



ONENESS

Buddhist Church of Florin



January 2022

Volume 1

As we begin the new year, I feel like we are all looking forward: toward getting out of the pandemic, toward continuing our journey towards a new normalcy, toward a better, brighter future. While a lot of this is personal, of course, we also have a vision for what our temples will look like. For us to have gotten so far, and to carry us into the next phase of our temple's success, it will take the collective efforts of many people with many different talents and expertise. This is one of the great strengths of our community; to be able to draw upon a diverse group of people that can help with just about any job. One of the places that we (and myself especially) can use some extra help is with the ministerial responsibilities. There is a shortage of the number of ministers to the numbers of temples right now and many ministers are overseeing multiple temples. Fortunately, we have the Minister's Assistant Program where, under the guidance and supervision of a resident minister, can learn and perform certain duties.

In my training to become minister, I was a Minister's Assistant at my home temple while I was attending the Institute of Buddhist Studies. Having or pursuing a graduate degree is not a requirement for being a Minister's Assistant; a deep respect for the teachings and a willingness to learn would be the qualities that a resident minister would look for in a person. I enjoyed my time as a Minister's Assistant as I was able to learn practical things about temple like how to set up the altar area and how to run a service. Just like anything else, it was intimidating at first, but with practice and the support of my teachers and peers, it became much more comfortable. And as I progressed, naturally I asked questions and had discussions with other Minister's Assistants, so I became more familiar with things like the names of pieces, Buddhist concepts, and why we do what we do. It felt more organic and stuck with me longer than if it had come from a lecture. And soon enough, I was entrusted to be able to run services on my own! I was even asked to answer questions from school groups that visited temples (which oftentimes asked me questions that I had to ask my supervising minister afterwards).

Either way, I would encourage anyone that feels like they would like to help the temple, enjoys learning about Buddhism, and has a reverence for Jodo Shinshu to inquire about becoming a Minister's Assistant. Probably the most frightening aspect of becoming a Minister's Assistant is the public speaking. However, being able to overcome the challenge can be personally rewarding, and hopefully also rewarding for those who are in attendance. I will make the caveat that since they are "Minister's Assistants", it is up to the resident minister's discretion as to who they would like to work with, but I hope this doesn't discourage anyone! It is an important responsibility and truly humbling experience to be able to serve the temple in such a meaningful way. Please let your temple leaders know, and if you're in a temple that I'm overseeing, let me know as well!

Gassho,
Rev. Matthew Hamasaki

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も一昨年に引き続き、私たちの生活は新型コロナウイルス感染症(COVID-19)の流行に対応したものとなりました。ここに、新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられた方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、治療・対策にあたられている医師、看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

この新型コロナウイルス感染症は、私たち一人一人の生活に大きな影響を与えました。それは、同時に社会の問題も浮き彫りにしています。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、自分自身の考えにとらわれ、真実をみることのできない私たちの姿を指摘されています。私たちが自分の思い通りに行動したら、社会の中に対立や分断を生むこととなります。

親鸞聖人は、ご和讃に「浄土真宗に帰すれども 真実の心はありがたし 虚仮不実のわが身にて 清浄の心もさらになし」とうたわれました。阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって知らされる私たちの本当の姿は、縁起や無常、無我というこの世界の真実をそのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ姿です。親鸞聖人は、そのような私たちに阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが届いていると明らかにされました。いまだに新型コロナウイルス感染症の収束が見通せない世界ですが、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、それを依りどころとして日々の生活を過ごしてまいりましょう。

現在の厳しい状況の中でさまざまな試みを重ねながら、今までとは違った方法で浄土真宗のみ教えを広く社会へ伝える取り組みもなされていると聞き、たいへん心強く思います。これからもお寺が皆さまの心の支えとなりますよう、お寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げ、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2022年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光淳

New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Over these past couple of years, we have had to adjust our lives in accordance with the scale of the spread of COVID-19. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

This infectious disease has not only greatly affected the life of each one of us, but also revealed many issues that had been contained in our society. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear of the fact that we cannot see the truth because we are too attached to our own thought. Therefore, it is only natural that conflicts and divisions come about in a society in which those who, like us, fundamentally self-centered beings, act in accordance based on one's own thought.

In the following *wasan* poem, Shinran Shonin deeply reflected on himself and described what we humans are like,

Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land way,
It is hard to have a true and sincere mind.
This self is false and insincere;
I completely lack a pure mind. (*Hymns of the Dharma-ages*)

As the *wasan* shows, we are basically incapable of accepting the reality of this world, such as, dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. And because of this we constantly suffer. Only through being aware of and appreciating Amida Buddha's compassionate and salvific working, are we enabled to accept our true self. Shinran Shonin clarified that such ignorance is the very reason why Amida Buddha's salvific working has reached every one of us. Keeping in mind that we are always embraced in Amida's compassionate Light, let us live each day to the fullest, even though we have yet to see the end of the tunnel.

I feel truly assured hearing that many of you have been making efforts to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching within the greater society through various and innovative ways despite the current situation. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2022

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

January Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of January will be held on **Sunday, January 16, 2022 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 January are listed below.

If the year 2022 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.

Fuji, Chiyoko	01-29-1926	Nakamura, Hatsue	01-13-1938
Fujii, Minoru Richard	01-15-1998	Nakano, Seizo	01-22-1923
Fujiwara, Ichiro	01-19-1941	Nakashima, Chiyono	01-20-1929
Fukushima, Morio	01-08-1920	Negi, Eiju	01-23-1917
Furukawa, Hoichi	01-17-1968	Nishi, Beatrice Yaeka	01-21-2002
Hamataka, Toshio	01-22-2001	Nishi, Tamayo	01-29-1975
Hara, Yoshino	01-08-1919	Nishikawa, Phillip Takeshi	01-12-2016
Hirohata, Toku	01-30-1952	Oda, Toraichi	01-17-1957
Hiroshima, Infant	01-19-1915	Okamoto, Fumie	01-12-2010
Ikezaki, Suteichi	01-08-1955	Okimura, Kay Keiso	01-11-2012
Ishigaki, Hatsuo	01-22-1926	Okimura, Lucille Hironaka	01-10-1983
Iwamura, Hatsuye	01-20-2005	Okimura, Sadatoshi	01-18-1913
Kadokawa, Hide	01-17-1919	Okimura, Shigenobu	01-30-2019
Kadokawa, Kazo	01-07-1926	Onodera, Masami	01-03-1974
Kadokawa, Stillborn	01-15-1919	Otani, William Minoru	01-22-1987
Kadoya, Fusaye	01-14-2011	Sakamoto, Ayako Barbara	01-18-2014
Kanemoto, Dai	01-14-1986	Sakaoka, Hideo	01-18-1960
Kawamoto, Keichi	01-05-2009	Sako, Hisayo	01-04-1929
Kawamoto, Ted Yoshito	01-04-2014	Sasai, Masuzo	01-12-1942
Kawamoto, Yukio	01-20-1933	Sumida, Fujie	01-27-1919
Kawanishi, Karen	01-01-1970	Takehara, Hitoshi	01-18-1958
Kishaba, Kame	01-09-1981	Takehara, Kikumatsu	01-14-1948
Kodama, Masaichi	01-11-1957	Takeoka, Akemi	01-01-1976
Koyanagi, Yataro	01-02-1905	Takeoka, Hideyuki	01-01-1976
Kozumi, Alice Oda	01-06-1997	Takeoka, Kaoru	01-01-1976
Kozumi, Masahiro	01-07-2008	Tambara, Tomi	01-25-1919
Kumano, Ei	01-23-1963	Tanabe, Yoshio	01-17-1921
Kunugi, Teruichi	01-25-1911	Tanaka, George Tatsuto	01-12-2009
Kurima, Jitsuo	01-24-1920	Tanaka, Masaji (Baby)	01-13-1928
Kurima, Mikio	01-26-1920	Tanigawa, Sadaichi	01-06-1971
Kurima, Shizue	01-30-1910	Taniguchi, Koichi	01-01-1938
Kurima, Toshio	01-19-1911	Teranishi, Shigezo	01-18-1915
Maeda, Osamu	01-08-1932	Tokumura, Harry Hideo	01-05-2005
Maruki, Matsutaro	01-17-1917	Tokumura, Kurakichi	01-05-1958
Maruki, Yukiko	01-26-1941	Tomono, Isaburo	01-20-1959
Masuda, Zengo	01-08-1940	Toye, Misuno	01-14-1941
Matsui, Mitsue	01-08-1928	Toye, Uichi	01-12-1976
Menda, Arthur Shiro	01-27-2017	Tsukamoto, Hatsu	01-27-1970
Miyao, Jitsue	01-30-1911	Tsukamoto, Kanekichi	01-10-1955
Miyao, Masaye	01-11-2012	Wakabayashi, Tazuko	01-06-1975
Mukai, Infant	01-19-1916	Yamamoto, Hisano	01-28-1919
Muranaka, Sam	01-10-2007	Yamato, Tsutomu	01-05-1927
Nakagawa, Kaichi	01-31-1935	Yasukawa, Inosuke	01-27-1937
Nakagawa, Sumi	01-25-1973	Yasukawa, Tomo	01-07-1968
Nakahira, Tsutomu Ben	01-13-2002	Yumura, Stillborn	01-20-1920

2022 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>
2021	1 st Year	1998	25 th Year
2020	3 rd Year	1990	33 rd Year
2016	7 th Year	1973	50 th Year
2010	13 th Year	1923	100 th Year
2006	17 th Year		

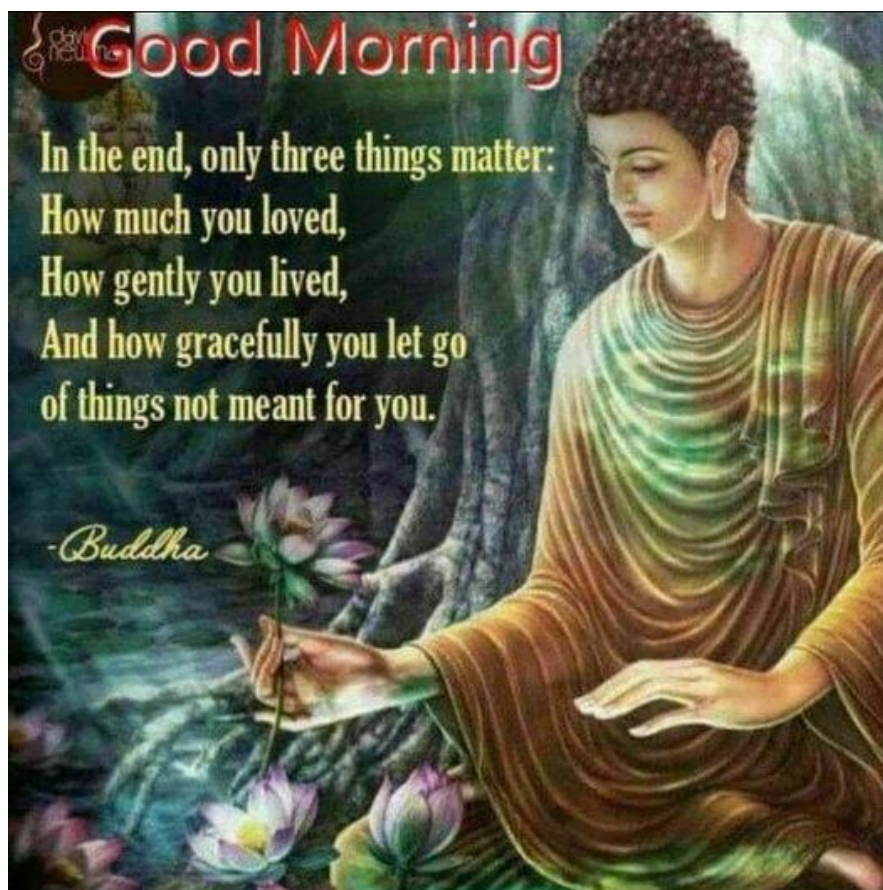
CONDOLENCES

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

YUKIKO MATSUI

June 10, 1927 to July 3, 2021



Funerals

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

With the continuing Coronavirus pandemic, the Buddhist Church of Florin is not conducting in-person Funeral services at the Church to ensure the safety of our Church members.

You may request an in-person Makuragyo service. For a Makuragyo service please contact Reverend Matthew Hamasaki at (916) 926-2221.

Funeral Service Options:

1. Postpone the Funeral service to a later date after the Buddhist Church of Florin reopens,
2. Conduct a virtual Funeral service, or
3. Conduct an in-person private Funeral service at your mortuary's chapel.

For a virtual Funeral service please contact Reverend Hamasaki to decide a date for the service. For an in-person private Funeral service at your mortuary's chapel contact Reverend Hamasaki and the mortuary to decide a date for the service.

The Buddhist Church of Florin's Funeral Committee can assist with the preparation and general arrangements for the funeral with the family and Betsuin minister. It is advisable to contact the Funeral Committee on your funeral plans, especially if you have an in-person private Funeral service at a mortuary's chapel. 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 Buddhist Church of Florin

Perpetual 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 Buddhist Church of Florin does not have a resident minister.

With the continuing Coronavirus pandemic, the Buddhist Church of Florin is not conducting in-person Memorial services at the Church to ensure the safety of our Church members.

Memorial Service Options:

1. Postpone the Memorial service to a date after the Buddhist Church of Florin reopens, or
2. Conduct 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 Buddhist Church of Florin

Hoonko Service (Memorial Service for Shinran Shonin)

The Hoonko Service is the memorial service of our founder, Shinran Shonin.

He passed away on January 16, 1263 at the age of 90. After he passed away, many followers remembered him by gathering together and had a service on his memorial day every year. For the Shinran Shonin's 33rd year memorial service, Kakunyo Shonin, the 3rd Monshu of Hongwanji decided on the system of the ceremony and composed "Hoonko-Shiki" to praise Shinran Shonin's virtue. Since then, Jodo Shinshu followers have observed the Hoonko Service on the memorial day of Shinran Shonin for approximately 700 years. This is observed to recall and appreciate Shinran Shonin, and listen to the Nembutsu teachings. This service is the most important service for Jodo Shinshu followers.



Please join us on Sunday, January 16, 2022, for Hoonko Service and January Shotsuki Service at 10:30 AM, with Rev. Matt Hamasaki, via Zoom.

VIRTUAL HOONKO/SHOTSUKI SERVICE

Please share the zoom link with any relatives or friends who may be interested in watching. Hope to see everyone Sunday, January 16, 2022 @ 10:30 AM PaciTopic: Buddhist Church of Florin Virtual Zoom Hoonko/Shotsuki Service

Time: January 16, 2022 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Buddhist Church of Florin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Happy New Year!



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of Florin

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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.

Buddhist Church of Florin
Governing Board Meeting Highlights
Meeting Date: December 9, 2021

All affiliates were reminded to comply with BCF Affiliated Organizations Guidelines. Fourth quarter financial reports will be due by January 31, 2022 and their proposed 2022 budget by January 13, 2022.

First Vice President Margie Sunahara: Met with Glenn Harada to come up with creative ways to keep the rodents under control by using sticky strips, snap trap, etc. She also contacted Officer Pantoja's for suggestions regarding the safety of members on the facilities and he suggested a camera at the entry facing inward to capture the license plate and car when leaving. The Church's security company has been contacted.

Second Vice President Walter Menda: Next fundraiser is the **Super Bowl Food Bazaar Drive-Thru on February 13, 2022, Sunday, Chairperson, Jennifer Kubo.**

BWA, Peggy Okabayashi: Tsuitou Hoyo BWA Memorial Service was on December 4, 2021. Officiated by Rev. Patti Oshita from BC of Sacramento, and guest speaker Rev. Elaine Donlin from BC of San Francisco. Following the service the BWA members received a "Bonenkai" obento. November Dana the BWA collected socks and slippers for our veterans. They were donated to the Nisei Post 8985 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Dharma School, Judy Yuki: Starting in November classes will be on the 3rd and 4th Sundays at 10:30 am via Zoom.

Jr. YBA, Ginny Syphax: Fundraiser on December 12th is Sold Out!! Next delivery for Keiro goodie bags is mid-December.

Ginny Syphax, Thank You for taking care of "church office duties" monitoring BCF emails, picking up the mail from US Post Office box, monitoring BCF phone calls, monitoring BCF FB page; hosting Sangha Check-ins on **2nd & 4th Wednesdays** and formatting and preparing the Oneness for publication.

Activities, Sandy Okuno/Sharon Okamoto: Planning an event on Hanamatsuri, April 3, 2022. Bento drive-thru for BCF members. Suggested to have an out-door service followed by the burying of the time capsule.

BCF Finance Committee:

a). Issue: Invest Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) funds with an investment advisory company to maximize returns of investments with reasonable risks. Recommendation: Invest BCF funds with Edward D. Jones & Co, L.P. (Edward Jones). **Motion passed to engage Edward Jones as the broker for BCF.**

b). Recommendation: Establish an Investment Committee at the BCF to administer and manage BCF funds invested with the church's investment advisory company. The Investment Committee is a standing committee separate from BCF Finance Committee. **Motion passed to establish a standing "BCF Investment Committee" to administer and manage BCF Funds vested with the Church's investment advisory company.** Dick Kadoya will chair the committee, and Eric Fujii has accepted to be on the committee. Thank you for volunteering to be on the committee.

c). Motion passed to invest \$500K of our current total funds with Edward Jones which includes the 2 CD's and existing money market accounts.

Thank you to Dick Kadoya, Walter Menda and Kathy Menda for being instrumental in the Finance Committee and developing the Investment Committee.

Nokotsudo Committee: Peggy Okabayashi will chair the committee and Lois Kashiwase has volunteered to be on the committee. Thank you!

CA Assembly Bill 506 (Effective 1/1/22) Youth Protection Policy was introduced and discussed.

BCF 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES



Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2022.

The Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) 2022 membership dues are now payable.

In order for BCF to have updated records, we want **each family/or single member to complete the 2022 Membership Form.**

If you have sent in your membership dues for 2022 without a membership form, please complete the form and send it in. Thank you.

The Membership Form is included in this newsletter on the following page.

According to the BCF Constitution "Annual dues of the member shall be paid in advance. The dues-year for all members shall commence on January 1st."

There are several payment plans available:

Annual

Semi-Annual

Quarterly

Monthly (10 installments)

Please send your completed 2022 Membership Form along with your payment to Tim Tsukamoto by January 31, 2022. Remit your dues and membership form to:

BCF, Attention Membership

P.O. Box 292006, Sacramento, CA 95829.

Questions regarding membership should also be directed to Tim Tsukamoto 916-606-0455 or Buddhist Church of Florin 916-383-1831.

2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member
 Name Change
 Address Change
 Other _____

 Last Name First Name Middle Initial Birthdate
Spouse

 Last Name First Name Middle Initial Birthdate
Address

 Street City State Zip Code
Telephone #

 Home Cell **Email**

Children at home under age 25: (List last name if different than above)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Birthdate		
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter
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_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter
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Membership Dues:

New Member (1st year)	\$150 per adult /\$300 couple/family
New Member Ages 80 - 84 (1st year)	\$100 per adult
New Member Ages 85 and over (1st year)	\$ 50 per adult
Ages 25 - 30	\$ 50 per person per year
Ages 31 - 79	\$280 per person per year/\$560 couple/family
Ages 80 - 84	\$190 per person per year
Ages 85 or older	\$100 per person per year

Check Payment Preference: __ Annual __ Semi-Annual __ Quarterly __ Monthly (10 payments)

Comments: _____

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: _____

Membership dues are payable/due in January 2022. If joining mid year, yearly dues are pro-rated for 2022.

For office use: Date: _____ Amt Pd _____ Ck No. _____ Cash _____ Rec'd by: _____ Entered _____

BCA MINISTERIAL SHORTAGE

At the recent BCA National Board Meeting, Bishop Marvin Harada reported on the ministerial shortage. Within the last 20 months BCA has seen 8 ministers retire. The Covid 19 Pandemic has impacted the recruitment of new ministers from Japan and BCA has been unable to send individuals to Japan for Kyoshi certification. The hope is that candidates will be able to go to Japan by late spring or early summer next year. However, it will still be a few years before there may be a few new Kaikyoshi ministers in BCA. Also, the rate at which ministers are retiring is faster than they can be replaced. This has caused difficulty for Northern California District (NC) to fill their vacant minister positions. Currently, NC only has two resident ministers overseeing 7 temples. Rev. Matt Hamasaki is supervising Florin, Placer, and Marysville and Rev Candice Shibata from Stockton is supervising Lodi, Walnut Grove, and the Cortez Sangha.

Florin had hoped to receive a resident minister from Japan. However, the Covid Pandemic and the minister's safety and family concerns caused her to decline coming to BCA. With the continuing ministerial shortage, it is unlikely Florin will receive a resident minister in the foreseeable future. The Buddhist Church of Florin Governing Board will continue to address the need for a resident minister with the BCA Bishop's Office. However, until such time that we again have a resident minister, Buddhist Church of Sacramento will continue to supervise Florin.

Buddhist Church of Florin Youth Protection Policies

On September 16, 2021, California Assembly Bill 506 (AB 506) was signed into law and will take effect January 1, 2022. AB 506 created safeguards to protect children from sexual abuse in youth organizations. The bill mandates background checks and child abuse prevention training for all staff and regular volunteers of youth service organizations (i.e. Dharma School, Athletics, and Jr. YBA). This bill made a volunteer over 18 years of age who volunteers more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year with a public or private youth center, youth recreation program, youth organization and whose duties involve direct contact with, or supervision of children, a mandated reporter for the purpose of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

At the recent BCA National Board Meeting, the BCA leaders were advised to share this information with their temples and to implement policies for those entities that are required to comply with AB 506.

To comply with the requirements of AB 506, the Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) is developing the required child abuse prevention policies and will require administrators, employees, and volunteers who meet the requirements to undergo background screenings (Live Scan) and complete mandated reporter training.

Upon implementation of the BCF child abuse prevention policies, more information will be shared with the Sangha.



Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School News & Events
January 2022
“B.R.A.I.D.” – Building Respectful Awareness
& Inclusion through Dharma

Rhythm of Nature

Leaves fall to the ground,
The rushing river goes on,
Birds fly overhead.

Dedication: To all of those who have influenced our lives and have passed on.

Ella looks to nature as the end of the year is fast approaching and the beginning of a new year soon will follow. This year has been a unique time, but through it all, the natural rhythm of nature remains. We hope the upcoming year is filled with happy tidings, and return to a more normal state. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Henry, Nadine, & Ella

Dharma Zoom

Dharma Zoom Dates

January 23, 2022 10:30 AM Theme for Sangha Member TBA

Join Zoom Meeting

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BWA News

THANK YOU/ARIGATO

Ladies of Jodo

Shinshu -

Donna Kunisaki

Jeanne Nakamura

Amy Oda

Tsuitou Hoyo-

Elaine Behymer

Cindy Kakutani

Lois Kashiwase

Liz Kono

Donna Kunisaki

Kathy Menda

Diane Muranaka

Jeanne Nakamura

Jean Okamoto

Alice Okimura

Mary Otani

Hiroko Saigo

Judy Shimizu

Margie Sunahara

Jan Takeuchi

Ann Tsukamoto

Toyo Tsukamoto

Connie Yee

Meri Fong – special

Lois Tanaka – special

Lois Kashiwase-special

Katsuko Hirota - other

Connie Yee IMO Alice Hayama, Rose Ito.

Liz Kono IMO Yoshiko Pat Baba

Sharon Okamoto IMO Misuye Mukai

Norrine Okamoto IMO Isao Ito, Tatsuko Takemori,
Taiko Takeuchi, and Loretta Otani.

Peggy Okabayashi IMO Tatsuko Takemori

2021 Oseibo to Stuart Ito, Rev. Patti Oshita, Rev. Matt Hamasaki, Buddhist Church of Florin.

DANA – Cultivating Generosity

November Dana Projects

- Sacramento Food Bank Run to Feed the Hungry – the Team walked in McKinley Park and virtually
- Nisei Post 8985 Veterans of Foreign Wars - socks and slippers. Thanks to Connie Yee, Lois Tanaka, Jeanne Nakamura and Sandy Okuno for sock, slippers and care packages for the Nisei Auxiliary and VFW.
- BWA adopted a local family for Thanksgiving. Thank you to Juline Fujii, Donna Kunisaki, Norrine Okamoto, Shirley Gee, Joann Kusaka, Sandy Okuno (groceries), Lois Kashiwase (gift card), Marsha Legg, Mary Otani, Liz Kono, Diane Muranaka, Jan Takeuchi (groceries), Jennifer Kubo (gift card), Peggy Okabayashi, and Connie Yee (gift card).

December Dana Projects

- Mustard Seed Christmas Toy Drive –Scrip gift cards, toys age 0-17, holiday wrapping
- Toys & Treats Drive for SPCA - Drop off donations on Lotus Club Thursdays.

2022 BWA Membership - New members and membership renewals – Please join now!

BWA January 2022 Dana Projects

Sister Nora's Place



Sister Nora's Place provides long-term shelter and case management for women with a history of homelessness, trauma and serious mental and physical illness. These women are often times society's most vulnerable and forgotten people.

The program began sheltering women on January 17, 2005 and has the capacity to house thirteen women at a time. Each woman is treated on an individual basis, thus there is no predetermined length of stay. It is the only shelter of its kind in the Sacramento area and provides each guest with a stable and nurturing living environment, advocacy, and guidance. Each woman is assisted in creating a safety net of support that she will be able to access for the rest of her life.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to volunteer by preparing the evening meal for Sister Nora's guests with the option of joining them for dinner.

Requesting:

**Monetary Donation
for meal purchase**



**Towel &
Blanket Drive**

Requesting:

**Gently used towels
& blankets to
replenish supplies**

Update: Dec. Adopt-a-Family

Assistance was not requested by a BCF family (or relatives/ friends of) & Adopt-a-Families were already adopted.

The December Dana project went instead towards **Mustard Seed's Xmas Toy Drive**. Requested **gift cards** (through BCF scrip prog.) & **monetary donations went towards toys** ordered through Amazon & sent directly to Mustard Seed.

CHRISTMAS NEEDS

NEW TOYS - AGES 0-17
Dolls, trucks, games, stuffed animals, balls and sweat suits in all sizes

GIFT CARDS
Amazon, WalMart, Target, Gas, iTunes, Grocery Stores, McDonalds, etc.

AND MORE!
Wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, gift bags, scotch tape & batteries.

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

BCF Gym Jan. 27 [Last THURS] (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Call Sandy Okuno for questions

LOTUS News

Learning Oriental Trimming ...

Land Park Pond 7-'20

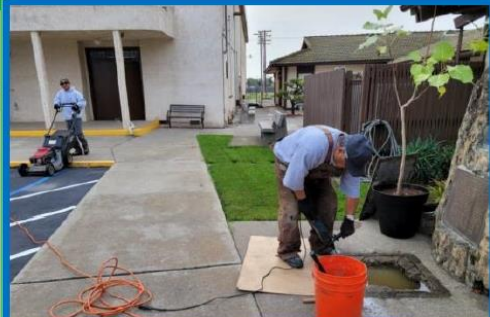
THANK YOU for your service, VETS!!



George Miyao, Ron Shimizu, Ken Okabayashi, Ben Kusaka



Four U.S. vets representing the Army & Navy are part of LOTUS. They were working on this day, Veteran's Day.



Gary Okamoto, weekly mowing
Lloyd Okimura, time capsule prep

Keeping busy as usual



Mike Kakutani, securing door
Lloyd Okimura, time capsule prep



See the moss?



Bodhi trees



Bodhi leaves



Fall/Winter in the Heisei garden



LUNCH FIXIN's

JoAnn Kusaka

Weekly AM snacks as well as homemade tsukemono/ kimchi; special treat chocolate mochi

JoAnn K/Jan T

Lunch: Turkey-noodle soup, beef/gravy/salad

Eric Fujii

Lunch: Fried rice

Sharon Okamoto

Pumpkin desserts

Ginny Syphax

Lemon cream puff squares

Lois Kashiwase

Individually packaged See's candy treats

Jeanne Nakamura

Candy treat/origami

Buddhist Church of Florin
Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarships 2022-2023



The Buddhist Church of Florin's Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarship program offers academic financial assistance to our church members' high school and college students with seven scholarships:

- A \$5,000 scholarship, a \$3,000 scholarship and a \$2,000 scholarship to graduating senior high school students; and
- A \$5,000 scholarship, a \$3,000 scholarship, a \$2,000 scholarship and a \$1,000 scholarship to students attending a university, college or vocational school.

Graduating high school students who will be attending full time and/or students attending an accredited college, university or vocational school full time in 2022-2023 may apply for the scholarships. The student's parent(s) or student must be a member of the Buddhist Church of Florin to be eligible for the scholarships.

The evaluation criteria will be:

- Active involvement in church, community and school activities
- Scholastic achievement
- Essay
- In-person interview

Church Member Parents-Please encourage your children to apply for the Buddhist Church of Florin's Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarships. Applications will be available from the Nakatani Scholarship Chairperson, Walter Menda, or Florin Dharma School Superintendent and YBA advisors in January 2022.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received by the Nakatani Scholarship Chairperson by midnight, April 1, 2022.

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).

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Contact Walter Menda for a Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant Application at (916) 392-1896 or wmenda@pacbell.net.

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 Church Membership Form.



Teacher
motivating
star-gazing
INSPIRING
dream - weaving
understanding
believing
soul-shaping
superhero

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florinbuddhist.org
Super Bowl Food Fundraiser
Sunday, February 13, 2022 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

To Order:

1. Return your order form **with** payment
2. Orders **MUST** be postmarked by **January 21, 2022**
3. Make check payable to: **BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN**
4. Mail check and order form to:

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SuperBowl Food Fundraiser
P. O. Box 292006
Sacramento, CA 95829

Pick Up Your Order on February 13th, between 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
 7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, 95828
 Prepaid contactless drive thru pick up only
 Email or phone orders will **not** be accepted

ITEM	QTY	UNIT COST	TOTAL
Chicken Plate (½ teriyaki chicken, vegetable, rice, pickled vegetable, sliced oranges)		X \$18.00	
Chicken Curry Rice		X \$6.00	
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

Name (Print)	
Address	
City	Zip
Contact Number (required)	
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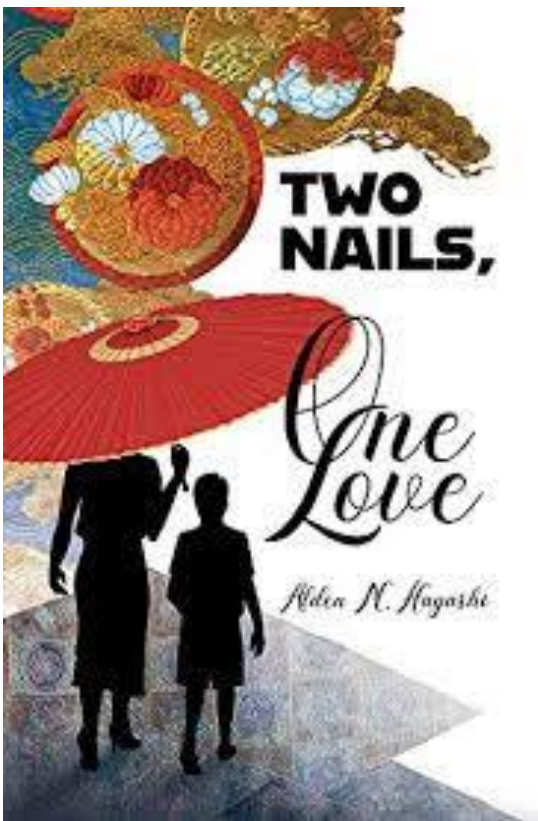
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City	Zip
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There's a NEW book in our BCF library. This book is titled, *Two Nails, One Love*. A fictional book though about 90% of the book is true.

Mits Yamamoto and Ginny Yamamoto Syphax met the author, Alden Hayashi, when the two of them went to the Jerome/Rohwer pilgrimage in Arkansas, April 2019. When Alden heard Ginny's older brother passed away in 2012, Alden said, "I can be your nesan." Ginny and Alden became fast friends.

This book almost never came to life. Alden was hesitant to try to get his book published. But encouragement from many in the Japanese American community and Ginny, Alden's book was published in September 2021. Alden graciously offered to donate a book to BCF as well as Sacramento Betsuin.

If you would like to borrow the church copy, feel free to call BCF at 916-383-1831. Or if you would like to purchase a copy of your own, you can order it from <https://dashophnl.com/products/two-nails-one-love>
This is a small independent bookstore in Honolulu (where Alden grew up),



Mits & Alden in Little Rock, Arkansas 4/2019

Two Nails, One Love opens in New York City with the narrator-Ethan Taniguchi, a Japanese-American gay man in his early forties-awaiting the arrival of his mother from Hawaii. The two have been estranged for more than a decade, and the reunion is fraught with past grievances bubbling to the surface. After a fateful ferry ride to the Statue of Liberty, Ethan's mother reluctantly reveals details of her shattered childhood-her family's imprisonment in a concentration camp in Arkansas in World War II, followed by a deportation to Japan, where she witnesses the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Ethan's past is also revealed-painful memories of a forsaken career in music and a delayed coming out at the height of the AIDS epidemic. Eventually, both mother and son come to understand the complex and subtle ways that their lives are intertwined, with the past reverberating powerfully through the present.

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.

NEXT ORDER DUE DATES: (mark your calendars!)

If you want to place an order,

**your order must be received by Ann
by 12 PM on the following dates:**

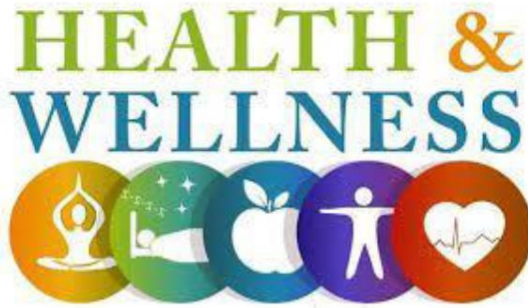
January 9, 2022

February 6, 2022

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



**You can also call Ann to see what gift cards she has in stock,
available now (call her at 916-683-3401).**



Thursday Night
Series

Thursday,

January 20, 2022, 6:30 pm

"Dancefit with Jules"

Introduction to Latin, hip hop, cardio routines with full
body toning exercises. Exercises for all ages!



Julie Honda-Tsuye
Dancefit Instructor

Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818-2233

Please sign-up at
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