Shin Buddhist Perspective on the Corona Virus Situation

Hello, everyone. We hope we are all living in gratitude to receive the Amida Buddha’s immeasurable wisdom and compassion, even though our world has unfortunately been affected by the corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19). OCBC Risk Management Committee has been working intensively to protect the health and safety of our sangha, our guests, ministers, and staff. The Emergency Board Meeting held on March 12 made the decision to cancel all activities and events on our campus. You can refer to the message from Glen Morita, President of the Board in this newsletter. We wish the situation will become better soon and we can return to our normal schedule without any worries. However, we cannot predict the future. We already planned the Hanamatsuri and Gotanye special services and invited the guest speakers, but any change may happen any time without having enough time to notify the sangha. We appreciate your understanding and support in such a rare situation.

Recently, under this corona virus situation, some people in panic rushed into the Costco stores and bought all masks, sanitizer, toilet paper, water, and soap to stock them up for their own benefit. With their fear, anxiety, selfish, and egoistic deeds, medical professionals and care workers don’t even have enough supplies. It is so easy to lose the right view (wisdom to the true reality) if you are not a Buddhist. People need to act wisely and honestly to protect oneself and others because everything and everyone are all related to each other in the logic of pratityasamutpāda. Each of our acts affects other people, the community, and society. If you feel sick or have fever, you should stay at home and consult with your family doctor immediately. Having enough sleep is important to increase your immune system. Please remember that the Dharma is available for you any time on the OCBC YouTube channel.

When Shinran was alive in the 12th century in Japan, there were many natural disasters and epidemic disease incidents. Shinran himself became sick with high fever for a couple of days, according to Eshinni’s letters written by his wife. While having a feverish dream, Shinran started chanting the Pure Land Buddhist Sutras in bed, wishing his and other people’s quick recovery. However, he stopped it right away because he realized that he did not have the ability to remedy himself nor others, rather he felt being fully embraced by Amida Buddha’s immeasurable compassion and protection.

Why was Amida Buddha in the spotlight at the time when Shinran lived? It was because of the human quality toward the path of Buddhahood in the Last Dharma-Age (called mappō in Japanese). The Last Dharma-Age is the Buddhist view of three ages consisting of the Age of the Right Dharma (during which Śākyamuni Buddha was alive for 500 years after the Buddha’s demise), the Age of Semblance Dharma (next 1,000 years), and the Last Dharma-Age (next 10,000 years). Year 2020 where we are living is the Last Dharma-Age according to the Buddhist view of ages.

Shinran’s teaching called Shin Buddhism (Jodo Shinshu in Japanese) is originated from the Pure Land Buddhism (Amida Buddha’s teaching) in Mahayana Buddhism (meaning a big vehicle for spiritual liberation). Pure Land Buddhism rose in the 11th century that was the beginning of the Last Dharma-Age in Japan.

Shinran mentions the five defilements (gojoku) that make the Last Dharma-Age a difficult time to pursue Buddhist practice effectively in order to obtain Buddhahood. The five types of defilements are; (1) the defiled age when wars, pandemic disease such as corona virus, natural disaster, famine, pollution occur; (2) defiled human view characterized by confrontation of ideologies, confusion of values, and prevalence of nihilistic attitudes; (3) defiled passion by mainly three poisons of greed, anger, and ignorance; (4) defiled beings with inferior quality, dull minds and weak bodies, and egotism; (5) defiled life meaning the wasting and shortening of human life. Those five defilements are ultimately inter-related each other, which means the defilement of the age could be caused by defiled view, which would arise from the defiled passion that controls the lives of defiled beings, who would manifest defiled life. After practicing on Mount Hiei for twenty years, Shinran who lived in the Last Dharma-Age finally realized that he needed to rely on the Amida Buddha’s vow to get spiritually liberated from the cycle of birth and death. He heard the vow through the Buddha’s calling voice of Namo Amida Butsu to lead everyone to Buddhahood.

Rev. Dr. Alfred Bloom, a Shin Buddhist, a Protestant convert, says, “Shinran in his context, being moved by his personal experience of despair and futility, reinterpreted Buddhist teaching in a way that provides the widest, deepest hope for all life. This view was dynamic, reaching out to all beings. The aspiration of Amida Buddha to bring all beings to awakening to the reality is present in all life, which is expressed in the Buddha’s vow. The effectiveness of the vow would make people aspire to the higher life, caring oneself and others, and getting away from egoistic and ignorant attachment.”

Shinran’s path offers liberation from all forms of bondage and spiritual intimidation. His interpretation is non-magical, non-authoritarian; beyond social discriminations and determination that is a true liberation of the human spirit. In living in a contemporary society, particularly with this uneasy and uncertain situation of corona virus, we all need to calm ourselves and act and think wisely for own benefit and benefiting others. I wish you all good health and safety and hope the things will get better soon.

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
March 12, 2020

To: All OCBC Sangha, Affiliated Organizations and Community Organizations

Subject: OCBC Shutdown Due to COVID-19

The OCBC Board of Directors had an emergency meeting tonight to review and determine our response to the outbreak of the respiratory disease caused by the COVID-19 virus. Based on recommendations from the US Center of Disease Control (CDC) and the California Department of Health (CDPH) we have decided to take the following actions:

1. As of today and through 3/31/2020, OCBC will cancel all activities and events on our campus. This includes such things as Ohigan Service, Sunday Service, Dharma School, BEC Classes, Seminars, Organizational Meetings, Luncheons, etc. Alternative online options are available.
2. Reverends will not conduct any services at OCBC or at any other church/temple during this time. If necessary, funeral and memorial services may be conducted on a limited basis.
3. OCBC staff will continue to be onsite during working hours, but will follow strict social distancing and recommended COVID-19 prevention guidelines.
4. At this time, events in April 2020 that will be cancelled/postponed as well:
   b. Hanamatsuri Luncheon – 4/12/2020
   c. Hanamatsuri Festival – 4/18-19/2020

These and future actions will be reviewed within the next two weeks to determine whether this decision will continue in April and what additional actions need to be taken. This will be based on current COVID-19 recommendations at that time.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your organization and hope this situation will improve in the near future. Thank you for your understanding under these most trying times.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at glen.morita@gmail.com.

In Gassho,

Glen Morita, OCBC President
There is a website called Buddhism by Numbers. It consists of a chart that details all of the numbered lists within Buddhism. It has approximately 215 entries, organized first by quantity and then in alphabetical order. So first, all things in 2’s are listed in alphabetical order, then all things in 3’s and so on. Following this alphabetic sorting the Two Attachments is listed first and then the Two Adornments of the Buddha.

Of these 215, there are 48 different lists that come in 3’s. One of those is the Three Baskets:

1. Vinaya: Precepts for Mendicants
2. Sutras: Teachings of the Buddha
3. Abhidharma: Commentaries on the Sutras

These are called the Three Baskets because Buddhist texts were literally placed into one of three different baskets. The Vinaya for how monastics are to live together, the Sutras for the actual teachings of the Buddha and lastly the Abhidharma. Abhi means “concerning” and Dharma means “the teachings” of the Buddha so Abhidharma means additional explanations from other Buddhist disciples “concerning the teachings”.

It is interesting to note that this love of numbers and detail does not end here. In the Vinaya, there are 227 rules for monks and 311 for nuns. The Sutras contain an estimated 500,000 pages. The Abhidharma is even more voluminous than the Sutras since a text can have multiple commentaries written on it.

These three baskets were filled up after the Buddha’s death at 80 years old. His followers were very upset that their teacher was now gone. But the Buddha had assured them that his teachings would remain. His followers decided to meet in order to codify what the Buddha had taught for over the past 45 years. This was called the First Council. Buddhism at this time was an oral tradition and each monk had his own area of expertise or concentration.

For example, Kasyapa was the main disciple who helped record the Vinaya. He felt that discipline and order were of the utmost importance when trying to maintain the proper monastic attitude and practice. He became even more convinced of this when he heard young monks talking about the new freedom they expected now that the Buddha had passed, perhaps much like school children who just found out they were going to have a substitute teacher at school that day.

Kasyapa was also helped by a former barber who had also become a monk. His name was Upali and it was his job to shave the heads of all the new aspirants. So, he was also well versed in the ordination of monks and their precepts. There was some discussion over how many rules were really needed. Another monk named Ananda, who had been the Buddha’s personal attendant for 25 years, mentioned that the Buddha once discussed removing many of the overly detailed rules. Kasyapa asked which rules did he mention for removal. Ananda admitted that the Buddha never gave any specifics. So Kasyapa insisted that if that is so then all the rules have to remain.

Ananda, as attendant, always traveled with the Buddha and listened to every Dharma talk given. Thus, Ananda became the foremost disciple regarding the Sutras basket. The Buddha called Ananda “The One Who Has Heard Much”. No other disciple shared this distinction. All Buddhist sutras begin with the phrase “Thus I have heard”. The subject of that sentence is Ananda. The Sutras are a retelling of what Ananda actually heard and remembered while at the Buddha’s side.

The Abhidharma is credited to the teachings of the monk Sariputra. He was the Buddha’s chief disciple and the one recognized as having the most wisdom. He was also an exceptional teacher and a very good friend of Ananda. Sariputra died shortly before the Buddha but it was his commentaries that were the genesis for this last basket. It is in the Abhidharma where we really find a litany of lists, categories and groupings. It is like a map of the Buddha’s teachings. The approach seems to be that if you can analyze and make an inventory of every type of thought and emotion then perhaps there is nowhere for delusion or permanence to hide.

At first, these three teachings were transmitted orally. Another reason for having organized lists, it made for easier chanting and memorization. Each monk would be responsible for different sections within each basket. However, over time, they began to be written down as texts. This is when Buddhism moved from an oral tradition to a textual one. Each of these new texts would be placed into their appropriate baskets, then literally carried on the backs of monks from India first heading South to Sri Lanka then East to China and finally North to Tibet.

Once transported, they were translated into many different languages. One scholar now describes Buddhism as a religion of translations, each one unique, with a flavor distinct to its new surroundings. This is also occurring in America as Buddhism continues to travel West. Americans are becoming Buddhist while Buddhism is becoming American. And these three baskets are continuing to grow with new expressions of wisdom.

In gassho,
Rev Jon Turner

Buddhist Education Center
Information regarding the schedule of classes offered by the Buddhist Education Center can be found at:
ocbuddhist.org/buddhist-education-center/
OCBC/BEC Online School:
EverydayBuddhist.org
Reverend Marvin Harada has been a minister at OCBC for 34 years. He has encountered hundreds of lives and there are countless stories from all those he has touched. I am one of those persons, and here is my story.

My family became members of OCBC when the temple moved from Huntington Beach to Stanton in 1958. We were active at the temple and it was an important part of my childhood. In 1965 OCBC moved to its current Anaheim site and I was in Jr. YBA by then. After college I drifted away from OCBC and Buddhism and was gone for 25 years. In 2004 I returned.

I came not for my children or my family, but for myself. I was seeking something else in my life—something beyond my family, career, friends, interests, health and security. Fortunately for me, Rev. Marv was here to help me find it, as he became my mentor and guide to the ocean of teachings and teachers that have completed my life. He became my bodhisattva.

Over the past 16 years I have come to value Rev. Marv’s many talents and gifts. The three characteristics I most appreciate about him, and which are the keys to his tremendous success as a minister, are (1) his boundless energy, determination and unflappable good nature, (2) his love and deep appreciation for the buddhadharma, and (3) his visionary foresight for Buddhism’s future in the West.

IMHO* there is no BCA minister who has accomplished more or is more beloved than Rev. Marv. His outgoing and friendly personality gives him the ability to work with anyone—his memory for people’s names and their connections to each other is legendary. Yet this good humor and friendly nature belies his strong-willed determination to set and reach ambitious goals for himself, his sangha, the BCA and for Buddhism. That determination was also directed at me as Rev. Marv urged me toward new challenges and aspirations in my search to understand the Buddhist path. The two most impactful of all his efforts for me came through the BEC and MAP.

Rev. Marv’s energy and commitment is most evident in his passion for the buddhadharma and is manifested in everything he does. For me personally, the OCBC Buddhist Education Center (BEC) and the Minister’s Assistant Program (MAP) are the two most important examples. Begun over 20 years ago, the BEC now encompasses a thrice yearly offering of Buddhist education classes, special seminars, and guest speakers, in addition to a publishing arm which has realized the publication of ten books. Rev. Marv’s Thursday morning Shoshinge and Larger Sutra class has been meeting for years. The new online school EverydayBuddhist.org and The Weekly Wheel podcasts are reaching out beyond OCBC. The BEC was my dharma gate and continues to be crucial to my path to awakening.

Rev. Marv embraced the Minister’s Assistants Program (MAP), recognizing the benefits it would have for participants and temples. He carefully nurtured and developed MAP members with Herculean efforts of time and commitment. It was Rev. Marv who urged me to become an MA. It is my firm belief that if not for Rev. Marv, Rev. Wondra, Rev. Turner and I might never have become ordained ministers. He has given all the MA’s the encouragement, the skills, and the inspiration to pursue our dharma paths.

In our Shin Buddhist tradition, the path of the bodhisattva is for the person who has the deep desire, the hongan, to become a Buddha. However, a bodhisattva will delay his or her awakening in order to bring all sentient beings to realization. Rev. Marv possesses the heart of the bodhisattva and works tirelessly to awaken all beings. As the BCA’s newest bishop, Rev. Marv is poised to continue his work as a bodhisattva and pursue his vision for Shin Buddhism in the West. He isn’t just thinking about the BCA or the buddhadharma for the next four, or even eight years, but is contemplating Buddhism’s future in the world in the next 200 years and beyond. I’m betting on his chances of succeeding.....thank you Rev. Marv!

Rev. Ellen Hamada Crane

*IMHO – text speak for “In My Humble Opinion”
President’s Message

As we transition from March to April, I hope everyone is well and coping with the changes we are seeing in our lives on a daily basis caused by the COVID-19 virus. To give everyone an update at this point on how OCBC is responding to this public health challenge, we had an emergency Board of Directors meeting on 3/12/20. This pandemic has caused everyone to change their current plans and react accordingly. Our plans based on this meeting were provided to the Sangha by letter which we have included in this Korin. As mentioned in the letter, we have decided to cancel all activities at church through 3/31/20 and more than likely extend that through April. An update will be provided later in March to confirm this via letter and you can always see the current schedule on our OCBC website (https://www.ocbuddhist.org/). Unfortunately we have had to cancel our Hanamatsuri Festival on 4/18-19/20 which was a very difficult decision. Hanamatsuri is a wonderful yearly event to share our food, music, games, crafts and culture. It is also a great way for our Sangha to work together and help support the church financially as a good portion of our operating income is generated from our festivals. However the safety of our Sangha and especially those older members who are more vulnerable should be our highest priority. We have decided to continue with our Hanamatsuri raffle though. Please do your best to support this drawing and if you can, consider purchasing more tickets or make a donation. It would really help OCBC try to meet our budget challenges this year. Thank you for your continued support.

As I reflect on how quickly things are changing for us on a daily basis from cancelling service and events at the church, postponing other events, etc., I see some possible positive outcomes. Since services at the church are cancelled our Sangha can still view these services on the OCBC YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbZRjesGUXtRFzu5FmCmWA which you might not be aware of. And in the future the team hopes to be able to present live services. When you have a chance, please take a look at this site. This could help our members who may not always be able to attend in person for reasons like illness or issues with transportation. I enjoy attending in person, but that might not always be the best option. I also plan on doing a better job of following several of the recommendations from the CDC to help prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. These include doing a better job of washing my hands, making sure I cover sneezes or coughs with my elbow rather than my hands and to stay home when sick. I am guilty of not always following these recommendations which not only benefits me, but people I come in contact with during the day.

Finally, I attended the Buddhists Churches of America (BCA) national conference in mid-February 2020 with the reverends and Jo Ann Tanioka to represent OCBC. All the BCA temples sent representatives to the conference. Two things that I would like to share with you are the following:

1. Our Reverend Marvin Harada was approved as our new BCA Bishop.
2. Terri Omori (Vista) was appointed BCA President Elect and in two years will be the first woman BCA President in history. Glenn Inanaga (OCBC) was appointed a BCA Vice President.

Even though we hate to see Rev. Harada leave OCBC, please congratulate him and Glenn Inanaga on their very important new roles within the BCA. I think we will be very well represented. As you probably know due to the closure of OCBC from COVID-19 we have had to postpone Rev. Harada’s going away celebration. We will let everyone know when we can reschedule this event.

Let's all do what we can to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 so that we can get back to our normal lives. Please stay well and I look forward to seeing you soon at church.

In gassho,
Glen Morita
OCBC President

FDSTL CONFERENCE 2020 - Postponed - COVID-19

Abiding by the regulations and recommendations from the CDC, Federal, State, and Local health organizations to protect and provide for the well being of our Sangha and community, the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) scheduled Conference for April 24-26, 2020 has been postponed and may be canceled. The FDSTL Conference is hosted by Southern District Dharma School Teachers League, (SDDSTL) and was to be facilitated at OCBC.

The FDSTL encourages everyone to practice good safety guidelines and be healthy.

In gassho,
FDSTL
SDDSTL
FDSTL Conference Committee

Earth Day Clothing Drive To Be Rescheduled

The Earth Day Clothing Drive, originally scheduled for April 26, will be postponed to a future date. This postponement allows more time to clean closets and other nooks and crannies in the house. Yay!!
The Shin Reader

The BEC Book Club recently discussed *After Buddhism: Rethinking the Dharma for a Secular Age* (2015) by Stephen Batchelor. For those who were unable to attend the sessions, the Shin Reader is reprinting Jim Pollard’s *After Buddhism* book review from the October 2019 Korin. Additionally, Stacy St. James who attended the three sessions presents her thoughts. 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 *Kōyōgyōshinshō* 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.

-- Book Review by Jim Pollard

Stephen Batchelor asks the question: “What does it mean to practice the dharma of the Buddha in the context of modernity?” Led by Jim Pollard, the OCBC book club met on three separate occasions to explore this and other questions from Batchelor’s polarizing book, *After Buddhism: Rethinking the Dharma for a Secular Age*.

Batchelor is critical of a Buddhism that seems to be out-of-step with the times and in need of some self-examination. Like Shinran, the founder of our tradition, Batchelor is clearly devoted to a dharma that has practical benefits (in this life) for everyone. We seemed to agree that most (but not all) of what Batchelor proposes throughout his book is compatible with our tradition. In fact, anyone who might be interested in a dharma practice, but who may be turned off by the metaphysical truth-claims that are part of some Buddhist traditions, could find Batchelor’s “Ten Theses of Secular Dharma” to be a more comfortable fit.

The book was demanding, but worth the effort. Common Buddhist doctrines are scrutinized and reinterpreted by Batchelor in ways that have been criticized as heretical; but that is exactly what made this book so fascinating. It would likely be a very challenging book for a newcomer, but it might just provide the kind of skeptical, yet grounded approach to a dharma practice that could entice a seeker to stick around for more.

-- Book club comments by Stacy St. James

Shin Reader editor’s note: Stephen Batchelor’s “Ten Theses of Secular Dharma” can be found at the Secular Buddhist Association’s link:

https://secularbuddhism.org/batchelors-ten-theses-of-secular-dharma/
Hanamatsuri Festival Raffle is a GO!

Our OCBC president said earlier in this Korin that the 2020 Hanamatsuri Festival has been canceled to protect our Sangha and guests from the coronavirus. That is the right decision, but it will have a significant financial impact. Our festivals provide a major portion of the income in the annual temple operating budget. Thankfully our General Fund has sufficient reserves to overcome this loss in the short term. However, to minimize this shortcoming, the festival planning committee, with the Board of Directors’ concurrence, has decided to continue with our Hanamatsuri Festival Raffle. That way, we can still bring in some needed donation income without exposing our Sangha and guests to the virus.

Everyone can help in two ways. We can make this a typical OCBC festival raffle if we have lots of good prizes. First, you can help by donating raffle prizes. If we receive enough donated prizes, we won’t need to buy prizes, and all raffle ticket donations can be counted as festival income. As our office hours will be very limited for the foreseeable future, it will be difficult to drop off donations at OCBC. Therefore, it would be most convenient if donations can be mailed, such as gift cards. Even better, check donations will enable us to purchase Scrip gift cards which will also help our Dharma School. If you have a donation that can’t be mailed, please contact the office to make arrangements to drop off your donation.

The second way you can help is to donate as much as you can for the raffle tickets. If you normally only donate for one or two 10-ticket bundles, perhaps this year you can donate for the second or third bundle you receive in the mail. If you want to donate more or can help by getting donations from friends and family, contact our office and we will send additional tickets to you.

Finally, remember to return your ticket stubs and donations by mail or drop off to OCBC by Thursday, April 30th! Many Sangha members and friends normally turn in their tickets and donations during the festival weekend at the raffle booth. You can’t do that this year! We are planning to run the raffle on Sunday, May 3rd, so please make sure your tickets arrive in time to be included! We’re sorry, but we cannot return donations that arrive late. Large prize winners will be notified by phone. Smaller prizes will be mailed.

OCBC sincerely appreciates your patience and continued support during these trying times. If the COVID-19 situation forces us to further modify our plans, we will communicate those changes through our website. We thank you in advance for any and all help you provide the OCBC Hanamatsuri Festival Raffle.

In Gassho,
Hideo Kawamura and Bill Sakahara
Hanamatsuri Festival Raffle

OCBC Wish List

Your help is still needed despite our health-restricted activities. Actually, the raffle committee needs your help even more than during normal times since the festival has been cancelled, and they are relying on your generosity to encourage raffle participation. Thank you for whatever you are able to donate.

THE RAFFLE COMMITTEE appreciates any donations to its prize list: Preferred -$15 - $25+ gift cards (the Scrip program is an easy and quick way to help both the church and the raffle project). Other prizes such as sports items, small appliances, household items, non-perishable food, are acceptable, but please see the note below about drop-off arrangements as office hours are limited. (Questions: Bill Sakahara)

KITCHEN: We’re looking forward to more normal times when we’ll need - sets of plastic measuring cups; one- and two-cup glass liquid measuring cups; 5-oz paper drinking cups; 6-8 oz. recyclable hot paper cups; 9” – 10” paper plates and compostable take-out containers. (Questions to Dorothy Matsuoka)

PK MEN’S WORKSHOP: one-fourth-inch sisal rope (for cat scratching posts) Contact: Eric Nakahara.

Please contact our office for drop-off arrangements.

Your dana spirit is always appreciated. Thank you.

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara
**BWA News**

**Announcements**
- Although Hanamatsuri has been cancelled due to COVID-19, please support OCBC by purchasing raffle tickets.
- We are currently scheduled to see the Sound of Music musical on Saturday, May 9th, at 2:00pm in La Mirada. Due to recent events, if there is a cancellation of the performance, we will inform all attendees in a timely manner.
- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17th, in the Kodo at 12:30pm following the Gotan-e service and luncheon.

**Senior Luncheon**

On Monday, February 10th, 50 seniors and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and celebrated birthdays for Mary Nakayama, Wat Iwakoshi, and Winston Shigenaga. The ladies served miso salmon, tonkatsu, oden, spinach ohitashi and fresh fruit. Thank you to Nancy Inafuku for the monetary donation, Mary Nakayama for 3-20# bags of rice, and Sus Iwamasa for the takuan. The Senior Luncheon for April and May have been cancelled and will resume at a later date.

**Highlights from Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service ~ Luncheon ~ BUNCO**

On February 23rd, we held our annual Memorial Service for Lady Takeko Kujo, the beloved founder of BWA. We enjoyed listening to Ellen Crane’s Dharma message highlighting the life of Lady Kujo and her many philanthropic contributions that inspired many others to follow in her footsteps on the path to Nembutsu. After the service, we gathered in the Social Hall for a delicious lunch featuring a variety of colorful salads, rolls, tasty desserts, and fresh fruit prepared by our Bunco volunteers. Everyone enjoyed each other’s company so much that it was hard to pull everyone away to play, but once we got going, there was no stopping us. If you haven’t attended one of our sessions, here’s the scenario….Shouts of “Bunco!!!” can be heard among the players, then the crown zips from one person to another, and finally, laughter fills the air! Thank you to Lynn Black and her busy Bunco crew for planning and providing a fun-filled afternoon for everyone of all ages to enjoy!

**Questions:** For general questions regarding BWA or its activities, BWA members may contact Irene Yamanishi at iyamanishi@gmail.com.

In Gassho, Chris Nakamura

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**Maintenance**

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**
- **Dennis Morinaga**
- **Allen Oune**
- **Paul Fujimoto**
- **Glen Morita**
- **Junji Sarashina**
- **David Fusato**
- **Aaron Nagayama**
- **Winston Shigenaga**
- **Steve Higashi**
- **Eric Nakahara**
- **Ron Suzuki**
- **Dan Kaneko**
- **Akio Nitta**
- **Hideo Kawamura**
- **Frank Okamura**

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. Pruned Ball Rd parking lot bushes.
   f. Applied RoundUp® to as many weeds as possible.
   g. Reset clocks to reflect we are back on regular time.

2. **Hondo**
   a. Replaced large electrical relay that had failed. Now the large exhaust fan on the roof functions again.

3. **Kodo**
   a. Everything is peachy here.

4. **MPB.**
   a. Access restricted during construction.
   b. Infiltrated the storeroom and moved shelving units to required distance from electrical panel.

5. **Classroom Building.**
   a. Replaced lights in women’s restroom with LED fixtures.

6. **Social Hall**
   a. Cleaned and lubed and adjusted the door seal on the primary doors into the lobby.
   b. Repaired ground floor women’s restroom toilet.
   c. Repaired crippled eight-foot white table.

7. **New Calico Circle Rental House**
   a. Maintained the grounds: water, trim trees and bushes, remove weeds.

Anyone that has some time to devote to helping the temple is welcome to join us when it has been determined that it is safe to do so. Watch for a notice of some type.

Gassho,
Jim Mitchell, VP Maintenance
Social Welfare

**Due to the Corona Virus, Tai Chi/Longevity Stick, Pickle Ball, and the Games programs are temporarily suspended, effective immediately, through the month of April**

These are strange times we are living in now. As we move through each day, I wanted to let you know that you have the support and resources to help you move through them (they are listed at the end of this article). In the meantime, here are a few tips to get you to the other shore.

1. Stop: Be mindful. Recognize when you may be going down that path of excessive worry, anxiety and panic.
2. Focus: If you are afraid of what the days ahead hold, don’t go there. Once you allow your mind to travel down that path, it gets harder to bring yourself back. All we have is the moment right in front of us. When the moments of uncertainty enter your mind, acknowledge them. Tell yourself that you are scared or worried. Let it go and focus on the present moment.
3. Breathe: When you find that your emotions are still getting the best of you. Breathe. Take a deep cleansing breath in. If you can, bring it to your belly and let it roll around there. Imagine your breath is a bright beautiful light bringing loving kindness to your body. Let it out. Expressing that loving kindness back into the world. As those fears and moments of anxiety enter your mind again, say “Hi” acknowledge them and breathe in. Continue this process for as long as you like.
4. Kindness: Act with kindness and compassion for yourself and others. Recognize that these are not usual times. Take a moment to identify what you can give and what you cannot give to others. Afterall, you want to be your best self while taking care of yourself. Do it. Loving kindness is contagious. Some ideas to spread loving kindness to yourself and others:
   a. Smile at someone.
   b. Go outside for a walk. Notice the world around you.
   c. If you have elderly neighbors, check in on them and make sure they are safe and have what they need.
   d. Walk your dog or offer to take someone else’s dog on a walk.
   e. Practice patience, kindness and compassion when out running errands.
   f. Organize a game night with your immediate family.
   g. Make a homemade craft and gift it to someone.

Remember these are extraordinary days. Only do the things you feel comfortable with and do not compromise your ability to take care of yourself and others. I love to practice looking for gratitude in unusual circumstances. For me, I get to work from home which gives me more time in the morning to walk my dog and get outside. On the days where I do have to drive into work, there will be less traffic. I get to spend more time with my family and learn more about my boys as young adults. For me, it is weird, but I am going to do my best to make it work. As we all know, impermanence is a fact of life. Before you know it, we will be talking about the Winter of 2020 and what we all did to get through it.

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**Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast**

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH, 2020
8:00AM - 10:30AM
OCBC SOCIAL HALL
$5.00 PER PERSON
MOTHERS ARE COMPLIMENTARY!

Hosted by Jr. YBA
Dharma School

We are hoping everyone is staying healthy & safe. Dharma School classes are cancelled until the end of April due to COVID-19. Your DS teachers will let their families know via email when classes will resume. In addition, Hanamatsuri Service & Bazaar will also be cancelled. Looking forward to May, we are unsure if the Gotan-e Service & Hatsumairi will take place.

On a happier note, our Dharma School was able to donate 205 homeless kits to the City Net Organization located in Anaheim. These kits will be distributed to homeless people throughout Orange County. We would like to thank all the DS students and their families for their participation in this “Dana” project.

For those DS students & families who miss attending family services, please go to the OCBC website, Dharma Talks and you will be able to enjoy service in your own home. Viewing Rev. Harada’s Ohigan Service and sermon is a good way for families to listen to the dharma and stay connected with the church.

In Gassho,
Dharma School Teachers

Project Kokoro News

Message from President, Lori Kosakura

The effort to contain COVID-19 is changing quickly and by the time the Korin is received, our community will most likely be in a different state than at the time I am writing this article. Thank you for your continued support as we do our best to deal with this situation with the health of those around us in mind. It has been difficult to see events which we’ve been involved with annually come to a halt for health concerns regarding coronavirus. Specifically, we’ve cancelled our annual New Year’s Party, in which we enjoy seeing all generations join in for a hearty luncheon and fun games. We hope that we are able to reschedule once the CDC gives us the "go ahead," but we’ll keep you posted. Until then, we hope you and your family stay healthy!

In gassho,
Lori Kosakura
President, Project Kokoro
lorikosakura@gmail.com

Fresh Produce Boxes - Postponed

The delivery service for Tanaka Farms produce boxes is suspended. All orders purchased will be received once the service is up and running again.
http://www.tanakafarms.com/sign-up
Note: use the discount code “2020BOX” at check-out and you will get $20 off your first box.

New Year Party – Cancelled Mar 22
Plans for a Western themed Hoedown has been postponed. For questions contact Kathy: Kathyito2@gmail.com

Craft Club Meetings - Suspended

“Many Thanks” is extended to Eric Nakahara for the generous donation of items for the PK Craft Men’s Group. The Hanamatsuri Craft Boutique was cancelled, and future classes will be suspended until further notice. For additional information please contact Dorothy Matsuoka @ dcmatsuoka@aol.com

Go For Broke Film Screening May 31
Save the date for the film screening co-hosted by PK and ABA. Next month we will know if we are able to hold this event, featuring David Ono as the guest speaker. The cost is $10 and there may be a 1pm and a 4pm showing. More details in the next Korin article.

Next Meeting May 6
The next meeting would have been on April 1, but hopefully we will resume by May 6, from 7pm – 8pm in the Senior Room.

In gassho,
Neddie Bokosky
ABA NEWS

My mom celebrated her 90th birthday in March. She was creative, rebellious, and strong in her younger days. Although her dementia has taken much away from her, it has taught us to let go and let be, the things we cannot control. Trust me, it is a process. My dad wrote a sermon years ago, about how difficult it is for a person to let go of what they want to happen or what they think should happen vs reality. Despite everything, my mom still has her sense of humor. She smiles, makes jokes and laughs. I think that there’s a lesson in that as well. Despite the craziness of the world we live in right now, there is still much to smile and laugh about. Here are some of them:

The details of ABA’s trips to Texas (July), and to Antelope Canyon (October), were shared, and sign ups are now open. Please let Karen Kino know if you are interested in attending either of these trips. ABA’s Appreciation Luncheon brought smiles to everyone’s faces. Thanks to Sue Endo for chairing this event. We are looking for a chairperson to head the MPB Fundraising Dance tentatively scheduled for September. Please let Margie Mio know if you would like to help with this event. As more closures are announced, and you have more time at home, why not do some spring cleaning. The OCBC Earth Day Clothing Drive will be held on April 26.

Recent events cause us to worry so much over things which are out of our control. Despite everything, I hope that you are still smiling, making jokes, and laughing! Let’s stay healthy!

In Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai

Sangha Teens

It is hard to believe that spring is already here! Although the year is going by so quickly, Sangha Teens managed to squeeze in some fun for the months of January and February. So far, we had a Sangha Teen event at an Escape Room and also had our annual recycling event. Being able to get together with one another has created many lasting memories with friends.

On January 12th, Sangha Teens participated in our second outing together by venturing out to an Escape Room called Fox In a Box located in Fullerton. The game was called Cold War Bunker set in the late 70’s-early 80’s during the peak of the Cold War. Our goal was to solve the clues in order to save the world by aborting the nuclear warhead launch. This was only possible if we could successfully solve these clues in order to escape the room before the time ran out. Phew! What a mental workout! Although we couldn’t make it out on time, it was exciting because we got to work as a team. This was definitely a bonding experience for Sangha Teens.

We also took part in our annual recycling event which was held in February. The recycling went very smoothly thanks to everyone’s help. We separated the bottles from the cans and put all of the newspapers in the pickup truck. Then, we brought them to the recycling center and weighed all of the bottles, cans, and newspapers. The money earned from the recycling day went to OCBC Youth. Thank you to all of the families who took time out of their Saturday morning to help Sangha Teens. What a great way to help the environment!

We have made many amazing memories together and will continue to create much more. The Southern District Sangha Teens Social Event will be coming up so be prepared for more fun! Thank you, Sangha Teens, for making OCBC such a special place.
Hello all! OCBC Jr. YBA has been having lots of fun these recent months! In February we had our annual Kyoto Girls Day where the Kyoto Girls High School from Japan came to visit OCBC and break the ice with our fellow Jr. YBA members! We had a great time drawing and communicating with them; although many of them know English, it was fun to try practicing our Nihongo! OCBC Daion Taiko put on a performance and soon after lunch our YBA got up and danced to “Party in the USA”. It was so cool to see the Kyoto Girls incorporate American dance moves into their performance! We discovered how similar we are even across the world from each other and overall it was an impactful experience.

Jr. YBA also had a bento fundraiser luncheon to help raise funds for all of our Jr. YBA events this year! We had great attendance and got to provide delicious food such as chicken katsu, chicken teri, and much more. Thank you to everyone who came out to this event and helped support our community! Also, on March 7th OCBC attended San Diego’s Seminar 2! They had lots of fun and really enjoyed the workshops and getting to see the temple. We can’t wait for a chance to reunite with all our Southern District friends soon!

On a side note, we understand these are trying times right now with the affects of COVID-19. We wish everyone to be safe and healthy. Jr. YBA along with the OCBC community is on hold at this time. Jr. YBA activities including meetings and Korin folding are on hold until further notice. We will keep everyone posted if anything changes with our Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast in May.

In Gassho,
Erin Hayashida, Jr. YBA Publicity and Jr. YBA Advisors

Thank you to everyone’s flexibility these past months with scheduling while our home is being refurbished. I think we’ve probably set a record for how many times we’ve set-up tables/chairs in the SH. I’m sure our neighbors are looking forward to us moving back into the gym as well. There’s finally light at the end of the tunnel though and hopefully when things return to “normal”, that’s where we’ll be when we see each other next.

Even then, things won’t be quite normal with the loss of our public recital, aka Hanamatsuri. We were looking forward to all of your family and friends hearing what you’ve been up to. All of us instructors have been extremely proud of the progress the teams have been making on learning their new songs. Obon will just be that much more awesome!

Before the shutdown, we did manage to perform for both the Kyoto Girls High School and the 110th Anniversary of the Hiroshima Kenjinkai. We have a few taiko members with family connections to Hiroshima so we were very happy to be able to support this milestone.

Lastly, we’d like to thank Rev. Marv for his support over the years, starting with bestowing our name Daion. Even going as far as offering up his own kids and wife to taiko. Congratulations and we look forward to your leading the path forward for the BCA as our new Bishop!

In the meantime, everyone stay health and wash your hands.

Upcoming Events
TBD

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami
In Memoriam

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

Dr. Clyde Masayuki Ikuta
Shirley Setsuko Matsumoto

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

February
26 Shirley Setsuko Matsumoto, Funeral Service
27 Shirley Setsuko Matsumoto, Inurnment Service

March
1 Tsugiko Takeda, 1 Year Memorial Service
1 Dr. Clyde Masayuki Ikuta, Funeral Service
7 George Matsumoto, 7 Year Memorial Service
14 Terue Fujii, 49th Day Memorial Service
14 Dorothy Yayoi Ono, Sodan Kai Service

OCBC’s Weekly Wheel Podcast is here!

The Weekly Wheel podcast will bring the Dharma directly to your favorite podcast player!

- Meditation
- Chanting
- Dharma Message
- Special Topics & Discussions

You can find The Weekly Wheel online at:

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Website: SoundCloud.com/weeklywheel
E-mail: WeeklyWheel@OCBuddhist.org
Multi Purpose Building Renovation Project

Update and Building Fund Donations

Acknowledgments

The MPB is nearing completion. Bill Sakahara, Lila Grant, Nancy Hara and Calvin Togashi walked through the 2nd floor classrooms and hallways looking for flaws in wall paint, flooring, ceiling tiles and trim.

On the 1st floor, construction crews finished installing bathroom tile, conference room flooring and carpet tile in the lobby. The left side of the lobby for the wheelchair lift will remain unfinished. We are waiting for the approval of the wheelchair lift from the State. Work on the wheelchair lift and replacement of a few cracked floorboards in the gym will be done together.

Bill Sakahara upgraded the fire suppression system in the kitchen. Aaron Nagayama coordinated the installation of the new fire alarm system with beam smoke detectors and heat sensors.

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

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

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The Ando Family
Anonymous
Anonymous (4) from Facebook
Brian Fusato
Matthew & Cheryl Hussong
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Brian Miyamoto
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The Nakano Family
  In memory of Bill and Jane Wada
Nishino Family
Craig & Kyran Shibata & Family
  In memory of Alvin Shibata, Kango & Yoshiye Naito
Super YBA Friends Fantasy Football League
LeAnne & Satoru Tamaribuchi

Total donations in February $49,924.16
Total donations to MPB Project $1,047,176.16

PLEDGES
Chris Lock
  In honor of Reverend and Mrs. William Terao, Judy Uyema and Chris, Jaime, Austen, Grant and Ellie Lock

Total pledges to MPB Project $685,530.00

COIN CAN DONATIONS
Kira, Kiki & Kenji Chaisawasdi
Avery & Aaron Doami
Janna Abo George
Rev. Marvin & Gail Harada
Laurence & June Inokuchi
Wat & Hiromi Iwakoshi
Yuko Koyama
Fred N. Nagahori
Megan Ono

Total coins donated in February $353.58
Total coins donated to MPB Project $3,080.58

In Gassho,
Doug Iwanaga, Building Fund Treasurer
Calvin Togashi, MPB Renovation Project Manager
The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from February 15, 2020 through March 15, 2020.

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オレンジ郡仏教会
2020年
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お釈迦さまと阿弥陀さま、どう違うの？「花祭り」に寄せて

昨年末から流行している新型コロナウィルスが各地に広がるなか、皆さま、いかがお過ごしでしょうか？

3月8日現在で、世界保健機関（WHO）は、新型コロナウイルスの感染者が確認された国・地域は100を超えたと発表しています。感染者、死者ともに増えている国、地域、感染者、死者ともに増加の一途で、世界全域での感染拡大が続いています。WHOはようやく3月11日付けでパンデミック（世界的大流行）の宣言を出しました。このような状況のなか、皆さまの感染予防と健康を考慮して、今年の「花祭りバザー」は中止することに決定しました。大変残念ですが、なるべく人が集まる機会を無くし、また食べ物販売や準備で一段と衛生局からの監視が厳しくなることを懸念しての判断です。感染状況が早く収束することを念じながら、お盆祭りに向けて新たに計画をしています。

さて、4月8日といえば仏教の教えを縁起させたお釈迦さまのお誕生日です。お釈迦さまは六道のなかの人間界に生まれ、生きているうちに悟りの境地に達しました。不自由のない恵まれた王子様の生活を29才で離れて、苦行の毎日を過ごし、沙羅双樹の下でようやく人間の苦が無明からはじまる因縁生起の関係に気付かれたとされています。

オレンジ郡仏教会を含めて浄土真宗の寺院のお内陣には阿弥陀如来さまの姿はあっても、お釈迦さまのお姿はありません。浄土真宗は仏教の教えのひとつなのに、どうしてお釈迦さまのお姿を安置してないのではありませんか。今まで不思議に思われた方もいるのではないかと。

お内陣をよく見ると、仏飯は阿弥陀如来さまの前に二つ差し上げます。それは、ひとつは阿弥陀さまへ、もうひとつは、お姿はありませんが、お釈迦さまに差し上げているのです。また、「浄土三部経」という大事な三つの経典の巻物が阿弥陀さまの前に置かれています。この巻物がお釈迦さまを意味するのです。浄土三部経は親鸞聖人さまが一番に大事にされた経典で、その物語のナレーター役はお釈迦さまなのです。お釈迦さまが弟子たちを前にして、阿弥陀さまがいかに素晴らしい仏さまであるかということを説かれているのです。

ようするに、お釈迦さまは私たち人間を阿弥陀さまのみ教えに導いてくださるこの世での案内人なのです。これを教えの方針を示してくださるとして教主といます。
弥陀さまが「そうです、その白い道はお念仏の道ですよ、どうか、あなたの目の前にある白い道に一歩踏み出しなさい。私はあなたを必ず護ります」とお声が聞こえるのです。これを弥陀みだの召喚といいます。旅人はお釈迦さまの案内に従って、阿弥陀さまの約束を信じて、お念仏の道に進み、無事に西にある浄土の世界に至ることができたというお話しです。お釈迦さまは教主で、阿弥陀さまは私たちを生死の迷いから救ってくださる救主なのです。ですので、浄土真宗の寺院ではお姿はなくても、教主のお釈迦さまは『浄土三部経』としてお内陣におられるのです。

オレンジ郡仏教会のコロナウィルス感染対策にについて
当寺院では、皆さんの感染予防のために4月30日まで、当寺院およびキャンパスを閉鎖する方針です。日曜礼拝・祥月法要・花祭り法要・花祭りバザー・瞑想会・勉強会・文化教室・クラフト・タイチ・ヨガなどのすべての集会はお休みとなります。4月30日からYouTubeで放映することを予定しています。ご覧になるには、オレンジ郡仏教会のホームページcbuddhist.orgにあるDharma talkをクリックしてください。皆さまのご理解をお願いいたします。緊急の際は、お寺に電話をお願いします。

「重要事項」　オレンジ郡仏教会のコロナウィルス感染対策について

3月29日に予定していた当ランチは延期となりました。3月29日に予定していた当ランチは延期となりました。
第八代門主であった蓮如上人について話します。浄土真宗を日本最大の教団に作りあげた蓮如上人はどんな人だったのでしょうか？『御文章』や『正信僧伽』の作者でもあります。

講座名「蓮如上人の生涯とその功績」
講師：ワンドラ先生
場所：ソーシャルホール3階、BECルームです。
詳細はBECパンフレットを参照。

体育館修理への寄付のお願い
引き続き、皆さまからのご寄付を受けています。経済的にも大変厳しい今日この頃ですが、よろしくご検討いただければと存じます。寄付金額を一括ではなく、分散して支払いできるプレッジも可能です。

婦人会だより

花祭りバザーはコロナウイルスの為にキャンセルとなりましたが、OCBCをサポートする手立てとしてラッフルチケットを購入することを考慮していただけたならと思います。

まったく、サウンドオブミュージックのミュージカルを5月9日土曜日2時にラ・・マラにて予定しておりますが、もしキャンセルになった場合は、直ちにお知らせ致します。

BWAの次のミーティングは5月17日にラミラダにて予定しておりますが、もしキャンセルになった場合は、直ちにお知らせ致します。

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九条武子様の法要サービス、BWAランチとバンコ
2月23日にBWA創立者である九条武子様のメモリアルサービスが行われました。九条武子様の人生と多くの人を念仏の道に導いた彼女による慈善事業を中心としたクレイン・エレン先生の法話を聞かせていただきました。法要サービスのあとソーシャルホールでバンコのボランティアの方々によって用意されたランチを美味しくいただきました。ランチはいろいろな種類のサラダ、ロール、おいしいデザートとフルーツをいただきました。参加者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参加者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでいましたが、参戦者の方々はとても楽しんでありました。
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合計1,127ドル

「納骨堂」

合計3,045ドル

「春期お彼岸法要」

合計970ドル

「仏教会に特別寄付」

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「春期お彼岸法要」

合計970ドル

「お葬儀」

故 生田 クライド まさゆき
2020年2月3日往生

仏教会一同、心よりお悔やみを申し上げます。

南無阿弥陀仏
WELCOME TO THE BEC’S BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020
7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
ISHMAEL: A NOVEL
By Daniel Quinn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020
7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
THE ART OF POSSIBILITY
By Rosamund and Benjamin Zander

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30pm  PLACE: Online Zoom Meeting TBA
For more information please call: 714-827-9590
Books are for sale at OCBC

BUDDHIST EDUCATION CENTER
Orange County Buddhist Church 909 South Dale Ave. Anaheim, CA 92804

OCBC BUDDHIST EDUCATION CENTER
Classes on BUDDHISM SPRING 2020

As you may know, OCBC has suspended all activities and events on our campus. But did you know that the OCBC Buddhist Education Center has many ways to continue receiving the Dharma talks, online courses, and seminars?

OCBC YouTube Channel: bit.ly/ocbc-yt
Or go to YouTube.com and search for Orange County Buddhist Church and then subscribe to our channel. You can then watch weekly Dharma Talks and Adult Study discussions.

OCBC Weekly Wheel Podcast: bit.ly/ocbc-ww

OCBC EverydayBuddhist.org
With our online school, the teaching texts, videos and lectures are available for you to study at whatever time and place is convenient. Comments are supported for each lecture so that teachers and students may interact.

Orange County Buddhist Church
Website: ocbbuddhist.org
Email: OCBC909@ocbbuddhist.org
OCBC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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, 2020 TUESDAY.

Applicants must be or have parents that are current sustaining members of 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. Copy of Grade Transcripts are required (do not need official transcripts).

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, 2020 TUESDAY

Applicants must be or have parents that are current sustaining members of OCBC for one year, to be eligible. Applicants must be pursuing direct 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. Copy of Grade Transcripts (not official) are required as well as a declared major declaration.

OCBC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

OCBC COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AN OCBC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: MAY 26, 2020 TUESDAY

Obtain scholarship applications from the OCBC Office or through email request to: Rick Oishi ricksoishi@gmail.com Be sure to indicate which scholarship application. All applications submitted to Rick Oishi.
Dear 2020 Chibiko Basketball Applicant:

The Orange County Buddhist Church Sports Group will be conducting its 27th Chibiko Basketball Program.

**When?**
- May 17, 31
- June 7, 14, 21, 28
- July 12, 26

**Time?**
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Location?**
Orange County Buddhist Church Gym: 909 South Dale Avenue, Anaheim, 92804

**Who?**
Children who are (A) 5 years old before or on May 17, 2020, or (B) in kindergarten, or (C) in 1st grade, or (D) in 2nd grade and have not played in SEYO, CYC, CBO, JAO

**How?**
Sign ups will be conducted by application only. Applications are available in the OCBC Korin, OCBC Office, or from one of the contacts indicated at the end of this letter.

**The deadline to turn in applications has been extended to May 10, 2020 OR... apply electronically at:** [https://tinyurl.com/chibiko2020](https://tinyurl.com/chibiko2020)

Enrollment will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. An email will be sent to confirm your participation. *Placement of the children onto teams will be done at the Director’s discretion – Special requests will not be accepted.*

Applications should be mailed to: OCBC Chibiko Program
Attn: Jeff Sakamoto
6307 Royal Grove Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**How much?**
The cost is $50 for OCBC sustaining family member child or $60 for non-member child. Included will be a T-shirt, basketball, end of season party and trophy at the end of the program.

*DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS, PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TILL FURTHER NOTICE. ONCE WE HAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON THE STATUS OF THE CHIBIKO PROGRAM.*

**What is the format of the program?**
The program will be broken down into two (2) parts. The first hour will be clinic based where all the children will be instructed on fundamentals including, stretching, footwork, dribbling, passing, and catching. The second hour will be devoted to game type of situations including 5-on-5 to get the kids ready for SEYO competition. Players are required to participate in the clinic portion of each session before playing the game.

**For more information, email** [ocbcchibiko@gmail.com](mailto:ocbcchibiko@gmail.com), **or contact:**

Bryan Furumoto  (714) 655-5522    Jeff Sakamoto  (310) 780-0397
Calvin Togashi   (714) 229-0987    Edwin Wakabayashi (714) 625-5081
Walt Ando        (714) 606-8346    Gregg Sato       (714) 330-6836
Jon Nakagawa     (714) 883-6108

The past 27 years were successful due to the unselfish participation of parents and children. The success of this program is directly related to your help. Your child will benefit accordingly.
ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH
OCBC SPORTS
909 SOUTH DALE AVENUE
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92804

2020 CHIBIKO BASKETBALL PROGRAM APPLICATION

Child's Name (Last, First, Nickname)  Boy/Girl  Birthdate and Grade

Address, City, Zip Code

Mother's Name (Guardian)  Phone Number  Father's Name  Phone Number

Parent(s) E-mail Address (Required for confirmation purposes)

Emergency Contact  Relation  Phone Number

Are you a sustaining member of the Orange County Buddhist Church? Yes  No

I, the parent or guardian of the above named child, hereby register him or her for participation in the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) Sports Chibiko Basketball Program and do fully agree to the rules and regulations of the OCBC organization and do hereby release OCBC, its officers, members, managers, and coaches from any and all liability.

I hereby waive and release the OCBC Sports Chibiko Basketball Program from any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses of any nature incurred while participating in the OCBC Sports Chibiko Basketball Program. I understand that medical insurance is my own responsibility.

Parent/Guardian's Signature  Date

The success of the program and the benefit to the children is directly related to the participation of the parents. Please indicate if you would volunteer to help as:

Head Coach  Assistant Coach  Scorekeeper/Timer

NO PAYMENT DUE AT THIS TIME

Mail your application to: OCBC Chibiko Program
Attn: Jeff Sakamoto
6307 Royal Grove Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Questions, please email ocbcchibiko@gmail.com
Save the Date!
Monday, August 24, 2020
Friendly Hills Country Club
Whittier, CA

Sponsorship and Registration Details Coming soon!
To benefit: Orange County Buddhist Church
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.
Want faster, easier membership? Visit www.ocbuddhist.org/membership/

2020 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 Dues

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). Honored for the 1st Initial year.

Sustaining
Current/Ongoing members of OCBC. Returning Introductory Members.

Kansha
Special membership opportunity to provide additional financial support to OCBC. Long time supporters of OCBC who are 85 years old and over.

Individual
- Membership for single (individual) adult.
- Includes One Adult and dependent children under the age of 25

Family
- Membership for adult couples
- Includes Two Adults and dependent children under the age of 25

Seniors

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
☐ Quarterly
☐ Semi-Annually
☐ Annually

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All OCBC Activities have been suspended until April 30th due to COVID19 (Coronavirus) concerns. Please see our website www.ocbuddhist.org for current updates and Dharma Talks.