



The Padma



October 2023 Berkeley Buddhist Temple Newsletter

Web Edition

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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



As the Seasons Change...



October Dharma Message Topic

The theme for this month's Dharma messages was chosen to coincide with the annual Interfaith Panel discussion to be held on October 15th.

How has your faith informed your world view?

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
1 9:30a Virtual & In person - Dharma Family & Shotsuki Memorial Service	2	3	4 7:00p Meditation & Discussion	5	6 3p Taiko Beginner	7
8 9:30a Virtual & In person - Dharma Family & Keiro Kai Service	9	10 7:00p Board of Director's Meeting	11	12	13 3p Taiko Beginner	14 <i>Padma Articles Due</i>
15 9:30a Virtual & In person - Dharma Family Service Interfaith Panel	16	17 Padma Newsletter Production	18 7:00p Meditation & Discussion	19	20 3p Taiko Beginner	21
22 9:30a Virtual & In person - Dharma Family & Eshinni/Kakushinni Service	23	24	25	26 6:30p Dharmanar	27	28
29 9:30a Virtual & In person - Dharma Family Service	30	31			Berkeley Buddhist Temple (510) 841-1356 berkeleybuddhisttemple.org info@berkeleybuddhisttemple.org facebook.com/berkeleybuddhisttemple youtube.com/berkeleybuddhisttemple	



Dates to Remember

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Meditation & Discussion

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Keiro Kai Service

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Livestream & In-person
Interfaith Panel

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Virtual
Meditation & Discussion

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Livestream & In-person
Eshinni Kakushinni Service

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Virtual
BBT Dharmanar (Topic: Heart Sutra)

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2024: Save-the-Date
Rev. Dr. David Ryoe Matsumoto
Tribute & Retirement Celebration
Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Maui Relief Appeal

Excerpt from the BCA Update #870, Dated August 23, 2023

BCA LAUNCHES RELIEF EFFORTS TO AID MAUI

Maui fire disaster relief

The BCA has taken swift action to do what we can to help with the devastating fires in Maui in full support of the Hampa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The social welfare committee has granted \$50,000 from the BCA Social Welfare fund, and we have made it possible for anyone to donate on the BCA website through kindful, and we have sent the information on how to donate directly to the Hawaii Kyodan to our temple leaders as well. We hope to offer as much support as we can through the donations of our members, temples and organizations, and friends.

Donations can be made online through: <https://bca.kindful.com/>, or by check payable to: BCA Endowment Foundation (Please note on memo line: Maui Relief). Mail checks to: BCA Endowment Foundation at 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704.

Statement regarding the Wildfires and Destruction in Maui, Hawaii

We are all watching in great sadness and horror, the loss of life and destruction of homes and communities in Maui, Hawaii, due to the devastating wildfires. Our thoughts go to all there who have lost loved ones, homes, businesses, temples and churches, and their community. What a tremendous loss for everyone.

I recall a story from the Jataka Tales in our Buddhist tradition. Once there was a huge forest fire and all of the animals in the forest were running away from the fire for safety. One little bird was flying into a lake, dipping its wings in water, then flying over the forest fire dropping little drops of water to fight the fire. Back and forth the little bird flew. The other animals shouted to the little bird, "What are you doing? You cannot put out the fire that way!!" The little bird shouted back, "I may not be able to stop the fire, but this is all that I can do. I must try."

In the face of such devastation, we will all do what we can do, whether it is to contribute to the disaster relief, to share our encouragement, or for those in Maui, to begin to rebuild, one step at a time, doing what they can do.

Gassho,
Rev. Marvin Harada
Bishop
Buddhist Churches of America

Let's continue to look for ways to help.



Jodo Shinshu Buddhists in Europe



Recently, I was in Europe to attend the European Shin Conference (ESC). This conference is held every two years. The last meeting was held on Zoom because of COVID-19. This year, the ESC was an in-person event held at the EKO-HAUS in Dusseldorf, Germany from September 4th to 6th. The theme for this ESC was "Compassion and Practice in Jodo Shinshu."

It was great honor for me to have been invited to be a keynote speaker! 15 people, including myself, presented papers sharing their various perspectives on compassion and practice in Jodo Shinshu.

About 40 Jodo Shinshu Buddhists attended. The majority were from European countries, but some came from the US and Japan. Ted and Lorraine from the BBT were there! It was nice to see them in Germany!

As some of you know, there are Jodo Shinshu sanghas in the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Poland and Romania. A new group of Spanish and Portuguese speaking people was recently formed, and they meet on Zoom monthly.



Before the conference, there was a special ceremony on September 1st to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the EKO-HAUS. The EKO-HAUS is a beautiful temple with a huge Japanese garden. It was established by the Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK) in order to promote Buddhism and Japanese culture in Europe. The BDK founder, Rev. Yehan Numata, studied at Cal and had

a strong connection with the BBT. This was mentioned in the slideshow about the history of the EKO-HAUS. Rev. Numata's wish to spread the Dharma in the world took the form of this beautiful temple in Dusseldorf which has been serving the community for over 30 years.

I flew from SFO to Frankfurt on August 26th, and then took a connecting flight to Geneva, Switzerland. In Geneva, there is a Jodo Shinshu temple called *Shingyoji*. This temple is located in one room of an apartment and is led by the resident minister, Rev. Jerome Ducor. Rev. Aoki, Bishop of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, and I had the opportunity to attend one of their monthly evening services on August 27th. There were about 15 members gathered for that service. We began with a sutra chanting of *Sambutsuge*, followed by a Dharma discussion. While chanting the *Sambutsuge*, I was so moved by the thought that I was hearing people's fervent sutra chanting and Nembutsu recitation in Geneva, which is so far away from Japan. Their passions during the Dharma discussion also impressed me. Afterwards, we had dinner at a restaurant near the temple. It was such a wonderful time, filled with fun conversation, lots of laughter, and the sangha members' warmth.

This was my 4th visit to Europe, all of which were to attend the ESC. On every visit I was able to meet many European Jodo Shinshu members and enjoy our conversations. I've learned so many things. Although each sangha is small, compared with the temples of the BCA, their dedication and passion for the teachings always impress me. To my understanding, this is the very proof that the teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism resonate with people, regardless of race, nationality and cultural background. Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion guides all beings. With this trip to Europe, I reaffirmed the importance of sharing the teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism with more people in the world.

In gassho (palms together),
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara



“What Do We Mean by Empty”

by Diane Ames

“Oh dear,” I said. “A pitiful e-mail from my cousin in Arizona. She says that though her air conditioning helps, it can’t keep her house nearly cool enough at these temperatures. She gets up at three a.m. when the temperature dips below ninety degrees, does her exercises, eats cereal, and goes back to bed. Here it’s September and they’re still getting some 110 degree days. When *will* this heat wave go away?”

“I won’t!” said a heated voice. “And don’t tell me that heat waves can’t talk! You’re the Buddhist nut who talks to weather systems!”

“You *will* go away,” I said. “You think you’re an independent, permanent entity, but you’re not. You are empty!”

“Are you saying I’m not real? When I’ve killed 180 people in Phoenix alone?”

“That’s not what Buddhism means by empty. It means that first, you exist only in dependence on myriad causes and conditions. You exist because of the increasing greenhouse gases in the air, the mysterious El Nino phenomenon in the Pacific, a stubborn high, and those foundations of all earthly weather, the seasonal tilting of the earth and the sun.

“Second, you are constantly seen to change. Even your defining characteristic, your temperature, varies from day and even from hour to hour.

“Third, you are made up of parts, or let’s say elements, such as the stubborn high air pressure, the hot, utterly windless air, and the rays of the blistering sun.

“Fourth, you are impermanent. As the earth moves through its orbit, the northern hemisphere will start to tilt slightly away from the sun instead of slightly towards it. When it tilts enough, the hemisphere will cool off and you will be no more.”

“Wait ‘til next summer!” said the heat wave as it gradually faded away.





Temple News

Takato Takes a Big Step Forward ! *But, first he has lunch...*



BBT bids a fond farewell (for now) to Takato Kuwahara, who attended the Sept. 17 Ohigan service -- his last regular Sunday service. Takato moved into the dorms at UC Santa Cruz on Sept. 22 to begin a new chapter -- as a college student! Best wishes on a bright future, Takato!
(Courtesy of Jon Kawamoto)

Help Rev. CJ with their Doctorate of Ministry Capstone!

Dear friends and sangha of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple,

As many of you know, I was able to travel to Vietnam and Japan this past summer to conduct interviews with LGBTQIA+ identified people that share personal dreams, joys, forms of expression, and how we build community with our intersecting identities. I would also like to present an open-call for interviewees at the BBT. If you're interested in participating, the only requirement is that you identify as LGBTQIA+ (any of those letters). Please contact me at rev.sokugan@gmail.com

Here is an excerpt of my project description. If you're interested in participating, I will send you the full project description and overall theme of the interviews.

Nature and Purpose of Research:

My capstone portfolio projects seek to highlight and uplift the voices of queer and trans*¹ people in regards to how we navigate our identities, including, especially, the spiritual self. The particular project within my portfolio for which I am submitting this protocol is a series of interviews that will serve as a crucial resource for work, later to be published. These interviews seek to navigate and share the self-described narratives of meaning-making, formations of community, and the creation of belonging in which queer and trans* people navigate social, cultural, and religious contexts that quite often range from exclusionary to violently antagonistic toward our sexual orientation, gender identities, and even our spiritual worldviews, that is to say: how we envision where we fit into the universe. This exclusion and antagonism is often associated with conservative political and religious values and commonly seen as a product of particular popular Christian theologies, however, from my own experience, anti-queer and anti-trans* attitudes are pervasive and can be found in various cultural and religious contexts around the world as a result of historical European and US theocratic hegemony manifest in various forms of colonialism. Rather than approaching this problem from a doctrinal standpoint as an ordained Jōdo Shinshū Buddhist clergyperson, this research project emphasizes personal queer and trans* narratives and everyday praxes to better understand the spiritual and social needs of these communities as told by us, their constituents.

Due to the antagonism that many queer and trans* people face, it is sometimes difficult for us to open up about our lives to people outside our community, and so as a member of these communities, I hope to be afforded the opportunity to have these stories shared with me in such a way that feels safe and affirming to the subjects with the ultimate goal of publishing them as a way to help queer and trans* individuals feel less isolated in their dominant cultural contexts alongside encouraging understanding and inclusion within these dominant contexts.

¹ Use of the word "trans*", a modification of the term transgender, is meant as an umbrella term for those people who do not identify with their gender assigned at birth and/or who question (or queer, as a verb) the many socially-held norms around gender within a dominant culture.

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Dharma School Newsletter

October 2023

Escape the Hondo!

Thank you to all the Sangha family and friends for playing the Dharma School's escape game, Escape the Hondo, on the first day of Dharma School. We had so much fun helping everyone stamp their passports and solve the BBT puzzles!

October Schedule

10/1/2023	Regular Dharma School classes
10/8/2023	Regular Dharma School classes
10/15/2023	PS-elementary classes; middle and high school classes stay for Interfaith Panel
10/22/2023	Regular Dharma School classes
10/29/2023	Dharma School Halloween Party - all welcome

Boo! It's our Halloween Party!

Please join the Dharma School for a fun and entertaining Halloween Party on Sunday, October 29th, immediately following the Dharma Family Service and continuing through Tea Time, so all can enjoy the entertainment, treats, and games. Dharma School families can help by bringing treats, drinks, or dessert and – of course – costumed children! Check out some throwback Halloween photos at the end of this article!

FAQs about our Dharma School

First and foremost: ALL ARE WELCOME! Please refer to this quick [FAQs sheet](#) with general information about the Berkeley Buddhist Temple Dharma School. Parents, guardians, and grandparents are welcome to observe and/or accompany their children to class. Please just ask to see Stacy, Karen, Irene, or Joyce before the Dharma Family Service. Namo Amida Butsu.







Community Outreach & BLEND

Oakland Pride - Pridefest Oakland

On September 10th, members of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple and the Buddhist Church of Oakland joined together for a tabling event at the Oakland Pride / Pridefest Oakland Festival. It was a beautiful day and a great opportunity to join in the celebration of the LGBTQ+ community and to let the community know about us.



BBT COR Opens 2023 BGR – BBT Online Fundraising Team

For several years, the Berkeley Buddhist Temple has been a supporter of Buddhist Global Relief and its effort to relieve hunger and malnutrition throughout the world. Because of the pandemic, their annual “Walk to Feed the Hungry” transformed into an online gathering and fund-raising event.

The Berkeley Buddhist Temple Community Outreach (COR) Committee invites you to register for the 2023 National Online Dharma Gathering and also support our fund-raising team. Here is the link to our BBT Team page, where you can register for the event and contribute towards our team fund-raising goal. Thank you!!

[BGR - BBT Team Link](#)



buddhist global relief®

Buddhist Action to Feed the Hungry

2023 NATIONAL ONLINE GATHERING

October 28, 2023

Join us for our 2023 Buddhist Action to Feed the Hungry event! On October 28, from 1–3 pm ET (10 am–noon PT), BGR will host an online Dharma gathering, **“Creating a World That Works for Everyone.”** The gathering will feature talks by prominent Buddhist teachers and presentations on BGR’s global projects.

Hosted by BGR founder and chair **Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi**, this two-hour event will feature talks by prominent Buddhist teachers and representatives of BGR’s projects around the globe.

This year’s featured speakers will include **Ayya Yeshe**, founder of BGR partner the Bodhicitta Foundation; **Rick Hanson**, president and founder of the Global Compassion Coalition; **Joah McGee**, founder of BGR partner Better Burma; **Raimund Hopf**, founder and chair of BGR’s European partner Mitgefühl in Aktion; and other luminaries in the work of conscientious compassion. The emcee will be **Ayyā Dhammadīpā**, a BGR Board member and founder of the Dassanāya Buddhist Community.



Community Announcements



BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF MARIN

BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

Monthly study series on how Buddhist teachings understand the world and provide us with guidance



REV. CJ DUNFORD

The non-essential self as community in a hyper-individualistic society: opposing worldviews to promote mutual care

September 24, 2023



REV. KIYONOBU KUWAHARA

Gifts from Buddha: how Buddhist teachings transform our lives

November 12th, 2023

Final wrap-up session: review, discussion, and Q&A with all speakers

December 10, 2023



CATHERINE SHAW

What is a Buddhist? What do Buddhists do and why? Ethics, practice, and worldviews

October 29, 2023

Hosted by the
BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF MARIN

60-minute hybrid sessions
1pm after Sunday Service

390 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA
Walk-ins Welcome
Suggested donation: \$20



Scan for more info
or to register



Jodo Shinshu International Office

A Panel Discussion

Religious Perspectives on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) No. 5 “Gender Equality”

Saturday, September 30
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm (PDT)

Available in-person or online

Location: Jodo Shinshu Center (2140 Durant, Berkeley, CA 94704)



Registration

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlucu-qrDwpEtUbw5BjVRZiY3sqC6NnLp2g>



Prof. Ameena Jandali

Founding member of Islamic Networks Group (ING) and professor at City College of San Francisco.



Rev. Motoe Yamada Foor

Ordained pastor of California Nevada Annual Conference and Director of Adult Discipleship, The United Methodist Church.

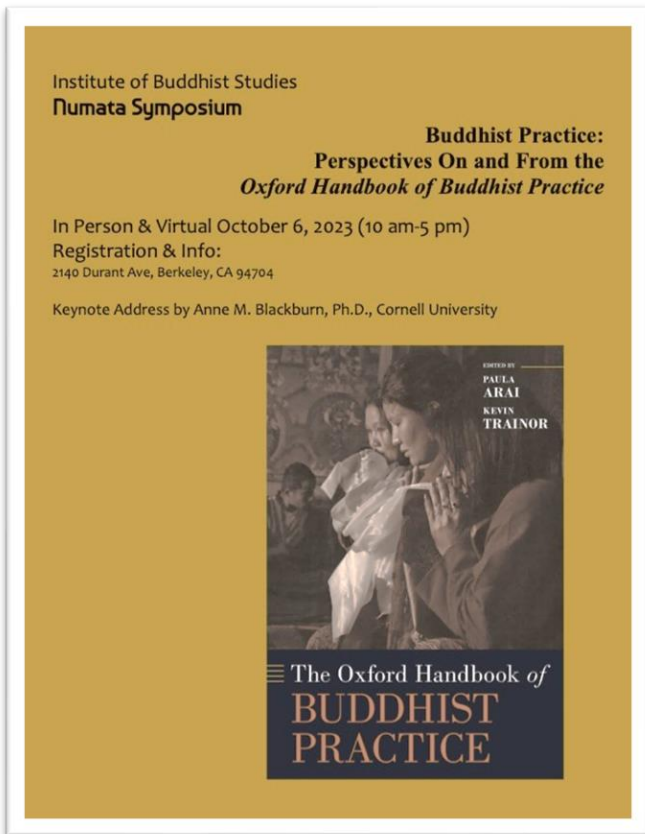


Dr. Jeff Wilson

Professor of Religious Studies and East Asian Studies at Renison University College and the University of Waterloo. He received his tokudo ministerial ordination at Nishi Hongwanji in 2012.

Contact us: office@jsinternational.org

Institute of Buddhist Studies Numata Symposium




There is a special event happening at IBS on Friday, October 6th. Professor Paula Arai is hosting the 2023 Numata Symposium, commemorating the *Oxford Handbook of Buddhist Practice*, and has invited Buddhist scholars such as Anne Blackburn, Lori Meeks, Miranda Shaw, and more to speak. This event is happening both online and in

person from 10am-5pm, and is a wonderful opportunity to hear Buddhist scholars from around the country share their work.

More information and registration here:

<https://www.shin-ibs.edu/event/2023-numata-symposium-buddhist-practice-perspectives-0n-and-from-the-oxford-handbook-of-buddhist-practice/>

By Popular Demand
CHICKEN TERIYAKI IS BACK!




Saturday, October 21, 2023
Buddhist Temple of Alameda
2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda
12 noon - 3:00 pm


Order Your Obento Box Today!
(1/2 Teriyaki Chicken, Edamame, Takuan, Rice, and Dessert)
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Help the Lahaina Honwanji Sangha

This year a portion of the proceeds will be sent to help the sangha of the Lahaina Hongwanji, Maui, which lost its place of worship from the Maui fires this year.

Name: _____ Phone/Cell: (____) _____
Email: _____

_____ x \$20 per Obento = _____

Donation (optional) _____

TOTAL _____

12noon -1:00pm
 1:00pm - 2:00pm
 2:00pm - 3:00pm

THANK YOU - ARIGATO

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, October 1, 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 *October*.

Dorothy Ariyoshi	Matthew Uehisa Koblick	Etsuko Onizuka
Walter Clough	Shigeru Kubota	Gotaro Ota
Jean Mieko Doi	Kazuko Long	Asami Kawachi Oyama
Matsu Fujii	Meriko Maida	Jane Takako Richofsky
Nancy Sumiko Fukumori	Masao Maki	Kameyo Sasaki
Misao Handa	Tatsuyo Marubayashi	Yukichi Sasaki
Rev. Taigan Hata	Ariya Masuda	Toshiko Sasaki
Tatsuo Hataye	Grace Masui	Ryotaro Shimada
Stephen Hedani	Sakae Masunaga	Rima Takemori
Lorelee Tucker Hiramoto	Frank Hidemi Matoba	Risuke Takemori
Kiichi Hiramoto	Shizuye Matsumoto	Asa Tanaka
Jitsuro Hiramoto	Han Mayeda	Kiroku Teshima
Dean Hiraoka	Noboru Bill Morita	Namie Kusaba Tsuda
Riku Honda	Jun Morita	Mamoru Ueda
Denman Honda	John Noriyoshi Muranishi	Tsutomu Uyesugi
Jack Yoshiyuki Imada	Richard Nagareda	Abe Saburo Watamura
Kiyo Inouye	Chiyoko Nakagaki	Suenobu Yamasaki
Arthur Akira Iwata	Kiyoto Nakagawa	Shizuye Yamasaki
Doris Marie Kami	Yei Nakahara	Haru Yamashita
Hiroshi Kanda	John Yoshiro Nakahara	Kazue Yamashita
Hiroshi Kashiwagi	James Shizuo Nakashita	Fumi Yokoyama
Seiichi Kawamoto	Reiji Nakaso	William Kiyoyasu Yokoyama
Soeko Kawamoto	Taeko Oda	Katsuzo Yonekura

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: 8/5/2023 – 9/7/2023)

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

Craig & Linda Griffin
Alan Hirahara
Sara Jotoku
Elaine Yokoyama & Toshio Tsuda

We'd like to introduce our new college member, Miya Lapin. Please give Miya a warm welcome when you see them at the temple!

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

TOBAN

Coordinators - Lena Yin & Pat Takeda

September 2023	October 2023
Chair - Maya Murashima Cochair - Ron Hiraga Abney, Saya (GA) *Fujinaga, Chiyoko *Hayashida, Sady & Amy Hiraga, Ron & Gayle Nishikawa Kawamoto, Jon Lewis, Kaz *Murashima, John & Irene Nagafuji, Jeff & Lucy Rivello *Nagafuji, Jerry Nakamura, Aileen (GA) *Shinoda, Makiko Tanaka, Ron & Carol Yonemura, Paul & Maya Murashima	Cochair - Kathleen Yee Cochair - Florence Yokoi Buchholz, Bruce & Doreen Sakamoto *Gempf, Detlev & Lorraine Nobuye *Ishida, Arthur & Betsy *Kakigi, Richard & Nancy *Katsumoto, Kiyoshi & Emiko *Kubota, Michiko Lum, Douglas & Chui Liu Nagamoto, M & P Nishimura, Art *Reid, Ralph & Barbara Yamaoka, Landon Yee, Kathleen *Yokoi, Florence

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



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).

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.

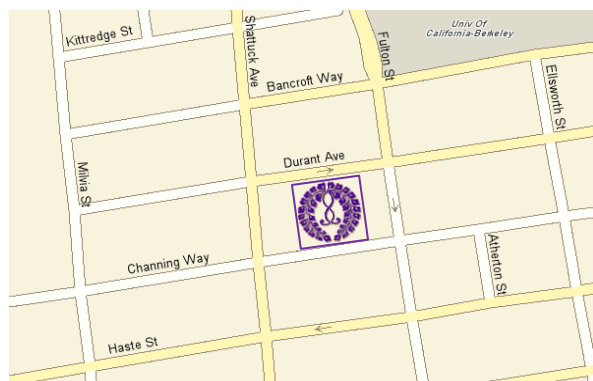
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

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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