

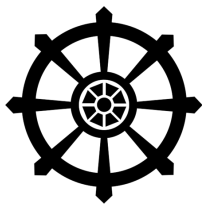
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Justice is not for Just Us



I was recently asked "What is Buddhist Justice?" I was stumped for a bit by this question and really had to think about it in some detail before answering.

I have found that when given a Buddhist question that is difficult to answer it may be that it is the wrong question. The metric I use to determine this is to ask "Would you ask a Yoga instructor what is Yoga Justice?" If the answer is no then it is likely the wrong question for a Buddhist as well.

This is because Buddhism has much more in common with Yoga than it does with Christianity. Buddhism and Yoga both share an emphasis on personal awareness through following a path rather than focusing on doctrine. Buddhism teaches us how to think rather than what to think.

I once read that if you are seeking certainty from a religion then Buddhism may not be the right choice for you. This is because Buddhism does not lay out a specific set of rules to be followed. This is one of the things I like most about Buddhism. I often muse that Buddhism has a vague set of guidelines rather than a specific set of rules. Buddhism offers a personal process for life rather than a public prescription for society. You choose what works for you and feels most authentic.

The Buddha's response to questions like this one was often silence. This occurred whenever a question had an unacceptable assumption hidden within it. The assumption here might be that Buddhists should answer the same questions that Christians like to answer. The Buddha also did not answer questions if they were asked only to start a debate or an argument.

But in America, it is very hard to just go quiet on these types of questions. People are often sincere in the question and are struggling to find guidance. Sometimes life seems very unjust and many are curious as to how a Buddhist might respond. I will do my best to give a response.

To start at the very beginning, "What is considered 'right' and 'wrong' in Buddhism?" I have been taught that things that help us personally along the path are considered "right" or "wholesome" while things that delay our progress are considered "wrong" or "unwholesome". You can see that this is coming from a spiritual perspective.

But this is where it stops. Buddhism does not share the view that individuals are inherently "good" or "evil". This is where Karma comes in. We are the product of our circumstances and they are infinite. You could draw the conclusion that we

are therefore not responsible for our actions but this is not the only or necessary conclusion. Instead, you could say that we are all responsible for one another and when we do "good" it is due to all the help we have received. Then the only appropriate response would be one of deep gratitude.

Another spiritual difference is that Buddhism focuses on the intentions behind our actions rather than their consequences. We are all responsible for our actions but not their outcomes. So "right" would be defined as wholesome thoughts or pure intentions. For example, accidentally running a red light and getting into a car accident is not a "wrong" act. But recklessly running a red light on purpose while making it through safely would not be considered a "right" action.

Practically, it makes sense that our justice system is based on consequentiality rather than intentionality because how could we prove a person's intentions in court? But from a spiritual perspective, it is our aspirations that drive our behavior. In a sense, Buddhism is asking us to swim upstream to the source of our problems, our incorrect thinking is where the trouble begins.

We need to ask ourselves what is the purpose of our justice system. Is it to discourage others from committing crime? This has not been shown to be an effective deterrent. Is it to merely punish? If so then to what end? Do we want moral justice? This approach is often followed when we hear calls for a "war on crime" and what happens to these individuals after their sentences have been completed?

I think preserving public safety would be a valid argument along with a positive rehabilitation program. The hope being that we can keep the public safe while we work to help offenders towards a new way of life, with a new set of aspirations, a fresh set of intentions.

I mentioned Karma earlier, but most imagine this to be only our Personal Karma. The idea is that we are all autonomous individuals with freedom of choice. But I think Buddhist Justice would focus much more on our Group Karma. How we are raised and where we live as determining factors in our lives.

I have heard it said that people who have been given opportunities do not know it. It is only the people who do not have opportunities that know it. So perhaps we can begin to appreciate our gifts, feel gratitude and help others feel the same way. My life is not under my sole control and I am thankful for that. Without others helping me, I would not be here. Let us help others so they can also feel appreciated and be grateful to be alive.

Benefits of Expressing Gratitude

Hello everyone, hope you will enjoy the holiday season coming up. It is the time when we think about this year and express our gratitude. Gratitude is a thankful appreciation for what each of us received, whether tangible or intangible. Being grateful also helps people connect to something larger than themselves as individuals, whether to other people, nature, or beyond own self. The Gatha titled "Thank You Gatha" composed by Rene expresses our simple thank-you in everyday life. Thank you to parents, brothers and sisters, sangha members, and Buddha-Dharma that I have encountered in my life, otherwise what would my life be without it?

I always appreciate this Gatha.

Thank You Gatha by Rene Maruyama

Just before I go to sleep, I give thanks to my family
 Thank you, mom, thank you, dad.
 Thank you, grand-ma, and grand-dad.
 Thank you, sister, brother too
 What would I be without you?
 Namo, Namo, Namo Amida Butsu.

When I see the sunrise high, I am thankful for the sky.
 Thank you, flowers, thank you, trees.
 Yes, and even worms and weeds.
 Thank you, Spring, Winter, too.
 What would the world be without you?
 Namo, Namo, Namo Amida Butsu.

Whether I do wrong or right, I can feel Buddha's
 Immeasurable Light.
 Thank you, Buddha, for your vow.
 Thank you, senseis then and now.
 Thank you, Dharma, Sangha too.
 What would life be without you?
 Namo, Namo, Namo Amida Butsu.

I would like to thank you all for coming to the Sunday services, and making OCBC an active and friendly Dharma house to welcome everyone. Minister's Assistants are tremendously helpful in conducting the Shin Buddhist Mindful Meditation Service, Sunday Service, Adult Discussion, talking with newcomers, and teaching in the Dharma School. Thank you, Jo Ann, for her great leadership and all board officers and members, and office staff to make the OCBC sustainable. Thank you, the temple organizations, BWA, ABA, BEC, Everyday Buddhist, AV crew, Project Kokoro, Dharma School, Sangha Teens, Jr YBA, Sr YBA, Social Welfare, Maintenance Team, Tomodachi Bento, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Daion Taiko, Japanese School, All Sports, Without you how would OCBC be? OCBC is so fortunate to have such a positive and strong support from all sangha members. All of you are making OCBC an amazing place to benefit everyone in the Amida Buddha's immeasurable wisdom and compassion.

Some psychologists say that gratitude has a strong positive impact on psychological well-beings. It increases self-esteem, enhances positive emotions and makes us more optimistic. When we feel deep happiness, our bodies are producing all sorts of wonderful chemicals. Did you know that? Experiencing gratitude activates neurotransmitters like dopamine, which we associate with pleasure, and serotonin,

which regulates our mood. It also causes the brain to release oxytocin, a hormone which induces feelings like trust and generosity which promotes social bonding, and feeling connected, according to Amy Keller, psychologist. Wow, what a benefit we have in expressing our gratitude! This benefit is not only for yourself, but for others as well. When we say "Thank you" to someone, it can make them feel appreciated and valued, which in turn can increase their own feeling of happiness and positivity. At the same time, we feel great to express our sincere feeling to them. This can create a positive feedback loop, where our expressions of gratitude lead to more positive interactions and outcomes. Expressing gratitude is not only for a good time in our lives. Even during the challenging and adverse times, focus the areas that you may find how fortunate you are, and say "Thank you – Arigato!" Your "Thank you" will lift you up and may open the door to new perspective that has never been recognized before. The origin of "Arigato" in Japanese is "Arigatai" meaning "hard to have this thing happen to me, but I fortunately have it – how fortunate I am – thanking for all cases and conditions leading me."

Shinran Shōnin's "Arigatai"

Everyone knows well about Shinran's life. His life was a series of hardships. After devoting himself in the Tendai practice on Mount Hiei for twenty years, he was at bottom of depression not being able to find the way to attain Buddhahood. Then he finally gave up the practice and went to see Honen who was a pioneer of the Japanese Pure Land Buddhism in the late 12th century. Honen taught Shinran the Amida Buddha's teaching to liberate all ordinary people, which made Shinran feel deeply "Arigatai – I have never expected to hear such a profound teaching, but here I do hear it – How Arigatai it is!" Shinran was in deeply spiritual gratitude toward the Buddha's universal teaching and his teacher Honen who shared it with him. Since then, Shinran relied on the Buddha's promise without any doubt and recited Namo Amida Butsu in deep gratitude to have encountered Amida Buddha, which gave him positive outcome to share the teaching with others instead of just keeping the teaching within himself only. When he got exiled from Kyoto to Niigata because of the Nembutsu persecution, he was willing to leave for the unknown land to share the Amida's inclusive teaching with people whom he had never met. Amida's soteriological promise to spiritually liberate all human beings must have given Shinran dopamine and serotonin. I am sure the same effect to occur to all of us when we hear the Buddha-Dharma and recite Amida's Name, Namo Amida Butsu.

Shinran's spiritual gratitude was the deep joy to hear the Amida's promise here and now and enter to the group of people whose minds are settled, which automatically open the path to attaining Buddhahood after life. His deep joy continued until his last moment, and wanted to share this "Arigatai" teaching with everyone beyond time and space for everyone's true happiness.

I wish you all A Happy New Year 2024!

Namo Amida Butsu
 Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

Shodo and Shoshin

One of my hobbies is learning Shodo (Japanese Calligraphy) which I began when I was 6 years old. My classes were held every Saturday after Japanese Language School at Chuo Gakuen in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles. The classes were taught by Madame Hiroko Ikuta and her husband, Nichiren Buddhist Minister, Rev. Kanshu Ikuta who founded the Beikoku Shodo Kenkyukai school in 1965. During my grade school and high school years, Shodo classes were a fun thing to do with friends and also a way to fulfill my mom's hopes of having a daughter with good penmanship.

I started taking Shodo classes again in 2018 and now have a better understanding of the Art of Shodo and its connection to Buddhism. Shodo is literally translated as the "way of writing" or the "writing path". It has a very similar ranking system to martial arts where you can progress from 10 kyu (class or rank) to 1 kyu. Then you move on to Shodan, 1 dan, 2 dan, all the way to 6 dan. My family and friends think it's cool when I tell them that Shodan is like earning a Black Belt in Karate.

In order to earn my rankings, I mail in specific, required works to the Bunka Shodo Calligraphy School in Tokyo, Japan. The work is reviewed and graded by teachers in Japan and then the school informs my teacher if I earn the rank. I have been working my way through the kyu ranks and finally made it to the 1 kyu rank. I began working on the Shodan ranking which requires 5 different writings, including block or print (kaisho) style, semi-cursive (gyosho) style, and cursive (sosho) style. This past summer, I had the opportunity of visiting the Bunka Shodo Calligraphy School in Tokyo and had my work critiqued by one of the master teachers, Mrs. Sekoguchi. The kind, soft-spoken teacher gave me lots of tips to improve my writing.

One of my goals in Shodo, has been to earn that "Black Belt" rank. I worked quickly through my kyu rankings, had a slight pause during the COVID-19 pandemic and picked up the pace again when we started having classes regularly again. To me, the shodan rank is like the prize at the end of a long, hard journey. This month, my teacher told me that she was taking a quick trip to Japan and that she could mail in my work to the school while she was there. I had missed a lot of classes in the last few months, and I think my teacher was trying to motivate me to move forward. I spent a couple of weeks furiously writing and re-writing the work that was required. I ended up with piles and piles of rejected papers on the floor. If it's not perfect, it can be sent back for rework. My fun, calming, meditative hobby became frustrating and stressful. Sometimes, I notice that as I keep rewriting, it gets even worse!

As I sat there debating on whether I should keep trying, I reminded myself of the true meaning of Shodan. The kanji characters for Shodan literally means "beginning rank". The "Black Belt" that I was seeking is really just the beginning. It's not the prize at the end; it's the start of a longer journey filled with opportunities to learn new skills and to advance my craft. Shodan is where learning begins. Shodan requires you to have an open mind about having your work sent back for rework. I put my brush down and sent in what I had.

After submitting my work for Shodan, I realized that Shodan is much like Shoshin (beginner's mind/heart). The first kanji "Sho" is the same for both Shodan and Shoshin. The second kanji means kokoro or mind and heart. The concept of Shoshin was first introduced in Zen Buddhism and refers to approaching any given subject with the same curiosity and mindset as a beginner, even if you are already at an advanced level. Shunryu Suzuki, a famous Zen monk said, "In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert's there are few." As I reflect on my recent work that I have submitted, I look forward to my journey of possibilities if and when I receive my Shodan ranking.

In Gassho,
Ann Nakahira



*Mrs. Sekoguchi and Ann Nakahira
Bunka Shodo Calligraphy School, Tokyo
June, 2023*



*Shoshin (left), Shodan (right).
Written by Ann Nakahira*

President's Message

Dear OCBC Sangha of 2065,

I'm writing this letter to you in the year 2023 after having had the privilege of completing two years as OCBC President. I chose to write to you because you will be the lucky Sangha that celebrates the centennial anniversary of OCBC. I know it will be a wonderful celebration as it will be a culmination of one hundred years of receiving the teachings, the leadership of OCBC, and the achievements of our Sangha members. It will be an opportunity to look forward to your new visions and direction. However, I hope you also reflect on your history and the prior years that helped guide you to your path in 2065. You are part of a rich history of visionaries, challenges, growth, and diversity. I'd like to let you know about a few events we enjoyed in 2023.

Ho-Onko, Ohigan, Gotan-E, Eitaikyo, Hanamatsuri, & Obon Services & luncheons, Shinnen Enkai, Emergency drills, Hanamatsuri Festival, Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, Musical service, Obon Festival, Bingo Event, SDDSTL conference, Family Day, Wine Tasting Event, Appreciation Picnic, Costume Party, Pickleball, Church Clean Up, Seyo basketball, Girl Scout & Boy Scout events, BEC online classes, Project Kokoro crafts & games,

As you can see, we have a very active temple with an amazing Sangha guided by our reverends, Reverend Wondra and Reverend Turner. The Sangha continually supported the temple through their participation in our services, their countless hours of work at our festivals and other fundraisers, and their welcoming spirit to all who came to OCBC.

As a young child, I was fortunate to participate in our temple's groundbreaking ceremony in 1965. Although it was just ceremonial, I think for our pioneers, the young children who participated that day might have represented the hopes and dreams for a future Sangha, much as you, the Sangha of 2065, hold my vision of a future OCBC. I'm sure you will incur challenges as well, but I hope you will find encouragement and motivation from the challenges overcome by past Sanghas. During these past two years, we re-emerged from a worldwide pandemic and worked hard to return to a vibrant, engaged Sangha as we worked to fill our Hondo again. With humbleness, we realized the struggles our pioneers must have felt as they dedicated themselves to filling our Hondo for the first time, and such appreciation we have for all our previous Sanghas and reverends for building upon those dreams.

I'm sure by now you may feel as though you're reading a love letter, and I guess you may be right in some ways. I may have all the signs of being in love with OCBC - I plan my week around the next time I will be at OCBC, I start to get a giddy feeling of excitement as I drive closer to the temple, I'm so much happier and content after entering the Hondo, sutra chanting, listening to the Dharma message, and reciting the nembutsu. I look for opportunities that give me the chance to spend more time at OCBC, and I'm always looking forward to the next time I see OCBC again. Yes, I probably am in love with OCBC, or maybe I'm just filled with gratitude for OCBC. The lines of love and gratitude blur, but I know I carry in my heart my appreciation for all the pioneers and Sangha friends who no longer sit in

the Hondo; though whose vision and sacrifices are felt every time I enter the Hondo.

It has been such an honor and a privilege to have served as president of the OCBC Sangha of 2022 and 2023. Although much has changed since the groundbreaking of 1965, I can only imagine what it must be like in 2065. Still, I am sure the one constant is that our Sangha forever remains welcoming, inclusive, and dedicated to ensuring the teachings are made available to everyone.

An early congratulations on the 100th anniversary of OCBC from the Sangha of 2023.

In Gassho,
Jo Ann Tanioka
OCBC President
2022-2023



Korin Articles Due

December 10, 2023**
Email articles to:
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may submit articles

Shin Reader – 2023 Recap

"If you read a book a hundred times you are bound to come to understand it." – Zen saying

January and February

The first Shin Reader article was in the January 2016 Korin which reviewed two books: *The Hands and Feet of the Heart* by Hisako Nakamura and *Discovering Buddhism in Everyday Life* by Rev. Harada. The total length for both reviews was one column (i.e., one half page). For January 2023, Rev. Dr. Wondra extended her original review of *The Hands and Feet* to an entire page. For February 2023, Rev. Turner extended his original review of *Discovering Buddhism* to an entire page.

BEC Publications

For March 2023, the twelve books published by the BEC were listed with a short description of each. For the list, download the March 2023 *Korin* at the OCBC website.

Shin Buddhist Scriptures

For April, Jim Pollard reviewed three foundational Jodo Shinshu documents:

1. *Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life*
2. *Kyōgyōshinshō or the Collection of Passages Revealing True-and-Real Pure Land Buddhism*
3. *Collected Works of Shinran*

Favorites

For May, Jim Pollard reviewed three of his personal favorite books:

1. *Heard by Me: Essays on My Buddhist Teacher* by Shūichi Maida
2. *The Collected Works of Shinran, Volume II*.
3. Hideo Yonezawa's *Awaken to Your True Self: The Shin Buddhist Way of Life*, translated by Rev. Harada.

June

Rev. Turner reviewed six of his favorite books on Buddhism.

1. *10% Happier* by Dan Harris
2. *The Promise of a Sacred World – The Other Power Teachings of Shinran* by Nagapriya
3. *Pure Land – History, Tradition, and Practice* by Charles B. Jones
4. *I Can't Believe It's Not Buddha: What Fake Buddha Quotes Can Teach Us About Buddhism* by Bodhipaksa
5. *Buddha-Dharma: The Way to Enlightenment* by the Numata Center
6. *Great Disciples of the Buddha: Their Lives, Their Works, Their Legacy* by Thera and Hecker

July

Rev. Dr. Wondra reviewed *Thus Taught Master Shichiri: One Hundred Gems of Shin Buddhist Wisdom* (2023) by Rev Gojun Shichiri (translated by Hisao Inagaki)

September

Rev. Turner reviewed *The Promise of a Sacred World: Shinran's Teaching of Other Power* (2022) by Nagapriya.

October

Rev. Dr. Wondra reviewed *Friday Night Talks with D.T. Suzuki* (2022) by D.T. Suzuki, edited by Edythe Vassall.

Favorite Shin Buddhist Books

For November, Rev. Ellen Crane reviewed three of her favorite Shin Buddhist Books.

1. *The Awareness of Self* by Rev Gyodo Haguri
2. *Dharma Breeze: Essays on Shin Buddhism* (2007) by Nobuo Haneda
3. *Let This Be Known – Finding the Shin Buddhist Path* (2020, Second Edition 2021) by James Pollard.

December

One of my favorite books on Buddhism which I have read more than once (but not a hundred times) is *Discovering Buddhism in Everyday Life* by Rev. Marvin Harada. The book is a selection of essays that Rev. Harada wrote for the *Korin* during his first 25 years at OCBC. The essay "A Farewell to Fluffy" is endearing for me because of the dogs in my life; their only fault is that their lives are too short. Perhaps a dog's life is so short to remind us humans of life's impermanence. It is an essay to read each year when OCBC has its All Life Forms Memorial service.

Another favorite essay is "When Everything Is Gone, There Is Still Namuamidabutsu" which has the beautiful poem written by Scott Morris who passed away due to ALS. Scott's poem.

I have ALS – and I am grateful.

I am grateful to retire early to be with my family.

I am grateful I have family and friends that are so supportive and hopeful.

I am grateful I can still walk and get around.

When that is gone –
I am grateful I can still use my hands to feed myself.

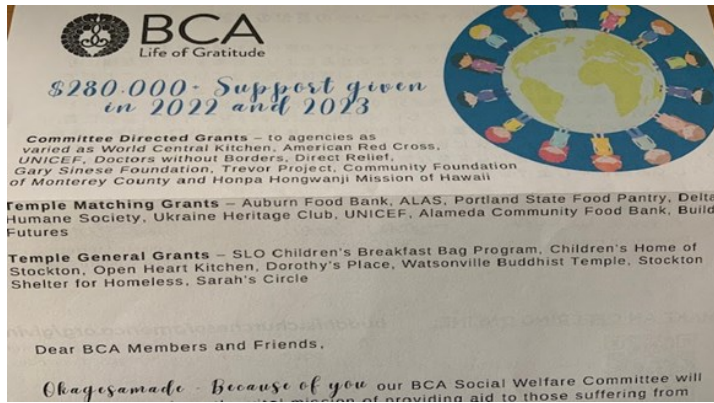
When that is gone –
I am grateful I can still breathe and laugh and feel.

When that is gone –
I am grateful I had a wonderful life.

And when that is gone –
Namuamidabutsu.

2023 recap by Howard Nakagiri

BCA Social Welfare – Fundraising



Did you receive it? The BCA Social Welfare Fundraising Letter campaign. Each BCA member was mailed a letter seeking your support and generosity. You may be asking, “Why me?” or “I have already made a donation.” or “I don’t know what this is about. So next time.”

Let me give you some additional or first time news about the BCA Social Welfare. Here is an actual conversation about the BCA Social Welfare.

“Honestly, I have to admit, I used to throw away my Social Welfare Committee donation request, thinking that I already pay dues and thus had donated. But, this ask is directly from the Social Welfare Committee, which receives no funding from the BCA budget.”

The donation small or large is an act of Dana that will be felt all around the world because the BCA Social Welfare Committee contributes funds to a vast variety of disaster relief, special needs, and care programs at the local, national, and international level.

BCA Social Welfare funds have been distributed in response to the Maui and Lahaina Fire relief, Ukraine, floods, earthquakes, animal care, food pantries, medical care, shelters, abuse care, families without homes, and Red Cross programs. It is a way that BCA shows active Dharma by giving, sharing, caring, compassionate concern for humanity, one another.

During this time of the year of being grateful and showing generosity, please consider making a contribution to the BCA Social Welfare. Again, no BCA budget goes to the BCA Social Welfare, all monies are collected from the kindness and support from Sangha members like you. Please take time today to make a contribution it will be appreciated. Kansha shite orimasu.

In gassho,
Rick Oishi

BWA News

As the year slowly comes to a close, there’s a strong pull to follow and carry on traditions. Recently, we came together as a Sangha for osouji or church clean-up on November 4th. Working side-by-side with friends and family didn’t seem like a heavy task because everyone was there for the same purpose: to beautify the temple grounds and to make every room shine. Thank you to Toban D and BWA members who came out to help with this annual tradition and we hope to see you again at Mochitsuki on December 17th. Since we will not be making an mochi, Antaki Toban F will be joining Mochitsuki Tobans H and I. This is a major fundraiser for BWA so thank you in advance for your help and sign-ups for shifts will be circulating soon. Please see Mochitsuki flyer for details and the deadline for orders is December 3rd.

-Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and package bentos for Project Kokoro’s Lahaina fundraiser. Many members support multiple organizations so your help was appreciated and all for a very good cause.

-Please join us at our next Senior Luncheon on December 11th as we honor our birthday celebrants in the Social Hall. We encourage BWA members to attend the luncheons on the second Monday of the month to either help prepare bentos, enjoy a delicious lunch, engage in friendly conversations, or all of the above!

-Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Pop-up Store throughout the year. Our next Pop-up event will be held at Mochitsuki. Please stop by after your shift or when you pick up your mochi order.

-Our next BWA meeting will be held on January 14th, at 12:30 pm in the Kodo after the Ho-onko service and luncheon. Please attend as we welcome a new cabinet and discuss up-coming activities. We are always looking for new members to join throughout the year, so why not invite a friend to see “What’s Cooking” at OC BWA!

-Save the Date October 4-6, 2024 for the 47th FBWA Conference in San Jose, CA. The theme is “Ichi-go, Ichi-e” Each Precious Moment, A Precious Treasure, hosted by Coast District.

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

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura



Maintenance Report for November

OCBC volunteers, including those listed below, help keep the campus running:

Paul Fujimoto	Hideo Kawamura	Alan Maruyama
Dorothy Matsuoka	Taka Naguchi	Marion Nishimura
Steve Higashi	Frank Okamura	CalvinTogashi
Eric Nakahara	Dick Fukuda	David Fusato

1. General.

- Removed trash from the Dale Street and Ball Road frontages.
- Removed some weeds.
- Removed some excess foliage from selected bushes
- Removed leaves and debris from the courtyard and parking lot
- Tried drying Kodo carpet to remove a wrinkle.
- Replaced two dead Kodo lights.
- Repaired a social hall water faucet.
- Completed some maintenance tasks at the Calico house.
- Other tasks not explicitly identified.

Join us on most Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday mornings. We generally leave campus a little after noon.

Gassho,
Jim Mitchell, 3rd VP, Maintenance



Tomodachi Bento Kamaboko Sale

Due to the lack of inventory of Yamasa products, the kamaboko fundraiser has been canceled.

We apologize
for the
inconvenience!



ABA News

It seems so strange to type this but: HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Why strange? Because it doesn't feel possible for it to be that time of the year again so quickly!

Time is such a strange concept isn't it? Sometimes, you want it to pass quickly; like when you're waiting for a special event to hurry up and happen. Sometimes, you want it to pass slowly; like when you're spending time with your young children, knowing how quickly they are growing up, or when you need more time to study for a test (my DMV renewal is quickly approaching!). Then, there's the whole Daylight Savings Time switching with Standard Time, which gets harder and harder to adjust to. And, don't even get me started on different time zones! My husband once celebrated his birthday in Japan and came home to celebrate it again here! It's like he traveled to the future or something! Regardless, as the saying goes, "Time waits for no one". So... how are you choosing to spend your time? I have a few suggestions!

ABA is gearing up for a new year filled with activities, including:

- Trip to Bowers Museum – December 8
- Installation of new cabinet and ABA Appreciation Luncheon - January 7
- Shinnenenkai - January 13 (yours truly will be leading the games!)
- Super Bowl Party - February 11
- Hanamatsuri - April 20 – 21
- Obon - July 20 – 21
- Ohigan - September 15

Other fun activities are in the planning stages as well. I'd also like to remind old and new members to be sure to pay your \$20 membership dues to Julie Saito asap. Also, take a look at your Toban responsibilities on the new 2024 Toban assignments. Before closing, special thanks to all who came out to clean some windows, save some plants, and take out some weeds, during our Church Clean Up. Kudos also, to Gordon Tani for always providing us with his beautiful posters: both for our bulletin board and for the OCBC Orientation Fair.

Wishing all of you in ABA (and not, although you should be, if you're reading this!) a wonderful holiday season filled with happy and memorable TIMES!

With Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai

Dharma School

We hope that everyone had a wonderful time during the Thanksgiving holidays with family and friends, not only eating lots of turkey and all of the trimmings, but also thinking about all of the things you are thankful for in your lives.

Dharma School Class Dates

We look forward to seeing you in class!

December 3.

December 10 -- Year-End Service -- Can be used as a make-up class towards perfect attendance.

After the Year-End Service there will be a year-end party in the Social Hall for the Dharma School students to enjoy a pizza party and a Dana craft activity, making cards of support for the Lahaina temple's sangha in Maui. Then the DS students will receive a year-end gift from Dharma School.

January 7, 21, 28.

January 14 – Ho-Onko Service – Mandatory for Perfect Attendance.

February 4, 11, 18.

February 25 – BCA Eitaiyo Hybrid Service. No service at OCBC.

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

Dharma School High School and College Assistants

We would like to welcome and thank the following teachers' assistants for their dedication to spread the Dharma:

Pre-school/Kindergarten – Kyle Okino

1st/2nd grades – Kellie Yada

3rd grade – Kaitlyn Nakagawa

5th grade – Madison Ige

8th grade – Jessica Fukui

Class photos -- October 29

We would like to extend an appreciative thank you to Michael Nishida, the photographer, who made sure that all of the students had big smiles on their faces for their class photos. We again thank Nancy Suzuki for arranging the schedule that allowed smooth transitions from class to class.

Ti Sarana Rites -- Yodo Nyumon Shiki service

On November 12, Ti Sarana Rites were held to offer our fourth-grade students the opportunity to declare their wishes to become a part of the Sangha by following the Buddha Dharma to the best of their abilities. We would like to welcome the following students into the Sangha, who participated and were presented with a montoshikisho from the temple: **Ryland Yao, Enrique Rosales-Wong, Akio Steimetz, Walt Medina, Kenji Chaisawasdi, Declan Uyeda, Braden Yao, and Ryan Sato.**

Generous Act of True Dana (Giving)

Our Dharma School has received generous monetary donations from Alison Yoshihara, Janet Sakahara, and Jo Ann Tanioka. We thank them for their thoughtfulness and their vision for the future of our children by supporting our Dharma School program to spread the Dharma. We sincerely appreciate their generosity!

“My Offering” Fundraising Program

It is through the support of Dharma School families, friends, and Sangha at large, that the total BCA Dharma School program can provide new teaching materials, support education and training of DS teachers, and help new ministers that are beginning to serve in our BCA.

Thanks to your past contributions, the BCA, including OCBC, has benefitted. We hope that you will continue with your support and generosity.

The “My Offering” letter explaining how a donation can be made was distributed to the DS families as an email attachment from your student's teacher in November or December. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Dharma School Gift Card Sales

DS Gift Card sales will be available for purchase on the first and third Sundays of each month by Lynn Morita or Michael Li at the hospitality table near the entrance of the hondo.

Our Dharma School Gift Card Sales help to provide the Dharma School teachers with materials, conference fees, etc. We want to extend many thanks of appreciation to the people who support our Gift Card Sales to help supplement our expenses. If you are new to ordering gift cards or have any questions, please email:

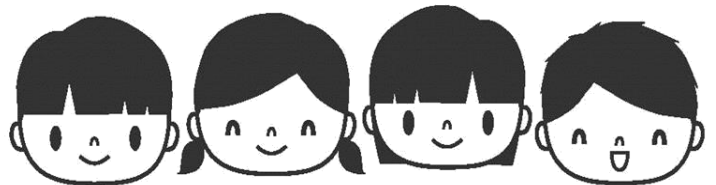
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Welcoming New Students

If you, or someone in your family, is new to OCBC and would like to attend Dharma School, please contact us at **dharma.school@orangecountybuddhist.org**. We welcome new students any time during the school year. In addition, if you know anyone from Preschool–high school age who might be interested, please share the email address with them. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you!

In gassho,
Gail Harada



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Project Kokoro News

Family Day Event “Kazoku-No-Hi” Report

Project Kokoro sponsored Kazoku-No-Hi Family Day which was held on October 8, 2023 in memory of Mitsuo Kawaguchi, a long time supporter of Project Kokoro. Mr. Kawaguchi had a strong appreciation for family, culture, traditions and respect for our elders and the generations that came before us with hopes to continue to share with families the proud heritage of the Japanese American Family. This was a time to share the day together to learn about Japanese American culture through arts, crafts, food, music and games.

Our first Kazoku-No-Hi was in 1993 and was the vision of the late Bill Wada and continued annually until 2008. We decided to bring it back for our current youth, OCBC sangha family, and Japanese American Community.

We had over 300 participants from infants up to seniors in their 90's playing games, making crafts, enjoying the entertainment, bentos and there was something for everyone. Many people commented on how nice it was to have Family Day brought back after so many years, and to see family members of all ages interacting and enjoying the time spent together. Once we announced the start of the crafts and games, we noticed that many bentos were only half eaten, since everyone was so anxious to go to the activities and decided they would rather play than eat. They did not want to miss out on all the activities. The seniors were especially proud of their point cards and everyone couldn't wait to redeem their prizes.

Many positive comments have continued to come in along with sincere expressions of appreciation for such a wonderful event - a great time had by all! Several people that attended as a child or with their children were happy that they could take part again as aunties/uncles, parents and grandparents!

A special thank you to the 60+ volunteers (church members, family/friends, nonprofit volunteers, and the Pickleball group) who came out on Saturday evening and Sunday. Without these volunteers we would not have been able to provide all the activities! This year we invited our local nonprofits to volunteer with an activity. Thank you to Little Tokyo Services Center's Changing Tides and Budokan, Japanese American National Museum, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, Keiro Services, Kizuna, and Tanaka Farms for sponsoring an activity. Live musical entertainment was provided by Miko Shudo & Michael Murata. The special dessert was beautiful hand made artisanal/seasonal manju made by Chika Mochi, based in Gardena. (check out their spotlight on Netflix's "Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner with David Chang in LA edition")

We could not have kicked off the return of Kazoku-No-Hi without the committee members' many hours of planning and manpower during the event. Much gratitude to our committee members Neddie Bokosky, Jodi Hisamoto, Joanne Ishii, Dorothy Matsuoka, Kathleen Nishida, Liana Ogata, Linda Ogata, Diana Ono, Jo Ann Tanioka, Irene Yamanishi. Thank you everyone for making Family Day such a successful, memorable and fun event. Project Kokoro is an all volunteer group and we welcome new volunteers of any age.

In gassho,
Hazel Ando
Chris Hirata
Diana Ono

Appreciation

We would like to acknowledge the generous gifts received to help support our future programs and thank: Amy Takata, Dan & Noriko Kaneko, Amy Iwamasa, Glenn and Alison Yoshihara, Ronald and Jean Nakano, The Fukino Family in honor of their mother, Hayami Helen Fukino.

OCBC/Tanaka Farms CSA Program

Farm fresh seasonal produce delivered every other week for members and affiliated organizations! PK members Greg and Bonnie Goodman offer recipes and meal ideas.

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or contact Patty Nagatoshi: csa@tanakafarms.com
or Bonnie Goodman: bgood1@cox.net

PK Craft Club

The weekly workshop meets every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm to make crafts for fun and to sell at the Crafts Fair's. If you would like to join a workshop or want more information, please contact Dorothy Matsuoka: dcmatsuoka@aol.com or Rumiko Nakatani: rumiko@sbcglobal.net

In gassho,
Neddie Bokosky

(Photos on page 10)



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Uchiwa Station**



Daion Taiko

November brought our annual team bonding event, otherwise known as Church Cleanup. Thank you again to our great families for getting on your hands and knees and putting the shine into our stage. The MPB bathrooms were also part of the fun, so be sure you cleanup after yourselves in the meantime.

On 11/12, we got to do something a little bit more fun. For over 20 years, we've been performing at the Autumn Festival at the Aquarium of the Pacific. It is always a great event with so many other groups highlighting various Asian cultures.

As we move towards the end of the year, we're starting to set our sights on Hanamatsuri and getting up to speed.



Upcoming Events

Last Day of Practice for 2023 12/10
First Day of Practice for 2024 01/07

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami

Dharma Wheel Club

In October, we had our annual OCBC Halloween Costume Party and it was a ton of fun! We also hope everyone had a Thankful and Wonderful Thanksgiving! We have a lot to be thankful for!

Our next fun activity meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2023, after Dharma School in the MPB Conference Room. A light lunch will also be served. Please remember to bring your DWC forms if you have not already turned them in.

If interested in joining Dharma Wheel Club, please contact Olivia Ohta (Olivia.Ohta@gmail.com) or Nicole Chaisawasdi (Namilover@aol.com).

In Gassho,
Nicole Chaisawasdi & Olivia Ohta
Dharma Wheel Club Advisors



Weekly pickleball sessions In the MPB gym.

For more information:

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

Weekend sessions (times based on gym availability)
email Jeff/Carol @
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Sangha Teens

Hello OCBC!

We've been pretty busy in Sangha Teens. We're off to a great start this year with the Halloween Party, Church Cleanup, and Installation Service conducted by Rev. Wondra!

The Halloween Party started with Sangha Teens running the games. Everyone looked happy playing all the games and kids in all kinds of costumes were playing all the games to get points. They used the points to win items like pokemon cards, hot wheels, and more! We all tried our best to keep the games going! At the end, a magician came and performed magic tricks. The kids enjoyed it a lot!



At Church Cleanup, we went up to the third floor of the social hall to clean up the balcony and the bathrooms. First, we used brooms to sweep the balcony and got rid of a lot of dirt. Then we mopped the floor and wiped the walls of the bathrooms. After that, we used brooms to sweep the hidden stairs connecting the bottom and top floors outside. It was hard work, but it now looks better than before!



The Sangha Teens Installation Service was conducted by Rev. Wondra where Connor Inanaga, Satoshi Aoyama, Michael Morimoto, Rex Shimada, Emma Hirotsu, Kent Inanaga and I were installed as the new 2023-2024 Sangha Teens cabinet. Emma and Kent are the new co-presidents. Michael and Rex are the new co-secretaries. Satoshi is the new historian. Connor is the new religious chair. I am the new publicity chair, whose job includes writing these articles for the Korin! We are looking forward to working hard as the new Sangha Teens cabinet. (Photo on page 15)

An upcoming Sangha Teens event is the Bodhi Day Party where we play games, eat bentos, and just have fun at a local park. We will also participate in Adopt-a-Family where we will be supplying holiday presents for a needy family in Anaheim.

Thank you for reading! We are looking forward to the upcoming events!

In Gassho,
Camden Yao

Jr. YBA

During October, Jr. YBA had its annual OC Jam in which members gathered in the social hall for a night of fun activities. There were pumpkin carvings, iron chef contests, and a service project involving blankets which were crafted by Jr. YBA members and donated to a local shelter. The night ended with some fun games and a sleepover, followed by a short early morning service to install the 2023-24 OCBC Jr.YBA Cabinet. Reverend Turner led the service, installing Tesshin Aoyama and Brooke Tomooka as Co-Presidents, Matt Nakagawa as VP of Finance, Austen Lock as VP of Fundraising, Reina Yee as Corresponding Secretary, Jack Hirotsu as Recording Secretary, Jessica Fukui as Athletics Chair, Ryan Shimada and Justine Ueno as Religious Chairs, and Olivia Inanaga and Kaitlyn Nakagawa as Publicity Chairs. After the service, Jr. YBA members made a trip to OCBC's annual appreciation picnic where they helped run games and joined in on the fun themselves. Everyone had a wonderful time celebrating our amazing OCBC community.

To further give back to the OCBC community, Jr. YBA participated in the annual church cleanup. They cleaned the windows of the Social Hall and lent a hand in landscaping the Calico and Devoy homes. After a day of hard work for Jr. YBA and other participating groups, the church was left looking clean and brand new!

Another event Jr. YBA helped with was OCBC's annual Halloween party. During the party, kids enjoyed fun games, a haunted maze, and a Halloween costume parade. There was lots of candy and many fun games to be enjoyed. Both kids and adults could be seen donning creative and amusing costumes as they lined up for the parade.

Meanwhile, during the SD Jr. YBL Leadership Retreat, we were able to secure our bid to host Seminar 2 at the Delegate's meeting. While there is still much planning to be done, the seminar is set to be held in March of 2024. We hope to see you there!

Overall, it was a great month of activities and Jr. YBA thanks all that helped contribute!

Kaitlyn Nakagawa
OCBC Jr. YBA Publicity Chair



In Memoriam

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

Setsuko Eto
Nancy Fumiye Shibata
Hayami Helen Fukino

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

October

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Thank you for contributing to the Building Fund.

Many more improvements are planned for 2024, so please remember the Building Fund in your year-end gift giving.

In Gassho
 Doug Iwanaga
 Building Fund Treasurer



光輪 十二月

2023年を振り返って

今年も師走を迎える頃となりました。どちら様も年末・年始に向けて、お忙しい毎日のことと思います。どうぞお大事にお過ごしくださいませ。今年2023年も、皆様からの心暖まるメンバーシップ、ご寄付、また多くのお手伝いをいただきました、大変ありがとうございます。オレンジ郡仏教会は多くの門信徒の方々のお蔭でお念仏が繁盛しております。とても有難いことです。来年も引き続き、よろしくお願ひ申し上げます。

2023年を振り返りますと多くの喜びとは反対にこの地球上で二つの戦いが起こっていることに心が痛みます。ウクライナとロシアの戦いは2年目を迎え、いつになったら停戦になるかと世界中の人々が思っています。またイスラエルとパレスチナの戦いは10月に起こりましたが、多くの民間人、それも子供たちが犠牲になっている悲惨な状況です。

理由は何であれ生命を奪(うば)い合うことは良くありません。仏教の戒律で一番

大事なことに「不殺生戒(ふせつしようかい)」があります。これは命を殺(あや)めることを禁じています。人間同士はもちろん、小さな生き物である蚊や木々、花々まで含みます。

戦うという行動は人間の心から始まるのではないのでしょうか？それに至るまでは様々な因縁があるのでしようが、身口意と呼ばれる三業(さんごう)からの結末であると思われまます。身口意とは、私がする行動、言動、そしてそれらを指令する意思(これには記憶も含まれる)を意味して、仏教では意思が最も大きな役割をしていると考えます。戦争は人間の心の持ちようから始まると言っても過言ではないと思います。

親鸞聖人の先生であった法然聖人は子供のころ父親を闇討ちで亡くしています。父親は漆間時国(うるま・ときくに)といひ、その当時、押領使(おうりょうし・臨時警察官)でした。息を引き取る前に父親が息子である法然聖人に言い残し言葉は「仇討ちはするな、比叡山に上って僧侶になりなさい」でした。法然聖人は父親の遺言通りに、リベンジである仇討ちはせずに、不殺生の道を歩む仏道に入られたのです。

『歎異抄(たんにしよう)』第13章で親鸞聖人は弟子の唯円(ゆいえん)さんに「人間というものは業縁が整えば、1000人でも殺めてしまうことができるものだ」と話され、何をしでかすか分からない人間の潜在意識の怖さを示されています。

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浄土に往生できるかどうか不安な人は、まず自らの浄土往生をお考えになつて、念仏するのがよいでしょう。自らの往生が間違いないと思う人は、仏のご恩を心に思い、それに報いるため心を込めて念仏し、世の中が安穩(あんおん)であるように、仏法が広まるようにと思われのがよいと思ひます。

私たちは、世のなかで安らかで平穩であつてほしいと願ひます。そして、それは世のなかの誰もが共に生きることの深さを回復することであることを忘れてはいけないと思ひます。1そのことを教えてくれる智慧はさまざま伝統のなかにあると思ひますが、私たち浄土真宗門徒は親鸞聖人のお示しのように、「仏法ひろまれ」と願ひて生きていきたいと思ひます。

皆さまのご健康とご多幸を念じつつ、本年の最後の法話とさせていただきます。良いお年をお迎えくださいませ。

南無阿弥陀仏 ワンドラ 睦

世のなか
安穩なれ
仏法ひろまれ

❖ 祥月法要について

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9590(ご)連絡ください。

婦人会だより



年末がゆつくりと近づいてくると、伝統に従い、慣習を続けていきたいという強い思いが高まります。先日、私たちは十一月四日にお寺の大掃除、おみがきのためにサンガとして集まりました。友人や家族と力を合わせて働くことは、難しい仕事とは思えませんでした。なぜなら、全員が同じ目的、つまりOCBC全体を美しくし、すべての部屋を輝かせるためにそこにいたからです。この毎年恒例の伝統を手伝うために来てくれた当番DとBWAメンバーに感謝します。そしてまた十一月十七日の餅つきでお会いできることを楽しみにしています。あん餅は作りませんので、あん炊き当番Fは餅つき当番HとIに加わってください。これはBWAにとつて大規模な募金活動ですので、ご協力をよろしくお願いいたします。シフトへのサインアップは間もなく開始されます。詳細は餅つきチラシをご覧ください、注文締め切りは十二月三日です。

*プロジェクト心のラハイナ募金活動
でお弁当の準備と梱包を手伝ってくれ
た皆さんに感謝します。多くのメンバ
ーが複数の組織をサポートしているため、
皆様のご支援は非常に正当な目的のた
めのものであり、大変感謝しております。

*次回の十二月十一日のシニア昼食会
は、ソーシヤルホールで誕生日のお祝い
もありますので、ぜひご参加ください。
BWA メンバーには、お弁当の準備を
手伝ったり、おいしいランチを楽しんだ
り、フレンドリーな会話をしたり、また
は上記のすべてを行うために、月の第
二月曜日の昼食会に参加することをお
勧めします。

*一年間、ポップアップストアをご愛
顧いただきました皆様、ありがとうございます
ございました。次回のポップアップイベ
ントは餅つきにて開催致します。勤務
終了後やお餅の注文の際など、ぜひお
立ち寄りください。

*次回のBWAミーティングは一月十
四日午後十二時三十分から報恩講と昼
食後、ミニチャペルで開催されます。

新しいキャビネットの発足を歓迎し、
今後の活動について話し合いますの
で、ぜひご出席ください。私たちは年
間を通じて常に新しいメンバーを募集
しています。お友達を誘ってOC B

WA の「What's Cooking」を見に行っ
てみてはいかがでしょう。

*2024年十月四日から六日
まで、カリフォルニア州サンノゼで開
催される第四十七回FBWAカンフ
アレンスの日付を保存してください。
テーマは「一期一会」それぞれの大切
な瞬間、大切な宝物で、コーストデ
ストリクトの主催です。

婦人会あるいは婦人会のアクティビテ
イ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。
Email: BWA@orangecountybuddhist.org
です。

合掌 中村クリス



「寄付」

(2023年10月16日〜202
3年11月11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 3,641ドル

「仏教会に特別寄付」

にご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

匿名

BCAエンダウメント ファンド

ダーナプログラム

クサノ ゲイル

大迫 リサ・ティルデン

杉本 ステイブ・キャロル

キャピタル グループ

デイ レネー

土網 康子(3)

金子 ダン・のり子

クライ エリン

リー イエン

西村 ロドニー・マリオン

落合 アラン・キャッシー

田中 ゲイブ(2)

トレセダー キャサリン

若林 エドウィン・ローリー

ウッドコック ロナルド

ユエン みさ

合計 12,313ドル

『お彼岸』法要 (追加分)

にご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

坂本 ジェフ・キャロル

矢田 ファミリー トラスト

合計 800ドル

「お盆特別寄付」(追加分)

にご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

島袋 ジェイン

矢田 ファミリー トラスト

合計780ドル

「お賽銭」ご寄付です。(敬称略)

匿名

マラシガン ニコール

合計 912ドル

「仏教会にお礼」

ご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

匿名

江藤 ドウエイン・カレン (2)

露野 アラン・オクタヴィア

川端 イレイン (2)

川端 カイル (2)

上杉 ロナルド・エツコ

ウオン カート・ナネル

合計 2,200ドル

「納骨堂」

にご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

匿名

チャン ダリル・シエリル

フィーク ステイブ・ヴィツキー

モリス シリマ

村本 カレン

大月 クリストファー

貞金 ジョン・アン

柴田 クレツグ

ウエマ ジュデイ

合計2,173ドル

「お歳暮」

「お歳暮」にご寄付戴きました方のご芳名です。(敬称略)

宮本 かつひろ・みち子

オオハマ ナンシー

友岡 ロバート・サンドラ

山下 洋子

合計375ドル

「永代経法要」

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

合計3,550ドル

「永代経ファンド」

「永代経ファンド」にご寄付戴きました方のご芳名です。(敬称略)

アライ ユミ

露野 アラン・オクタヴィア

川上 ルース

柴田 クレツグ

浜田 ケント様への追悼

浜田 雅子・ロン・ジョアン

クレイン トム・エレン

合計37,500ドル

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

お葬儀

故江藤 勢津子

2023年9月20日往生

故柴田 ナンシー 文江

2023年9月26日往生

故露野 早美 ヘレン

2023年9月29日往生

仏教会一同、心よりお悔やみを申し上げます。南無阿弥陀仏



OCBC SPECIAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Dec 24th

NO SERVICES – *Office Closed*

Dec 25th

Office Closed in Observance of the Holidays

Dec 26th

Office Closed



Dec 31st

New Year's Eve Service at 4:30 pm - *Office Closed*

Jan 1st

New Year's Day Service at 10:00 am - *Office Closed*

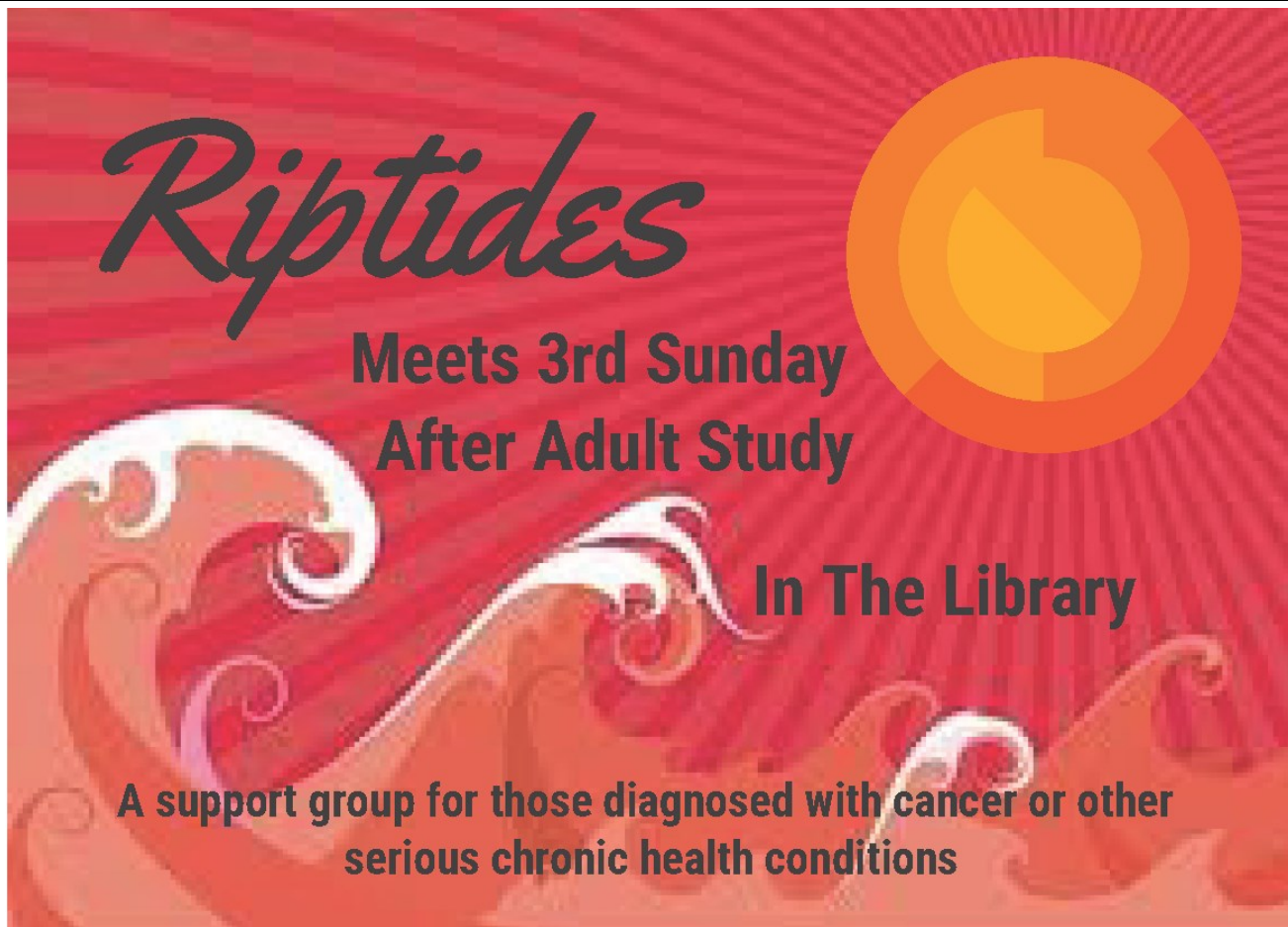
Jan 2nd

Office Closed

In case of emergency please call (714) 827-9590

happy
HOLIDAYS





Riptides

**Meets 3rd Sunday
After Adult Study**

In The Library

**A support group for those diagnosed with cancer or other
serious chronic health conditions**

You are invited to attend a free screening
of the short film

A Profound Silence

featuring Jodo Shinshu Buddhist voices from the
LGBTQ+ community, family & allies

by Gardena Buddhist Church's Ichi-mi

December 3rd, 2023

1:00 pm

**Orange County Buddhist
Church Social Hall**

909 S Dale Ave, Anaheim 92804



a panel discussion with Q&A will follow

presented by OCBC Social Welfare Committee,
supporting the LGBTQ+ community and its allies

DEC. 9 @ OCBC
SOCIAL HALL

1:00PM - 4:00PM

REGISTER
ONLINE

HOLIDAY
SCREENING
AND
BOOK TALK!

OCBC
ORANGE COUNTY
BUDDHIST CHURCH

PRESENTS
A BOOK TALK

A REBEL'S OUTCRY

BIOGRAPHY OF ISSEI CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER SEI FUJII (1882-1954)

PROGRAM INCLUDES SCREENING OF LIL TOKYO REPORTER

FEATURING ACADEMY AWARD® WINNER CHRIS TASHIMA
AND FILMMAKER & PUBLISHER JEFFREY GEE CHIN

CO-PRESENTER



LITTLE TOKYO
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SATURDAY DEC 9, 2023 @ 1-4 PM

OCBC'S SOCIAL HALL
909 DALE AVE ANAHEIM, CA

\$5 ADULTS / \$3 KIDS (PAY AT THE DOOR)

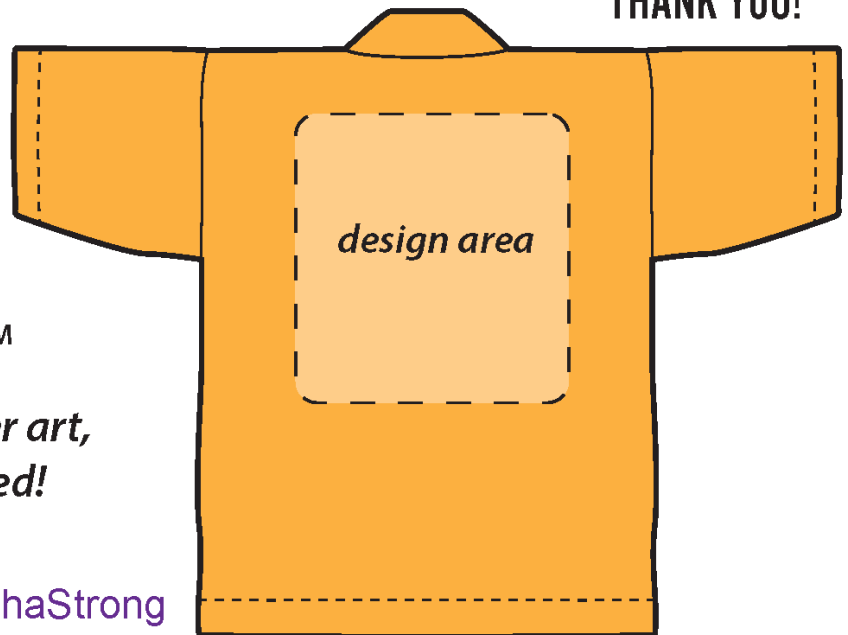


Hello, OCBC Sangha!



Extending the invitation for OCBC's
Happi Coat designs! For submittals,
questions, or templates, please e-mail:
OCBCMedia@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



LIGHT TRIM OR DARK TRIM

Sketch, cut & paste, computer art,
any method will be considered!



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MOCHITSUKI

December 17, 2023



Deadline: **Sunday, December 3, 2023**

Please fill out the form and either mail it or drop it off in the OCBC office, along with your payment by December 3, 2023. Phone orders will **not** be taken at the OCBC office. If you have any questions, you may call Jodi at 714-761-4250.

MOCHI PICKUP: at OCBC in the **SOCIAL HALL** on December 17, 2023 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Make **checks payable** to: **OC BWA**

Mail order form with payment to: OCBC
 Mochitsuki Order
 909 S. Dale Ave.
 Anaheim, CA 92804

OR
 drop it by the OCBC office upstairs in the social hall.

✂✂✂✂✂ Please cut here and include the bottom of this form with your payment: ✂✂✂✂✂

MOCHITSUKI – December 17, 2023

Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Item	Quantity	Each	SubTotal
KO MOCHI (\$7.00 per one pound)		x \$7.00	\$
KASANE (\$7.00 per set)		x \$7.00	\$
Total Amount Due			\$
OFFICE USE ONLY	DATE received:	Check #:	

Mochi Pick-up at OCBC in the social hall on December 17, 2023 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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2024

OCBC All Sangha General Meeting (Shinnen Enkai-New Year's Lunch)

The General Meeting and New Year's celebration is an opportunity for the entire Sangha to gather and participate in our annual General Meeting. After lunch there will be fun & games and time to socialize. Come join the good people of the Sangha for some great food and fun.

SATURDAY

**JAN
13**

11:30pm - 2:30pm

ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH

909 S. Dale Avenue, Anaheim CA. 92804

11:30-12:00 PM - GENERAL MEETING

12:00-2:30 PM - LUNCHEON PROGRAM

RSVP by January 3, 2024

**STATE
OF THE
SANGHA**

Food by Koi and Crane – Italian Cuisine - \$30

Menu Features:

Variety of Salads

Baked Rigatoni with Bolognese

Penne al Fungi (Penne pasta with wild mushroom cream ragu)

Pan Roasted Chicken with Italian Salsa Verde

Koi and Crane Garlic Bread and more

Please clip and return, or mail the completed section below, with check payable to:

OCBC, 909 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim, 92804, or call the office at 714-827-9590, or e-mail, hello@orangecountybuddhist.org.



We plan to attend the **2024 Shinnen Enkai**:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Quantity: Buffet _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Total = _____

Note: We would be interested in free OCBC Baby-sitting at OCBC for _____ child(ren)

(Children will need to be toilet trained and over 3 years old)

Our children's names and ages are (use the back of this page for additional children):

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Meal(Pizza) _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Meal(Pizza) _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Meal(Pizza) _____

Emergency Contact (cell phone #) _____

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WANTED: RUNNING OR NOT



CARS, VANS, AND TRUCKS

We handle all DMV paperwork! Free pick up! No cost to you!

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 hello@orangecountybuddhist.org, or call the information into the office at (714) 827-9590. To download the form, go to www.orangecountybuddhist.org. At the top right of the webpage, click on the "Support" tab, scroll down and click the "Vehicle Donation" box. To download the form, click ↓ (download icon) at the top right.

Your donation may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor. Proceeds from your donation will help support community services and activities of Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC).

Name _____

Your Address/City/Zip _____

Location of Vehicle (if different) _____

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 Name on Title: _____

Does the vehicle run? Yes No

Comments _____

How did you hear about the program? _____ Today's Date _____

**Thank you for your consideration in making a donation to the
Orange County Buddhist Church Endowment Fund**

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2024 OCBC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

STEP 1: MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	SINGLE ADULT MEMBERSHIP	2 ADULT/FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
Young Adult (18-30 years old)	\$66 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$132 <input type="checkbox"/>
New Members (1st time only/1 year)	\$150 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$300 <input type="checkbox"/>
Renewing Sustaining Members		
Senior Adults (85 years old and older) Long time Sangha Supporter	\$164 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$328 <input type="checkbox"/>
Adult (31-84 years old) Includes dependent children	\$264 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$528 <input type="checkbox"/>
Kansha Member (includes dependent children) Opportunity to provide additional financial support	\$600 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$1200 <input type="checkbox"/>

STEP 2: MEMBER INFORMATION

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

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

Address changed Membership changed

Family Membership Information

Spouse Name _____
 Spouse Cell Number _____
 Email _____
 Child Name _____
 Child Name _____
 Child Name _____

For Office Use Only:

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

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

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

STEP 3: MAIL

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

Quarterly Annually

Orange County Buddhist Church

909 South Dale Avenue
 Anaheim, CA 92804

Method of Payment:

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

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DECEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

2023年12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.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 No Services (Thanksgiving observance)	27 6:00 PM - Zoom BEC English Class Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	30 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	1	2 4:30 PM – Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service (in person)
3 8:30 AM – 瞑想 Mindfulness Service (in person) 10:00 AM – 家族礼拝 Family Service (hybrid) 11:00 AM –Adult Discussion & Dharma School (in person)	4 10:30 AM – In Person BEC Japanese Class Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra	5 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM - Zoom IBS Class Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra	6 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	7 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	8	9
10 8:30 AM – 瞑想 Mindfulness Service (in person) 10:00 AM – 家族礼拝 Family Service Hybrid (In Person/Online) 11:00 AM –Adult Discussion No Dharma School classes- Oseibo distribution	11 11:30 AM - Senior Omairi Service @Kodo 12:00 PM - シニヤ昼食会 Senior Lunch/Work Party	12 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM - Zoom IBS Class Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra	13 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 6:00 PM Ryukoku Univ Graduate School Zoom Lecture Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	14 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	15	16
17 No Services Mochitsuki	18 10:30 AM – In Person BEC Japanese Class Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	21	22	23
24 OFFICE CLOSED No Services (Holiday)	25 OFFICE CLOSED No Services (Holiday)	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	28	29	30
31 4:30 PM – IN PERSON Joya - E New Year's Eve Service OFFICE CLOSED	1 10:00 AM - New Year's Day Service OFFICE CLOSED	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	4 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	5	6 4:30 PM – Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service (in person)



Zoom Mindfulness Service sign up

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