“Shallow” by Lady Gaga

Recently I gave a Dharma talk at the Sacramento Betsuin and also at OCBC that was based on the recent popular song, “Shallow,” composed by Lady Gaga. It received an Oscar for best song at the Academy of Awards this year. The song featured a duet with Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper and was in their movie, “A Star is Born.”

Many of you heard Ellie Mizushima sing at our Hanamatsuri service this year. Ellie recently sang this song, “Shallow,” with a high school friend in a talent show. I saw the Youtube video of it and asked them to sing for the service at Sacramento. It was really amazing.

I came to realize that the lyrics to this song are quite Buddhistic, and I would like to share it with you in my article for this month.

Shallow
By Lady Gaga

Tell me somethin’ girl
Are you happy in this modern world?
Or do you need more?
Is there somethin’ else you’re searchin’ for?

We are all searching for something but we don’t know what we are searching for. We think we know what we are searching for, happiness, material wealth, the love of our life. But even if we find those things, we aren’t fulfilled. This was the case with Shakyamuni Buddha. He had every material thing and social status that anyone could ever ask for. But yet, his life was not fulfilled. He was searching for something.

I’m falling
In all the good times I find myself
Longin’ for change
And in the bad times I fear myself

Sometimes in life we fall into a funk, a depression. Even when things are going good in life, we might feel depressed for various reasons. Sometimes it can be caused by loss...the loss of a loved one or the loss of a job. With that depression brings fear. Fear of failure. Fear of greater loss. Fear that we might never get out of our funk or depression.

Tell me somethin’ boy
Aren’t you tired tryin’ to fill that void?
Or do you need more?
Ain’t it hard keeping it so hardcore?

We might also feel a sense of emptiness, a void, as if there is something missing in our life. We don’t even know what it is we are missing. We just feel like there is a hole in our heart or a void in our life. We try to maintain an appearance that “everything is okay.” We try to keep a stiff upper lip, to appear “hardcore”, “tough,” but others can see through it. They can see that we are not ourselves.

(repeat of previous verse)
I’m falling
In all the good times I find myself
Longin’ for change
And in the bad times I fear myself

And in this final verse I see the dramatic conclusion to this song.

I’m off the deep end, watch as I dive in
I’ll never meet the ground
Crash through the surface, where they can’t hurt us
We’re far from the shallow now

To go into the deep end means to go into the depths of the Dharma. We start out in the beginning in the shallow water. Our understanding is not yet mature or deep, so life presents many challenges to us. We have fear, we have depression, we have emptiness. But if we continue to listen to the Dharma, if we continue to seek and learn, without fail we will enter the depths of the ocean, the depths of the teaching. It is there that we find a teaching that fulfills the emptiness in our life. We find a teaching that alleviates all of our fears, whether it be the fear of failure, the fear of loss, or the fear of death, they are all transcended.

When we “dive in” to the depths of the Dharma, we “never meet the ground,” meaning we have gone beyond a shallow understanding. We have touched the unfathomable depths of the Dharma. It is there that “nothing can hurt us.” Nothing. Nothing in life is insurmountable. We live a dynamic life. We live a fulfilled life. We live a meaningful life. We live a fearless life.

In the shallow, shallow
In the shallow, shallow
In the shallow, shallow
We’re far from the shallow now.

This is the kind of life that Shin Buddhism offers us. This is the life of Namuamidabutsu.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
The Buddha’s Mother’s Day

On Sunday, May 12, 2019, it will be Mother’s Day. I had always thought that this was a day for all mothers to celebrate. But this is not how Anne Jarvis, the founder of Mother’s Day had intended it. In 1908, she envisioned a much more personal day. A day where each person would remember her/ her own mother. You can see this reflected in the name of the holiday. Anne Jarvis specifically chose the singular possessive Mother’s Day rather than the plural possessive Mothers’ Day. The difference is merely the placement of the apostrophe either before or after the ‘s’. Before is personal while after is communal. So rather than a day for all mothers, it is instead a day for each of us to remember our own mothers.

In Buddhism, there is a very famous, and special mother. Her name is Mahapajapati. This name is a compound. “Maha” means “great” while “Pajapati” means “Leader of the Sangha”. So she was a great leader of the Sangha. But what Sangha was this? Well, her last name “Gotami” is a clue. She was the foster mother of Prince Siddhartha Gotami, the historical Buddha. But she is also famous in her own right, not merely due to the fame of her adopted son.

We celebrate the Buddha’s birth at Hanamatsuri. He was born Prince Siddhartha on April 8, about 2,500 years ago. But tragically, his mother, Queen Maya, died on April 15, one week after his birth, likely due to complications from childbirth. His father King Suddhodana was a warrior who was now a single father. Fortunately, Queen Maya had a loving sister named Pajapati, the Buddha’s aunt.

Pajapati also becomes Siddhartha’s surrogate mother. She raises Siddhartha as her own first-born son. She would later have two children of her own, a daughter named Sundari-Nanda and a son named Nanda. She was a wonderful mother to each of her three children. She treated each as her own. This is motherhood as a profound bond between two people rather than merely of birth.

On December 8, we have Bodhi Day, the day Prince Siddhartha became the Buddha under the Bodhi tree. He was 35 years old and had awakened to the truth of impermanence. There is a collection of texts called the reconciliation texts where the Buddha returns to his home town of Kapilavatthu in order to reconcile with all his friends and relatives after six years of being a wandering ascetic. It goes so well that many of them also become practicing Buddhists. For example, his father, wife and son all begin to practice the way.

This was especially true of his mother Pajapati. Over time she attracted 500 female students of her own. “500” is symbolic in Buddhist texts for “many, many” students. She was a gifted teacher with the authority that comes about naturally when one sincerely practices. Women also identified with a female teacher. She understood their struggles and difficulties in life.

At that time, gender roles for women were very limiting. Women who were widowed or not married or without children had very few opportunities. Buddhism gave these women a meaningful alternative. Pajapati was surrounded by “displaced wives, widows, consorts, dancers and musicians. Lacking other kin, these women were turning to her and to one another. Having fully grasped this situation, Pajapati decided to take…” action.

During this time the monastic order of male monks was growing and becoming more formalized. Pajapati began to wonder why women can’t become nuns and equal members of the Buddhist Sangha. She asks the Buddha three times to allow women into the Sangha and she is denied each time, likely because the Buddha was worried that having women living within the monastic community might disrupt the practice of the monks.

So Pajapati takes more extreme measures. She actually shaves her head, wears the saffron-colored robes of a monk and heads towards Vesali where the Buddha is practicing. Along the way, hundreds of other women join her march towards the Buddha. This march attracted large crowds as they continued from town to town. Upon arrival, the Buddha finally agrees to allow the establishment of the order of Buddhist nuns. Pajapati could not be denied any longer.

There are two theories as to why the Buddha had a change of heart. The most common explanation is that it was his mother and he owed her for a lifetime of care. But I like the alternative, that Pajapati was a future Buddha destined for awakening. Thus, there was no way the Buddha could deny her request. Pajapati had earned this status rather than receiving it as a favor.

This is how Pajapati becomes Mahapajapati, the “Great Leader of the Sangha.” She is even referred to as the “Founding Mother of Buddhism.” Today, she is considered the most important female in the history of Buddhism. This is why Siddhartha was able to have the best Mother’s Day every day of his life. It is this bond rather than birth that gave Mahapajapati her place within our tradition.

In gassho,
Rev. Jon Turner

First Buddhist Women: Poems and Stories of Awakening by Susan Murcott, pg. 27
Putting Away Samsara

The wanderer Vacchagotta asked the Blessed One: “Then does Master Gotama hold any speculative view at all?”

“Vaccha, ‘speculative view’ is something that the Tathāgata has put away.”

Since ancient times, people have speculated about how old the world is. Today it’s unnecessary to wonder, because there are accurate measurements. The age of the universe (13.80 ± 0.02 billion years) comes from observations of the cosmic microwave background radiation. The age of the earth (4.54 ± 0.05 billion years) comes from radiometric dating of terrestrial, lunar, and meteoritic samples. This means that the earth has been revolving around the sun for fifty million times longer than a human life span!

Challenged by what nature is teaching us, we might react with denial. Surely, the world could not have gotten along without us for billions of years! This egocentric view gives rise to the popular misconception that the earth and its inhabitants came into existence only a few thousand years ago. By contrast, people in ancient India had an intuitive grasp that the world was far older than the span of a human life. They proposed a cosmology with a time-scale vastly longer than 13.80 billion years.

In our Buddhist services we recite a text called the Three Treasures, which states, “How rare and wondrous it is to be born into human life! Now I am living it.” The recognition that it is rare to be born into human life follows from the Indian idea that the world is inconceivably old, and that a human life lasts for only a brief instant. The teaching is meant to challenge my egocentric perspective.

The text of the Three Treasures continues: “How rare and wondrous it is to encounter the teachings of the Blessed One! Now I can hear them.” It was only through the rarest of circumstances that I received life in human form. Just as extraordinary were the events that led me to encounter the Dharma. It is said that a buddha appears in the world just once within a very long span of time. To be alive at such a moment and to meet with a buddha is an exceedingly unlikely event. The way of life taught by Gotama Buddha persisted in India for 1500 years before dying out there. His teachings would have perished too, had they not been brought to other parts of Asia by Buddhist propagators who risked their lives to do so. Centuries later the teachings took root in America, having been carried from Japan by Shin Buddhist followers. Through these improbable and heroic efforts, I am able to receive the Dharma today.

And here is the punch line from the Three Treasures: “If I do not find a path to liberation in the present life, no hope is there that I will be freed from sorrow in the ocean of birth and death.” Liberation means ending the pattern of repetitive existence called samsara. Traditional Indian religion conceived of a literal cycle of transmigration within the six realms of rebirth. The ātman or unchanging identity experiences death and rebirth again and again, while enduring endless sorrow. Gotama found a path for putting away the idea of ātman and the mentality of samsara. For noble disciples, awakening meant the removal of illusions: Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away, they’re freed. When they’re freed, they know they’re freed. They understand: “Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is no return to any state of existence.”

Gotama’s final words were a summary of everything he had taught: “All conditioned things are impermanent. Seek your liberation with diligence.” Given the exceptionally favorable circumstances of (a) being born into human life and (b) being able to listen to the teachings of the Buddha, I must put away the “ocean of birth and death” here and now, and not dream of doing so in some future existence. It is indeed rare to be given life in human form, to hear this teaching, and to encounter a path to liberation.

In gasshō, Jim Pollard

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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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President's Message

Otsukaresamadeshita. Thank you everyone for your support and efforts in making another Hanamatsuri Festival a success. The week previous, we observed Hanamatsuri service, April 7th. The actual recognized date of the birth of Siddartha Gautama is April 8th. I hope that you had the opportunity to pour sweet tea over the statue of the Baby Buddha (Siddartha). Amongst the many stories regarding the birth of Siddartha there is a story that sweet rain fell on the newborn Buddha to cleanse and welcome life. Symbolically, we tell this story through our Hanamido. The Hanamido is a structure with four columns, representing the four Noble Truths, holding up a roof covered with flowers, representing the universal truth of impermanence and interdependence. Have you ever wondered who spends the effort to decorate the OCBC Hanamido and prepare it for our Hanamatsuri celebration? Every year, for perhaps over 40 years, Paul and Miyuki Fujimoto and Yoko Yamashita have guided the Jr. YBA in arranging the flowers, donated by Yada Nursery, transforming a barren structure into a lush Hanamido. Paul and Miyuki have gathered the delicate wisteria to complete the attractive Hanamido, just hours before the Hanamatsuri service. The center of the Hanamido is a statue of baby Siddartha with one finger pointing up and the other pointing down declaring “…I alone am the World Honored One.” One would be confused as to why Buddha would make such an egotistical statement. Perspective is the term we need here. What was happening in the world at the time of Siddartha’s birth? Alexander the Great had established an empire from Greece to much of Asia and the North eastern part of Africa. Due to his accomplishments. Alexander the Great was talked about in god-like terms. Perhaps making Siddartha like Alexander the Great, the baby Buddha would say such an egotistical thing. Yet, we understand that Siddartha was speaking not in terms of an individual but in terms of the enlightened truth as the World Honored One.

We appreciated the Hanamatsuri Dharma talks from Rev. T. Aoyama and MA Koichi Mizushima.

As Hanamatsuri represents birth, we must refresh ourselves by looking into ourselves. We must know ourselves, accept ourselves, and free ourselves from wishes that disguise our true self. Once we understand ourselves we can truly express gratitude and compassion.

This brings me to a quick discussion on why we see so many Buddhas with a precious stone or third eye in the middle of Buddha’s forehead. This third eye is a theme shown in the Buddha’s slightly closed, slightly opened eyes. A Buddha has a third eye as a means to reflect back at themselves, to see themselves. Some people practice oshoko by raising the incense to their forehead before sprinkling the incense into the burner as a symbol to purify that third eye. In our sect of Jodo Shinshu, it is normal to oshoko without this added step of bringing incense to our forehead. In gratitude we offer incense to purify and understand impermanence as the incense becomes smoke and leaves only a fragrance of a change.

The Federated Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) had their annual Conference up in San Jose sponsored by Central District. More about this conference later. In 2020, the FDSTL Conference will be hosted by Southern District and will be conducted at OCBC.

Congratulations! Rev. Jon Turner has received his official Kaikyoshi Montoshikisho from Bishop Umezu and it was presented by Rev. Marvin Harada at the Hanamatsuri Service. In order to become a minister, several steps are required and approved by the Bishop. Kaikyoshi is an official step that allows the minister to hold positions in the temple, perform weddings and funeral services and conduct various services.

Mother’s Day is May 12th. At OCBC we are considering renaming it Parent’s Day or Family Day. This is a social movement in recognition that some families consist of a single parent or both parents of the same sex. In any case, it should be a day to express gratitude for the kindness, love, and sacrifices a parent does for their children. But, I must add that parents should be mindful of what they teach to children.

In gassho and at your service,
Rick Oishi
OCBC President

Gomonshu Visiting September 7-8, 2019

The Gomonshu will be visiting the Southern District this September 7th and 8th to commemorate Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple’s (LAHHBT) 50th anniversary at its current temple location and the opening of its Dharma Center. LAHHBT is inviting all Southern District temples to participate in the events planned for this significant event.

Flyers regarding all planned events are in this issue of the Korin:
♦ Dharma Center Opening—Service, 9/7.
♦ Commemoration Banquet @ Quiet Cannon, 9/7 (Sign-up in temple office by July 14th)
♦ Schedule
♦ Chigo parade information and application, DEADLINE 5/31
♦ Kikyoshiki confirmation ceremony information and Application, DEADLINE 5/20

In gassho and at your service,
Rick Oishi
OCBC President

Good News
2019 Hanamatsuri Bazaar Raffle

The 2019 Hanamatsuri Bazaar was very successful even with the many changes our festival committee and volunteers had to handle due to the health department requirements. Fortunately, we had wonderful weather and steady crowds, and we’ve been unofficially advised, we had another financially successful event. As always, the raffle really contributed to that success. Thank you, Sangha members and friends, for supporting the raffle with your participation and help with the sale of tickets.

This year, we held three mini-raffle drawings on Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14, along with our main raffle held on Sunday evening. We’re happy to announce our larger raffle winners. Thank you everyone for participating and making the raffle a success!

2019 Hanamatsuri Bazaar Raffle winners:
1st Prize - $2,000 Cash: Kevin Gomez
2nd Prize - $1,000 Cash: Glenn Kusumi
3rd Prize - $750 Cash: Joe M. Natsuhaara

Mini-Raffle main winners:
$100 Cash: Tom Crane
$100 Cash: Janet Hayashida
$100 Cash: Kimberly Doami

Our raffles would not be nearly as successful without the generosity of our Sangha members, organizations, and friends who donate gifts and prizes for the raffle. OCBC gratefully acknowledges the following for their Dana:

Batavia Gardens
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OCBC Wish List

Generous donations from our many Sangha members provided so many of the items on our Hanamatsuri wish list for April, and at this time we wish to express our appreciation for everyone’s giving spirit.

Household items, appliances, decorative items and gift cards provided many, many prizes for the popular raffle event.

Innumerable items from the Hanamatsuri supplies list - Spam, sugar, pineapple juice, shoyu, flour, etc., etc., helped defray the costs for the many food booths.

And sweets and desserts in the form of cookies and brownies, jams and breads, and the always popular mochi cakes made the baked goods booth a resounding success.

The White Elephant “booth” was always filled with shoppers looking for unique treasures donated by generous members.

All in all, once again with the help of so many donors and dana-spirited individuals, we are left indebted to you all. Thank you.

In Gassho, Janet Sakahara

Hanamatsuri Wish List Thank You

A very big THANK YOU to all of our Sangha who donated to our supply Wish List this year. We were able to furnish the sugar and flour requirements for the entire festival. That’s over 500#s of sugar and 250#s of flour. All of Dango’s dry ingredients were donated by our Sangha. In addition we received:

- 3 l sake
- 255 dinner plates
- 1 l. mirin
- 24 qt. pineapple juice
- 3 gal shoyu
- 6 rolls wax paper
- 7 cases paper towels
- 6# salt
- 3# coffee
- 1 case Splenda
- 4# corn starch
- 4 large bottles Dawn
- over 25 cases of Spam
- $590 mini raffle gift cards

We would like to thank all of our donors who left their names with the office and all of the Sangha that donated anonymously or just dropped their donations at church without being recognized. We have the names of the following donors: We sincerely apologize if we omitted your name for recognition.

Mary Jane Fujimura
Greg & Bonnie Goodman
Jodi Hisamoto
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The Shin Reader

For May, the Shin Reader reviews the book *The Heart of the Buddha Dharma* (2003) by Rev Kenryu T. Tsuji who served as the BCA Bishop from 1968 to 1981. The book is available at the BCA Bookstore. After opening the book cover, showing a calm green garden, you will be on the Shin Buddhist path explained by Rev. Kenryu Tsuji (1919-2004). Rev. Tsuji captured the essence of Jodoshinshu-Shin Buddhism (Shinran’s teaching) to the Western world in a compact book with only seventy-seven pages. The text for this book is from Dharma messages, pamphlets and temple newsletter columns written by Rev. Tsuji over a forty-year period, according to Kennon Nakamura, former President of Ekoji Buddhist Temple. The table of contents has the five chapters: I. The Many Buddhas; II. Fundamental Teachings; III Jodo Shinshu, A Brief Introduction; IV. A Life of Nembutsu; and V. 84,000 Thoughts. It is said in Buddhism that there are 84,000 different ways to understand the Buddhist teachings. If you wish to learn about Buddhism, I recommend this book. It is perfect for getting fresh insight about the Amida Buddha’s teaching.

Rev. Kenryu Tsuji, a Shin thinker, is one of the nine scholars featured in my dissertation at Ryukoku University Graduate School. He was born in British Columbia, Canada in 1919. He became ordained in the Jodoshinshu Honganji Buddhist tradition (Nishi-Honganji) on March 15, 1941 and entered Ryukoku University. After returning to Canada, he started sharing the Dharma in Vancouver Buddhist temple; however, he was confined with other ministers in camps until the end of the WWII. He then studied at Toronto University from 1945 to 1946. In 1958, Rev. Tsuji came to the United States to join the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) as Director of the Bureau of Buddhist Education. He served as minister in Buddhist Church of San Francisco (BCSF) and became the first Japanese American BCA Bishop in 1968 for thirteen years. Rev. Tsuji was concerned about the future of Shin Buddhism in North America in an environment of religious pluralism and multiple cultures. His challenge was how to explain and deliver the Jodoshinshu teaching to the Judeo-Christian dominant and diversified Western society. As Director of the Center of Buddhist Education Center, he emphasized religious education by producing a number of educational pamphlets for various levels of members, such as the Dharma School students and regular sangha members. His major thought of Shin Buddhism follows the Shin perspective on human beings, and he declared that the teachings of Buddhism and Shin Buddhism are to nurture and develop human personality through self-introspection, and possible self-transformation, through hearing and receiving the Buddha-Dharma.

A “Brief Introduction of Jodo Shinshu”, one of his educational pamphlets says, “Absolute Enlightenment is attained in the Pure Land after death when all the finite, limited qualities of the physical beings are extinct. While the human weakness of greed, anger, and ignorance are still functioning, the perfection of personality is impossibility. Birth in the Pure Land means becoming a Buddha and achieving perfect Oneness with Amida Buddha. We are thus identified totally with Amida’s Wisdom and Compassion.”

Rev. Tsuji talks about the Nembutsu in Chapter III about Jodo Shinshu, A Brief Introduction – Namo Amida Butsu (Recitation of Nembutsu): “The Nembutsu is the heart of the Buddhist religious experience. The recitation of the Nembutsu (Namo Amida Butsu) enlightens us to our humanity and leads us to the full realization of the ultimate power of Wisdom and Compassion, which we Buddhist call Buddhahood. Psychologically, the recitation of the Nembutsu is a conscious acceptance of Amida’s Wisdom and Compassion at work. Religiously, the recitation of the Nembutsu is an act of gratitude naturally arising from an awakening to the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha. A man who lives in the supreme knowledge and profound conviction that he is now encompassed in ‘Amida’s eternal light which never casts him away’ is known as a man who lives the life of Nembutsu. The Nembutsu is the complete identification of myself with the transcendent power of Wisdom and Compassion from which I derive my meaning for existence. The Nembutsu is this center of my being, the spiritual home from which I operate and where I find the spiritual power to carry out all my moral, social and religious commitments. It is the verbalization of my inner awakening to the reality of life and the world. It is the sound of the Infinite touching the finite. Only in the absolute passivity of the Nembutsu do I find the unfathomable source of my life’s true activity.” What an amazing statement it is!

I hope you enjoy The *Heart of the Buddha-Dharma*, realizing what you receive from hearing and saying Namo Amida Butsu.

Review by Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 12, 2019
8:00am–10:30am
OCBC Social Hall
$5.00 per person

Mothers are complimentary!
Hosted by Jr. YBA

Korin Articles Due

05/26/2019*
Email articles to: OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com

*Daison Taiko, DWC, ST, JY may submit articles
BWA News

Announcements
- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19th, in the Kodo at 1:30pm after lunch and lecture on the American Sutra by Duncan Williams.
- The SD Conference will be held at Senshin Buddhist Temple on June 8th and the deadline for OCBC members is April 28th, but if late registration becomes available, members will be notified.

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, April 8th, 41 seniors and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and celebrated birthdays for Misako Iwakoshi, Rumi Nakatani(Kiju), Kay Fujimura and Hideo Kawamura. The ladies served Korean bbq beef, breaded shrimp, vegetable chow mein, tomato cucumber salad, and edamame. Thank you to Misako Iwakoshi for the monetary donation and to Rosa Somen for the lemons. We hope to see you at our next senior luncheon on Monday, May 13th.

Hanamatsuri Festival – Expression of gratitude from our BWA President
OCBWA would like to thank all who helped us prepare wonton, udon, chirashi, norimaki roll and inari sushi and assisted in selling beef and kitsune udon in the MPB for the Hanamatsuri Festival. It’s amazing how things just come together with the help of our Sangha members. We are grateful for all the caring hands that created the food and dishes AND those that washed the many bowls, trays, pots, cutting boards, utensils, etc. that make our job easier. We appreciate the JR. YBA, Sports, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and all their parents. What a great support system we have! Lastly, a special thank you to the mighty clean-up crew who came Monday and Tuesday morning after the festival to put away the big pots and pans, clean the kitchens and stoves from top to bottom, and organize pantries/drawers so everything is ready for the next big event!

Arigato Obaachan
The World Buddhist Women Convention will honor female loved ones past and present. They have printed the name of donors and their honorees in the Wheel of Dharma Publication and will post the names at the Convention in September. The OCBC members who have honored their “Obaachans” are Mary Jane Fujimura, Jodi Hisamoto, Judy Uyema, Janis Hirohama and Jim Pollard, Diana Ono, Kathy Ito, Alison Yoshihara, Noreen Kamimura, Marion Nishimura, Lynn Black, Judith Urabe, Lily Masuno, Bill and Janet Sakahara, Louie and Irene Yamanishi, Rev. Marvin Harada and Gail Harada, Allison, Emily, Aaron and Avery Doami, Koko Doami, Yukiko Hirata, and Rev. Ellen Crane. Thank you all for your donations!

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

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura

Maintenance Report

Thank you to our dedicated OCBC volunteers, many of whom are noted below, for their help at various times since the last report:

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Steve Higashi  Akio Nitta  Allan Sasai
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Dan Kaneko  Dennis Okada  Ron Suzuki

1) General.
   a. Removed trash from the Ball Road and Dale Street frontages.
   b. Pruned trees, removed volunteer plants and weeds, and tended to the plantings.
   c. Compressed the trash in the dumpsters (an every Tuesday task).
   d. Emptied campus trash containers.
   e. Removed-cleaned-replaced plastic curtains in containers #1,#2 & #3.
   f. Installed a new additional storage rack in container #3.
   g. Adjusted light timers on campus.
   h. Reinstated latches & locks on vandalized sheds, #4 & #7.

2) Social Hall.
   a. Cleaned sink drain to enable the sink to drain.

3) MPB.
   a. Finished the repair work on the Wok stove.
   b. Installed LED light fixture in the kitchen walk-in cooler.
   c. Installed a new water heater for the North-West women’s restroom.
   d. Inspected all four water heaters to insure functionality.
   e. Returned “dead” garbage disposal to “life.”

4) Hondo
   a. Installed latches on attic access doors.

5) Kodo.
   a. Replaced failed tube light.

Anyone who has some time to devote to helping the temple is welcome to join us. The next Monthly Second Monday Maintenance gathering will be on the 13th of May 2019. A delicious lunch is provided by the BWA in conjunction with the monthly senior lunch the same day.

Gassho,
Jim Mitchell
VP Maintenance
Social Welfare / Dana Program

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 and Shanghai Rummy, 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.

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 led 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. To assist beginners, a schedule has been made to have instructors for the beginners only to start in January and September.

No Pickleball during MPB renovation. Please contact Ryan Onishi (949) 212-6881 or email rko7@hotmail.com if you have any questions. See the Pickleball flyer within this Korin.

If you are interested in joining the Dana Program Committee 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 benefit from.

In gassho,
Linda Ishibashi

Dharma School News

The hanamido for the Hanamatsuri Service and Bazaar was beautifully arranged by Jr. YBA under the direction of Kellie Yada and Jin Swun. Many thanks to Tyler and Chris Terada, Brianne and Linda Hanamoto, Leah Chase, Erin Hayashida, Frank and Joyce Yada, and Marion Nishimura for their artful creations. A very special thanks is extended to Frank Yada for generously donating the beautiful flowers for both week-ends (service and bazaar) and to Marion Nishimura for her donation of wisteria.

For high school students, BCA’s Continuing Buddhist Education is offering a great opportunity to study Shin Buddhism at their weeklong retreat (June 30-July 6) at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. Questions can be directed to Rev. Crane.

For graduating seniors, applications for the OCBC High School Scholarship is now available. Please email your request for an application to Rick Oishi at rick@oishifamily.com.

Upcoming Events –
May 19 – Hatsumairi Rites (Infant Presentation)
Hatsumairi is an occasion for an infant to be presented to the Buddha and to the Sangha, formally for the first time, so that the infant can be embraced by the teachings of the Buddha. Applications can be found in the Korin, at the hospitality table, or in the church office. The deadline for applications is May 12. Teri Whited is the chairperson and can be contacted at 714-875-0584 or at teriwhited@gmail.com.

May 19 – Gotan-e Service
Students may use this as a “make-up” day for credit towards perfect attendance. Please make sure your child signs in for the appropriate class.

Obon Odori Practices –
Practices begin at the end of June so it’s not too early to mark your calendars for the following dates: June 26 and 28; July 3, 5, 9, 11. Practices begin at 7:30pm.

D.S. Class Schedule –
May 5
June 2, 9 (the last day of Dharma School)
June 16 – Attendance Awards will be presented during the All-Music Service

Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30am.

In Gassho,
Gail Harada

Go Green

Thank you everyone for stopping by the booth on OCBC Earth Day. We had numerous Dharma School students and adults stop by to participate and learn something new. Thank you Rev. John for supporting the Eco Sangha Concept and sharing your Dharma Talk about how we, as Buddhists, can make a difference and are an important part of the Interdependent Earth. Thank you to Eric Nakahara, Rod Nishimura, Beth Fujishige, Amy Takata, Emi Ochi, Seiju Terada, Calvin Togashi and Dickie Fukuda for helping with the Earth demos, canopy, and set up and take down.

Did you know that you can recycle newspaper, market ads, shiny paper ads, magazine and old telephone books at OCBC. We would appreciate your bundling papers in a paper bag or tie with string before you drop it off at the recycling bin near the parking lot exit.

Gassho,
Dorothy Matsuoka
562 425 3755 (H)
Project Kokoro News

Singing in the Rain May 4
Stay tuned for a review of the musical “Singin’ in the Rain”. This stage spectacular takes you on an entertaining trip back in Hollywood history as silent films transform into talkies. There is a scene by the lamp post that has rain falling during the scene. The 2:00pm matinee is sure to be a great performance for the 37 attendees. Contact Emi Ochi: 562-924-4169 for additional info. emiochi@gmail.com

Okaeri Lecture May 18
Ken Tagawa wanted to know about his Japanese history and began a search for his relatives through his father and mother. ‘Okaeri’ which means “going home”, became the title of this lecture by Ken Tagawa and his Japanese associate, Yuuka Kojima. Based on Ken’s personal experiences while searching his Japanese roots and the family he found in a small Japanese village. The lecture is at 1:45pm and is a free event co-hosted with ABA. Please RSVP (for planning purposes) to ProjectKokoro@gmail.com by 5/13.

Dorothy Matsuoka June 8
Congratulations to our PK Member and Craft Club Chair, Dorothy Matsuoka, for being this year’s JACCC Community Spirit recipient! Please join us in celebrating her achievements at JACCC Annual Dinner on June 8th, 6pm, at the Hyatt Long Beach.

Craft Club
For items to donate to the craft club, or questions about attending future craft classes, please contact Dorothy @ 562-425-3755 or email: dcmatsuoka@aol.com

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

Next Meeting June 5
Please join the monthly meeting which will now be held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7pm. Please note the new day of the month and join us in the Senior Room. We welcome your input and involvement with future activities and ideas.

In Gassho,
Neddie Bokosky

ABA NEWS

Hanamatsuri 2019 is “in the books”. As with any undertaking, it takes leadership, a sense of responsibility, adaptability, and a positive outlook. When you look around at the faces of the people working at the church, you see smiles and hear laughter, despite the stricter guidelines and the challenges being faced.

ABA sincerely thanks Mark Sollberger for chairing Chicken Teri, and Chieko Miyake and Janet Uyeno for organizing the Workers’ Lunch on Saturday. We would also like to thank all who came out to help.

Next up, ABA will be hosting the Gotanye Luncheon on May 19. Thanks to Edie Gulrich and Karen Nagayama for chairing and organizing this event. We are also looking for a volunteer to chair Chicken Teri for Obon. Lastly, the Mt. Rushmore/Yellowstone trip is filling up quickly. The travelers will enjoy some great sights and good company from July 25 - August 5.

An organization is only as strong as its members, and we are fortunate to have many caring, responsible and hard working members. If you meet these qualifications, and also like to have fun, join us for one of our meetings. (Others need not apply). Haha! Whatever challenges you may have in your life, they are easier to conquer with good friends and laughter. May you have plenty of the latter.

In Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai

A Talk called Okaeri

If you’re like most Sangha members who are Sanseis, Yonseis, Goseis, or even younger, you’ve probably wondered about your family roots. Where did your grandparents, or great-grandparents, or great-great grandparents come from? You probably have relatives in Japan, but who are they, where do they live, and what do they do? A sansei was curious enough to actually attempt to answer his own questions. What he found was amazing and heartwarming.

On Saturday, May 18, 12:30pm to 1:45pm in the Hondo, Project Kokoro and ABA will co-host a free, open to the public talk, by Ken Tagawa and his Japanese associate, Yuuka Kojima as they discuss Ken’s research and journeys to Japan to eventually find previously unknown relatives in a small Japanese village and elsewhere. These visits opened up an entirely new world for Ken. Learn about the research they conducted, and how they found and accessed records in Japanese ministries. Learn tips on how you, too, can search for your roots. Please RSVP (for planning purposes only) at ProjectKokoro@gmail.com if you plan to come or have any questions. RSVPs are requested by May 13th.

In Gassho,
Project Kokoro &
Adult Buddhist Association
Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041

The Daisies have been very busy these last couple months. After we had the pleasure of meeting the Orange County Girl Scout CEO at Girls Day at OCBC, we participated in a wonderful program at Ronald McDonald House for the McBaker program. The Daisies then visited a farm, had a wonderful father and daughter pinewood derby night at OCBC, and just had their first sleepover at OCBC. Now we are excited to celebrate six of our Daisies who will bridge to Brownies next month. The Daisies are very appreciative for all of your support. We look forward to our upcoming activities and programs.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 855

The Junior Girl Scouts have been working hard to learn their skills like Firebuilding, Knots, Girl Scout Know-How, Emergency Preparedness, Lashings, Compass/Trail Signs, and First Aid for Junior Jam which was held on April 5-7. The theme this year was “Every Day’s a Holiday.” The troop selected Girls’ Day as their holiday. The girls enjoyed setting up camp and competing in the Skills and Fun Events. Overall the girls did amazing by receiving 1st place for Skills and winning the Best Themed Campsite!

We will be attending the Northern California Girls Scout Event for Golden Gate Bridging on April 27. We are looking forward to meeting and mingling with our Girl Scout sisters from different places.

Finally, we are ending our amazing year with the Disney Youth Education Series (YES) Energy and Waves Physics Lab 101. We are excited to see our 2nd year Juniors bridge to Cadettes and welcome the incoming Juniors!
Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

For the past few months, Cadette Troop 675 has been very busy. For the Robotic Programming Journey, some Cadettes were able to go on a field trip to the RoMela UCLA Robotics Lab. Two big thank yous to graduate student Colin Togashi for demonstrating amazing robots and former OCBC Girl Scout Lindsay Masukawa for leading us on a campus tour! For our end of the year activity, we went to the IROEC (Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center) for the weekend and earned the Outdoor Art Apprentice and Archery badge, with Katherine Nakahira beating us all in archery. Some other fun activities we did there include zip lining and learning about astronomy, specifically constellations. Finally, we were able to finish our MEdia journey, wrapping up the end of the year. Upcoming events in May include guest speaker Tamlyn Tomita coming to speak, as well as Court of Awards and the All Troop Year End Bridging Ceremony.

In gassho,
Kayla Kashima

Cub Scout Pack 578

Hello, members and families of OCBC! Greetings from Cub Scout Pack 578! We have been quite busy since the Pack Holiday Party and winter break, and our Scout year is quickly coming to an end. We are working very hard and have earned many belt loops and pins as we complete our requirements and electives to advance to the next rank. Thanks to your continued support, our year kicked off with a very successful Ho-Onko Luncheon in January. During our annual Blue and Gold Dinner in February, we came together to celebrate our successes and the anniversary of the Cub Scouts with amazing STEM activities organized through Mad Science. We followed this special dinner by having a “hoppin” good time at our March Pack Game Night at Rockin Jump in Santa Ana. Every year, we get the opportunity to give back to OCBC by supporting the Hanamatsuri Festival. We love the food, entertainment, games, and time with family and friends after working our volunteer shifts. The Webelos 1 and Wolf Den families then spent a weekend camping at San Clemente State Beach. We shared skits and s’mores around the campfire and strengthened the bonds we continually forge year after year. May is the last month for our regular scouting year, and we look forward to our Pinewood Derby race. Everyone is super excited to see who built the fastest and most creative cars. Webelos 2 and Tiger Scouts are responsible for leading a booth at the annual Scout-O-Rama held on May 11th at Oak Canyon Park. Adventure cards, which cover Scout-O-Rama admissions and includes thousands of local discounts, are still available from the Pack for just $10. The families of the Webelos 1 Den will host Pack Crossover, the year-end ceremony where the Webelos 2 Scouts crossover and join the Boy Scouts of America. We also do archery, BB range, aquatics, zip lining for older scouts, skits, recognitions and awards, and a flag retirement ceremony. Lastly, just a reminder that Cub Scout Pack 578 holds a recruitment picnic every August, and we love to see new faces eager for adventure and fun. So this summer be on the lookout for details! Thank you from all of us!
In Memoriam

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

Ruthy Emiko Chew  
Fujino Furuya  
Harry Yuji Koike  
Ben Noboru Minamide  
Takanobu Ted Osako

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

March
28 Fujino Furuya, Funeral Service  
29 Fujino Furuya, Burial Service  
30 Ruthy Emiko Chew, Funeral Service  
31 Tsuneji George Katsuda, Nokotsudo Service

April
6 Kazuo Arima, 49 Day Memorial Service  
7 Harry Yuji Koike, Funeral Service  
8 Harry Yuji Koike, Ash Burial Service  
10 Ben Nobuo Minamide, Funeral Service  
20 Takanobu Ted Osako, Funeral Service  
21 Tsugiko Takeda, 49 Day Memorial Service  
28 Ray Kato, 3 Year Memorial Service

Boy Scout Troop 578

Snow Camp
This year’s snow camp trip was held on February 23rd to the 24th due to unexpected road closures from the massive amount of snowfall. The troop arrived Saturday morning and began to clear out an area for the campsite. This proved to be hard work as there were many layers of snow. When that was finished the fun in the snow began. Snowballs were immediately thrown and some of the scouts began to build forts along with other snow structures. One in particular was the igloo in which 4 scouts spent the night. Towards the end of the day dinner was made in Dutch ovens with some amazing dishes such as a sukiyaki, spaghetti and meatballs, and monkey bread. After dinner was closing campfire where the scouts performed various skits for the families to enjoy which included Can’t Work in the Dark, Fastest Robbery, and Ha Got em. The next morning we swept our campsite and headed home. Thank you to ASM Berkin and the other families involved for making this event possible.

Shotgun Shooting
On March 8th scouts and parents took a trip up to Joshua Tree for our annual Shotgun Shooting. Once all the scouts, parents and alumni met up at the campsite, we quickly set up our camp and went to sleep. The next day we woke up early to get breakfast done and complete our second safety briefing from Mr. Lee and the alumni. Once we finished our mandatory briefing, we were sent to our stations where we began to shoot. Everyone, except for the first year shooters, could keep their score of clays hit out of 50 to see if they could qualify for the competition. After lunch we shot more and the competition started. Jin Swun, Kai Kotake, Aaron Doami, Michael Lee, and Matt Okazaki competed for their title as Shogun Champion and their name on the trophy. Matt barely came out on top followed by Jin and Aaron. Once we were done shooting we had a wonderful campfire and went to sleep early since we were so tired and still had a big day ahead of us. The next morning we packed up camp and returned to OCBC. A big shout out to the Swun and Lee families for organizing this event and to all the alumni that provided the ammo, clays and shotguns for us to use. This extremely fun event couldn’t have happened without you!
Ministerial Scholarship

Thank you Sangha members for a most successful campaign year. To date, we have received $7,995.00 in donations. Please note that this will be the last issue in which we list all donors who contributed to the Ministerial Scholarship Fund for the campaign year 2018-2019. In addition, in the interest of economy, any donations received subsequent to April 28, 2019 will be acknowledged in the July issue of the Korin.

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Louise Sanematsu.

Total Donations Received: $7,995.00

We say once again to our most loyal Sangha members, thank you. You are all incredible. Your donation dollars have fully supported Reverend Ellen Crane as she finishes her thesis course with the IBS as well as her attendance at the Spring MAP seminar. We have also supported Minister’s Assistant Matthew Stoltz for his attendance at the Spring MAP Seminar and we are in the process of funding Minister’s Assistants Jim Pollard and Janis Hirohama for their attendance at the MAP seminar held in January of this year. In addition, $5,000 has been set aside to fund qualified IBS candidates who are pursuing the ministry. Your donations are now being put to use to aid our sister temples so that, hopefully in the near future, they will be able to have a full-time minister serving their temple. You are all a big part of that effort!!

Gassho,
Carrie Nakagawa
Multi Purpose Building Renovation Project

Update and Building Fund Donations

Acknowledgments

The project is moving quickly. Construction on the Multi Purpose Building (MPB) began on Monday, April 22. The construction crew took apart the electricity and plumbing to the air conditioning units on the MPB roof. Cranes removed the old air conditioning units on Thursday, April 25. Examination of the underlying roof showed termite damage. Termite exterminators and roofers will inspect the damage. Installation of the new air conditioners and weatherproofing of the roof will be delayed.

In the weeks ahead, the gym floor will be removed, the interior of the gym painted, new LED lights installed and basketball frame inspected.

Construction crews are onsite Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Crews park in the Ball Road parking lot. Please do not park in front of the MPB. Crews need the main MPB entrance to bring in supplies and remove debris.

All construction questions, issues or problems need to go through Nancy Hara or Calvin Togashi. Please do not approach Miles & Kelley or their sub-contractors.

The Development Committee had a very successful fundraising kickoff on Sunday, April 7. They passed out brochures, pledge forms and pledge envelopes. Remember the MPB Renovation Project will only take 6 months. Support from the Sangha will be needed over the next 2 years to pay for the project. The Development Committee has already received pledges in the amount of $388,500 out of $1.2 M required, as well as $43,000 in donations.

The Long Range Planning Committee gratefully acknowledges the following pledge commitments and donations to the Building Fund since the last Korin report:

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Friday Night Basketball:
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Thank you to all who have contributed to date.

In Gassho,
Doug Iwanaga, Building Fund Treasurer
Calvin Togashi, MPB Renovation Project Manager

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No Pickleball during MPB renovation...

For the next few months, Pickleball play will be on hold while the MPB is being renovated. We look forward to resuming play once the project has been completed!

For more information or if you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Ryan Onishi at rko7@hotmail.com or (949) 212-6881.
The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from March 24, 2019 through April 27, 2019.

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Umehira, Howard/Joann
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Yada, Frank/Joyce
Yamamoto, Misae
Yamanishi, Louie/Irene
Yee, Clifford/Megumi
Yoshimitsu, Akemi

Total: $6,082.00

WELCOME TO THE BEC’S
BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
7:00 P.M.

FEATURED DVD:
First Buddhist Women:
(Chapters 1-6)
By Susan Murcott

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019
7:00 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
First Buddhist Women
(Chapters 7-12)
By Susan Murcott

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30pm
PLACE: Social Hall Level 3
For more information please call: 714-827-9590
Books are for sale at OCBC
五月の大きな法要に宗親鸞聖人の誕生を祝う 「降誕会法要」があります。この法要では宗親鸞聖人の生誕を祝い、さらには来場者が教えの睿智に触れて心を豊かにする機会を提供するものと考えられています。 大師聖言に通じて、皆様が心を新たにすることを目指して、この法要を心よりお祝いいたします。

今日のメッセージは、宗親鸞聖人の教義を深く理解し、学びを深める機会を提供することを願っています。教えの深さと広さを体験することで、自己覚醒を促進し、心の成長を支えることを願っています。
告られました。
行者がこれまでの因縁によって、たとえ女犯があっても、この観音が玉女の身となってしまいましょう。その後、あなたが住むのは、必ず浄土に導いて差し上げましょう。という切実なお願いを

六月の祥月法要

1日（土） 午後4時30分より営まれ

BEC士曜真宗講座

春の講座は「浄土真宗の儀礼」について

7月の祥月法要

6日（月） 午後4時30分より営まれ

BEC土曜真宗講座

春の講座は「浄土真宗の儀礼」について

5月19日（日） 午前10時より

場所は本堂。

「初参り法要のご案内

5月27日（日）

奥寺のオフィスにお届けください。

「墓参りスケジュール

5月17日（水）午前9時より

OCBCオフィス

納骨堂は午前9時から午後3時まで開いています。
5月

知识の日

世界仏教婦人会・キャンペーン

おばあちゃん、ありがとう

ご質問

お礼の言葉

マリオン会長より「花祭り」の

マリオン会長より「花祭り」の
「花祭り法要」

2月27日まで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。

合計 2,260ドル

「仏教会に特別寄付」

ご寄付ご芳名です。

合計 1,396ドル

「春期お彼岸法要」

ご寄付ご芳名です。

合計 4,325ドル

仏教会同 心よりお悔やみを申し上げます。

合計 1,155ドル

C O F F E E

敬称略
THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS.
YOU'RE HARD WORK IS
VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!
YOU ARE THE BEST!!
Hatsumairi
(Infant Presentation)

The Orange County Buddhist Church cordially invites parents and their infants, 18 months or younger, to participate in the Hatsumairi rites ceremony offered in May. The Hatsumairi is an occasion for parents to present their child to the Buddha and the Sangha, formally for the first time, so that they too can be embraced by the teachings of the Buddha. While this ceremony was traditionally done privately by the family, there has been a trend to have this gathering collectively under the auspices of one of the affiliated organizations within the temple, such as the Dharma School.

The Southern District Ministerial Association has adopted the birth of Shinran Shonin for this occasion. The Orange County Buddhist Church welcomes your participation in this Hatsumairi gathering, which will be held during the Gotan-E Service on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at 10:00 A.M.

To participate, please fill out the form below and mail it to arrive, no later than Sunday, May 12, 2019.

If you have any questions, call Teri Whited at (714) 875-0584 or email her at teriwhited@gmail.com

Please note: We will contact you by phone or email to verify receipt of your application. If you do not receive verification by Wednesday, May 16, 2018, please make sure you contact Teri Whited.

Hatsumairi Application
Please Print

Name of Child

Name in Japanese (If applicable)

Name of Parents:
Father ____________________________
Mother ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Telephone: __________ email: __________

Please send completed form to: Hatsumairi
Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA  92804
A talk called **OKAERI**

Ken Tagawa’s Personal Heartwarming Story
Finding and Connecting with his Family in Japan

Presented by Ken Tagawa and Yuuka Kojima

**SATURDAY, May 18, 2019**
**12:30 PM – 1:45 PM**

Free Admission
Open to the Public

RSVP by May 13th (for head-count planning) and/or questions, Email: OCBCProjectKokoro@gmail.com

Like many Japanese-Americans, Ken Tagawa wanted to know more about his Japanese relatives. Beginning with only bits of information, his research opened the door to his grandparents’ past. Listen to Ken and his colleague, Yuuka Kojima of Tokyo, as they describe the search and journey that took them to a small town in Japan where a connection to his family was re-established. Learn how you, too, can undertake a similar journey.

**ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH**
Hondo (Main Temple Hall)
909 S. Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA. 92804

Co-hosted by:
Meet the author!

Using newly translated sources and extensive interviews with survivors of the camps and veterans of the war, *American Sutra* reveals how the Japanese American community broadened our country’s conception of religious freedom and forged a new American Buddhism.

**Buddhism and the WWII Japanese American Incarceration**

*Duncan Ryūken Williams*

**Sunday, 19 May 2019**

12:00 to 1:30 pm (in the Hondō)

*Book talk & signing*

909 S. Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92804, (714)827-9590, OCBC909@ocbuddhist.org
OCBC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

OCBC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

OCBC TALBERT GAKUEN SCHOLARSHIP

OCBC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE OCBC TALBERT GAKUEN SCHOLARSHIP.
DEADLINE: MAY 26, 2019 SUNDAY.

Applicants must be or have parents that are current sustaining members of the OCBC for one year, to be eligible.
The Talbert Gakuen Scholarship was established in honor of, and in accordance with, the wishes of the Issei founders and members of the Talbert Gakuen, who generously arranged a scholarship to an OCBC senior high school student in furtherance of higher education. Grade Transcripts are required.

MR. AND MRS. BEN D. SANEMATSU SCHOLARSHIP

OCBC UNDERGRADUATES, GRADUATES, OR VOCATIONAL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE OCBC MR. AND MRS. BEN D. SANEMATSU SCHOLARSHIP.
DEADLINE: MAY 26, 2019 SUNDAY

Applicants must be or have parents that are current sustaining members of the OCBC for one year, to be eligible.
Applicants must be pursing studies to enrich, improve, or provide services to challenged individuals. Priority will be given to those applicants that are challenged.
Mr. Sanematsu lost his eyesight and devoted his life to teaching and counseling blind students to cope with their blindness and function in mainstream society.
Grade Transcripts are required as well as major declaration.

OCBC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

OCBC COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AN OCBC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
DEADLINE: MAY 26, 2019 SUNDAY

Obtain scholarship applications from the OCBC Office or through email request to: Rick Oishi, rick@oishifamily.com. Be sure to indicate the scholarship application.
Sign-Up Today! Go to buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/connect
You will receive this welcome e-mail after submitting the form.

Welcome to BCA Connect!

You are now signed up to receive the latest news from the Buddhist Churches of America. Each edition of BCA Connect will:

- Feature selections from Wheel of Dharma, BCA's official monthly publication
- Include upcoming events and activities at the Jodo Shinshu Center and throughout our national network of temples and churches
- Highlight a book-of-the-month and new items available from the BCA Bookstore
- Share Buddhist resources, education, and special announcements

Our first edition will launch in Spring/Summer 2019. We’ll be eager to learn how readers would like this new digital publication to grow and keep us connected to the dharma. Thank you for joining us!

While you await the launch of BCA Connect, visit the Wheel of Dharma online to read this month's issue and access the digital archives:

Wheel of Dharma Online

BCA Resources and Partners

**Jodo Shinshu Center**

The Jodo Shinshu Center opened in 2006 through the generosity and vision of our donors to create a 21st century nexus for Buddhism in America. The JSC houses a growing campus of scholarship, education, outreach, and events.

**Center for Buddhist Education**

The Center for Buddhist Education cultivates an engaged national sangha, with dharma-focused activities throughout our network of temples and churches in the United States. View recent dharma talks and recorded events on our YouTube channel.

CBE on YouTube
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Providing Buddhist education in Berkeley since 1949, the Institute of Buddhist Studies offers a range of graduate-level degree and certificate programs in the entirety of the Buddhist tradition. IBS graduates pursue further doctoral studies, ordain as Buddhist priests or monastics, and serve as chaplains in hospitals, prisons, and the military.

IBS Website

BCA Bookstore

"All I know is I must go, into the light, wherever it may lead me." Lady Takeko Kujo (1887-1928) was a renowned poet, writer, artist, activist, humanitarian, and one of Japan's leading women in the 20th century. *Leaves of My Heart* is a new English translation of Lady Kujo’s essays and a selection of her poems.

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BCA Bookstore

Upcoming Events

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Dana Program for Buddhist Education

BCA Connect is a new endeavor made possible by the ongoing support of our members and friends. The digital age provides us with fantastic opportunities to engage the public through online education and media. Please consider a recurring donation to the Dana Program so we may expand these initiatives in the future.

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OPENING CEREMONY FOR
DHARMA CENTER

“A Way of Living
as a Nembutsu Follower”
『念仏者の生き方』
Message by Kojun Ohtani Monshu
大谷 光淳 門主
Resident Minister, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

September 7, 2019 @1:00PM
LA Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

COMMEMORATION BANQUET
With Kojun Ohtani Monshu
寺基移転五十周年祝賀晩餐会
大谷 光淳 門主 御臨席
September 7, 2019 at 6:00PM
@ Quiet Cannon

Banquet Cost: $65.00 for Adult
$25 for Child (age 3-10)

Sign-up & pay for the banquet in the OCBC office by July 14th
Schedule for Gomonshu’s Visit

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CURRENT TEMPLE SITE

Saturday, September 7

1:00-3:30pm  Dharma Center Opening Ceremony & Public Event
  Opening Service led by Rimban William Briones
  Message delivered by Monshu Kojun Ohtani on “A Way of Living as a Nembutsu follower”
  Message delivered by Dharma Center Faculty
  Admission: Free

6:00-8:00pm  Commemoration Banquet at Quiet Cannon
  Congratulatory Message delivered by Monshu Kojun Ohtani
  Banquet Cost: $65.00 for adult, $25.00 for child (age 3-10)
  Deadline: August 5, 2019

Sunday, September 8

8:30am  Group Photo with Monshu Kojun Ohtani

9:15am  Chigo Parade with Monshu Kojun Ohtani
  Application form is available at Temple Office.
  Application Fee: $100.00 (kimono rental, purchasing zori, tabi, etc.)
  Deadline: May 31, 2019 (Non-refundable after this date)

10:00am  50th Anniversary Commemoration Service officiated by Monshu Kojun Ohtani
  Chanting of “Shoshin Nembutsu Ge”
  Dharma Message delivered by Monshu Kojun Ohtani

2:00pm  Confirmation Ceremony conducted by Monshu Kojun Ohtani
  Dharma Message delivered by Monshu Kojun Ohtani
  Application form is available at Temple Office.
  Application Fee: $100.00 for adult, $50 for child (age 19 and younger)
  Deadline: May 31, 2019 (Non-refundable after this date)
Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

本派本願寺羅府別院

815 EAST FIRST STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-4303

THE COMMEMORATION SERVICE FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CURRENT TEMPLE SITE, OFFICIATED BY GOMONSHU KOJUN OHTANI

CHIGO PARADE

The Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will be commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Current Temple site on Sunday, September 8, 2019, officiated by Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani, the Resident Minister of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

Prior to the service, there will be a Chigo Parade which will be made up with children, ministers, and temple leaders. The Kinnara Gagaku (traditional Buddhist musical players) will be leading the parade.

All the participating children will be dressed with traditional kimono and make up for the parade. We encourage all of your children and grandchildren to participate in this once-in-a-life-time occasion.

What is Chigo?

A Chigo are children who participate in the Buddhist processions. From the Kamakura period on, well-to-do families sent their children to temples for their education. In major celebrations, the children being educated at the temple participated in ceremonial processions and major celebrations. They were dressed to represent heavenly beings. The children wore the Kariginu, a robe with long, wide sleeves which is worn over Hakama, a culotte-like skirt. This is the hunting costume of the Heian nobility which later became official garb of the government. Boys wear a stiff hat of lacquered gauze called Eboshi. Girls wear a crown of a Phoenix Bird and bright metal pendants called Tenkan. (Traditions of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha written by Rev. Kodani & Rev. Hamada)

Date: Sunday, September 8, 2017
Place: Kaikan
Schedule: 7:30am Registration and Change to Kimono
8:30am Group Photo with Gomonshu
9:15am Chigo Parade
10:00am Commemoration Service
Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

815 East First Street, Los Angeles, California 90012-4303

CHIGO PARADE

APPLICATION FORM

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Chigo Parade Application Fee: $100.00 (*Non-refundable after May 31, 2019)

Payable to "LAHHBT" with a memo "Chigo Parade"

- Please submit this form and registration fee together to temple by May 31, 2019.
  Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
  Attention: Chigo Parade
  815 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

- Please note that the application fee includes kimono rental, purchasing tabi and Zori, shipping fee for rental from/to Japan, etc.

For more information, please contact Rev. Koho Takata at NishiDharmaCenter@gmail.com or (213) 680-9130
Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

KIKYOSHIKI CONFIRMATION CEREMONY
OFFICIATED BY GOMONSHU KOJUN OHTANI

On the occasion of Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple 50th Anniversary of Current Temple Site, Special Confirmation Ceremony will be conducted by Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2:00PM.

Confirmation Ceremony or “Kiyoshiki” is a solemn ceremony performed before Amida Buddha to officially confirm your entry into the Path of the Nembutsu. Participants will affirm their reverence toward the Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. “Buddha” is not simply in reference to Sakyamuni Buddha, but refers more importantly to Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Infinite Wisdom and Compassion. “Dharma” is the teaching of Amida Buddha’s Great Compassionate Working to embrace all beings without any discrimination. “Sangha” refers to the community of people who have entrusted themselves to Amida Buddha and its Nembutsu teaching.

By participating in the Confirmation Ceremony, participant will receive a Buddhist Name (Homyo). These names are in the form of “Shaku” and two Buddhist terms which follow. The word “Shaku” means “disciple of Sakyamuni” and signifies that the person has joined the followers of the Nembutsu Teaching which was expounded by Sakyamuni Buddha and committed oneself to live on the Teaching.

Confirmation Ceremony is open to all members. There is no minimum or maximum age limit however the individual must be able to participate in the ceremony at the temple on the day. We sincerely hope that your temple members will take this wonderful opportunity and participate in the Confirmation Ceremony. Please contact Rev. Koho Takata at NishiDharmaCenter@gmail.com or (213) 680-9130 for any questions.

Confirmation Application Fee: $100.00 for adult and $50 for child (age 19 and younger: Age limit of the child is in accordance with Honzan’s regulation.)

- Please submit or mail application form and registration fee with check payable to “OCBC” by May 20, 2019 (NON-REFUNDABLE after May 31, 2019).

  Orange County Buddhist Church
  Attention: Confirmation Ceremony
  909 S. Dale Avenue Anaheim, CA 92804

- Please note that your Buddhist Name will be conferred by Honzan. If you wish to make a personal request for a Buddhist Name, please consult with a temple minister. You will be asked to submit a separate registration form with an additional $100.00 fee. Please contact Rev. Koho Takata for this request.

- All participants are requested to check-in by 1:00PM on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Nishi.
Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

815 EAST FIRST STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-4303

KIKYOSHIKI CONFIRMATION CEREMONY
OFFICIATED BY GOMONSHU KOJUN OHTANI

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2019 OCBC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the following form to apply for Membership.
Note: OCBC Membership is January - December

STEP 1: MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

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Annual Fees

Membership can be also remitted monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually (See Bottom Below)

Young Adult
OCBC members between 18-30 years of age.

Introductory
New First Time OCBC members (singles over 30 years of age and families).

Sustaining
Current/Ongoing members of OCBC.

Kansha
Special membership opportunity to provide additional financial support to OCBC.

STEP 2: MEMBER INFORMATION

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City ____________________________  State ______  Zip ______
Phone Home:_____________________ Cell: ____________
Email ____________________________

Family Membership Information

Spouse Name ____________________________
Spouse Phone _________________________  Cell: ______________________
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Child Name ____________________________
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Name ____________________________  Phone: ______________

STEP 3: MAIL

Send membership form and check to:
Orange County Buddhist Church
909 South Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

Mark or notate on your check:

☐ Monthly  ☐ Quarterly  ☐ Semi-Annually  ☐ Annually

Want faster, easier membership? Visit www.ocbuddhist.org/membership/
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