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BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

June 2015

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Our Vision

A Community Where Our Spiritual Life And True Self Can Be Realized

Our Mission

To Live A Life Of Joy In The Nembutsu And Share The Dharma With Others

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WEB EDITION

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FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 7 - Dharma Family Service & Shotsuki Hoyo

June 14 - DFS & Dharma School **Graduation Service**

June 25 - **Bon Odori Practice**

June 28 - DFS & July Shotsuki Hoyo, followed by
Colma Cemetery Visit and Sochoki Hoyo

June 30 - **Bon Odori Practice**

July 5 - No Service

July 11 - **Bon Odori at BBT**

July 12 - Obon/Hatsubon Service



June 2015 Dharma School Schedule

- Sunday, June 7: Dharma School graduation. Join us to celebrate our high school graduates and to thank our students for their steady attendance this year! No regular DS classes.
 - June 25 and 30, from 7:30-9:00 p.m.: Obon Practice
 - July 2, 7 and 9, from 7:30-9:00 p.m.: Obon Practice
 - Saturday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.: Obon Odori
 - Sunday, July 12, 9:30 a.m.: Obon Service

Have a great summer, Dharma School families!
We'll see you in September!!

Being Clueless

The shinjin of the wise is such that they are inwardly wise, outwardly foolish.
The heart of Gutoku is such that I am inwardly foolish, outwardly wise.¹

WE KNOW-IT-ALLS are in for a rude awakening.

Dr. David A. Dunning, a professor of psychology at Cornell University, conducted a study to show that most incompetent people are just not capable of knowing that they are incompetent.² In fact, generally people who do things badly are surprisingly confident of their abilities—even more confident than people who do things well.

One reason that ignorant people are so happy with themselves is that the skills required for competency are often the same as those needed to recognize competence. In his study, Dunning found that subjects who scored in the lowest quartile on tests of logic, English grammar and humor were also the most likely to grossly overestimate how well they had performed. He and his colleagues put it this way: "Not only do they reach erroneous conclusions and make unfortunate choices but also their incompetence robs them of the ability to realize it."

In contrast, the most able subjects in the study did very well in the objective texts. Yet, they were the ones most likely to underestimate their own competence. The researchers found that when the competent subjects were unaware of how well others did, they tended to assume that others were just as competent as they were. When the competent were shown other people's results, they immediately revised their opinions. But, interestingly, the incompetent did not. Some even inflated their estimates of themselves in that case.

What a great study! Shinran Shōnin himself probably couldn't have said it better. Incompetent people are really just that—incompetent! That is, they are so incompetent that they are too incompetent to realize that they are incompetent! In reality, this is true for all of us. We ignorant beings are so ignorant that we are too ignorant to realize that we are ignorant. Instead, because of our ignorance and foolishness, we strongly believe that we are wise and sage-like.

On the other hand, competent people are just the opposite. They are so competent that they are competent enough to tackle the question of whether anybody can be really, truly competent. In the Shin Buddhist world, we might say that what makes a sage wise is the sage's realization that neither he nor anyone else is truly wise. Maybe Shinran did say it better.

Our foolish hearts think that taking on the image of the sage will make us wise, when in actuality we are just displaying the depth of our cluelessness. However, because the truly wise are wise within their hearts, they are free to be as foolish as they really are.

Yet, there is the catch to this whole story: I become wise only when I realize that I am a fool. However, because I am fool, I have no ability to really know that! I am so incompetent that I don't know how incompetent I am. I am such an ignorant fool that I don't know that I am really foolish. Hence, such a realization is beyond my capacities. And yet the Buddhadharma enables me to experience the wisdom of my own foolishness. The only reason that I am able to experience wisdom is that that wisdom is not mine. It doesn't come from within me. In Shinran Shōnin's words, it is "*shinjin* that has no root in my heart." He also called it "the wisdom of *shinjin*" or "the *nembutsu* that is wisdom." It is Amida Buddha's wisdom, which is given to me.

Hard to understand? Sort of, but not really. Actually, it really means that we know-it-all just don't have a clue.

Namu Amida Butsu
Rev. D. Matsumoto
June 2015

¹ Shinran Shōnin, Gutoku's Notes, Collected Works of Shinran, 600.

² See Erica Goode, "Incompetent People Really Have No Clue, Studies Find They're blind to own failings, others' skills," in New York Times 1-18-2000.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The 66th Annual Satsuki Bazaar is now behind us. We extend our thanks to Russell Ware and Sara Jotoku as our Chairs for this event and to all of the individual chairs, volunteers, and members of our Sangha who worked many hours to make it happen. In a recent Dharma message, Reverend Matsumoto recounted the sleepless night Jane Imamura had the night after the first Bazaar when she had to maintain custody of the money collected. I am sure that both Russell and Sara had to endure such difficulties in the days preceding this past weekend. Working together with all of us, Sara and Russell were able to tie together so many different activities, functions and people to bring to life an experience that is second to none and make this year's Bazaar another success.

The renovation of the barbeque pit area was completed in time! Our thanks go out to Dii Lewis and everyone who worked with him to get the area resurfaced. For anyone concerned about the basketball hoop, we will be getting a portable hoop so that the area can be used to its fullest. Our thanks also go out to Mike Nagamoto and Kiyoshi Katsumoto and all who assisted in fabricating the grills and constructing the temporary barbeque pits.

As a reminder, we have scheduled another event working at the Alameda County Community Food Bank on June 13th in the afternoon. There are spots still available for our members to get the opportunity to help others in our community and get to know each other better!

We hope that all of you can have a good rest after the flurry of activity this past weekend and we look forward to seeing you at Temple (and other Temple Bazaars) soon!

Go Warriors!

Gassho,

Takashi Nikaidoh and Ron Hiraga
BBT Co-Presidents 2015

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

**June 7, 2015
9:30 am**

Shōtsuki Hōyō Service – *June 7, 2015*, 9:30 AM

The following persons will be remembered during the Shōtsuki Memorial Service for June.

Takeshi Ariyoshi	Tom T. Daikai	Toshio Doi
Jiro Fujii	Norma Fujikawa	Umeyo Fujioka
Joseph Fukuda	Yoshio Fukunaga	Hiroko Goto
Hisao Hamachi-Brillon	Masako Haraguchi	Toi Hata
Sono Hataye	Chiyoiko Hishida	Hisayo Hooki
Giichi Imada	Takeyo Inouye	Richard Itaya
Masao Iwawaki	Kaz Izumi	Tome Kaneko
Shiki Ito	Marlene Keen	Mitsunori Komure
Edward Kurokawa	Hisako I. Mitsuyasu	Mitsugi Miyasaki
Niichi Miyasaki	Tomojiro Mizusaki	Eddy Morimoto
Bert Morinaka	Kinuko Morinaka	Bunji Morita
Chiyoiko Morita	Nobuo Muramoto	Ren Muramoto
Betty Nakahara	Shimo Nakamura	Gonkichi Nakano
Toshiyuki Nakano	Shika Nishikawa	Heihachi Oda
June M. Okimoto	Hajime Ota	Haruno Oto
Kishichi Saito	Mine Saito	Sayo Sameshima
Nobuyuki Sasaki	Ichitaro Shigematsu	Yumi Shigematsu
Kinichi Shiromoto	Sana Sumisaki	Yoshibe Sumisaki
Asano Tanabe	Yoshijiro Tanabe	Tadashi Tanaka
Don T. Ueda	Asaki Umawatari	Tayeko Waki
William M. Waki	Waichi Watamura	Toshiko Watanabe
Toyoko Oda Williams	Arthur Satoshi Yamada	Katsuyo Yamada
Sumiko Yokoyama	Toru Yokoyama	

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Is Karma Purely Personal?

By Diane Ames

I've read that some Buddhist scholars in Japan are sort of modernizing the doctrine of karma, asserting that, for one thing, karma can be collective. I think this makes sense. If the boundary between self and other is not nearly as sharp as we think it is, and everything (and everybody) affects everything else in myriad ways, how can I be absolutely the sole cause of anything? And how can I be the only person who reaps what I sow?

Suppose, for example, that Tom has a terrible temper. He explodes twenty times a day and often throws breakable dishes at the wall. Unfortunately his children emulate him. After decades of this, they all assemble to lament their many divorces and the fact that they have nothing left to eat off of. Is this situation Tom's karma? To some extent. He drove his string of wives away with his behavior, and he broke the dishes. And no doubt having him as a role model had something to do with the way his children turned out. But if they blame him, he can reply that they are adults, whose own actions caused their marital failures and empty dish cabinets. Also, maybe constant anger is the whole family's (unconscious) way of dealing with some underlying condition, such as chronic low blood sugar, aggravated by too much fast food. If it *is* chronic low blood sugar, is this mess partly the karma of the local fast food restaurant?

Actually the whole question of whose karma it is is not nearly as important as what needs to be done now. Obviously Tom and his ill-tempered children need to admit that their behavior has caused serious problems. Then they need to make a serious effort to do something about it, as do their counselors, the doctors who treat any underlying depression or low blood sugar or PTSD or whatever, any long-suffering family members who are somehow still in the picture, and so on. They may have done little or nothing to cause the mess, but they're involved in it, and they have to do something if things are to change. Maybe that could be called collective karma.

For another example, we in California are currently facing a horrendous drought and a resulting water shortage. Both were caused partly by nature and partly by human actions (humans caused global warming, which shrank our snowpack, for one thing). But right now who caused what is less important than our obvious need to pull together and conserve water. Just because we *do* all live here it's our collective responsibility and, well, our collective karma.

GRADUATION SERVICE

June 14, 2015

9:30 AM

Coffee social following service

DFS & SOCHOKI SERVICE

June 28, 2015

9:30 AM

Colma Ohakamairi following the service

COLMA CEMETERY VISITATION

The annual visit to the Colma Cemetery will be on June 28 after the Sochoki service at temple. Rev. Matsumoto will conduct a short service for the BCA bishops and ministers at the cemetery. Anyone interested should contact Art Nishimura (650-991-0659) or Takashi Nikaidoh (510-647-8302)

BON ODORI AT BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Bon Odori practice will take place this year at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, 2121 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. Tel: (510) 841-1356. Practice will be led by the Hanayagi Dance School and is from 7:30 pm until 9 pm. Everyone is welcome to participate. Bon Odori will take place on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. Dancers should come early.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 30

Thursday, July 2, Tuesday, July 7, and Thursday July 9

All practices are from 7:30 until 9:00 pm.

Come Join Us Helping at the Alameda County Community Food Bank!

Date: Saturday, June 13

Time: 1PM-4PM

We have space for 15-20 volunteers to help sort, screen and box food for distribution. The only limitation is that volunteers must be at least 10 years of age. The work does not involve heavy lifting or any prior experience in the food / agriculture industries, only a willingness to help others!

If you are interested, please contact Takashi Nikaidoh at tnikaidoh@vinesolutions.com. When sending the email, please use the term "Food Bank" in the subject line. Please let me know if you can drive, can drive others, or if you need a lift. I will try my best to make sure that everyone can get there.



SIGN UP FOR eSCRIP TO EARN MONEY FOR THE TEMPLE

Shop at Safeway: Your participation can mean hundreds of dollars for the Temple.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "1-Sign up"
- Enter your Club Card number
- Group ID#155954856

Online Shopping: Do your shopping online at stores such as Target, J. Crew, Nordstrom, Amazon, REI, Crate & Barrel and many more.

- Sign up with eScrip, enter your credit cards you would use at these stores.
- Go to the Online Mall at eScrip.com and start shopping. The Temple can earn up to 12% from your purchases.

Dining Out: You can earn contributions to the Temple by eating out at restaurants such as Pican or Ozumo (in Oakland), La Note Restaurant or Troy Greek Cuisine (in Berkeley). These and other establishments will donate up to 3% of your bill to the Temple.

- Sign up with eScrip.com and enter your credit cards you would use at these restaurants.

Please contact Maya Murashima Yonemura or email info@berkeleysangha.org with any questions.

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

for *JULY*

June 28, 2015

9:30 am

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE!

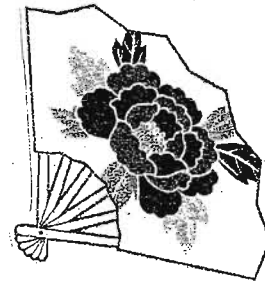
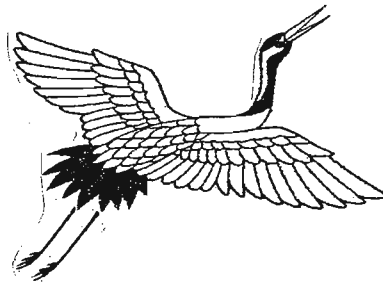
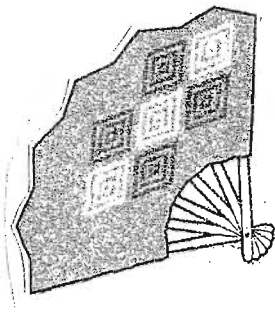
Shotsuki Hoyo Service for *July* - June 28, 2015, 9:30 AM

The following persons will be remembered during the Shotsuki Memorial Service for July.

Motoharu Doi	Walter A. Doi	Yumiko Fujii
Miyoko Fukunaga	Yasuko U. Goto	Hisao Hamachi
Seijiro Hamamoto	Shigeo Haraguchi	Denichi Hiraoka
Naoichi Hirofuji	Noe Hirofuji	Yasuyo T. Hoki
Ayako Honda	Kawaya Imada	Masanobu Iwaihara
Inokichi Kaneko	George Katayama	Gordon T. Kono
Albert S. Kosakura	Helen C. Kurakazu	Ishizo Matsubara
Suematsu Matsubara	Akie Matsui	Shinobu Matsuura
Toshiko Miyamoto	Keiji Morita	Masaru Morita
Tsuyoshi Morita	Tsuya Mukai	Pearl T. Nagafuji
William J. Nagareda	Ruby N. Nakano	Yoshiko M. Nakao
Miyeko Nehira	Leroy Nitta	Grace Oki
Heizo Oshima	James Pankey	Hideo B. Sasaki
Etsuko Steimetz	Tomoe Sugawara	John S. Sugihara
Masami Takano	Yotaro Tominaga	Hitoshi Tsufura
Larry S. Tsuyuki	Setsuko Uchiumi	Tamiye Umawatari
Toshio Yamasaki	Carolyn Y. Yoshii	

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This year's Bon Odori will take place on
Saturday July 11, 2015
At 6:30pm
At the
Berkeley Buddhist Temple
2121 Channing Way, Berkeley 94703
(510)843-1356



Bon Odori Practice will be held at Berkeley Temple
At 7:30-8:30pm

Thursday, June 25
Tuesday, June 30
Thursday, July 2
Tuesday, July 7
Thursday, July 9

If dancers need help dressing please be at temple
By 5:00pm. - July 11
Dancers please arrive by 6:00pm.

Obon/Hatsubon Service
Sunday-July 12-9:30am

**BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE Board of Directors Meeting
April 14, 2015**

Attendance: Ron Hiraga, Takashi Nikaido, Patty Fujiwara, Judy Fujimoto, Lucy Hamai, Don Hamasaki, Denise Lapidus, Dii Lewis, Emi Nakao, Gary Oda, David Ushijima, Russell Ware, Yuki Otake, Caroline Fernandez.

Proxies: Emiko Katsumoto, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Judy Kono, Bradley Menda, Millie Nikaido, Art Nishimura, Karen Sugiyama, Lena Yin.

Co-president Takashi Nikaido called the meeting to order at 7:35PM with opening gassho led by Ron Hiraga

MARCH MINUTES were accepted as corrected. MSC J. Fujimoto/R. Hiraga

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Matsumoto presented a written report for the period February 10, 2015-March 10, 2015 which included the following: 6 meetings; 3 consultations; 5 BBT services; 4 chanting services; 2 family memorial services; 1 burial service; 1 Hanamatsuri service set-up; 1 MAP/Kyoshi Training Workshop; 1 IBS Retreat. Two memorials: Mrs. Mary Haraguchi, Mr. Willy Ide.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Satoshi Steimetz issued a written income/expense report for 3/1/1 to 3/31/15.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letter from JSEI for sponsorship for Flavors of Spring at the Momiji level. Two complimentary tickets for the Flavors of Spring were also sent by JSEI. Custodial account statement received. Letter received from BCA confirming new assessment rate. Written notice from a water company offering bottled water service.

REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS: BBWA: Yuki, Dii, Ron and Takashi met on 4/12 to discuss how the BBWA activities will be continued under the board's direction. The women's association will maintain ties with Bay District and Federation. A volunteer is needed to be the liaison. There will also be an outreach chairperson from the temple for the standing committees (Community Outreach, Community Service and Social welfare) so their activities can be continued. The special luncheons will now be taken care of by the toban groups. A letter will be sent to all BBWA members explaining the reorganization in the next couple of weeks. BBWA money will be maintained in the same accounts and will be used to pay the Bay District and Federation dues. The treasurer of BBT will be a signatory on the account.

J-SEI: Flavors of Spring on April 17.

DHARMA SCHOOL: San Mateo Buddhist Church will bring 12 students and 15 adults on 4/19.

JR. YBA: VP Noel McGuire issued a written report for March 2015.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Art Nishimura provided an updated 2015 service calendar report.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: Discussion to raise dues for 2016 to reflect the increase in BCA dues. This will be discussed further at the May or June meeting. A report from Mimi Kagehiro and Pat Takeda showed that we have 189 pledged members from 134 family units and 63 senior members as of 3/23/15. Two new member families, Ralph and Barbara Reid, Willy and Ritsuko Ide (sadly, Willy recently passed away)

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: No report.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: Gary is still trying to meet with the individual to finish the drip system. We should be able to maintain the lawn with the water restrictions.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported that the Channing Way and Fulton St. apartments are fully occupied; reimbursement for March received from K&S

OTHER REPORTS: BAZAAR: Postcards and posters have arrived. It is suggested that we try out the rental pits before bazaar. Silent auction items are still needed. All committees are working hard and things are going smoothly. All of the permits have been pulled.

BBQ PITS: Dii Lewis reported that in addition to pouring some concrete, they will be installing a surface that would allow water to soak into the ground. This requires layering drain rock, fabric, smaller media with pavers on top. Planters will be used around the perimeter. Help will be needed to install the pavers in a couple of weeks. With the new design, it is suggested that BBQ pits be rented for the bazaar this year. A moveable basketball court will be placed in the courtyard.

NEW BUSINESS: Books in Japanese received from BDK America.

Susan Gabriel has asked to see if someone else can be the Toban co-chair with Lena. She will continue the supplies, but would like to have someone take over the toban supervision responsibilities.

Yuki Otake and Judy Fujimoto were thanked for the delicious refreshments. Next Month: Takashi and Millie Nikaido. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM with closing gassho led by David Ushijima.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Fujiwara, recording secretary

(Please contact a Board member if further clarification of these minutes is required.)



Pledged members through April 27, 2015

The following members have pledged in amounts ranging from \$150 to \$1,000. Amounts are not intended to correspond to the alphabetical listing below. Pledges sent in after this date may not have been processed by the Padma deadline and will be published in subsequent issues. The temple gratefully acknowledges your generous contributions and thanks you for your *dana* and understanding. Please advise us of any omissions.

Craig & Linda Griffin

George & Emiko Matsunaga

Makoto & Amy Oto

Tony Hale & Stacy Uyeda

Dennis & Mary Okamura

Sally Takeda

Yasuko Harano

Eugene & Yuki Otake

Abe & Terry Watamura

Albert Kutchins & Mari Mayeda

Thank you to all temple members for your generous and continued support!

For any questions, please call Mimi Kagehiro (510-841-1356) or email info@berkeleysangha.org

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THE INSTITUTE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES & BCA CENTER FOR BUDDHIST EDUCATION PRESENT

PACIFIC SEMINAR - 21ST CENTURY - SUMMER SESSION

The Call of the Nembutsu

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto

Professor, Institute of Buddhist Studies

Due to the devastating earthquakes in Nepal, Rev. Sonam Wangdi Bhutia is unable to attend. Instead Rev. Ghising of the Kathmandu Hongwanji will speak about her path to Jodo Shinshu and update us on relief work currently being led by Rev. Sonam.

Special Guest Speaker:

Rev. Uma Lama Ghising

Priest, Kathmandu Hongwanji, Nepal

July 3-5, 2015

Jodo Shinshu Center

2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA

Guest Speaker: **Prof. Mitsuya Dake**

Ryukoku University, Department of Intercultural Communication

"Engaged Buddhism as a Worldwide Phenomenon"

Panel Discussion on Engaged Buddhism with:

Santussika Bhikkhuni Buddhist Global Relief

Mushim Ikeda Buddhist Peace Fellowship

Sensei Elaine Donlin Buddhist Church of San Francisco

Registration: \$140 Deadline: June 21, 2015

BCA Member Rate \$125 until June 15

Other CBE Events

(at the Jodo Shinshu Center unless noted otherwise.)

June 27: LGBTQ Community & Shin Buddhism Seminar @ New York Buddhist Church

August 1-2: Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course August Workshop

October 3: Baby Boomers' Seminar: "Suffering... What's the Problem?" with Rev. Earl Ikeda, New York Buddhist Church

October 10: Fall Japanese Seminar

Center for Buddhist Education Public Lecture

Held in conjunction with the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course - August Workshop 2015

Presents

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015

The BCA Center for Buddhist Education Presents

The 9th Annual Baby Boomers Seminar

**SUFFERING...
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?**

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Earl Ikeda

Resident Minister, New York Buddhist Church

At the Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley, CA



Evolving Buddhism: Transformation of Zen and Shin in the 20th Century

On Zen: Dr. William M. Bodiford

Professor, University of California, Los Angeles,
Dept. of Asian Languages and Cultures

On Jodo Shinshu: Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto

Professor, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley

Two special lectures and a Q & A session

Saturday, August 1, 2015 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public

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JUNE TOBAN:

Chmn: Lena Yin

Cochairs: Miri Nikaidoh, Hiroko Okano, Yuki Otake

Kim & Vera Leo, Eric & Mary Lindquist, Jeff & Robin McGuire, Takashi & Miri Nikaidoh, Nobuko Nishikado*, Gordon Oishi, Sachiko Okano, (Steve & Hiroko Okano), Gary Otake & Lisa Cougar, Gene & Yuki Otake, Marie Shiromoto*, Satoshi & Elaine Steimetz, Toshio & Elaine Tsuda, Grade Ueda*, George & Lena Yin

***Denotes disabled and/or elderly – Toban duties optional.**

JULY TOBAN:

Chmn: Judy Kono

Cochairs: Emily Ushijima, Patty Fujiwara, Wes Fukumori

Ryoichi & Michiko Anzai, Dan Calef, Kiyo Eshima*, Patty & Carl Wilmsen Fujiwara, Wes Fukumori, Jim Furuichi, Tomoko Hamamoto*, Dale Haratani, Norman Hirose*, George & Lily Kagawa*, Judy Kono, Ron & Julie Kono Manning, Taye Oda*, Harry & Shizu Okino, Makoto & Amy Oto*, Chiyo Pohan*, David & Emily Ushijima, Roy & Alice Wakida

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PADMA STAFF: Rev. Matsumoto, Gene Chin, Pauline Fong, Susan & Al Gabriel, Lucy Hamai, Yo Hiraoka, Norman Hirose, Ellen Jorgensen, Keiko Kawakami, Emi Matsunaga, Yuki Otake, Mae Takeda, Scott Takeda, Edythe Vassall, and Yae Yedlosky.

Services

Our regular Sunday program begins with a Family Service at 9:30am. A Dharma talk is available after the Family Service while Dharma School classes are convened for students.

Special Services

January 1	Shusho-e	New Year's Day Service
February	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May	Gotan-e	Birthday of Shinran
July	Kangi-e	Obon
September	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin Memorial
December	Jodo-e	Bodhi Day
December 31	Joya-e	Year End Service

A Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Service is held the first Sunday of each month.

Dharma School

Our Dharma School (Sunday School) has classes from preschool through high school. Our teachers are happy to discuss the appropriate level of spiritual enrichment for your child.

Monthly Discussions

In our discussions, we strive to experience the Buddha-Dharma with our entire selves – with our bodies (quiet sitting and other forms of meditation), voices (chanting and other liturgy) and minds (study and discussion).

Our sessions focus on ways in which Buddhist teaching and practice can impact our everyday lives. Each session will take up a different topic and so you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Visitor Information

Please feel free to ask any of our greeters for information. We are here to assist you with whatever level of participation you may be seeking.

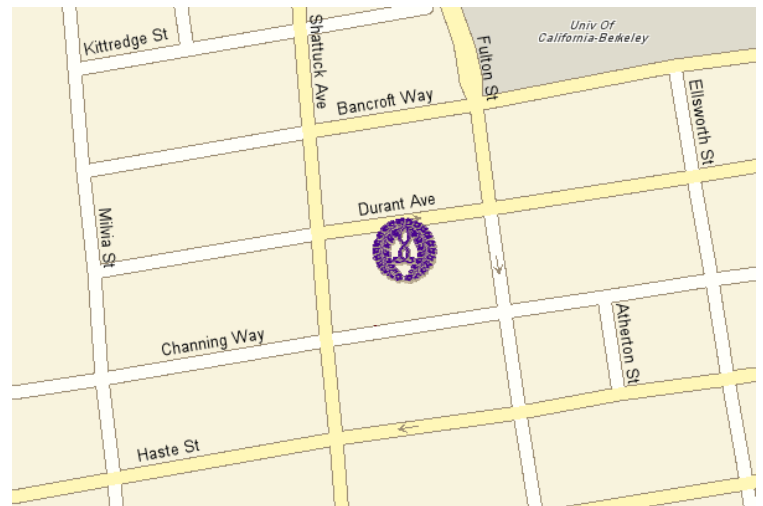
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

Membership Information

Membership is open to all who view our Temple as their religious home and seek the Buddha-Dharma.

To join, complete a membership form, have your name entered on the membership roll and support the Temple through a pledge and participation.

To inquire about becoming a member, please speak with our Membership Chair or Minister.



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