



# 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](mailto:padma@BerkeleyBuddhistTemple.org).

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Boothkeepers: Zora, Romare, Stacy, Rev. CJ, Tara, and Karen (Photo courtesy of Rumi Taylor)

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

# April 2022

# the Padma



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3 <b>9:30a</b> Virtual & In-person Dharma Family & Shotsuki Service  <b>10:15a</b> Virtual Yoga	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10 <b>9:30a</b> Virtual & In-person Dharma Family Service  <b>Hanamatsuri &amp; Hatsumairi</b>	11	12 <b>7:00p</b> Board of Director's Meeting	13	14	15	16 <i>Padma Articles Due</i>	
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# Dates to Remember

<b>M A R C H</b>	Sun <b>20</b> Mar	<b>Livestream</b> Dharma Family Service Virtual Yoga
	Sun <b>27</b> Mar	<b>Livestream</b> Spring Ohigan Service
	Thu <b>31</b> Mar	<b>Virtual</b> BBT Dharmanar (Online Study Session; Topic Nembutsu)

<b>A P R I L</b>	Sun <b>3</b> Apr	<b>Livestream &amp; In-person</b> Dharma Family & Shotsuki Memorial Service Virtual Yoga
	Sun <b>10</b> Apr	<b>Livestream &amp; In-person</b> Dharma Family & Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi Service
	Sun <b>17</b> Apr	<b>Livestream &amp; In-person</b> Dharma Family & Pet Memorial Service Guest Speaker: Rev. Bridge Virtual Yoga
	Wed <b>20</b> Apr	<b>Virtual</b> Meditation & Discussion
	Sun <b>24</b> Apr	<b>Livestream &amp; In-person</b> Dharma Family Service Virtual Yoga
	Thu <b>28</b> Apr	<b>Virtual</b> BBT Dharmanar (Online Study Session; Topic TBD)

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# Virtual Tera Yoga



Instructor:  
Hitomi Kuwahara



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**Sunday:**  
April 3 & 17, 2022

Immediately after the  
service

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**Zoom**

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**No sign up required**

Join on zoom:

<https://sanghaevents.info/yoga>

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**Questions:**

info@berkeleybuddhisttemp  
le.org  
(510)841-1356

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*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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# BBT Dharmanar

Monthly Online Study Session



**MARCH  
2022  
TOPIC**

## **NEMBUTSU**

Join us for BBT's monthly study session. March's topic is "Nembutsu (念仏)". Rev. Kuwahara and Rev. CJ will give their presentations from their own perspective. Then we will discuss it after.

**Thu. Mar 31, 6:30 - 8PM**

RSVP here:

<https://sanghaevents.info/dharmanar>



[www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](http://www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org)



## 兵戈無用

Since the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian army on February 24<sup>th</sup>, so many people have been injured, killed, or forced to flee their homes. It is heartbreaking to see people's tears and suffering on the media. I sincerely hope that this war will end quickly and people's suffering will be healed. What actions can we take?

The title of this article is a phrase from the *Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life* (a.k.a. *Larger Sutra*), which is one of the most important scriptures of Jodo Shinshu and other Pure Land Buddhist traditions, because it expounds Amida Buddha.

Here are the meanings of the Chinese characters:

- 兵<sup>hyo</sup> means soldier(s) or army
- 戈<sup>ga</sup> means a dagger-axe or weapon
- 無用<sup>mujo</sup> means no need.

This is how the phrase appears in the Larger Sutra:

Wherever the Buddha travels, be it county, province, town, or village, there is no place which does not benefit from his virtue. Peace and harmony reign throughout the land. The sun and the moon shine brightly, the wind and rain are timely, and no disaster or disease ever occurs. The land is prosperous and the people live in peace, so there is no need to use soldiers and weapons.

(*The Three Pure Land Sutras*, vol. II, p. 93)

“The Buddha travels” does not refer to the Buddha moving from here and there, but that the Buddha sees all people and shares the teaching everywhere. The passage states that peace and harmony pervade among those who receive the Buddha's guidance. As a result, “there is no need to use soldiers and weapons.”

Why are peace and harmony brought to us when we receive the guidance from the Buddha? Amida Buddha's guidance and embrace save all sentient beings, as declared in his 48 vows. The 33rd vow states that those who have received the light of Amida Buddha become soft and gentle in their body and mind. This vow tells us that our behaviors and thoughts will change.

According to the Buddhist understanding, unless we are a Buddha, each of us exists under the influence of our three poisons, greed, anger, and ignorance. These are the essential causes of all troubles and sufferings. Peace and harmony are destroyed by them.

Driven by greed, we may deploy armies to conquer another country and take over its wealth and land. Filled with anger, we may use weapons to hurt or kill others. We are often ignorant of how much trouble we've brought to others or how many tears we've caused them to shed. Unaware of the consequences of our actions, we continue our hurtful behavior. Amida Buddha grieves deeply at the realities of our lives in samsara. This grief drives Amida Buddha to embrace, guide, and save all beings.

In the 12th vow, Amida is described as the Buddha of Light. This is the light of wisdom to disperse the darkness of our ignorance. This is the compassionate light to make us aware of the realities of our everyday lives shackled by the three poisons. In the light of Amida Buddha, each of us would deeply and humbly realize who we really are and how we live our everyday life. With the realization brought about with the guidance of Amida Buddha, or *shinjin*, we would try to keep away from the behaviors caused by the three poisons. This is how peace and harmony would arise in the lands of those who have received the Buddha's guidance, and how soldiers and weapons would no longer be necessary among them.

It is important to take action to stop the war and to support its victims. At the same time, it is also important for us Jodo Shinshu Buddhists to share the light of Amida Buddha with the people of the world so that deep realization or *shinjin* will be brought about within each of them. I believe that it is the most effective and powerful means of dealing with not only wars but all issues in this world. This is how Jodo Shinshu Buddhism can contribute to the achievement of a peaceful and harmonious world.

In gassho (palms together),  
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara



## “War and More War” by Diane Ames

Death walked into my apartment in the House of Methuselah wearing a military uniform. “I thought I’d drop by,” he said. “I like to look in on homes for the ancient every now and then. But I’ve only got a minute. I’ve been awfully busy in Yemen, and now, of course, there’s Ukraine.”

“I guess *you* like war!” I snapped. “It seems like there’s no sanity left in the world. Yemen—that’s been too horrible to think about for years. And now Ukraine; it’s like World War II. Cities are being bombed; there are corpses in the streets; and the Russians have completely lost their minds and shelled a nuclear power plant! Do you know what could happen if they blow up the cooling system of a nuclear power plant?”

“Yes, I do!” said Death nostalgically. “Remember Fukushima? The tsunami knocked out the power which knocked out the cooling system.”

“Do you realize that this Ukraine war could lead to World War III?” I said. “Even you wouldn’t be happy about World War III ! There’d be nobody left to die! What’s driving this mess anyway? Is it paranoia? Geopolitical games?”

“What did you expect from human nature?” said Death. “You’re social animals, you form groups, and often, two groups find something to fight about. Once the shooting gets started (or the spear throwing, as the case may be), everybody gets so terrified and enraged that the fighting doesn’t stop until one side gives up or both sides are exhausted. There’s nothing to be done about it. It will just go on until you bomb yourselves to extinction.”

“Not necessarily,” said the Buddha as he suddenly materialized. “Haven’t I taught that human beings need not be forever prisoners of their ignorance? They all have the Buddha nature, the capacity for wisdom and compassion, even if it isn’t always apparent. It can be awakened. It must be. Humanity’s future depends on it.”







# Temple Announcements

## March 2022 COVID-19 Update - Temple Planned Reopening April 3, 2022

Dear Temple Members and Friends,

The health, well-being and safety of temple members is of utmost importance to the Board of Directors. During the beginning of March, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a new tool to help organizations determine the impact of COVID-19 within their geographic community. This new tool, called [COVID-19 Community Levels](#), uses hospital admissions, hospital occupancy and total new COVID-19 cases to classify communities into High (orange), Medium (yellow), and Low (green) categories. Always aiming to use data to inform our decisions around reopening the temple, the committee will now use COVID-19 Community Levels to determine when it is safe to resume in-person activities. Our reopening procedures are adjusted to accommodate the new tiers.

Using COVID-19 Community Levels as a guide, both Alameda and Contra Costa counties are in the Low (green) tier. Based on this information, the temple's Coronavirus Response committee and temple leaders are planning to resume in-person Sunday service on April 3, 2022. During the month of April, we will err on the side of caution and operate under our revised Medium (yellow) reopening guidelines. Starting in the month of May, if both Alameda and Contra Costa counties remain in the CDC Low (green) tier, we will transition into Low (green) Phase 1 reopening guidelines and dynamically flex operations accordingly. Please note that we will continue to livestream our Sunday services for those who wish to attend virtually. Details about our reopening guidelines are below:

### **Berkeley Buddhist Temple Medium (yellow) Reopening Guidelines**

**Sunday Dharma Family Service:** In-person (indoors and outdoors) with precautions as well as Live Streamed

- Capacity Indoors: 25% (24 in the Hondo, 22 in the Social Hall)
- Reservations: Online reservations required for **indoor** seating
- Social Distancing: 6 feet distance with designated seating
- Screening: Prior to entry, all participants will be screened for known signs/symptoms of the virus
- Masking: all participants will be required to wear a mask while on temple grounds
- Chanting/Singing: Chanting by the minister is permitted. Attendees will not be permitted to chant or sing indoors.
- Tea Time/Coffee Social: At this time consuming food/beverages will not be permitted.  
Participants will be asked to leave the temple grounds at the conclusion of Sunday service.

**Dharma School:** In-person activities permitted. Please contact Dharma School staff at [dharmaschool@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:dharmaschool@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org) for the most up to date class schedule.

**Other Indoor Activities (besides Sunday Dharma Family Service):** Not permitted

**Outdoor Activities:** Special requests from temple groups will be evaluated by the temple's Coronavirus Response committee. If approved, social distancing is enforced. Masking required if participants cannot maintain adequate distance from other participants.

Public health rules and regulations are constantly evolving. Our reopening guidelines will continue to be revised on an ongoing basis. We appreciate your patience, understanding, and flexibility as the temple adjusts to the requirements set forth to ensure that you remain safe at in-person events. For the latest status of the temple and to learn more about our reopening guidelines and permitted activities in each tier, visit our COVID-19 update page:

<https://berkeleybuddhisttemple.org/covid19>

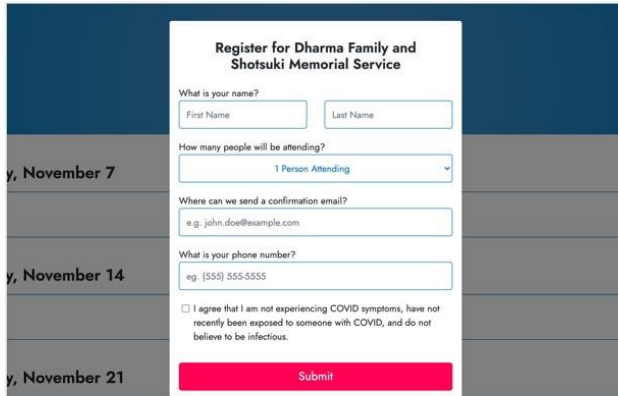
If you have any specific questions or concerns that you want addressed by the Coronavirus Response committee, please contact us at [covid-19@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:covid-19@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org)

After being closed for in-person activities for the past 4 months, I look forward to the opportunity to safely resume in-person activities. I hope to be able to see you in-person or virtually in the near future.

Gassho,  
Bradley

# Berkeley Buddhist Temple

## Attending In-Person Sunday Service



The screenshot shows a registration form titled "Register for Dharma Family and Shotsuki Memorial Service". It includes fields for "What is your name?" (First Name and Last Name), "How many people will be attending?" (a dropdown menu showing "1 Person Attending"), "Where can we send a confirmation email?" (with an example "e.g. john.doe@example.com"), and "What is your phone number?" (with an example "eg. (555) 555-5555"). There is a checkbox for "I agree that I am not experiencing COVID symptoms, have not recently been exposed to someone with COVID, and do not believe to be infectious." and a red "Submit" button at the bottom.

**1**  
Navigate to <https://sanghaevents.info/RSVP> to reserve a seat.

Select the date you want to attend and fill in required info. Reservations can be made up until Sunday at 9a.



**2**  
On Sunday, proceed to the temple and enter through the driveway. Temple greeters will confirm your reservation and screen you for symptoms of COVID-19. **Due to the new check-in process, please arrive no later than 9:15a.**



**3**  
Once checked in, please proceed to any available designated seat.

At this time, participants will not be permitted to chant or sing.

## Reference: BBT Updated Reopening Guidelines

Note that for reopening purposes, BBT further divided the CDC Low (Green) tier into two phases, Phase 1 and Phase 2.

CDC Community Level	CDC High: Orange	CDC Medium: Yellow	CDC Low: Green BBT Phase 1	CDC Low: Green BBT Phase 2
<b>Temple Status</b>	Closed	Open for Limited Activities	Open for Limited Activities	Open
<b>Temple Office</b>	Open In-person (as needed, employees only)	Open In-person	Open In-person	Open In-person
<b>Sunday Service</b>	Online Only	In-person w/precautions	In-person w/precautions	In-person
<b>Temple Onsite Events Indoors</b>	Not Permitted	Not Permitted (except for Sunday Service)	Not Permitted. Special Requests Considered	Permitted
<b>Temple Onsite Events Outdoors</b>	Not Permitted. Special Requests Considered (max of 10 participants).	Not Permitted. Special Requests Considered	Permitted w/precautions	Permitted
<b>Funerals/Memorial/Special Services</b>	Online or Outdoors	In-person w/precautions	In-person w/precautions	Permitted
<b>Dharma School</b>	Online Only	In-person w/precautions	In-person w/precautions	Permitted
<b>Transition Period</b>		30 prior days in Yellow	14 prior days in Green	7 additional days in Green

# HATSUMAIRI

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**  
**at 9:30a.m.**

**HATSUMAIRI** (Infant Presentation Ceremony) is a ceremony in which your child or grandchild is presented to Amida Buddha for the first time. The ceremony also introduces your child or grandchild to the Sangha and welcomes him/her to the Dharma. **The ceremony will be in person as well as livestreamed on Sunday, April 10 at 9:30a.m.** If you would like your child and/or grandchild to be in this ceremony, please complete the form below and return it by **Friday, April 1, 2022** to the temple office.

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## HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY APPLICATION FORM

**APRIL 10, 2022**

Child's Full Name:

Child's Date of Birth:

Parent's Name(s):

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

**Application Due: Friday, April 1, 2022**

Questions?

[info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org)

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## 2022 Satsuki Bazaar Fundraiser & Bento Sale



**We hope you can join us for a Bazaar Fundraiser and Bento Sale!**

**Bazaar Fundraiser:** Our goal is to generate \$45,000 for BBT in lieu of our annual Satsuki Bazaar and Arts Festival!

**Bento Sale:** We will be offering Chicken and Vegan Bentos from Musashi for \$18 for pick up at the JSC Drive Through on Sunday, May 22nd - 11am - 2pm.

Proceeds from your Bento purchase will be used to provide a complimentary bento to be delivered to all BBT Keiro members!

**Last Day to Donate and Order Bento: Friday, May 13th**

Questions: Please email [fundraising@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:fundraising@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org)

Click here to Donate & Order Bentos

<https://sanghaevents.info/2022bazaarfundraiserandbento>

# Save the Date! ... BBT Camping Trip

**Mike's Annual BBT Camping Trip**  
July 28<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Manchester Beach KOA



... More details to come.

# A's Baseball Anyone?

## Is There Interest in an Oakland A's Tailgate/Potluck/Game? Play Ball!

Hi everybody — This is Jon Kawamoto and I'm trying to see if there's any interest in a BBT group outing to an Oakland A's game this August.

The tentative date would be a day game on Sunday, Aug. 21, against the Seattle Mariners. I'm not sure what the eventual ticket prices will be — but the A's are offering a special deal of \$15 per ticket for the Field Level (second deck) for the Aug. 21 game. And the A's would offer a 15 percent ticket discount — if 15 or more people buy tickets.

(As for parking, I don't know the details about discounts — I just wanted to see if there's interest first.)

Because of COVID-19, we've suspended the A's tailgates since 2019 — but let me know if you'd be interested in buying a ticket — or tickets!

The deadline to let me know if you're interested is April 15. I just have to know if we can get at least 15 BBT Sangha members to go.

My contact information is:

**jonkawamoto@gmail.com or text or call 510-386-7122.**

Hope we can do this! It's been too long!

P.S. Here are some photos of the last BBT tailgate in 2019 (see next page)!



*The BBT Sangha and friends pose for a group photo at the last BBT Oakland A's tailgate in June 2019. (Courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)*

to)



*IBBT Sangha members Sam Mori and Marrie Yamashita enjoy the delicious foods offered at the BBT's Oakland A's tailgate and game in June 2019. (Courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)*



*BBT Sangha members enjoy the game at the Oakland A's tailgate in June 2019 (Courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)*





# Dharma School

Berkeley Buddhist Temple

## Dharma School Newsletter

April 2022



12th grader, Zora Uyeda-Hale, teaches origami to interested children at the Asian Cultural Festival in March

### April Calendar

Note: Please refer to this monthly calendar. Use this email if you need the Zoom link: [btdharmaschool@gmail.com](mailto:btdharmaschool@gmail.com).

## Dharma School Responding to COVID - Reopening!

In accordance with the COVID policy of BBT, the Dharma School plans to conduct April Dharma School classes in person! Windows will be open; air filters will be running; and hands will be sanitized. Masks are recommended for our indoor lessons.

4/3/2022 n/a	DFS/April Shotsuki	No Dharma School classes (Spring Break)
4/10/2022 In-person	DFS/ Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi	Regular Dharma School classes
4/17/2022 In-person	DF Service / Pet Memorial	School-wide walking field trip
4/24/2022 In-person	DF Service	Regular Dharma School classes; high school joins middle school class

# Dharma School Alumni Sighting

We hope to feature former BBT Dharma School students in the Padma as much as possible. Here's our second one:



## Kyra Kawamoto

Kyra, who attended the BBT Dharma School, graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in May 2021, and is currently a second-grade teacher at Lanakila Elementary School in Honolulu, Hawaii !

We would love to know how your children or grandchildren are doing after Dharma School. If you can share a story and a photo, please contact Stacy Uyeda at: [bbtdharmaschool@gmail.com](mailto:bbtdharmaschool@gmail.com).



# Jr. YBA



The Bay District Jr. YBA Cabinet would like to extend our gratitude to all of those who donated to or uplifted our virtual food drive through the Alameda County Food Bank. From December 5, 2021, to January 17, 2022, we were able to raise \$2,225 for the food bank, completely exceeding our initial goal.

Then, with the help of Bradley Menda (president of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple) we were able to DOUBLE that amount through the BCA Temple Matching Grant. In total, \$4,450 was donated to the food bank, the equivalent of 8,900 meals! This is extremely impactful and would not have been possible without your generous contributions.

Thank you to everyone for supporting Bay District's community service efforts!

In gassho,  
Zora Uyeda-Hale  
Bay District Jr. YBA Historian



# Community Outreach & BLEND



The first annual Berkeley Asian Cultural Festival, sponsored by the Downtown Berkeley association, was held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. It was an opportunity for the Berkeley Buddhist Temple to participate with other Asian cultural and Buddhist groups in a day of outreach, fun, food, and music. Here is a partial list of other participants:

- The Berkeley Public Library
- Eastwind Books of Berkeley
- The Buddha Nepal Peace Foundation
- Dharma College
- The Berkeley Thai Temple Dancers
- The Fremont Thai Temple Dancers
- Nepali Dancers
- Jiten Daiko

It was a beautiful (though chilly) day, and an event we hope to participate in again next year.

The BBT Community Outreach Committee thanks:

- Rumi, Takashi, Robin, Joyce, and Dii for helping to assemble the different items for our booth
- Bradley for setting up Square
- Rev. Kuwahara and Tara for coordinating with the Downtown Berkeley Association
- Tara, John, Karen, CJ, Stacy, Romare, Zora, and Rumi for help with booth setup, staffing, and cleanup.
- And Koh for coordinating the taiko group.

We made multiple sales. Three people signed up on paper and a few more scanned the QR code. Many stopped by to take brochures. We had many craft makers making leis and folding cranes. We also met our district City Council member, the Mayor, Vice Mayor and someone from the BerkeleySide.



*Jiten Daikop (Photo courtesy of Rumi Taylor)*



*Thai Dancers (Photo courtesy of Rumi Taylor)*



# WHAT'S NEXT?

## UPCOMING ACTIONS & EVENTS

### SF/BAY AREA DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, Feb. 19 at 5:00-6:30 (virtual event)  
Register here: <https://bit.ly/3nQ4wD7>

### BERKELEY DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

UC Berkeley's Nikkei Student Union will be holding its annual Day of Remembrance event on Friday, Feb. 18 at 6:20.  
See FB event here: <https://bit.ly/3uJXfsA>

### FAITH & REPARATIONS TOOLKIT

Engage your faith community in a dialogue to deepen your understanding and commitment to reparations.  
Access the toolkit here: [bit.ly/FaithReparationsToolkit](http://bit.ly/FaithReparationsToolkit)

### VISION ACT (AB 937)

The VISION Act would Stop ICE Transfers from prisons and jails, which would allow community members to be reunited with family after completing their sentence.  
Learn about the VISION Act here and contact Gala King at [gking@im4humanintegrity.org](mailto:gking@im4humanintegrity.org) to join our faith-rooted action!

### REPAIR CAN'T WAIT (HR 40)

Immediately pass HR 40, the Commission to Study & Develop Reparations Proposals for African-Americans Act.  
Link to letter: <https://bit.ly/3BfuKEA>  
Link to social media toolkit: <https://bit.ly/32Z4Qbh>

### REDRESS NOW FOR JAPANESE LATIN AMERICANS

JLA Day of Action Feb. 24  
Call or write the White House for JLA reparations  
(202) 456-1414  
TTY/TTD (202) 456-6213  
[www.whitehouse.gov/contact](http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact)  
Link to sample script: [www.jlacampaignforjustice.org](http://www.jlacampaignforjustice.org)

### STRENGTHEN PUBLIC SAFETY IN OAKLAND WITH A MORAL BUDGET

Join IM4HI and FAME to REIMAGINE Public Safety in Oakland with a moral budget!  
Sign-up: <https://bit.ly/2022MoralBudget-RSVP>

# VOTE !

## BBT Satsuki Bazaar Annual Gift (BAG)

Here is the link to the Google form for the Satsuki Bazaar gift. Please make your choice by April 11th. [BBT BAG ballot](#)



### BBT Satsuki Bazaar Annual Gift (BAG)

#### Vote!

In 2001, Bob Matsueda suggested that the Berkeley Buddhist Temple offer free entertainment in conjunction with the Bazaar to involve the local community. He also suggested that a portion of the proceeds from the Temple's Bazaar be donated to a nonprofit organization.

Since 2001, BBT donates part of the Satsuki Bazaar proceeds to a community nonprofit organization. Thank you to Yuki and the BAG committee for leading this effort for so many years! Typically we would solicit nominations from the Sangha, but due to getting a late start, this year we are trying something different. This year the Community Outreach Committee has selected a few local organizations that you all may vote on, you are also welcome to nominate your own.

**\*\*NOTE:** This form will remain open until April 11, 2022.

Which Community organization would you like to vote for? \*

- Healing Clinic Collective (<http://www.healingcliniccollective.net/>)
- Oakland LGBTQ Center (Oakland - <https://www.oaklandlgbtqcenter.org/>)
- Project Homeless Connect (SF - <https://www.projecthomelessconnect.org/>)



# BCA Announcements



## BCA JR YBA SUMMIT EVENT

EXCHANGING AND CREATING IDEAS FOR  
YOUR JR YBA ORGANIZATION

04.16  
2022  
2pm (PT)

### ABOUT THIS EVENT

Jr YBA leaders will discuss the challenges they have had to overcome over the past 2 years. And together will develop new ways to engage and grow our organizations.

### REGISTER

<https://tinyurl.com/2vx57pm5>

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✉ [bkmizushima@bcahq.org](mailto:bkmizushima@bcahq.org)



2022 Virtual FDSTL Conference  
hosted by the  
Northern California Dharma School Teachers' League

# Cheers to Finding a New Norm

Saturday, April 23, 2022  
12pm - 5pm (PDT)

Workshop Presenter:  
Rev. Dr. Carmela Javellana Hirano  
Minister's Assistant,  
Salt Lake Buddhist Temple  
≠ Integrative Psychiatrist

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji  
Southern Alameda County  
Buddhist Church

WELCOME  
BACK,  
Dharma School  
Students!

Norm!

Questions? Email:  
fdstlconference@gmail.com

For further information about the **2022 FDSTL Conference**, please contact the temple office.

Documents available include:

- The Conference Registration form
- The Conference "Homework" – Project Virtual BCA
- Bishop's 10-, 25-, and 50-year recognition award nomination form.

**REMINDER: Submit applications for the 2022 Nitta Scholarship by April 30, 2022 !**

See the following email from the FDSTL Nitta Scholarship Committee:

Hello everyone,

Hoping everyone is healthy and well!

Greetings on behalf of the FDSTL Nitta Scholarship Committee. Attached please find a hardcopy of the 2022 Nitta Scholarship application. We are requesting all submission of materials online. Here is the link to the website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/nitta-scholarship>

Please have your applicants follow the instructions within to create their own folder for submissions.

For letters of recommendation, the writer may add to the student's folder or submit directly to:

[nittascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:nittascholarship@gmail.com)

We hope to see many applications from your eligible youth!

**Remember, the deadline for submission is April 30, 2022.**

Thank you for supporting our youth and the long reaching wishes of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Nitta!

In Gassho,  
Darlene Bagshaw  
FDSTL Nitta Scholarship Chair



# Community Announcements

## Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar

### Women in Buddhism

- Historiographical Approach -

Tuesday, April 26, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra



Women's roles in the history of Buddhism and Jodoshinshu-Buddhism are vital. In the historiographical approach, this seminar talks about Sakyamuni's stepmother Mahapajapati, Śrīmālādevī described in Śrīmālādevī-siṃhanāda-sūtra, Queen Vaidehī in the Contemplation sūtra, and in the Pure Land Buddhism. Shin Buddhism has nurtured the Shin Buddhist women such as Shinran Shonin's wife Eshinni-sama, and daughter Kakushinni-sama who established the current Hongwanji. In the modernism time, Lady Takeko Kujo, the daughter of the 21<sup>st</sup> Gomonshu Myoyo Shonin, founded the BWA-Fujinkai in Japan in 1907 and established the first women university, Kyoto Women's University. We also explore the view of women by Shinran, Kakunyo, Zonkaku, and Rennyō Shonins.

Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra was born in Kyoto, Japan, and graduated from Kyoto Women's University, founded by Lady Takeko Kujo. While being an active member in California, she aspired to study Buddhism and attended Kyoto Chuo-Bukkyo Gakuin, and Institute do Buddhist Studies (M.A.), Ryukoku University (M.A.), and Ryukoku University (Ph.D.) she received Hongwanji Gakkai Hokyo. She is currently the resident minister of the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) in California and the Institute of Buddhist Study instructor.

Her research and teaching interests are the history of Shin Buddhism in premodern, the history of Shin Buddhist thought in modernism in America, and Women and Shin Buddhism in America. She is a co-translator of *Leaves of My Hear* by Lady Takeko Kujo.

**Registration Fee:** Free (Registration Required)

Donations can be made to the Kauai Hongwanji Council. Please make a check payable to Kauai Hongwanji Council and send it to Lihue Hongwanji Mission 3-3556 Kuhio Highway, Lihue, HI 96766.

**The maximum capacity is 100 people**, first come, first served. We will email you a Zoom link three days prior to the seminar.

**Click below to register!**

"Registration Deadline April 19, 2022"

<https://forms.gle/7oBvsVVrazFJM5ma6>



When you complete the seminar registration, you will receive an automatic confirmation email from Google forms.

**For further information, please contact:**

Kapaa Hongwanji at 822-4667, West Kauai Hongwanji at 335-3195 or Lihue Hongwanji at 245-6262.

The **Grateful Crane Ensemble** In Partnership  
With The **Nisei Appreciation Alliance\***  
Presents

## Free Performances Celebrating Our Japanese Elders

Saturday and Sunday, April 23-24, 2022 at 2 PM

Benvenuti Performing Arts Center  
4600 Blackrock Drive, Sacramento, CA 95835

### MISORA HIBARI: A TRIBUTE TO A LEGEND



Join us for a fond look back at the life and career of legendary singer, actress and entertainer Misora Hibari. Featuring "Hibari-chan's" greatest hits such as "Tokyo Kid," "Yawara" and "Kawa no Nagare no Yuni," our show will not only celebrate her amazing talent, but will also pay tribute to how she provided so much joy, strength and encouragement to Japanese and Japanese Americans as they rebuilt their lives after WWII. For this, and so much more, we will honor and gratefully remember the late, great **Misora Hibari**.

Featuring: Haruye Ioka, Keiko Kawashima, Merv Maruyama and Helen Ota

Musicians: Lisa Joe, keyboards; Danny Yamamoto, drums and Japanese percussion

With Special Guest Performance by **Sacramento Talko Dan**

**SEATING LIMITED – GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY AT THIS LINK:**

<https://sactownmisorahibari.eventbrite.com>

**Questions? Email [gratefulcrane4@gmail.com](mailto:gratefulcrane4@gmail.com)**

\*"Misora Hibari" performances have been generously underwritten by the **Nisei Appreciation Alliance**, a group of anonymous Nisei, Sansei, and other supporters of the arts, who are grateful and thankful for the courage, sacrifice, and legacy of our elders. These musical performances honor them. The Alliance presents these shows, not for public recognition, but to give back to the Nikkei community with our thanks and gratitude.

# COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Sunday, April 3, 2022**  
9:30 am

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

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

Shigetaro Adachi	Chiyo Ishikawa	Joe Oishi
Kinoe Adachi	Kanzo Iyama	Makitaro Sakaki
Flora Tatsuye Adachi	Lily Kagawa	Shoichi Sawada
Yoshino Ariyoshi	Michael Masayuki Kakesako	Matsutarō Takemori
Douglas Itsuki Ariyoshi	George Kako	Masae Takeshita
Nobuko Mae Asami	Takeo Katayama	Hideo Taketa
June Michiko Chikasuye	Kikutaro Kimura	Kenichi Tokuyoshi
Jack Shigetaro Ehara	Shunta Marubayashi	Yoshimi Toyota
David Flores	Chiyomi Masuda	Alice Toshiko Tsukimura
Dirk Sei Fujii	Yemiko Masunaga	Baby Boy Umawatari
Hiroshi Fujikawa	Kimiyo Matsui	Izumi Uyeda
Juzaburo Furuzawa	Tsutomu Matsumoto	James Wakida
Rose-Annette Gervais	Hideaki Matsunaga	David Susumu Watanabe
Toshiko Tomaru Goodman	Victoria Mizuhara	Takeo Yamada
Takekuni Hino	Toraō Tony Mizusaki	Emiko Yamaguchi
Yoshio Hiramoto	Toshio Morishita	Kisao Yamaguchi
Hisako Hazama Hirose	Arthur Hajime Nakamura	Yonosuke Yokoyama
Hiroichi Hishida	Virginia Tomie Nakaso	Katsuji Yokoyama
Toyoye Ichiyasu	James K. Nishimoto	Hideichi John Yoshida
Soka Ikemoto	Riu Oishi	Hisayo Yoshimura

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

## **2022 Membership Pledges** (Receiving Period: 2/8/2022 – 3/3/2022)

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

Saya Abney  
Michiko Yokota Anzai  
Ron Hiraga & Gayle Nishikawa  
Arthur & Betsy Ishida  
Kiyoshi & Emiko Katsumoto  
Judy Kono  
Kimberly Leo  
Don & Fumi Matsubara  
Denise Matsubara Lapidus  
Andy & Lisa Mayeda  
Jeff & Robin McGuire  
Jeffrey Nagafuji & Lucy Rivello  
Aileen Nakamura  
Alan Nishihara  
Gary Oda  
Joyce Okimoto  
Yukiko & Eugene Otake  
Ralph & Barbara Reid  
Amy & Glenn Shinsako  
Karen Sugiyama  
Ron & Carol Ann Tanaka  
Norma Yamauchi

## **Welcome to our Sangha !**

The temple would also like to welcome a new member, Aileen Nakamura from Georgia.

We recently welcomed a new member LauraLee Sweeney. Here's a little bit about Laura Lee:

*I am currently the director of a small local non-profit. We expanded our services throughout the pandemic, and I was recently awarded a humanitarian award from a local Kiwanis group. I am scheduled to start graduate school in March. Life is full of joy, and I am very thankful to practice with you.*

If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Kagehiro at [membership@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org](mailto:membership@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org) or 510-841-1356.

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# TOBAN

Coordinators - Lena Yin & Pat Takeda

April	May
<p>Chair – Akemi Hamai Cochair – Bob Matsueda</p> <p>Aldrich, Collette Ames, Diane Fukumori, Naomi Hamai, Akemi &amp; Amy Haruyama *Hamai, Lucy Horstein, Scott &amp; Antonia Glenn *Kami, Frank Kawakami, Keiko Matsueda, Bob &amp; Ranko Yamada Nolan, Paul &amp; Sara Jotoku Omori, Laurie Roueche, Akira Sakurai, Dennis Shinsako, Glenn &amp; Amy *Wakida, Alice Yamashita, Andy</p>	<p>Chair - Don Hamasaki Cochair - Judy Fujimoto Cochair - Barbara Hedani-Morishita</p> <p>Flamenco, Jenna Fujimoto, Bill &amp; Judy Hamasaki, Don &amp; Joanie *Hiraoka, Yo Ito-Taylor, Dean &amp; Lori Suzuki Kato, Vernon &amp; Karen Kuwahara, Rev Kiyo &amp; Hitomi Miyake, Ron &amp; Janet Cordova Morishita, Leroy &amp; Barbara Hedani Okano, Steven *Oki, Sadao Okimoto, Joyce Palacios, Stephen &amp; Sabouri, Nina (TX) Taylor, Rumi Ware, Russell</p>

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



# Condolences

Berkeley Buddhist Temple expresses condolences and deep sympathy

To the Family of  
**Mrs. Madge Takemori**  
(Former member of the BBT)  
May 27, 1931 – January 16, 2022

To the Family of  
**Mrs. Chiyomi Pohan**  
July 15, 1931 – February 19, 2022

Namo Amida Butsu

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## 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

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).

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
2020	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2016	7 <sup>th</sup> Year
2010	13 <sup>th</sup> Year
2006	17 <sup>th</sup> Year
1998	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
1990	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
1973	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
1923	100 <sup>th</sup> 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.

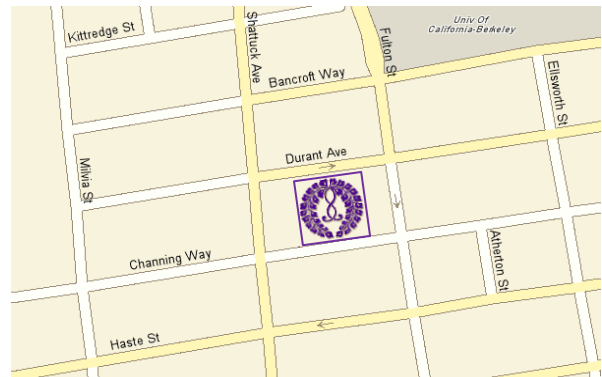
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

## 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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