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Reflections on “Possibilities” by Herbie Hancock

Recently I have been reading a book written by the famous jazz musician, Herbie Hancock, titled, “Possibilities.” I noticed this book in our BCA bookstore, and wondered why we had a book written by a jazz musician in a Buddhist bookstore. I came to find out that Herbie Hancock has been a Buddhist for many years, although he follows a different Buddhist tradition than ours. I found the book fascinating, nonetheless, learning about his life as a jazz musician. I found many parallels about his life in his pursuit of jazz music and the spiritual life of Buddhism.

When Herbie Hancock encountered Buddhism himself, he found a teaching and philosophy consistent with the path of music that he had been deeply pursuing. He also found a teaching that helped him to understand what he was experiencing spiritually in his music, when all musicians were “clicking” and they played as one.

I was impressed with the various phases of music that he went through. He started out as a child learning classical piano at the age of seven, then in high school began to learn and play jazz. In his early twenties he was asked to join the legendary jazz artist Miles Davis, playing the piano in his quintet that consisted of Miles Davis on trumpet, Wayne Shorter on sax, Ron Carter on bass, and Tony Williams on drums. During this phase of his music he learned traditional jazz and played with some of the legendary great, like Freddie Hubbard, Chick Corea, and others. They played all over the world, and to this day that quintet is legendary.

However, Herbie Hancock did not stay in traditional jazz. After a number of years in jazz, he began to explore and experiment in non-traditional jazz. His music took a totally different direction. He was discovering his African heritage and was experimenting with different sounds and instrumentation. He left the Miles Davis quintet and created his own band, with the African name, “Mwandishi.” When he went into this period of music he was criticized for leaving traditional jazz, but he also found an audience that loved his original, traditional jazz, but it was now also different, from the influence of the other phases of music he had experienced.

Shakyamuni Buddha lived a dynamic and creative life. He was one with the flow of life. He presented new teachings and was criticized by the traditional religions of his day. Shinran Shonin too lived a dynamic and creative life. Shinran Shonin made Buddhism accessible to anyone, of any background. He took Buddhism out of the monasteries and brought it to the lives of the people of his day. Shakyamuni Buddha’s heart was one with all people. Shinran Shonin’s heart was one with all people. Through his music, Herbie Hancock had a spiritual experience of being at “one” with music itself. Through his music he did not stay in one spot. He moved forward, following his innermost heart that pursued the art of music.

We can see how people live with the spirit of the Dharma in not only religion, but in music, in art, literature, in various fields. They live with the dynamic flow of life.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
A WAY OF SEEING  (1215. Rev. John Ishihara Yokota)

We had our car serviced yesterday, and what was supposed to take at most an hour or two ended up taking seven. When we got home and settled in, my wife checked our email and found one from the sister of the Reverend John Yokota, whom most of you knew, if at all, as Rev. John Ishihara. He had passed away on Tuesday (11/17), and gone on (returned) to the Pure Land. He had contracted pneumonia. His photo was hanging in the social hall, along with all the ministers and with the board presidents. All of the photos were removed when the Social Hall was rebuilt. There is a separate set of all of the earlier ministers’ photos, including Rev. Yokota’s, just outside the kodō.

John and I go a long way back, all the way to my Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Betsuin days, and he and his family were members. He was a teenager working on his Boy Scout Sangha Award, the one for Buddhism, (is there another?), together with several other scouts. I was supposed to be the teacher. They probably thought of me as the slave-driver. On the other hand, they all got the award and all advanced to Eagle Scout. More importantly, from my point of view, they learned and retained quite a bit of the Buddhist teachings. How do I know? Once in awhile, after I left the Betsuin, I would meet one or the other of them, usually at a funeral, and they would greet me with a Buddhist observation apropos of the occasion, and it would be correct. I’m so glad that Rev. Yokota found the Buddha’s teachings (the Dharma) so fulfilling that he devoted his life and profession to it.

John went on to surpass me (which was not too difficult a task), receiving a PhD in religious studies from Claremont College, now University. He received his bachelor’s degree from Chapman College, also now a university. In between Chapman and Claremont, he received a master’s degree in Buddhist Studies from Ryukoku University in Kyoto, with a thesis on the Madhyamika doctrine of Two Truths, which is quite interesting. Maybe a topic for another essay. During that time, he also received his kyōshi, his ministerial license. Perhaps his most important accomplishment as a human being, besides becoming a Buddhist minister, earning his PhD, and realizing shinjin, was getting married to his wonderful, caring, lifelong wife/partner, Masako, and, together, having two compassionate daughters, Seiko and Yūko. Together, the three made Rev. John’s life as meaningful as possible.

He studied under Professor John Cobb, who is, at 92 years of age, a world-famous theologian who still teaches at Claremont. More to the point, Cobb was very interested in Buddhism, to the extent that he wrote a number of papers on it, comparing it and Christianity. Rev. John wrote more than a few papers in which he, too, compared Buddhism and Christianity. The two of them also worked on trying to bring the two religions closer together. Since I had, and still have, very little background in Christianity, most of the papers were outside my ken (perception, understanding, view)...

Reverend John had been ill for the last several years and, although he had his good days, he also had his bad ones. Through it all, however, his wife and daughters did all they could for him.

I’d like to quote some of his elder daughter, Seiko’s, eulogy to her father:

Six years ago, when my father fell seriously ill, the four of us had a picnic under the cherry blossoms that spring. It was a warm, sunny day, and as we lay down, side by side, just as we used to when I was a child, no one said anything about what was to become, but we were aching with sorrow and anxiety. At the same time, we were just so happy to be together that we never wanted it to end.

The experiences we have had to go through these past six years have been so painful, and I never thought my heart could ache this much. Not being able to do what he used to do, and being aware of it, but not knowing what to do about it, I saw him cry for the first time, and from that day my heart has been crushed forever, a kind of pain that can’t be healed.

Never have I heard him say something bad about someone or complain about something; He treated everyone the same way, with respect, And above all, he loved us deeply and was proud of us, We were his everything, and he protected us with his deep love.

Daddy, when I was little and used to ride on your shoulders, I thought this world was full of excitement and joy. You made me believe that I could do anything, go anywhere and become anyone I wished. But these past six years have made me forget how it felt to believe in that way.

However, many people who love you have been sharing memories with us, and I think I will be able to believe in what you have taught me again. Life isn’t that bad after all; actually it’s quite amazing.

Thank you for protecting me with your deep love, being my soul mate, and always respecting me for who I am and how I live. I know you will always be proud of me, but I promise I will continue with sincerity what you had left to do.

Beautiful, isn’t it. I knew Rev. John quite well, so I know that Seiko’s words ring true. I hope your children and other family members and friends will say the same of you. I might write my own eulogy, so that I’ll know what is being said of me. Kidding. No eulogy for me. But, if you knew the Reverend Doctor John Ishihara Yokota, you might burn some incense in his memory.

Please take care of yourselves. Maybe you can write your own eulogy, or something to let your loved ones and friends read it and understand what you tried to do to make their lives more meaningful and, even, maybe, a little happier. Thank you for reading this essay.

Gassho,
Donkon Jaan Doami
Shakyamuni Buddha, MD

One of the most important steps in becoming a practicing Buddhist is to realize that you have a serious illness. It is a vague, nagging sense of unease that there is something fundamentally off or missing from your life. Though this can be a very negative experience, it is also a very positive one when seen from a spiritual point of view. This feeling is what causes us to seek an alternative direction. From the Buddha's perspective, we are all sleepwalking – it is the very lucky few who realize this in time to actually do something about it.

With our eyes open we can begin to see our afflictions. I would like to list four: the three poisons and suffering. The three poisons include greed, anger and ignorance. We are greedy in that we are never satisfied. We want more of what is pleasurable and less of what is not. We also get angry when the pleasure fades or does not last. These two emotions are based on the fallacy that things are permanent when they are not. For example, we want to hang onto our youth and get angry when it fades. This approach is based upon a fundamental ignorance of how things really are. Basing our happiness on something that cannot be relied upon is what leads to our suffering.

This suffering is not like a stomach ache or a black eye. It is much more subtle than that. It is a sense that our thirst can never be quenched. I think deep down we all know this to be the case, but we like to stay distracted so we do not really have to deal with it. It is only when this problem becomes so large that we are forced to do so. This is a real opportunity for growth and meaning.

Realizing our greed, anger, ignorance and suffering is actually a wonderful thing. We now know what the problem is. But knowing the problem does not necessarily reveal the solution. I think we mistakenly believe that we just need to remove these afflictions to realize peace. It seems reasonable and it is an approach, but it is difficult to remove greed, anger, ignorance and suffering through sheer will power. In fact, you may actually get very greedy for progress and become quite angry when it doesn’t come quickly. Perhaps we are still ignorantly over estimating the self – this can lead to even greater suffering.

There is another approach. Rather than removing the afflictions directly, we can apply four very powerful antidotes. This is a positive approach to practice rather than a negative one.

These four antidotes are sympathetic joy for greed, loving kindness for anger, wisdom for ignorance and equanimity for suffering. I don’t think this positive approach is emphasized enough within American Buddhism. Perhaps it is due to our cultural background. For example, the Ten Commandments list the ten negative things we should stop doing. Perhaps it would be easier for us if we also had a list of the ten positive things we should be doing; each one an antidote for the former.

In Pure Land Buddhism, I think the antidote is saying Namuamidabutsu. It is very powerful medicine that transforms our negatives into positives. Rather than focusing on not being greedy, not being angry, not being ignorant and not suffering, we could instead focus on taking some very positive actions; ones that remove afflictions whenever we follow the prescription of the Buddha.

Whenever we chant or bow or listen to the teachings – we are taking a very powerful remedy. One that addresses our afflictions directly – it has the advantage of not relying on our willpower. This develops a sense of gratitude and thankfulness within us – easing our greed, anger, ignorance and suffering as a natural consequence.

It does seem counterintuitive though. It would seem that if we find ourselves in a difficult situation then we should remove ourselves from it immediately. A direct, frontal approach would seem the best course of action. But when we have an infected finger don’t we go to the doctor for a powerful antibiotic? Don’t we attack it from the inside out? We don’t want to immediately remove the finger – we are quite attached to it! In fact, this might even lead to a more serious infection.

For us, the medicine is the practice of the Pure Land path and saying Namuamidabutsu. It is one that transforms positively. We do not take this path because we are weak or feeble. We take it because it is the only path that is effective for all afflictions. So please say Namuamidabutsu every day, once every four hours with continuing follow up appointments every week at the Hondo. In this way, with practice, your prognosis looks very positive.

In gassho,
Rev. Jon Turner

Buddhist Education Center

Information regarding the classes offered by the Buddhist Education Center can be found at:

http://www.ocbuddhist.org/buddhist-education-center/
President’s Message - Ichi-go Ichi-e

Why did I use that phrase? - I will get to that at the end.
A lot has been going on so please read on for updates on budgets, office staffing, office hour changes, 50th Anniversary project, OCBC retreat, volunteers and “Ichi-go Ichi-e”.

◊ **Budget** - as a follow-on to last month’s message, the BOD did approve changes to membership fees. The membership letter to be provided for 2016 dues will provide the details. The sustaining fees are only increasing a relatively small amount as the Finance committee is trying to balance the budget through several other paths. With these changes OCBC income should exceed expenses in 2016 for a positive result.

  ◦ One path I would like to start a discussion on is “osaisen”.
  
  ◦ As many of you know I came from a Christian background so words and concepts like dana, osaisen, and orei were new, and even koden was not familiar. (Yes, my parents were both Nisei but these were never discussed in my family). As I have learned, many things in the Japanese-American community like these are not explicitly explained and, even more confusing, the specific monetary amounts are never discussed. How are we are supposed to know what is expected?
  
  ◦ I have learned this is supposed to come “from the heart”, but my perspective on this has 2 thoughts -
  
  1. The founders of OCBC had “larger” hearts than our generation, and
  
  2. While my heart says “yes”, my head asks “how much?”
  
  ◦ For example, in the osaisen (donation) boxes in the Honda the predominant bill is $1. Is this the appropriate amount? While for kids this seems ok, for adults this is the same amount since I started 20 years ago. Talking to others this practice extends even further back. I can remember when gasoline was 50 cents a gallon; was that when this osaisen amount was started? Today, there may be a few $5’s and $10’s but these are the exceptions. I encourage a CHANGE to $5 for adults. I have changed and keep a $5 in my wallet for Sunday. Hope you join me.

◊ **Office Staffing** - As many of you know, one of our part-time office assistants has left and we wish to hire a person to fill the position. This will continue to be a paid part-time position and will report to Nancy Hara, the OCBC Office Manager.

  ◦ We may also consider volunteers. Depending on their availability and qualifications, their tasks may vary from what the office assistants currently do.

  ◦ If you know of someone who would be interested in helping OCBC in this position please have them contact Nancy Hara (nancyhocbc@gmail.com) for additional information and about applying.

◊ **Office Hour Changes** -- Primarily due to office staffing issues the social hall office and building will be closed on Tuesdays starting December 22. This is the least active day at OCBC and will result in minimal disruptions to current activities. There is a more detailed note on the hours in this Korin.

◊ **50th Anniversary** - Completing the Dream - Notice the change in wording? We are close enough that with a significant effort in additional pledges to bridge the gap, we can start the Phase 2 Hondo and courtyard renovation after Obon 2016.

  ◦ To know if we are in position to do that, we need pledges and donations by the end of the year. Yes, if you gave before we are asking you to give some more. We now realize that those who have contributed will be the primary force to complete this major project. We hope to gain many new donors, but cannot rely on that.

  ◦ You will be receiving a letter soon asking for your support. If you have not already pledged for Phase 2 please do so. Hopefully, this will be the last request.

  ◦ We have videos and 3D drawings of how the new Hondo and courtyard will look. If you are interested in seeing them please contact the Phase 2 project, Howard Nakagiri or Bill Sakahara. You can also contact me.

  ◦ When completed the Hondo and courtyard will provide a great place for families to grow up, for our Sangha to learn the Dharma and for the Sangha to gather and stay close.

◊ **OCBC Retreat** - Some of you may have heard of this and I wanted to present a summary of what is happening. On November 14 we had a session of mostly OCBC Board members plus others with an attempt to get a wide cross section of the OCBC Sangha. Glenn Hamamura, a professional facilitator who has provided these services to Hawaii Hongwanji, led this session. He volunteered to do our retreat called “Strategic Visioning Session”. The OCBC leaders for this were Alan Endo and Rumi Nakatani. Alan presented to the BOD the purpose of the retreat as, “to bring together a cross section of the Sangha to outline the future direction of the temple. This retreat will provide an opportunity to share ideas, engage in thoughtful discussion, and focus on the temple’s identity.”

  ◦ So, what did we accomplish?

  ◦ Well, this effort resulted in hundreds of post-it notes summarized into a report. There are a lot of good insights and the report was sent to the attendees. BUT, there is additional work needed to get to an actionable program.

  ◦ Stay tuned to your favorite BOD member. While this effort is for the entire Sangha, Alan, Rumi and a small team are working this through the BOD.

◊ **Volunteers** - Another aspect of Dana is providing help as you can. We have many volunteers at OCBC such as those who -

  ◦ Run and help with Project Kokoro and Social Welfare activities

  ◦ Perform maintenance and landscaping tasks

  ◦ Complete office tasks such as mailing and financial transactions.
President’s Message (continued from page 4)

◊ What do these all have in common? The actual number of volunteers is small and in some cases such as the maintenance and office tasks, they are becoming fewer.
  • Studies have shown that those who help others are happier and more fulfilled than those who do not. ARE YOU able and willing (mostly willing) to help out in the office, facility, gardens or elsewhere and have a happier, fulfilled life?
  • Then, please see the note from Alan Endo in this Korin on opportunities.

Ichi-go Ichi-e - Rev. Marv and others have mentioned this phrase as meaning “One time, one meeting”. As you may know this is my last Korin message and this phrase is appropriate for me - being your president was “one time” and “one meeting” (well actually many meetings). But the concept to me is the same, treat each meeting, and being president as a whole, as a once in lifetime event that will not be repeated and that needs to be appreciated.

My goal as president was to support and help OCBC be fiscally sound and promote Buddhism. Hopefully, I did that.

Personally, I gained much -
  • Met and got to know a LOT of great people and their organization that were helpful, knowledgeable and the key to getting things done at OCBC.
  • Gained a lot of insight into the Dharma from being with OCBC and BCA ministers and MAs.
  • Learned the value of a Sangha through all my interactions with all of you.
  • Hopefully how to listen deeper for understanding
  • Learned how much gratitude OCBC and I owe to the Sangha for their support these last two years.

Going forward - We have a terrific president starting in January, Alan Endo. Please support Alan as you have me - please volunteer when asked as you did with me. Continue to let him know what is happening, good and bad, Continue to grow your compassion and wisdom as OCBC continues to change and grow.

Being president has really helped me along my path to learning Buddhism and I would like to leave you with my current favorite quote (that I introduced last month) -

“Difficulties are inevitable, Suffering is optional”

Gassho,
Aaron Nagayama

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Primarily due to office staffing issues, the social hall offices will be closed on Tuesdays starting December 22. This is the least active day at OCBC and will result in minimal disruptions to current activities. Office hours during the week will then be:

- Monday 9:00 am to 4:00pm
- Tuesday Closed
- Wednesday 9:00 am to 4:00pm
- Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00pm
- Friday 9:00 am to 4:00pm
- Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00pm
- Sunday 9:00 am to 1:00pm (Closed during service)

This will continue until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

Korin Articles Due

12/27/2015
OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com

Maintenance

This report describes some of the major work that was done during October and November. Thank you to the following dedicated people for their help:

- Paul Fujimoto
- Dan Hakikawa
- Dan Kaneko
- Jim Mitchell
- Rod Nishimura
- Aki Nitta
- Dennis Okada
- Ron Sakoda
- Ron Suzuki
- Eizo Yasuda
- Kay Fujimura
- Wat Iwakoshi
- Hideo Kawamura
- Norman Nishioka
- Taka Noguchi
- Frank Okamura
- Winston Shigenaga
- Masa Tominaga

The following major work was done:

1. General.
   a) Treated all the weeds in Ball Road parking planter areas with Roundup.
   b) Treated all the weeds north of the class room building with Roundup.
   c) Remove on a daily basis trash and litter from planter area south of the Ball Road parking lot.
   d) Organized the potted plants in Ball Road parking lot garden area.
   e) Repaired four damaged folding chairs.
   f) Repaired a damaged MPB chair rack.
   g) Replaced a few of the vertical electrical conduit pipes of the tarp hanging structure west of the social hall with heavier and stronger water pipe.

2. Class Room Building.
   a) Continued with painting of the lounge and office.
   b) Rearranged the new furniture and returned the books to the library.
   c) Working now to level all the book cases and bolting to the wall, also painting all walls.
   d) Rearranged the steel shelving in the BEC storage room.
   e) The cut outs in vertical post left by the old railing were filled with wood / putty and sanded smooth ready for painting.
   f) Working now to replace the cracked and missing tiles in the 2nd floor walkway.
   g) The intermittent power outage in room 11 and 12 is due to wires shorting in the old metal conduit; new conduit and wiring will be installed at the December work party.

3. MPB.
   a) Rearranged the new steel shelving and all the items stored in the Cook Book room.
   b) Cleaned out the southwest closet on the 2nd floor.

4. Social Hall. Cleaned and polished the convection oven stainless in the kitchen.

5. 904 Calico Home. Landscape clean up and trimmed trees and bushes.

Year End Clean Up. Thank you to all the people and organizations that came out to spruce up the OCBC grounds and facilities. It was good to see young people and adults working side by side doing their assigned tasks. Thank you all for a job very well done.

Next monthly workday. December 14, 2015 at 9 AM. Anyone that has some free time on the second Monday of each month is welcome to join us. A delicious home cooked lunch is provided by the BWA.

In Gassho,
H. Kawamura
**BWA News**

**Announcements**
- Thank you to everyone who helped with our bento sale on October 25th. It was a successful fundraiser and your support was greatly appreciated!
- Under the direction of the toban leaders, the BWA ladies and our support team polished and cleaned the naijin items and Kodo for Omigaki. With everyone’s help, we completed the delicate tasks in a timely manner. Thank you very much for your dedication and tireless efforts.
- The Eshinnisama/Kakushinnisama Memorial Service and the installation of new officers will be held on December 6th, at 12:30pm in the Hondo. Please wear purple attire and if you have an Okesa, you can wear it as well. A luncheon will follow in the social hall and we look forward to sharing a nice afternoon with good friends and family.
- Mochitsuki order forms are due December 6th; see last month’s Korin for details.
- Mochitsuki will be held on December 20th. Help is especially needed from 7:30am and throughout the day. If you would like to help with antaki on December 12th or prepare an balls on December 19th, please contact Jodi Hisamoto.
- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 10th, at 12:30pm in the Kodo after the Ho-onko service and luncheon. We welcome new members throughout the year so bring a friend or two!

**Senior Luncheons**
On Monday, November 9th, 51 seniors and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and celebrated birthdays for Tamiko Sakimoto and Midori Sasaki. Thank you to Tamiko Sakimoto and Midori Sasaki for their monetary donations. Thank you Mary Nakayama for the kaki and Kiyoko Sarashina for the beautiful flowers. Our next senior luncheon will be held on Monday, December 14th.

**Questions:** For general questions regarding BWA or its activities, BWA members may contact Amy Iwamasa at amyiwamasa@yahoo.com or (714) 968-2649.

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura

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**DID YOU KNOW??**

This month our focus is on the dedicated, ever-faithful, hard-working group of men who make up the maintenance crew who are always at the temple, sometimes 6-7 times a week.

**Item 1:** DID YOU KNOW that the maintenance team consistently numbers 18-20+ men who come to OCBC sometime during the week to work at keeping our temple, the church grounds, and Sensei's residence in tip-top shape?

**Item 2:** DID YOU KNOW that some verbs that describe what the maintenance team does are: repair, replace, rearrange, remove, paint, clean, trim, plant, move, organize, install, inspect, and weld, just to name a few?

**Item 3:** DID YOU KNOW that this team of workers probably averages 70+ years in age (probably closer to 75–80 years)?

**Item 4:** DID YOU KNOW that some/most of the men have been on the maintenance team for many, many, many years, and still they come to help?

So, when you read the words, “Anyone who has some free time on the second Monday of each month is welcome to join us,” why not take them up on the invitation? Your presence would be greatly welcomed and thoroughly appreciated.

And if you have other interesting / little known / surprising DYK items, please send them to Janet Sakahara, c/o OCBCKorin@gmail.com.

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**OCBC Wish List**

December – the month of wishes and gift-giving. Think of giving back and chipping away at our collective debt to the church. Please consider donating one/more of the following items from our general supplies list:

**Eco-friendly supply items:** 9 ½ -inch Dixie plates; 7-inch dessert plates; small paper bowls; paper hot cups

These are always being used at hospitality-sponsored refreshment tables. (questions to Nancy Hara or Dorothy Matsuoka)

**Project Kokoro Crafts:** netting, 5 – 10 yards; all-cotton batting for quilting projects; yarns, 4 skeins of the same color (questions to Dorothy Matsuoka)

All donated items may be dropped off at or sent to our office. Thank you in advance! Again, if your organization has a need that can possibly be filled by a generous donor, please be in touch.

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara
Looking for Volunteers

OCBC has many opportunities for members to volunteer their expertise and time in supporting the operations of the church. OCBC relies on volunteers to make the church a welcoming and well maintained facility. There are also many opportunities to contribute behind the scenes to help the church function.

Areas where volunteers are needed are:
1) Maintenance Crew: fix, maintain, and troubleshoot, they meet once a month on Mondays but there are activities needed daily. Contact Jim Mitchell or Hideo Kawamura.
2) Office Staff Support: Office work, answer phones, greet visitors and help out wherever needed. Depending on the need, availability and skills, volunteers will be used accordingly. Contact Nancy Hara, Office Manager in the OCBC Office.
3) Computer Work: help by maintaining records for membership, funerals registry, bookkeeping and transcribing documents into electronic records. Work can be done periodically once trained. Contact Nancy Hara, Office Manager in the OCBC Office.

Gassho,
Alan Endo
First Vice-President, Administrative Vice-President

Dharma School News

Ti-Sarana Rites
After 4 weeks of preparation and classroom lessons with Rev. Turner, 12 students participated in the Ti Sarana Rites during the Eitaikyo Service on November 15. Each student received an okesa and a certificate of participation from BCA signed by the Bishop and Rev. Harada.
Congratulations to the following students and parents: Dylan Nishi, Jessica Fukui, Scott Hayashida, Kyle Ho, Alex Konishi, Austen Lock, Haylee Marsh, Zachary Mauldin, Matthew Nakagawa, Melody Nishi, Sydney Osako, and Kayden Wada

All Life Forms Memorial Service
On Nov. 22, OCBC observed the annual All Life Forms Memorial Service. Special thanks to Cheryl Higashi for compiling the list of the OCBC pets who have passed away since last November.

Upcoming Events
Oseibo Taikai
Date: Dec. 13, 2015
Please visit the Dharma School class displays after service in the social hall.
Note to students: attendance will be taken.

Ho-onko Service
Date: January 10, 2016
Please make sure students sign the attendance sheets. Students who attend this service will receive attendance credit.

D.S. Class Schedule
D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: December 6, January 3, 17, 24, and 31.
Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 a.m.

Gassho,
Tracy Yamashita-Perry

Old Ranch Country Club
Reservation form in November and December Korin.
REPLY BY SATURDAY DECEMBER 20, 2015

SHINNEN ENKAI
NEW YEAR'S LUNCH PARTY

January 9th, 2016
11:30 – 12:00 Registration & Socialize
12:00 – 12:30 General Meeting
12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
1:30 – 3:00 Entertainment

Old Ranch Country Club

Dharma School Scrip Program

OCBC Scrip make great Oseibo and teacher thank you gifts!

Buy scrip to your favorite grocery stores, gas stations, department stores, restaurants, fast food eateries, movie theaters and other favorites places to shop such as Starbucks, REI and Amazon.
COME TO THE…
OCBC DHARMA SCHOOL

OSEIBO TAIKAI

OSEIBO means “end-of-the-year” and TAIKAI means display or demonstration. This is a period where we often show our appreciation and gratitude for many kind treatments done throughout the year and to present the students’ work.

Where: OCBC SOCIAL HALL
When: DECEMBER 13, 2015
Time: 10:45AM – 1:00PM
(Light SNACKS (no lunch))

Project Kokoro News

Getty Center  Feb 4
A fun Senior trip has been set for Los Angeles to visit The Getty Center, one of the world’s largest arts organizations and Skirball Cultural Center, an educational institution open to the public since 1996. Please see the flyer for details and reservations.

New Year Luncheon  March 20
Save the date for our annual New Year’s Luncheon and watch for the flyer next month with reservation information and entertainment details.

Appreciation
Donations help fund our current and future programs. We wish to express our appreciation for the generosity of our supporters.

Next Meeting  Jan 13
Come to our next monthly meeting to find out what new events are being planned and learn how you can have fun and get involved! Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month @ 7pm in the Senior Room. Hope to see you there. If you have questions please contact President Phyllis Uyemura: phyllis.uyemura@gmail.com

In Gassho,
Neddie Bokosky
ABA

The BOD has as many members as ABA, one is increasing and the other is decreasing. What would happen if ABA disappears, gone, pau, kaput? Would the dynamics of the temple change? Chicken teriyaki, Hanamatsuri and Obon workers lunch, Gotane and Fall Higan luncheons, will have to be replaced by someone or another organization. Would BWA, Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Jr YBA, Sports, BOD, be willing to step up to the plate? Think about it, in five years many ABA members will be in their 70’s and some in the 80’s. Remember MONSHINKO.

ABA ELECTION: NOVEMBER 1, 2015
The following thoughtful members were elected as officers:
- PRESIDENT - Margie Mio
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Joan Tani
- RECORDING SECRETARY - Joyce Kato
- TREASURER - Kay Mitchell
- ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSONS - Sue Endo, Karen Kino, Chieko Miyake
- RELIGIOUS CHAIRPERSON - Richard Kuramoto
- AUDITOR - Art Mio
- PUBLICITY/HISTORIAN - Ron Suzuki
- MEMBERSHIP - Edie Gulrich

These dedicated members will serve on the 2016 ABA cabinet. Installation will take place in early January 2016 under the guidance of our advisor, Rev Bill Dearth.

CHURCH CLEANUP: NOVEMBER 7, 2015
ABA was responsible to work on the yards of the two rental properties. A group of hard working members did a tremendous task of weeding, cutting, trimming away a lot of shrubs, tree branches, vines, and weeds. Again, this is “thoughtfulness in action.”

ABA HIGHLIGHTS
April 1968: Happi coat designed by Tak Kosakura
October 1968: Sponsored Halloween Party

DAIKON NO HANA: We each live a life that no one can live for us.

INTERESTED THOUGHTFUL ACTION PERSONS
Information and questions concerning ABA, contact Margie Mio: margiemyuki@gmail.com

With gratitude,
Ron Suzuki

Daion Taiko

Arigato Gozaimasu to everyone that was able to help out with our annual cleanup! It’s always a lot of dirty work and hard on your knees, but the stage always looks remarkably better. The before and after is always amazing.

We have kicked off this year’s Beginner’s Workshop and have 14 brave new students. We’re looking forward to see how they grow.

The end of the year is approaching quickly and we only have a couple more practices left. Please be sure to make them. This new season is moving quickly.

Upcoming Events
Last practice of 2015 – 12/13/15

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami

Dharma Wheel Club

In October, Dharma Wheel Club along with the Sangha Teens, Jr. YBA, parents and friends threw another successful OCBC Costume party. Everyone enjoyed tacos, spooky desserts and many sweets! The games, entertainment and prizes made for a fun and exciting evening. Many thanks to everyone who support us every year with the party.

Dharma Wheel members helped decorate panels for a boat participating in the Marina Del Rey Holiday Boat Parade. Working alongside Sangha Teen members and with guidance from Joyce Yada, the holiday themed artwork turned out great!

We want to thank everyone for their support this past year and wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

In Gassho,
Carol, Irene and Megumi
Dharma Wheel Club coordinators
Jr. YBA

For the end of the 2014-2015 year, we attended the Southern District Conference hosted by the Gardena Buddhist Temple. The theme was “Rise and Shine”, and we discussed many Buddhist teachings like perseverance. We stayed at the Miyako Hybrid Hotel, and the new Southern District Cabinet was installed. Thank you to Gardena for hosting and putting on a great conference!

To kick off the 2015-2016 year, we held our OC Jam on October 10th. For our service project, we made blankets to donate to the Linus Project, and for dinner, we made empanadas, homemade salsa, and lots of dessert! We also installed our cabinet for 2016. Also, our members Gianna, Logan, and Kevin H., and Gregory T. went to Southern District Religious Retreat. They learned about the meaning of the words Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha and how we can use them in everyday life. On November 21st, we attended Southern District Jam. We went bowling at Shatto 39 Lanes in downtown Los Angeles. After, we went to the Nishi Hongwanji Temple, ate a delicious dinner, and played games. In October and November, we held our recycling events, and we participated in Church Clean-up. We appreciate everyone who helped!

Currently, we are holding our annual See’s Candy fundraiser. Boxes can be ordered from any Jr. YBA member or in front of the Hondo. Pick up is on December 6th. Upcoming, OCBC will be participating in Mochitsuki to help B.W.A. We are also planning Seminar 1 on January 23rd and our theme will be “Buddhism in the Bathroom.” We will be discussing passages like “The Container and the Contents” and “A Truckload of Dung.” On February 7th, we will be hosting the Kyoto High School girls. We do fun activities and eat lunch with them.

Thank you for all your support and we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

In gassho,
Jamie Hayakawa
Jr. YBA Publicity Chair

In Memoriam

The Orange County Buddhist Church wishes to express its deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of the late:

Kokona Ando
Miyo Hora
Jack Kusuda Sr.
Dorothy “Dottie” Yamamoto

May the family members find solace and comfort in the infinite compassion of Amida Buddha

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

November

7 Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
Jack Kusuda Sr. Funeral Service
10 Dorothy "Dottie" Yamamoto Funeral Service
13 Toshiki Takata Family Memorial Service
15 Alvin Shibata and Kango and Yoshiye Naito Memorial Service
16 Kokono Ando Makuragyo Service
17 Kokono Ando Funeral Service
18 Kokono Ando Cremation Service
21 Miyo Hora Funeral Service
22 Hatsuye Honda 17 Year Memorial Service
Ikuko Kurosu 1 Year Memorial Service
28 George Hirokawa 3 Year Memorial Service
Dear Members and Friends:

We will be observing Shinran Shonin's Memorial Services (Ho-onko) on **Sunday, January 10, 2016**. Our guest speaker for English will be Rev. Jerry Hirano, minister of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. Our guest speaker for Japanese will be Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi, minister of the West Covina Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple.

10:00 AM – Family Service
Japanese message in the Mini-chapel by Rev. Miyoshi following opening service.

Installation of the 2015 OCBC Cabinet Officers will be conducted after the services in the Hondo. Cub Scouts will be sponsoring a luncheon following services in the Social Hall.

We again solicit your contributions and support with the envelope enclosed in this Korin edition.

In Gassho,
Orange County Buddhist Church

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オレンジ郡仏教会 2016年 報恩講法要のお知らせ

来年2016年の報恩講法要は1月10日（日曜）午前10時から行われます。
ご講師は以下の通りです。

♦ 日本語のご講師：見義 信香 師（東本願寺 ウエスト・コビナ寺院）
（日本語のご法話は講堂・ミニ・チャペルで行われます。）
♦ 英語のご講師 ：ジェリー 平野 師（ソルトレイク仏教会）

法要後には当仏教会の2016年度の役員就任式があり、またカブ・スカウトによるランチがございますので、どうぞご参加くださいませ。

ニュースレター『光輪』にてご懇志の案内をしておりますので、どうぞよろしくお願い申し上げます。

合掌
オレンジ郡仏教会
OCBC’s Costume Party
PRELIMINARY

DENTO HOKOKU HOYO

第 25 代専如門主伝灯奉告法要

The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition

A series of services will be held between October 2016 and May 2017 at the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto to officially recognize that the tradition of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching of Shinran Shonin has been transmitted to the 25th Sennyo Gomonshu, and to express the wish that the teaching of the Onembutsu will continue to spread throughout the world.

The following two dates have been designated for the Overseas Districts (BCA, Canada, and Hawaii):

「伝灯奉告法要」への北米、ハワイ、カナダの3開教区の参謁日

2016 Fall : OCTOBER 21, 2016 (Openings for 200 BCA participants)
2017 Spring: MARCH 31, 2017 (Openings for 200 BCA participants)

**English translation will be provided during those two services.

***A Special joint event with BCA and Canada to promote bonding among the Sangha members is also being planned.

In conjunction with the Accession Ceremony, 7-8 days of sightseeing, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment is being planned. Details are forthcoming!

伝灯奉告法要を記念して、OCBC では7～8 日間の素敵な日本ツアーや計画いたします。詳細については追ってご連絡いたします。

Surrounded by beautiful autumn colors or the pink of sakura blooms of spring, join the BCA sangha for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Contact: Rev. Mutsumi Wondra, OCBC
OCBC phone: 714-827-9590
wondramutsumi@yahoo.com
Ministerial Scholarship

By the time you read this article, the Thanksgiving holiday will have already passed. As we reflect upon the true meaning of the Thanksgiving holiday, we cannot help but feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude to so many of our Sangha members for their continued support and generosity. Thank you so much.

The Ministerial Scholarship Committee acknowledges the following Sangha members for their generous donations to the Scholarship Fund. Please note that any donations received subsequent to November 22, 2015 will be acknowledged in the next issue of the Korin.

Donations received from October 18, 2015 through October 25, 2015:
Paul & Joyce Fujita                 Tsutomu & Miyoko Hirayama
Annie Hirokawa                      Tomi & Norio Iwata
Masao & Joyce Kimura                Noel & Judy Kurai
Roy & Masako Matsuo                 Mutsuko K. Miyakawa
Maurice & Carrie Nakagawa           John & Mary Sunada
Kent & Nancy Suzuki                 Ron & Kyoko Suzuki

Donations received from October 26, 2015 through November 22, 2015:
Margaret Abo                        Jiro Aratani
Michael & Neddie Bokosky           April Choi
Jeff & Namy Folick                  Janet Fujii
Paul & Miyuki Fujimoto              Larry & Kimiko Fukimoto
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Dennis & Shoko Tsujimoto           Kinuko Uijhara
Stanley & Laura Yamamoto           Yoko Yamashita
Eizo Yasuda

Total donations received through November 22, 2015: $8,720.00

Again, thank you all for your generous donations. Because of your donations, we have been able to fully fund Ministerial Candidate Ellen Crane’s tuition for her fall semester. In addition, we will be providing support to Mutsumi Sensei for her travel to Japan to renew her annual status as a fellow researcher at the Ryukoku University Graduate School in Kyoto. This is all made possible because of you. We are about a month and a half into our campaign and already we have received such an outpouring of support.

Wow…$8,720 is simply AMAZING!

Gassho,
Carrie Nakagawa

OCBC 50th Anniversary Coin Drive

As we enter the season of giving we are pleased to report that after five years of generous donations we have exceeded our goal of $25,000 just in time for the 50th Anniversary! We rang in the Golden Anniversary with a total of $25,175.21. Stay tuned for updates on the 2016 Coin Drive. In the meantime, please spend some time this holiday season digging in the seat cushions to find those coins!

Austen Lock                     Chandler Takeuchi
Ellie Lock                      Phyllis Uyemura
Grant Lock                     Richard & Janet Uyeno
Wayne & Irene Koga

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Orei to the Church
Ando, Kurumi                         Girl Scout Troop 855 (2)
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Mauldin, Jon /Janis                 Nishi, Susan S.
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Obon Service Donation Add’t!
Nitta, Akio
The Dream Shall Never Die

Fifty years ago Rev Tomoji Hirata and the Sangha completed a dream of building a beautiful temple campus consisting of the Hondo, the classroom building and the original social hall. They wanted a place where the Sangha of Orange County could listen to the Dharma.

For Orange County Buddhist Church’s 50th Anniversary Project, the theme has been “Building Upon A Dream” and for Phase 1, the Sangha did indeed build upon the dream with a new social hall.

Phase 2 is the expansion of the Hondo and a new courtyard and the theme is now “Completing the Dream.”

However, the strength of OCBC is not how large our campus is or how beautiful or new our buildings are. The strength of OCBC is the Sangha, each and every member, who listens to the Dharma, who generously donates money and who works countless hours at the festivals and other fund raising events.

Because of the Sangha, OCBC will always be a wonderful temple for listening to the Nembutsu and to borrow a phrase from Ted Kennedy, “The Dream Shall Never Die.”

OCBC gratefully acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between October 24, 2015 and November 27, 2015.

Family and Individual Donations (new and repeat): (Coin donor names reported separately)

OCBC General Fund
The Bandai Foundation
Mike & Lynn Black
Rev. & Mrs. John Doami
Annie Hirokawa
Jon & Jodi Hisamoto
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Wayne & Irene Koga Family
Richard & Charlene Kuramoto
In honor of Mark, Brittany & Blake Kuramoto
Art & Margie Mio

Jim & Joni Nakaso
Steve & Linda Nakauchi
Masako Sawada
Terry Takeda & Patti Hirahara
Mitzie Tanizawa
Family/Individual Donations this period: $31,180.00
Total Family/Indv’l Donations to Date: $3,567,384.00

Family and Individual Pledges (new and add’l)
Paul & Joyce Fujita
Fred & Jill Katsuda
Don & Setsuko Miyada
Karen & Howard Nakagiri
Ken, Kathleen, & Bradley Nishida
Dan, Jan, Taryn & Noelle Shoda
John, Mary, James, & David Sunada
Kent & Nancy Suzuki
Rev. Jon & Linda Turner
Family and Individual Pledges (new and add’l) this period: $106,000.00
Total Pledges (collected & uncollected) to Date: $3,742,350.00

OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges (new and repeat) this period:
Girl Scout Troop 881 $450.00
OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges to Date: $1,003,884.00

Total Pledges and Donations: $8,338,615.00
(includes coin collections)

Total Donations and Pledge Payments Collected to date: $8,032,720.00
Phase 2 Goal $4,000,000.00
Additional donations required $908,900.00

In Gassho,
Howard Nakagiri, Project Manager
Bill Sakahara, Project Treasurer
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浄土真宗の教え（三の三）

十一月号

生懸に、にいの方々れ、苦とて強方教行のワイんイ善導師は大変でまおば良のです。

その善導大師さまが、「深心」というのは、深く信じる心です。それは二種あるます。

「法の深信」は、私たちが阿弥陀さまの願い（お誓いの力）を深く知ることを意味し、「機の深信」は、阿弥陀さまの教えはたらきを受けた私たちの本来のものを知ることをいいます。

私たちには、迷いの世界から出ることであるのでしょうか？なかなか、自分ひとりの力では、迷いの世界から出ることでできるのではありません。

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このままがうれしゅて、あたまがさがる。

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将自己的界限知道的事情（法的信念）和阿弥陀佛的教导（法的信念）是不同的，而是两者的表里一体的事物。
今後のBEC土曜真宗日本語
講座のお知らせ

講座のお知らせ

日時：1月31日(木) 午前7時〜12時

場所：BEC教室 二階

内容：
・ 除夜会法要
・ 火事の念仏

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宗祖親鸞聖人御正念

『報恩講』法要のご案内

毎年行なわれます仏教新年会並びに米国仏教団各お寺で、浄土真宗開祖親鸞聖人のご命日法要として報恩講が催されます。

皆様お誘い合わせてご参加下さいませ。

場所：Old Keio Country Club
住所：3801 Lampson Avenue, Seal Beach

1月10日（日） 午前11時30分より

* 内陣・講堂のお祝いも無事終わりました。
* 1月25日にあった弁当セールは完売となりました。
* 法要後は、ソーシャルホールにてラウンチとなりました。

次回のBWAミーティングは、来年1月10日、報恩講法要の前に講堂にて、十二時三十分から行います。新しくメンバーや方々を歓迎します。
* お食事のご注文は、12月6日までに、お願いします。詳細は先月の『光輪』を参照ください。

通告

婦人会だより

総会

レストラン

『セニア』ランチ

1月9日（月）に催されたセニアランチで、151名が出席され、左記の方々のお誕生日をお祝いしました。（敬称略）

次回のセニアランチは、1月21日（木）午前11時30分よりソーシャルホールにて行われます。お仲間と楽しい時間をお過ごしくださいませ。

* 金一郎寄付者名前です。（敬称略）
* 会長の寄付者名前です。（敬称略）

通告

婦人会についてのご質問がありますら、お気軽にどうぞ。

電話番号：0714-9682649

岩政エイミ会长にご連絡下さい。

花・中村リウィ

会長：中村クリス

* ご質問は、婦人会関係のご質問があったら、総会に提出して頂くことになります。

Humble ruined to...
「寄付

OCBC Dharma Wheel Club

11月26日（11月28日までに
御寄付冊子がありました）

11月祥月法要

11月7日に御寄付いただきました方々のお名前は、
英語欄のページをご覧ください

仏道入門式

11月15日に御寄付いただきました方々のお名前は、
仏道入門式にご寄付いただきました方々のお名前

仏教会に特別

105ドル

仏教会にお礼

5, 200ドル

OCBC BSA Pack 578
OCBC Dharma Wheel Club

仏教会

合計

5, 495ドル

仏教会

2, 013ドル

南無阿弥陀仏
WELCOME TO THE BEC’S
BOOK CLUB

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015
4:00 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
THE HOLIDAY PARTY
By Ellen Crane

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016
7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
AWARENESS OF SELF
By Gyodo Haguri

TIME: 7:30 – 9:00pm
PLACE: Social Hall Level 3
For more information please call: 714-827-9590
Books are for sale at OCBC

Buddhist Education Center
Orange County Buddhist Church 909 South Dale Ave. Anaheim, CA 92804

Beginners Tai Chi-Longevity Stick

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the MPB.

Games, Games, Games

Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Mahjong, Shanghai Rummy, Hanafuda, blackjack
and board games like chess, checkers, Scrabble, Monopoly, etc.

If you are interested in joining the Social Welfare/Dana Program you can
contact Linda Ishibashi (562) 860-5993 or email ami_2@verizon.net.
2016 OCBC ALL SANGHA GENERAL MEETING
(SHINNEN ENKAI - NEW YEAR’S LUNCH PARTY)

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016
TIME: 11:30 – 12:00    Registration & Socialize
12:00 – 12:30    General Meeting
12:30 – 1:30    Lunch
1:30 – 3:00    Entertainment

PLACE: Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Avenue
Seal Beach, CA

DEADLINE: PLEASE REPLY BY SATURDAY DECEMBER 20, 2015, BUT NO LATER THAN SUNDAY JANUARY 3, 2016

ENTRÉE: Choice of:
Asparagus Ravioli (Roasted Vegetables, Pesto Sauce, Balsamic Syrup)
Atlantic Salmon (Orange Zest Basil Honey Butter)
Tri-tip Beef (Caramelized Onion Demi Sauce)
Entrée includes salad, vegetables, and dessert
Choice of beverage (coffee, tea, iced tea)

The General Meeting and New Year’s celebration is an opportunity for the entire Sangha to gather and participate in our annual General Meeting. After lunch there will be entertainment and time to socialize. Come join the good people of the Sangha for good food and good fun.

Please clip and return, or mail the completed section below, with check payable to: OCBC, 909 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim, 92804, or call the office at 714-827-9590.

We are planning to attend the 2015 Shinnen Enkai

NAME: ____________________________

NAME: ____________________________

Select Entrée:

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Note: We would be interested in free OCBC Baby-sitting at Old Ranch for ______ child(ren)

Our children’s names and ages are (use the back of this page for additional children):

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Age: _______ Meal (Pizza or Chicken) ______

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Emergency Contact (cell phone #) ___________________
Classes on **BUDDHISM** WINTER 2016

**Buddhism and Economics** – Rev. Patti Usuki
Saturday morning, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. February 20
How do we reconcile the current economic paradigm with our lives as Shin Buddhists?
Rev. Usuki will explore how Buddhism can address these types of practical concerns in our everyday lives.
**Seminar**: Registration: $20
**Location**: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

**A Survey of Buddhism** – Rev. Jon Turner
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9
This course will survey Buddhism from both a historical and geographical perspective, from the ancient rivers of India to the busy streets of Los Angeles, through texts and practices.
**Six week class. Registration**: $50
**Location**: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

**Lectures on the Shoshinge** – Rev. Marvin Harada
Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
January 6, 20, February 3, 17, March 9, 16
Shinran’s verses as part of everyday life when explained through the words of Rev. Haya Akegarasu.
**Six week class. Registration**: $50
**Location**: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

**Lectures on the Larger Sutra** –
Rev. Marvin Harada
Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
January 7, 21, February 4, 11, March 10
The Larger Sutra teaches the story of Buddha’s vows can be realized in our life here and now.
**Seven week class. Registration**: $50
**Location**: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

**Course Taught in Japanese** –
Rev. Mutsumi Wondra
Saturday mornings, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27
宗祖親鸞聖人のご著書である「浄土和讃」、「高僧和讃」、「正像未和讃」（まとめて「三経和讃」と呼ぶ）をひとつのと丁寧に読みながら、難解な文脈・仏教用語を逐次しつつ、皆さまとともに一緒にご和讃を味わいます。和讃は漢文で書かれた「教行信証」に対して、らしい交じりで書かれ、「和（や）らげぼし」とも言えます。京都本山では「正信権」のように順番に毎朝称えられています。
**Six week class. Registration**: $50
**Location**: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

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You are not required to attend every class session. Please come to as many as you can.

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**Registration Form** *(Please Print)*

Name(s):

Address:

City / State / Zip:

Phone: ( ) Email:

Please check the class(es) desired:

- [ ] Buddhism and Economics ($20) $____
- [ ] Introduction Class ($50) $____
- [ ] Lectures on the Shoshinge ($50) $____
- [ ] Lectures on the Larger Sutra ($50) $____
- [ ] Courses Taught in Japanese ($50) $____

Total $____

Late registrants may pay $10 per remaining classes.
Project Kokoro presents

The Getty Center and Skirball Cultural Center

Thursday, February 4, 2016 • $10 per person, OCBC member
$15 per person, non-member

What better way to start the day visiting The Getty Center at the
top of Los Angeles. See spectacular art, dramatic architecture,
beautiful gardens, terraces and unexpected views of the historic
Sepulveda Pass. There are 2 special exhibitions being shown. The
Younger Generation: Contemporary Japanese Photography
showcases young female photographers in Japan making
provocative self-portraits and intimate images of domestic
scenes. These women continue in the tradition of such pioneers
as Ishiuchi Miyako, whose work appears in the companion
exhibition Ishiuchi Miyako: Postwar Shadows. This exhibition
is the first in the U.S. to survey Ishiuchi’s prolific career and will
include photographs, books and objects from her personal
archive. At 11:30 a.m. have lunch on your own at The Getty
Center Cafe.

Next stop down the road is Skirball Cultural Center. Skirball is
an education institution devoted to sustaining Jewish heritage
and American democratic ideals. We will be taking a special
private tour of Manzanar: The Wartime Photographs of Ansel
Adams. This exhibition features photographs by Adams of the
Japanese-American incarceration camp in Manzanar, California,
during World War II. Also, across the way is another exhibition
Citizen 13660: The Art of Miné Okubo. This exhibit presents a
selection of archival material and rare original artwork by

California-born artist Miné Okubo (1912–2001). In an effort to
document the injustices of the camps, Okubo created nearly 200
pen and ink drawings capturing her everyday life and struggles.
These special exhibitions are not to be missed!

Lunch – On your own at The Getty Center Cafe.

Price – $10 per person. Includes bus, guided tour and
bus gratuity. $15 per person for non-members.
Subsidized in part by Project Kokoro.

Check-in – 8:30 a.m. OCBC parking lot.
Departure – 9:00 a.m.

Return – Approximately 5:00 p.m.

RSVP – Please mail form below along with payment to
confirm your reservation.

Deadline: January 21, 2016

Cancellations – Only if a replacement is found.
Contact Emi Ochi (562) 924-4169

The Getty Center and Skirball Cultural Center

Thursday, February 4, 2016

Please complete, detach and mail back with your check

Name(s): ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Emergency Contact: ___________________________________________________

Emergency Contact (Other than Spouse): ____________________________

Number of Reservations ________ x $10 = $ __________ OCBC members

Number of Reservations ________ x $15 = $ __________ non-members

Check # __________

Make checks payable to: PROJECT KOKORO

Mail to:
Emi Ochi
11602 Jerry St.
Cerritos, CA 90703
OCBC thanks you so much for your generous donation.

Print Name:__________________________________________

Address:_____________________________________________________________________________________

City / State / Zip:____________________________________________________________________________

We will help complete the OCBC 50th Anniversary Fundraising Project with a

☐ Donation or  ☐ Pledge of:

☐ $25,000 or greater  ☐ $10,000  ☐ $5,000  ☐ $2,500  ☐ $1,000

☐ Other $____________

Special instructions for donation (if desired):_______________________________________________________

Note: All donations, including those for Phase 1, are cumulative and total donations of $5,000 or more
will be acknowledged on the Social Hall Bodhi Tree.

Pledge Only

Our pledge for the amount of $____________ will be for:

☐ 1 Year  ☐ 2 Years  ☐ 3 Years

Our preferred payment schedule:

☐ Monthly  ☐ Quarterly  ☐ Semi-Annually  ☐ Annually

Payment Preference

☐ Check payable to OCBC

Credit Card  ☐ VISA  ☐ MasterCard

Credit Card Number __________ - __________ - __________ - __________

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Print Name:__________________________________________ Home Zip Code:________________________

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