



the Dharma

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Betsuin Calendar of Events

July 4th and July 5th – Betsuin Office Closed

July 4th – No 10:00am Family Service

July 11th – 1:00pm to 6:00pm Obon@Home: Mō Ichido via Facebook Live

July 17th – 5:00pm Virtual Hatsubon Service via our YouTube Channel

July 18th – 10:00am Virtual Obon Service with Guest Speaker:
Rev. Nariaki Rajan Hayashi from Ekoji Buddhist Temple via our YouTube Channel

Prune and Cultivate

by: Gerald Sakamoto

Nine Valley Transit Authority employees were killed on May 26 in a mass shooting in San Jose, California. They are people who will be deeply missed by their family and friends. No one thought they would be killed that morning. And yet, they were. They will no longer come home to the lives of everyday experiences. Experiences we too pass through everyday. Taking care of chores, paying bills, planning that first trip since Covid, thinking of children or grandchildren who would be graduating, all the everyday things that were now shattered. Nine lives. Nine families. One community. Unfortunately, this was far from the only mass shooting in America in the month of May.

The day after, a vigil was held to bring the larger community together in solidarity and to share in the grief. It is important to demonstrate the strength of a diverse community standing together in a most challenging time. I too stand with the families in their anger and grief but I chose not to attend.

We have had too many of these gatherings of solidarity, responding to the outrages witnessed. With transgressions that become public we voice our alarm and indignation. As we discover what people have endured we voice our outrage. And yet there are many, less public, less noticed inhumanities. Acts of violence that roil and fester through collective history. Violence that does not make the news or remain in the news cycle for very long.

Our society has made progress through protest. Protests have stopped wars, enshrined constitutional rights, brought light to dark corners of institutional injustices. Progress is relative. Progress for some is violation of rights of others. Some will challenge Roe v Wade. Others will find ways around Brown v Board of Education and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. As sure as we are of our incontrovertible truths there are others who stand in our exact opposite. Others who will defend that truth until they prevail or nothing remains. We cannot continue in this way.

We can only change the cycle if we change ourselves. How we change is of course important.

The Metta Sutta describes an event in Shakyamuni Buddha's time. There were monks who had settle in a forest that was inhabited by spirits. After a while the spirits grew annoyed with the presence of the monks. They began to scare the monks so they would leave the forest. The monks were frightened and sought the advice of the Buddha. The Buddha taught the monks the Metta Sutta and instructed them to keep this in mind and to return to the forest. The monks followed the instructions of the Buddha. When the monks returned, the spirits recognized the change in the monks and welcomed them into the forest.

The phrase, "May all beings be happy", from the Metta Sutta is an internal reflection on my relationship to the world around me. The expectation of the monks was for the world to change. What they seemed to be asking the Buddha was for instructions on how to change their circumstances, to be free of the forest spirits that were disrupting their practice. Instead, the instructions of the Buddha changed the monks.

Conflict resolution is difficult. A Buddhist resolution of conflict can be even more difficult. I need to recognize my interest in a dispute and at the same time validate the views of the other. This is empathy. To be un-empathetic, to be attached to my views to the exclusion of others is the cause of conflict. This is tanha the

second of the Four Noble Truths. In order to resolve the difficulties we cause and experience the Buddha's instructions, we must cultivate a mind that is free of prejudice. A mind that see things as they are. This is Right View the first of the Eightfold Path. In Jodo Shinshu Right View is nishujinshin.

Our response to the challenges we experience today are not different from spirits in a forest. We examine within ourselves and acknowledge our own limitations as we engage the world. That engagement may be different for who we are. If we are able, the basis of our engagement can be empathy that recognizes our mutual relationship with all life. Within this framework whether we choose to stand in vigil to demonstrate solidarity or help sort food in a food bank our actions can be a broad, universal expression of compassionate engagement.

The BCA Endowment Foundation has for many years discussed the effects of it's investments. When institutions were divesting interests in companies that were benefiting from activities in South Africa's apartheid, BCA also considered divesting. The decision not to actively direct our investments away from companies involved with South Africa was twofold. First, investing elsewhere would negatively affect our revenue and second, the impact of our actions would have little to no effect. Both of these reasons were accurate. Furthermore, the principle of withdrawing investments would affect jobs. People would be affected by our decision. In today's understanding we were participants in the support of colonialism.

Today, the Endowment Foundation is able to invest in businesses that align more closely with our values. The Endowment is still a relatively small investment fund. Alone it will not have great impact in the world. However, it can serve as an example for other investors that demonstrates it is possible to actively invest in businesses that share common values of responsibility to environment, society and governance and a commitment to diversity, equality and inclusion. The Endowment's investments provide another way of compassionate engagement.

As Buddhists how we choose to address the difficulties we cause and experience requires us to work at opening our own narrow view of the world. Amida Buddha's assurance that I too will eventually be able to resolve these difficulties allows me to look more openly at my foolishness and perhaps begin to realize how I am support by life, by great compassion. Then like the monks in the forest as I am changed and the world is changed.

Dharma rain which nurtures every living thing

by: Etsuko Mikame

It has been almost two years since I came to the US and was assigned to this church. Time flies so fast. I am gradually used to the life and the climate in the US, but I still sometimes feel strange to the California's nice and clear weather in June and July because it is the rainy season, call "梅雨 (Tsuyu)" in Japan between June and July. It is the transition of the season from the pleasant spring season into the hot and humid season of summer.

I was raised in Shimane prefecture, Japan which is rich in beautiful nature and my home town is surrounded by the mountains and tons of rice fields. After farmers plant a rice field in May, you can enjoy the beautiful landscape of the terraced rice paddies everywhere in Shimane. It is of course beautiful season, but I didn't like this rainy season for some reason. The rainy season, which is a season when vegetation is lush, and animals and insects also become active, so I used to see many frogs bouncing from place to place on the way to and from school when I was still a student. It might not be the big problem for those of you who like frogs, but it was like walking in the haunted house of the amusement park for me and I always screamed when I sometimes saw them inside and outside of my house. This might sound a little bit selfish, but I hate frogs because they look disgusting to me. I knew it was an important season for every living thing to grow their own lives, but I always wished frogs would have disappeared from this world every time the rainy season came.

We have learned that life is important since we were kids, especially in this Buddhist community. So, I thought I knew that the value of each life, of human beings, animals including frogs which I did not like. However, we cannot always say "yes" equally to everything and every living thing because we judge everything around us, often sorting people and experiences into Likes and Dislikes depending on our perspectives, preferences and situations. Such judgments "like or dislike" and "favorable or unfavorable" bring about some troubles and conflicts in our daily life. Sakyamuni Buddha tells us this is one of our suffering and our limitations in our life, referring to the suffering of having to meet those whom one hates as one of the eight kinds of universal sufferings. Then, how can we get through this problem in Buddhism? Does Buddha defeat and eliminate people I dislike, frogs I dislike or people I disagree with? No, Buddha would never eliminate those people and things.

Buddhism is not the teaching to change others, but it is the teaching to change myself or each of you. Buddha's wisdom guides us to see the world from different perspectives.

With the teaching of dependent origination, things exist because of many causes and conditions. I learned that frogs also play an important role to help us to make the delicious rice because they live in the rice field paddies and eat bugs. Without their existence, we would never have had rice. Seeing the things from Buddha's wisdom and compassion, we can know that there is nothing which should be eliminated or removed because everything is interconnected and nurtures our lives behind the scenes with each other.

With the insights provided from Buddhism, we could observe the situation deeply and it leads us to harmony, acceptance and respect to others. Although I still dislike frogs, I think at least I can respect frogs as one of the animals which support our life in this world, seeing from the Dharma's insight.

According to the Larger sutra, Sakyamuni Buddha states that the virtue of Dharma can be equally delivered to every living thing as the Dharma rain just like the rain is equally poured down to the forest and nurtures everything which falls on. The Dharma rain falls on our lives constantly and will gradually fill our hearts with happiness just like the rain moistures and nurtures the dried land. Let us share this blessed Dharma rain with everyone and appreciate it with Namō Amida Butsu!

Japanese Article

by: Etsuko Mikame

文鳥だより



七月になりましたね。カッパオムニアの
いっすんだ気候でうさぎも返れてしまします
が、日本は今梅雨の真っただ中です。そんな
梅雨のひめっすんだ天気の中で美しく咲くア
シカキは私の大好きな花の一つです。

アシカキには「七変化」という別名がある
もので、それは花の色が日々変化する
様によ来するものです。青った土の環境
と花の色素が関わっていることで、青った
土壌によって発色するのだそうです。同じ花
が、土壌になったり水色になったりと色を
変えていく様子は何とも神秘的ですが、
一方、その花言葉に「心変わり」があるのも
語ります。

さて、仏さまの教えを聞かせて頂きます
と、いよいよ私の心おアシカキに負けては
ならないです。私の苦しみの原因である
煩惱が欲の心を占めれば、おれがうん
れが欲しいと貪ったり、自分の思い通りに
ならなければ腹を立てたり、他人と争うか自
れを傷つけてしまったり、無関心なまじり
は冷たく接したりと、様々に心変わりがおな
がら煩惱の日々を過ごしていることを知られ
れるからです。



相田みつをさんの『はるかうさぎ』という詩
には、

「あつたらの花をみたらるわだつ

あつたらの花にみられてるわだつ

花にみられてはるかうさぎ

にみられてるわだつ」

とあります。

私たちが回教院さまの教えを聞かせて頂
くうにこそ、初めて我が身の罪がな
に気づかれます。だからこそ、そのまに
私を「決して畏れずなり」とうたうに
たるお慈恵の心に「ありがたうござます」
とおれのお念仏を申し上げます。また私の本意
の姿を知らせてくださる菩薩の働きに「お
恥ずかしいことでした」とお念仏を申しま
す。

ちなみにアシカキには、花の言葉が人
々の結ひつなを繋いでいるように思える
ため「仲良し」という花言葉もあるのだ
です。私たちが仏法の土壌に育ちていただ
うにこそ、仏さまの心は繋ぐわだ
心を繋げようというつもりです。

七月十日、十一日はお盆の日であります。
今年お盆の行事は行われなくなる予定です
が、お盆に休む時間を共にしていただ
うにこそ。詳しくはお知らせをさせていただきます。

合掌 三輪 啓子 拝

President's Message

by: Steve Onishi

The month of July is usually an interesting time and this year is no exception. To most of us, July means Obon! Everyone may think of Obon differently, but it certainly is a time to remember family members who have passed before us. These are the people that most shaped our own lives as well as the community around us.

Obon also means festival time! Usually, by this time, we will have been in serious planning for our annual Obon festival for many months. Of course, this year is different and though California has "opened up" on June 15th, we still want to be conservative and will not host a large outdoor event to thousands of people. Sooo....Obon@Home Mo Ichido (one more time)! This year our virtual Obon will be a one-day event on Sunday July 11. Please join us at that time.

I was recently reminded that July is the 2-year anniversary of the horrible tragedy at the Gilroy Garlic Festival. In addition, we now have had the equally horrific tragedy at the VTA maintenance yard in May. That is only a mile away from the church! Times have certainly changed and the community of which we are a part of, has changed over the years. We need to adapt. Discussions of these issues has begun and expect some changes in our future Obon festivals.

As I mentioned, we are a part of this community. To that end, the Executive Board has decided to donate \$2500 to "Working Partnerships USA VTA Solidarity Fund" that will be used to help compensate the families of the victims. These funds will come out of the "San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Disaster Relief Fund". Additional information can be found later in the Dharma.

So, July has some serious connotations, but there are good ones as well! We celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the 4th, the birth of our nation. July means school is over for the year. We had our annual Baccalaureate service for our graduating seniors! These graduates had to overcome many hardships, but they persevered and are now off to an exciting future (hopefully, the Betsuin will continue to be a part of it)! Summer vacation season is here! This is especially meaningful after the long pandemic that we have suffered through. Whatever you and your family do to celebrate this summer, please continue to do your part to help to eliminate the virus. If you haven't, please get vaccinated as soon as you can. Be careful in crowded situations and we will be gathering, once again, in person at the temple!

In Gassho,

Steve

Editor's Message

by Sally Idemoto

With the pandemic, things at the Betsuin are very different and the ministers, the Board and the office staff, along with all of the organizations, have been making adjustments as best they can in order to continue with the activities and communicating with the members.

As far as the temple newsletter, this is currently the only way to reach out to the members. Unfortunately, not everyone has a computer with access to the web site and has been relying on the newsletter being mailed out to them...but was put on hold. When the pandemic is finally over, we will resume the paper newsletter along with all of the volunteer people who help every month coming together to do their part.

Unfortunately, during this time, one of our very important members of the Dharma staff had passed away a few months ago. Raymond Tsutsumi was a vital part of our newsletter staff...working on the business ads for the newsletter. He was also a good friend to many....we will miss his friendship and his valuable skills.

We hope the majority of you have been vaccinated and can now go about your life somewhat normally. Do continue to wear your mask where necessary and still be very careful.

In gassho,

Sally Idemoto

COVID-19 Update

by: Randy Suzuki

We're continuing to operate more cautiously than the State and County guidelines; the Betsuin will be following ORANGE Tier guidelines for a bit longer.

- Sunday services and special holiday services will remain virtual through the summer.
- Offering in person Hondo (Temple) weddings, funerals and memorial services limited to 100 attendees plus the officiating minister(s).
- Virtual memorial and funeral services are available as an option or to supplement in person services.
- No Otoki/Refreshments are allowed at this time.
- The Nokotsudo and Betsuin office is open by advance appointment; we'll do our best to accommodate walk in visits

To schedule services or make appointments, office staff can be reached by email (sjbc@sjbetsuin.org) or by phone (408-293-9292). We're here to help as much as we can. If we're not able to answer your phone call, please leave us a message.

We'll revisit our reopening capacity if we continue to see positive trends following lifted restrictions.

Be patient and kind as stores, businesses and roads become more crowded. We're all experiencing life outside our homes and getting back into the world together. Friendliness and courtesy to others will make excursions safe and enjoyable.

In Gassho,
Randy Suzuki

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Disaster Relief Fund Partners with Working Partnerships USA for the VTA Solidarity Fund

by Joyce Iwasaki

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, its members, families and friends extend our compassion and heartfelt concerns to the VTA gun violence victims, co-workers and colleagues, families, and public transit users for the May 26, 2021 tragedy. We join the Working Partnerships USA VTA Solidarity Fund with contributions to help with the needs of those who have been impacted. You can make your donations using the special link, which you will find below. Or you may mail in your contributions using the information also included below.

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Disaster Relief Fund is partnering with Working Partnerships USA (a 501c(3) organization) to donate funds to the VTA Solidarity Fund which was formed after the May 26, 2021 mass shooting at the VTA light rail yard in San Jose.

The VTA Solidarity Fund is governed by an Oversight Committee which includes labor partners, including the victims' unions ATU Local 265 and AFSCME Local 57, and representatives for the victims' families in order to equitably distribute the funds raised. The Oversight Committee will assess the varied needs of those who have been impacted and how the funds will be distributed. There are individual GoFundMe's and funds started by other individuals and organizations, including the ATU Disaster Relief Fund to cover the needs of the victims, families, and other witnesses/workers impacted by this tragedy. The Fund that Working Partnerships manage will not charge an administrative fee for donations (but there is a credit card transaction fee of about 3% for online donations) or use any donated money from the fund for overhead. There is no fee for donations made by check.

During the Betsuin's Executive Board meeting on June 3rd, the Executive Board authorized \$2500 from the Disaster Relief Fund and is appealing to our Sangha and friends to join this effort with personal donations. You may use the special Betsuin donation link below, or you may write a check payable to Working Partnerships USA and mailed to Working Partnerships USA, VTA Solidarity Fund, 2302 Zanker Road, San Jose CA 95131. If sending in a check, please indicate you are part of the San Jose Betsuin's Sangha, families and friends for tracking purposes. Please make your contributions by August 31, 2021.

Special Betsuin Donation Link: https://act.wpusa.org/vta_victims_support_fund?recruiter_id=93345

QR Code to the same link:



For questions or concerns, please contact the Disaster Relief Committee at: DisasterRelief@sjbetsuin.org

About Working Partnerships USA

Working Partnerships USA is a community organizing and public policy nonprofit that works closely with the labor movement. We run a program called Union Community Resources that provides financial assistance, information, and support referrals when union members and others in our community face tough times. During crises like this, we scale up the program to provide additional support. After the tragic shooting at the VTA light rail yard, we partnered with the South Bay Labor Council to create this fund.

About the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Disaster Relief Fund

The Betsuin Disaster Relief Fund was established by the Board of Directors in 2017 with a committee comprised of Sangha members that is guided by processes and procedures. The committee appeals to Sangha members, families and friends to donate to specific disasters or to the program in general. Osaisen (offerings) collected at services are earmarked for this fund as well.

Since 2017, the Disaster Relief Fund has donated to the following:

2017	Santa Rosa City Schools District faculty and staff who lost their homes in the Sonoma County Tubbs Fire.
	Kids Meals Houston where Hurricane Harvey devastated the area.
2018	The Boys and Girls Club of Puerto Rico who incurred devastation from Hurricane Maria.
	Puna Hongwanji Mission of Keaau Hawaii to help rebuilding efforts incurred by the Kilauea Volcano eruption.
2019/20	Two Hongwanji Temples in Chiba Prefecture for the devastation incurred by Typhoon Faxai.
2021	Higashi Hongwanji Temple of Los Angeles for the property vandalism repairs.

Pack 611, Lion Den

By: Wes Tao

We are very proud of the cubs of the Lion Den! The Lions are the youngest group of cub scouts consisting mostly of Kinders. Despite the challenges with Sheltering in Place and having to meet virtually, they were able to complete all the required Adventures and earn their Lion Rank badge. They have demonstrated skills in the areas of adventure, leadership, personal fitness, citizenship, and character. Some of the activities included creating a flag mosaic, mixing their own trail mix, Pinewood Derby car racing, sending letters of gratitude to first responders, participating in a recycling drive, and cleaning up the Japanese Friendship Garden.

In May the Lions met at Quicksilver County Park for a combined Bridging Ceremony and group hike. This was the first that they met in-person as a Den and were very excited to see each other. Congratulations to the seven Lions who earned their Lion Badge and bridged to the Tiger rank.

A big thank you goes out to Ken Lee and Kevin Hirabayashi for stepping up as den leaders, to the parents who took turns leading den meetings and lending support, and to the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin for its continuous support of the scouting program.



Buddhist Women's Association

by: Barbara Sasaki

Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare Co-Chair, sent well wishes to 4 people this past month.

BWA is grateful for the generous general donations from Jane Sakino, Tomie Nishimura, Yuri Saito and Lillian Kanzaki.

EcoSangha

By: Karen Akimoto

Try committing to a meat-free diet one or two days a week to decrease the resources you use up. According to worldwildlife.org, it takes about 750 liters of water to produce 1 kilogram of wheat, and it takes 100,000 liters of water to produce 1 kilogram of beef. That's a HUGE difference.



Aloha Club

By: Kathy Sakamoto

A 'ohe lana nui ke alu 'ia

No task is too big when done together by all.”
(‘Olelo no ‘eau-Hawaiian Proverbs)

Aloha kākou~

IF we stay good and observant and patient – the horizon (without COVID fears) can be in our not-too-distant future!

The islands lost something like 1,800 businesses in 2020 (noted from a Young Professionals forum held mid-Dec 2020 between Hiroshima and Honolulu). And they spoke about diversifying the economy, spending more time creating jobs that are not reliant on tourism and also, getting back to the land, the ‘āina.

I read that Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop donated her lands to the Hawaiian people. Back in 1884 at her death, the 375,500 acres of land was worth about \$474,000. Imagine what it is worth now. She had the foresight to will it to the Hawaiian people, so that they would survive. (Ref. http://ksbe.edu/about_us/about_pauahi/)

Thinking about the challenges of the post-pandemic world, opening back up to travel, ‘normal’ activities, meeting people face-to-face, maskless maybe, it seems that aloha and our Buddhist belief system can go hand in hand, in harmonious step, to make a better ‘normal’ than we had pre-pandemic. We are never perfect, but often, we find that what we’ve replaced was just that – pretty darn perfect.

Navigating the wide expanses of ocean that it took for voyagers to travel from Tahiti to find this tiny set of islands in the middle of the ocean, radiating centrality between continents, is to me, nothing short of perfection. The Hōkūle‘a (<http://hokulea.com>), the Polynesian Voyaging Society, the crew members, the teachers, the navigators, they are sailing again: the Moananuiākea Voyage, ‘circumnavigating the Pacific, inspiring others to action, creating positive change to paraphrase. (<http://www.hokulea.com/waamoana/>) “What if the island we seek, is the earth of tomorrow?” A culture, not based on race, but based on values. TY to Nainoa Thompson and others like him. “It’s not about hope any more. It’s too late for hope. We need to start believing, that we can make that change.”

Enjoy the good weather. Stay safe and healthy! Namo Amida Butsu

~Aloha ~

Kathy

Qigong

By: Jeanne Nakano

QIGONG'S ZOOM SCHEDULE June 2 - July 30, 2021

Masa Naito, our Qigong instructor, continues to take a cautious approach & will continue his Zoom classes through the summer. He offers his classes Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, from 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM, most days continuing the chair portion until 11:00 AM. His fee is \$5. per person, per class. You can pay through his PayPal link or by check mailed to his Union City address. There's always room for new people to join his classes!

PayPal link - [Qigong Class \(https://paypal.me/pools/c/8obqTn8gSh\)](https://paypal.me/pools/c/8obqTn8gSh)

Masanori Naito's mailing address: **33721 10th St., Union City, CA. 94587**

Questions about Qigong movements can be emailed to Masa Naito, kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net. Whenever possible, Masa will give his answers during class explanations.

Enjoy Qigong & stay healthy!

Jeanne Nakano, jmnakano@sbcglobal.net

Masanori Naito is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Qigong Class 6/01 - 7/31

Time: Jun 2, 2021 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, Wed, Fri, until Jul 30, 2021, 26 occurrence(s)

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Jun 9, 2021 09:30 AM	Jul 9, 2021 09:30 AM
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Donations

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin gratefully acknowledges your generous support.
May 26, 2021 to June 18, 2021

Donations

Bhale Sherpa
Landon Yamaoka
Darrell Chen
Darrell Chen – Apple Matching

Robbie Yamada Memorial Scholarship
Patricia Yamada

Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Scholarship
Ray and Lucy Matsumoto

Funeral

In Memory of Irene Yasui
Richard Yasui

In Memory of Joan Ikeda Wilson
Lonnie, Lindsay and Jenell Wilson
Jeff and Kathy Honda
Shirley Honda
Kevin Uyeda and Lillian Uyeda
Maricia, Bob, Kristen and Kiku Yasukawa
Gordy, Linda and Amanda Joo
Judy, Darel, Toshi and Taryn Tsuji
George and Shiz Hanada

In Memory of Kohta Takahashi
Hiro Takahashi

In Memory of Roy Murotsune
Joyce Morihiro
George and Shiz Hanada
Fumi Suyeishi
Aiko Kojima

Memorial

In Memory of Rose Iso
Masa and Marian Suhama

In Memory of Chitoshi Akizuki
Amy Miyakawa

In Memory of Jamie Mayeda
Derek Idemoto

In Memory of Yutaka Fujita
Tomie Fujita
Frank and Lisa Usuki

In Memory of Art Yotsuya
Stan and Eileen Moriya

In Memory of Stanley Kubo
Stan and Eileen Moriya

In Memory of Raymond Tsutsumi
Jane Inouye
Raymond Nishimura

In Memory of Jingo Handa
Tomiko Handa

In Memory of Sadako Saito
The Family of Sadako Saito

In Memory of George Inokuchi
Reiko Inokuchi
Kawasaki Family
George, Georgia, Eugene and Clark Sakai

Wedding

In Honor of Sakuma/Santos Wedding
Nolan and Cynthia Sakuma

Special Services

Memorial Day
Gilroy Japanese Community Church

Nokotsudo Eitaikyo

In Memory of Joan Ikeda Wilson

Lonnie, Lindsay and Jenell Wilson

Generations Capital Campaign

Donations Received:

May 26, 2021 to June 18, 2021

Donations

Charlotte Hiroshima

Yukio and Kathy Yoshikawa

Fred Yamada

Generations Pickers

In Memory of Joan Ikeda Wilson

Lonnie, Lindsay and Jenell Wilson

Arthur, Robin and Richard Shinagawa

Larry and Yvonne Namekata

Michiko Itatani

In Memory of Mrs. Mikiko Eto

Bonnie Kurimoto-Kobayashi

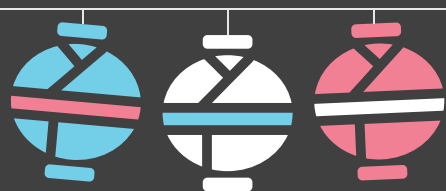


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AS WE CONTINUE TO ADAPT DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES, WE HAVE AGAIN DECIDED TO CREATE A VIRTUAL OBON FESTIVAL FOR 2021! JOIN US AS WE BRING TO YOUR HOME **THE FUN, THE FOOD, AND THE GAMES** OF OBON! WATCH LIVE COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS, PARTICIPATE IN **CHILDREN'S CRAFTS**, ENJOY PERFORMANCES FROM **SAN JOSE TAIKO, CHIDORI BAND**, AND JOIN IN THE OBON ODORI.

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GIVING IN GRATITUDE



A Time To Remember and Honor

Obon is a time to remember and honor those who have helped to shape our journeys - providing us with the means to become all that we can be. Especially during these challenging times, we must acknowledge that much of our own courage, strength and compassion are rooted within our families and loved ones. At Obon, we remember our ancestors and express our gratitude.

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, **mō ichido** (one more time), is celebrating **Obon@Home**, with many of the traditions and activities presented to the community online. While we will once again miss our traditional community festival, the spirit of Obon remains.

Give In Gratitude

Obon seems an appropriate time to reflect on all that we have and to give in gratitude. In the spirit of Obon, we hope you find this way of giving both meaningful and valuable. You may choose to donate **In Memory Of** (remembering a loved one), **In Honor Of** (recognizing a special person/group) or with **any sentiment** you choose. **Please join together in commemorating Obon.**

You may donate Online, In-Person or by Mail

Online

Visit charity.gofundme.com/2021obon-giving

In-Person

We are scheduling 30-minute time slots for guests to come to the Hondo for a short service and to simply enjoy this long awaited limited opening.

All precautions will be taken to maintain your health and safety.

Tuesday, July 13 at 2:00pm, 3:00pm or 4:00pm

Friday, July 16 at 1:00pm, 2:00pm or 3:00pm

Saturday, July 17 at 10:00am, 11:00am or 1:00pm

These time slots are by appointment only - reserve early as space is limited

Please call Janice Oda at **(408) 813-6939** to schedule a time

By Mail

Please fill out the form(s) on the back of this sheet and return with your check made payable to *San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin* to:

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

Attn: Obon@Home Giving

640 North 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112

For more information or questions

Email: sjbc@sjbetsuin.org Call: (408) 293-9292



GIVING IN GRATITUDE



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GENERATION PICKERS



Turn your forgotten treasures into cash donations to the Betsuin *supporting* the **Generations Education Building and Campus**

We're looking for those 'once-treasures but now left in the back of the closet'...donate these forgotten items to the **Generations Pickers** campaign and have our team of experts clean up, list, sell and ship your item. All proceeds will help fund our **Generations Education Building and Campus**.

How it works:

1. Send us a short description of your item(s) and we will give you an honest evaluation of its value. If we determine that it's something we can handle, you can drop off at the church office or we will pick up the item(s) from your home.

Note: determination is based on estimated value (\$100+) and ability to ship.

2. When sold, **100% of the proceeds** go directly into a Generations Education Building and Campus account and is **acknowledged as a cash donation**.

Note: If an item takes longer to sell, you may ask for an acknowledgement of your donation listing the actual item in the letter without a value (becomes an in-kind donation).

What are good items to donate?

Newer Smartphones
Photographic Equipment
Audio/stereo equipment
Collectibles & Vintage items
Vintage Technology
Professional Audio Equipment

Sports Memorabilia
Collectible Trading Cards
Designer Jewelry/Watches
Collectible shoes
Professional Tools
...and more!

Donate or Ask Questions

Contact **Mike Mori** at (408) 316-4903 (call or text) or via email to gophervalley@gmail.com

Watch for Generation Pickers updates in The Dharma!

**Note: We cannot accept unscheduled drop-off of items.
Please contact our team via phone or email prior to donating.**



2021 CBE Seminars Online For All SUMMER: JUNE ~ AUGUST

All events listed in Pacific Time - Check your local time

SATURDAY

JUNE 19

*11 am - 1 pm

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

EMBRACED AND NEVER ABANDONED: JODO SHINSHU AND LGBTQ+

Rev. Ko'e A. Umezu

West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple



Rev. Umezu



SATURDAY

JUNE 26

*11 AM - 1 PM

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

KINNARA: THE ROOTS OF TAIKO IN THE US

Discussion with **Rev. Masao Kodani**,
BCA Minister Emeritus, and **Johnny Mori**
& other members of Kinnara Taiko

Moderator: **Rev. Jerry Hirano**, CBE Director



Rev. Kodani



Johnny Mori

SATURDAY

JULY 3

*11 AM - 1 PM

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

SHINSHU AND CHRISTIANITY

Rev. David Quirke-Thornton

Shin Buddhist Fellowship,
United Kingdom



Rev. Quirke-Thornton



SATURDAY

JULY 24

*11 AM - 1 PM

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

CREATING INCLUSIVE SANGHAS: WORKING COMPASSIONATELY WITH OUR THOUGHTS & ASSUMPTIONS

Mushim Patricia Ikeda East Bay Meditation Center

Rev. Harry Bridge Buddhist Church of Oakland



Mushim Ikeda



Rev. Bridge

SATURDAY

AUGUST 7

*11 AM - 1 PM

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

THE ESSENCE OF THE THREE PURE LAND SUTRAS & HOW WE CHANT THEM

Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara

Berkeley Buddhist Temple

Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple



Rev. Kuwahara



Rev. Kusunoki

SATURDAY

AUGUST 21

*11 AM - 1 PM

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

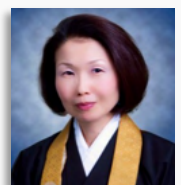
RENNYO'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONGWANJI THOUGHT

Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

Orange County Buddhist Church



Rennyo Shonin



Rev. Wondra

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VISIT [BCA WEBSITE](#) FOR FLYER, FREE ONLINE REGISTRATION & DONATION LINK

[BUDDHISTCHURCHESOFAMERICA.ORG](#)

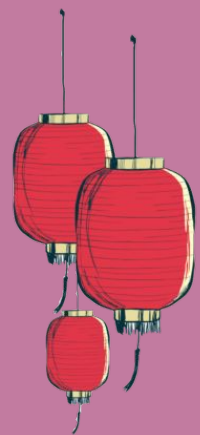
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TEL: 510.809.1460

2ND ANNUAL

BCA VIRTUAL OBON DANCE

SUN 8/15/21 @ 1pm (PST)



**Join us on Zoom for an Obon Dance
program featuring different temples
throughout the BCA**

Please register here to receive the zoom link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2j3m73jw>

questions: cbe@bcahq.org or 510-809-1460

BCA VIRTUAL ART EXHIBIT SUBMISSION FORM

For BCA Artists of All Ages

BCA is hosting an online virtual art exhibit. This is a wonderful chance to share your art with our BCA community. Please click the link below to submit digital photos of your art. Submissions are due by 8/15/21 and will require approval by the committee. Questions: bkmizushima@bcahq.org

REGISTER HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/4urhwz4x>

SEPTEMBER 19 - 26, 2021

www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org

2021 BCA YOUTH RETREAT EVENTS

**APR 24:
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
SESSION**

**JUL 12-16:
BYR HIGH
SCHOOL
SUMMER
RETREAT**

**NOV 6:
BYR &
FRIENDS
REUNION
EVENT**

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EMAILED TO
YOUR
TEMPLES**



Questions please email: bkmizushima@bcahq.org



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Upcoming Services

July 17th - 5:00pm Virtual Hatsubon Service

July 18th - 10:00am Virtual Obon Service with guest speaker: Rev. Nariaki Rajan Hayashi from Ekoji Buddhist Temple

Japanese Telephone Dharma Message

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin is now offering a Japanese Dharma Message using your telephone. To listen to the message, you will need to call (408) 293-9292.

If you call between the hours of 8:30am to 5:00pm the Betsuin office staff will have to transfer you to the extension to listen to the Dharma Message.

If you call after 5:00pm, follow the message prompts and select the appropriate number to get you to the Japanese Dharma message.

2021 Memorial Service Schedule

Please schedule a service if your loved ones passed away in the following years:

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