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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 3/3 –



Hello, everyone. Hope you are safe and doing well. My article this month is the last episode of Shinran Shonin's life, focusing on his return to Kyoto and the reason why the *Kyōgyōshinshō* was written.

Return to Hometown Kyoto

Over twenty years had passed since Shinran Shonin was exiled to Echigo (Niigata) from Kyoto and went to Kanto areas at the age of forty-two. During that time, the ripple of the Nembutsu teaching reached out the eight provinces of the Kanto (Tokyo areas) to the northeastern Japan. Even though Shinran said that he had had no disciples, there were more than seventy followers in the Kanto areas, among them including governors of provinces and local lords. If counting his total number of followers, there were probably a hundred thousand people who listened to his interpretation of Amida Buddha's teaching. Even though the Kanto areas at that time were influenced by Shingon and Tendai schools, more and more people wanted to hear the Nembutsu teaching and appreciated Shinran's message and explanations. Leaving many direct disciples and followers out, Shinran finally left for his hometown Kyoto probably in 1232 C.E. at the age of sixty. Neither the exact date nor the reason for his departure from the Kanto area are definitely known. Most of the scholars estimate that Shinran returned to Kyoto sometime between 1230 and 1237. Some scholars say that Eshinni accompanied Shinran, but she later left Kyoto and moved back to her hometown Echigo along with their three children to take care of the land and workers inherited from her family.

Their youngest daughter Kakushinni was married to a member of the Hino family, and after being widowed she remained in Kyoto with Shinran.

Passion of Writing and Making Copies

After a long journey from Kanto on foot, Shinran settled near Gojo-Nishinotoin in Kyoto. The image of Koen-temple is probably the place Shinran stayed for a while.



Interestingly, this location is very close to my grandparents' house. Shinran moved from one place to another. It was an intellectually vibrant time to compose his major books. He worked on many writings including the *Notes on Essentials of Faith Alone*, *Notes on Once-Calling and Many-Calling*, *Notes on the Inscriptions on Sacred Scrolls*, the *Hymns (Wasan) of the Pure Land*; *The Pure Land Masters*; and the *Dharma-Ages*, and his opus magnum *Kyogyoshinsho*, formal name *Ken-jōdo-shinjitsu-kyō-gyō-shō-monrui*. Shinran also wrote many letters to respond to the Kanto followers about their questions. His economic circumstances were austere, and he was sustained by the generous gifts received from his Kanto followers.

Tragedy to Disown Zenran

After Shinran left the Kanto area, disturbance arose because of the appearance of radical nembutsu proponents among Shinran's followers. Those advocating licensed evil that is, indulgence in wrongdoing because birth in Pure Land seems assured, dominated and soon began to stigmatize Shinran's followers. Though his teaching differed profoundly from the prevailing Buddhism of the period, Shinran was in no way a proponent of licensed evil. He attempted to communicate his views in letters to Kanto followers and in conversation with those who visited him in Kyoto. It was difficult to discuss, however, being so far away.

In the end Shinran dispatched his son, Zenran to Kanto to have him explain Shinran's teaching correctly. However, Zenran's handling of the situation turned out in an overly zealous and dictatorial manner. He even lied to Shinran's disciples that he had received a secret teaching from his father Shinran and told them to leave the propagation of the nembutsu to other people of superior power. Zenran's unexpected activities caused much confusion and resentment among the Kanto disciples. When hearing this shocking news, Shinran disowned Zenran in 1256 to ratify Zenran's false claims. This incident caused Shinran unfold grief and deep disappointment, because he trusted his own son and expected he would be able to work with his followers by delivering the true teaching.

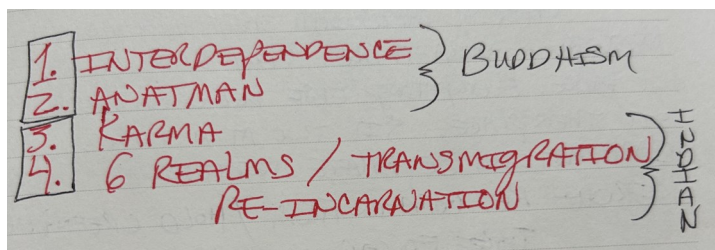
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Group Karma - It's Nothing Personal

In December 2012, I was in Japan for second level minister ordination called Kyoshi. We practiced chanting, rituals and etiquette but we were also able to attend lectures on Buddhism by some of the leading Japanese Buddhist scholars.

One of these lectures covered the four main teachings of Buddhism:

1. Interdependence
2. Impermanence (Anatman)
3. Karma
4. Transmigration



Here are my notes from that day:

The professor said that the first two are uniquely Buddhist while the second two predate Buddhism. Karma and transmigration were part of the spiritual background of the Buddha's time. Thus, the Buddha had to address these teachings within the Buddhist context of interdependence and impermanence. Often times the Buddha would use the traditional language of karma and transmigration in order to reinterpret them as something that is flowing in the "here and now" rather than being fixed in the "there and then".

The problem is that all four of these teachings arrived in China at the same time so they were all given equal emphasis as they are in America. Compounding the problem is that karma is a very ancient concept with many different interpretations. In India, karma was often explained as if it was some sort of moral currency. In effect, you had a personal karma bank account. When you behaved well your balance went up and when you did not then withdrawals were made. The goal was to just stay in the black whenever possible. This was intended as a metaphor but became interpreted literally.

In America, the notion of karma also has an overlay of Christian morals and ethics. I often hear this type of thinking within popular cultural. For example, on TV, whenever someone gets into a car accident they often attribute it to having bad karma, a sort of moral and ethical retribution system for previous bad acts. It is the universe getting even with you.

From a Buddhist perspective, I would describe Buddhist karma as the circumstances that are created for you and your life. Some are of your own doing but the majority is not. This is because another aspect of karma is that there are two kinds of karma. One is personal karma and the other is group karma. When I hear discussions of karma it is almost always about our personal karma. I think this is because Americans are very individualistic and we prize free will. We want to believe we can control our own destiny. We can, but

only up to a point.

Personal karma is the way we treat others and the way we see the world. Through practice we can develop new habits of behavior. We can also change the direction of our lives by simply associating with a different group of people. For example, the Buddhist Sangha is a perfect place to change the circumstances of our lives by developing new habits.

But group karma is much different and is often ignored. Our group karma is when we were born, where we were born, the language we speak and the country we live in. It also includes the circumstances of our upbringing. For example, the death of a loved one can change our circumstances in an instance. We cannot really behave our way out of these situations. They are just so much bigger than we are. For example, living through World War Two would be such a defining event.

We have to find another way to deal with group karma. We may not be able to behave our way out of these circumstances but we can transcend them. This is possible due to the first two teachings of the Buddha listed above. Group karma is ultimately interdependent and impermanent. Bad times do not stand alone in an eternal isolation from reality itself. Even the bad things in life are not fixed or permanent. We often focus on the transient nature of our youth and health but bad things also fade due to the processes of interdependence and impermanence.

To the American ear, personal karma is something positive, something we have control over and can change, while group karma sounds pessimistic and somewhat defeatist. But as Joseph Campbell says, this is not the only conclusion you could draw from group karma. Seen in a positive light, group karma means that you are not a victim, it is not your fault. Things did not go wrong because you simply did not try hard enough.

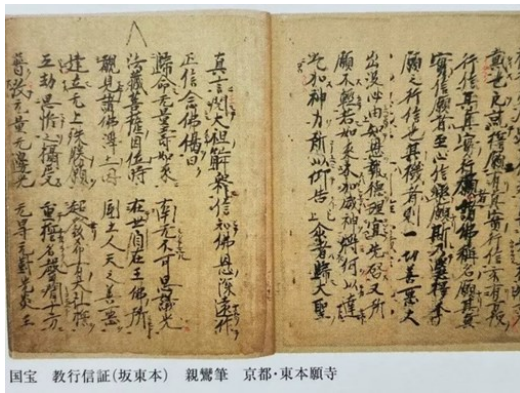
Tara Brach, an American psychologist, author, and proponent of Buddhist meditation, observes that we choose guilt and self-blame in order to protect and preserve an imagined sense of self-control. We prefer to embrace personal karma as of a form self-help rather than transcending our group karma by accepting that what we actually control in our lives is quite small. Personal karma is still worth some attention but not at the expense of abandoning all hope of finding new meaning within the events of our lives. We may not be able to practice them away but we can reimagine them as something deeply spiritual and transformative. Your circumstances may not change but your appreciation of them does.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev Jon Turner

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

Motivation to Complete the *Kyōgyōshinshō*

Jodoshinshu Hongwanjiha regards 1224 as the year when the teaching of Jodoshinshu was established as Shinran had completed the draft of *Kyōgyōshinshō*. It is said that Shinran finally returned to his hometown Kyoto in order to complete that book by referring to many Buddhist sutras and commentaries stored in temples in Kyoto. *Kyōgyōshinshō* was written in the Sino-Japanese for educated Buddhist monks, not for ordinary people. Then what was the purpose to write the *Kyōgyōshinshō*? It was to defend Hōnen and his teaching against the petition of Kōfukuji and Myōe's denunciation particularly Hōnen's interpretation of the Bodhi-citta (mind of Bodhi, 菩提心). I cannot talk about the doctrinal issue in the limited space, but I hope to have an opportunity to explain it some other time.



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Shinran's original writing of *Kyōgyōshinshō*

Shinran's Birth in the Pure Land

Shinran at the age of 90 departed to the Amida's land on January 16, 1263, according to the Gregorian calendar, which was November 28, 1262 in the lunar calendar. His youngest daughter Kakushinni and his disciples who were in Kyoto with him, notified his wife Eshinni, who was in Echigo,

of his death. Shinran continued reciting the Nembutsu until breathing his last. Kakushinni built Shinran's tomb in Toribeno at the foot of Higashiyama. Later in 1272 it was moved to the land in western Otani that Kakushinni had inherited from her second husband Zennen Onomiya, which became the Otani Hombyo (Mausoleum).

I hope you have enjoyed three episodes about Shinran's life and the meaning of establishment of Jodoshinshu teaching. Shinran praised his teacher Hōnen in the *Hymns of the Pure Land Masters*:

Through countless kalpas and innumerable lives,
We did not know the powerful condition of liberation;
Were it not for our teacher Genkū (Hōnen),
This present life also would pass in vain.
[CWS I, p.387, edited]

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra



Shinran's last moment facing the western direction with head north

**2023 Memorial Day Service Schedule
Cemetery Visitations
Monday, May 29th**

- 9:00 AM - Forest Lawn, Cypress (Rev. Dr. Wondra)
- 9:40 AM - OCBC (Revs. Dr. Wondra and Turner)
- 10:45 AM - Westminster (Rev. Turner)
- 11:30 AM - Good Shepherd, Huntington Beach (Rev. Turner)
- 12:30 PM - Melrose Abbey (Angeles Lawn), Anaheim (Rev. Turner)
- 1:00 PM - Fairhaven (South) Santa Ana (Rev. Dr. Wondra)
- 1:45 PM - Fairhaven (North) Santa Ana (Rev. Dr. Wondra)

Honoring Our Mother, No Matter What

May is an important month for several reasons. Gotan-e commemorates our founder, Shinran Shonin's birth. Memorial Day honors all American veterans who gave their lives in sacrifice to our nation. Mother's Day expresses our appreciation for the person who gave us life. In this article I have chosen to focus on Mother's Day, based on a dharma talk I gave a few years ago. It expresses sentiments we might want to keep in mind not only for Mother's Day, but every day.

If you are alive, you have or had a mother, and your relationship to that person is as complex and varied as the number of people on the planet. We tend to think of and celebrate Mother's Day with an ideal of a mother who was nurturing, caring, loving and protective. Sadly, that ideal doesn't hold true for everyone. Perhaps you didn't have that kind of mother, or maybe no mother at all. For many of us our relationship to that one person we call mother might be very complicated. We will explore a way to view that relationship with gratitude, and honor her, no matter the reality of that connection. The Buddhist path gives us a way to do so.

Mother's Day is the day we honor our mothers and acknowledge our appreciation for their sacrifices and efforts to raise us. We never truly realize how difficult that task is until we become parents ourselves. There is an ancient Chinese proverb that says, "We do not become adults until we become parents ourselves." This proverb expresses the understanding that parenting is part of an important human experience.

Buddhism teaches us to acknowledge and be one with the reality of whatever circumstance we find ourselves in. Difficult relationships and situations are the most challenging for us to apply the teachings to, but they are perhaps the most important ones for us to learn from. We know we can't wish for a different reality, but through a process of reflection and insight maybe we can change our perception and understanding of our reality.

I especially appreciate the example that Dr. Nobuo Haneda gives us in his narrative entitled "Three Views of My Father." In it he describes a dysfunctional family headed by an angry and argumentative father who divorced Nobuo's mother when Nobuo was one, sent her away, never to be seen again. Nobuo never knew her name or what she looked like. His father married twice more, when Nobuo was five and again when he was twelve. His first stepmother preferred her own daughter and mistreated Nobuo and his brother. As a motherless child of a dysfunctional family dealing with the shame of divorced parents, Nobuo's first view of his father was as the cause of his sad and difficult childhood and was therefore "an object of my hate."

In high school Nobuo began attending a Christian church due to the influence of a deeply respected junior high school teacher. This teacher also encouraged his students to read the classics and thus Nobuo discovered the works of Leo Tolstoy, especially his religious writings. Nobuo entered Tokyo University motivated to major in Russian. It was at University that he encountered Buddhism for the first time through the writings of Shuichi Maida. Through his study of religion, Nobuo's animosity towards his father gradually

turned to compassion. He realized that his father too was a victim of his difficult circumstances. As the oldest son his father's parents lived with him. His mother was mean, selfish, and demanding. Nobuo's father also had three difficult sisters who made life impossible for all of his wives. As a result, Nobuo's father was an unhappy, frustrated and bitter person.

In 2005 Nobuo's father passed away while Nobuo was in Japan. By this time Nobuo was a noted and respected Buddhist scholar and teacher. At the end his father was completely dependent on the help of others to feed and care for him. He could do nothing but lie in bed, unable to speak, never smiling, and deeply depressed.

After his passing when Nobuo thought about all the things that had happened between him and his father, he reflected upon what his father had meant in his life. Nobuo could not help but feel deep gratitude towards his father. He said, "All the sad and unfortunate things that had happened in my life, those things that I had hated and deplored, became objects of my gratitude. The fact that he had a couple of divorces became an object of my gratitude. The fact that he had constant arguments with his wives became an object of my gratitude. The fact that he criticized my interest in religion became an object of my gratitude. Even the way he died, deeply depressed without having any warm feelings toward others including me, became an object of my gratitude."

"I thought all these things were indispensable conditions for my life. All the things that he did or did not do were powerful and valuable teachings for me. Without them I would not have become interested in Christianity and Buddhism. I totally owe to him what I am today."

Buddhist teachers tell us that if we truly understand the dharma, we come to appreciate everything that comes into our lives. All the people that we have loved, hated, respected, and despised are actually teachers or Buddhas in disguise; they appear before us to guide us to the dharma. There is truth in this teaching. This month we honor that person who gave us life, our mother. She is absolutely indispensable to our existence and if we value our own life, we must also express our appreciation to the person who gave us birth. We would not be who we are today without her, not matter what kind of mother she happened to be. The Buddhist teachings help us to understand her more fully as a human being and to feel gratitude for her life.

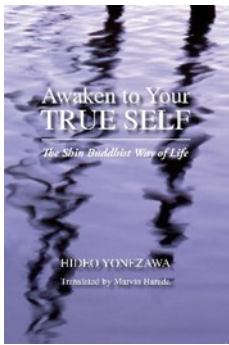
Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Ellen Hamada Crane

**Memorial Day
Monday, May 29, 2023**

**NOKOTSUDO VISITATION
9 am to 1 pm**

The Shin Reader – My Favorite Shin Books

Last month's column was about books that are the foundation of Shin Buddhism, namely, the *Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life*, together with Shinran's writings. In absolute terms, these scriptures are the "favorite Shin books" of those who follow the path that Shinran identified. However, turning to the writings of our own era, we might have a list of books that are personal favorites. Allow me to share three of mine with you. They are: *Heard by Me*, *CWS Volume II*, and *Awaken to Your True Self*.



My first contact with Buddhism was in 2006 when, owing to the death of Janis's brother, we met Rev. Marvin Harada and Mrs. Sachi Ochiai, who would become our Buddhist teachers. As we discovered, they were long-time students of Dr. Nobuo Haneda. The first lecture by Haneda Sensei that I attended was the 2008 Ohigan Seminar in OCBC's old social hall. For a year prior to the seminar, I had been learning about Shinran's teaching through *Heard by Me: Essays on My Buddhist Teacher* by Shūichi Maida, translated and introduced by Dr. Haneda. Becoming acquainted with Maida Sensei and with his teacher Rev. Haya Akegarasu was a turning point for me. The first chapter of *Heard by Me*, called "Meeting with Impermanence," showed me that I was a Buddhist, and its subsequent chapters showed me that I would be a follower of Shinran's Dharma path. This change of direction was unexpected. Judging from my life up to that point, it appeared certain that I would live out my days as a secular person. That I am still on the Dharma path is to a large extent due to the kind influence of Haneda Sensei and his lineage of teachers (Shūichi Maida, Haya Akegarasu, and Manshi Kiyozawa). Had I been presented only with the representation of Shinran that one finds in institutional forms and doctrines, I might have reverted to the secular path.

In the summer of 2010, I began a year of study in the BCA's Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course, which led me to another favorite book, *The Collected Works of Shinran, Volume II*. The second volume of the *CWS* is sadly and unjustifiably neglected in the BCA. Within it one does not find the writings of Shinran but rather introductions, glossaries, and reading aids prepared by present-day commentators. The authorship of the introductory essays is not made clear, but it appears they were prepared under the influence of Yoshifumi Ueda, a noted Shin teacher of the last century. For me, the class materials in the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course seemed not to represent the picture of Shinran that was being brought into focus by my other teachers. This led me to make a close study of the insightful essays in *CWS Volume II*, and I came away feeling that I had not been mistaken about Shinran. It also showed me the necessity of comparing received doctrines with the possible meanings contained in the original text (hint: they often differ!). None of us in 21st century America can absorb Shinran's writings without a way into their historical context and nomenclature, and *CWS Volume II* provides a point of entry. Unlike Zen Buddhism (which is said to be "not founded upon words"), Shinran's Dharma path is conveyed through words and phrases, many of which have special meanings that we must come to

appreciate. Accessing the nomenclature is essential here, and *CWS Volume II* is a great place to start. However, if Buddhist words are not for you, then you may want to give Zen a try.

Rounding out my trio of personal favorites is Hideo Yonezawa's *Awaken to Your True Self: The Shin Buddhist Way of Life*, translated by Marvin Harada and published by the Buddhist Education Center as a paperback (2017), as a Kindle eBook (2021), and recently as an audiobook (2023). Hideo Yonezawa (1909-1991) was a Japanese physician who lectured and wrote extensively on Shin Buddhism from a layperson's perspective. He explains the Shin Buddhist way of life in a conversational tone, touching on key aspects of Shinran's teaching using everyday language. I have read or listened to the book at least a dozen times, and on every run-through, I continue to find greater depth in the author's explanations. Shinran's teaching is most clearly embodied in the self-awareness and resilience of Buddhist followers who have awakened to their true self. Thus, the closing chapter, "People Who Live with Shinjin," describes the life-examples of eleven Shin Buddhist laypeople whom the author had the good fortune to meet. Each of these stories shines like a polished gem. Even if the other books presented in the *Shin Reader* are not for you, please at least consider *Awaken to Your True Self*. You say that you prefer not to read *anything*? Well, we made a Yonezawa audiobook, for gosh sakes! You could always just listen...

Gassho, Jim Pollard

[To find the BEC's eBooks and audiobooks, type in the Amazon search bar: "Hideo Yonezawa Awaken" or "Gyodo Haguri Awareness".]



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President's Message

Now that I'm babysitting my grandchildren, one of the activities I enjoy is taking them for a stroller ride. On a recent walk, I was accompanied by my son and my husband. We were walking down our street and came across a neighbor who had installed some type of animal/pest repeller device that emits sound waves at a frequency that is supposedly only audible to animals. When we walked past the home my son instantly started complaining about a noise that was hurting his ears and head, and we realized that it was coming from the device. Of course, I couldn't hear anything, and we joked that it was because I was too old, but then my husband, Kevin, said he could hear the sound. I was a little surprised because he's older than I, but he insisted that he could hear it, but it didn't bother him like it had our son. As we continued walking I started to get sad that I couldn't hear the sound, but then I started to think, "Hmmm, if Kevin can hear the sound so well, then why is it that I feel like he can't hear me when we're going over our schedules or when I'm telling him about my day?" Then I realized we needed to walk past a "listening device" so I could see what kind of score he would register on that device. Haha.

But seriously, I know our Sangha hears and listens very well. During this past month, there were a few events where the Sangha's support was requested to help raise funds for our Building and General Funds, and the Sangha heard and listened to the requests and responded with great enthusiasm, generosity, and attendance. The first of these events was the Bingo Fundraiser on March 25th. It was such a fun afternoon with a packed MPB of guests laughing, eating, winning prizes, and just having fun. Thank you to Calvin Togashi and the Bingo Committee for organizing the event to raise funds for our Building Fund. On April 9th the Girl Scouts hosted the Hanamatsuri Service luncheon to raise funds for their troops. They provided a delicious obento luncheon that again gave the Sangha the opportunity to socialize and enjoy a meal together after listening to the Hanamatsuri Dharma message provided by Rev. Koyama of Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. Finally, the weekend of April 15-16 was our Hanamatsuri Festival. I'm writing this article before the actual weekend, but I am sure with all the hours of planning by the Festival Committee, the support of all the organizations, and OCBC's reputation for delicious food, fun, and games, that the event was a big success and helped raise funds for our General Fund.

As we continue to the second half of the year, please let me know if you have any suggestions for other events you would like to see at OCBC or any other ideas or concerns. I promise to do my best to hear and listen to your suggestions. On a side note, I walked by the house with the device again by myself, and I was able to hear the sound....

In Gassho,
Jo Ann Tanioka
OCBC President

OCBC WISH LIST

OCBC temple members have always been recognized for their generosity and giving spirit, and for our Hanamatsuri wish list, they once again stepped up and donated to the wish list requests. From bags of sugar to cans of Spam to rolls of paper towels, their generosity shined through. Thank you to the following:

Mary Jane Fujimura
David and Toby Fusato,
Karen Muramoto
Linda Okino
Fran and Roy Onishi
Bill and Janet Sakahara
Craig Shibata
Stacy St. James
Teri Whited
Linda Yamaguchi

Their donations made a difference. Thank you!



Hanamatsuri Raffle

We would like to express our appreciation to our Sangha and guests for supporting Hanamatsuri with their donation of purchasing raffle tickets. We especially would like to thank all of our raffle prize donors with their generous donations of items, gift cards and monetary contributions. With their support, we were able to provide over 80 nice prizes.

Congratulations to our grand prize winners:
1st place \$1000 – Sue Yokomi
2nd place \$500 – Charles Uejo
3rd place \$250 – Miika Fukuwa

In Gassho,
Carol Sakamoto
OCBC Festival Committee

BWA News

After many damp days this season, it finally feels like the stormy weather is finally behind us, but we'll knock on wood for good measure. With warmer weather comes concern about floods, high pollen count, and yes, mosquitos! But on the other hand, the positives far out-weigh the negatives so stay away from flood-prone areas, put on sunscreen, take allergy meds, cover-up those ankles from those ankle biters, step outside to enjoy our beautiful SoCal weather, and meet your friends at OCBC. With so many activities almost every day, you're sure to find something that tickles your fancy and not your nose!

-Thank you to the BWA volunteers who distributed bentos and prepared hot beverages for OCBC's Bingo Fundraiser on March 25th. It was a fun afternoon filled with many games, prizes, and good company!

-On April 10th, we celebrated birthdays for Rumi Nakatani and Misako Iwakoshi. 30 attendees enjoyed a tasty bento which included crispy chicken tenders, crab and cucumber salad, Brussels sprouts, and sweet pineapple and cantaloupe. Please join us at our next senior luncheon on **May 1st** as we enjoy another delicious meal with a generous slice of birthday cake. Due to the upcoming FBWA Convention, our luncheon will be held on the first Monday instead of the second Monday of the month so please mark your calendar.



-Thank you to everyone who supported our Pop-up Store on April 2nd. Our next Pop-up event will be held on June 4th. Please stop by and say hello to our team of friendly BWA volunteers.

-The 2023 FBWA World Convention will be held in Kyoto in May. Due to the number of BWA members attending the 800th/850th anniversary celebration and tour, our next BWA meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th at 10:00 am in the Kodo. Immediately following our meeting, the group will travel to a Tea Party in Fullerton. Carpooling will be available and more information will be disseminated as soon as the details are finalized.

-BWA is in charge of the Father's Day luncheon on June 18th. Additional information will be available in the coming months. Thank you in advance for your help as we celebrate the dedicated fathers in our Sangha.

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

In Gassho, Chris Nakamura

OCBC HANAMATSURI HANAMIDO

Our beautiful hanamido was once again on display in the Hondo for our recent Hanamatsuri service. The history of OCBC's flowered hanamido and the grand white elephant that bears the garden replica reads like a who's who of the temple. The original hanamido was built by and later remodeled by Tak Kosakura and Roy Hayashi, and the task of decorating it originally fell to Sachi Ochiai. Later the decorating was handed to Yoko Yamashita and Paul and Miyuki Fujimoto with the help of the Jr. YBA.

Our great white elephant was "commissioned" by OCBC then President Ted Yamashita to replace a previous structure that had fallen into disrepair. The task was accepted by Bryan Furumoto and Gary Furumoto who was a crafter of surfboards, and out of material from their garage, our current elephant was created.

Fast forward to Hanamatsuri 2023 – Once again Jr. YBA and adult advisors readied the hanamido. Special thanks go to Joyce and Frank Yada, Paul and Miyuki Fujimoto, Joy Aoyama, Lisa Osako, Suzette Furumoto, and Sallie Swun. Our tradition continues in good hands.



Dharma School

The Dharma School did a fantastic job for the Hanamatsuri service held on April 9th under the leadership of Laura Yamamoto. A very special thank you to Laura for organizing the service, from creating the written program to organizing all the representatives, flowers, and putting DS teachers in various positions to guide the students and adults to the right places at the right time.

And thank you to her helpers, Irene Yamanishi, Teri Futaba, Teri Whited, Marion Nishimura, Nancy Hara, Linda Nakauchi, Joy Aoyama, Joyce Yada, Lauren Ueno, Bryan Furumoto, and Seiji Steimetz.

Our hanamido looked beautiful! Many thanks to Joyce and Frank Yada for their generous donation of the beautiful flowers and organizing the building of the floral hanamido. Thanks to Kyle Futaba for his help cleaning up all the flowers at the end of service.

Thank you to Shannon Ueno for passing out the beautiful programs made by our very own Dharma School students. We got many compliments on how nice they all looked.

Janet Sakahara, our service chairperson, also organized the kids with the gatha that they beautifully sang.

Thank you, Janet and Merry, for organizing the entire DS display. They worked very hard and gave much of their time. The following people set up the display boards in Rooms 11 & 12 for the Dharma School students' work to be displayed: Kevin Tanioka, Len, Teri, and Kyle Futaba, and Seiji Steimetz. Thank you for your time!

A big thank you is extended to Merry Hiroshima for providing the information above and so graciously thanking the many people involved in our beautiful Hanamatsuri service.

Dharma School Class Schedule:

May 7.

June 4, 11.

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

Upcoming Events:

May 14 – Mother's Day Service (Attendance sheet for DS credit will be available at the hospitality table.)

May 21 – Gotan-e Service and Hatsumairi Rites Ceremony

June 18 – Father's Day All Music Service and Awards

June 25 – Family Service, No Dharma School until Sept. 10

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. The ceremony will be held on May 21 during the Gotan-e service when we observe the birth of Shinran Shonin.

Generous Acts of True Dana (Giving)

Our Dharma School has received a generous monetary donation from Cheryl Higashi and Barry Morinaka. We

thank them for their thoughtfulness and their vision 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 as soon as possible as the deadline was May 1, 2023. Please share this info with friends who will be graduating.

Scrip Program's new name -- "Dharma School Gift Card Sales"

Our Dharma School Gift Card Sales will be available on the 1st and the 3rd Sundays of each month from 9:30-11:30am near the entrance of the hondo. Lynn Morita and Michael Li will be our new coordinators for our gift card sales. Advance orders can be made by emailing dharma.school@orangecountybuddhist.org. This program helps to provide the Dharma School teachers with materials, conference fees, equipment, books, etc. We want to extend appreciated thanks to the people who support this program.

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!!**

OCBC SCHOLARSHIPS HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

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.

There are now three (3) scholarships for college students: the OCBC Ministerial Scholarship, College Scholarship and the Rev. and Mrs. T.S. Hirata Memorial College Scholarship. The Rev. and Mrs. T.S. Hirata Scholarship is a brand new opportunity for students who are enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate level program. This scholarship was created to offer some financial assistance to those currently studying in college. **The deadline for the Rev. and Mrs. T.S. Hirata Scholarship is July 28, 2023.**

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

Please indicate which scholarship application.

High School: Talbert Gakuen Scholarship
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Application deadline for all scholarships, except the Rev. and Mrs. T.S. Hirata Scholarship is May 30, 2023.

In gassho,
Rick Oishi



Tomodachi Bento Project

Have you heard about Tomodachi Bento Project? We are a group of volunteers who deliver Asian-inspired foods to homebound seniors in Orange County and spend a little time with them to say "hi" and "how are you doing". Every now and then we have a volunteer who goes on vacation or doesn't feel well so we need substitute drivers to take their route.

Our lives are constantly changing so we also are looking for volunteer drivers to deliver lunches twice a month, usually the 2nd and 4th Mondays. For example, we just had one driver who became a grandma so she is babysitting and we need a person to replace her.

For more information please contact Rumi Nakatani at rumiko@sbcglobal.net.

Health benefits of Tai Chi

Why Not Try It Out?

Tai Chi focuses on mental and spiritual aspects integrated into movement. This meditative form of exercise consists of a series of movements and poses.

While tai chi is a gentle, low-impact activity, people are advised to seek medical advice before starting, especially older people, pregnant women, and those with back pain or osteoporosis.

The benefits of tai chi are said to include the reduction of stress, anxiety, and depression, and the enhancement of mood, in both healthy people and in those with chronic conditions.

Other benefits claimed for tai chi include:

- Greater aerobic capacity and muscle strength
- More energy and stamina
- Enhanced flexibility, balance, and agility resulting in better balance
- Lower blood pressure and improved heart health
- Reduced inflammation
- Fewer falls.

There is evidence that tai chi can help improve cognitive function and reduce the effects of dementia. It has been shown to reduce inflammatory response in patients with breast cancer, which may, say researchers, have implications for breast cancer survivorship.

If you are looking for a low-impact, relaxing form of exercise, try Tai Chi!

For information, email Rumi Nakatani at rumiko@sbcglobal.net.

Project Kokoro News

Family Day – Save the Date! **Oct 8**

A special day is being planned for all the generations to enjoy an afternoon of crafts, games, activities, and entertainment. Save the date and stay tuned for more details and a flyer to come soon.

Bingo Centerpieces – Thank you!

Project Kokoro was assigned the task of taking care of the centerpieces for Bingo. A huge thank you goes out to the following volunteers who came out on the Friday night before Bingo to help put together the table centerpieces with the various donations received: Joanne Ishii, Linda/Jimmy Ogata, Irene/Louie Yamanishi, Kyoko Suzuki, Judy Uyema, and Wendy Marutani. This took several hours but everyone was willing to stay until all the trays were completed. Thank you also to Linda/Jimmy Ogata and Dorothy Matsuoka who helped replenish trays the following day, keeping the Bingo players very happy!

PK Craft Club Hanamatsuri Boutique

A big thank you to all the PK Craft members who assisted with the Hanamatsuri Festival Boutique! A special shout out to Kyoko Suzuki, Steve Ishii, and Rod Nishimura for all their help with set-up and management of the boutique. It was another successful event with many donations to OCBC. ARIGATO!

Team Scattergories Game **June 5**

If you are interested in playing this fun and stimulating Zoom game, please contact Marion Nishimura to sign up for the June 5th game and to get the Zoom link. Game time is 10am to 11am. Please login 10 minutes prior to the start time. If you would like to play, or want more information, please contact Marion: mieko4nish@gmail.com

PK Craft Club

If you are available Wednesday mornings from 9am to 12pm – then plan to join PK Craft Club in the social hall. Have fun as you work on current projects of fleece blankets, dog toys, pillows, cards, wood puzzles and much more. Many items are made to sell at Hanamatsuri and Obon Bazaar. For details, please contact:

Dorothy Matsuoka: dcmatsuoka@aol.com
or Rumi Nakatani: rumiko@sbcglobal.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 Membership and Involvement

If you would like to become a PK Senior Member or would like more membership information, please contact PK President Liana Ogata: lianaogata3094@gmail.com

In gassho, Neddie Bokosky

ABA News

Tadaima! We are back from our memorable trip to Japan! Thanks to our leader Glen Morita, and to George Miyake, Alan Endo, and Gordon Tani for all of their help and expertise in ensuring a fun-filled journey. I think that the trip meant something different for each member who attended. There were many opportunities for “free time”, allowing everyone to do what they wanted to do the most. For some, like me, it was a chance to reconnect with family and do a “satogaeri” (return to my mom’s hometown). Regardless of the individual “take aways”, those who embarked on this trip could all say that the ABA motto of “food, friendship, and fun” was embedded throughout. Sakura was in full bloom, and I’ll never forget the beautiful daytime and nighttime “ohanami” opportunities! Mt. Fuji was spectacular wearing a crown of snow and providing such a clear view! Even the weather, for the most part, was cooperative!

Thanks also to the BINGO crew, led by Karen Kino, for helping to make this OCBC fundraiser a big success. Your energy and efforts were truly appreciated! Can’t forget the Hanamatsuri crew either! With everyone stepping up to do their part, Chicken Teri ran very smoothly. It was great to see friends gathering on the OCBC campus again. Mr. Sarashina told me a story about how he and my dad went golfing one day. My dad hit a great shot, but at the same time, ripped his pants all down the backside! Sharing memories is such a special part of our OCBC events. More than the business aspect of the carnival, it’s the interdependence, support and care, which are shared with each other. Much gratitude to all!

With Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai



Korin Articles Due

May 14, 2023*

Email articles to:
OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com

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may submit articles

Boy Scout Troop 578

In the first few months of 2023, Boy Scout Troop 578 had some amazing events. At our March Court of Honor, we recognized several scouts' rank advancements as well as our newest Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to Matthew Nakagawa, Alex Wakabayashi, and Austen Lock. These scouts have worked very hard to reach such an amazing goal. Matthew Nakagawa is also the first scout in Troop 578 to be a 2nd generation eagle scout. Both he and his father are Eagle Scouts in Troop 578. We had two scouts age out, Preston Sasaki and Alex Wakabayashi. They were both hard-working scouts and we were honored to have them in our troop. Troop 578 has had many Eagles and has one of the highest Eagle Scout rates in the Orange County Council.

A few of the scouts in our troop participated in a backpacking trip to Anza Borrego Desert State Park for a fun weekend of camping and hiking. They went down the Dripping Springs Trail, a challenging 12-mile hike, and had a fun time throughout.

During March, Troop 578 went to Firestone Campgrounds for Camporee. It lasted from March 31 to April 2, it was a very fun campout. It got really cold and really hot. Scouts should know basic first-aid and knot-tying to be prepared for whatever comes at them. The scouts participated in knot relays, bows, and arrows, shooting a 22 caliber rifle, and go-carting. These were only a few of the many fun events that happened. Though we didn't come in first place overall, we did come in second. This is something to be proud of.

Before every campout, there's a "gear pull", we have to get all of our gear together from the scout room and load them into the vehicles. After every campout, we have a clean-up, where we bring all the gear back to the church and ready for the next outing.

None of these events would have taken place without the guidance of the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders (ASPL), Patrol Leaders (PL), the Scoutmaster, and all of the ASMs and Scouts who were able to attend these events. Thank you so much for leading us in all the events and activities, they wouldn't be possible without you.

Yours in Scouting,
Ryan Muramoto

Cub Scout Pack 578



Time is flying as we are in mid-April and our Wolves are preparing for their first Pinewood Derby experience. Gaining inspiration and wisdom at the Blue and Gold dinner, the Wolves have been working tirelessly on their car since February with hopes of taking home a trophy in one of the various categories.

This year's Pack Game Night was in March, and it was quite a hit amongst the Wolves as they enjoyed the open gym concept at OCBC. They spent the night throwing the football around, playing pickle ball, basketball, and even a few rounds of video games. At some point with a gentle nudge from



their parents the Wolves took a break from games to enjoy the delicious tacos and aguas frescas. Another fun night in the books!



In a recent den meeting, our Wolves had the honor of meeting a local first responder, Mr. Kyle Hatanaka who is a firefighter and a medic for LA County. Mr. Hatanaka spent the hour talking to our Wolves about life as a firefighter. He brought his gear which consisted of a helmet, boots, pants, coat, and breathing apparatus. Our Wolves were full of excitement and strength as they put on 100 pounds of gear with pride! We are thankful for Mr. Hatanaka's time and service.

Best,
Ryan Ito, Wolf Den Leader

Girl Scout
Daisies



During the winter and spring seasons, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 2041 has been participating in so many learning opportunities and fun activities! It has been a busy time for our Daisies!

Earlier this year, Guide Dogs of America visited us and they taught us how the dogs are trained, how to approach guide dogs, and all about the hard work that they do. The Daisies were even able to pet the guide dogs and interact with them! The Daisies also participated in Girls' Day activities where they learned about taiko, were taught an odori dance, and made candy sushi. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their first OCBC Girls' Day experience! In addition, the Daisies got to visit a police station where they saw the police training room, their workout room, and even stepped inside a jail cell! The best part was that the tour guide was a female officer who was a great role model for the girls. More recently, we also had our first father/daughter activity since COVID. The Daisies and Brownies had a fun game night with their dads or father figures where they played "Minute-to-Win-It"-style

games, took pictures at the photo booth, and ate yummy food and desserts. The girls and fathers alike had a lot of fun throughout the evening! Also, throughout the first few months of the year, the Daisies successfully navigated their first Girl Scout cookie season and sold so many cookies! They did a great job learning how to talk to adults, manage money, and be great sales people. Of course, sampling the cookies is always a perk!

We couldn't have done all of these activities without the help of our amazing Daisy parents! They have been instrumental in making this year such a success. As we're looking towards the end of the year, we still have many activities to look forward to. But most of all, we can't wait to celebrate our first graders who will be bridging over to Brownies. Hooray!

In gassho,
Julie Tanoue-Yao
Troop Leader



Weekly pickleball sessions In the MPB gym.

For more information:

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

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



Greetings! Troop 916 continues to grow even well into our scouting year. Since our last update, we had 2 new girls join us and we are now a troop of 13 amazing girls. Welcome Emma and Karis!

We wrapped up cookie season in March and the girls did great! We sold over 2000 packages of cookies as a troop. The troop also had a very successful food drive. We collected and delivered a trunk full of donations to the Cal State Fullerton Food Pantry. Thank you to all who contributed!



At the end of March, we brought back the Daisy-Brownie Father and Daughter event. This year we did a game night and after a 3 year hiatus, it was really heartwarming to have this special night again. Many thanks to Chrissy S. and Irene T. for organizing the event.



In April, a few of the girls attended Girl Scout Day at the Richard Nixon Presidential Museum to earn their democracy badge. They also learned that President Nixon's daughters were Brownies just like them.

As we wind down, the girls are looking forward to completing their second leadership journey, led by Cadette Troop 675, to their San Diego Safari Roar & Snore sleepover, and to bridging for our 3rd grade Brownies.



In gassho,
Joycelyn Li-Osato



juniors

Lots going on for the Juniors! It has been a full, fun-packed and exciting month for them. Cookies sales wrapped up and they moved full steam ahead into Junior Jam. Every Friday for several months, the girls prepared for their "Heroes and Villains" themed Junior Jam camping event which took place in Long Beach April 14-April 16. The girls worked hard to collaborate and learn new skills, as well as be creative in how they wanted to express themselves.

During Junior Jam, the girls competed against other Girl Scout troops in a variety of camping skills such as compass and trail signs, emergency preparedness, first aid, knife, tents, knots, and more. The girls made their own costumes and props and had a great time.

After Junior Jam, the Juniors enjoyed a fun weekend sleeping over at SeaWorld in San Diego. They participated in behind-the-scenes tours and slept in the Turtle Reef exhibit. After the sleepover, they got to enjoy the park.

Finally, the 5th Grade Juniors participated in their bridging ceremony at Disneyland. Congratulations to those girls!

If you know of any 4th or 5th grade girls who are 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





The months of February and March were very fun and eventful for the Girl Scout Cadette Troop 675. On February 25th, OCBC celebrated Girl's Day 2023. The celebration started with Koto and Taiko performances. The Cadettes helped out at different stations throughout the event such as frame decorating, odori (dancing), and making beaded keychains. In addition, the Cadettes taught the Daisies how to play taiko, and how to make candy sushi. It was nice to celebrate Girl's Day in person and to see everybody dressed in their yukatas and kimonos. We also had the 2022 Nisei Week Queen and Princess as our special guests.



March 5th was Girl Scout Sunday. The Cadettes brought desserts they made out of Girl Scout Cookies to share with the Sangha. Some of the desserts were Apple Peanut Oatmeal Crisp using the Peanut Butter Sandwich cookies, Brownie Surprise using Peanut Butter Patties cookies, Cookie Delight using Thin Mints cookies, Caramel Delights Bark using Caramel Delights cookies, and Lemon Chiffon Cooler using Lemonades cookies. They were all very delicious!

On Friday, March 10th, Troop 675 helped the Brownies complete their Wonders of Water Journey by completing activities related to saving water. We played a game of icebreakers, so everyone could get to know each other. Then we brought out supplies to teach the Brownies the parts of water, saving water, cleaning water and made some fun crafts about water.



The Cadettes led the Flag Ceremony on April 7th followed by a meeting with the Brownies to continue teaching them about saving water by making skits.

Lastly, we celebrated Hanamatsuri "in person" the weekend of April 15-16th, which was so much fun! There was food, baked goods, and games, as well as various performances and exhibits showcasing Japanese traditions and culture. The Cadettes volunteered for various tasks such as bussing and supporting game booths. Some of our Cadettes even performed Taiko. Overall, it was a memorable time!

In Gassho,
Madison Nakao, Cadette Troop 675



Senior/Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 881

Hello everybody! The Senior Ambassador troop has worked hard the past couple of months to bring many memories and events to life. On February 24, we had our annual Hinamatsuri where girls from all our troops, as well as some additional troops, were welcomed to celebrate Girl's Day. The night started with a lovely koto performance, by Stacey Suzuki and Brianna Hanamoto, and was followed by a taiko performance by our own Senior Ambassador members in Daion Taiko. This event was a blast with the ever-so-popular candy sushi station making its return as well as a new crowd-favorite of Pokemon-ondo odori, led by the 2022 Nisei Week Crowned Queen Kristine Yada. Thank you to all the troops and VIPs for making the event really special and a night to remember.

March 12, 2023, was Girl Scout Sunday where everyone dressed in their uniform, listened to Reverend Jon Turner's dharma message, listened to the Daisy and Brownie troops' musical offering, and enjoyed delicious cookie desserts made by the Cadettes. Our most recent meeting was the Orange County Girl Scout's Trefoil Trot, where girls walked or trotted a 5k route. It was a real fun event that concluded with free frozen yogurt from Yogurtland.

We will continue to work hard in these coming months, and are looking forward to the Disneyland Bridging Event and our end-of-year ceremony. We hope everyone is well!

In Gassho,
Shannon Ueno

In Memoriam

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

Klete Kei Ikemoto
Claude Hironori Kouchi

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

Namo Amida Butsu

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暦元年（一一二二）に赦免（しゃめん）と
なされましたが、しばらく越後にとどまり、
それから妻子とともに関東に向かわれま
した。親鸞さまは42歳でした。関東では
稲田（いなだ）の地に移り住み、晩年に故
郷である京都に帰るまでの約20年間、稲
田草庵をおもな生活の拠点として布教活
動されました。そして、『教行信証』の草稿

本（そうこうぼん）を書かれたのも、この
地であったと言われています。その結果、
関東地方には多くの門弟を残すことにな
ります。

親鸞さまが帰京されたのは62歳頃と
考えられています。その理由は定かでは
ありません。ひとつの理由と考えられるの
は、執筆されていた『教行信証』を京都で
完成させるためであったとも言われてい
ます。その頃の京都は、比叡山延暦寺の僧
兵たちが法然聖人の墓を破却（こわすこと）
するという痛ましい嘉祿（かろく）の法難
（一一二七）のあとで、法然教団は壊滅的
な状態にありました。弟子であった親鸞聖
人にとつては、師である法然聖人の教えを
自分が正しく伝えたいという思いもあつ
たのでしょう。『教行信証』は法然聖人の
教えを正当化するために親鸞聖人がその
当時に仏教界に向けて漢文で書かれたと
いえるでしょう。

『教行信証』の正式な署名は『顕浄土真
実教行証文類（けんじょうどしんじつきよ
うぎょうしようもんるい）』と言います。元
仁元年（一一二四）、親鸞さまが52歳の
前後に初稿本が執筆されはじめたので、一
二二四年を立教開宗の年とします。それか
ら何度も加筆・改訂が行われて、京都にお
いて一応完成されたのは、親鸞さまが75
歳の頃とされています。

この書物は浄土真宗の教えの内容を説
く大変大切なもので、その構成は「教（き

ょう）」「行（ぎょう）」「信（しん）」「証（し
ょう）」「真仏土（しんぶつど）」「化身土（け
しんど）」の六巻に分けられ、「教巻」の前
に総序（そうじょ）、「信巻」の前に別序（べ
つじょ）、そして最後に後序が置かれてい
ます。その内容については、また別の機会
でお話いたしますが、簡略しますと、親鸞
さまは、浄土に生まれる因（たね）は、名
号成立のいわれを聞いて、それを信じる一
念に定まるものであって、その信を得たの
ちの称名念仏は阿弥陀さまへの報恩（ほう
おん）であると説かれました。

帰京された親鸞さまでしたが、関東の門
弟たちのあいだでは、さまざまに教えに関
する疑問が起こり、説明の手紙を何度も書
かれています。また、息子であった善鸞（ぜん
らん）を説明のために関東に派遣するの
ですが、思いもよらない善鸞の言動によつ
て、親鸞さまは断腸の思いで、実の息子と
縁を切られます。

京都での親鸞さまは高齢もあり、布教活
動はなさらず、その代わりに驚くほどの執
筆活動をされます。『一念多念文意（いち
ねんたねんもんい）』『唯信鈔文意（ゆいし
んしょうもんい）』また『三帖和讃（さんじ
ょうわさん）』など、和語を含めたお書物
を沢山残されました。

そして最後は、末娘の覚信尼さまに看取
られて、念仏をお称えされながら90歳の
ご生涯をご往生されました。

南無阿弥陀仏 ワンドラ 睦

❖ 祥月法要について

祥月法要は対面法要のみとなり、ます。オンライン参加は出来なくなりますので、ご了承ください。法要中のマスク着用はご自分の体調と感染者状況にもとづいてご判断ください。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

5月6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

6月3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

❖ 「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しております。

- ・ 5月21日(日) 午前10時より本堂にて法要をお勤めします。YouTube同時中継もいたします。

- ・ 日本・英語ご講師はドイツにある真宗寺院・恵光寺の攝受弘宣(しようじゆ・ひろのぶ)先生をお迎えして、録画法話をお聴聞します。

❖ 「初参り法要」のご案内

5月21日の誕会法要の前に、対面で行う予定です。2022年5月以降から2023年現在に誕生されたお子様がおられ、この法要に参加されたい方はこの『光輪』英語セクションをご覧ください。申込は5月14日までです。

❖ 5月29日(月)

メモリアルデー・お参り

それぞれの墓地に先生方が行かれますので、ご家族・ご親戚の方々とお参りください。事情により担当の先生が変わる可能性があります。また、到着時間は交通事情により遅れることもありますのでご了承ください。

- ・ 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 OCB C(ワンドラ・ターナー先生)
- ・ 午前10時45分 ウィストミンスター・メモリアル・パーク(ターナー先生)
- ・ 午前11時30分 グッド・シエパード・ハンティングトン・ビーチ(ターナー先生)
- ・ 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)
- ・ 午後1時 フェアーヘブン、南サンタアナ市(ワンドラ先生)
- ・ 午後1時45分 フェアーヘブン、北サンタアナ市(ワンドラ先生)

❖ オレンジ郡仏教会の緩和再開

コロナ感染の現状が終息を迎えるなか、当仏教会では全面緩和再開に向けて努力をしています。日曜礼拝や祥月法要に対面に参加するための事前登録は不要となりました。本堂での参加人数は収容可能人数に戻りますが、ご自分の体調や感染者状況に留意されてマスク着用・ソーシャルディスタンスを取ってお参りください。

ただし、感染状況によっては現在の規則が変更される可能性があります。質問の際は hello@orangecountybuddhist.org にお問い合わせください。



❖ 納骨堂へのお参り

納骨堂へのお参りの予約は必要ありません。お寺は毎週火曜がお休みです。『光輪』に記載されているカレンダーをご参照のうえ、お参りください。なお、お寺に到着されたら、オフィス 714-827-9590 にご連絡ください。

❖ BCA・ダイアルアップ日本語法話

電話番号 800-817-7918、「2」を押すと日本語法話が聞けます。法話は日本語が話せる開教使の先生方によるものです。どうぞ、お聴聞くださいませ。



婦人会だより



*今シーズンは湿気の多い日が続いていますが、ようやく嵐が過ぎ去ったように感じますが、どうでしょうね。温暖な気候に伴い、洪水、花粉の増加、そして蚊が心配されます。しかし一方で、ポジティブな面はネガティブな面をはるかに上回り、洪水が発生しやすい地域から離れ、日焼け止めを塗り、アレルギー薬を服用し、虫よけに足首を覆い、外に出て気持ち良いカリフォルニアの天気を楽しみましょう。OCBCで友達に会いましょう。ほぼ毎日、非常に多くのアクティビティがあるので、鼻ではなく、あなたの空想をくすぐる何かが見つかります！

*3月25日にOCBCのビンゴ大会ではお弁当を配布し、温かい飲み物を準備してくれたBWAボランティアに感謝します。多くのゲーム、賞品、そして良い仲間です。楽しい午後でした！

*4月10日は中谷るみさんと岩越美佐子さんの誕生日を祝いました。30名の参加者は、クリスピーチキンテンドー、カニとキュウリのサラダ、芽キャベツ、甘いパイナップルとマスキメロンを含むおいしいお弁当を楽しみました。5月1日に開催される次のシニア・ランチ会にぜひご参加ください。たっぶりのパースデーケーキを添えたおいしい食事をお楽しみいただけます。まもなく開催されるFBWA

コンベンションのため、昼食会は第2月曜日ではなく第1月曜日に開催されますので、カレンダーに印を付けておいてください。

*4月2日のポップアップストアを応援してください。皆様、ありがとうございました。次のポップアップイベントは6月4日です。フレンドリーなBWAボランティアのチームが皆様のお立ち寄りをお待ちしています。

*2023年FBWA世界大会は5月に京都で開催されます。多くのBWAメンバーが80/850周年記念式典とツアーに出席しているため、次のBWAミーティングは6月10日土曜日午前10時に小堂で開催されます。会議の直後に、グループはフラトンのティールパーティーに移動します。カープール利用が可能になりますので、詳細が確定次第お知らせします。

*6月18日の父の日ランチ会はBWAが担当します。追加情報は、近いうちに入手できるようになります。私たちのサンガで献身的なお父さん達を祝うために、ご協力をお願いするとともに感謝の意を先に記します。

婦人会あるいは婦人会のアクティビティに関しての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



ご寄付

(2023年3月20日〜2023年4月15日までに御寄付戴きましたご芳名)

「祥月法要」

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

合計 2,865ドル

「春期お彼岸大法要」

ご寄付ご芳名です。

(追加分・敬称略)

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大迫 テイルデン・リサ
谷 ゴードン・ジョーン
山下 洋子

合計 150ドル

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ご寄付です。(敬称略)

匿名
坂原 カレン
鈴木 ロナルド・キョウコ

合計 937ドル



「納骨堂」

（ご寄付ご芳名です。（敬称略）

匿名

光林 満子

メイソン マーガレット

モリス シリマ

田中 ゴードン

ウイズダム ビビアン

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「仏教会にお礼」

（ご寄付ご芳名です。（敬称略）

池本 テイコ (3)

今原 けいこ

今原 ポール

伊藤 ファームズ

伊藤 シャーリー

川口 ファミリー

河内 ランス

メイソン マーガレット

松原 キャサリン

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「仏教会に特別寄付」

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匿名

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西田 マイケル・ジル

西村 ロッド・マリオン

落合 アラン・キャシー

オオハマ ナンシー

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伊藤富雄様への追悼

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永山 アーロン・カレン

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ムカエ ミキオ

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「花祭り法要」(追加分)

「花祭り」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下さいませ。

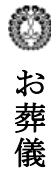
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「花祭り特別寄付」(追加分)

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合計 5, 819ドル

光輪の記事掲載期限後にご寄付頂きました方々につきましてはご寄付頂いた翌月の光輪でお名前を掲載させて頂きます。宜しくご理解頂きますようお願いいたします。



お葬儀

故池本 クリート 敬

2020年4月2日往生

故河内 クロード ひろのり

2023年2月24日往生

仏教会一同、心よりお悔やみを申し上げます。

南無阿弥陀仏

お母さん
ありがとう



心から感謝の
気持ちとこめて♡♡♡



Thank You!!!

Bingo 2023 was a huge success and the Bingo Committee would like to thank the Sangha, Sponsors, Donors and the many volunteers for their attendance and contributions throughout the event.

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Many Organizations and individuals contributed to the success of the event:

ABA, OCBC Sports, Boy Scout Troop 578, Cub Scout Pack 578, Daion Taiko, OCBC Pickleball, BWA, Project Kokoro, OCBC Girl Scout Troops, Sangha Teens, Jr. YBA, A/V - David Okino/Alan Maruyama, M/C - Rodney Ueno and the many other volunteers that helped that day!

Thank you also to all our generous Silent Auction, Pop-A-Balloon, Table Prize and Monetary Donors. Everyone's contributions and hard work helped to make the 2023 Bingo Event a great success!



In Gassho,
2023 Bingo Committee





Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 14th, 2023

8:00 – 10:30 am

OCBC Social Hall

\$6.00 per person

Mothers are complimentary!

Hosted by Jr. YBA

Please rsvp on google form by May 6th

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Sunday, May 21, 2023 – 10:00 AM

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EKŌ Temple, Düsseldorf, Germany

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Luncheon in Social Hall

hosted by OCBC Board of Directors

Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month with Orange County Buddhist Church & Little Tokyo Historical Society!



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2023 CHIBIKO BASKETBALL

The Orange County Buddhist Church Sports Group will conduct its 30th 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 4, 11, 18, 25; July 9th and 23th

*may split into two sessions depending on amount of participants

Eligible children are

(A) 5 years old before or on June 4, 2023, 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 14, 2023.

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 \$50 for OCBC sustaining family member children or \$60 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 credit card.

Health & Safety - The program will adhere to current OCBC Covid protocols. The safety and health of the children will always be considered the main priority.

Register Here: [2023 Chibiko Application form](#)

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



For more information, email: chibiko@orangecountybuddhist.org



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OCBC Ministerial Scholarship Fund



February 1, 2023

Dear Sangha Members and Friends:

Thank you for your generous donations to the Orange County Buddhist Church Ministerial Scholarship Fund for the campaign year 2021-2022. As you know, your support has helped to educate many of our OCBC ministers, ministerial candidates, and minister's assistants as well as ministers and ministerial candidates outside of OCBC. Your continued support will help encourage and ensure the spread of the Dharma.

Our BCA Bishop Rev. Harada recently expressed concern over BCA's dwindling number of available ministers. Within the past year, we had several ministers retire, pass away, or take a leave of absence, assists in the cost of training future BCA Ministers. The Ministerial Scholarship provides aid in tuition, books and training materials that assist in spreading the Dharma. These include supporting Ministerial Candidates from OCBC, Vista, and other temples. We are happy that our scholarship supported Ellen Crane for her graduation thesis for the Masters of Buddhist Studies Degree at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. She received her Kyoshi certification in Japan and is now serving OCBC as a volunteer minister. We also awarded a scholarship to Sterling Davenport, a Vista candidate enrolled in IBS for Kyoshi certification. Additionally, we donated to the IBS Scholarship Fund to help current IBS students. And we are fortunate to have three active Minister's Assistants, Ann Nakahira, Janet Arima, and Teresa Shimogawa that will need training and we look forward to supporting them.

The committee, under Rick Oishi, still has much work to do. Let's continue to encourage and support ministerial candidates. We may find it necessary to provide support to qualified ministerial candidates and ministerial assistant candidates outside of OCBC. Together, we will work to ease the ministerial shortage not only for our temple but for temples throughout the BCA.

Please consider a contribution made payable to the "OCBC Ministerial Scholarship Fund." The fund is managed separately from all other OCBC funds, and donations can be made at any time throughout the year. Again, thank you for supporting the training of new ministers to continue spreading the teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Gassho,

Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
Minister

Rev. Jon Turner
Minister

Rick Oishi
Ministerial Scholarship Chair



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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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May 2023 CALENDAR

2023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 and follow the links.

日 SUN	月 MON	火 TUE	水 WED	木 THU	金 FRI	土 SAT
30 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)	1 11:30 AM - Monday Service 12:00 PM - シニヤ昼食会 Senior Lunch/Work Party	2 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	3 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	4 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	5	6 4:30 PM – Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service (in person)
7 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)	8	9 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 6:00 PM - BEC Book Club	10 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	11 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	12	13
14 No Mindfulness Service 8:00 AM - Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast 10:30 AM – 家族礼拝 Family Service (hybrid) No Adult Discussion or Dharma School	15	16 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 6:00 PM – Zoom BEC Book Club	17 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	18 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	19	20
21 10:00 AM – 家族礼拝 Gotan-e Service and Hatsumairi Hybrid (In Person/Online) -Rev. Hironobu Shoji, Eko-ji, Dusseldorf, Germany	22	23 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	24 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	25 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	26	27
28 No Mindfulness or Family Services No Adult Discussion MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	29 9:40 AM – Memorial Day Service Cemetery Visitations See Schedule in Korin and OCBC Website	30 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	31 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	1 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	2	3 4:30 PM – Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service (in person)



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.