誕生日を祝いました。寄付を下さった光林満子さんと星野清子さんに感謝します。次回のシニアランチョンは5月9日(月)2年ぶりの再開ですので、ぜひご参加ください!

\*OCBA タッパーウェア販売のファンドレイザーにご協力下さった皆様に感謝します。過去1年間、安藤ヘイゼルさんとBWAのボランティアの指導の下、私たちは友人や家族に長持ちする高品質の製品を提供することができました。

\*ポップアップクラフトブースでは、4月24日、5月1日、22日、6月5日、12日に折鶴、、スクラビー、ジュエリー、鍋つかみ、伊藤キャシーさんの自家製ジャムをソーシャルホール前で引き続き販売します。また、秋のオンラインオークション用に新品程度のアジアンスタイルの工芸

品、キッチンウェア、衣類も収集しています。ご寄付下さる方は、上記の日にOCBCに、または水曜日の午前9時から11時までのクラフトクラスにアイテムをご持参ください。ご協力ありがとうございます!

\*次回のBWAミーティングは、5月15日の午後12時30分、対面で開催されます。詳細はメールでご案内します。

\*6月25日のSD仏教徒、SD仏教婦人会コンファレンスに参加希望の方は申込書にご記入の上、参加費を添えて4月25日までにOCBCまでご送付ください。参加費は25ドル。OCBAメンバーは12.5ドル。希望される方は12ドルのお弁当代を加えてください。

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BWA@orangecountybuddhist.orgです。

合掌 中村クリス

「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ませ。

合計 3,980ドル

### 「納骨堂」

ご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

安藤 リンダ コウチ  
チャン ダリル・シェリル  
稲福 ナンシー  
カノ ヨリエ  
北川 ジャニス  
光林 満子  
モリス シリマ  
中川 ロン・ヴィッキー  
中邑 アーリーン  
中谷 レイ・ルミコ  
西田 ケネス・キャサリン  
ニシツジ ビル  
オオタ アツコ・ジーン  
貞金 ジョン。アン  
タガワ コシ(2)  
田平 アユミ

合計3,680ドル



### 「」寄付



(2022年3月21日~2022年4月17日までに御寄付戴きましたご芳名)



「仏教会にお礼」

（ご寄付ご芳名です。（敬称略）

浜井 ナガコ

袁志 みさ

合計 1, 100ドル

『お彼岸』法要（追加分）

『お彼岸』法要にご寄付戴きました方々のお名前です。（追加分・敬称略）

伊藤 富雄

坂本 ジェフリー・キャロル

実松 ルイーズ

矢田 フランク・ジョイス

山本 みさえ

横田 キャロル

合計 270ドル

「永代経法要」

『永代経』法要にご寄付戴きました方々のお名前です。（追加分・敬称略）

土網 康子

矢田 フランク・ジョイス

『報恩講』法要

『報恩講』法要にご寄付戴きました方のお名前です。（追加分・敬称略）

矢田 フランク・ジョイス

「仏教会に特別寄付」

（ご芳名です。（敬称略）

あけぼのカラオケ同好会

土網 康子

ガルシア ジョー・

タボーガ マルシア

カノ ジョイス

北島 クニヒコ・ジュリエット

倉本 ジューン

西田 マイケル・ジル

西村 ロドニー・マリオン

オキニシ ジャン

ポラード ジェームス・

ヒロハマ ジヤニス

坂原 ジャネット（2）

高木 キャロル・ノボル

タナハラ サム

富永 マサ

トレセダー キャサリーン

上間 ジュディー

若林 エドウィン・ローリー

キム チエコ様への追悼

サタデー ナイト ライブ カラオケ

サタデー ナイト ライブ カラオケ

中曾ジム様への追悼

ロングビーチ市職員

合計 4, 777ドル

「花祭り法要」（追加分）

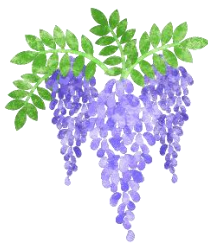
「花祭り」法要にご寄付戴きました方のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧くださいませ。

合計 4, 700ドル

「花祭り特別寄付」（追加分）

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 5, 410ドル



「永代経ファンド」

（ご寄付ご芳名です。（敬称略）

西田 ケネス・キャサリーン

西辻 ビル

小野 ラッセル・ダイアナ

タガワ コシ

合計 17, 350ドル

「お賽銭」

（ご寄付です。（敬称略）

匿名

合計 847ドル

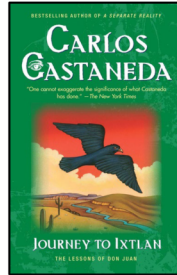
# WELCOME TO THE BEC'S BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

FEATURED BOOK:

**Journey to Ixtlan: The Lessons of Don Juan (Part 1)**

By Carlos Castaneda

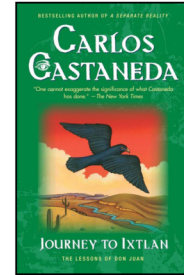


TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022

FEATURED BOOK:

**Journey to Ixtlan: The Lessons of Don Juan (Part 2)**

By Carlos Castaneda



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](http://orangecountybuddhist.org/bec)



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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:



APPLE PODCASTS

ITUNES PODCASTS



GOOGLE PODCASTS



SPOTIFY PODCASTS



SOUND CLOUD

WEBSITE: [SoundCloud.com/weeklywheel](http://SoundCloud.com/weeklywheel)

E-MAIL: [WeeklyWheel@OCBuddhist.org](mailto:WeeklyWheel@OCBuddhist.org)

# 2022 CHIBIKO BASKETBALL

The Orange County Buddhist Church Sports Group will conduct its 29th Chibiko Basketball Program in person at OCBC.

This program will teach children fundamental skills including stretching, conditioning, footwork, ball handling, passing, shooting, defense, and offense. Most importantly this program emphasizes making new friends and having fun.

The Program runs 6 weeks tentatively scheduled for 1:00 to 3:00 pm\*.

**June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 10th and 24th**

**\*Additional sessions may be added**

Eligible children are

(A) 5 years old before or on June 5, 2022, or

(B) in kindergarten, or

(C) in 1st grade, or

(D) in 2nd or 3rd grade and have not played in SEYO, CYC, CBO, JAO.

The deadline for completing this application is May 15, 2022.

Enrollment will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. After submitting your application, an auto-reply email will be sent with your application answers. This email will serve as your enrollment confirmation. Placement of children onto teams will be done at the Director's discretion – Special requests will not be accepted.

The cost is \$40 for OCBC sustaining family member children or \$50 for non-member children. The cost includes a T-shirt, basketball, party and trophy at the end of the program. Payments will be accepted by check or Venmo

Health & Safety - The program will adhere to current OCBC Covid protocols. The protocol for Chibiko includes limiting attendance per session, everyone wears face masks indoors, up to date vaccinations for all coaches, drinking water from your own container only, individually pre-wrapped snacks, designated entrances & exits, filtering indoor air, and opening doors for more outside air. All participants and families agree to these guidelines when submitting the application.

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/2022Chibiko>

See the Chibiko Promo Video: <https://animoto.com/play/r8zHusyxsOtpi9ywl9fzZq>



For more information, email: [chibiko@orangecountybuddhist.org](mailto:chibiko@orangecountybuddhist.org)

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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

Send membership form and check to:

Mark or note on your check:

Quarterly  Semi-Annually  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 [OCBuddhist.org](http://OCBuddhist.org))

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# MAY 2022 CALENDAR

2022年 5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](http://www.orangecountybuddhist.org) and follow the links.

日 SUN	月 MON	火 TUE	水 WED	木 THU	金 FRI	土 SAT
<b>1</b> 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 Dharma School (in person)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM –Zoom Mindfulness Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Hybrid (In Person/Online) 4:30 PM Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)  7:00 PM - BEC Japanese Zoom Class (Rev. Dr. Wondra)
<b>8</b> 8:30 AM – 瞑想 Mindfulness Service (in person) 10:30 AM – 家族礼拝 Mother's Day Service Hybrid (In Person/Online)	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM - BEC English Zoom Class (Rev. Dr. Wondra)	<b>10</b> OFFICE CLOSED  6:00 PM - BEC Book Club	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM –Zoom Mindfulness Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 AM – 瞑想 Mindfulness Service (in person) 10:00 AM – 家族礼拝 Gotan-e Service and Hatsumairi Hybrid (In Person/Online) -Rev. Hibiki Murakami, LA Betsuin Buddhist Temple	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM - BEC Japanese Zoom Class (Rev. Dr. Wondra)
<b>22</b> 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 Dharma School (in person)	<b>23</b> 6:00 PM - BEC English Zoom Class (Rev. Dr. Wondra)	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> No Mindfulness or Family Services No Adult Discussion  MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	<b>30</b> 9:40 AM – Memorial Day Service  Cemetery Visitations See Schedule in Korin and OCBC Website	<b>31</b> OFFICE CLOSED				



**Sunday Service sign up**  
 Use cell phone camera, focus on the QR code then tap link that appears.



**Zoom Mindfulness Service 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.