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“Our Pledge” by our Gomonshu, Kojun Ohtani

This month we were honored and privileged to have the visitation by His Eminence, Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani, the head of our tradition of Shin Buddhism, Nishi Hongwanji, and a 25th generation descendant of Shinran Shonin. To put into perspective how privileged we were, in Japan, there are 10,000 Nishi Hongwanji temples. As you can imagine, it would be impossible for the Gomonshu to visit 10,000 temples in Japan. However, when he comes to the U.S., he tries to visit as many temples as he can. On this trip to America, he visited the Northwest District and Southern District. I was given the privilege of travelling with the Gomonshu’s entourage as Bishop Umezu’s executive assistant. It was a wonderful experience. The Gomonshu enjoyed his visit at all of the temples he attended, following the World BWA convention in San Francisco in which about 40 of our OCBC BWA ladies attended.

For my article this month, I would like to share the pledge that the Gomonshu has composed, that he would like all temples to read at our services. It is really a wonderful pledge that expresses Shin Buddhism and a life of the Nembutsu in a very easy to understand and easy to relate to manner. I have added how I personally interpret the meaning of this pledge.

“Our Pledge”
By Monshu Kojun Ohtani

Breaking out of my shell
I will share a warm smile and speak gentle words
Just like the kind Buddha.

Not becoming lost in my greed, anger, and ignorance
I shall think and act with an open-mind
Just like the calm and peaceful Buddha.

Not putting myself first
I will share in the joy and sadness of others
Just like the compassionate Buddha.

Realizing the gift of life I have received
I shall strive to live each day to its fullest
Like the Buddha who tirelessly works to liberate all.

“Breaking out of my shell…” Our “shell” can be our ego self, that limits us, that keeps our hearts and minds narrow and closed. Our shell could also be the shell of low self-esteem, or it could be our pride and arrogance that keeps us closed off from others. This “shell” of our ego-self cannot be broken from within, from our side. It must be broken by the truth of the Dharma, by the light of wisdom. When the shell of our ego self is broken, then true warmth and gentleness emerges from our life.

“Not becoming lost in my greed, anger, and ignorance…..” I always tell people that the best place to experience greed, anger, and ignorance is to go to Las Vegas. You can experience all three in one instant. Haven’t you ever gone to Vegas and played a slot machine for a long time, trying to hit the big jackpot, but you never hit it? In frustration you walk away from the machine, but you look back as you walk away. Up walks a little old lady who on the first pull hits the big jackpot. You think to yourself, “That lady hit MY jackpot!” Now you are greedy, angry, and stupid, all at the same time. We can become “lost” in what Buddhism calls the three poisons of greed, anger, and ignorance. Once we get sucked into that vicious cycle, whether it is shopping, gambling, food, drugs, or whatever, unless we encounter the teachings, we cannot escape from the grips of the three poisons.

“Not putting myself first…” Usually we live by putting ourselves first. We want to be the first in line at the buffet, the first one to board the airplane, the first one to get into the store on Black Friday. But an awakened person does not put himself first. In so doing, he is able to share in the joy and sadness of others. Using the previous example of Las Vegas, if I was like the Buddha, then I should be able to say to the lady that hit MY jackpot, “Congratulations! I am so happy for you! I played this machine for hours just to get it ready to pay out for you. Way to go!” But of course, I cannot share in her joy, and equally, I cannot truly share in the sadness of others. But the Buddha can.

“Realizing the gift of life…..” Life is truly a gift. We somehow feel that we are “entitled” in our life. If only we could see this precious thing we call life as a gift. It is a gift for as long as we receive it. At any point in time, this gift could be taken away from us, but for the duration that we have it, we can cherish it, and live “each day to its fullest.”

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
A Metaphor for Buddhism

There are two main branches of Buddhism. One traveled South and is called Theravadin Buddhism. The other branch traveled in two directions, East and North. It is called Mahayana Buddhism. It is challenging to make any generalization about these two branches since they are so varied and have developed and evolved over the past 2,500 years. So, the time frame of the discussion is also important to note.

In general, Theravadin Buddhism tends to focus on the historical Buddha, Shakayamuni. You might say that they try to emulate the Buddha’s path. They follow in his footsteps. This is a valid strategy. For example, many young basketball players are likely now mimicking the path of LeBron James. But this analogy is a bit flawed since there will always be another LeBron James for the next generation to follow. But this is not the case for Theravadin Buddhism. The historical Buddha is considered to be unique in human history.

For Mahayana Buddhism, the focus was more on the Dharma since the leader of our tradition had died. So, they began to focus more on the teachings and on the Sangha, the community where one could practice. In effect, as long as the teachings and practice survived so too did the Buddha. Thus, the concept of Buddha began to broaden. No longer a singular event in history but something revealing itself continually within everyday life.

This also helps explain where Amida Buddha statue comes from and the motivation for it. It is reality that manifests truth all around us. Thus, it is infinite and because it awakens us to what is true and real it is also a Buddha. You could even describe Amida Buddha as the Buddha that awakened Shakayamuni. From this perspective, we can say that we have never been without a Buddha teaching and practicing. It is part of the human experience. It is alive and all around us.

This approach was amplified within the Mahayana branch of Pure Land Buddhism. No longer are we without a Buddha in our lives. The Dharma is available to us as something living and dynamic. The Buddha is no longer something we follow but instead something that is unfolding within us. To understand this, I developed the following metaphor to help explain this change of emphasis within the Buddhist tradition. I wrote it while working on a graduate degree in Buddhist studies. I still think of it whenever I begin to get the two branches and various schools of Buddhism confused.

The Metaphor

One day a man was wandering in the wilderness and came upon a movie theater. This theater was called The Bodhi Tree. He went inside, sat alone in the dark and watched the film that was playing. This event changed his life. He left the theater and told everyone he could find about this movie. He reviewed and analyzed the movie for others hoping to encourage them to go see it too. In time he was successful and many went to the very same theater to see the movie assuming that this was the only place the movie was playing. Thousands of people got in line to see the film. However, the theater was very small, and only one person could view the movie at one time. The movie was also very long so the line moved very, very slowly.

The wait to see the movie became so long that over time those in line began to forget about actually seeing the movie itself. Instead they concentrated on the stories and reviews and the man that had told them about the movie. And standing in line began to evolve into a practice itself. One had to behave and follow certain rules in order to maintain his place in line. And those in front were considered far superior to those in the back of the line since they got to see the movie first.

However, there were some at the back of the line that got very discouraged. The wait to see the film was far too long, and they were also unable to behave properly in line. Rather than just giving up, these back-enders began to look around for other theaters that might be playing the same film. As they explored other venues, they began to realize that the film was not only being played in other theaters, but it was also being projected on all the walls of the countryside. This encouraged more and more people to view the film. As they watched the film, they also began to realize that they themselves had actually been starring in this film all along. The film was not some separate reality that one watches, but in fact, it was reality itself and the title of this film was Namo Amida Butsu.

These special people then went out to all sentient beings to explain what they found. It seemed too simple to be true but everyone was starring in this film and all one needed to do was realize it. And for the first time every one could watch the film simultaneously without any conditions or restrictions. Of course, the people that were still waiting in line were not so happy to hear this and were convinced that this could not be so and continued to wait their turn in line.

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:

ocbuddhist.org/buddhist-education-center/

OCBC/BEC Online School:
EverydayBuddhist.org
Can We Rely on Intuition?

The tradition represented at OCBC is Jōdo Shinshū or Shin Buddhism—the teachings and life experience of Shinran (1173-1263). We consider him to be the founder, although he never portrayed himself as such. Rather, he said, "For myself, I do not have even a single disciple." Shinran’s path of truth-seeking was a radical revision of the Buddhism that existed eight centuries ago in Japan. We do not discuss his teachings very often at our services. Perhaps it’s assumed that people are unfamiliar with Jōdo Shinshū, and therefore we cannot go into it. In that case, the assumption may become self-fulfilling; an awareness may never develop. Another reason for reticence may be that Shinran’s words are a challenge to the assumptions that we commonly make concerning religion; his ideas may cause us discomfort.

One might ask: Is it necessary to study Shinran’s teachings? or, Can we develop an appreciation by intuition, that is, without the conscious use of reasoning? Both approaches are possible, so we might choose the one that is best for us—study or intuition. We may be able to combine the two; it need not be either/or. But is it possible to know which approach is more suitable?

Today, leisure time and literacy are prevalent, at least in theory, but that was not the case during much of Japan’s history. People struggled to make a living under the threat of famine and natural disasters. Among Shin Buddhist followers, there were some with little or no schooling who arrived at a deep, intuitive understanding of the Dharma, often by enduring personal hardships. Those who were renowned for having special insight were called myōkōnin, or “wondrously excellent people.” Taitetsu Unno described them in his book, River of Fire, River of Water:

“"Myōkōnin were basically lay people, men and women, who labored for a living, had no means to attend extended religious retreats, and could not read the difficult scriptures. Yet, being human like anyone else, they sought answers to the questions regarding living and dying. Guided by nameless teachers, both priests and laity, they came to appreciate the Buddha Dharma that awakened them to the significance of this unrepeatable life.”

Even today we may meet such exemplary followers. The best way for us to become like the myōkōnin is to have grown up in the presence of people who themselves had deep, intuitive appreciation. Their self-awareness would have touched our hearts. We might grow to resemble them and to share in their insights.

But, what about the person who did not have such an upbringing, who did not encounter the Dharma until later in life? For that person, the intuitive path to understanding may not be accessible. Nowadays, if he or she is secure in terms of food, clothing, and shelter, then a different way of finding the Shin Buddhist path becomes possible—the way of “hearing and reflecting.” It includes listening to Dharma talks, reading contemporary books on Shin Buddhism, and studying Shinran’s writings and the Pure Land sutras, all accompanied by self-reflection. In his commentaries, Shinran frequently adds the imperative “Let this be known,” or “Reflect on this,” after stating key ideas. The phrase is both a reminder to himself and a way to encourage us. “Reflect on this means that a person must understand this in accordance with the way things truly are.”

Many Shin Buddhists have arrived at understanding through intuition. However, Shinran did not do so. He was as far from being a myōkōnin as one could get. For him to develop an appreciation of Jōdo Shinshū required a tremendous effort to hear the meaning of the myōgō, Namo Amida Butsu, which finally led him to abandon his intuitive notions—he was led to doubt his capacity for liberation. In the process, he became perhaps the greatest Dharma listener in the history of Pure Land Buddhism. It would be foolish to think that we could emulate Shinran’s level of listening, but still I would argue that he (rather than the myōkōnin) is the appropriate role model for many of us. We engage in study and reflection, because our intuitive notions about Buddhism may well be wrong. “Hear and reflect, and let there be no waver or apprehension.”

In gasshō,
Jim Pollard

Please excuse the error in the Japanese section of September’s issue of the printed Korin. The Korin is also available on the OCBC website at: https://www.ocbuddhist.org/digital-korin

**All Scout troops can submit articles**
President's Message

This recent Labor Day weekend, I seized the opportunity to attend the 2019 World BWA Convention in San Francisco. I joined 1,700 World delegates with the Gomonsu-sama, Kojun Ohtani, Monshu, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, Rev. Bishop Kodo Umezu, BCA, Rick Stambul, President, BCA, BWA leaders, and many other ministers and Sangha members from Canada, Brazil, South America, USA, and Japan. It was an awesome experience and an inspiration to hear over 1,700 voices chanting and reciting the Nembutsu. The Convention was hosted by BCA and is held every four years. OCBC was well represented by Rev. Marvin Harada as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop of BCA, providing the Shokuzen no Gassho at the Banquet, and Rev. Dr. Wondra as a Workshop Leader and presenter of “Lady Takeko Kujo; The Secret of Her Inner Beauty.” (Takeko Kujo is cited as the founder of BWA), two sessions, one in English and then in Japanese. Both sessions were very well attended and enjoyed.

As members moved to various meeting rooms and to the banquet, it reminded me of Shinjuku or Tokyo Station with crowds of people moving in an orderly manner to their next destination.

I was told that a large delegation from Southern Japan had to cancel because of a typhoon. We hope all is well and the damage minimal if any from the recent typhoon.

I am a member of OCBC BWA. OCBC BWA allowed me and welcomes men to join. This was a selfless act showing inclusiveness and I appreciate OCBC BWA efforts. I will try to be a good member. I would like to share with you some thoughts and pointers made from the Convention’s Keynote speakers who were dynamic, articulate, and impressive.

Keynote Speaker, Keiko Toro, is a scholar of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and pursuing studies into “Everyday Buddhism.” Toro begins with the parable “White Path” by Shan-Tao. In summary, there is a man, you, being chased by hungry beasts and cruel bandits. You come to a river of raging fire (anger) on the south side and a vicious river of water (greed) on the north side. You are standing on a white path between these two rivers that is very narrow. What should you do? Go back and face death with the beasts and bandits? Stay where you are until certain death occurs? Go forward on the white path with two rivers ready to engulf you? You hear voices that encourage you to go forward and be saved. You decide to go forward and do make it to the other shore. We see the white path as the middle path to enlightenment and we are encouraged to become fearless with the voice of Amida saying that we are protected and will find safety. Toro uses this story to remind us of our daily lives in the Nembutsu. The voice is there calling us. Do we hear it and go towards the voice or do we remain where we are and never realize Amida’s compassion? Or do we turn to face the cycles of greed, anger, and suffering? It is our decision and our choice. However, Amida is always present, welcoming and encouraging us to hear and have faith in the saving nature of Amida’s enlightenment.

Toro continues by saying that saying the Nembutsu is like looking into a mirror. We see our true self when we rely on Amida. Through the Nembutsu, the conflicts of suffering is turned into virtue. In our heart we become aware of our true self. Conflicts are evil and create suffering created by our own self. Having a Butsudan is also like having a visual mirror. Toro concluded with a poem by Ayako Suzuki,

The Nembutsu
Gives me
The Power
To accept my condition
As I am.

The following keynote speaker, Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi, also provided a powerful and meaningful speech on the acceptance of self through the Nembutsu. Both gave credence to the convention’s theme to “Live the Nembutsu.” It was inspirational and sometimes felt very personal as we all encounter the same experiences, fear, and tribulations. We sometimes question our faith in the Nembutsu, but these speakers remind us to never doubt Amida nor the compassion, understanding, and embracing of the Nembutsu. The speakers gave us their testament to the power of the Nembutsu.

The next 17th World BWA Convention will be held in Kyoto, Japan, Kyoto Hongwanji, May 11th and May 12th. There are four years to plan to attend. Language is not a problem. Many thanks to the OCBC BWA, and the OCBC BWA leaders: Marion Nishimura, Lynn Black, Jodi Hishimoto, and Allyson Yoshihara (daughter, Emily, performed in Cherry Blossomz at the convention). The bus ride to and back from OCBC was full of OCBC members, fun, snacks galore, and endless entertainment. Otsukaresamadeshita.

In gassho and at your service,
Rick Oishi OCBC President
The Shin Reader

For October the Shin Reader reviews Stephen Batchelor’s After Buddhism: Rethinking the Dharma for a Secular Age (2015). The book may be purchased from online book sellers.

Mass-market books on Buddhism often fail to make contact with the primary texts of the tradition. That is not the case here. After Buddhism is a closely argued investigation of the Pāli scriptures, which are the basis of Theravāda. They are the source of almost everything we know (or think we know) about the historical teacher, Gotama Buddha. Given their antiquity, one would not expect to discover surprising new ideas in these texts. That was my belief, but Stephen Batchelor showed me that I was misinformed.

After Buddhism presents a very different view than what you will hear from Theravādan teachers. Batchelor describes the Buddhist community that existed in India at the time of Gotama. In those days the layperson’s Buddhist path was equal in status to the monk’s path, which is quite unlike the hierarchical framework that developed after the Buddha’s passing.

Batchelor demonstrates that the Pāli scriptures teach a path where it is not necessary to await a future existence in which one can practice as a monk. One can fully realize the teachings of the Buddha here and now as lay men and women. A layperson’s path to realization is what Shinran worked so hard to discover in 13th century Japan. In fact, his Kyōgyōshinshō might just as well be called, “What I Found After Buddhism in the Monastery.”

The Pāli scriptures have been preserved and taught by monks for 2000 years. So, it’s quite understandable that their teachings would emphasize the monastic path. After Buddhism is an attempt to bring forward the stories of laypeople in Gotama’s community, stories that have been largely neglected.

Along with recounting the fascinating history of early Buddhism, Batchelor challenges our usual assumptions about standard doctrines such as the Four Noble Truths, karma, rebirth, nirvana, even the meaning of the word Tathāgata. He does this by listening to discordant voices within the scriptures. He follows the thread of ideas that fell out of favor with the monks as Gotama’s spiritual community morphed into a religious institution. For example, Batchelor argues that Gotama’s first sermon has been misrepresented as a presentation of “Four Truths.” Rather, we should understand the Buddha as announcing Four Tasks for us to perform. Contrary to what is often assumed, Gotama’s teaching is not concerned with ultimate truth, but rather with pragmatic know-how. The goal is not the so-called “end of suffering,” but rather the establishment of an awakened culture here and now.

I don’t agree with all of the ideas in this book. Batchelor knows nothing of Shinran, and his approach differs from Jōdo Shinshū in most respects. Shinran’s teaching is still the only path I am capable of following. Yet, reflecting on the Pāli scriptures as Batchelor presents them, I can gain a deeper appreciation of Jōdo Shinshū. Much of what he says could resonate with Shin Buddhists. For that reason, I commend After Buddhism to your kind attention.

-- Review by Jim Pollard

Maintenance Report for August

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

Alan Endo  George Miyake  Frank Okamura
Paul Fujimoto  Glen Morita  Allen Oune
David Fusato  Aaron Nagayama  Kaynan Oune
Neal Hayashida  Eric Nakahara  Junji Sarashina
Steve Higashi  Akio Nitta  Alan Sasai
Dan Kaneko  Taka Noguchi  Winston Shigenaga
Hideo Kawamura  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 20 very old, beat up wood table from service and put in dumpsters.

2. MPB.
   a. Nada, access restricted during construction.

3. Social Hall.
   a. Relocated remaining Obon supplies out of social hall and into other storage locations.

   a. Assisted with obtaining carpet cleaning estimate.

5. Kodo.
   a. Repaired wiring to AC receptacles on the West wall.

6. New Calico Circle Rental House
   a. Installed a “pallet” on the floor of the backyard shed.

Anyone that has some time to devote to helping the temple is welcome to join us any Monday. The monthly second Monday maintenance gatherings for the rest of 2019 are: October 14, November 11 and December 9.

Gassho,
Jim Mitchell, VP Maintenance
Announcements
- Our bento sale will be held on October 6th. Help is needed with the food preparation on Saturday at 9:00am and Sunday at 8:30am in the social hall kitchen. Thank you in advance for your support.
- Our next Senior Luncheon will be on Monday, October 14th.
- Omigaki will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, at 8:00am. Toban E will be in charge and all BWA members are encouraged to help with this annual clean up.
- Bunco Game Day will be held on November 3rd from 11:00am-4:00pm.
- Our next meeting will be held on November 17 in the Kodo at 12:30pm following the Eitaikyo Service and luncheon. Please attend as information on the upcoming Eshinnisama service and luncheon will be discussed.

Highlights from the 16th World Buddhist Women’s Convention, Labor Day Weekend 2019

Setting our sights north, the majority of the 43 OCBC attendees elected to take the Gold Coast tour bus to San Francisco. With a year of careful and detailed planning, our travel group was excited to finally be on our way. The snacks, breakfast, and lunch kept us energized, and the Bingo games and movies made the hours fly by as we made our way to the Marriott Marquis, our host hotel. Seeing familiar faces from previous conferences renewed friendships, but you soon get a feeling that this Convention is something much bigger.

As 1,700 delegates from Japan, South America, Canada, Hawaii and the BCA settled into their chairs for the opening service the next day, there was a hush as Monshu Kojun Ohtani entered the room but before long, everyone was chanting the Sanbujo and Sanbutusuge in beautiful harmony. After the ceremony, we listened to Dharma messages by two keynote speakers, Keiko Toro and Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi of Stockton Buddhist Church. With the advancement of technology, translation devices were available so everyone could listen and enjoy the messages in their country’s own language. Keiko Toro stressed, “If we set aside Dharma Time every morning, we will be in a good place.” Truly profound words to live by and most fitting for the theme, “Live the Nembutsu.” When Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi was initially invited to be a speaker, she told us she firmly said, “No!” But hearing her talk about her sometimes rocky journey on the path to Nembutsu left a lasting impression on everyone and we were so happy she was able to share her amazing story with the world. The remainder of the afternoon was filled with informative and sometimes very interactive workshops like Line Dancing where it was quite noticeable that the Japan delegates were light on their feet and very quick studies! We were especially delighted to hear Rev. Wondra’s workshop on Lady Takeko Kujo was both well attended and received in their own language. Keiko Toro stressed, “If we available so everyone could listen and enjoy the messages throughout the hall very much enjoyed the lunch.

With much appreciation to all who made it a wonderful occasion for all of us!

In Gassho, Marion

Questions: For general questions regarding BWA or its activities, BWA members may contact Marion Nishimura at miek04nish@gmail.com.

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura

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OCBC Wish List

Our list of wishes this month comes mainly from the Project Kokoro craft groups. The crafters were on hiatus in September, but they’re getting ready to stoke it up again and are in need of supplies for their many projects. Please take a look and help wherever you can. Thanks.

**PK Craft:** Scotch tape, 1” blue masking tape, cotton threads (white, black, beige), cotton quilt batting, sports yarn in earth tones (5-6 skeins), cotton yukatas (used). Please contact Dorothy Matsuoka with questions.

**PK Men’s Craft:** 4-inch-diameter bamboo stalks (to create kachi-kachis. Contact Rod Nishimura or Eric Nakahara for clarification.

**Hospitality / kitchen:** eco-friendly supplies – paper hot cups, recyclable plates, bowls, utensils. 
**NO POLYSTYRENE PLEASE!**

Many thanks.

In Gassho,  
Janet Sakahara
Social Welfare / Dana Program

A free seminar will be hosted by Keiro, OCBC Project Kokoro and Dana Program on Sunday, October 13, 2019 starting at noon at OCBC in the social hall. The topic is, “Introduction to Shingles” with the speaker Anish Dalal answering some of the common questions surrounding shingles. A light lunch will be provided for those that RSVP by October 9, 2019 to Dorothy Matsuoka. Any questions you can contact Dorothy at 562.743.3483 or email dcmatsuoka@aol.com. The flyer is attached to this Korin.

Games, Games, Games – The group is held weekly on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the OCBC Library room 2. There are all kinds of games. They are currently playing Mahjong, Canasta and Shanghai Rummy, but other card games and board games are available. Games will resume on September 11th. Donation of $1.00 is collected at the door. Please contact Irene Yamanishi (562) 860-5155 or email iyananishi@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Please join the Dana Program Committee and share ideas that can benefit the OCBC Sangha. You can contact Linda Ishibashi via email lki_2@me.com or call (562) 860-5993. We’re looking for new ideas for free seminars, free flu shots, and ideas from the Anaheim community that can benefit the OCBC Sangha.

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 OCBC social hall. A form of moving meditation, it’s been shown that it helps reduce stress and boosts your immune system and memory. Starting September 12th Tai Chi/Longevity Stick will resume on its regular schedule. 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.

In gassho,
Linda Ishibashi

Dharma School News

For the 2019-2020 Dharma School year, the following is the cabinet of officers:

Co-Superintendents: Joanne Ishii and Chris Hirata
Assistant Superintendents: Open Positions
Treasurer: Alison Yoshihara
Recording Secretary: Nanelle Wong
Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Matsuoka
Publicity: Gail Harada
Emeritus/Parliamentarian: Rick Oishi
Service Coordinators: Amy Takata, Laura Yamamoto, and Sharon Ice
Scrip Program: Cheryl Higashi
Hospitality: Linda Nakauchi, Chris Hirata, and Teri Futaba

Upcoming Events –
September 22, 2019 -- Fall Ohigan Service -- This is a mandatory attendance day towards perfect attendance. Please make sure students sign the attendance sheets.

October 27, 2019 -- Class Photos

November 10, 2019 -- All Life Forms Memorial

November 17, 2019 -- Ti-Sarana Rites for fourth grade students will be held in conjunction with Eitaikyo Service.

D. S. Class Schedule –
September 8, 15, 29
October 6, 13, 20, 27
November 3, 10, 24
December 8
Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 am.

In Gassho,
Gail Harada
Project Kokoro News

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.

PK/Dana Shingles Seminar  Oct 13
Pk and Keiro will be providing a speaker on the topic of Shingles from 1pm – 2pm in the Social Hall to include a question and answer session. Please watch for the Flyer next month with reservation information and more details.

SAVE THE DATE!  Nov 10
Free! Film screening of “Masters of Modern Design: The Art of the Japanese American Experience” planned for Sunday, November 10 from 12:30pm – 2:30pm in the Social Hall. This is a documentary that explores the ways World War II incarceration camp experiences impacted the lives of people who later became successful Japanese-American artists. Also it explores the influences of their art and what led to them changing the face of American culture. This is a co-production between JANM’s Watase Media Arts Center and KCET for the series ARTBOUND, and features second generation Japanese American designers Ruth Asawa, George Nakashima, Isamu Noguchi, S. Neil Fujita and Gyo Obata. Watch for the flyer and reservation information in the Korin next month.

Tomodachi Bento Project
The recent ‘Somen Sale’ of 125 lunches plus desserts was a great success – thank you for all the support. The mission of this program is to provide warm lunches to our Seniors in the area.

Craft Club
If you would like to share a craft idea and teach it to the senior group – the Craft Club will cover expenses of the supplies and help prep as needed - please contact Dorothy Matsuoka: Phone # 562-425-3755 or email: dcmatsuoka@aol.com

Next Meeting  Oct 2
Please join the monthly meeting which is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Senior Room. We welcome your involvement and input on bringing quality programs to our Seniors.

In Gassho,
Neddie Bokosky

ABA NEWS

Every so often, we get humbled. It’s a necessary evil in order to keep ourselves in check. This past summer, I went ziplining for the first time. There are several ways to zip: sitting, supermanning, and upside down. Most of the time, I sat, but a few times, I supermanned. I was confident that my arms were straight out in front of me, and that my legs were straight out behind me. Perfect superman pose, right? WRONG! When I saw photos of myself afterwards, I was mortified! I looked more like a dead body, than a superman. Arms and legs were straight, but heading straight down! How was that possible? Goes to show that even on a surface level, we don’t know ourselves very well! Think about how little we know ourselves on a deeper level! Shocking! There is always much to learn.

Our ABA members who went on the Mt. Rushmore/Yellowstone trip had a wonderful time. They were even taken to a little known viewpoint of Mt. Rushmore! By print time, the Ohigan luncheon will be over. We always make so many people happy with our food! Thank you to those who helped coordinate, prepare the food, serve, and clean up!

When face-to-face with natural wonders like Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, manmade wonders like Mt. Rushmore, revered people like the Gomonshu, or with your own shortcomings, we can’t help but feel humility and wonder. Want to keep learning about the world and about yourself? ABA (or ziplining) might be the “thing” for you!

In Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai
Youth Department News

Fall is here and our temple is busy with all kinds of activities. How was your summer break? The highlight of my summer was attending the amazing 16th World Buddhist Women’s Conference held in beautiful San Francisco during the Labor Day weekend. Gomonshusama Ohtani addressed the 1700+ attendees (both women and men) from South America, Canada, Japan, Hawaii and US. The chanting and gatha we did together was breathtaking. We had wonderful guest speakers and break out sessions and met new friends from all over the world. We should all live each day to the fullest and appreciate the dharma, our health and family = Live the Nembutsu!

I believe volunteerism is important and we should all give back to our community in some way. Don’t just join an organization. Be active, voice your opinion and get to know the people and get involved. We are fortunate that our temple is welcoming to all and has various religious, cultural, social and sports-minded groups to join. Venture out of your comfort zone, become active, and no excuses. There are so many different groups you can join such as BEC Book Club, ABA, BWA, or take a BEC/Meditation class. There are other adult organizations/classes you can join- Project Kokoro, PK craft class, games and card group, ukulele classes, Japanese language, ikebana, bonsai, odori, tai chi, yoga, daion, pickleball, women and men’s open basketball and etc.

For your children here’s a list of our youth groups: Dharma School, Dharma Wheel Club, Sangha Teens, Jr YBA, Girl Scout Troops-Daisy, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Daion Taiko, SEYO Basketball. We are grateful for so many dedicated teachers, advisors, leaders, and coaches who volunteer their time and effort to run a great program all year long. The new school year is busy, but your child will later appreciate the various youth organizations that they are involved in. Believe me, it’s worth it and their friendships will be long lasting! Our hope is that you get your children involved with one of the many youth organizations available. If you are new to our temple you can ask the hospitality table, check out our website or talk to any of our youth committee members. We’ll point you in the right direction.

I know some kids attended LABCC Camp, some kids played in the Hollywood Dodger’s Las Vegas basketball tourney, while others participated in the Kizuna programs. We had 2 high school Dharma students Emily and Natalie participate in the BCA Buddhist Youth Retreat. Please read their article in this month’s Korin.

Before closing, I would like to give a sincere thank you to our youth committee members: Fred Katsuda, Rob Tomooka, Michiko Inanaga, and Ann Nakahira, who have tirelessly worked throughout the summer on the various youth projects. Please contact any of us if you have a comment or suggestion.

In Gassho,
Diana Ono, Youth Committee

Buddhist Youth Retreat 2019

For a week in July, we attended the Buddhist Youth Retreat up in Berkeley. We stayed at the Jodo Shinshu Center for 6 nights. There were 14 of us from San Fernando, San Diego, Oxnard, Sacramento, Mountain View, and Fresno. There were even people from the Denver Buddhist Temple. We would wake up early to set up the Onaijin, ring the Kansho, and chant Shoshinge. During the service, each of us had to present our own Dharma talks in front of our peers and the ministers. During the day, we were so lucky to have amazing reverends teaching us about Buddhism. We learned how to chant properly, Buddhist history, and methods of reflection among other things. It wasn’t all lectures though. We made outings to UC Berkeley, San Francisco, and the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. We also got to pick a kanji for our Buddhist name with the help of Reverend Harada. By the end of the week, strangers became family.

Overall, it was an amazing experience. We learned so much about Buddhism and ourselves. We all gained a deeper appreciation for our religion. We also formed deep connections with the other kids who attended as well as some of the ministers. Subconsciously, we knew that the ministers had lives outside service, but it didn’t really click until we saw them join us in dancing or singing karaoke.

In Gassho,
Natalie Osako and Emily Sarashina
Daion Taiko

It’s a new Dharma School year and a new taiko year. A time for shaking out the cobwebs of the summer and a reshuffling of some of our teams as some get promoted to the next higher team. We’ll also be looking for some fresh new faces as we begin our annual Beginners Workshop.

For those keeping track we got to perform twice at Angel Stadium during the summer. On 8/18, we performed for the US-Japan Committee’s Ohtani Day.

Each Sept. also brings our support of the OC Susan G. Komen’s annual fundraising event. This year the name has changed to the More Than Pink Walk, from the Race for the Cure. This will be our 28th year representing OCBC in the fight against breast cancer.

Upcoming Events
09/22 – OC Komen’s More Than Pink Walk
10/13 – Annual General Meeting

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami

Dharma Wheel Club

If you have any Dharma School Students in preschool through 5th grade, please consider joining Dharma Wheel Club. We meet about once a month to spend time together crafting, eating, making new friends, and strengthening our existing friendships.

Dharma Wheel Club will have its first meeting on October 13 at 11:30. We will be doing a fun Halloween craft. Our meeting room will be posted in front of the Hondo. We hope to see your smiling faces there!

Get your costumes ready for the annual Halloween Costume Party, hosted by Jr. YBA, Sangha Teens, and DWC. It will be held in the Social Hall on Sunday, October 27. It's always a blast to see both young and old dressed in their Halloween best!

Jr. YBA

Hello all! OCBC Jr. YBA wrapped up our summer with a fun trip to the beach! There was lots of yummy food to eat and plenty of waves. Our members could be found digging in the sand, playing some frisbee, and splashing around in the ocean. The beach party was one of our last chances to say goodbye to our graduated seniors as they head off for college and we will miss them dearly. As the sun set we took many pictures to remember the day and the time we spent with our closest friends. When it became dark, we gathered around a camping lantern and our seniors gave parting speeches of advice.

On August 24th and 25th we headed up to UCLA for our Southern District 2019 Conference. The theme for this year was “Buddha in Your Backpack”, hosted by Senshin and Venice. The “backpack” was a symbol for all the things we carry with us through life. We learned that if we keep Buddha in our backpack, and practice the nembutsu, there will always be a constant in our lives, even if everything else that we take in our backpack changes as we grow. Not only did we learn these lessons at conference, but we also got to spend time with our friends from other chapters. When we finished all the workshops, we headed back to the dorm rooms to get ready for the dinner and dance! At the dinner they displayed an end-of-the-year video that showed all the fun we had throughout the year. Overall this SD Conference was one to remember!

We’re looking forward to our welcome-back meeting on September 15th to start off the new school year! For those new to Jr. YBA, we are a religious, social and service organization for high school aged kids here at OCBC. Our advisors are Linda Hanamoto at lhanamoto@yahoo.com, Jean Hamabe at chrisjean2@gmail.com, Carol Sakamoto at jncsak@verizon.net, and Chris Terada at csterada@aol.com. Please contact any of them if you would like more information about Jr. YBA.

In Gassho,
Erin Hayashida
Jr. YBA Publicity
In Memoriam

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

Chiatzu Janice Ding
Isao Kiyohara

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

Namu Amida Butsu

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Multi Purpose Building Renovation Project
Update and Building Fund Donations
Acknowledgments

More progress! Construction crews covered the roof with plywood and did not find any more damage. Next, they will refurbish roof drains, apply roofing material and install new air conditioners.

Construction crews also worked on the inside of the MPB. They removed asbestos from the 1st and 2nd floor, installed LED lights in the gym and painted the gym ceiling and walls. Workers removed wallboard and tile in the restrooms and locker rooms in preparation for ADA improvements.

MPB renovation is scheduled to be done by the end of the year except the wheelchair lift. The State of California needs to approve a variance for an additional 6 inches of height for the wheelchair lift.

No one should access the MPB. Contact Nancy Hara or Calvin Togashi, if you need to enter.

Unforeseen issues have increased the budget by $600,000 to $2.4 M. Roof repair accounted for half of the increase followed by parking lot re-surfacing, water mitigation for the gym concrete, enhanced fire alarm system, termite fumigation, protective cover for the new gym floor and a few miscellaneous items. The Long Range Planning Committee discussed and recommended approval of the revised budget. The Board of Directors approved increasing the budget to $2.4 M.

Since the September 2019 Korin, the Development Committee and Long Range Planning Committee gratefully acknowledges the following donations and pledge commitments to the Building Fund.

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Total donations this month: $253,109
Total donations for MPB Project: $494,557

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Total pledges this month: $47,500
Total pledges for MPB Project: $563,730

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Total coins donated this month: $649.06
Total coins donated for the MPB Project: $1,694.68

Thank you to all who have contributed to date.

In Gassho,
Doug Iwanaga, Building Fund Treasurer
Calvin Togashi, MPB Renovation Project Manager
オレンジ郡仏教会
2019年
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御門主様 ご巡教

大谷光淳御門主さまは親鸞聖人の法灯を継承される第25代目の御門主様です。大谷光淳御門主さまは共著者である本願寺一行と到着され、阿弥陀さまにご挨拶をされて、会長の大石リック氏が英語で、そして私がそれを日本語に訳して、当寺院の歴史と現在の活動についてお話しいたしました。御門主様からは英語でご教示をいただき、浄土真宗は大乗仏教のなかでも最高の教えであり、その大乗仏教の生き方は「人とともに生きる」、「人のために生きる」という利他心であることを示されました。如何なる逆境にも満足できる人こそ、たとえ逆境に在っても、恵まれている自分をもとめて生きることが必要です。阿弥陀仏さまの直指した「人とともに生きる」、「人のために生きる」という教訓を大切に心に保ち、少しでも実践してみましょう。

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5日（月）午後4時30分より営まれます。

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2日（木）午後4時30分より営まれます。日本語法話：ワンドラ先生
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秋の講座では、今回は「自分が変われば世界も変わる」唯識（ゆいしき）に学ぶをテーマにお話します。
唯識思想は大乘仏教に代表される思想で、仏教では唯識が分かると何年もかかると言われますが、学べば学ぶほど面白くなっていくのです。
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場所は3階BECルーム
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永代経とは、お経の名前ではなく、「永代読経」の略です。「末永くお釈迦さまの教えが読まれ続ける」という意味です。
先立って浄土に往生された方々を思い、ご先祖が大事にされてきた仏さまの教えを次世代に伝えていきたいという願いのもとに勤められます。
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お知らせ
10月6日（日）の弁当セールを行います。用意は前日午前9時から、当日は午前8時半からソーシャルホール・キッチンで始まります。お手伝い宜しくお願いします。

次回のミーティングは11月17日（日）12時30分より小堂で行います。詳細は追って連絡します。
第16回世界仏教婦人会大会のハイライト

北カリフォルニアを展開して、43人のOCBCのメンバーがゴールドコーストのサンフランシスコへ向かい、興奮しながら目的地に向かいました。以前のカンファレンスで出会った方々と再会することで旧交を深め、このカンファレンスがそれよりも重要であると気づくには時間はかかりませんでした。

翌日、日本、南米、カナダ、ハワイ、B.C.Aからの1700人の参加者が開会式に際して式場で着席している時に、大谷光淳ご門主様が来場されて一時静かになりましたが、間もなく参加者全員が三奉請と讃仏偈を美しいハーモニーで唱えました。開会式後、都路恵子先生とストックトン仏教開教使の本好由紀子先生による基調講演を拝聴しました。技術の進化に助けられ、翻訳機のおかげで、参加者が各自の言語で講演を楽しむことができました。都路恵子先生は「私たちが毎朝ダルマ・タイムを取ることは大事なことです」と強調されました。彼女の講演は本当に意味深く、今大会のテーマに最もふさわしい講演でした。本好由紀子先生が今回の講演を最初に依頼された時、彼女はその依頼を断固拒否しました。しかし、先生のお念仏への道に至るまでの険しい道のりのお話は参加者を心に響きました。また、先生が参加者と

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ご質問

婦人会に関するご質問がありましたら、西村マリオン手机に連絡下さい。

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019
7:00 P.M.

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Awakening Together
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Intro to Essence and Practice of Shin Buddhism – Dr. Kenneth Tanaka  
Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (English) and  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Japanese) September 21  
PART 1: Introduction to Shin Buddhism in America with Humor: in Comparison to Other Forms of Buddhism and Christianity.  
Part 2: The Path of Naturalness: Our Conduct in Daily Life, including "Nembutsu Meditation."  
One day class. Registration: $20 with lunch, $10 without  
Location: OCBC

Become Happy – Rev. Marvin Harada  
Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. October 10, 17  
Everyone can become happy, but the problem is how?  
Why is it that happiness seems to disappear as soon as we seem to find it, like a mirage in the desert? Through this class we will explore what it means to be happy, and how we might be searching for it in the wrong places.  
Two week class. Registration: $20  
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Lectures on the Larger Sutra – Rev. Marvin Harada  
Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
September 19, 26, October 10, 17, 24, 31  
The Larger Sutra is the most important text in Shin Buddhism. We learn how the story of Buddha’s vows can be realized in our life here and now.  
Six week class. Registration: $50.  
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Class Taught in Japanese  
– Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra  
Saturday afternoons, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
September 28, October 5, 12, and November 9  
「自分が変われば世界も変わる—唯識に学ぶ」  
このクラスでは4回にわたって大乗仏教の重要な教えである「唯識（ゆいしき）」について話します。唯識思想は「苦からの解放」を目指すもので、現代社会に生きる私たちに物事への新しい見方を示してくれます。  
Four week class. Registration: $40.  
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Registration Form (Please Print)  

Name(s):  
______________________________  
Address:  
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City / State / Zip:  
______________________________

Phone: (_______) Email:  
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Please check the class(es) desired:  
☐ Intro to Essence and Practice of Shin Buddhism ($15 with lunch, $5 without)  
☐ Become Happy ($20)  
☐ Lectures on the Larger Sutra ($50)  
☐ Classes Taught in Japanese ($40)  
☐ Total $______

Individual class attendance is acceptable at $10 per class.
Healthy Living Programs

Introduction to Shingles

Attend this presentation to learn more about the disease and ways that you can prevent it.

COMMON QUESTIONS:
- How can I prevent shingles?
- What can I expect if I have shingles?
- What are some ways to detect and treat the disease?

SPEAKER: Anish Dalal, PharmD Candidate 2022, Western University

WHEN: Sunday, October 13, 2019 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

WHERE: Orange County Buddhist Church
Social Hall
909 S. Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92804

RSVP: Light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Dorothy Matsuoka by October 9, 2019 by contacting her at dcmatsuoka@aol.com or 562.743.3483.

All programs are FREE unless otherwise noted and are made possible by Keiro along with support from our Community Partners, donors, and volunteers.

HOSTED BY:
Orange County Buddhist Church
OCBC Dana Program & Project Kokoro

Keiro. keiro.org

Keiro is a mission-driven organization engaged in improving the quality of life for older adults and their caregivers in the Japanese American and Japanese community of Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties. Keiro delivers a wide range of resources to address the challenges and barriers that aging presents. Keiro also partners with companies and organizations that can expand its services and ability to reach seniors and caregivers, and participates in research and innovative work where Keiro can contribute to advancing progress in resolving the challenges of aging.

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Please tear off this portion to RSVP or contact Dorothy Matsuoka above.

Name: _______________________________________
Phone: (________)______________________
Email: _________________________________
Number of people: ____________

Mail to:
Orange County Buddhist Church
Attn: Dorothy Matsuoka
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92608
Or Email: dcmatsuoka@aol.com
Thank you for your generous donation and investment in the future of our community.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Street: ____________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Please note:
• Gifts of $2,500 or more to the “Building for the Future” campaign will earn special recognition in the lobby of the renovated OCBC Multi-Purpose Building (MPB)
• All gifts will continue to accumulate toward advancing levels of recognition on the “Dana Tree” in the OCBC Social Hall. (Dana Tree recognition begins with cumulative gifts of $5,000.)

How would you like your gift to be acknowledged?
e.g. “The Endo Family”, “In Honor of Akio Miyaji”, “In Memory of Daniel Inouye”, “Anonymous”...

How do you wish to contribute your gift?

☐ A pledge of $______________ to be paid

☐ Monthly  ☐ Quarterly  ☐ Semi-annually  ☐ Annually

over the next  ☐ 1 Year  ☐ 2 years

☐ A one-time donation or initial pledge payment of $______________

What is your preferred payment method?

☐ Check: Please make checks payable to OCBC and write “OCBC MPB Project” in the memo line. OCBC will send you regular courtesy notices for pledge payments.

☐ Credit Card: OCBC will contact you to arrange individual or recurring donations. Individual donations are also accepted in the Hondo Lobby before and after service.

Your gift may be fully tax deductible, and your qualified charitable distributions may satisfy all or part of the amount of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. Please consult your tax preparer for additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact us at ocbc909@ocbuddhist.org with any questions, including to request the amount of your cumulative gifts to date.
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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Membership can be also remitted monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.

- **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: __________
Email: ____________________________
Child Name: _______________________
Child Name: _______________________
Child Name: _______________________

Emergency Contact
Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________

STEP 3: MAIL

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

Mark or note on your check:
- [ ] Monthly
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Want faster, easier membership? Visit www.ocbuddhist.org/membership/
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