



The Padma



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Berkeley Buddhist Temple Newsletter

Web Edition

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Jodo Shinshu View

Buddha's Guidance

- Dependent Origination
- Our every lives
- Compassion

etc.



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If we are rooted in the ground of Amida Buddha's compassionate aspiration, we can see with a broader perspective and our spiritual growth will begin.

Nirvana Day Service



February 14

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

February 2021

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
	1	2	3 7p Evening Meditation	4	5	6
7 9:30a Livestream - Dharma Family & Shotsuki Memorial Service 10:15a Virtual Yoga	8	9 7p Board of Directors Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 9:30a Livestream - Dharma Family / Nirvana Day Service Padma articles due	15	16 10:30a Padma Newsletter Production	17 7p Evening Meditation	18	19	20
21 9:30a Livestream - Dharma Family Service General Meeting 10:15a Virtual Yoga	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30a Livestream - Dharma Family Service						



FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed

3

Feb

Evening Meditation 7pm

Sun

14

Mar

Dana Day Service

Sun

7

Feb

Livestream
Shotsuki Memorial Service
Virtual Yoga 10:15am

Sun

21

Mar

Spring Ohigan Service

Sun

14

Feb

Livestream
Nirvana Day Service

Sun

28

Mar

Pet Memorial Service

Wed

17

Feb

Evening Meditation 7pm

Sun

21

Feb

Livestream
General Meeting
Virtual Yoga 10:15am

Share the Spirit Success!

The High School Dharma School Class extends our gratitude to the Berkeley Buddhist Temple sangha for the generous donations of gifts and checks to help:

Building Futures

Building Futures will be featuring the Berkeley Buddhist Temple in their annual Holiday Newsletter and was extremely appreciative of the gift, toy and essential items sent for their families along with \$1,300 in checks collected. Many thanks to all that were able to participate!

How to Listen to the Teaching



I hope you had a good start of the year 2021. Although COVID-19 vaccinations have started, it will take a while until the situation gets better. It is my sincere hope you and your family members will stay healthy - not only physically, but also spiritually healthy and well. Thanks to the great efforts and support of Bradley, Myron, Rumi, BBT Minister's Assistants, Music Committee, Dharma School teachers and many people, we have been able to virtually continue our Sunday Service and Dharma School since last March so that we can receive spiritual guidance from the Dharma.

It is important to engage ourselves on occasions to receive guidance, such as listening to Dharma messages, reading books on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism or having conversations with our Dharma friends about the Teaching. It is more important how we read and listen to the words on those occasions. Please let me share one episode with you.

In Sanuki (Kagawa Prefecture, Japan today), there was a devout Jodo Shinshu follower, whose name was Shōma (1799-1871). He was a farmer and regularly attended services at his affiliated temple. Because of his joyful and deep appreciation of the Teaching, he was quite famous in the village. People admired him as a true Nembutsu follower. However, some people envied his reputation. One of them was an assistant minister of Shōma's temple.

One day, this assistant minister tried to humiliate Shōma in the presence of other members. During a service, he opened the *Larger Sutra*, one of the most important scriptures in the Jodo Shinshu tradition, and asked Shōma to read it aloud, knowing that Shōma was illiterate. Keeping his countenance, Shōma received the *Sutra* book and held it up. Some people then started giggling because Shōma held the book upside-down. Shōma, who didn't know how to read Chinese characters, of course didn't know which side was up or down. However, without paying any attention to their giggles, Shōma started reading the *Sutra* with a loud voice: "Shōma, I will guide you! I will liberate you from the *samsara*!" Closing the *Sutra* book, he said with a smile to the assistant minister, "This is what is written in this *Sutra*."



Image of the *Larger Sutra*

The *Larger Sutra* is a long Buddhist sutra with a lot of important doctrinal Teachings for Pure Land Buddhists. When we read it literally, there is no single sentence at all that says "Shōma, I will guide you! I will liberate you from the *samsara*!" However, when we read or listen to the *Larger Sutra* deeply or spiritually, that is exactly what is stated or the voice of Amida Buddha in this *Sutra*. Through his continuous deep listening to the Teaching, Shōma could encounter the most important essence behind all those letters and characters in the *Sutra*.

Along with this, please let me share with you a passage by Rennyo Shōnin (1415-1499), 8th spiritual leader of the Jodo Shinshu tradition:

Although some read Buddhist sutras, they don't read them. On the other hand, although some cannot read Buddhist sutras, they read them. Even though some are illiterate and cannot read any letters, if they guide others to read Buddhist scriptures, to listen to the Dharma and to attain shinjin, it should be said "Although they cannot read Buddhist sutras, they read them." On the contrary, although some can read Buddhist sutras, if they don't truly grasp them or have no appreciation, it should be said "although they read Buddhist sutras, they don't read them." (From Article 94, *Thus I have heard from Rennyo Shonin*)

When we listen to Dharma messages or read books of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, do we really get it? Aren't we reading or listening to them literally, missing the points between the lines or behind the symbols? Let us continue to listen to the Teaching this year as well, keeping this in our minds, and receive the great gift from the Dharma so that we can live a spiritually fulfilled life in this difficult situation.

In gassho (palms together),
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, February 7, 2021
9:30 am

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

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

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

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

A Special Little Ceremony in the Pure Land

By Diane Ames

"I know that you have been putting in overtime welcoming all the victims of COVID-19," said one of the golden Dharma-chanting birds to another, "but we're having a special little ceremony today to welcome the heroes who died of the disease because they were what is called essential workers. The other COVID victims wanted us to because we all know the meaning of gratitude here. We're starting with one of the largest groups, the Americans. Here they come now."



The bird continued, "To you 2900 health care workers, doctors, nurses, medical technicians, and so on, who died working yourselves to exhaustion in caring for the sick and dying, often carrying on despite lacking adequate protective equipment, wearing month-old masks and garbage bags for gowns: there are no words for your sacrifice. Welcome home!"

"To the thousands of nursing home staff who perished along with your patients: though underfunded, underequipped, and often undertrained, you were left to cope with the unthinkable and died trying. Welcome home!"

"And now to the uncounted thousands of farm workers who fell ill and died picking fruit and vegetables in the broiling sun with little or no protection from COVID, and to the hundreds of meat packing workers who worked in grotesquely unsafe conditions which finally killed you, all so that the nation could go on eating in this crisis: you are not forgotten, and you will not need documents here. Welcome home!"

"And now to the thirty-odd grocery store workers who contracted your fatal illness stocking the shelves so people could buy food, coming to work even though there were always customers who refused to wear masks: Welcome home!"

"And to the 94 transit workers who picked up the disease that killed you keeping the buses and subways going, the 57 firefighters and 179 policemen who met the same fate protecting people, the dozens of teachers who perished educating children, the civil servants, the pharmacists, the dentists, the taxi drivers, all those who came to work to keep everybody else going and paid for it with your lives: the living are grateful. Welcome home!"

"There's one thing about it," said the second bird as the essential workers marveled at the jeweled trees. "So many of these deaths, indeed, so many of the deaths of the COVID victims still streaming in, could have been prevented by simple, well-known measures."

"That too must not be forgotten," said the first bird.

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Livestream NIRVANA DAY SERVICE

Annual observance of Sakyamuni Buddha's passing into Nirvana and a time to reflect on impermanence.

Your thoughtful donation for this solemn observance can be made online through the temple website.

The Temple greatly appreciates your kind generosity.

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Scholarship Program

Graduate Scholarship Program

The Berkeley Buddhist Temple has a scholarship program for those attending graduate studies with the goal of achieving kyoshi status as a Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) minister.

Here are some of the terms:

- Interested parties must apply annually.
- Applications are due by January 31 each year and awards will be granted by April 30.
- Applicant must be a BBT member or immediate family member (as defined by the IRS) https://www.irs.gov/irm/part1/irm_01-025-001#idm140207100487968
- Applicant must be enrolled or expect to be enrolled in a graduate program in the school year to start in the same calendar year of the award.
- The program must result in the applicant achieving kyoshi ordination in the BCA.

If you are interested, please reach out to Wayne Sugihara at notonabet@gmail.com and submit the enclosed application.



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- Applicant must be enrolled or expect to be enrolled in a graduate program in the school year to start in the same calendar year of the award
- The program must result in the applicant achieving kyoshi ordination in the BCA
- Awards are intended to supplement a student's other financial resources, permitting limited funds to assist the largest number of students and are not designed to meet their entire financial need. Financial aid renewal is not automatic; students must reapply each year. It is advisable that students keep copies of all documents submitted.

Last Name _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

1) Is the goal of your educational program to achieve kyoshi status as a Buddhist Churches of America minister? YES ___ NO ___

a. In which educational institution are you enrolled? _____

2) Berkeley Buddhist Temple (BBT) Member YES ___ NO ___

(IF YES, please proceed to question 3)

a. If you are not a BBT Member, are you related to a BBT Member? YES ___ NO ___

b. If you are related to a BBT Member, to whom are you related? _____

3) What level of financial support do you require from BBT? \$ _____

4) Please state the purposes for which these funds will be used

By signing below I certify that the information on this form is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. BBT has my permission to verify the information reported by obtaining documentation as needed. I understand that if I purposely provide false or misleading information that my financial aid award may be withdrawn. Furthermore, I understand that my financial aid award is to be used solely for admissible educational expenses and that all awards are subject to the availability of funds.

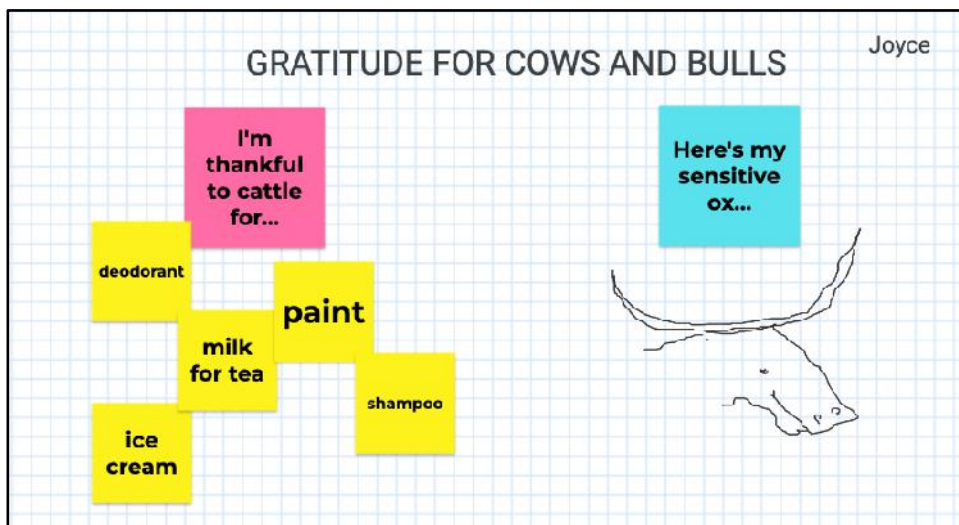
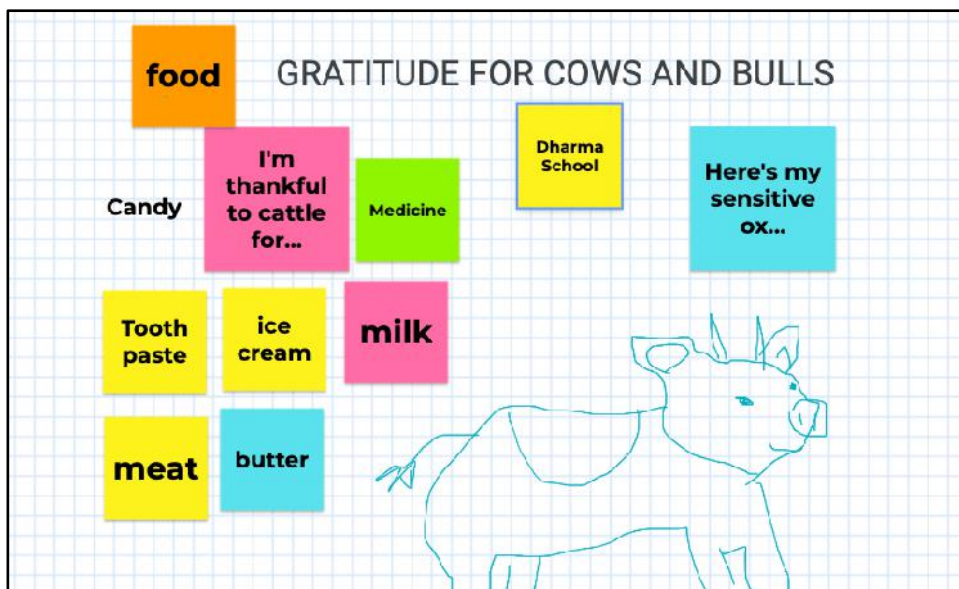
Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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- Sunday, Feb. 7: Regular Dharma School classes
- Sunday, Feb. 14: Regular Dharma School classes
- Sunday, Feb. 21: Regular Dharma School classes
- Sunday, Feb. 28: No Dharma School classes; students encouraged to attend BCA Eitaiyo event

To celebrate the Year of the Ox, the Dharma School students learned about the Lunar New Year story of the Great Race, including the order of the animals of the zodiac and the variations amongst different cultural traditions. We heard a Buddhist story about a "Sensitive Ox." We applied our theme of gratitude to oxen, the animals commonly known as cows and bulls. We learned about the many, many foods, drinks, and products that we use that often contain parts of cows and bulls. Some of our digital posters are below. Thank you, oxen, for everything that you have given us!



What is Pure Land?

How can one get there?

Where is it?

Who is eligible?



BBT DHARMANAR

MONTHLY STUDY
SESSION



Join us for BBT's new monthly study session. The very first session's topic is "Pure Land". First half an hour will be a presentation on what Pure Land is by Rev. Kuwahara and Rev. CJ from their own perspective. Then we will discuss it after.

**Thu. January 28th, 6:30-7:30PM
via Zoom**

**Sign up:
<https://bbtevents.info/dharmanar>**

**Berkeley Buddhist Temple
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(510)841-1356**



Berkeley Buddhist Temple

SUN. 1/17, 2/7, 21, 3/7 & 21, 2021

Virtual
YOGA Immediately
after the
service

at:

<https://bbtevents.info/yoga>

Join us for a gentle yoga session that you can do while sitting on a chair or couch without a yoga mat. No experience needed.



Instructor: Hitomi Kuwahara



<https://www.berkeleybuddhisttemple.org/>

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EVENING MEDITATION

EVENT DETAILS:

- Wed. Feb 3, 17, Mar 3, & 17, 2021**
- 7 - 8PM**
- via Zoom**
- Registration required**
- <https://bbtevents.info/meditation>**

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Star Trek and Buddhism or What Do We Need to Be Happy?

by Detlev (Ted) Gempf

I am told that the kanji for the word catastrophe contains two parts: disaster and opportunity. And recently we have all been facing a catastrophe brought on by disease. One question we could address after we all get vaccinated is: how can we salvage wisdom and opportunities from this viral death?

I remember a quote from the well-known, long-running TV series Star Trek. In its imagined future, people did not use money nor did they accumulate wealth. The protagonist Captain Kirk was asked what motivated people in his society. His response was that they were more interested in developing their minds and nurturing their relationships, rather than accumulating wealth or becoming privileged. The concept is obviously Rousseauian or idealistic, but it made me think: in this time of the virus, what do I personally want or need to be happy, other than survival?

The virus has decimated travel, hotel services, restaurant meals, social gatherings, and entertainment, both in our local communities and around the globe. The news reports that these personal services comprise over 50% of the U.S. economy. In other words, optional unessential services and entertainment are a huge part of our economy. Thus recently we have not only been deprived of entertainment, but the many workers who provided them have lost their livelihood. It is said that once the virus is defeated we should all go out and consume again, because this will help the economy and more importantly help us all become happy again. So the question arises: as a society are we putting too much of our faith and effort into consumption vs. obtaining joy from simply living and interacting with our family and friends - much of which we have been denied since last spring.

Perhaps we can learn something from this catastrophe, i.e. what makes us happy? This of course is not a new question, and it has been debated ever since man began farming and domesticating animals. The industrial revolution gave us what Karl Marx defined as "surplus labor", i.e. resources exceeding our needs for survival. So, I asked myself: do I really need to travel extensively, eat out regularly, own a new smart phone or new car to be happy? At our local high school I recently saw many people sitting in nice new cars playing with their smart phones while they waited in line for free food. Perhaps the money spent on car payments or monthly smart phone fees would have been better invested or saved in order to guarantee survival in hard times?

When our children were growing up we were never, to put it mildly, big spenders. Frankly, we were poor. My

fears of our refrigerator or the car breaking down, or some other economic disaster befalling us thankfully never occurred. We never went into debt and saved a few dollars each month. So we had the essentials, secured our lives and the children never suffered, for which I am thankful. We didn't travel too far either and hardly ever ate out. And our children never reported ever having felt poor or deprived. This made me very happy - happier than any fancy trip could have made me or any new material acquisition. Plus, with our slowly increasing savings and the occasional windfall which we banked, I could sleep soundly at night.

As our children got older I discussed the issue of our limited means with them and spoke of my personal values. I pointed out that in an ideal society we would all be guaranteed the essentials: enough food, adequate shelter and access to health care. Everything else is "gravy". I still believe this to be true - we 1960's hippies had it right. This approach to life is in contradiction to the consumerism which drives the world economies today, and which has been the case since the 20th century's industrial revolution began. Now, this same consumerism is polluting our oceans, befouling our air, destroying our environment and threatening our very lives.

Lest we all die from unrestricted consumption and pollution, a paradigm shift of judgement and behavior, as to what makes us human beings happy, is needed. Here religion and Jodo Shinshu Buddhism can play an essential role. It helps us to focus on what we need for survival and what makes us truly happy, e.g. education, spiritual development and importantly our personal relationships. And I'm not talking about pseudo relationships. We have all witnessed people seemingly talking to themselves and staring into smart phones while blindly crossing the street, or sitting in their cars staring at their lap, unaware that the light has changed.

This needed paradigm shift in our thinking and actions means that the fundamental assumptions we have been taught, for the past hundred and twenty years of exponential economic growth, are brought into question. We will of course as a society never achieve such a change in one or two generations, but we as individuals can change our thinking and habits and share them with our children and grandchildren in the hopes that such ideas can gain traction. Which will give us lasting joy: electronic gadgets and hedonism, or spirituality and meaningful interpersonal relationships? This is not just a philosophical question but rather a very practical one which potentially affects the very survival of our species.

Namo Amida Butsu

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

2020 Membership Pledges

Masako Hane, Rev. David & Diane Matsumoto,
Bradley Menda & Myron Jung, Takashi & Miri Nikaidoh,
Craig & Helen Tagawa, George & Lena Yin

2021 Membership Pledges

Dina Honda, Edythe Vassall

Thank you all for your generosity and continuing support!

If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Kagehiro.



Happy Birthday Rev. K!

Congratulations to January birthday drawing winner Ron Miyake.

BBT COVID-19 Response Update

The BBT COVID-19 Response Committee would like to extend its gratitude to the BBT Sangha for coming together to support the temple during these difficult times.

With your support, the committee was able to start the iPad Lending Program. iPads were purchased and distributed to senior members without mobile devices or internet service.

Mrs. Yo Hiraoka is one of the members participating in the program. She enjoys listening to the Dharma messages by Rev. Kuwahara and the other ministers.



Though Yo said it is not the same as seeing everyone in person and their smiling faces, she said it allows her to feel connected to the temple and she really appreciates the committee for setting up the program. She looks forward to the day when she is able to go back to temple.

TOBAN

Coordinators

Lena Yin & Pat Takeda

FEBRUARY TOBAN

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Mark Sugihara

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Mieko Taketa*

Tara Umemoto

Scott & Sheila Wakida

* Denotes disabled and/or elderly
Toban duties optional

Berkeley Buddhist Temple expresses condolences and deep sympathy

To the Family of
Mrs. Nora Hataye
October 28, 1918 - December 17, 2020

Namo Amida Butsu

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Namo Amida Butsu



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).

2021 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2020	1 st Year
2019	3 rd Year
2015	7 th Year
2009	13 th Year
2005	17 th Year
1997	25 th Year
1989	33 rd Year
1972	50 th Year
1922	100 th Year



SAVE THESE DATES!
2021 CBE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
JANUARY ~ APRIL All events listed in Pacific Time.

<p>SATURDAY JANUARY 9 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>SHIN BUDDHISM AND SCIENCE FICTION Speakers: Rev. Harry Bridge Buddhist Church of Oakland Rev. Jon Turner Orange County Buddhist Church & Rev. Landon Yamaoka Palo Alto Buddhist Temple <i>Venture into dharma explorations inspired by science fiction films.</i></p>
<p>SUNDAY JANUARY 10 1 pm</p>	<p>BCA YOUTH CONCERT! JODO SHINSHU ARTISTS & MUSICIANS SHOWCASE (JAMS) <i>Enjoy a variety of performances by BCA youth.</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY JANUARY 30 5 pm - 6:30 pm Register online</p>	<p>RELEVANT AMERICAN BUDDHISTS (RAB) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka Musashino University <i>Who and what were the RAB? Stories from BCA's 1970s program for young adults.</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6 10 am - 11:30 am Register online</p>	<p>EVERY DAY BUDDHISM BOOK TALK "DISCOVERING BUDDHISM IN EVERYDAY LIFE" Speaker/author: Rev. Marvin Harada BCA Bishop <i>Listen to the stories behind this collection of heartwarming essays.</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>"HONEN AS RELIGIOUS REVOLUTIONARY: THE PERSON WHO DEFINED THE BUDDHISM WE IDENTIFY AS JAPANESE TODAY." Speaker: Dr. Mark Blum University of California at Berkeley</p>
<p>SATURDAY MARCH 6 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>ZEN & SHIN BUDDHISM - PART 1 "LETTING GO: A ZEN & SHIN APPROACH TO LIBERATION" Rev. Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams Author, <i>AMERICAN SUTRA</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY MARCH 13 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>ZEN & SHIN BUDDHISM - - PART 2 <i>(Please note change of date)</i> "ZEN PRACTICE" Speaker: Rev. Anton Tenkei Coppens Roshi Zen River Temple, Netherlands</p>
<p>SATURDAY APRIL 10 5 pm - 6:30 pm Register online</p>	<p>SOCIALLY ENGAGED BUDDHISM Speakers: Prof. Mitsuya Dake Ryukoku University Rev. Kiyo Kuwahara Berkeley Buddhist Temple</p>
<p>SATURDAY APRIL 17 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>3 BISHOPS: "WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF BUDDHISM IN THE WEST?" Rev. Marvin Harada Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America Rev. Eric Matsumoto Bishop, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Rev. Tatsuya Aoki Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada</p>

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BCA Center for Buddhist Education Every Day Buddhism Committee Presents:



Book Talk

“Discovering Buddhism in Everyday Life”

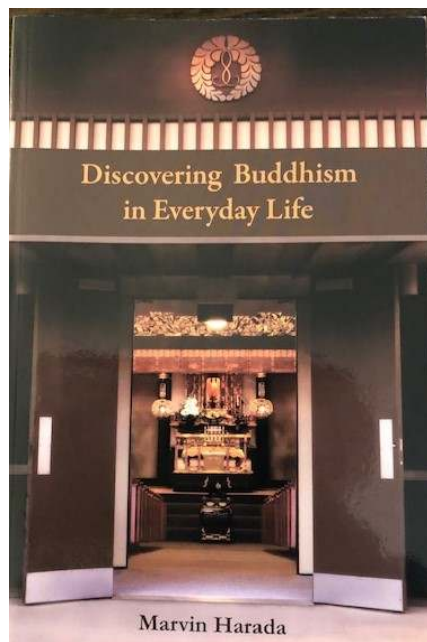
Listen to the stories behind this collection of heartwarming essays

By Rev. Marvin Harada

Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America

February 6, 2021

10:00 am to 11:30 am (PST) Zoom



Registration is Free:

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021 11 AM - 1 PM

HONEN

AS RELIGIOUS REVOLUTIONARY:

THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED THE
CORE COMPONENTS OF JAPANESE BUDDHISM



Guest SPEAKER:

Dr. Mark Blum

University of California at Berkeley

Mark Blum, Professor and Shinjo Ito Distinguished Chair in Japanese Studies, received his M.A. in Japanese Literature from UCLA and his Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies in 1990 from the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of *The Origins and Development of Pure Land Buddhism* (2002), and co-editor of *Rennyō and the Roots of Modern Japanese Buddhism* (2005) and *Cultivating Spirituality* (2011), and his translation from Chinese of *The Nirvana Sutra: Volume 1* (2013). He is currently working on completing *Think Buddha, Say Buddha: a history of nenbutsu thought, practice, and culture*.

“Why was Honen so influential among Buddhist thinkers who were Pure Land Buddhists and those who were not Pure Land Buddhists?...”

Shinran insisted that he had nothing new to say because everything he knew he got from Hōnen. Hōnen made the same statement but his source of knowledge was Shandao. What do these statements tell us about what each man saw as new, and the political context of the time, both among their in-groups and in the context of society as a whole?...”

What is the historical legacy of Hōnen in today’s world?

– Dr. Blum’s lecture outline (excerpts)

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ZEN & SHIN BUDDHISM

PART 1:

MARCH 6, 2021



Letting Go:

A ZEN & SHIN
APPROACH TO LIBERATION

Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams

University of Southern California
Author, *AMERICAN SUTRA: A STORY OF FAITH AND
FREEDOM IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR (2019)*

Duncan Ryuken Williams was born in Tokyo, Japan to a Japanese mother and British father and grew up in Japan and England until age 17, when he came to the U.S. to attend college (Reed College) and graduate school (Harvard University, where he received a Ph.D. in Religion). He is currently Professor of Religion and East Asian Languages & Cultures and the Director of the USC Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture. Previously, he held the Shinjo Ito Distinguished Chair of Japanese Buddhism at UC Berkeley. He has also been ordained since 1993 as a Buddhist priest in the Soto Zen tradition and served as the Buddhist chaplain at Harvard University from 1994-96.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR MARCH 6: PART 1

Guest Speaker: Dr. Duncan Williams
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PART 2:

MARCH 13, 2021



Zen Practice

TIMELESS CALLING,
TIMELY RESPONSE

Tenkei Coppens Roshi

Abbot, Zen River Temple- Uithuizen, The Netherlands
Author, *TIMELESS CALLING, TIMELY RESPONSE, A GUIDE
FOR ZEN BUDDHIST PRACTICE (2020)*

Anton Tenkei Coppens is the abbot of Zen River Temple. Born in The Netherlands, he has a background in art and art history, started his Zen training in England in 1976, and continued it from 1980 with Genpo Merzel Roshi and Taizan Maezumi Roshi, mostly in the US but also in several European countries. He received Shiho, Dharma transmission, from Genpo Roshi in 1996 and Inka, the final seal of approval, in 2006. Tenkei Roshi also practiced Zen in Japan with Junyu Kuroda Roshi and became a fully qualified representative of the Soto school. Together with his wife, Tamara Myoho Gabrysch Roshi, and a number of close students, he established Zen River Temple in 2002.

"Timeless Calling, Timely Response aims to serve as an inspiration for anyone interested in hearing their life's calling and finding their own way to respond to it." - Tenkei Roshi

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Guest Speaker: Tenkei Coppens Roshi
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OPEN INVITATION TO BCA MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

Saturday, February 27th at 3:30 PM (PST)

Dharma Messages by and Recognition of Retiring Ministers



Sunday, February 28th at 10:00 AM (PST)

Join us for the BCA Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service

Speaker: Rev. Kodo Umezu



The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service is held in appreciation and respect for all those departed members who supported and assisted our temples and who wished to ensure the continuation of Shinran Shonin's teachings.

This annual event will have participants from all BCA temples throughout the United States.

BCA National Council Closing Program: Dharma Forward

Celebrate those who have brought us to this moment as we carry the dharma forward together.

Sunday, February 28th at 1:30 PM (PST)



Musical Entertainment provided by Cherry Blossomz

Go to the 2021 BCA National Council website: <https://bcancm.org/workshops>

Instructions on how to join the virtual sessions will be posted on February 19, 2021.

WEST LA DHARMA CENTER HOSTS

VIRTUAL

MONTHLY DHARMA GATHERINGS

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

SCHEDULE FOR JAN - JUN 2021

Join us via Zoom on the following dates from 10:30a-noon for a short service and Dharma reflection session discussing various topics and reflecting on how they relate to "my life." Register once at the link below. You will not need to register for each individual session. A Zoom link will be sent the day before each session.

**SAT
JAN 23**

"What is the goal of Buddhism?
Why should I follow the Buddhist path?"

**SAT
FEB 27**

"What is the Jodo Shinshu Path? - Part 1"

**SAT
MAR 27**

"What is the Jodo Shinshu Path? - Part 2"

**SAT
MAY 22**

"What is *Shinjin*?"

**SAT
JUN 26**

"What does it mean to be a
good Jodo Shinshu Buddhist?"

Register at:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/WLADC-COLLEGE-DRS-JANJUN2021](https://tinyurl.com/wladc-college-drs-jan-jun-2021)

For questions, contact:

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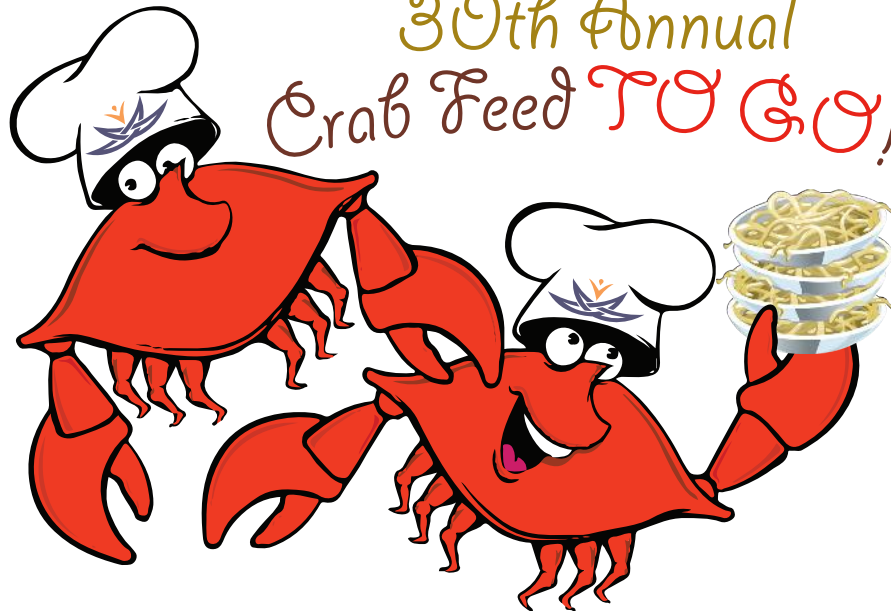
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FBWA 2022



30th Annual Crab Feed **TO GO!**



Sunday, February 21, 2021

*Pick-up Between 1pm to 4pm
at J-Sei, 1286 66th Street, Emeryville, CA*

Cheers to crab! **The 30th Annual J-Sei Crab Feed**
will take place this year on a **TO GO** basis.

Fresh Dungeness crab, Asian salad, garlic noodles, bread, and dessert
complete the feast. A limited number of dinners will be sold.

Pre-order your delicious crab dinner by **Sunday, February 14**, through J-Sei's
website at: <https://j-sei.org/30th-annual-crab-feed-to-go/>

Or mail your order and check to be received by **Saturday, February 13**.
Please be sure to include your **phone number** with your order so that
we can schedule a pick-up time with you.

Walk up or drive up at your assigned time (between 1pm to 4pm)
to get your order at J-Sei. Then, join us online to share a toast to
J-Sei's 50 years of community!

DINNER TICKETS \$45

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT J-SEI
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SAKURA KAI SENIOR CENTER COORDINATOR

Sakura Kai Japanese American Senior Services meets at Alvarado adult school campus at 5625 Sutter Avenue in Richmond. Currently we are on Zoom distance learning during 2020 to 2021 due to Covid 19 regulations. Sakura Kai provides Japanese culture classes, lunch, and socialization. The Coordinator plans, develops and coordinates social and recreational activities in collaboration with assistant coordinators who are adult school directors. S/he serves as a liaison with other agencies and ensures that programs are being carried out. The Coordinator reports to the Sakura Kai Board of Directors.

Duties on Zoom during Covid guidelines

- Sends email blast to all students who have computer use the link and schedule of next Zoom classes
- Assists in phone and written contact with students who do not have technology for Zoom classes
- Makes noon time announcements
- Plans Zoom activities for Japanese-speaking students

Essential duties and responsibilities

- Plans and carries out programs and activities for Sakura Kai.
- Provides an agenda of activities for the seniors and announces upcoming events and donations
- Oversees the opening, set up, and closing of the facilities when meeting at a site.
- Preferred ability to translate from English to Japanese correspondence, newsletter, and announcements
- Gives orientation to new members and greets visitors.
- Assists with plans, implements, and accompanies groups on field trips and special events.
- Coordinates special luncheons with volunteer food coordinator.
- Assists with publicity for local senior newsletters and assists in preparation of annual Sakura Kai newsletter
- Is responsible for and reports expenditures from petty cash fund each month.
- Acknowledges donations with thank you notes.
- Arranges for bereavement representation for Sakura Kai.
- Reports on activities to Sakura Kai Board at monthly meeting.
- Assists in maintaining Sakura Kai historical files.

Skills, knowledge and abilities desired

- Ability to effectively and clearly communicate with volunteers, seniors and other members of the public.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with volunteers, seniors, and other members of the public.
- Fluency in English and Japanese.
- Knowledge of and ability to work with senior populations
- Have basic computer skills and on Zoom program for distance on line classes.

Compensation

The Coordinator is a part time position who works the first and third Saturdays of every month. In addition, s/he is expected to accompany the group on field trips. \$400 per month

Job Opening

Interested candidates should submit their resume to Kimi Honda or Marjorie Fujioka, assistant coordinators, by February 6, 2021. Mail to Sakura Kai, P.O. Box 1856, El Cerrito, CA 94530, or email to ECsakuraKai@gmail.com

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

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

Dharma School

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

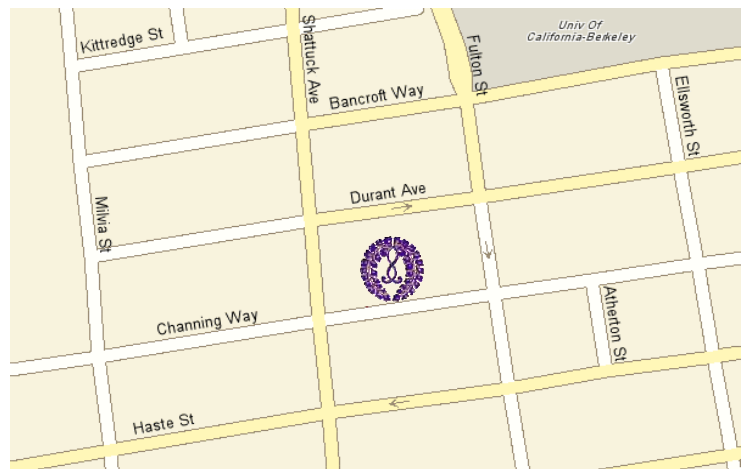
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

Membership Information

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

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

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



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