



The Padma



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Berkeley Buddhist Temple Newsletter

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Guidelines:

The Padma welcomes articles from sangha members.

Articles should be around 500-600 words typed. Word documents are best; PDF documents are discouraged.

Please include your name, a title for the article, and include any photos. Cite references if quotes are used.

Articles will be reviewed for content and length, and should contain information relevant to Buddhist teachings, the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, and/or the Buddhist Churches of America. Publication will be at the discretion of the editorial board.

Email submissions to padma@BerkeleyBuddhistTemple.org

Berkeley Buddhist Temple

Kieshiki Affirmation Ceremony

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Receive a Buddhist Name and
Enrich your life as a Buddhist!



Officiant
Rev. Marvin Harada
 Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America

To request an application packet, please fill out the form at:
<https://sanghaevents.info/kieshiki>
 For questions, please contact at: info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org

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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BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2121 CHANNING WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Berkeley Buddhist Temple (510) 841-1356 berkeleybuddhisttemple.org info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org facebook.com/berkeleybuddhisttemple youtube.com/berkeleybuddhisttemple</p>			<p>1 7:00p Meditation & Discussion</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:30a Virtual & In-person Dharma Family & Shotsuki Memorial Service 10:30a Virtual Yoga 1:30p Taiko Class</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 6:00p College Welcome Night</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:30a Virtual & In-person Dharma Family & Nirvana Day Service 1:30p Taiko Class</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7:00p Board of Director's Meeting</p>	<p>15 7:00p Meditation & Discussion</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 <i>Padma Articles Due</i></p>
<p>19 9:30a Virtual & In-person Dharma Family & Dana Day Service 10:30a Virtual Yoga 1:30p Taiko Class</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Padma Newsletter Production</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 6:30p Dharmanar</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 10:00a Virtual BCA Eitaikyo Service 1:30p Taiko Class</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>				



Future Dates to Remember

F E B R U A R Y	Wed 1 Feb	Virtual Meditation & Discussion
	Sun 5 Feb	Livestream & In-person Shotsuki Memorial Service Virtual Yoga
	Fri 10 Feb	In-person College Welcome Night
	Wed 15 Feb	Virtual Meditation & Discussion
	Sun 19 Feb	Livestream & In-person Dana Day Service Virtual Yoga
	Thu 23 Feb	Virtual BBT Dharmanar (Details TBA)
	Sun 26 Feb	Virtual BCA Eitaikyo Service
	M A R	Sun 19 Mar



Berkeley Buddhist Temple
UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 1, 15

WED. 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Sign up at:
<https://sanghaevents.info/meditation>

MEDITATION & DISCUSSION

Join us for an evening of online silent meditation led by our minister, Rev. Kuwahara. Everyone is welcome and no prior experience needed. We will have a short discussion after. All are welcome!

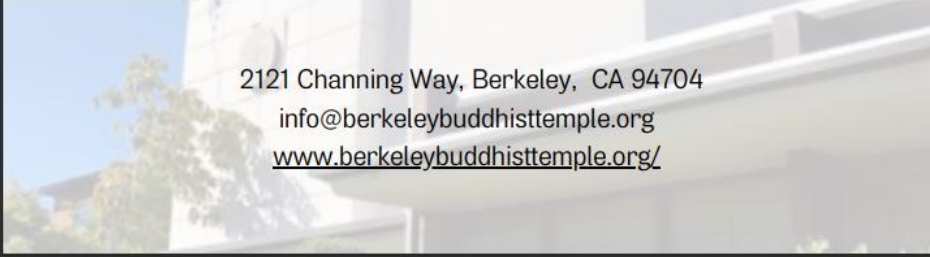
FEB 5, 19

SUN. AFTER THE SERVICE

Join on zoom:
<https://sanghaevents.info/yoga>

VIRTUAL YOGA

Join us for a gentle yoga session by Hitomi Kuwahara that you can do while sitting on a chair or couch without a yoga mat. No experience or registration needed. Everyone is welcome!



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**COLLEGE
WELCOME
NIGHT!**

Fri. February 10th, 6:00pm
Berkeley Buddhist Temple

All are welcome!

This is an in-person event to welcome college aged young people to the temple. There will be a short service, an ice breaker and activities led by Berkeley Nikkei Student Union and to go food! Hope you can join us!

<https://sanghaevents.info/collegewelcome>

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BBT *Kieshiki Sarana* Affirmation Ceremony

It is our great pleasure to announce that the Berkeley Buddhist Temple will hold a *Kieshiki Sarana* Affirmation Ceremony on Sunday, March 19th, in conjunction with the Spring *Ohigan* Equinox Service. The ceremony will be officiated by Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America.

This is an important ceremony in which the participants (or their guardians) affirm their commitment to live as Buddhists. Along with the commitment to the Three Treasures, participants receive a Buddhist name, *Homyo* in Japanese.

In the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition, the *Homyo* consists of two Chinese characters, (*kanji*). Rev. Kuwahara will offer a list of possible Chinese characters and help applicants make a meaningful choice. At the *Kieshiki Sarana* Affirmation Ceremony, participants will receive a certificate issued by the Bishop's Office which includes an explanation of the given Buddhist name.

<p>KIESHIKI AFFIRMATION HOMYO (BUDDHIST NAME)</p> <p>KYO SHIN BUDDHIST NAME</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXXXX GIVEN NAME</p> <p>BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE RECEIVED AT</p> <p>March 19, 2023 DATE</p> <p><i>Marvin Harada</i> OFFICIATED BY ***** Buddhist Churches of America</p>	<p>法 名 敬 心</p> 	 <p>Explanation of Homyo</p> <p>The <i>Homyo</i> or Buddhist name affirms that a person has accepted the path of the Buddha Dharma. It is the name which is given to priests when they are received into the Buddhist order at the <i>Toku-do</i> or Ordination Ceremonies. It is also the name which is presented to lay followers at the <i>Kieshiki Sarana</i> Affirmation Ceremony.</p> <p>The Japanese character <i>SHAKU</i> (釋) is commonly added to the <i>Homyo</i> to suggest that like Shakyamuni Buddha, we, too, are embraced with the vast Dharma ocean where there are no distinctions between the good and the bad, the beautiful and the not so beautiful, the rich and the poor. Within this true and non-discriminating Dharma ocean, all beings are without exception released from this world of samsara and are equally drawn into the Buddha's wise and compassionate heart.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>Meaning of your <i>Homyo</i></p> <p>敬心 - KYO-SHIN - "Heart of respect." - Buddhism teaches us to develop a heart of respect in regards to the teachings, to others, and to all of life. A respectful heart is able to look up to others in humility. One who lacks such respect cannot see the nobility in others.</p>
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Sample of Certificate (letter size)

We invite all pledged members of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, and their children, to take this precious opportunity to enrich life as a Buddhist by receiving a Buddhist name. If you are interested, please fill out the online form: <https://sanghaevents.info/kieshiki>. The deadline for requests is **February 28th, 2023**. In response, we will email an application packet to you, and Rev. Kuwahara will contact you to help you select your Dharma name. We also ask for a \$35.00 donation to support this ceremony.

If you have any questions, please contact the BBT office: info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org.

Note: For those who applied to be part of the *Kieshiki* ceremony in 2020, which was cancelled due to the Covid lockdown, your original application will be used. We will contact you to confirm your participation.



President's Message by Bradley Menda



February 2023 President's Message

2022 has been another challenging year. I hope that you and your loved ones have remained safe and healthy. On behalf of the temple leadership team, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support and patience as we continually adjust temple operations due to the everchanging nature of COVID-19. I grateful that we have been able to safely keep the temple open for in-person Sunday service for the past three months. Thank you again to the temple's COVID-19 response committee for your thoughtful guidance on safely reopening the temple for our members and the community. My hope is that in 2023 we can gradually expand in-person activities at the temple.

As we begin the new year, I would like to announce some changes to the temple leadership team. Departing the executive cabinet this year is Takashi Nikaidoh. Takashi was treasurer and has held numerous other temple leadership positions including the role of temple president. Most recently Takashi has led our fundraising committee, ensuring the long-term financial stability for our temple. I would like to thank Takashi for his selfless dedication to the temple. Also departing from the board are long-time temple members and leaders Evelyn Nakano Glenn and Gary Oda. I would like to thank both of them for their service to the temple. Each of these individuals have done so much to shape our temple into the successful institution that it is today. It has been a privilege and honor to work beside them.

On January 8th, we held the installation of the 2023 BBT Executive Cabinet. I am happy to welcome Andy Mayeda and Sandra Takeda as co-treasurers for the 2023 calendar year. Also joining the temple board is Tina Iwasaki. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with each of these individuals.

Looking forward, I am truly excited for 2023. The temple will be introducing additional religious and community-oriented programming. Starting in February we will be offering twice monthly Buddhist education classes after Sunday service. Information about the upcoming sessions will be available soon. As the months progress we will be making additional announcements about new offerings to temple members and the community. Keep your eye out for future communications about these events.

As we start off the New Year, I would like to thank you again for your dedication and support of the temple. I wish you and your loved ones a Happy 2023 and hope that the temple continues to play a meaningful role in each of your lives.

Gassho,
Bradley



Minister's Message by Rev. Kuwahara



“Life With a Buddhist Name”

As announced on the front page of this newsletter, the Berkeley Buddhist Temple will hold a *Kieshiki Sarana* Affirmation Ceremony on Sunday, March 19th, in conjunction with the Spring *Ohigan* Equinox Service. This *Kieshiki* is a special ceremony, which is performed by the Bishop of the BCA. It is an honor to have Bishop Marvin Harada as our guest speaker and our *Kieshiki* ceremony officiant.

In the *Kieshiki* ceremony the participants (or their guardians) affirm their commitment to live as Buddhists, taking refuge in the Three Treasures: Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. The Three Treasures of Buddha's wisdom and compassion allow us to cope with the ups and downs of our everyday lives and surely enhance the quality. With their affirmation, participants receive a certificate with an

explanation of their Buddhist name, *Homyo* in Japanese.

When we are born, we receive the name which defines and shapes our lives. So, it is appropriate that we receive a Buddhist name when we start a new spiritual life when we affirm to live with the Three Treasures,

In our Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition, the *Homyo* consists of three Chinese characters. Every *Homyo* begins with the first character, 釋 *Shaku*. This is the Chinese transliteration of Shakyamuni, the founder of Buddhism. I usually explain that “*Shaku*” is like a family name. Those who affirm to live with the Three Treasures join Shakyamuni Buddha's family. The second and third characters are like a first name, which differs for each person. In our Buddhist tradition, these characters are chosen from the Buddhist sacred texts written in Chinese and carry Buddhist meanings. In our Buddhist name, we can hear Buddha's compassionate wish directed to us.

For example, my Buddhist name is 釋淨信 *Shaku Joshin*. 淨信 *Joshin*, my “first name”, appears in the Buddhist sutras. Ven. Shinran, founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, uses it in his main work, *True Teaching, Practice and Realization of the Pure Land Way* (Jpn. *Kyogyoshinsho*), to refer to *shinjin*, true and real faith. The first character, 淨 *jo*, means “pure” or “purity.” A Chinese character is often composed of segments, and each segment also carries a meaning. The character 淨 *jo* can be broken down into two parts:

淨 = 氵 : water, flow of water + 争 : conflict, fight

Together, the two parts can be understood to mean “to wash away a conflict or fight”. The condition of being free from conflict can be thought of as “pure” or “purity.” The second character 信 *shin* means “faith” and can also be broken down into two parts:

信 = 亻 : person + 言 : words, say, speak

The basic meaning is to trust what somebody says or somebody's words.



“Rain, Rain, Rain” by Diane Ames

“Oh please!” I cried to the Climate Goddess, who was waterskiing on one of the great atmospheric rivers bringing storms into California. “We need the rain, but must it all fall at once and must the wind blow so hard? There’s flooding all over California. Trees are falling on houses. Over a hundred thousand households have no electricity, and some people need it to run their medical devices. A woman on her way to drive an elderly patient to her doctor has drowned on the flooded roads. If this keeps up, there’ll be terrible mudslides, especially in places burned over by the wildfires you caused! *Must* you send in yet another storm tomorrow?”



“Humans!” she sighed dismissively. “All the time it’s gripe, gripe, gripe! For years you moan and groan about the drought, and now you complain about the rain!”

“Couldn’t you show a little moderation?”

“Don’t blame me! You’ve always gotten atmospheric rivers here. But these contain more water than used to be normal because the ocean’s water is warming and evaporating faster than before and the warming air can hold more of the resulting water vapor in clouds. Look, you Buddhists talk about interdependence, about everything affecting everything else. Well ...” She began chanting as she beat a snare drum. “...these rivers are connected to the warming air, and the warming air’s connected to the climate change, and the climate change’s connected to the greenhouse gases, and it’s all connected to you human fools!”

“I know about man-made climate change. But what can us ordinary people do about it?”

“You have your precious human bodies. Don’t they come equipped with human brains? Think of something! Appeal to human sanity, such as it is. Don’t lose hope that humans will finally agree not to self-destruct.”



January 8, 2023: BBT Welcomes the New Year !

The resurgence of Covid infections and the rain that just won't quit put a damper on our New Year festivities. Still, we were able to congregate in the courtyard, enjoy some light refreshments, and absorb the energy of a rousing Taiko performance. You can watch the BBT Shinenkai Taiko performance here: [2023 BBT Shinenkai Taiko Performance - YouTube](#)



(All photos courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)



Introducing the 2023 BBT Executive Committee

On January 8, 2023, the Berkeley Buddhist Temple held a confirmation ceremony for the 2023 Executive Committee.



2023 BBT Executive Committee and Rev. Kuwahara (Photo courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)

The temple officers are, from left to right:

- Bradley Menda, President
- Lorin Bond (and Taka), 1st Vice President, Religious Affairs
- Karen Sugiyama, Secretary
- Mimi Kagehiro, 3rd Vice President, Membership
- Eric Lindquist, Financial Manager
- Sandra Takeda, Co-Treasurer
- Andy Mayeda, Cop-Treasurer
- Not pictured:
 - Lena Yin, co-2nd Vice President, Social & Community Affairs
 - Robin McGuire, co-2nd Vice President, Social & Community Affairs



BBT Dharma School Newsletter

February 2023

It's Basketball Season!

Even though Berkeley Buddhist Temple doesn't have enough players for a Sangha team this year, our Dharma School students still are finding ways to shoot hoops on local rec teams: Sean, Eight, Ty, Hiroto, and Rhys play for Buddhist Church of Oakland; Kiki and Romare play for Berkeley Methodist United; and Francisco Jr. plays for Eden.



February Schedule

All of Berkeley Buddhist Temple Dharma School classes currently are in-person. If you have any questions, please contact the Stacy Uyeda, the Dharma School Superintendent, at: bbtdharmaschool@gmail.com.

2/5/2023	DFS/February Shotsuki - Regular Dharma School Classes
2/12/2023	DF Service / Nirvana Day - Regular Dharma School Classes
2/19/2023	DFS/Dana Day (Service by High School Students) - Regular Dharma School Classes
2/26/2023	BCA Eitaikyo Service (Online Zoom link) - No Dharma School Classes

BCA Eitaikyo Service

Your Dharma School teachers encourage you to attend the Buddhist Churches of America Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, February 26, 2023. The service will be virtual, and a Zoom link will be shared closer to the date.



BCA Announcements

Buddhist Churches of America

TEMPLE LEADERS WORKSHOP

Join us on
Feb 4, 2023

- Network with temple leaders from other BCA temples
- Sharing successful ideas and practices
- Sharing challenges and finding solution
- Finding and providing inspiration to your fellow leaders



This conference is open to all BCA Temple representatives serving in leadership roles.



Jodo Shinshu Center
2140 Durant Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94704



REG & INFO: <https://tinyurl.com/BCALEADERS>

BCA J.A.M.S.

JODOSHINSHU ARTISTS & MUSICIANS SHOWCASE

VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW



PREMIERES

@11:30 AM

SUNDAY, 26 FEBRUARY
BCA YOUTUBE CHANNEL

<https://www.youtube.com/@BuddhistChurchesofAmerica/streams>

BCA Center for Buddhist Education
Living The Dharma (formerly Every Day Buddhism) Committee Presents:



THE BENEFITS OF A LIFE OF GRATITUDE: Benefits of Shin Buddhism

PART 1

Saturday, March 11, 2023

11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PT)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi



Rev. Dr. Akahoshi served as the resident minister of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego for 8 years and recently retired. Prior to becoming a minister, he received his DDS degree from UCSF Dental School and practiced dentistry privately in San Jose. He served as the San Jose Betsuin Broad President (2 years) and was a Buddhist Chaplain in the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall for 7 years. He received a master's degree from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto and a Masters of Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies of Berkeley, CA. He originated (1998) and continues to conduct annual Shin Buddhist Retreats in California, Washington, and Hawaii. He is currently heading the Minister's Support Pillar for the Dharma Forward Campaign.

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada

Registration

<https://forms.gle/7xDqKVapCEp2duZP8>

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(Donations are processed by BCA Endowment Foundation)

Visit buddhistchurchesofamerica.org email: cbe@bcahq.org or phone: 510.809.1460

SHINJIN

Rev Dr David Matsumoto



Online Seminar

CBE Online
Seminar

Register Below

Saturday

March 18, 2023

11am - 1pm (PT)

About

Rev Dr. David Matsumoto is the president of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. He will continue his series about the meaning of Shinjin. This is part 3 of his 4 part online series. Parts 1 & 2 are on the CBE Youtube Channel if you wish to view them.



REGISTER & INFO HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/ShinjinSeminar3>



Community Announcements

What can we do now
for our future?

- From Buddhist Perspectives -

-PANELISTS-

Rev.Gyokuko Carlson
Rev.Daijaku Doyo Kinst
Rev.Jisho Sara Siebert



SDGS &
BUDDHISM

GOAL 4 :
QUALITY
EDUCATION



online zoom
2023.1.28(sat)2pm-4pm PST



Bay Area Buddhist
Association presents

sdgsbayarea@gmail.com

Grateful Crane Ensemble PRESENTS

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY: A NISEI LIFE IN SONG



Join us for this special show in tribute to our Nisei generation as the Grateful Crane Ensemble from Los Angeles takes you on a sentimental journey through the Nisei's life in America before, during and after WWII. Featuring over 20 of the Nisei's favorite Japanese and American songs, the show promises to bring back fond memories of their lives well-lived as we say "Thank you" to them for paving the way for the younger generations to follow.

Written by Soji Kashiwagi

Featuring Jason Fong | Haruye Ioka | Keiko Kawashima | Merv Maruyama
Musicians Lisa Joe, Musical Director/Piano | Danny Yamamoto, Drums

Saturday, March 18, 2023 | 12:30 p.m.

Freight & Salvage

2020 Addison Street | Downtown Berkeley

TICKETS

General Admission: \$35.00 (plus fees) | Seniors (65+): \$30.00 (plus fees)

Groups (10 or more): \$25.00 (plus fees)

To reserve tickets online, go to this link:

<https://secure.thefreight.org/12064/grateful-crane-ensemble-performance>



The San Jose Buddhist Church: Generations Phase II campaign presents the *only* Bay Area showing of the award winning “No No Girl”

“All families have secrets. Not all of them are buried in someone's backyard... A multigenerational Japanese American story.”



COME WATCH
NO NO GIRL

SJ Betsuin
632 NORTH 5TH ST.
SAN JOSE, CA 95112

28
JAN. 2023

MOVIE + MORE!

6:00 pm ... show
8:00 pm ... Q&A

with Director,
Paul Daisuke Goodman and Cast!

This is a Jtown Community event, so come and enjoy a meal before the movie. JTown Pizza and Minato's will graciously donate 15% of meals ordered on the night of the showing when you mention this ad.

For Minato's: Due to limited seating, a pre-order Chicken/Gyoza bento box will be available for pick up at 5pm. Place your orders at 408-998-9711 by 1/26/23



Purchase your tickets at:

<https://sjbc.kindful.com/e/no-no-girl-movie-showing>

Or Scan the QR code to purchase ticket ⇨⇨



COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, February 5, 2023, 9:30 AM

Live Stream: <https://www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org/dharma-live>

The following persons will be remembered during the Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial service) for
February.

Toshiyo Adachi	Shintaro Imazumi	Kujuro Nishimoto
James Asami	Shigeichi Iwasaki	Kozo Nitta
Ofui Baba	Michiye Izumi	Chise Nitta
Machiko Yamada Barber	Saki Jio	Haruko Okawa
Donald Phillip Delcollo	George Teruo Kagawa	Kazuo Onitsuka
Hanae Doi	Junichi Kami	Tsutano Ouye
Shizuyo Doi	Jiro Kato	Steve Sasaki
Sakuichi Egawa	Kiyoko Kato	Gary Hiroshi Sasaki
Amy Melissa Erickson	Tsuto Kawakami	Faith Sasaki
Nicholas Fernandez	Tamai Kenyon	Elaine Emiko Sato
Arata Fujikawa	Matsuji Kikawa	Mary Hifuno Suto
Masako Fujikawa	Mary Teruko Kurokawa	Hirao Tabuchi
Sugino Fukumori	Yunosuke Kusayanagi	Shizue Tabuchi
Taro Fukumori	Chiyoko Matsunaga	Yoshiko Katayanagi Takahashi
Sawae Sandy Futatsuki	Grace Shizuko Matsuoka	Kenji Takamoto
Sadako Hammonds	Misako Matsuoka	Shizutoshi Takeda
Masako Hayashida	Mokutaro Morimoto	Tsuneyo Takita
AshNoi Hirahara	Yoshitaro Morishita	Jennifer Sayuri Tasaka
Kinji Hiramoto	Uta Morishita	Ruth Matsumoto Uchiumi
Sannosuke Hiraoka	Emiko Morishita	Roy Wakida
Norman Hirose	Taki Morishita	Ichiro Yamasaki
Chiyeko Hori	Edwin Akiyoshi Mutobe	Kasumi Yonekura
Denzo Horiike	Sadao Nakagaki	Yoshio Harry Yoshimura
Koichi Ichiyasu	Harry Yoshito Nakahara	Yasu Yoshiura
Takeko Ikeda	Kameo Nakamura	Nobuko Yoshiura
Rose Michie Ikeda		

Note: If there are any additions, corrections, or deletions to the above list, please notify the Berkeley Buddhist Temple at 510-841-1356.



Membership & Toban

Membership Pledges (Receiving Period: 12/9/2022 – 1/13/2023)

The temple would like to gratefully acknowledge the following members for their generous contributions:

2022

Richard Adachi	Robert & Carol Akiyama	Grant Din & Rosalyn Tonai
Susan Gabriel	Patty Fujiwara & Carl Wilmsen	Suzanne Furuya
David Lyon & Christina Iwasaki	Annette Lys	Ryan Matsuda
Arthur Mayeno	John & Irene Murashima	Evelyn Nakano Glenn
Aki & Emi Nakao	James & Jane Nehira	Shizuko Okino
Makoto Oto	Dennis Sakurai	William Siebold
David & Emily Ushijima	Kathleen & Dennis Yee	

2023

Courtney & Darren Fujikawa	Dale Haratani	Yo Hiraoka
Ron & Mimi Kagehiro	Susan Kajiwara	Eric & Mary Lindquist
Joyce Oishi & Dii Lewis	Dani Hirokane Payton	Edythe Vassall
Sachiko Yamasaki		

New Member Spotlight

BBT welcomes new member, Dani Hirokane Payton.

Here's a little bit about Dani (*Pronouns: They/Them*):

I come to BBT from Buddhist Temple of Marin, in Mill Valley. My grandparents Kiyoshi and Fumie Hirokane were some of the founding members of the temple. I began attending BTM when I was a child and enjoyed all of our wonderful Dharma lessons and fun arts and plays we would make. Also, our Obon festivals and Shinenkai were so fun. My memories with BTM are some of the biggest highlights from my childhood which I hold great gratitude for. Though I rejected Buddhism for some time in my young adult life, nothing else has ever felt as True as the Dharma. I was not aware, but the teachings of the Buddha were infusing throughout my whole existence as a child, and this helped raise me to be a strong and loving person. I'm happy that my compass has pointed me back to my roots, and I hope to support with BBT's Dharma school and look forward to all the ways our relationships at BBT will bloom.

If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Kagehiro at membership@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org or 510-841-1356.

TOBAN

Coordinators - Lena Yin & Pat Takeda

January 2023	February 2023
<p>Chair - Caroline Fernandez Cochair - Miki Adachi Cochair - Evelyn Nakano Glenn</p> <p>Adachi, Miki Dunford, CJ *Fernandez, Willie & Caroline *Glenn, Evelyn Nakano Hirahara, Alan *Kashiwagi, Sadako Lewis, Dii & Joyce Oishi *Matsubara, Fumi Matsumoto, Rev David & Diane Matsuoka, Pam Menda, Bradley & Myron Jung *Nakashita, Chizuko *Nehira, Jimmy & Janie *Okamura, Dennis & Mary *Siebold, Bill *Yamauchi, Norma</p>	<p>Cochair - Tony Hale Cochair - Scott Wakida</p> <p>*Adachi, Dick Akiyama, Devon Cox, Tory Fisher, Rebekka (MN) Fukumori, Noreen Gabriel, Susan Hale, Tony & Stacy Uyeda Ide, Ritsuko *Kamimura, Yoshio & Junko Kaneko-Jones, Cathy *Masuda, Rev Will & Kiyo Nishihara, Alan Sugihara, Mark Sugihara, Wayne *Taketa, Mieko Umemoto, Tara Ueda-Hale, Zora Wakida, Scott & Sheila</p>

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



Memorial Schedule

Berkeley Buddhist Temple holds memorial services (Shotsuki Hoyo) on the first Sunday of every month in memory of those whose date of death falls in that month. To add the name of a family member or friend to our Shotsuki list, please contact the temple office.



Special memorial services may also be held on the anniversary years listed in the schedule below.

Memorial services are a way to keep the memory of our loved ones alive, and to express our gratitude for all that they have done to make our lives possible.



The following is a list of special service years.
If you have a departed relative who has passed away
in any of the listed years,
and would like to make arrangements
for a memorial service,
please contact Rev. Kuwahara at [\(510\) 841-1356](tel:5108411356).

2023 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2022	1 st Year
2021	3 rd Year
2017	7 th Year
2011	13 th Year
2007	17 th Year
1999	25 th Year
1991	33 rd Year
1974	50 th Year
1924	100 th Year

Services

Our regular Sunday program begins with a Chanting Service at 8:30am followed by 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 Service	Gantan-e	New Year's Day
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 Memorial	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin
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 student.

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 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.

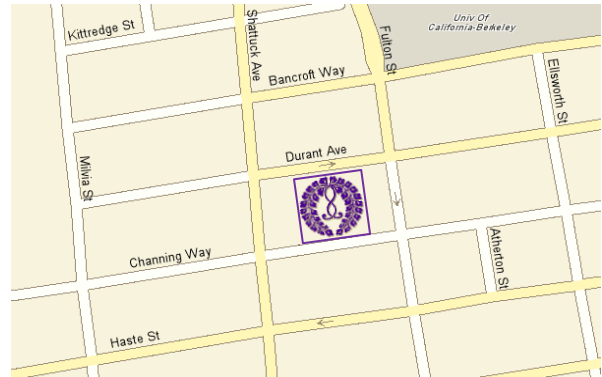
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

Membership Information

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

Kindly complete a [Membership Form](#), have your name entered in the membership roll and support the Temple through a pledge and participation.

For more information about becoming a member, visit our



[Registration](#) page, or contact our [Membership Chair](#).

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