



ONENESS

Buddhist Church of Florin



May 2021

Volume 5

I recognize that as a majority ethnically Japanese American Church, I do not need to speak about why it is wrong to hate Asian Americans. However, I do feel that because of the recent media spotlight on violence against Asian Americans, it is vital for me to address it. I intentionally say recent because this is nothing new. There has been violence against Asians in America since there were Asians in America. There have been small stretches of time that the violence has been highlighted less, but it has always been there. It is indicative of a larger problem of our nation. We are again entering a time where it is convenient to place blame on a group of people simply because of the way that they look. This has happened time and time again and it is nothing new for Asians to be targeted. Obviously, we want this cycle to stop. So, if this history is cyclical, how do we change it?

As Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, what is first and foremost is to look at ourselves. How are we feeling about what is happening to our community? I cannot speak for everyone, but perhaps you relate from my experience. Afraid for our safety, especially the safety of our elder population. Angry at those who would condone and perpetrate such despicable acts. Sad from how our hearts hurt for the families who have had loved ones attacked and lost. It is imperative for us to take the time to recognize these feelings and emotions within us. Because as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, after we look inside, we must look out to the world and people around us.

When George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and so many others died both in recent memory and throughout the history of this nation, the Black Community's hearts hurt together. When families are separated at the border, the Latinx and Hispanic community was furious with the policies that separated them. When the Twin Towers fell on 9/11, the Muslim community was afraid for the safety of their population. To see the reality of our existence is to recognize that the emotions that we feel are the very same emotions of any minority group in the nation. That we all face discrimination, violence, and hate, that we all suffer at the hands of a society that would be happy to ignorantly and mistakenly blame a particular group of people for the problems they're facing.

To try to find a solution to this, how fitting is it, that today is our Ohigan, the service of the Other Shore. The explanation of the name of this holiday is that the Other Shore is the shore of enlightenment and the shore we're on is the shore of this world of suffering. The teachings of the Buddha are the raft that will take us there. I would like to focus on this raft and my interpretation of it in the difference of a Mahayana path and a Theravada path. There was a large separation in Buddhism between Mahayana and Theravada in terms of their focus as Theravada, the school of the elders, was concerned about individual enlightenment whereas the Mahayana, the Great Vehicle, was interested in the enlightenment of all beings, hence the name Mahayana.

We are one of the many schools of Buddhism that belong to Mahayana and, in my opinion, the one that is most open to all people. In my mind's eye, our raft, the raft that will take us to the Other Shore, to True Reality, is the biggest. It has room for everyone. Looking at the other metaphorical rafts, some rafts may be big enough for one person. Some rafts may be big enough for entire communities. But our raft is big enough for everyone and the only way we can make it, the only way we would want to make it, is if we have enough people on board.

The lesson I believe we can learn from this teaching is that the only way for us to stop violence and hate against the Asian American community is if we stop violence and hate against all communities. To try to only protect one community is a vain attempt and will lead to only evanescent relief. It will temporarily relieve the symptoms but not remove the cause and, inevitably, the pain will return. Should we speak out against Asian American hate? Absolutely. As Asian Americans, it is important for us to be the leaders and the loudest voices. But it can't stop there. We must support other minority groups in their efforts to challenge systemic American discrimination. Like I mentioned earlier, if we truly look at ourselves and the feelings we have, we see that they are no different than those felt by the other marginalized communities. And the only way we can make real, lasting change, is if we stand together against systemic racism. In the spirit of Ohigan, of Mahayana, of Jodo Shinshu - none of us are safe until all of us are safe and in the words of Civil Rights Icon Fannie Lou Hamer, nobody's free until everybody's free.

Gassho,
Rev. Matthew Hamasaki

CONDOLENCES

The Florin Buddhist Church extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to the family members of the loved one that left our midst to be with Amida Buddha.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

ROY MATSUI

March 31, 1929 to April 11, 2020

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Funerals

Effective July 1, 2020, the Florin Buddhist Church is being supervised by the Sacramento Betsuin. In the event of a death in the family, these are guidelines during the time the Florin Buddhist Church does not have a resident minister.

With the current Coronavirus pandemic restrictions, the Sacramento Betsuin is not conducting small, private Makuragyo or Funeral services at the home, church or mortuary. This is to ensure the safety of the minister and Church members. This also is in accordance with the Buddhist Churches of America's Coronavirus policy, dated April 9, 2020.

You may request a Virtual Makuragyo or Virtual Funeral service.

For a Virtual Makuragyo service please contact Reverend Matthew Hamasaki at (916) 926-2221.

For the Funeral service please contact Reverend Hamasaki to decide a date for the service.

Funeral Service Options:

1. Postpone the Funeral service to a later date after the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted; or
2. Conduct a Virtual Funeral service.

The Florin Buddhist Church Funeral Committee is available to assist with the preparation of the general arrangements for the funeral with the family and Betsuin minister. Please call the Funeral Committee, Walter Menda at (916) 392-1896 or (916) 835-0281 (cell) or Dick Kadoya at (916) 764-5972 (cell) for assistance.

Orei guidelines:

- Orei to officiating Betsuin Minister or Minister Assistant
- Orei to Florin Buddhist Church

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES (continued)

Family Memorial Services (i.e. 49th day, 1st year, 3rd year, 7th year, etc.)

In the event of a family Memorial service, these are guidelines during the time the Florin Buddhist Church does not have a resident minister.

With the current Coronavirus pandemic restrictions, the Sacramento Betsuin is not conducting small, private Memorial services at the church or home.

You may request a Virtual Memorial service.

For a Virtual Memorial service please contact Reverend Hamasaki to decide a date for the service.

Orei guidelines:

- Orei to officiating Betsuin Minister or Minister Assistant
- Orei to Florin Buddhist Church

Buddhism in Everyday Life

Arigato
(Thank You)

Receiving Buddha's benevolence, my heart overflows with gratitude!
Flower! Flowers! Thank you for blooming so brightly today!
Thank you, little birds, thank you for letting me hear your spirited songs!
I, too, will express words of gratitude for my daily life.

My heart, glowing with Buddha's compassion, overflows with gratitude.
My friends! My friends! Thank you for spending this day with me!
Grateful for the Light that brightens my way,
I offer words of thanks for each day's friendly contacts.

Namu Amida Butsu

(Gatha-Shin Buddhist Service Book)

May Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of May will be held on **Sunday, May 9, 2021 beginning at 10:30 am, via Zoom**. The persons who are noted in the Buddhist Church of Florin's (BCF) memorial records as having passed away in the month of May are listed below.

If the year 2021 is a special service year (see table) for a dearly departed relative, please contact Reverend Matt Hamasaki, Buddhist Church of Sacramento at 916-926-2221 to make special memorial arrangements. Please inform Lois Kashiwase of any corrections or additions to the list.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Fujii, Fusaye | 05-21-1988 | Omachi, Hisayo | 05-19-2001 |
| Fujii, Masao | 05-13-1913 | Onodera, Tatsue | 05-04-1957 |
| Fujii, Umeno | 05-18-1968 | Oyama, Ayako | 05-04-1997 |
| Fuwa, Kan | 05-10-1974 | Sakakibara, Hisaye | 05-31-1918 |
| Harada, Mitsuko | 05-29-1918 | Shiizaki, Sumako | 05-23-1922 |
| Hayashi, Saya | 05-04-1920 | Tahara, Shiro Albert | 05-17-2012 |
| Imahara, Minezo | 05-11-1941 | Tahara, Tsune | 05-03-1997 |
| Ito, Shigeharu | 05-21-1931 | Takeda, Baby Girl | 05-28-2002 |
| Ito, Shika | 05-20-1952 | Takehara, Kikuyo | 05-28-1937 |
| Kanenaga, Takashi | 05-13-2019 | Takehara, Shika | 05-04-1906 |
| Kawanishi, Fusa | 05-08-1985 | Takemoto, Takeo | 05-18-1924 |
| Kodama, Hidemo | 05-15-1983 | Takeoka, Masako | 05-23-2000 |
| Kohagura, Kano | 05-14-1928 | Takeoka, Yoshio | 05-03-1942 |
| Koyama, Sankichi | 05-21-1918 | Tamura, Shinjiro | 05-01-1939 |
| Kurata, Shizuka | 05-03-1920 | Tanaka, Wilbert Toshio | 05-06-1996 |
| Kurima, James Hayami | 05-12-1977 | Tange, Masato | 05-16-1927 |
| Lopez, Jeffrey | 05-30-2015 | Taniguchi, | 05-29-1913 |
| Matsumoto, Kikujiro | 05-16-1942 | Taniguchi, Baby | 05-30-1938 |
| Matsuoka, Iwakichi | 05-09-1927 | Tashima, Kihachi | 05-30-1913 |
| Mitsuyoshi, Yoshio | 05-25-1993 | Tonai, Raymond Hideharu | 05-13-2016 |
| Mizusaka, Teri Sumako | 05-02-2014 | Tsukamoto, Trisha | 05-17-2005 |
| Morioka, Fumiye | 05-29-2002 | Umemoto, Ryosuke | 05-08-1931 |
| Mukai, Sueno | 05-07-1952 | Yamada, Tamaki | 05- -1945 |
| Nakamura, Hoichi | 05-10-1963 | Yamada, Yotsuo | 05-27-1928 |
| Nakano, Itsu | 05-03-1914 | Yamamoto, Tokuzo | 05-29-1915 |
| Nakao, Jack | 05-18-2015 | Yamanaka, Fusaye | 05-25-1958 |
| Nakashima, Infant | 05-30-1919 | Yoshida, Bungo | 05-14-1974 |
| Oda, Matsumi | 05-09-1988 | Yoshihara, Iwa | 05-26-1976 |
| Oda, Tsune | 05-10-1951 | Yoshinaga, Kajiro | 05-15-1966 |
| Okamoto, Heisaburo | 05-03-1946 | | |

2021 Memorial Service Schedule

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

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

Virtual Shotsuki Service

Please share the zoom link with any relatives or friends who may be interested in watching. Hope to see everyone Sunday, May 9th.

Topic: BCF May Shotsuki Memorial and Gotanye Service

Time: May 9, 2021, 10:30 AM Pacific Time

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: REV. BOB OSHITA

May 9, 2021 10:30 AM

Jun 6, 2021 10:30 AM

Jul 4, 2021 10:30 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcudOCsrj0oHdAqxCg5jFOdCVdMHSESj6s/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrrTgjhTSTsh6DRpriwqA4jCXeiziCFBggd8jQffICcGaCXZMsF0Np9XI_3j

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83339406274>

Meeting ID: 833 3940 6274

One tap mobile

+14086380968,,83339406274# US (San Jose)

+16699006833,,83339406274# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 833 3940 6274

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kblgb0Gzww>



Buddhist Church of Florin

Governing Board Meeting Highlights

Meeting Date: April 8, 2021

Fundraisers: “Teriyaki, Chicken Plate Drive Thru” Sunday, May 2, 2021. **Jennifer Kubo** reported the Manpower List has been emailed and has started processing orders. Next Bazaar Meeting is April 11th. **Eric Fujii** reported on the BCF Golf Tournament, June 3, 2021 at Teal Bend Golf Club is in full swing.

First Vice President, Margie Sunahara: Continues to be responsible for use and security of BCF facilities and grounds. Collects the mail weekly from the US Post Office box.

Treasurer, Kathy Menda: All affiliates were reminded the first quarterly reports for 2021 are due by April 30th. Include beginning and ending balances for the reporting periods plus the March 2021 bank statements. Also the church was notified by the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority that we were not in compliance with the Mandatory Recycling and Organics Law. Kathy has contacted the Waste Management to request the required recycling bins.

BWA, Peggy Okabayashi: BWA will chair the May 9th Shotsuki/Gotanye Service. March Dana Project: Collected 229 new socks for Loaves and Fishes and several bags and boxes of toiletries and personal hygiene items for Wellspring Women's Center. Next BWA Walking Group will be May 5th, at 9:00 am and will meet at East Lawn parking lot off Folsom Blvd.

Jr. YBA, Ginny Syphax: JYBA delivered goodie bags to Keiro in March and plan to continue for the next five months. Folding tsurus for Tsuru for Solidarity demonstrations.

JYBA Fundraiser: Udon/Spam Musubi, Sunday April 24, 2021

Admin Duties, Ginny Syphax: Monitors incoming BCF phone calls; Emails; FB page; hosts Sangha Check-in; and collects and sorts mail from US PO Box. Formats and prepares the "Oneness" for publication.

Dharma School, Judy Yuki: Will have a power point presentation on past Hanamatsuri Services and Hanamidos. They are planning to have a DS Graduation Drive By.

BEC: Sunday, May 9, 2021, Shotsuki/Gotanye Service, with Guest Speaker Rev Bob Oshita.

Kendo, Glen Harada: Reported his kendo student, Officer David Pantoja of the Sacramento Sheriff Office has been patrolling the church area and keeping a law enforcement present due to the rise of the anti-Asian crimes.

Facilities Maintenance Kenny Teranishi/Gary Okamoto: With the help of Lloyd Okimura they finished replacing the lattice fence at parsonage. Ken Okabayashi has been working on electrical for exhaust fan and light in outside kitchen. He also completed exterior motion lights for outside kitchen. Mike Kakutani and Lloyd O. replaced gas piping on burners in gym kitchen.

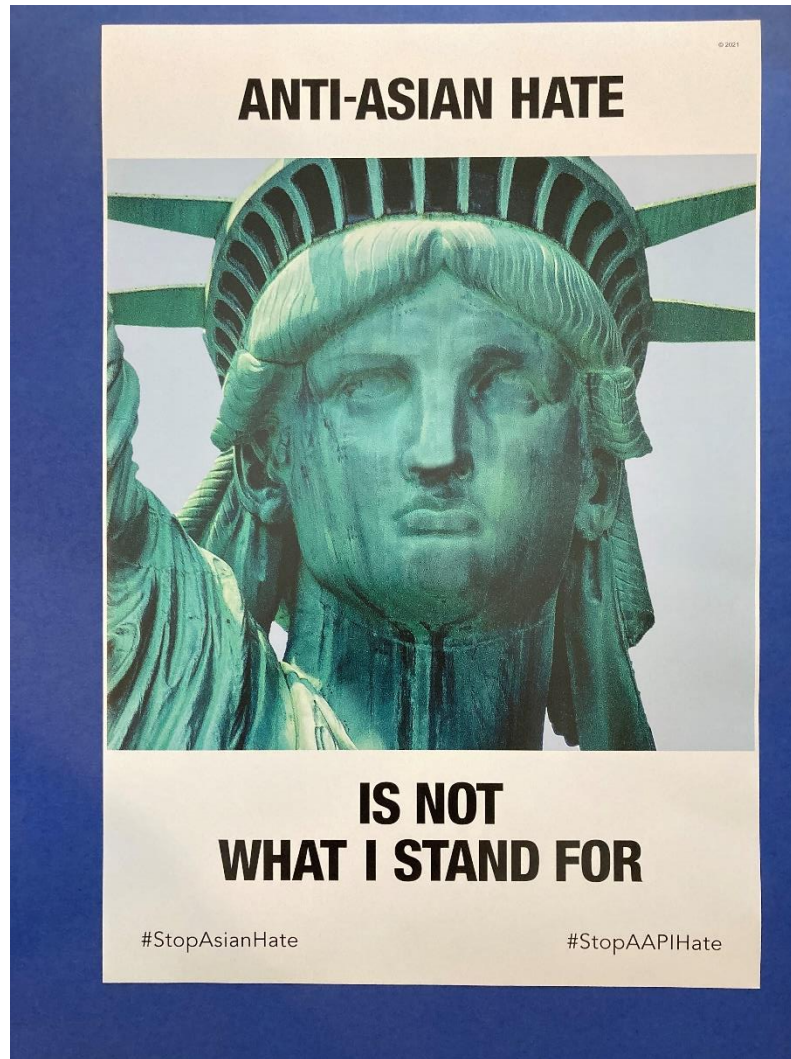
Measure passed to accept the estimate from Ace Asphalt to repave the church parking lot.

Audio/Visual Committee, Mike Kusama: Reported his research changing the main equipment to an iPad to run the "Switcher Studio" app with iPhones in lieu of expensive AV equipment. It was decided the A/V Committee chaired by Mike K. will be formed with a representative from each affiliate and for this committee to report back to the Board their recommendations.

ONLINE PAYPAL DONATIONS

You can now make online donations/payments to the church by visiting our website at florinbuddhist.org and clicking on the "Donate" button near the bottom of the home page. This is convenient for you to make online donations/payments for such things as, osaisen, shotsuki, special services, membership and other services/events.

Contact Kathy Menda at (916) 392-1896 or (916) 761-9469 if you have questions.



**Tsuru for
JYBA**

**Solidarity –
Project**

Jr. YBA (JYBA) will be collecting folded cranes for Tsuru for Solidarity. For more information about this project, go to <https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/> JYBA's goal is to provide 1,000 tsuru to this campaign.



A BIG THANK YOU TO
Nadine Nouchi, Ella Lam, Jeanne Nakamura, Sandy Okuno, Lois
Tanaka, Baylee Fong, Norrine Okamoto, Kris Miller and Ginny Syphax
OUR TSURU FOLDING HELPERS!
WE STILL NEED MORE!

If you would like to help JYBA fold some cranes, but do not have any origami paper, you can contact

Ginny Yamamoto Syphax at pchefcookingparty4u@gmail.com, she will gladly send you a supply of origami paper.



JYBA only consists of 6 kids, so if you are able, your help making cranes would be appreciated.

JYBA Dana Project – Keiro Goodie Bag delivery



JYBA continued with their Dana project, delivering goodie bags to our BCF Keiro members.

JYBA members:

L-R: Devin Imai, Tasdashi Bennig, Devon Akiyama, Baylee Fong, Kianna Nakaoka, Garrett Kishaba

Masked and unmasked!





Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School News & Events
May 2021
“B.R.A.I.D.” – Building Respectful Awareness
& Inclusion through Dharma

This year's Hanamatsuri service was out of the ordinary, going onto a Zoom meeting, trying to get the mic to work, et cetera, but we all still celebrated the birth of the Buddha. We had a guest speaker, who told us about the teachings of Buddha, and how that related to our life. Devon put together a Power Point on the different Hanamatsuri services over the years. Reverend Matt hosted the service along with Mrs. Judy, and all in all, it was a very different, but in a good way, meeting, but as the lotus flower floats along the river, we could all connect to each other to celebrate an important day in the Buddhist religion, the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, otherwise known as Buddha.

Dharma Zoom

Dates

May 16, 2021 10:30 AM Theme for Sangha Member TBA

May 23, 2021 10:30 AM Theme for Sangha Member TBA

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83460705891>

Meeting ID: 834 6070 5891

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,83460705891# US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 834 6070 5891

+14086380968,,83460705891# US (San Jose)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k0N6iCAan>

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)



March April News
May 2021

BWA News

THANK YOU/ARIGATO

Virginia Uchida – Lady Kujo Diane Muranaka – Lady Kujo Christine Otani - Special

Elk Grove Food Bank

Jeanne Nakamura Liz Kono Kathy Menda Peggy Okabayashi
Sandy Okuno

DANA – Cultivating Generosity

The BWA plans to hold several Dana Projects monthly to assist local community organizations that serve those in need. Thank you to the Sangha, family and friends who have generously donated items and monies. Also thanks to the organizers and volunteers! Projects are listed below. Typically, donations may be dropped off on Thursdays, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Lotus Club days), with a final drop off/drive through day to be announced.

March Dana projects –Loaves and Fishes New Sock Drive –donated 229 pairs.

Wellspring Women’s Center – donated two trunk loads of personal hygiene items.

April Dana Projects – Cathy’s Clothes Closet – gently used women’s clothes.

Sacramento SPCA – towels and fleece and single layer blankets.

May Dana Projects – Sacramento Children’s Home Crisis Nursery – baby items (age 0-5 years)

Sacramento Children’s Home Residential Program – clothing, personal items, gift cards.

June Dana Projects – Loaves and Fishes Water Drive, SPCA Newspaper Drive

Walking Group –Meet Wednesday, May 9, 2021, 9:00 AM at the East Lawn Main building. The monthly walk will be at various locations. Interested? All are welcome!

For more information about the Dana Projects or Walking Group, contact Sandy Okuno for details. (916) 424-6146 or whocares13@comcast.net.

BWA General Meeting – Sunday, June 6, 2021. A general membership meeting will be scheduled via Zoom to ratify the Bylaws changes.

NCBWA Meeting – Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The next quarterly meeting will be held via Zoom.

###

BWA MAY DANA PROJECTS

SACRAMENTO CHILDREN'S HOME WISH LIST

SACRAMENTO
CHILDREN'S HOME

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Clothing and Personal

Basketball shorts in men's sizes Small to XL
Boxers in adult sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL
Duffle bags in all sizes
Head Phones
Hoodie sweatshirts (pullover and zip up) in
adult sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL
Socks (especially large sizes), ankle and crew
styles, black and white
Swim trunks and board shorts in sizes:
boys age 5 to men age 18
T-shirts, white, in adult sizes: Small,
Medium, Large, XL

Household

Clorox wipes
Beach towels, bath towels, wash cloths
Bedding: pillows, twin comforters and sheet
sets (boy's solid or superhero themed)
Mattress pad covers (twin waterproof)

Hygiene

3 in 1 shampoo + body wash + conditioner
(especially AXE products, full size only)
Deodorant (men's)
Hair brushes and combs, including brushes
and picks for African American hair
Shampoo and conditioner (full size only)

Gift Cards

Department or grocery stores where the
above items can be purchased

CRISIS NURSERIES

Arts & Crafts

Indoor chalk, paper, pipe cleaners,
popsicle sticks, stickers, tempera paint,
white glue

Food

Canned: applesauce, beans, corn, peaches,
pineapple, fruit cocktail, green beans,
pears, refried beans
Cereal: Chex, oatmeal
Crackers: Gold Fish, graham, Ritz, Saltines,
and wheat
Juice (100%): apple, grape, orange
Macaroni, spaghetti, noodles
Pancake mix, syrup
Spaghetti sauce, enchilada sauce, broth,
BBQ sauce, ranch dressing

Hygiene & Clothing

Household

Bleach, Comet, Clorox wipes, sponges
Dish soap, dishwasher detergent
Garbage bags: 13-gallon and 33-gallon
Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper
Laundry detergent, laundry baskets
Liquid hand soap and hand sanitizer
Paper plates

Gift Cards

Amazon, Costco, craft stores, gas cards,
Lakeshore Learning, Raley's, Safeway,
Save Mart, Target, Wal-Mart

Collection Dates: May Thursdays (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
[LOTUS days]

May 28 (Friday) (10 a.m. – 1
p.m.)
[w/Board members]

Another Kindness Rock Found



Cherry Blossom Season



This is the snow fountain weeping cherry tree that was planted last summer replacing a decades'-old cherry tree. (North side of temple)

Featured Member



Long-time church member **George Miyao, Jr.** has been a mainstay at the church for many decades attending services and all church functions. Like his father, George Sr., both have helped beautify the church grounds. George can be seen

weekly in different areas of the facility. His current project has been clearing the former garden area where the cherry trees grow. He has been expanding the water containment area around the base of each cherry tree while trying to control the knee-high weeds. He can also be seen spraying the weeds and fixing the sprinklers.



ALL LOTUS members vaccinated!



[But still taking precautions]

(Back) Walt M, Gary O, Greg C, Ron S, George M, Kenny T,
(Front) Jan T, JoAnn & Ben K.
Ken O. Not pictured: Mike K, Lloyd O.

LUNCH FIXIN's

- JoAnn Kusaka**
- JoAnn K/Jan T**
- Sharon Y/Mark (L&L)**
- Sharon Okamoto/**
- Ginny Syphax**

- Weekly AM snacks
- Chicken okazu, tuna sandwich w/bean salad, curry
- Cans of tuna donation (lots!)
- Alternating lunch desserts: Pineapple-pecan cake, etc.
- Strawberry cream dessert, etc.



Buddhist Church of Florin

Buddhist Church of Florin
Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant
\$1,500

Public school education is the foundation for a harmonious and prosperous society. Unfortunately, public school teachers pay for classroom supplies and educational material with their own money because of school budget cuts. The Buddhist Church of Florin supports public school teachers by offering a \$1,500 grant for classroom supplies and education materials; and if necessary, for reopening Personal Protection supplies and equipment.

To be eligible for the Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant, you must be a full-time public school teacher in Kindergarten through 12th grade; and a member of the Buddhist Church of Florin (church membership dues are paid and current).

How to become a member of the Buddhist Church of Florin? If you are married, please join under the couple/family category or if single, the adult single category. Contact Walter Menda for a 2021 Church Membership Form at (916) 392-1896 or wmenda@pacbell.net.

Please complete the Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant Application and email to Walter Menda. Applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis.

Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant Application

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number and E-mail Address:

Member of Buddhist Church of Florin (Yes/No):

Name of School:

School District:

Grade:

Teaching Credential (Yes/No):

School Term (i.e., September 2021 to June 2022):

How I plan to spend the \$1,500 grant:

I certify that I have provided complete and accurate information to the items on this application. I fully understand that any misrepresentation of information may revoke any right to a grant.

Signature of Applicant

Date

If you haven't designated Buddhist Church of Florin as your charitable organization, please do...free money to BCF! Thank you!



Make a Free Donation to the Church? As Easy as 1, 2, 3, 4. 5

IF YOU SHOP ON AMAZON, YOUR PURCHASES CAN EARN \$\$\$ FOR THE BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN!

The **Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF)** has joined a neat new program, **AmazonSmile**, an easy way to support the Church every time you shop, at no extra cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you find the same low prices, selection and easy shopping, while Amazon donates ½% of the purchase to the Buddhist Church of Florin.

HERE'S HOW IN 5 EASY STEPS:

1. Go to smile.amazon.com on an internet computer
2. Sign in (email address or mobile phone) in the field.
3. Enter your Amazon Password in the field.
4. Select Buddhist Church of Florin – type in “Florin” to find it
5. Start shopping

If you're not an Amazon member yet, first click on “Create an Account”, follow instructions, and select Buddhist Church of Florin.

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- **How do I shop at AmazonSmile?**
To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to shop at AmazonSmile.
- **Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?**
Millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.
- **Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?**
Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding, and other account settings are also the same.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Purchase gift cards for yourself, family or friends and Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) will receive a percentage of the sale. Don't forget gifts for birthdays, graduations, baby showers, or anniversaries. For a complete list of gift cards offered, go to shopwithscrip.com. You can place your order online (BCF's enrollment code is 2481168D38LL7) or you can contact Ann Tsukamoto at 916-683-3401 or email awtsukamoto@comcast.net to place your order and make arrangements to pick up your order at her house in Elk Grove.

NEW!!!! If you want to place an order, your order must be received by Ann by 12 PM on the following dates.

ORDER DUE DATES: (mark your calendars!)

May 1, 2021, June 5, 2021, July 3

Your order will arrive at Ann's house the following week.

Ann has the following on hand (limited amounts) for immediate purchase:



Ann must receive your order by 12 PM on the due date.

Ann has in stock (call her at 916-683-3401) the following cards:

\$25 –Raley's/Bel Air, Regal, Starbucks

\$50 -- Walmart



FUNDRAISER

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Enjoy A Day Of Golf While Supporting The Buddhist Church Of Florin
Includes GOLF, CART, RANGE BALLS, GOODIE BAG & 'EXTRAS'

WHEN: June 3rd, 2021 WHERE: Teal Bend Golf Club 1st Tee-TIME: 7:00AM

Note: COVID Tier and cart availability on date of event may impact use of single/shared carts

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT **DUE MAY 20th, 2021**

| A) | WHO IS GOLFING? | PHONE NUMBER | |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------|------|
| #1 | | | \$85 |
| #2 | | | \$85 |
| #3 | | | \$85 |
| #4 | | | \$85 |
| | <i>Optional Donation</i> | | \$ |
| | Total Payment Due: | | \$ |

B) GROUP'S EMAIL ADDRESS to provide your team with tournament info:

C) PAYMENT FINAL DUE DATE 5/20/2021

- Make check payable to: Buddhist Church of Florin
- Mail to: E.Fujii 325 34th Street, Sacramento 95816 (You can also hand deliver and drop in door mail slot. DO NOT mail to the church)

D) WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

- We are adhering to Social Distancing Guidelines at the Golf Course
- MUST register/pay by due date
- LIMITED to Max # 100 Golfers. (Cart assignments, tee-times, and misc. details will be emailed to golfers PRIOR to tournament).
- This tournament will NOT include dinner.
- Need more info? Contact Eric Fujii at efujii52@gmail.com or cell (916) 955 1954



BUDDHIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON'S

VIRTUAL SPRING
SEMINAR

GUEST SPEAKER:
BISHOP MARVIN HARADA

“PRACTICAL
BUDDHISM & TRUTH
LEVEL BUDDHISM”

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021

9:30 AM-12:00 PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

In these trying times, many are searching for ways in which we can address everyday stressors and deal with what is going on in the world around us. You might be wondering, “How can Jodo Shinshu Buddhism help to ease my worries and stress? How can I live a meaningful life? How can I be more mindful in the moment while dealing with everyday responsibilities?”

Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, will address questions like these during our spring seminar with an explanation of practical Buddhism and will also provide insight on moving towards truth level Buddhism. Rev. Harada will also lead us in a meditation service as a form of practical Buddhism in our everyday lives.

Registration is Free!

Donations kindly accepted to support the Buddhist Church of Stockton's Buddhist education programs.

Pre-registration is required.
Please click the link below or
enter the following registration
link into your web browser:
<https://forms.gle/ULkwnwkV97jSnJuK8>

If you have any questions, please
contact the Buddhist Church of
Stockton at: (209) 466-6701



HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR

Buddhist Churches of America Endowment Foundation

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



> When

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Place your order for pickup
or delivery on Saturday,
May 22!

> Where

**Available at Panda
Express locations
nationwide**

[Find a restaurant](#)

> How

Online orders only

Apply code **903354** in the
Coupon Code box during
online checkout at
order.pandaexpress.com
or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: Buddhist Churches of America Endowment
Foundation

Please use and share this link to order:

<https://bit.ly/3d3eOuG>



Thursday Night Medical Series

"Living Each Day Well"

Thursday, May 20, 2021
6:30 pm

"Eye Health and Wellness in 2021"



Dr. Stephanie Yoshimura
Optometrist

Please sign-up at
BetsuinPrograms@buddhistchurch.org