

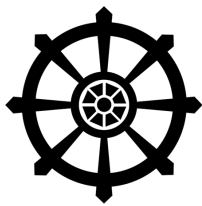
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Shin Buddhist Path of Gratitude

Hello everyone. I hope this message has found you well. There are many speaking engagements I was invited this summer. Among them, I gave the lecture to the Kyoshi Kyoshu certificate session. Kyoshi Kyoshu means the second ordination to become a full-fledged Shin Buddhist minister. It is normally held in the Hongwanji Nishiyama training center in Kyoto, but this time is the first time that it was held at BCA's Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) due to the high surge of omicron BA5 and BA.2.75 in Japan.

The Kyoshi Kyoshu, an intensive 10-day retreat with lectures, chanting and workshops, was held from August 21-30 at the JSC. There were twelve participants from the BCA, Hawaii and Canada, and eight of twelve are from the BCA, and five of eight wish to become full-time BCA ministers and they will be able to serve soon after they are certified by the Hongwanji and BCA. It is such an exciting news!

As the BCA's *Wheel of Dharma* (July 2022) mentions, there are three levels of ordination concerning Jodo Shinshu ministers. The first level is Tokudo, an initial ordination. The second level is called Kyoshi, which requires meeting educational requirements as Hongwanji-recognized institution like Ryukoku University in Japan or the Institute of Buddhist Studies. The third level is called Kaikyoshi, literally meaning an overseas minister on behalf of the Hongwanji, to serve as a full-time minister at the BCA and other overseas district temples. BCA, Hawaii, and Canada have been facing a severe shortage of ministers, so the Kyoshi Kyoshu certificate session was very important to be urgently held.

When I was in the ministerial path, I attended the Kyoshi Kyoshu session in Kyoto in the overseas team consisting of the Kyoshi aspirants from BCA, Hawaii, Canada, and Europe. It was a group of sixteen people. We spent 10 days in the Nishiyama training center completely separated from the secular world. We got up at 5:15 AM and cleaned up the Hondo, temple garden, and office areas, then attended the morning service with the fuho robe. After the morning service, we finally had breakfast with no conversation. There were lectures and practices we attended during the daytime and each of the participants needed to pass five assignments such as a chanting, etiquette, reading Rennyo Shonin's Letters, and so on after dinner time. It was not only individual effort but also a team work as well when we practice the wedding, funeral, and some other special services. Looking back now, it was an unforgettable memory to me.

I was asked to speak about the "ho-on; 報恩" to 2022 Kyoshi aspirants from the Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO). We are familiar with the Ho-on-ko service every January. "Ho-on" literally means "ho; 報" = repay, reciprocate, respond, and "on; 恩" = favor, debt of gratitude" so we can understand as "responding in gratitude to the benevolence (of the Buddha)."

Some people ask me after the Sunday service, "So, what's your practice?" They expect my insightful answer, but

my answer is simple and often surprises them. As a Shin Buddhist, my primary practice is not meditation, sutra chanting, ritual, or precepts. All of them are of course valuable, however we focus on the practice of gratitude. We don't practice to achieve material rewards, a better life, enlightenment, good karma, or a better rebirth. We practice simply to give thanks for what we have received. It sounds like no practice but it can be transformative in our lives when it is pursued.

Kakunyo Shonin, the third generation from the founder Shinran Shonin, says in the *Liturgy in Gratitude – Hoonkoshiki* (1294) that we can never be grateful enough for the Buddha's benevolence. However thankful we are, we can never be thankful enough to the legacy of merit left us by our past masters. Though ten thousand kalpas were to pass, it would be impossible to repay even a small tithe of what we owe. Kakunyo wrote the *Liturgy of Gratitude* when the 33rd Shinran Shonin's memorial service was held, and expressed his deep gratitude to all karmic cause and condition that have guided him to encounter the Amida Buddha's deep wish.

As we become aware of interconnectedness, we realize some perspective of our karmic limitation. Our own efforts are not perfect enough without the help and guidance coming from countless others. It raises awareness of humility, reflecting my shortcoming and patience toward other's imperfections. In the tradition of Pure Land Buddhism, Shin Buddhists believe that the power-beyond-self (tarik) comes from beyond the ego-self. It is granted by Amida Buddha, the immeasurable wisdom and compassion that benefits all of us. Shinran says, "Other Power is none other than the power of the Tathagata's primal vow." (CWS I, p.57).

The nembutsu that we recite Namu Amida Butsu expresses our true happiness and deep thankfulness. We thank all the things in our lives to have us alive and guide us to the Buddha-Dharma. We try to remember the presence of power-beyond-self in our lives in saying the nembutsu, and we try to do our best to reciprocate by guiding others to the nembutsu life. Our practice is not to attain our own buddhahood, instead to become thankful for all what we have received and to pursue the path of gratitude.

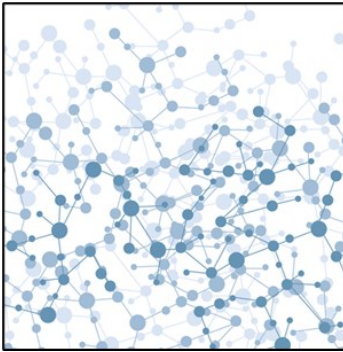
Shinran Shonin says, "Solely saying the Tathagata's name constantly, one should respond with gratitude to the universal vow of great compassion (CWS I, p.68)" and one of the hymns (wasan) echoes his joy of living in the path of gratitude.

Those who truly attain shinjin
As they utter Amida's Name,
Being mindful of the Buddha always,
Wish to respond to the great benevolence
(CWS I, p.321)

Gassho, Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

The Bright Side of Negation

I have been reading a new book titled **Secularizing Buddhism: New Perspectives on a Dynamic Tradition**, edited by Richard K. Payne. I took a course from Dr. Payne while studying at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. He was also my thesis adviser. When a book has an editor rather than an author it usually means that it contains a



collection of essays by various scholars. One of the thirteen essays included in this book discusses the differences between how pre-modern and modern people experience the world.

One of these essays is titled *Buddhism and Secular Subjectivities: Individualism and Fragmentation in the Mirrors of Secularism* by David L. McMahan. It is a mouthful but it was very interesting. McMahan explains that there are two approaches to life. The first from a more scientific and rational perspective while the other is more experiential and intimate. This first orientation he describes as “buffered”, the second as “porous”. These two are contrasted in the following two examples. The first illustrates a “buffered” observation while the latter a “porous” experience.

“Consider two works of art featuring mirrors. The first, by Thomas Wolridge (1700-1766), a British painter, ... is titled ‘A Portrait of a Young Man Looking in a Mirror’ (1751). ... It can be viewed as an apt emblem of the European Enlightenment, whose philosophers promised to develop the methods that would hold man and nature up to the mirror of empirical investigation, and rational analysis, rendering clear and distinct representations of them. Nothing else appears in the work but the young man, his mirror and his reflection.

Another quite different mirror-themed work is a series conceived in 1965 by the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama (b. 1929) called the ‘Infinity Mirror Room’. In one, a viewer stands in a room whose walls are mirrors reflecting uncountable number of lights receding in all directions. Although a smallish room, it seems enormous, indeed infinite, and includes multiple images of the viewer herself.

McMahan asserts that modern people tend to be much more “buffered”. Rather than experiencing meaning when we are included, we create meaning for ourselves as individuals, as objective, external observers. We create our own reality daily by the observations we make and actions we take.

In contrast, pre-modern people are described as being very “porous”. Porous in the sense of being intimate with or at one with our surroundings. Who we are and our sense of self is derived by the groups in which we belong. Membership ultimately defines us. Our interactions with others have a profound affect upon us. It is the activities that we partake in that orient our lives.

Individuality is prized by moderns but it comes at a very high price and we often have to overestimate our abilities in order to maintain this perceived state of autonomy. This can lead

to a sense of alienation and disconnectedness. I have found this to be true in my life. This is where Buddhism can be very helpful. From a Buddhist perspective, it is this overreliance on the “buffered” Self that causes our Suffering.

Negation of the “buffered” Self may not be appealing to many modern people. It can seem like some sort of a defeat or failure on our part but it is not. This is because it is replaced by a “porous” Self that is open to new experiences through increased intimacy – not just with others but with all of Life. Thus, it might be much more effective to promote the more positive message of a Self that is imbued with true reality. This might be much more acceptable to modern people if it was presented in this way. In other words, we might be better off accentuating the positive rather than the negative.

This can all be distilled in the following quotation. *“Today is a beautiful day of opportunity. I am exactly where I need to be. I open myself to the universe and trust in the unfolding of my life.”* I heard this mantra recently, repeated over and over again in a short YouTube meditation titled [Guided Morning Meditation | 10 Minutes To Start Every Day Perfectly](#).

It is when the individual Self is challenged that the universal Self can be experienced perhaps for the first time. It is within Buddhist practice that place and activity begin to take over and the sound of *Namoamidabutsu* can begin to resonate within a heart that is no longer “buffered”. Instead, it is now “porous” and experiencing the bright side of negation. It is this transformation of “buffered” to “porous” that Buddhist practice makes possible and allows me to *“trust in the unfolding of my life.”*

In gassho,
Rev Jon Turner



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Bathroom Musings

One of my favorite Shin books is *Bright Dawn* by Rev. Sunnan Koyo Kubose, the son of Rev. Gyomay Kubose. As you may know, the elder Rev. Kubose was a mentor to our own Rev. Marvin Harada, and his son, Koyo, was himself an important Shin teacher, who visited OCBC in 2008 to speak at a Buddhist Education Center event. He made such a positive impression on our three sons that they actually read his book and found it valuable and instructive, no small feat, given their general indifference to religion.

Rev. S.K. Kubose was the director of Bright Dawn – Center of Oneness Buddhism, located in Coarsegold, California, near Fresno. Sadly, Rev. Kubose unexpectedly passed away earlier this year in March. I recently went through some old Dharma School lessons and found a handout I had made excerpting a chapter entitled, “Bathroom” from Koyo sensei’s *Bright Dawn* book. I remember my high school students enjoying its thoughtful and entertaining message. I revisited the book and hope you will find value in the excerpts I present here.

“I make my way to the bathroom. This morning, like most mornings, I prepare to go running and watch the sunrise at the lakefront. I glance out of the bathroom window at the branches of the trees lining the street. Everything is calm, not much wind. I nod and smile. I sit down on the toilet and do my “Toilet Gassho.” Gassho is a Japanese Buddhist term referring to the act of putting the palms of one’s hands together in respect and gratitude. I sure am thankful my inner plumbing is working.

“Giving thanks before eating is a common practice but we should also be thankful for the important excretion process. Elimination of toxic waste products resulting from digestion of food is crucial in maintaining life. I want to extend my gratitude awareness to different aspects of daily living. I have established Toilet Gassho as an everyday spiritual practice. Instead of doing a traditional two-handed Gassho, I often put up one hand in front of my chest for an informal Gassho. Other times I just like to bow my head, and trigger the mindful awareness that is the essence of Gassho.

“The privacy of a bathroom is a great place for quiet reflection. It occurs to me that not only do we need to flush out bodily waste products for good health, but we also should get rid of the *mental* waste products that invariably accumulate in the course of daily interactions with others. Why poison oneself by hanging onto such toxic things as self-pity, guilt, envy, and resentments. By doing morning Toilet Gassho we can empty ourselves out mentally and start a fresh new day. The Buddha taught how to let go and not be hurt by verbal abuse, blame and criticism. To me BM can also stand for “Buddha movement.”

“This morning I happen to be wearing a T-shirt that I received as a gift a few years ago. Written on the front of the T-shirt is a concise comparison of the basic philosophies of the world’s religions. The analysis uses the theme of “Sh*t Happens” which is taken from a popular bumper sticker. .

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Hinduism: This sh*t happened before.

Catholic: If sh*t happens, you deserved it.

Judaism: Why does sh*t always happen to us?

Buddhism: When sh*t happens it’s not really sh*t.

“What does the saying about Buddhism mean? It means that what is considered a bad thing often can be a blessing in disguise. Spiritual growth often results from painful events. This doesn’t mean we should seek out tragedies. Regardless of what we want or don’t want, life will bring all kinds of experiences to us. A great lesson in life is learning how to make use of suffering; that is, how to suffer wisely. The Buddhist response to tragedy is to cultivate wisdom.

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“Many kinds of lessons can be learned in the bathroom. After washing up at the bathroom sink, I squeeze toothpaste onto my toothbrush. As I brush my teeth, I like to think that I am also cleaning out potential “mean-spirited” words from my mouth. This is a reminder to be mindful of how I talk to others during the coming day. I want to be patient and understanding, especially with members of my own family.

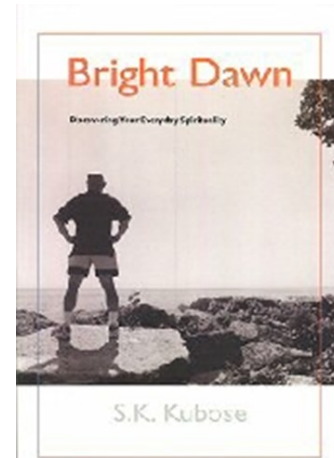
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“I recall a cartoon of a person moving a piece of floss back and forth between his ears. A box next to him was labeled, ‘Mental Floss.’ The caption said, ‘Want to prevent truth decay? Use mental floss every day – to dislodge hardened expectations and putrefying cynicism.’

“As I finish up in the bathroom, I think about how my morning hygiene routine has become part of a daily spiritual practice. I like that. The bathrooms cozy privacy brings out intimate conversations that one can have with oneself. The bathroom can be a very powerful sacred space.”

The “Bathroom” chapter from Rev. Kubose’s book *Bright Dawn* has many more interesting details not presented here and I hope you revisit this treasure of a book and read/reread the missing sections. The entire book is a delightful and quick read. This article is a belated tribute to a dharma teacher whose messages struck a resonant chord. (See images below)

Namo amida butsu,
Rev. Ellen Hamada Crane



President's Message

I think for many of us the month of September conjures up nostalgic memories of the start of a new school year: the first day of school outfit, a new lunch pail, a new Pee Chee folder, covering your school books with grocery bags, and back to Sunday/Dharma School classes. I work at an elementary school, so I know that school now begins in August, hardly anyone walks to school, it's now okay and even popular to bring a bento box for lunch, and many subjects are now accessed online. However, with all these changes, the one constant is the excitement of returning to OCBC, to Dharma School, and Sunday services.

As a youth, I always considered school's summer break as a time of leisure and I assumed everyone had that luxury - no responsibilities, no worries, and no commitments. What I didn't realize or appreciate was all the work that was continuing in preparation for our return in September. The same is true at OCBC. Although some of us may be on a summer break or a summer vacation, OCBC hasn't taken a break. Here are a few events that occurred this summer.

SD Buddhist Conference - June 25th - OCBC hosted over 200 attendees via Zoom and in person, with the theme of Peace, Harmony, Co-Existence today, and a special Dharma message from Bishop Umezu. Thank you to Rick Oishi, Lynn Black, BWA, and the Conference Committee for organizing this event.

Obon Service - July 10th - We were able to receive a pre-recorded Dharma message from Reverend Takata of the West L.A. Buddhist Temple. Thank you to Rev. Wondra and Rev. Turner for coordinating this service for us.

Obon Festival - on July 16th-17th, we held our first modified in-person Obon festival since 2019. What a heartwarming weekend it was to be able to experience the variety of food at our traditional food line and take-out areas, watching our youth enjoy playing games without controllers, the beautiful colors of the chochins, the specialty handcrafted items, the delicious dango, shaved ice, boba, and homemade desserts, the sounds of Daion Taiko, and the joyful dancers back at our dance circle for Obon odori. Thank you to all the Sangha for your hard work and support. A very special thank you to the Festival Committee for once again meeting the many challenges to provide a safe and fun festival for the Sangha.

Chibiko Program - About 100 participants from the age of 5 -7 years old participated in the Chibiko basketball program. What a wonderful feeder program to the OCBC SEYO league and a chance for new families to become acquainted with OCBC. Thank you to the Sports Department and the youth volunteers for creating this opportunity for our future athletes.

Zoom Dharma Sessions - Thank you to our reverends and our MA's for keeping us connected throughout July & August with your Zoom dharma messages.

Team OCBC - Thank you to our Reverends, the office staff, and our maintenance volunteers for keeping OCBC available to the Sangha throughout the summer. We know you've been spending the last few months preparing for our return in September, so we look forward to seeing you again

and the beautiful campus again.

As the last few days of summer break come to an end, get some rest because this is going to be an eventful year at OCBC. Our first Family Service and Dharma School are Sunday, **September 11th from 10:00 AM**. Let's welcome back our old Dharma friends and greet our new Sangha members. See you at service!

In Gassho,
Jo Ann Tanioka
OCBC President

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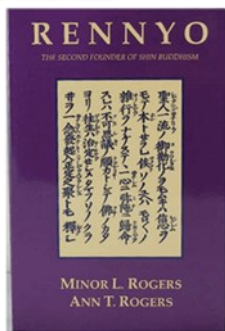
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The Shin Reader – Rennyō: The Second Founder of Shin Buddhism



Rennyō (1415-1499), the eighth head priest of the Hongwanji temple, is recognized as the great popularizer of Jodo Shinshu, or Shin Buddhism, in Japan. He is known commonly as the “restorer” of the temple, but for all intents and purposes the Hongwanji first emerged as an influential religious institution only during his time. The greatness of the Hongwanji, as well as the popularity of its teaching, was largely the result of Rennyō’s vision and

efforts. Without his leadership, it is doubtful that the Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism) would have risen as a major form of Buddhism and a religious force in Japanese history.

Minor L. Rogers and his wife Ann T. Rogers presented the wonderful book *Rennyō – The Second Founder of Shin Buddhism* (1991) for the audience in the West. Dr. Rogers received his Ph.D. in Comparative Religions specializing in Japanese Buddhism from Harvard University in 1972, and spent the following nineteen years in the Department of Religions at Washington and Lee University. He recognized Masatoshi Nagatomi, Professor of Buddhist Studies of Harvard University, who introduced him the history of Buddhist history and Rennyō. Dr. Rogers thanks Dr. Nagatomi for his patient guidance through a dissertation on Rennyō and Jodo Shinshu piety. Ann holds a M.A. in Asian Studies from the University of Virginia for her work on Rennyō’s Letters. She has taught Japanese at Washington and Lee University since 1974. The book *Rennyō* represents the culmination of over two decades of their research. Dr. Rogers passed away on August 25, 1991, while his book was in press.

Dr. Rogers, considering about what it is about Rennyō that has attracts him for so many years, realized two aspects to continue his research. Those different aspects were either Rennyō as an historical figure or Rennyō as master and saint, embodying a teaching from beyond history. His book continues to be responsive to both sides of the mundane and the transcendent. The book contents include Rennyō’s Life and Thought, the English translation of *The Letters*, and Rennyō’s Legacy.

Before Rennyō’s time, the Hongwanji was deserted where very few visited. However, Rennyō turned Shin Buddhism around as a mature religion by his knowledge and propagation skills. Shinran (1173-1263), had provided the core teachings and religious inspiration, but the school existed only as a scattered and loosely structures movement for two centuries without widespread appeal or organizational cohesion. Rennyō changed all that. He transformed Shinran’s teachings unflaggingly, he recruited countless members into the Shin community, he mapped out a practical religious life-style for those followers, he defined elements of ritual and religious practice, and he built up a massive and effective religious organization. In his wake, the Shin community expanded and flourished, emerging as the largest and most influential school of Japanese Buddhism by the beginning of the Tokugawa period (1600-1867).

Dr. Rogers presents his translation of the five fascicles of *Rennyō’s Letters* called the *Gobunshō* or *Ofumi*. Of the five fascicles, the first four are arranged chronologically. Fascicle one contains fifteen letters written between 1471 and 1473, following Rennyō’s arrival in Hokuriku. The next fifteen letters in fascicle two were issued in 1473 and 1474 from Yoshizaki where the Hongwanji had the magnificent Yoshizaki temple. Fascicle three contains thirteen letters written between 1474 and 1476, and another fifteen letters in fascicle four were issued between 1477 and 1498, the year before Rennyō’s death. The last twenty-two letters in fascicle five are undated.

You can imagine that there was no email, text, website, and SNS communication methods 800 years ago. Rennyō used the *Letters* to share Shinran’s teaching and Shin Buddhist Life Principles with the Shin community. Rennyō’s *Letters* were read with a special intonation which naturally stayed in people’s mind and easily memorized. OCBC service book introduces two *Letters: The Tradition of Shinran* (fascicle V-10) and the *White Ashes* (fascicle V-16), pp.20-21. Here is Dr. Rogers’ translation of fascicle V-10.

Fascicle V-10. On faith as fundamental:

What is taught by Master [Shinran] and in his school is that faith is fundamental. For when we cast away the sundry practices and single-heartedly take refuge in Amida, birth [in the Pure Land] is assured by the Buddha through the inconceivable working of the Vow. [Attaining] this state is also described as “entering, with the awakening of the one thought-moment [of entrusting], the company of those [whose birth is] truly settled.” The nenbutsu, saying the Name of the Buddha, should then be understood as the nenbutsu of grateful return for Amida’s benevolence, through which the Tathagata has established our birth.

Respectfully, [Rennyō, p.249]

Rennyō was, first of all, a religious teacher holding Shinran’s ideals to be the highest truth. Secondly, he was an awe-inspiring sectarian organizer seeking to make the Hongwanji the supreme authority of the Shin community. Finally, he was a man of social and political sensibilities who attempted to win acceptance and recognition from his followers in the broader historical context. Dr. Rogers states that Rennyō’s genius is reflected in the fact that, through religious symbols, expressions of his piety have been amenable to universalization to an extraordinary degree within the context of the Japanese intellectual and religious tradition as a whole. For this reason, the truth of Amida’s Vow-mind has been manifested in history for ordinary men and women seeking to live authentically in Japanese society over the past five hundred years and, more recently, in the West [Rennyō, p.361].

Review by Rev Dr Mutsumi Wondra

BWA News

Remember the gatha, Obon Obon it's Festival Day? Although there is always a lot of preparation leading up to our Obon Festival, you can always count on our hands-on Sangha and affiliate organizations to get the job done! Working, eating, and dancing together as in year's past reassured us that OCBC ties are strong and we will continue to grow as a "Family" and welcome all who step through our temple doors this fall, so please join us!

-On Monday, July 11th, 27 attendees enjoyed a delicious bento filled with chicken tenders, coleslaw, spinach oshitashi, and colorful watermelons. This month, we celebrated birthdays for Lynn Black, Jodi Hisamoto, Yuriko Tanaka, and Alison Yoshihara. Thank you to Yuriko Tanaka, Nancy Inafuku, Jodi Hisamoto, and Karen Nakagiri for the monetary donations. Our next Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, September 12th, so please join us for another opportunity to enjoy a tasty lunch with your friends.

-BWA would like to thank the chairs and their crew for preparing the delicious wontons, sushi, and somen starting with the food prep on Thursday until the frying of the last wonton on Sunday. We would especially like to thank the Girl Scouts and the Sports Department for helping us fill our shifts during this busy weekend.

-Thank you to Project Kokoro for arranging the field trip to see the Angkor exhibit at the California Science Center in Exposition Park. This fascinating exhibit and lunch was well received by everyone in attendance.

-Our next BWA meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18th, at 12:30 pm in the Kodo. Additional information will be provided in the weeks ahead.

-Registration for the FBWA Virtual Conference to be held October 14-16 **has been extended until September 2nd**. The cost is \$15 for BWA members and \$30 for non-members. If you would like to purchase a bento, it will be an additional \$15. To all attendees, OCBC will broadcast the conference in the Social Hall for members to watch together on Saturday and Sunday. More information will be available in the next issue.

-Exciting news, after a two-year absence, Mochitsuki will return on December 18, 2022. Please look for details in the coming months.

SD Buddhist Conference Summary – June 25, 2022

OCBC was the host of this enlightening conference entitled "Peace, Harmony, Co-Existence Today" with Keynote Speaker Rev. Kodo Umezu, former BCA Bishop. There were 150 in-person attendees as well as 80 on-line participants. After a very long absence, it was heartwarming to see many of our senior OC BWA members along with other temple members reunited under one roof for the opening service, Dharma messages, closing service and SD BWA meeting. Thank you to the many volunteers, who along with our BWA President, Lynn Black, put in long hours to make this a successful conference where everyone felt safe and at-home in our temple.

Save the Date - OC BWA Fall Fundraiser, September 15-29, 2022

It will be a combination of a Silent Auction (highest bidder wins) and a Buy it Now sale (first bidder wins). There will be various Asian inspired goods such as chinaware, dolls, paintings, and vintage clothing as well as craft items made by our BWA members. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our fundraisers.

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

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura



2022 Southern District Buddhist Conference

On June 25, 2022, OCBC hosted the 2022 Southern District Buddhist Conference which was a hybrid conference with 150 in-person and 80 online participants. Bishop Harada was the doshi for opening service and Rev. Kodo Umezu (former BCA Bishop) was the keynote speaker.

The conference theme was "Peace, Harmony, Co-Existence Today." There was a Japanese breakout with a Dharmathon with Revs. Takata, Furumoto and Murakami. For the English speaking breakout a panel consisting of Rev. Crane, Janis Hirohama, Michael Li, and Marcia Taborga discussed Temple Diversity.

The Southern District extends appreciation to OCBC, OCBC Board, and to the OCBC BWA for the tremendous efforts to present a hybrid conference in an OCBC way.

The conference concluded with a SDBWA General Meeting conducted by OCBC BWA President, Lynn Black

In gassho,
Rick Oishi
SD Buddhist Conference Chair

2022 SD Buddhist Conference In-Person Registrants



Photo taken by Greg Goodman

Dharma School

Dharma School is extremely happy to welcome everyone back to OCBC on September 11!! It is very exciting to realize that we can once again attend service together and interact with our friends during Dharma School and adult study classes as we learn about the Buddha Dharma. We still need to continue to be mindful of health and safety guidelines that exist to protect ourselves and others.

Dharma School

The following is the schedule for Dharma School classes for September and October. We look forward to seeing you in class!

September 11 and 25

October 2, 9, 16, and 23

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

Obon Festival

On July 16-17 we had a very successful 2-day Obon festival with the return of many of our favorite foods, a Daion Taiko performance, the colorful Obon dancers, and the spectators who enjoyed the traditional music and dancing.

We want to extend a huge "Thank you" to Gail Kusano who teaches the volunteering Dharma School teachers the dances to assist her before each festival. We appreciate Gail and the following teachers who helped: Dr. Rev. Mutsumi Wondra, Rev. Ellen Crane, Alison Yoshihara, Dorothy Matsuoka, Irene Yamanishi, Joanne Ishii, Joyce Yada, Marion Nishimura, Merry Hiroshima, Sharon Kawakami, Stacey Suzuki, Teri Futaba, and Teri Whited.

The taiko players, Aaron Nagayama, Chris Terada, Joyce Ochiai, and Kallie Ochiai provided the beat for the dancers while Alan Maruyama, David Okino, and Kent Suzuki managed the audio equipment. Many thanks to everyone who helped, and a special thank you to David Yamamoto for emceeing, announcing each dance and keeping everyone well-entertained.

Janet Sakahara, her helpers, and the many generous bakers of sweets provided a well-organized and profitable Baked Sale booth. Thank you for your time and energy!

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Our scrip program helps to provide the Dharma School teachers with materials, conference fees, etc. We want to extend appreciative thanks to the people who support our scrip program to help supplement our expenses. If you are new to ordering scrip or have any questions, please contact the Dharma School Scrip Coordinator, Cheryl Higashi: 562-857-2926 or email pigashi@aol.com.

Welcoming New Students

If you, or someone in your family, are new to OCBC and would like to attend Dharma School, please contact us at dharma.school@orangecountybuddhist.org. We welcome new students at any time during the school year. In addition, if you know of any Pre-K – high school students who are interested, please share the email address with them.

We look forward to seeing you!

In gassho,
Gail Harada



Dharma School Scrip Program

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

Project Kokoro News

California Science Center 7/28/22

A group of twenty people enjoyed the recent bus trip to view this international touring exhibit, known as one of the archeological wonders of the world, featuring over 120 ancient artifacts! Through the exhibit and a visually stunning movie, **Angkor 3D**, we were able to journey back 900 years to discover the engineering and cultural wonders and daily life in the Khmer empire, once the most extensive metropolis in the world. Many thanks to Diana Ono for picking up the delicious bento from 'N Café' of Gardena, and the carpool driver /volunteers: Tom Crane, Dorothy Matsuoka, Betty Ann Nagami, Aaron Nagayama, and Richard Uyeno.



Team Scattergories Game

Due to popularity this fun and mentally stimulating game continues! Upcoming dates are Monday, September 19 and Monday, October 17 from 10am to 11am. Please log-on by 9:50am so the game can start promptly. To register to play, and get a Zoom link, contact: Betty Ann Nagami:

betnag3s@me.com

PK Craft Club

PK Crafts took a break during August but has resumed 'in-person' meetings as of September 7th from 9am to 12pm each Wednesday in the Social Hall. Thank you all for a successful Boutique during Obon. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy your items as much as the Craft Club enjoyed making them. Please watch for details of our upcoming annual Fall Boutique for great holiday giving.

For more information contact: Dorothy Matsuoka:

dcmatsuoka@aol.com or Rumi Nakatani:

rumiko@sbcglobal.net

Craft On-Line Boutique and Obon Booth

For gifting to friends, family – or yourself! You will want to check-out the many hand-crafted items to purchase from the on-line boutique. Here is the website 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

PK Membership and Involvement

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

staceysuzuki@yahoo.com or Chris Hirata:

cthirata@gmail.com

In gassho, Neddie Bokosky

ABA NEWS

Summer is simply, a happy season! The smiles on the kids' (and teachers') faces since they don't have to go to school; the smiles on the tourist's faces exploring new places; the smiles on the grandparents' faces who get to spend more time with their families; and the smiles on everyone's faces who attended our Obon! Although different from those of the past, Obon was still so much fun!

My Obon fun continued as I danced at the Vista Obon and the Palo Alto Obon. They were all different (including the dances!), but one thing was prevalent among all three; everyone was so happy to be with each other again! Palo Alto's MC was so grateful that people came to dance, that he kept having encores of dances! No one wanted it to end. I have met with more friends during these past few months, than I ever have in such a short time span. We've all missed our times together more than we realized. This becomes so clear when we are together again.

Of course, our OCBC Obon wasn't all about dancing and having fun. The hard work of those in charge of the ABA responsibilities: Mark Sollberger, Linda Ogawa, Janet Uyeno, and Chieko Miyake are much appreciated. They made sure that everything ran smoothly and efficiently. Thank you to all of you, who made the time to help out as well.

Unfortunately, the Japan Trip was postponed again. There were too many restrictions due to Covid, that it didn't seem reasonable to make the trip at this time. So what's next you ask? It's the new school year, and that means a new membership year for ABA. We are hoping to get some new recruits, and to bring back some of the fun activities which have been the signature of the OCBC ABA organization. Do you have any ideas for local outdoor excursions which might be possible? If so, please share them with me, or any of the other ABA officers.

As summer comes to a close, I hope that you are simply, happy. (Insert Pharrell Williams' song HAPPY here!)

With Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai

Daion Taiko

Did you enjoy Obon? We did and were very happy to perform in front of our hometown crowd. We were especially happy to have our beginners, for the first time in three years, out there performing with us. Of course, Obon isn't all about taiko, it's about food too. Thank you to Barb Konishi, Janet Hayashida, and Joyce Ochiai for rallying the troops and leading the way again on our chicken salad.

Here in August still, summer season isn't quite over for us, as we're also gearing up for OCO's Natsumatsuri and Jr. YBA's upcoming conference.

Then it'll be time to reset and take on the new season with 3 full teams for the first time in a long while. We'll have new faces, new songs, and NEW drums (finally!).



Upcoming Events

OCO Natsumatsuri 8/27
 First Day of Practice 9/11
 OC Komen More Than Pink Walk 9/25

In Gassho,
 Daryl Doami

Jr. YBA

Hello everyone! We hope that everyone has had a fun and enjoyable summer. Jr. Y had some fun events these past few months. In June, Jr. Y members helped to present Alyssa Ige's Gold Award project at Tanaka Farms' yearly *Walk the Farm* event. We taught walkers the basics of different nutritional topics under the project name *Nutrition for Newbies*, and this project has now become an official part of the *Walk the Farm* event. Please look forward to seeing *Nutrition for Newbies* and Jr. Y at next year's walk! Next, we held an end-of-the-year breakfast celebrating Fathers Day and our graduated seniors. We watched videos made by our historians recognizing our seniors and what we did this past year. For our year end activity, Jr. Y got to spend a fun day at Knott's Berry Farm. Everyone got to have fun on the rides and we ended the day eating dinner together at the Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner restaurant.

In July, Jr. Y worked our yearly shifts at Obon! All of our members came and helped out, and we are glad that Obon is being held in person again. It was nice to catch up with everyone and enjoy the festivities!

Our members are still working on planning our SD Jr. YBL conference in September. It is coming up soon so we are working hard to prepare a fun and enjoyable experience. We have been busy meeting up together to organize decorations and create the workshops. This is the first in-person conference since the pandemic, and many of us have never experienced a conference before. We are so excited to be hosting!

Lastly, we would like to give a big thank you to our 2021-2022 cabinet, especially our presidents. Everyone has worked hard this past year, and our old cabinet has done a fantastic job! This is the last Korin article that Allyson and I are writing together, and we are now checking off as your 2021-2022 Publicity chairs. Thank you!

In Gassho,
 Alyssa Ige
 OCBC Jr. YBA Publicity



Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041

GIRL SCOUT
Daisies

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041 is preparing for the start of a new year and we're looking to grow

our troop. The girls will be able to explore and have fun as they earn a journey award and badges. They'll connect with new girls and form friendships, meet their big sisters through shared events, and explore Girl Scout traditions like Investiture, mochi making, and Girls' Day. The troop will work together to find a cause they care about and take action to make the world a better place with a service project.

If you know of a girl entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade this fall who might be interested in joining, please contact Julie Tanoue-Yao at djcrabfamily@gmail.com.



In gassho,
Julie Tanoue-Yao, Troop Leader

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

Happy summer! In May at our End-of-the-Year Ceremony, we recognized nine Scouts that completed three years at the Cadette level and earned their Silver Award: Madison Huerta, Sela Ju, Lauren Nakada, Kristin Ng, Kayla Takesita, Justine Ueno, Emma Wakabayashi, Mara Williamson and Tamlyn Yoshida. Congratulations!

The Cadettes ended the 2021-2022 year in August with Obon as our last event, and now we are beginning the new year 2022-2023 with our first meeting on September 09 in-person at OCBC! This year will include seven new Cadettes that Bridged from the Junior Level: Audrey Decker, Ellie Lock, Miya Nakagawa, Madison Nakao, Kara Pay, Sydney Sato, and Amelia Yamami. One of the first topics at our meeting will be to plan on completing our AMAZE Journey.



We're very excited to be starting the new year and look forward to seeing you all back at OCBC!

In Gassho,
Sherry Sato

It's pickling season.



Time to play pickleball!



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

Weekly sessions in the newly renovated MPB gym, email for more information:

Wednesdays (12:30 – 2:30 pm) session – Ryan at rko7@hotmail.com

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

Boy Scout Troop 578 Announces Newest Eagle Scouts



Anaheim- Boy Scouts of America Troop 578, chartered by the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) in Anaheim, is proud to announce five scouts who recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

On May 21, 2022, Michael Lee, Benjamin Mendoza, Kenji Swun, Matthew Lee, and Tyler Chia were recognized at an Eagle Court of Honor. The ceremony included an inspirational speech by Assistant Scoutmaster Edwin Wakabayashi.

Only four percent of scouts obtain the rank of Eagle. To be considered for the Eagle Scout rank, the highest award a Boy Scout may earn, a candidate must be active in his troop, hold a leadership position, earn at least 21 merit badges (including 13 Eagle required badges), complete a leadership service project benefiting his local community, and receive letters of recommendation.

The rank of Eagle represents many years of dedicated effort, and the successful completion of a long process which started when the young man became a Boy Scout. It is a demonstration of how people, working together, can truly help mold a young man with a solid sense of leadership, citizenship, and responsibility.



Michael Lee, son of Peter and Linda Lee, is a Junior at Los Alamitos High School. Michael plays for the Los Al Lacrosse team and was a captain for the JV team and is currently a Varsity athlete. He is also an active participant in many school organizations like CSF and First Robotics Team 6220, along with various clubs.

Michael began scouting as a Tiger Scout with Pack 578 and later crossed over to Troop 578 in

2016. Throughout his scouting career, he has held many positions, on the patrol and troop level, including: Outdoor Ethics Guide, Patrol Quartermaster, Patrol Leader, Troop Quartermaster, Patrol Instructor, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Michael has attended almost every event that the troop has offered. Some of his favorite events are the Shotgun Shooting camp, Summer Camps, and Beach Camp. One of his fondest experiences during scouts was during the 2017 White Water Rafting camp when the troop forgot to bring cooking supplies, and they had to find a new way to cook their dinner.

For his Eagle Project, he made Covid Care Packages for the seniors in the city of Long Beach. His beneficiary was Mrs. Gladys Kaiser with the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine-Senior/Older Adults Program. He selected this project because his great uncle (Tom), a resident at the Nikkei Senior Gardens Home in Arleta, has mentioned feeling isolated and a lack of activities for him due to social distancing and outdoor restrictions. Michael wanted to provide the Long Beach seniors with activities to keep them entertained while staying socially safe. Within his care packages, he included Scout and Volunteer sewn reusable masks, Scout hand written letters of positivity and encouragement, a reading book, crossword/sudoku/activity books, a pen, hand sanitizer, and a disposable mask all contained in a T578 tote bag.

Going into the future, Michael hopes to pursue a career in mechanical engineering and computer science. Additionally, Michael will be attending the 2022 AIM Summer Program at the United States Coast Guard Academy, after which he hopes to attend one of the five service academies.

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Benjamin Mendoza, son of Sandra and Jesse Mendoza, recently graduated from Cerritos High School and is attending UC Irvine in the fall. While attending Cerritos High, Benjamin was involved in many student organizations such as Associated Student Body, where he served as ASB President, Model United Nations, Cross Country, and Track.

Benjamin began scouting as a Tiger Cub in Pack 578. He finished Cub

Scouts in 2014 and then crossed over to Troop 578. While in Troop 578, he held a plethora of leadership positions including Troop Historian, Troop Scribe, Patrol Leader, Patrol Instructor, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He has many fond memories with Troop 578, one being his time spent at Rock Creek. Rock Creek is Troop 578's annual campout in Mammoth, California with a fishing derby. He has attended this camp many times and thoroughly enjoyed his time there.

Benjamin began his Eagle Project in September of 2021. His aunt, Ines Mendoza, is a kindergarten teacher at Compton Avenue Elementary. During the summer, he visited his aunt's kindergarten classroom. It is a Title 1 school and he noticed that the classroom was lacking important supplies and materials such as books and furniture. Because of this, he decided to construct a bookshelf and also hold a book drive to donate to the classroom. With support from his Eagle Project Advisor, Mr. Mike Nishida, Benjamin was able to successfully construct the bookshelf and donate it to the classroom. As for the book drive, Benjamin was in contact with the school's principal who curated a list of books that they would like to receive. These books discussed topics such as diversity and inclusion. The principal and Benjamin felt it important to collect donations of books that would reflect the diversity of the school. The book drive was a success with over 100 books collected. Benjamin officially earned the rank of Eagle on April 12, 2022.

Benjamin is deeply thankful for the support from Troop 578, Orange County Buddhist Church, and all the friends and family who supported him along the way.



Kenji Swun, son of Si and Sallie Swun, is a rising senior at Los Alamitos High School. He is a varsity runner in both cross country and track and will be completing his fourth year in both sports this year. Kenji has taken numerous AP courses and has been involved in CSF, Spanish Honor Society, and volunteer clubs. He has been the co-president of the Helping Hands Volunteer Club the past two years.

Kenji started scouting in the first grade as a Tiger Scout in Pack 578

and crossed over into Troop 578 in 2016 with his Arrow of Light, Metta Award, and Super Achiever Award after fifth grade. He has held multiple positions including: patrol historian, scribe, quartermaster, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, instructor, trail to first class instructor, and troop guide. Kenji's favorite summer camp has been Camp Cherry Valley at Catalina island, as well as the annual shotgun shooting event.

For his eagle project, Kenji planned and carried out the creation of 4 raised garden planters and a large movable trellis for Orange County Buddhist Church in Anaheim. He chose OCBC as his eagle beneficiary as he has been a lifelong member participating in Dharma school, taiko, youth groups, sports, and scouts. His inspiration came from his grandfather and eagle advisor, Paul Fujimoto, who is an active member and helps maintain the landscape at the temple. Through the guidance of his grandfather and his "Uncle" Earl, Assistant Scoutmaster Earl King, the elderly members of OCBC now have a place where they can grow vegetables and flowers. Kenji obtained the rank of Eagle scout on April 26, 2022.

Kenji would like to thank Troop 578, OCBC, and the families who have supported and guided him throughout his scouting career. When Kenji graduates in 2023, he plans to pursue a career in economics and finance.



Matthew Lee, son of Peter and Linda Lee, is a rising senior at Los Alamitos High School. He is the electrical lead for FIRST Robotics Competition Team 6220 and a member of CSF. He has taken several AP classes and maintained strong grades during his time in high school. In addition, he has participated in several other activities, such as OCBC SEYO

Basketball and Jr. YBA.

Matthew joined Pack 578 as a Tiger Scout before eventually crossing over in 2016 to join Troop 578. He has held a variety of leadership positions, such as historian, outdoor ethics guide, patrol leader of the Kuma patrol, and most recently, Trail to First Class coordinator.

Matthew has gone on many outings during his time in Troop 578. Some of his favorites included Summer Camp at Camp Cherry Valley and Beach Camp at San Clemente State Beach. One of his favorite memories was during the New Boy Hike, where he hiked to the peak of Mt. Wilson as an inexperienced hiker. The accomplishment taught him that he can do anything if he has the determination to do so.

For Matthew's Eagle project, he built storage cubbies and a shelving unit for his former 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Ruth Freedman-Finch, at Weaver Elementary School. With the help and guidance of his Eagle ASM advisor, Mr. Sutai Wu, Matthew was able to build 2 new cubby units and a multi-tier storage unit for storing books and other supplies. Matthew is looking forward to his senior visit to Weaver Elementary in 2023 to see the new furniture pieces in action.

Going into the future, Matthew plans to pursue a career in electrical or computer engineering. He plans to attend an accredited university with a major in electrical engineering.



Tyler Chia, son of Jenn and Tom Chia, recently graduated from El Dorado High School in Placentia, California. While attending El Dorado, Tyler was involved in Volleyball, Basketball, National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, OC Outreach, and other various clubs.

Tyler began his scouting career with Troop 578 in 2017. He was a part of the Scorpion patrol and has served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop

Scribe, Troop Outdoor Ethics Guide and a Troop Instructor. His favorite events include the annual ocean fishing trip, Rock Creek campout, backpacking trips, and shotgun shooting.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Tyler built four basketball racks for Chibiko Basketball with the help of ASM Mauldin, ASM Wu, and beneficiary representative, Mr. Calvin Togashi. Chibiko Basketball is a youth basketball clinic held at Orange County Buddhist Church for boys and girls in elementary school. The basketball racks replaced old trash cans that had been used at Chibiko to store the balls. They will help make the clinic more organized and give the players a better experience. They are also built with non-marking rubber casters to protect the new OCBC gym floor and made collapsible to store in tight spaces. Each of the racks were painted with the color of the teams - red, yellow, green, and blue.

Tyler would like to thank everyone who has supported him in his time with Troop 578, from all of the Scout Masters, to the ASMs, scouts, and everyone in between. Tyler will be attending UCLA in the fall where he will be studying Physical Sciences with hopes of pursuing a career in statistics.

In Memoriam

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

Ronald Wong Jue
Kelly Michi Iriye
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Kathleen Chieko Nakata

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

Namu Amida Butsu

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Inafuku, Nancy (2)	Inafuku, Scott
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Ishibashi, Sharon	Ishii, Donna
Ito, Tomio	Iwasaki, Mary
Iwata, David	Iwata, Ellyn
Iwata, Kay Sakuye	Kadowaki, Alice
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Katsumoto, Kaiji	Kawaguchi, Mitsuo
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Kono, Bryan/Joni	Kosakura, Lori
Kuroda, Darlene	Kyomen, Yoshie
Maeda, Fumiko	Matsui, Glenn/Nancy
Matsumoto, Masako	Matsumoto, Shizuko M.
Miller, Yoko	Miyaji, Nobuo Rev.
Miyashiro, Isamu (2)	Morioka, Dennis
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Murakami, Kyohei/Michie	Muro, Sharon
Nakagaki, Hiromichi	Nakata, Paul
Nakawaki, Beverly K.	Nakawaki, Fushio/Yoshiko
Nakawaki, Tad (2)	Nakayama, Mary Y.
Noguchi, Hidetaka/Setsuko	Osaki, Kerry
Osako, Eisuke	Osako, Michiko
Osako, Philip/Sherrie	Osako, Tilden/Lisa
Osako, Tilden/Lisa	Oshiro, Richard/Marilyn
Otsuka, Stella (2)	Ozaki Moses, Kayoko
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Shimazu, Maile	Shimizu, Bruce/ Nagatomi, Kiyo (2)
Shimizu, Gregory/Linda	Shimizu, Joyce
Shinsato, Faith/Tommy	Sugimura, Stacy
Sunada, John/Mary	Sunahara, Suzy F.
Suzuki, Kyoko	Suzuki, Richard A.
Tabata, Joyce	Taber, Alice/Ron
Takata, Toshiki	Takeda, Kazuto
Tanaka, Tracy	Thompson, David
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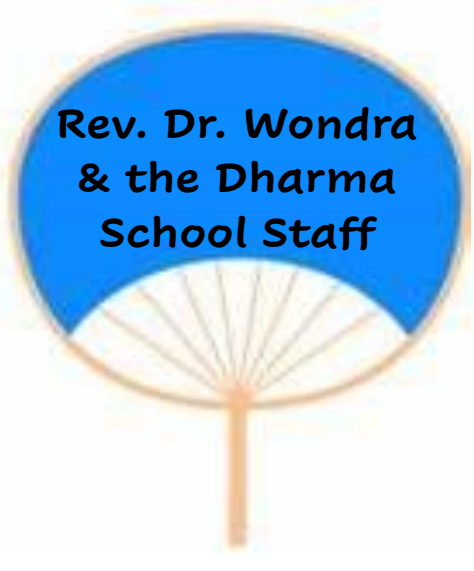
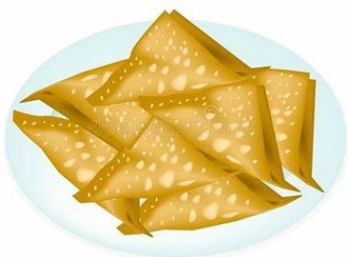




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まことの宗教とは？

お寺の9月からの新しいカレンダーが始まりました。まだまだ夏は真っ只中ですが、お変わりなくお過ごしのことと念じております。



7月16・17日両日に開催されました「お盆祭り」では、多くのお手伝い、ご参加、またご支援をいただきまして、誠にありがとうございます。盆踊りには沢山の方々が来られて大盛況となりました。写真にもあるように、今年は吉原アリソンさんが用意してくださった新しいお揃いの浴衣で踊りました。

この7月8日には安倍元総理が選挙遊説中に銃で殺害されるという信じられない事件が起こりました。このニュースが飛び込んで来たとき、「あれ本当かしら」と疑ったことでした。世界でも指折りの安全な日本という国で、銃による犯行があったとは信じ固いニュースでした。このような白昼の蛮行は断じて許し難く、犯人は安倍氏と関係があったとする宗教団体への怨みを語ったと言われています。本当に残念なことです。

この悲惨な事件を通して宗教が私たち人間に及ぼす大きな影響を考えさせられます。世界には三大宗教とされるキリスト教・イスラム教・仏教のほかに多くの教えがあります。なかには人の弱みに付け込んで、靈感商法と呼ばれる教えに導くこともあると聞きます。

「まことの宗教とは何であるか？」この問いはとても大事なことです。自分の思う通りに物事が行かないこの娑婆世界で生きている私たちにとっては、どうしても毎日の生活にプラスになる教えを探してしまいます。開運・健康・富を増やせる教えなど。どうしても自分の目の前のことばかりに気を取られて、その解決をしてくれる教えを探しがちではないで

しょうか？

ある先生から、まことの宗教とは自分の人生に納得して、自分の最後に対して心の安心を与えてくれる教えであると聞いたことがあります。すなわち親鸞聖人さまが求められた「生死（しょうじ）出（い）づべき道」の解決を示してくれる教えがまことの宗教といえるのではないのでしょうか。

「生死（しょうじ）出（い）づべき道」とは、私たちに共通の生老病死の問題と愛する人との世で別れなければいけない愛別離苦などを含めた四苦八苦のことです。現代日本語では四苦八苦というと、四苦八苦してようやくあの仕事をしたとか大変な苦勞を意味しますが、もともとは仏教用語です。

「生死出づべき道」を親鸞聖人は阿弥陀如来さまのまことの願い（「本願」）に見出されたのです。阿弥陀さまが私たちを必ず救うと誓われた「本願に出遇うこと」によって、自らがかかえていた生死の問題が、はじめて解決したのです。だからこそ、親鸞聖人は「本願こそが唯一真実の教えである」といただくことができたのです。また実際に、本願を真実の教えであるといいただくことができたからこそ、それを説かれたお釈迦さまの教えがいつわりであるはずはないと言いつちられました。

人生で何が起こっても阿弥陀さまのお救いは不変であり、その喚（よ）び声である南無阿弥陀仏は絶えず至り届いているのです。

❖ 祥月法要について

先に連絡していますように、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が、ご了承ください。お参りをご希望の方は、お寺のウェッブサイトにあるグーグル・フォームを記入して送信ください。法要中はマスク着用となります。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。

❖ 九月祥月法要

10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

❖ 十月祥月法要

1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

❖ 「お盆祭り」のお礼

7月16・17日に開催されました「お盆祭り」には多くの方々のお手伝い、またご参加をいただきまして、誠にありがとうございました。おかげさまで大盛況に終わることができました。皆さまからのご支援に感謝申し上げます。

❖ 「秋・彼岸セミナー」

(英語のみ)のご案内

今年の講師は、サンマテオ仏教会のヘンリー・アダムス先生をお迎えして、Zoomによりセミナーを催します。

詳細についてはお寺のホームページをご覧ください。

- ・ 日時：9月17日(土)
午前10時より

❖ 「秋・彼岸法要」のご案内

日時：9月18日(日)午前10時より本堂で対面法要のあと、ヘンリー・アダムス先生より日本語・英語の録画法話をお聴聞します。

❖ オレンジ郡仏教会の再開予定

オミクロン異種であるBA5およびBA2、75の感染者数が増加する傾向にあります。どうぞお大事にお暮しください。

現在、日曜礼拝にはワクチン接種完了者200名の参加が可能となっていますが、感染状況によっては変更となる可能性もあります。質問の際は
hello@orangecountypuddhist.org にお問い合わせください。

❖ 納骨堂へのお参り

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

婦人会だより



* 「お盆、お盆、お祭りだ！」という言葉をおぼえてらっしゃいますか？わたしたちのお盆に向けて沢山の用意が必要ですが、サンガとあらゆる組織の方々のおかげで問題なく行われます。パンデミックの前のように一緒に働き、食事をし、盆踊りを踊り、OCBCファミリーとし

ての絆は強く、これからも大きくなっていくという確信が持てたお盆祭りでした。この秋にお寺に訪問される方々を歓迎いたします。

* 7月11日(月)、27名の参加者が、チキンテンダー、コールスロー、ほうれん草のおしたし、とスイカを詰めた美味しい弁当を楽しみました。今月は、ブラック・リンさん、久本ジョーディさん、田中ユキ子さん、吉原アリソンさんの誕生日を祝いました。寄付をくださった田中ユキ子さん、稲福ナンシーさん、久本ジョーディさん、中桐カレンさんに感謝いたします。次回のシニアランチは9月12日(月)に開催されますので、ぜひご参加いただき、美味しいランチをお友達とともに楽しみたいと思います！

* お盆祭りでは、ワントン・寿司・ソーメンの各チェアの方、またそれぞれのグループの方々には木曜日の仕込みから日曜日の最後までお手伝いいただき、大変ありがとうございました。また、ガールスカウトの方々そして、スポーツ・デパートメントの方々には大変忙しい週末に私達のシフトに参加していただき深く感謝致します。

* プロジェクト心の方々、エクスポジション公園のカリフォルニアサイエンスセンターで開催されているアンカーエグジビジョンへのフィールドトリップを計画して頂き大変ありがとうございました。とても興味深いエグジビジョンとランチは参加者の皆様にとっても好評でした。

* 次回のBWAMミーティングは、9月18日小堂で12時半より行われます。詳細は後日ご連絡致します。

* 10月14日から16日に行われるFBWAのパーチユアルコンファレンスのレジストレーションは9月2日まで延期されました。BWAのメンバーの方は15ドル、メンバー以外の方は30ドルです。お弁当を購入

希望の方々は15ドル追加となります。参加者の方々の為にOCBCではソーシャルホールにてコンファレンスを土曜日と日曜日にブロードキャスト致します。詳細は次の光輪で連絡致します。

南区仏教徒コンファレンスの要約―6月25日

OCBCは「今日の平和・協調・共生」という啓発的なテーマの下に、基調法話にBCA前総長である梅津先生をお迎えして行いました。150人が対面参加し、80人がオンライン参加でした。長期のコロナ禍のあと、ようやく南加にあるBWAのメンバーたちが一緒に集うことができ、ありがたく感じました。参加者の安全を考え、このコンファレンスを大盛況に導いた沢山のボランティアの方々とBWAのプレジデントであるブラックリンさんに感謝します。

OCBWA秋の募金活動 9月15日から29日(1)の日をマークしてください。

サイレント・オークション(高い値段に落札される)と今すぐ購入可能(初めに入札した人に落札される)の組み合わせです。東洋を思わす様々な陶器、人形、絵、ピクチャーの洋服、そしてBWAのメンバーの方々の手作りのクラフトなどが購入できます。皆さまのご協力をお願い致します。

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 には BWA@orangecountybuddhist.org へ。



合掌 中村クリス



「ご寄付」

(2022年6月20日〜2022年8月13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 9,300ドル

「降誕会法要」

「降誕会」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)

フジオカ メイ
フジオカ ロイ

「納骨堂」

「ご寄付」ご芳名です。(敬称略)

匿名
ブラックフォード リック
土網 康子 (2)
花野 デイーン・ミッシェル
広島 リチャード・メリー
熊本 ロバート
マツナミ ジュウイチ
モリス シリマ (2)
中川 モリース
斉藤 俊子 (2)

合計 2,931ドル

「仏教会にお礼」

「ご寄付」ご芳名です。(敬称略)

フレットウエル ナンシー
平野 ケリー
石橋 アラン・リンダ (2)
ジュウ ナオミ (2)
カワカミ シヤロン
小櫻 ローリー
クラサキ ジーン (3)
マツナガ ジェームス・イボンヌ (3)
中川 モリース
タニザワ リチャード・キャロル
請川 ジョニー
矢田 ファミリー (2)
合計 4,475ドル

「仏教会に特別寄付」

「ご芳名」です。(敬称略)

匿名
チア トミー・ジェニファー
コックス ゲイリー
土網 康子
ガルシア ジョー・タバーガ マルシア
ガーデナー ジュデイー
ハナモト リンダ
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ヒロハマ ジャニス
池坊クラス
岩永 ダグラス

ジュニア YBA
倉本 リチャード
クサノ シヤロン
リー イェン
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森田 リン
ナガミ ベテイーアン
西村 ロッド・マリオン (3)
OBC カブスカウト578隊 (2)
落合 ジョイス
オオハマ ナンシー
オキニシ ジャン
大森 テリー
大西 ロイ
ポラード ジェイムス・ヒロハマ ジャニス
坂原 ジャネット
重永 ウインストン
清水 チョウイチ・シヤロン
高木 キヤロル・ノボル
タケムラ キヤシー
トレセダー キヤサリーン (2)
若林 エドウィン・ローリー (2)
ヤオ ダニー (2)
小櫻 タツク様への追悼
金子 リチャード・ルース
ヨシカネ フランクリン様への追悼
ヨシカネ ドリス

合計6,520ドル



「初盆法要」

さる7月10日に営みました「初盆」法要にご
寄付戴きました方々のお名前は、英語欄のページ
をご覧くださいませ。

合計 1,611ドル

「花祭り法要」(追加分・敬称略)

「花祭り」法要にご寄付戴きました方のお名前です。

フジオカ メイ

フジオカ ロイ

「花祭り特別寄付」(追加分・敬称略)

花祭り特別寄付を戴きました方のお名前です。

フジオカ メイ

「お賽銭」

ご寄付です。(敬称略)

鈴木 ロン・キョウコ

匿名

合計395ドル

「お盆法要」(追加分)

「お盆」法要にご寄付戴きました方々のお名前
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合計 5,870ドル

「お盆特別寄付」(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、

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合計10,923ドル

『お彼岸』法要

ご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

土網 康子

フジオカ メイ

フジオカ ロイ

谷 ゴードン・ジョーン

合計 255ドル

「永代経ファンド」

ご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

ドイ ケン・ジョーン様への追悼

フイーコ ヴィッキー

お葬儀



故ジュウ ロナルド ウオン

2021年3月6日往生

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2022年3月30日往生

故マツナガ マサヒデ

2022年5月24日往生

故平野 サリー みつこ

2022年6月15日往生

故中田 キヤサリーン ちえこ

2022年7月11日往生

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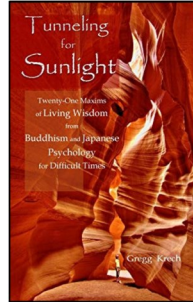
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

FEATURED BOOK:

Tunneling for Sunlight
(Second 10 maxims)

by Gregg Krech

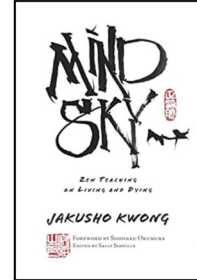


TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022

FEATURED BOOK:

Mind Sky: Zen Teaching on Living and Dying (Part 1)

by Jakusho Kwong



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

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OCBC Fall Ohigan Seminar

Rev. Henry Adams
San Mateo Buddhist Temple

Saturday, 17 Sept 2022, 10:00 am

The Tragedy at Rajagriha and a Visit from the Compassionate Buddha (seminar in English)



We will explore the teachings of the *Contemplation Sutra* and learn about the Buddha's approach to dealing with family crisis and injustice.

OCBC, VBT, BTSD Tri-Temple Seminar

Rev. Hibiki Murakami
Los Angeles Nishi Betsuin

Saturday, 1 Oct 2022, 10:00 am

Encountering Amida's Vow: From Scrolls to Online Propagation
(seminar in English & Japanese)



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Sun service times: 8:30 am Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism-Meditation, Chanting, and Active Listening (Kodo),
10:00 am Family Service (Hondo/Main Sanctuary)

Wed service time: 7:00 pm Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism

Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service): 4:30 pm (Hondo/Main Sanctuary)

September 2022– Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 7, 14, 21, 28

- 4 No service (Labor Day observance)
- 10 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 11 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 17 **Fall Ohigan Seminar English Only**
- 18 No Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, **Fall Ohigan Service**
- 25 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School

October 2022 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 5, 12, 19, 26

- 1 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 2 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 9 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 16 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 23 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 30 SD Joint Celebration at Gardena Buddhist Church/Hybrid (**No Services at OCBC**)

November 2022 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 2, 9, 16, 30

- 5 **Church Clean-up**, Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 6 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, **All Life Forms Memorial**, Dharma School
- 13 No Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, **Eitaikyo Service**
- 20 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 27 No services (Thanksgiving observance)

December 2022 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 7, 14, 21

- 3 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 4 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 11 **Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Year End Appreciation**
- 18 Mochitsuki (**Tentative**), Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism
- 25 No Services (Holiday)
- 31 **New Year's Eve Service - 4:30 pm**

January 2023 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 4, 11, 18, 25

- 1 **New Year's Day Service – 10:00 am**
- 7 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 8 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 14 **OCBC Shin-nen-en-kai New Year's Party, General Meeting and Installation of OCBC Board Officers**
- 15 No Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, **Ho-onko Service**
- 22 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 29 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School

February 2023 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 1, 8, 15, 22

- 4 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 5 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 12 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 19 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 26 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School

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March 2023 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- 4 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 5 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 12 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 18 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, **Spring Ohigan Seminar**
- 19 No Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, **Spring Ohigan Service**
- 26 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School

April 2023 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 5, 12, 19, 26

- 1 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 2 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 9 No Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, **Hanamatsuri Service**
- 15, 16 **HANAMATSURI FESTIVAL, NO Services (Tentative)**
- 23 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 30 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School

May 2023 – Wednesday - Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism - 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

- 6 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 7 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 14 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Pancake Breakfast **(Tentative)**, Mother's Day Service @10:30 am
- 21 No Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, **Gotan-e Service, Hatsumairi Rites**
- 28 No services (Memorial Day observance)
- 29 Memorial Day Service at OCBC @ 9:40 am, Cemetery Visitations (see schedule in Korin and website)

June 2023 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 7, 14, 21, 28

- 3 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 4 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 11 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 18 No Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, **Father's Day Service, All Music Service & Awards**
- 25 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, **NO Dharma School until September 10**

July 2023 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 5, 12, 19, 26

- 2 No services (Independence Day Observance)
- 8 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 9 No Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, **Obon Service, Hatsubon Service**
- 15, 16 **OBON FESTIVAL, NO services (Tentative)**
- 23 Zoom Summer Dharma
- 30 Zoom Summer Dharma

August 2023 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- 5 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 6 Zoom Summer Dharma
- 13 Zoom Summer Dharma
- 20 Zoom Summer Dharma
- 27 Zoom Summer Dharma

September 2023 – Wednesday- Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism – 6, 13, 20, 27

- 3 No services (Labor Day Observance)
- 9 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
- 10 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School
- 16 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, **Fall Ohigan Seminar**
- 17 **No Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Fall Ohigan Service**
- 24 Mindfulness in Shin Buddhism, Family Service, Dharma School

Tomodachi Bento Project (TBP) Volunteers Needed

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

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

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

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

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

「友達弁当プロジェクト」(TBP) ボランティア募集

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

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

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

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

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To expedite your vehicle donation, please fill out and mail this form to OCBC, 909 S. Dale Ave, Anaheim, CA 92804, or e-mail to ocbc909@ocbuddhist.org, or call the information into the office at (714) 827-9590. The form is available online at www.ocbuddhist.org. Go to the "Get Involved" drop-down menu, then click on "Vehicle Donation," fill out the form, and click "Submit."

Your donation is tax deductible, for the vehicle's selling price (*if it sells for more than \$500*), or for the fair market value, up to \$500 (*if it sells for less than \$500*). Proceeds from your donation will help support community services and activities of Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC).

Name _____

Your Address/City/Zip _____

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Contact Info: Home Ph _____ Cell Ph _____ Email _____

Type of Vehicle: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Vehicle Identification # (VIN) _____

Vehicle License # _____ Odometer Reading _____

Do you have the Title, Pink Slip? Yes No Does the vehicle run? Yes No

Comments _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

Name on Title _____ Today's Date _____

**Thank you for your consideration in making a donation to the
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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
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

Annual Dues

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: _____		
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Family Membership Information		
Spouse Name _____		
Spouse Phone _____ Cell: _____		
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Child Name _____		
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Emergency Contact		
Name: _____ Phone: _____		
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	Date: _____	
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Regular reminder notices will not be sent to those who pay semi-annually, quarterly or monthly

STEP 3: MAIL	Orange County Buddhist Church
Send membership form and check to:	909 South Dale Avenue Anaheim, CA 92804
Mark or note on your check:	Method of Payment:
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Check No. _____ (Make check payable to OCBC) <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card (go to OCBuddhist.org)

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SEPTEMBER 2022 CALENDAR

2022年9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
AUGUST 28 10:00 AM Summer Dharma (Zoom)	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE NO SERVICES	5 LABOR DAY OBSERVED <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	6 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	7 7:00 PM –Zoom Mindfulness Meditation	8	9	10 In Person 4:30 PM Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
11 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 Study Class & Dharma School	12 6:00 PM –BEC English Zoom Class (Rev Dr. Wondra)	13 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 6:00 PM - BEC Book Club	14 7:00 PM –Zoom Mindfulness Meditation	15	16	17 10:00 AM – Zoom FALL OHIGAN SEMINAR English Rev. Henry Adams 7:00 PM –BEC Japanese Zoom Class (Rev Dr. Wondra)
18 NO Mindfulness Service 10:00 AM – 家族礼拝 Hybrid (In-Person/on-line) FALL OHIGAN SERVICE -Rev Henry Adams English/Japanese NO Dharma School	19	20 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	21 7:00 PM –Zoom Mindfulness Meditation	22	23	24 7:00 PM –BEC Japanese Zoom Class (Rev Dr. Wondra)
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Zoom Mindfulness Service Sign-Up

Use cell phone camera, focus on the QR code then tap link that appears.



BEC Book Club Sign-Up

Use cell phone camera, focus on the QR code then tap link that appears.