In Memoriam, Jim Motokane

Recently we lost one of our long-time dedicated members, Jim Motokane. Jim was one of our past presidents and had given so much of his time and life to OCBC over the years. He passed away at the age of 90.

I am deeply indebted to Jim for how he helped me in my years of ministry, especially in my earlier years. When I first started at OCBC, I was the first full-time English-speaking minister. OCBC and our operation were quite a bit smaller in those days. We didn’t even have a secretary. Basically, I was the secretary and also full-time minister. I had to answer the phone, talk to the drop-in visitors to the office, open up for deliveries like for Obon and Hanamatsuri, and things like that.

It was impossible to cover the office all day long, especially if there was a funeral or cemetery service off site. Jim had taken an early retirement from Hughes Aircraft, where he was an engineer. He came to OCBC everyday. He would just do whatever needed to be done. Sometimes he would fix things, or change light bulbs, or water plants, or do whatever.

Whenever I had to go out, like to a Southern District Ministers meeting, or to do a cemetery service or something like that, Jim would watch the office for me. He answered the phone and did everything. Sometimes he even answered questions about Buddhism from students, but usually he told them to call me back. Quite often he took phone calls of a member whose loved one passed away, or he would take messages of families requesting to schedule a memorial service. He was like our full-time volunteer office person.

In time, the office became computerized, and checks had to be input into the computer. Jim learned how to do those things and would process the many checks after a special service or just regular donations. Jim then became one of the treasurers, who wrote checks to pay our temple bills or suppliers for the festivals. Many times Jim would catch a mistake or discrepancy that saved OCBC a lot of money where we were mistakenly overcharged for something.

In those days, I probably spent more time each day with Jim than I did with my wife, Gail. We would sit in the office and talk about all kinds of things, like our love for Vegas, and where to eat or what machines to play there. We talked about his youth or his family, or current events. Many times we went to lunch at the former Tabiji restaurant that was across Ball Road at Dale. They had the best nabeyaki udon, and that is what we both ordered every time.

Jim also took up golf in his retirement, and golfed regularly with his OCBC senior friends. I joined them in golf on numerous occasions. They liked to start early, at the crack of dawn.

One of their regular courses was the Fullerton golf course. It had a creek along many of the holes on the course, and you could find a lot of golf balls in the creek area. Jim loved to look for golf balls as he played. I kind of think that he liked that even better than golfing. Maybe it was like hunting for mushrooms or something like that to him. He found buckets and buckets of golf balls on his many golf outings.

At our festivals, Jim was one of the guys that everyone turned to when something broke down. Jim, the rice cooker doesn’t work! Jim, the gas burner doesn’t work! Jim, the faucet is leaking! On and on and on, Jim fixed whatever needed to be fixed. He was the first one here to open up for the sushi ladies at 6:00 a.m., and he was the last one to leave, after the cleanup, which often took till midnight in those days.

Jim was not a complainer. He was a doer. He just did what needed to be done. He even cleaned the bathrooms when that was needed, even though we had a custodian that did that.

I can recall conversations with younger guys (actually my age, so maybe not so young), about what they wanted to do someday when they retired from their work and careers. I remember several guys mentioning to me, “When I retire, I want to be a Jim Motokane. Just come to OCBC and hang out and do odd jobs.”

Jim probably put in over twenty years as a “volunteer” secretary for OCBC. After we got secretaries, he was still a volunteer, but he was able to go back to his repairing and doing odd jobs at OCBC.

For those of you who are newer to OCBC, you probably don’t know Jim. Over the past recent years he has been caring for his wife, Jeanne, and he has also had his own health issues as well.

Every member of our Sangha is unique and special in his or her own way. Jim was one of those guys that just worked so hard, never seeking recognition or acknowledgement. I think it was a joy for him to come to OCBC and help out. I understand that he had expressed to his family that he really missed coming.

It was Jim’s request to have a private, family-only funeral service. Maybe that too was a reflection of his humble character. I know the hondo would have been packed had we had a funeral for him.

I can’t thank Jim in person. I can’t pay him back for the many things he did for me or for OCBC. The only thing I can do is quietly say, “Namuamidabutsu,” in deep gratitude, in deep reverence for a most dedicated member. Thank you, Jim, on behalf of not only me, but our entire Sangha.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
**In Memoriam, Norman Nishioka**

This past month we lost two long-time dedicated members and past presidents, Jim Motokane and Norman Nishioka. The two of them were the best of friends. In this article I would like to pay tribute to Norman Nishioka.

Norman was another of those dedicated members who used to amaze me by how hard he could work. He was also amazing because he was the epitome of a “handy man,” who could fix or work on anything. His specialty was electrical, and he used to take care of all of our electrical issues, like our lighting and wiring for the festivals. But Norman could do more than electrical. He was good at carpentry, plumbing, mechanical, computers, just about anything that you could imagine.

Norman was the first one to teach me how to use a computer when I first started at OCBC. Since he lived close to OCBC, if anything broke down, Norman was the first person we called. In the two OCBC residences I have lived in, I don’t know how many times Norman has fixed something at our house. They worked every day on the house, some days 9 or 10 hours. OCBC saved a ton of money having guys like Norman do the work.

I could see though, that Norman loved those projects. Maybe after retiring as an engineer, he missed working on “projects.” He took on many “projects” for OCBC in his retirement.

For Norman’s funeral, I composed a Buddhist name, or Homyo for him. His Buddhist name is pronounced, SHIN-SEN, and it consists of the following two Chinese characters進先. The first character SHIN 進, means “to move forward, to advance, to proceed,” and it is the character for Norman’s Japanese name, which is Susumu. The second character, SEN 先, means “prior, before.” It is the character that is used in the word “Sensei 先生” (prior-to live) in Japanese. Here, “Sensei,” which means “teacher,” refers to someone who lives “prior” or before you, which means they have the life experience to teach and guide others. For Norman’s Buddhist name, I combined the character of his Japanese name, Susumu 進 with the first character for teacher, or “Sensei.” I have translated it as “One who leads before us.”

We have a lot of hard workers at OCBC. I think that our present generation of active and hard-working members are that way because of the example they have seen from members like Norman Nishioka. That is why Norman is one who “leads,” mainly by example.

I can recall that years ago, when we had our festivals, we cleaned up everything and then there was a delicious late meal of leftovers for the workers. Everyone sort of “hung around the social hall,” waiting for the ok to start eating. Finally, when the festival chairperson said, “Okay, we finished eating. Go ahead and eat,” everyone jumped in to get food. We would be sitting around eating and talking and relaxing after a long, hard weekend of work at the festival. Inevitably, I would see Norman still outside, putting things away that others had left behind, or doing the tasks that no one knew needed to be done at cleanup.

Finally, after many had finished eating, in Norman would come, literally the last one working. I don’t know how many times I saw that scene.

True leadership is by example, more than by words. Norman was the epitome of the example of being a dedicated, hard-working member. He learned it from previous, dedicated hard-working members, and he has passed on that dedicated spirit through his example, like a baton in a relay race.

Norman is now one who “leads before us” as he enters the world of Nirvana, the world of enlightenment, the Pure Land.

Our life is short and fleeting and even 80 or 90 years goes by in a flash, but during the years of life that we are given, if we can do something for others, for one’s church or temple, for one’s community, for one’s Sangha, then when our life comes to an end, there is nothing to regret. As they say in sports, “Leave it all out there on the court or the field.” We give 110% of our being, even to the point of exhaustion, and when it is all over, there is nothing to regret, nothing left undone. We have done all that we could do, and maybe even more.

The example of dedicated members like Norman Nishioka never fades away. It has already been imparted to the next generation, and it will be passed on by them to others in the same manner.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
You've Got a Friend

You will often hear two phrases at a Jodo Shinshu Temple. The first is Self-Power and the second is Other-Power. These are the English translations for the Japanese terms JI-RIKI (自力) and TA-RIKI (他力). The character RIKI (力), shared by both, is a common kanji character that means “power.” I see it often tattooed on the shoulders of athletes. The other two kanji characters are also common. JI (自) means “self” and TA (他) means “other.” These are Chinese compounds that have very specific and nuanced meanings. But they have both been split in two and translated in pieces.

For example, a “bookend” is a compound of two words but it does not mean the “end of a book.” It would be very odd to put the last pages of *Moby Dick* and *The Great Gatsby* on your mantle. But I am afraid that is what we do with these two terms. Whenever I heard Self-Power I always thought of “making an effort” or “trying hard” and Other-Power sounded like “Higher Power”. In fact, these two actually refer to neither of those. Both describe a way of thinking rather than a way of doing.

Self-Power refers to a calculation concerning return on investment. It is a contrivance. For example, following rules in order to make oneself more worthy or pure would be a Self-Power practice. But that same activity would be an Other-Power practice if done effortlessly. Or as something that just becomes a habit for you – merely a natural expression of your Buddhist awareness that has developed over time as you have listened to the Dharma and your appreciation for the teachings have deepened.

In either case, effort is not the issue. It is the motivation behind your actions. However, often times Other-Power activities do feel like they are coming from outside yourself. But that should not be mistaken for an external source. For example, whenever I realize something new about Buddhism, it does feel like it came to me from the outside but that is because it is due to insight not calculation. I didn’t figure it out; it just came to me.

For example, yesterday I moved the Three Pure Land sutras off the altar so I could place the ashes of a dog named Bandit who had just died. It was his memorial service. In that moment I realized that Bandit was now in fact the teachings for his owner. We do this for all funerals and memorial services. I didn’t figure this out. You could say I realized this late. But realizing it late is much more authentic than figuring it out early.

I just read a wonderful example of how meaningful things just come to us. There is a new musical out based upon the musical catalog of Carole King called *Beautiful*. She began writing music professionally at 18. Her early compositions were recorded by others. But with the advent of the Beatles and the singer songwriter, Carole King began to write and record for herself. In doing so she produced one of the greatest albums of our time. In the early 1970’s, she released the solo album *Tapestry*. In fact, one of the songs on that album is the first song I ever danced to in public with a “real” girl. I was in the sixth grade, at my first dance and the song was *I Feel the Earth Move*.

While King was composing and recording this album, she heard the latest song by her dear friend James Taylor. It was *Fire and Rain* and the lyrics that touched her were:

I've seen fire and I've seen rain
I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end
I've seen lonely times when I could not find a friend,
But I always thought that I'd see you again

In response to the line “I could not find a friend,” King wrote the anthem *You've Got A Friend*:

Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
You've got a friend

Later, King would say that

"the song was as close to pure inspiration as I've ever experienced. The song wrote itself. It was written by something outside myself, through me."

Of course, Carole King wrote the song but it felt as if it had come to her from outside herself. After decades of practice and forcing oneself to write songs and trying to find the recipe for the perfect song, King was able to create art by merely allowing it to gush out from her. It was both effortless and as if external. She had finally trusted the process. She now thought as a musician, merely expressing her feelings directly through melodies and lyrics. From the outside, it looks the same. She is just writing down notes on sheet music. But it is much different. As different as Self-Power is from Other-Power. Both require great effort but the activity is qualitatively different.

In gassho,
Rev. Jon Turner

Buddhist Education Center
Information regarding the schedule of classes offered by the Buddhist Education Center can be found in a previous edition of the Korin or at:

http://www.ocbuddhist.org/buddhist
OCBC/BEC Online School:
https://ocbc-bec.teachable.com/
SHIKATA GA NAI - A SIMPLE APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING BUDDHISM

Shikata Ga Nai (or sometimes Shoganai) means it is beyond my control, so it cannot be helped, it is what it is - we do not always have control over situations and discomforts in our lives...or using a single word contemporary definition - "Whatever".

Recalling my childhood days growing up as "one local kid" in Hawaii, although we did not know the Shikata Ga Nai term, we used combinations of words like...

"IF CAN CAN, IF NO CAN, NO CAN"

"IF I CAN GET TO IT I WILL, IF NOT I CAN NOT"

"ASS WHY HAAHD" (THAT'S WHY HARD) - trans. - THAT IS WHAT MAKES THINGS DIFFICULT

And the theological version from my days as a member of "God's Gang" in the Christian church I attended - "IT'S IN GOD'S HANDS NOW"

But back to Shikata Ga Nai...It is an acceptance of the situation as it is, and it is this acceptance that enabled your Issei and Nisei ancestors to endure the horrific conditions of camp life in World War II. And this endurance, this spiritual attitude was the driving force behind turning desert soil into gardens, creating ponds in front of their barracks, and clearing away weeds to construct baseball fields. Then when the war ended, they returned "home" only to discover their property gone...and it was the Shikata Ga Nai attitude that enabled the rebuilding process towards respect and success in American society.

Due to Buddhism's popularity and influence today, the term has received more media coverage, mostly positive reviews, but some negative criticism.

I believe the Shikata Ga Nai view and the teachings of Buddhism are strongly connected, and I personally believe that introducing this attitude to all, whether first timers or long timers, is a more effective approach to understanding Buddhism, especially Jodo Shinshu.

If you were asked to define your Buddhist practice, how would you respond? An example of a traditional response might consist of the following...

Buddhism is a way of life, a philosophy, a religion of awareness...what do we become aware of? The principles of existence, the Dharma or Teachings, the truths by which we think and conduct our lives, but the teachings are hard to understand and grasp - why is that? Then you introduce some esoteric Shin terms like Amida Buddha, the concept of Oneness - which is formless beyond human understanding, and that this Oneness out of deep compassion took form as Bodhisattva Dharmakara, who eventually becomes Amida Buddha to establish the Pure Land, and to lead all sentient beings to Buddhahood....

Or perhaps the Shikata Ga Nai approach - To be born into human life means our life will not always go as we wish...we will encounter disease due to birth, aging, sickness, death, separation from loved ones, not getting what we want or getting what we thought we wanted, interacting with disagreeable people, physical and/or mental discomfort, etc.

The above Shoganai approach may sound negative, but acknowledging the truth of the human condition might help us to endure the hardships of life and focus positive energies on the path towards compassion, accepting that in the moments of everyday life we will encounter situations beyond our control. And it is only with a Shikata Ga Nai attitude that we are able to embrace forgiveness, focus on the here and now, the present moment, and realize that spiritual change is possible in the NOW of our practice. We can accept REALITY OR SUCHNESS because we know that we do not have control over every encounter or situation.

Ron Taber
Minister Assistant

OCBC Wish List

An appropriate time of the year to convey our gratitude for your unending generosity in helping to fulfill the OCBC Wish List, to all our donors we say, “THANK YOU!”

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE: Used iPad 3s (or higher) and/or Android tablets; for use at festival take-out and foodline processing and credit card swiping. Questions to Bill Sakahara.

OFFICE: Eco-friendly paper goods for hospitality. Please contact Nancy Hara for specifics.

PROJECT KOKORO CRAFTS: cotton thread (black or white), cotton batting, gift cards from JoAnn Fabrics. Please, due to limited storage space, no drop-off donations prior to contacting Dorothy Matsuoka (562-743-3483). Thank you for your understanding.

PROJECT KOKORO MEN’S CRAFTS: monetary donations or gift cards to purchase supplies for on-going projects. Questions to Eric Nakahara or Rod Nishimura.

Thank you for considering a donation to the Wish List. Your help is much appreciated.

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara
President’s Message

Osoji, Cleaning Day at OCBC, was on 11/03, Otsukaresamadeshita (thank you for your efforts beyond necessary). Otagaisama desu (we are all in this effort together). Thank you everyone for helping to clean the temple. Cleaning before the New Year is a major cultural event for the Japanese. Akin to Spring Cleaning, Osoji is a ritual taught to me by my parents and grandparents. It is a time before the year ends to pay debts, find the desk that is buried under the stack of “to do later,” buy new underwear for the New Year, and clean the Obutsudan. Perhaps we are following an ancient Buddhist culture stemming from cleaning the Daibutsu, once a year through Ominugui (wiping the Daibutsu from impurities that has collected on the statue while holding appreciation of everyday endeavors). Do you practice the same? Year-end cleaning was something my parents always did in December. Start fresh as a new year is about to begin. The Japanese are fanatics about customs and they celebrate “Bonenkai” in December. It means forgetting the year. In a romantic sense, it means to forget the hardships encountered during the past year and look forward to the New Year.

When I first joined my Japanese based company, the president was from Japan, and he had all the employees help wash down the building in the middle of December. Hose and bucket-in-hand the employees were washing down the building, cleaning our desks, throwing out the old year’s calendars and replacing them with a new year calendar. After we finished cleaning, we would be treated to food, creating a new mess we needed to clean. It was a real head scratcher for many of us.

Allow me to share some memories of 2018. In January, I humbly became the president of OCBC. It was a decision that involved my entire extended family, the Ito’s, as my decision affected them as well. We began the New Year in a beautiful new Honda and social hall. I held an “Oyako Meeting” (“oya” means parent and “ko” means child and oyakodon is a Japanese comfort food combination of mixed chicken and egg over rice). For me, Oyako meeting was a meeting with the past OCBC presidents (7) (oya) and me (ko) to hear and gain some wisdom about OCBC as an organization and as a temple. I had “Chanoyu” (modified tea ceremony) with the ministers and listened to their ideas about OCBC theology and Sangha. We had wonderful guest speakers for our special services. We held three very successful fundraisers: Hanamatsuri festival and Obon festival, and a fun OCBC Golf Tournament. We have welcomed new members and family members, and we are pleased with a growing diverse and inclusive Sangha. We are saddened by the loss of members during the year. Our temple was enriched with the various organizations that provide activities for everyone. We gassho unified in the sharing of the nembutsu.

Dharma School Oseibo is now called Dharma School Year-End Appreciation. We no longer use the term Oseibo.

The SD Council ministers requested that we say Year-End Appreciation instead of Oseibo. Oseibo’s meaning is an expression of appreciation for services rendered or provided and is very much an activity between employer and employee. Dharma School providing an Oseibo gift to the Dharma School students confuses the meaning of Oseibo. The Dharma School’s Year-End Appreciation is 12/09 and your visit to see the class display in the Social Hall would be appreciated.

I want to thank the OCBC Daisy Troop 2041 for their extraordinary example of living Buddhism by folding 1,000 cranes and sending them to the Pittsburgh Synagogue after the tragic and senseless shooting. Another set of 1,000 cranes were sent to the Irvine Synagogue after hateful graffiti on the Synagogue walls. The symbolic gesture of folded cranes is one of hope, love, respect, and peace. It is based on an old custom which was made more legendary after Sadako Sasaki’s attempt to fold 1,000 cranes.

On 12/31 there is a New Year’s Eve Service at 8:00PM. At this service everyone has the opportunity to hit the bell. At the New Year’s Eve Service the bell is rung 108 times, symbolic of the 108 desires that we need to dispel in order to become enlightened. The minister’s onenju has 108 beads of the same meaning. The Japanese complete the New Year’s Eve festivities by eating a bowl of Toshikoshi soba.

Toshikoshi soba is soba that is easy to eat and soft to break or cut easily. Another symbolic gesture of letting the hardship of the year go and yet be appreciative of the year for what we have.

Support the Scrip Program! See Cheryl Higashi and purchase cash gift cards through Scrip.

Save the date:
1/12/2019 Saturday OCBC Shinnen Enkai, Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel, General Meeting. This is a meeting for everyone in our Sangha. Please plan to attend.
1/13/2019 Sunday Ho-Onko Service, Rev. G. Matsubayashi, Rev. Dr. Matsumoto.

In closing, since the New Year 2019 has not begun, I can only say to you “Yoi o toshi o” (enjoy the rest of the year).

I will have another Japanese greeting on New Year’s Day to greet you.

Don’t forget that there has been a change in the traffic flow in and out of the OCBC parking lot. Enter only from the north side (near Hondo) and exit only from the south side (recyclables).

In gassho and at your service,
Rick Oishi
OCBC President

Picture is of the Takaoka Daibutsu (circular “halo”).
NOTICE: NEW OCBC TRAFFIC FLOW PATTERN

As you may have noticed, the view of traffic from the north driveway is obstructed by parked cars making it very difficult to exit out of the OCBC parking lot, especially at night. We have been in contact with the City of Anaheim’s Public Works Department but they will not allow extension of the no parking area and recommend cars exit from the south driveway.

For better visibility when exiting the OCBC main parking lot, OCBC will be initiating the new traffic flow as seen on the attached map.

Effective Friday, October 26, 2018
1. Enter only using the north gate.
2. Exit only through south gate. This is RIGHT TURN ONLY.
3. Last group/organization leaving OCBC-Person responsible for locking & alarming the facilities will be in charge of closing.locking both the north and south gates. MUST USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM WHEN LOCKING UP.

To help ensure everyone’s safety, please adhere to the new traffic flow pattern.

Thank you very much for your cooperation!

In Gassho,
Dick Fukuda & Calvin Togashi
Control and Review Board

Nancy Hara
Office Manager
OCBC Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 23  No Service
                   Office Closed

Monday, December 24  Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25  Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26 – Saturday, December 29  Office open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 30  No Service
                   Office Closed

Monday, December 31  Joyae (New Year’s Eve Service) at 8:00 AM
                     Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1  Shushõe (New Year’s Service) at 10:00 AM

Please visit the Nokotsudo during office hours. Should you have an urgent matter, please contact:
Rev. Marvin Harada  (714) 323-6843  or
Nancy Hara  (714) 878-9214
In October and November, I was invited by the Senshin, Pasadena, and Mountain View temples to their memorial service of Eshinni-sama, Kakushinni-sama (sama is an honorific suffix in Japanese), and BWA past members. Here at OCBC, our BWA will also hold the same memorial service on Sunday afternoon, December 2nd. Why do we revere these women in our Shin tradition?

Eshinni was the wife of our founder Shinran, and Kakushinni was their youngest daughter among their six children. Eshinni was born in 1182, probably in Echigo (current Niigata prefecture) province located along the desolate coast of the Japan sea. It is said that Eshinni’s father was head of a powerful family in Echigo province and perhaps served as manager of a local estate controlled by the imperial regent Kujō Kanezane. There is no doubt that Eshinni was raised up in Echigo but possibly lived in Kyoto during adolescence or young adulthood serving as a lady-in-waiting to an aristocratic family, perhaps even to the Kujō household, that Dobbin explained. She was not simply an untutored rustic, but rather had an intimate knowledge of the language and customs as evident in her letters.

Those letters were sent to her daughter Kakushinni who was living with her father, Shinran, after Eshinni lived with her husband in Inada (current Ibaraki prefecture) and moved to Echigo. The letters contain many topics such as reminiscences of Shinran’s life, religious testimony, accounts of dreams, descriptions of famine and sickness, comments about servants, thank-you messages, complaints of old age, reflections on death and the next life, and so forth. Dobbin carefully translated those letters to English with explanation in Part I of this book; and Part II explores three areas: Pure Land Buddhism and the Medieval Experience; Women, Sexuality, and Pure Land Buddhism; and The Medieval and the Modern in Shin Buddhism. It was a wife-centered marriage in which the wife continued to live in her parent’s house and her husband living elsewhere, would visit her regularly. The husband had little sway over the wealth that the wife inherited, even though integrated into the household.

Eshinni’s letters are significant in Shin Buddhist history. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth century there was a suspicion about Shinran’s very historicity claimed by a few scholars. Luckily, the Buddhist historian, Washio Kyōdō (1875-1928) happened to discover ten distinct letters written by Eshinni and her manuscripts of the Larger Pure Land Sutra, while conducting an inventory of the archives of the Nishi Hongwanji temple in Kyoto. One of Eshinni’s letters clearly says to her daughter Kakushinni,

My husband [Shinran], when serving as a hall priest (dōsō) on Mt. Hiei, left the mountain and secluded himself for hundred days at the Rokkakudō [chapel] to pray concerning his next life. At dawn on the ninety-fifth day there was a verse presented to him in revelation.

This letter proved the actual existence of Shinran. A revelation in a dream was given by Bodhisattva Avalokiteśvara (Jp. Kannon Bosatsu) implying Shinran was in a possible marriage even though he was an ordained Buddhist monk. Shinran left Mt. Hiei after twenty-years monastic practice and visited Hōnen, a prominent Pure Land Buddhist monk, who was sharing the Amida Buddha’s teaching. Shinran might have met Eshinni at Hōnen’s school. Remembering the revelation of Bodhisattva Avalokiteśvara, Shinran publicly married Eshinni, and they had six children. Having a wife and children was significant in Japanese Buddhist history. It was the beginning of family Buddhism. In a way, Eshinni and all their children including Kakushinni made Shinran’s teaching unique and relevant to ordinary people.

At the death of Shinran, when Kakushinni wrote her mother Eshinni concerning Shinran’s birth in the Pure Land, Eshinni clearly mentions in her letter, “There is no doubt about his birth in the Pure Land. I am one who believes that I would even go along with him, since from realm to realm and from rebirth to rebirth I am lost already.” Eshinni was sure about women’s spiritual liberation in the medieval time when women were not the religious subject.

Eshinni, who departed Shinran in Ibaragi, went back to her hometown, Echigo, to take care of her land and workers, while Shinran went back to his hometown, Kyoto, to complete his magnum opus, Kyōgyōshinshō and other writings. Her letters suggest that she was in fact an assertive and independent woman, and her religious outlook was heavily influenced by Shinran. Their daughter, Kakushinni made a grave site chapel for Shinran, and established a care-taker system. Later, the grave site became the Ōtani-Honbyō, a pilgrimage spot for Shinran’s followers to come and pay their respect and worship.

Both Eshinni and Kakushinni hold important roles as Shin women by making great contributions to Shinran and his teaching to be spread all over the world. Without those women, we might not have been able to encounter the Nembutsu teaching. Next year in 2019, there will be the World Buddhist Women Conference in San Francisco on August 30 and September 1, where I will talk about another Shin woman, Lady Takeko Kujō, a daughter of the 21st Shinran’s descendent Myōnyō, focusing on her life and essays Leaves of My Heart. Leaves of My Heart is the contemporary English translation that I worked on as editor and will come out by the end of this year.

Dobbin’s Letters of the Nun Eshinni is highly recommended to read and realize the important role of Shin Buddhist women.

-Review by Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
BWA News

Announcements

- We would like to welcome our newest member, Janie Sogabe. BWA is open to women of all ages who share a desire to learn more about the Buddha Dharma, to work towards a common goal, to participate in fun events, and most of all, to make lasting friendships.
- On November 3rd, we dusted and cleaned the lobby areas, Hondo, Mini Chapel, and restrooms. Thank you very much to Toban B and everyone who helped at Omigaki. With everyone’s assistance, we finished in a timely manner and enjoyed a wonderful lunch in the social hall.
- Bunco Game Day was held on November 4th with 28 attending this fun event. Thank you to the Bunco committee members for supplying the tasty snacks and prizes.
- Toban I will be in charge of antaki on December 8th at 9:00am in the MPB and an rolling on December 15th at 9:00am in the SH.
- Tobans J and K will be in charge of Mochitsuki on December 16th. All BWA members are encouraged to help with this important fundraiser. Please sign up for a shift at your earliest convenience.
- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13th, in the Kodo at 12:30pm after the Hoonko Service and luncheon. If you are planning to attend the World Convention next year, be sure to attend this important meeting as we will discuss methods of transportation, fill out registration forms, and collect registration fees. For additional information, see details below.

Senior Luncheon

On Monday, November 12th, 47 seniors and guests enjoyed a tasty lunch and celebrated birthdays for Jim Mitchell and Chieko Otsuki (Kiju). The ladies prepared mushroom meatloaf, sautéed carrots, seasoned bok choy, yuzu daikon, and hijiki rice. Thank you to Chieko Otsuki for the monetary donation, Janet Uyeno for the hijiki and renkon, and Sus Iwamasa for the takuan tsukemono. We hope to see you at our next senior luncheon on Monday, December 10th and all BWA members are welcome to attend. If you would like to participate in the optional gift exchange, please bring a wrapped $5 gift.

World Buddhist’s Women’s Convention

The World Buddhist Women’s Convention will be held in San Francisco next year during Labor Day weekend, August 30 – September 1, 2019. They are expecting over 2,000 attendees from Japan, South America, Hawaii, Canada and nationwide. The Gomonshu will be in attendance. The convention is held every 4 years and once every 20 years in the United States. BCA has extended the invitation to all Jodo Shinshu Buddhists – young, old, men and women. If you are interested in attending, please fill out a form. Forms will be available in the office. Return your form along with a check for $350 for the registration fee, $175 for OC BWA members. Make a hotel reservation at the Marriot Marquis as soon as possible using this phone number – (877) 622-3056. The cost is $219/night for double occupancy.

Questions: For general questions regarding BWA or its activities, BWA members may contact Marion Nishimura at mieko4nish@gmail.com.

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura

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Help Wanted

2 days a week

We are looking for someone to work in the OCBC office on Fridays & Saturdays from 9am-4pm. Seeking skills in the following: Microsoft Office, QuickBooks, Communication, & Japanese language a plus!

Please send your resume to ocbc909@ocbuddhist.org or drop off at the office!

In Gassho,
The Office
Social Welfare / Dana Program

Pickleball meets on Wednesdays in the MPB from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Donation of $2.00 is collected at the door. For a newbee first session will be free. See the Pickleball flyer within this Korin.

Games, Games, Games – The group is held weekly on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are all kinds of games. They are currently playing Mahjong, but other card games & board games are available. Donation of $1.00 is collected at the door. Please contact Irene Yamanishi (562) 860.5155 or email iyamanishi@gmail.com if you have any questions. The schedule for the balance of the year is November 28, December 5, 12 and 19, January 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Are you interested in strengthening your body, improving coordination and balance, becoming healthier and having a more relaxed body and mind? The Tai Chi-Longevity Stick class is lead by Dan Hakikawa on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the MPB. A form of moving meditation, it’s been shown that it helps reduce stress and boosts your immune system and memory. The winter schedule is November 29, December 6 and 13, January 10, 17, 24 and 31. To assist beginners a schedule has been made to have instructors for the beginners only to start in January and September.

If you are interested in joining the Social Welfare/Dana Program you can contact Linda Ishibashi (562) 860-5993 or email lki_2@me.com. Looking for new ideas for 2019 free seminars, free flu shots and community activities that our OCBC Sangha can participate.

In gassho,
Linda Ishibashi

Dharma School News

We would like to thank the students who have contributed their “My Offering” donations (the purple and white envelopes) to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA).

Ti-Sarana Rites
On November 11 (8) 4th grade and (2) 6th grade Dharma School students participated in the Ti-Sarana Rites during the Eitaikyo service. This is a ceremony for those who aspire to follow the Buddhist path by taking refuge in the Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. These are the students: Jill Bui, Kira Chaisawasdi, Andrew Chenfang, Gabriel Garcia, Hector C. Ortiz, Kylie Sato, Sean Sato, Audreylynn Verdien, Gunner Verdien, and Kasper Sahgal.

Upcoming Events
December 9 - Year-End Appreciation - (There will be no Dharma School class.) Displays of the Dharma School children’s projects will be in the Social Hall so please come and enjoy them.

January 13, 2018 - Ho-Onko Service - Students who attend this service will receive credit towards perfect attendance.

February 27 - Service in the Snow

D.S. Class Schedule
December 2; January 6, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17. Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 am.

In Gasho,
Gail Harada
Project Kokoro News

Grateful Crane Concert  Nov 11
Funded by a grant from Keiro, Grateful Crane Ensemble provided a one-hour concert especially for Sansei/Nikkei caregivers and their guest. “Back in the Day” featured favorite tunes from Sansei dances of the 60’s and 70’s and got many up and moving to the music. This free concert was designed to provide support and camaraderie to Nikkei caregivers. Refreshments were served, and the Craft Club held a boutique sale – it was a fun day for all.

Craft Club
The Fall Craft Boutique was a success. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. Proceeds go to the OCBC General Fund and to help provide supplies needed in the classes and PK-related activities. The seniors and Craft Club members had a great time working on these items with fellow friends and other seniors. OCBC members interested in joining contact Dorothy Matsuoka @ dcmatsuoka@aol.com

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Member Holiday Dinner  Dec 12
The annual member dinner will be at JT Schmid’s Restaurant in Anaheim at 6:30pm. RSVP to Jo Ann Tanioka: tanioka@att.net.

New Year’s Luncheon  Mar 3, 2019
Save the date for the annual Senior Luncheon to be held on March 3, 2019. Stay tuned for more details and reservation information.

Appreciation
We would like to acknowledge donations from Dan & Noriko Kaneko and Dennis & Ethel Okada. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and look forward to using the funds for future projects and events.

Mission Statement
It is the goal of Project Kokoro to recognize the needs and concerns of the seniors. Through our projects and services it is our hope to enrich the lives of the seniors, their families, and the volunteers.

Next Meeting  January 9, 2019
The January meeting will begin at 6:30pm, 30 minutes earlier, to coordinate with the Bingo Fundraiser that starts at 7:30pm. We hope you can attend to help plan for the 2019 calendar of events.

In Gassho,  
Neddie Bokosky

‘Back in the Day’ dance photos on page 15

ABA Leaders’ Workshop at the JSC

The Center for Buddhist Education’s Every Day Buddhism Committee hosted an ABA Leaders’ Workshop at the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) in Berkeley on October 26-27, 2018. Karen Kino and Margie Mio represented OCBC with 28 temple participants from Berkeley, Concord, Enmanji, Mountain View, Nishi Hongwanji, Oakland, Orange County, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Spokane, Stockton, and Watsonville. The workshop was organized by Reverend Harada as Co-Director of the Center for Buddhist Education, Maya Lawrence, Deuce Nakano, Sam Sunada, and moderated by Ken Tanimoto.

On Friday night, an interesting history of ABA was shared by Sadao Matsunami and Tom Nishikawa. The following day, participants delved into each temple’s successes and challenges with ABA, Buddhist Education ideas for ABA which included OCBC’s 2019 Joy of Living workshop, the importance of diversity and millennials as we encourage growth at our temples, developing more leadership, and our vision for the future. Insightful ideas were shared and reflected, and for some of the temples, it was a time to think of ways on how to start an ABA.

From OCBC, we shared our ABA’s history, activities throughout the year, guidelines and responsibilities, how ABA provides an opportunity for building and maintaining connections, and how we are a community of friends. We shared the diligence and dedication of our 82 ABA members as we practice our motto of Fun, Food, and Friendship! Karen Kino shared the many trips that ABA has planned through the years with group pictures in picturesque settings throughout the U.S., Canada, and Japan; how the trips create bonds; and how they continue to draw new members.

As we all know, what makes a great conference is food! Judy Kono and Yumi Hatta were gracious hostesses as we were served delicious meals and given Instapot pork belly and cornmeal scone recipes. Alan Endo’s cousin, Reverend Michael Endo, cooked a delicious end-of-workshop dinner for us. Reverend Harada made his famous curry, and many felt his curry chicken was one of the great finds from the workshop!

What we observed was that whatever temple people were from, everyone had great pride in their temple and worked diligently with what they had, especially with community outreach. Karen and I felt grateful for all that we have at OCBC, and how we could all be taking more BEC online courses as we have the resources and personnel to have them. We thank our ABA for sending us up to the beautiful Jodo Shinshu Center to share what we do at OCBC, gain new ideas and insights, and collaborate with new Dharma friends.

By Margie Mio
**Daion Taiko**

This past month, we’ve already had our 3rd performance, so we’re definitely keeping up a hectic pace this season. On Sunday, 11/18 we helped the Aquarium of the Pacific celebrate their 20th anniversary at the 17th annual Autumn Festival. We brought 26 smiling OCBC faces (and a lot of roadies) to entertain the crowd. Personally, it’s amazing to think back on those 17 years, since my oldest was just born and now both sons are performing there. I’m very happy that 2 of our seniors got another chance to perform there one last time.

We also welcomed our next generation of players to our annual 8-week Beginners Workshop. We look forward to seeing these lucky 15 grow.

Next up is the Haskett Library’s Cultural Marketplace on 12/15. Being right around the corner on Broadway, we thought this would be a great opportunity to support our local OCBC neighbors.

Lastly, I’d like to give a giant thank you to Ryan Togashi. Ryan has been a Daion alumni and was so gracious in coming back this year to lead our Intermediate group. Our strong alumni are what has allowed our group to continue to thrive and grow and Ryan was certainly a part of that. Ryan is leaving us for the glamour of SF, not to mention an actual salary we couldn’t give him. Fortunately for us, he’s leaving the Intermediate team in the good hands of Catherine Lumintang. Although not a Daion alum, she brings her UCLA Kyodo experience with her and we’re very happy she’s sticking with us.

**Upcoming Events**

12/09 – Last practice for the year
12/15 – Haskett Branch Library Cultural Marketplace

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami

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**Dharma Wheel Club**

In October, Dharma Wheel Club (DWC) co-hosted the OCBC Costume Party. We hope you were able to join us in all the festivities.

We want to thank the Sangha Teens for the fun games, decorations, making finger foods, and the heavy lifting of setting up and cleaning up. Thank you to Jr. YBA for setting up and manning the haunted maze and handing out candy. Thanks to our own DWC parents for their support with check-in, the redemption table, and the wonderfully creepy finger foods. The Mio and Gomez families donated the giant stuffed animals to the raffle. Thanks to Cindie Nishida for taking photos and David Okino for audio support. Thank you to Susan Nishi for leading us in the Thriller Dance!

In related news, please welcome Cheryl Mio as our newest DWC Advisor. We are very excited to have her on board!

**UPCOMING DWC EVENTS:**

- **December 2** - **Bodhi Day Celebration** with the Sangha Teens.
- **January** – **Giving is Fun** Kids create placemat works of art for the Project Kokoro Luncheon.
- **February 24** - **Service in the Snow**

Please join us for these fun events! Joining DWC is easy, just come to an event and/or touch base with a DWC coordinator.

In Gassho,
Dharma Wheel Club Advisors
Sangha Teens

Through the months of September to November, Sangha Teens fit it a few events, such as, the installation of cabinet members on October 7th and the Halloween Costume Party on October 28th. Our 2018-2019 cabinet members are co-presidents Preston Sasaki and Courtney Yada, Zachary Mauldin and Kenji Swun as our recording secretaries, Kathryn Nakahira as our religious chair, Jack Hirotsu as the publicity chair, Tesshin Aoyama and Kyle Sasaki as the corresponding secretaries, and Carina Furumoto, Kristie Ikemoto, and Gwen Takagi as our historians. A few upcoming events are a Bodhi Day Mixer with Dharma Wheel Club on December 2nd, OCBC’s Mochitsuki on December 16th and OCO’s Mochitsuki Pound Off on December 30th.

In Gassho,
Tesshin Aoyama
OCBC Sangha Teens Co-Corresponding Chair

Jr. YBA

Our Jr. YBA participated in many fun activities these past two months! We started off the month of October with our annual OC Jam. There we helped cut and prepare blankets for the upcoming OCBC Blanket Day. During the night, we had a great time in the kitchen! We gathered up in our age groups (freshman, sophomore, etc.) to compete for the “Iron Buddha” game. Each of the groups was only allowed to select a few items from the ingredients table and work with what they had. Then we rushed off to the kitchen! All the groups were very focused in making good tasting food, and even their presentation. When our time limit ran out, the teams presented their food to the judges. Team leaders were expected to present the food with a Buddhist theme included. It was very interesting to hear how impermanence, living in the moment, and the three treasures could all be tied into different group’s dishes! After, we had a cabinet installation to officially introduce the cabinet members. All in all, the night was one to remember.

Along with Sangha Teens and Dharma Wheel Club, we helped set up and run the annual Costume Party held on October 28th. We ran the Haunted Maze on the stage. Handing out candy to the kids and seeing all the fantastic costumes leaves all the Jr. YBA members feeling happy. On November 3rd, Jr. YBA participated in Church Cleanup day where we cleaned windows –hondo, social hall, old office & classrooms, cleaned the social hall kitchen, and helped with rental home landscaping clean up. On November 11th we held a Bento Fundraiser for our Jr. Y events. We’d like to thank everyone who supported our fundraiser and purchased a bento.

Upcoming is SD Jam, where we get to meet other Southern District Jr. YBA members and get to know them. We’re looking forward to OCBC’s Mochitsuki and our trip to Arizona for Seminar 1!

In Gassho,
Erin Hayashida
Jr. YBA Publicity
50th Anniversary Project and Building Fund Donations Acknowledgments

OCBC gratefully acknowledges the following donations received between October 28, 2018, and November 22, 2018.

Mike & Lynn Black (2)
Jon & Jodi Hisamoto
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Kent & Nancy Suzuki (2)
OCBC Endowment Fund

Last month, the OCBC Endowment Fund presented the 50th Anniversary Project and the Building Fund a check for $125,000. This was the proceeds from the 2018 Golf Tournament as well as other funds from the Endowment Fund. This contribution will help seed the budget for the upcoming MPB renovation project. Thank you everyone who participated in the golf tournament, donated in many ways, and all the OCBC organizations and volunteers who made the 2018 Golf Tournament a huge success.

We also acknowledge all the pledge donors who continue to make their pledge payments. There are only nine pledges with active accounts receivables! It's truly amazing that over 99.6% of all pledges made to the 50th Anniversary Project have been collected.

Total donations collected to date: $9,567,945.00

In Gassho,
Bill Sakahara
Project and Building Fund Treasurer

In Memoriam

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

Teruko Hayakawa
Yoshinobu “Jim” Motokane
Norman Susumu Nishioka

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

November

3 Toyoko Sakayeda, 7 Year Memorial Service
4 Teruko Hayakawa, Funeral Service
4 Noboru Iwami, 25 Year Memorial Service
16 Teruko Hayakawa, 49 Day Memorial Service
17 Calvin Haruto Matsuoka, 49 Day Memorial Service
17 Shiro Homan, Burial Service
17 Tsuneichi Honda, 25 Year Memorial Service
17 Ben Nishimoto, 10 Year Memorial Service
24 Yoshinobu “Jim” Motokane, Funeral Service
24 Norman Susumu Nishioka, Funeral Service
Ministerial Scholarship

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Needless to say, too much was consumed over the holiday weekend. Thank you so much, Sangha members, for your generous donations. This is truly a season of thanks. We are now at $5,515.00! We acknowledge the following Sangha members whose generous donations we have received. Please note that donations received subsequent to November 18, 2018 will be listed in the next issue of the Korin.

Donations received from October 12, 2018 through October 28, 2018:

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Eugene Kano Sue Yokomi
Hideo & Jane Kawamura

Total Donations Received: $5,515.00

Again, thank you all for your generous donations. We congratulate Ministerial Candidate Ellen Crane who has just returned from her Kyoshi ordination in Japan. She is quite remarkable. She has worked so hard and diligently over these many years. Through your continued donations, it is the hope of the Ministerial Scholarship Committee that we will be able to widen our scope of support to those candidates of our sister temples who lack ministerial staffing. How wonderful would it be if we can be a part of that process in supporting our sister temples so that, like us, they would be able to hear and receive Dharma messages on a regular basis in their own temples.

Gassho, Carrie Nakagawa
The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from October 27, 2018 through November 24, 2018.

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出まお1誕た語さに、ご門経々まト席方つさみ
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次回のシニ・ランチは12月10日（月）です。ギフト交換に参加の方は10月1日にサンフラシスコで第16回世界仏教婦人大会が開催されます。参加希望の方は各自、マリアネットとホテルの予約を手続きください。電話番号877・622・3056（これが正しい番号です）。

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西村マリアネット会長から連絡下さい。

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ご寄付

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Looking to get some Exercise?!

If you're feeling a little sluggish from all the good holiday eating, now's the perfect time to start getting active! Come out and join us for Pickleball in the MPB on Wednesdays! All ages are welcome (kids to seniors) and you don't need any prior experience playing a racquet sport. Just wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

Pickleball is a fun and easy-to-learn game that's also a great way to keep moving. Come play a little, come play a lot. Plus, it's also a great chance to just get out and socialize with other OCBC members!

Please Note: We are only playing on Dec 5th, 12th and 19th (12:30 - 2:30pm). For more information, contact Ryan at rko7@hotmail.com or (949) 212-6881.

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OCBC Sports and Affiliate Organizations presents

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**Order Total $_________**

Make checks payable to: **OCBC-TBP**

**OCBC Kamaboko Order**

909 S. Dale Avenue ★ Anaheim, CA 92804

Or Drop off form with check to the OCBC office upstairs

All pre-orders are due by December 10th

Proceeds benefit the Tomodachi Bento Project.
2019

OCBC All Sangha General Meeting
(Shinnen Enkai-New Year’s Party Lunch)

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 some great food and fun.

KNOTT’S BERRY FARM HOTEL
7675 Crescent Ave. Buena Park, CA. 90620

JAN
12
SATURDAY
11:30 am - 3pm
FREE PARKING!

11:30 AM - REGISTRATION/SOCIALIZE
12:00-12:30 PM - GENERAL MEETING
12:30-1:30 PM - LUNCH
1:30-3:00 PM - ENTERTAINMENT

STATE OF THE SANGHA

RSVP by December 31, 2018

ENTRÉE: Prime Rib of Beef with Au Jus & Horseradish Cream, OR
Grilled Salmon with Citrus Lime Sauce, or Cipollini Onion Sauce, OR
Vegetarian Entrée
Entrée includes Fresh Garden Green Salad, Vegetables, Rice or Potatoes and
Dessert (Boysenberry or Apple Pie)
Choice of beverage (coffee, tea, iced tea)

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, or e-mail, OCBC909@ocbuddhist.org.

We plan to attend the 2019 Shinnen Enkai:

Name: __________________________________________________________
Name: __________________________________________________________

Quantity: Prime Rib of Beef _____ x $39.00 = ______
Grilled Salmon (Citrus Lime) _____ x $39.00 = ______
Grilled Salmon (Cipollini Onion) _____ x $39.00 = ______
Vegetarian _____ x $39.00 = ______
Enclosed: _______________________________________________________

Note: We would be interested in free OCBC Baby-sitting at OCBC for _____ child(ren)
(Children will need to be toilet trained and over 3 years old)
Our children’s names and ages are (use the back of this page for additional children):
Child’s Name: ___________________________ Age: ______ Meal(Pizza) ______
Child’s Name: ___________________________ Age: ______ Meal(Pizza) ______
Emergency Contact (cell phone #) _______ _______
Classes on BUDDHISM WINTER 2019

Hō-onkō Seminar – Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto
Sunday afternoon, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. January 13
Discover how adopting Amida Buddha’s Vows as our own begins the cultivation of compassion within our daily lives.
One day class. Registration: $10.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3
Also available online. Please visit everydaybuddhism.org

Study of Shin Buddhist Thought in America – Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
Sunday afternoon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. February 17
If you are interested in what Rev. Dr. Wondra wrote for her Ryukoku Doctoral Dissertation, please join us. She will present the Readers’ Digest version explaining Shin Buddhist thought, referring to several Shin scholars and ministers in America.
One day class. Registration: $10.
Location: Social Hall Level 1
Also available online. Please visit everydaybuddhism.org

LGBTQ and Being Buddhist – Rev. Marvin Harada
Sunday afternoon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. March 31
This class will address Shin Buddhism and the LGBTQ community. Does the message of universal wisdom and compassion resonate with people as a teaching that embraces them? What are the unique struggles and difficulties of living in society as a member of the LGBTQ community?
One day class. Registration: $10.
Location: Social Hall Level 1
Also available online. Please visit everydaybuddhism.org

Lectures on the Larger Sutra – Rev. Marvin Harada
Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
January 10, 17, 31, February 7, 21, 28
The Larger Sutra teaches how the story of Buddha’s vows can be realized in the present.
Six week class. Registration: $50
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Course Taught in Japanese 『親鸞聖人御消息』 – Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
Saturday mornings, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
January 19, 26, February 2, 16
毎年の親鸞聖人さまは住まいを関東から京都に移られました。関東にいる門弟たちの多くは親鸞聖人を慕い、教えについて手紙を送り、親鸞聖人さまはそれらに対して丁寧に返事を送られました。このクラスでは消息43通のなかから20通を選んで、その内容を読み解きます。やさしい言葉でお話ししますので、どうぞお越しください。
Four week class. Registration: $40
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3
You are not required to attend every class session. Please come to as many as you can.

Registration Form (Please Print) WINTER 2019

Name(s):

Address:

City / State / Zip:

Phone: ( ) Email:

Please check the class(es) desired:

☐ Hō-onkō Seminar ($10) $____
☐ Study of Shin Buddhist Thought in America ($10) $____
☐ LGBTQ and Being Buddhist ($10) $____
☐ Lectures on the Larger Sutra ($50) $____
☐ Courses Taught in Japanese 『親鸞聖人御消息』読み解く ($40) $____

Total $____

Individual class attendance is acceptable at $10 per class.

Please make checks payable to: OCBC Buddhist Education Center
Please mail completed form with payment or bring to first class meeting.
Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804
WINTER EXCHANGE 2018

working styles assessment
workshops & networking

Please join us for a practical, fun event. Enrollment is limited, so sign up early!

ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH
909 S. DALE AVENUE, ANAHEIM 92804

1:30 PM - REGISTRATION
2:00 AM - PROGRAM BEGINS
3:30 PM - NETWORKING


HOSTED BY:
MEISHI
https://www.linkedin.com/groups/7070623

GUEST SPEAKER:
Craig Ishii
Marketing, Communications, Strategy | Leadership Development

Volunteers from selected fields and industries will be available for coaching, mentoring and networking.
2018 OCBC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the following form to apply for membership to the Orange County Buddhist Church.

STEP 1: MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

I would like to support OCBC with the following membership level:

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<th>Explanation</th>
<th>Individual</th>
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<td>Special membership option</td>
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Please see backside for membership classification

STEP 2: MEMBER INFORMATION

Name _______________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City __________________ State __________ Zip __________
Phone Home: ___________________ Cell: ________________
Email ____________________________________________

Family Membership Information

Spouse Name ________________________________
Spouse Phone ___________________ Cell: ___________________
Email ________________________________
Child Name ________________________________
Child Name ________________________________
Child Name ________________________________
Emergency Contact
Name: ________________________________ Phone: ____________________

STEP 3: MAIL

Orange County Buddhist Church
909 South Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

Send membership form and check to:
## December 2018 CALENDAR

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<td>8:30 AM – Senior Craft Class</td>
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<td>9 AM – Taichi Class</td>
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<td>8:30 AM – 眠想 Meditation Service</td>
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