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The Murmuration of Our Lives

“Another, simpler way of saying all phenomena exhibit nonrandom change is to say that everything is process. That is indeed, in my view, the Buddha's position. But now the question must surely be: if the Buddha was saying something so simple and straightforward - which is not to say that all the implications are straightforward - why is this not what we read in every book about Buddhism?” (pg. 10)

What the Buddha Thought, Richard Gombrich

Over the past 2,500 years, Buddhists have created a vast collection of texts as both sutras and commentaries. Both the volume and diversity of these texts can be overwhelming so it might be beneficial to take a step back and consider their purpose. Rather than formally providing doctrine and philosophies, what if they are merely trying to illuminate what the Buddha experienced under the Bodhi when he realized insight at 35 years of age? We discussed this event last month in my January Korin minister's message on Bodhi Day.

And what if this insight was so simple? Maybe it is the explanation and analysis that is so detailed and complex. If this is the case then maybe we replace obtuse phrases like “all phenomena exhibit nonrandom change” and “dependent co-arising” with something as simple as “everything is process”. The former may be more rigorous but the latter seems more clear and satisfying. Might this single phrase succinctly capture the Buddha’s realization after six years of practice?

If this is the case then we might also be able to complement the reading of a thousand words with that of a single picture? I recently came across such a visual. It is what is called a “starling murmuration”. Please follow this YouTube video link: Starling Murmuration, Natomas, Sacramento, California

At specific times of the year and day, starlings begin to flock in the evening sky. A murmuration occurs when they begin to coordinate their flight and seemingly merge into a singular form. This appears as a black cloud or mass, that undulates in a way that suggests it has an internal intelligence or identity, a self. But this is just a collection of birds independently flying together and yet they instantaneously turn on a dime.

Science does not yet fully understand how this change of motion is communicated from bird to bird. From an information theory perspective, there doesn’t seem to be enough time for this information to travel the distance from one end of the murmuration to the other. Does one bird really decide to turn and then all follow instantaneously?

As you are watching this dancing black object in the sky, it is difficult to remember that a murmuration is not really a thing. It is merely a process, just as is everything else in our lives. The appearance of a concrete self is actually an illusion. But this does not make the murmuration or our lives any less real. They both exist but as a process, a verb not a noun, always changing, moving and reacting. Just like the murmuration, we too are a work in progress, always with the possibility of sudden change.

“I am going to suggest that this may well be because Pali and Sanskrit lacked a word which closely corresponds to the idea of ‘process’, and had to express it figuratively. I also believe that the word samkhara, which is translated in an astonishing variety of ways, often comes closer to ‘process’ than has hitherto been recognized.” (pg. 11)

What the Buddha Thought, Richard Gombrich

The idea that “everything is process” is explored in more detail in the second course What Siddhartha Realized of our new subscription offering, the Everyday Buddhist guided learning pathway. For this and our initial 12 course offering you can subscribe for $10/month or save $25 with an annual subscription of just $95/year for unlimited access to all new content and courses.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev Jon Turner

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Beyond Time and Space  
—— Parinirvāna Day ——

Parinirvāna Day is a Buddhist holiday which commemorates the death of Sakyamuni Buddha and is celebrated on February 15th. This day – also known as Nirvana Day (涅槃会, ne-han-e) – is celebrated because it is believed that the Buddha had reached Enlightenment in this life and had finally reached the stage of Pari-nirvana (complete nirvana) after his physical death. The celebrations and festivals observed on this day mark the end of the cycle of death and rebirth. While most people celebrate this holiday on the 15th, some people begin celebrating it on the 8th of February.

Buddha, also known as Siddhartha Gautama, was a prince who was born in India during the 6th century B.C. While there are many different versions of his story and how he became the “Enlightened One,” the most common is that it was after he shed all his worldly possessions and meditated underneath a tree. It was during this meditation that all of the answers that he was seeking became clear to him and he achieved full awareness. This is when he became Buddha. Siddhartha Gautama was born to the Shakya clan in Lumbini; His father was the king of this tribe and his mother died a week after she gave birth to him. Many prophesized that many great things would come to the young prince during his lifetime. It was predicted that he would either become a great military leader or a great spiritual leader. Upon hearing this news, his father determined that he should be protected from the misery and evil of the outside world, so he had a palace built just for Siddhartha. In that way, he could shelter him from the burden of human suffering.

At the age of 16, he married, but he continued to live a life of seclusion until he was about 29 years old. This is when he decided to live an ascetic life and began studying with various religious leaders of the time. Following this practice, he endured fasting and self-inflicted pain in his search for the truth he was seeking. No matter how hard he tried though, he just could not find the answers to his questions. However, he did become the spiritual leader to a group of 5 ascetics who decided to become his followers. Eventually, he ran into a young girl who generously offered him her bowl of rice. It was at this moment that he realized that the ascetic life was not providing him with the answers he sought, so he decided to try a new path he named the Middle Way. He ate the rice, drank some water, and took a bath in the river. After his 5 ascetic followers saw him partaking in these pleasures, they decided that he had abandoned the ascetic lifestyle and was now pursuing the path towards the “pleasures of the flesh.”

Later that night, he sat under a Bodhi tree and meditated until sunrise. He would remain under this tree for the next few days as he sought the answers to his questions, cleared his mind and meditated. It was during this time that he saw the entirety of his life – as well as all his former lives – unfold in his mind before him. He was becoming Buddha, the awakened one. Of course, his enlightenment was not as easy. During this time, he was approached by a demon named Mara who wanted to assume the role of Buddha for himself. However, the Buddha was able to successfully resist Mara and all his temptations. It was then that he was able to see the entire Wheel of Life, Death, and Rebirth. This is when he reached true enlightenment and fully became Buddha.

Reaching the Nirvana: Once he had reached enlightenment at the age of 35, however, he was very reluctant to teach others the lessons he had learned. That’s because he wasn’t sure if he could communicate these concepts to people in a way they could understand. According to legend, Brahma convinced him to teach his lessons to other people. So, he set out to do spread the word of what he had learned. Eventually, he happened upon the 5 ascetics who had abandoned him and preached to them his first sermon. A sermon that is now known as Setting in Motion the Wheel of Dharma. During this sermon, he explained the Four Noble Truths and the Eight-Fold Path. These concepts would become the basis of Buddhism.

Entering the Parinirvāna: After 45-years teaching, at the age of 80, Sakyamuni Buddha uttered his final words: “All conditioned things are subject to decay. Strive for your liberation with diligence.” He also told them to keep teaching his methods so that future generations could benefit from his enlightenment. He then died in the city of Kushinarga in India and Parinirvāna Day was established to celebrate his complete enlightenment and honor his death. Here is the drawing of the Parinirvāna. Upper right corner, there is the Buddha’s birth mother Queen Maya coming from the realm of perfect enlightenment to embrace her son. Our Founder Shinran Shonin tells us that Sakyamuni Buddha was born in the human world to guide us to the Amida Buddha’s unconditional spiritual liberation beyond time and space.

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

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Music and Movies

We have been dealing with the pandemic and all that comes with it for quite a while now. We have a lot of "do gooders" always trying to give us positive and happy stories out of Covid to the point that it gets rather annoying. Hopefully dear readers, you can put up with one more from me.

In Buddhism we have what is known as the four attachments 1. Sense objects 2. Opinions and views 3. Rites and rituals 4. Self-hood. All four are viewed as dangerous defilements. This covers a lot of ground, so for now let’s stick with number 2. Opinions and views.

In practicing the Dharma, we seem to always learn the most from the bad things that happen to us. When we have a life threatening illness, we tend to develop an appreciation and gratitude for a life we previously took for granted or took too seriously. Covid has not only taken lives, but it has taken life as we know it. The shutdown gave me time to think and reflect.

I have been working in a big two-story bookstore for over thirteen years now. I am one of those weird people who actually likes his job. After all these years I am finally good at something and this is as close as I will ever get to having a career!

For a long time I ran the music and movie department. Having been there a long time, I have developed relationships with many customers. People would regularly call and ask for me or come in to see me and if I was not there they would hang up or leave. Though I liked being praised for my knowledge, I once had a customer say to me, “You are the only one here that knows anything about music from the sixties and seventies”. I am not exactly sure how to take that.

This was not so much about my customer service abilities, but feeding my ego by how good I am. I had forgotten about the meaning of Dana: helping others without wanting something in return.

Everything was great for a long time, but for better or for worse there is this thing called impermanence. The company closed down eight stores out of over 600. Which, of course meant that customers thought we were going out of business (sigh). The local store that closed was Metro Point by South Coast Plaza. Apparently people there do not read. They just buy cappuccinos and People magazine. They transferred their music guy to my store. I don’t want to use his real name, so I will just refer to him as Hasselhoff. Hasselhoff decided the music department belonged to him and decided to dismantle everything I had created. The battle had begun.

To make my existential struggle with Hasselhoff even worse, his now retired father was the manager who had hired me 13 years ago. His father is about one of the nicest people I have ever known. Apparently the fruit does sometimes fall far from the tree. I told Hasselhoff he had the coolest dad ever and he just looked at me and said, “Yeah well, I don’t think I can ever live up to that”. You would think that I would have gotten a clue, right? Uh no, not me.

At one point I was out with my friend David who is a Zen psychologist and I said to him, “If I was a nice person, I would say that he needs this more than I do and let it go”. David replied, “If you were a nice person, yes.” But my big ego was still in charge. I even did a dharma talk about it hoping to teach myself something, but I was not buying what I was selling.

Last spring during the pandemic shutdown, being that I live by myself I became a bit of a hermit/monk. I spent a lot of time reading and watching videos on Everyday Buddhist. I really had no choice, but to do some self-reflection and examination.

I decided it was time to let it all go. Why not? I had a good run in the music dept. and had accomplished things there nobody else will. I had pretty much done it all. A way for Hasselhoff to be happy is to show him some Buddha Compassion and let it go. A way for me to be happy is to show him some Buddha compassion and let it go. Rev. Turner once talked about letting go not meaning that you forget what has happened, but letting go of the attachment that is holding you back.

I am now really enjoying being back out on the book floor and Hasselhoff and I get along great and share a lot of jokes and laughs. Amazing what you can do if you accept impermanence and think of others instead of yourself!

Namo Amida Butsu
Matthew A. Stolz
Minister’s Assistant

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President’s Message

As the excitement for a new year has waned, our life is still in turmoil due to the covid-19 flu. While I write this message the number of covid cases is at dangerous levels as we continue to battle this pandemic. We will continue to close the OCBC campus until we feel safe that this situation is under control. However there is good news in that several vaccines have been approved and are becoming available. As these vaccines continue to roll out starting with our essential workers, our elderly and those at risk, there is hope that we can turn the tide and lower the danger from this deadly virus. Hopefully we will be able to get back to the OCBC campus in the near future. I look forward to this day so that we can enjoy our newly remodeled MPB. It will be fun to have our first live event or even to start playing basketball again. I think we all need this.

Our first event for 2021 was our Shinnenkai General Meeting which was held via zoom on Saturday 1/16/21 from 12:30-2:30pm. It was nice to see everyone even though it was on zoom. However I do miss the fried chicken lunch and boysenberry pie from Knotts. Thanks to Bryan Furumoto and friends who helped organize the event. We played some games on zoom and it was nice to see some friendly competition. We discussed the challenging year and the several good things that happened during the year. We announced four new members of the board (Ann Nakahira, Dr. Hiroki Noda, Stacy St. James, and Nanelle Wong). Welcome and I look forward to working with you in the future. We now have 94 BOD members at OCBC. The new OCBC Board of Director Officers was announced. I hope you have a chance in the future to meet and congratulate them. As you know, these are volunteers who are working to support OCBC and the Sangha.

- President -Glen Morita
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- 3rd VP (Maintenance) -Jim Mitchell
- 4th VP (Membership) -Bryan Furumoto
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  - Youth Fund -Robert Tomooka
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  - Japanese School Fund -Nancy Hara
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- Cultural Director -Kevin Tanioka
- Facilities Control Dirs. -Dick Fukuda, Calvin Togashi
- Publicity-Historian Dir -Janet Sakahara
- Social Welfare Dir -Nancy Clifton-Hawkins
- Youth Director -Fred Katsuda

As we start out the year, your BOD will be reviewing our activities for 2021. Hopefully the pandemic subsides and we can get back to OCBC safely. How will we proceed with our Hanamatsuri and Obon festivals? What safe methods can we implement? Can we begin to use our newly remodeled MPB? What things are possible as long as we maintain Sangha safety? We will continue to improve our utilization of our OCBC website, YouTube, Zoom and social media. Can we find additional tools that help improve communication with our Sangha? We hope to answer these questions as we rebuild our lives back to normal.

I look forward to supporting OCBC this year and will keep you updated on our proposed activities. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President.

In gassho,
Glen Morita, OCBC President
The Shin Reader – *Ethics Into Action*

“The question most frequently asked of a Shin Buddhist is, What is your practice? As a Buddhist, the obvious answer is the practice of compassion.” – from page 5 of *Shin Buddhism Bits of Rubble Turn Into Gold* (2002) by Rev Dr Taitetsu Unno.

*Ethics into Action* (1998, 2019) by Peter Singer is the life story of Henry Spira who after attending a course taught by Singer, became a vegetarian, first giving up red meat, then chicken and then fish. He became an advocate for the ethical treatment of animals. His story shows that one person can make a difference. Spira persuaded Revlon (Dec 1980) to stop using the Draize eye test on rabbits and to fund the development of non-animal testing methods as an alternative to the Draize test. Now many US cosmetic companies do not perform animal testing and the European Union banned animal tested cosmetic products in 1993.

The American Museum of Natural History (NYC) was mutilating cats in a multi-year study of how it affected the sex lives of cats and it was being funded by Federal tax payer money. Spira started a public campaign and the study was stopped. In another effort, he persuaded Amnesty International to stop funding a study using pigs for torture experiments.

Spira was a volunteer in the Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and 60s by visiting the Southern states and talking with the people involved and then wrote about their struggles in a weekly newsletter. He fought for reform in the National Maritime Union – publicizing the corruption by its leaders. And for fourteen years he was a high school teacher for underprivileged students.

Henry Spira died due to cancer in 1998 after this book was published. From page 184 Peter Singer writes.

“One mark of living well is to live so that you can accept death and feel satisfied with what you have done with your life”

From page 186, Singer quotes Spira.

“I guess basically one wants to feel that one’s life has amounted to more than just consuming products and generating garbage. I think that one likes to look back and say that one’s done the best one can to make this a better place for others. You can look at if from this point of view: What greater motivation can there be than doing whatever one possibly can to reduce pain and suffering?”

From page 187, Spira states.

“I might have done some things differently, but on the whole, I’ve given it the best shot that I’ve got … Looking back on my life, it’s been satisfying. I’ve done a lot of things I wanted to do. I’ve had an enormous amount of fun doing it, and if I were going to do it over again, I’d do it very similar to the way I have done it.”

Review by Howard Nakagiri

BWA News

Announcements

As we approach another month of gathering for on-line services, participating in Zoom meetings and exercise sessions, eating and sheltering together at home, there is much to be grateful for. There’s comfort in knowing our neighbors, friends, and family are there for us through thick and thin, our frontline and healthcare workers are doing all they can to provide protection and care, and finally, there’s light at the end of this long tunnel…the vaccine! It may take a while before we can return to a sense of normalcy, but as long as we have OCBC to call our second home for support and guidance, this bumpy ride will slowly come to an end. Until then, let’s continue to busy ourselves with new and interesting projects, wave to passing neighbors, and nourish those budding green thumbs so our gardens will continue to flourish and bring beauty and a bountiful harvest come Spring!

-We would like to welcome a new member, Mary Jane Fujimura. Thank you for joining OC BWA.

-Thank you to Seiko Hoshino for your donation to Senior Luncheon and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

-Save the Date ~ February 28, 2021, 2-4pm. Lady Takeko Kujo service and program with a chat room session and BINGO to follow. Details on this event will be sent through our communication network.

-Our next BWA meeting will be held on March 21st, time TBD, following Spring Ohigan Service. More information will be available in March Korin.

BINGO Highlights – December 13, 2020

Thank you to our BINGO committee and everyone who attended our final Zoom event for 2020. We had approximately 30 attendees including three guests from San Diego Buddhist Temple. Once again, we played a number of patterned games and enjoyed seeing and hearing the excitement of the BINGO and raffle prize winners. We look forward to our next game day and hope to see you there!

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

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura
**Maintenance Group-2020 Year End Report**

The OCBC maintenance volunteers were getting together monthly to tackle the challenges that the Orange County Buddhist Church campus present until OCBC was closed to protect the sangha from getting and/or spreading the Covid-19 virus.

A group of volunteers showed up on a weekly or monthly basis to help with tasks requiring attention. Volunteers would also help take care of urgent repairs when they were needed. OCBC has a knowledgeable and talented group who help maintain the campus. Access to OCBC was and remains extremely limited.

The following are some examples of tasks that were accomplished in 2020:

a. Adjusted, maintained or replaced electrical outlets, switches, timers and sensors.

b. Plumbing continues to be a challenge throughout the year. Malfunctioning faucets, toilets, drains and Sloan valve flush units were repaired on a limited basis this past year.

c. The campus landscaping requires substantial maintenance. There is a core group of people that have toiled diligently, and mostly cheerfully, to keep the trees, shrubs and planters as presentable as possible given the circumstances.

d. We continued to repair and maintain the irrigation system around the campus.

e. Continued trash removal along the interfaces of our campus with the outside world.

f. Replaced air-conditioning filters in the HVAC units of the social hall, Hondo and Kodo.

A limited annual church clean-up was held in early November. The Hondo and the Social Hall were given a good cleaning. Thank you to the organizations and people involved for a job well done.

Thank you to the volunteers that have conscientiously come out to help with the campus maintenance work this past year.

In Gassho,
Jim Mitchell
3rd VP Maintenance

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**Social Welfare**

We seem to be moving positively into a new phase. It is still going to be a while before things get back to a normal routine. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been helping our Sangha members transition through these crazy times. Each and every effort, no matter how big, makes a difference.

Whether it is due to Covid social isolation, uncertainty surrounding access to the vaccine or current social/political environment, our mental health is still getting hit on all sides. Don’t fret, at OCBC we have resources that can help you.

For those interested, the OCBC Covid Group it is still going on, every other Tuesday at 8 pm. It is facilitated by our own Dr. Michael Martinez. This is a casual group that has open and non-judgmental conversations around the issues of the day. If you have hit the wall with all the COVID stuff, join us. If you need some time to connect with others, join us. Updates are shared on the OCBC Family Facebook page. Check it often as we change the links to the Zoom meetings every time.

If you are looking for ways to connect with others around issues of recovery, the Dharma Recovery group is still being held on Sundays. It is hosted through the Vista Buddhist Temple. It supports individuals through recovery for unhealthy attachments of all kinds. To learn more please reach out to our minister’s assistant Matthew Stolz for more info. [matthewstolz@yahoo.com](mailto:matthewstolz@yahoo.com)

Finally, if you know of a Sangha member who is going through a hard time, please let me know. Thanks to so many generous OCBC members, we have funds that we can provide to a Sangha member that can help them get over hump. All support is confidential. Please send a note to the Social Welfare Committee: [ocbc.socialwelfare@gmail.com](mailto:ocbc.socialwelfare@gmail.com)

In Gassho,
Nancy Clifton-Hawkins
Director, Social Welfare Committee
**Project Kokoro New**

**Annual New Year’s Party**
Plans for the annual New Year’s Party are delayed until OCBC reopens and plans can be made for a safe event. The committee is considering a date in the future with ways to have fun yet protect our families and friends - so please stay tuned.

**On-line Craft Boutique**
The On-line Boutique is open but due to Covid-related restrictions we have options for pick-up, delivery and shipping. Visit the website too see available items, shop and place orders: [OCBUDDHIST.org/pk-crafts-boutique](http://OCBUDDHIST.org/pk-crafts-boutique)
For any questions please email: ocbcprojectkokoro@gmail.com

**Craft Club**
The Craft Club continues to hold Zoom sessions every Wednesday from 10am to 11am. Recently they were folding paper, doing watercolors and crocheting. If you would like to participate contact Dorothy Matsuoka @ 562-743-3483 or email: dcmatsuoka@aol.com

**Team Scattergories Game**
Feb 15
**Scattergories** is a word game played in teams – it is easy and fun. The objective is to score points by uniquely naming objects within a set of categories, given an initial letter, within a time limit. Each game has 12 categories, i.e. “A” is the letter and if “fruit” is the category “Apple” may be an answer…but is it unique? Please join the next game session on Monday, January 18 from 10am to 11am. Sign-in between 9:50am -10am to be ready to start promptly. To get your Zoom link and game rules send your name to: Betty Ann Nagami: betnag3s@me.com

**Stretch and Munch Zoom**
If you would like to do some stretching and munching, then you will want to join Zoom “Stretch and Munch”. Weekly topics, hosted by Marion Nishimura and Rumi Nakatani, are discussed with the group. Stretch session is 11am – 11:15am followed by Chat and Lunch. To register and get a Zoom link, please contact Rumi Nakatani: rumiko@sbcglobal.net

**Tomodachi Bento Program**
The Dana Program, Tomodachi Bento & Project Kokoro Club are working together to provide support to those homebound during this pandemic. If you are aware of anyone who is homebound and needs a well-check, meals delivered, or support email Rumi Nakatani: rumiko@sbcglobal.net

**Words of Appreciation**
We would like to express our gratitude to Ethel Okada for her generous donation that will help support our future programs and events.

In gassho,
Neddie Bokosky

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**Dharma School**

**Attendance**
We are still continuing to have good attendance in all classes.

**DS Online Class Schedule for 2021**
Below is the DS Class schedule for January through June.

ALL CLASSES WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 AND END BY 11:45 EXCEPT ON MARCH 21 & MAY 16. CLASSES MEETING ON THOSE 2 DAYS WILL MEET FROM 11:30 – 12:15.

Classes meeting dates: Jan. 24, Feb. 7 & 21, Mar. 7 & 21*, Apr. 4, May 2, June 6
Fuji (1st)
Kiku (5th)
Sumire (6th)
Hasu (7th)
Matsu (HS)

Sakura/Momo (PreK/K)
Yuri/Kikyo (2nd & 3rd)
Ume (4th)
Ayame (5th)

**My Offering**
Thank you to those student & parents who generously donated to the “BCA My Offering”. If you would still like to donate, you can send a check payable to “OCBC Dharma School” with a note saying “My Offering” to OCBC.

**Attention High School & College Graduates**
We are gathering names of high school and college students graduating this school year, Dec 2020/June 2021. Those in Rev. Crane’s class are on the list already.

Please send the following info to Merry Hiroshima at jitosho23@gmail.com or call 714-271-3803 by May 1, 2021:
student’s name, address, phone #, email address, indicate high school or college, name of school graduated from and degree earned from college.

In gassho,
Joanne Ishii & Chris Hirata

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**In gassho,**

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ABA News

Zoom, zoom, zoom.... remember when that would remind you of a Mazda commercial? Oh, how far we’ve come!

Our last two ABA meetings have been on Zoom. It’s been fun seeing all of the members and sharing some good news. In fact, we are looking forward to our first ever ABA Zoom Social! Credit goes to Namy Folick for coming up with this clever idea! It may be the first of many…. In a world that seems to be changing by the second, you don’t have to be too worried about ABA. We’ll still have the same cabinet members this year, we’ll still find ways to connect with each other, and we’ll still support each other however we can. There’s comfort and peace in knowing that together, we’ve endured nearly a year of “pandemic life”.

We just celebrated the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the inauguration of our new U.S. President. Many of us are looking forward to receiving the Covid 19 vaccinations. Throughout these current historical events, we’ve all shared a common hope: for peace (especially following the U.S. Capitol attack). When I asked my first graders what they thought peace was, I was brought to tears by some of their responses. “Peace is working together and being kind.” “Peace is wonderful.” “Peace is like you are in a beautiful park, nice and quiet.” “Peace is everything good.” Sometimes, children are so wise.

However you define your peace, I hope that you find it, acknowledge it, and enjoy it!

Peace out, (Couldn’t resist this closing!)
Jeanne Kumagai

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Throughout the months of November, December and January, Sangha Teens took part in several events and meetings. We also had our installation service for the new cabinet members on November 15, 2020. Cabinet members are: Analisa Togashi, Jack Hirotsu, Tesshin Aoyama, Kyle Sasaki, Kelsey Ikemoto, Travis Nakahira, Reina Yee, Kaitlyn Nakagawa, Grant Lock, Stephanie Sarashina, Gunner Verdien, and Kenna Kashima. Congratulations to our new 2020/2021 cabinet members! Also on December 6 of 2020, we hosted a virtual get together with Gardena and West LA. We were so excited to have so many kids from the different churches come and join us for an hour and a half of games and socializing together as a Sangha. Since then, we have been talking a lot about how we will raise money for possibly an online escape room, or another fun virtual activity in the future. We’re also very much looking forward to putting together more activities with other Sangha Teens.

In Gassho,
Kenna Kashima
**Jr. YBA**

Happy New Year everyone!! Jr. YBA has been starting off the year with plenty of events and activities to come. Besides our monthly general meetings that include activities/games at the end of each meeting, members are also still engaged with our mentorship game nights held a couple Saturday nights a month. In January, Jr. Y made “New Year’s Goodie Bags” for the senior’s Tomodachi Bento Project. Currently, we are looking forward to a handful of creative virtual Jr. YBA events! Senshin, West LA, and Venice will be hosting Seminar 1 on January 23rd, with the theme being “Our Virtue-al Reality”. We are eager to attend and see our Southern District friends through the socially-distanced platform Zoom which everyone has gotten to know and love over quarantine. Many of OCBC’s Jr. YBA members are ready to take on an exciting competition at Southern District’s annual volleyball tournament. Don’t be fooled, this volleyball tournament will be purely online—no volleyballs required!! Although this tournament might be purely luck-based, OCBC Jr. Y’s competitive nature won’t let that fact intervene with their spirit!

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One of the highlights of our recent quarantine experiences has been meeting new Jr. YBA members from all across the United States. Pre-quarantine, many of us would have never imagined that Jr. YBA members from across the states could all come together for an activity, but the COVID-19 era has in some ways brought us even closer to our members who may be far away. Earlier this month, OCBC Jr. YBA was invited to sit-in at the Hawaii Federation’s Jr. YBA meeting. Delegates from across the islands represented each of their chapters and reported the accomplishments and events that each chapter had done since the last meeting. It was so wonderful to meet Jr. YBA members all the way out in Hawaii and see how they ran their meetings differently from ours. OCBC had a great time and is looking forward to seeing our Hawaii friends again!

In the not-so-far future is the 2021 Coast District Conference in March which our Southern District members have been invited to! All in all, quarantine has given Jr. YBA a hallway of opportunities to socialize and meet new members from all over, and we can’t wait to see what’s next.

Gassho,
Erin Hayashida
OCBC Jr. YBA Publicity
Services Conducted

December
19 Shoji Korin, 7th Year Memorial Service

January
16 Tsuneji Katsuda, 3rd Year Memorial Service

Multi Purpose Building Renovation Project

Building Fund Donations

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

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In memory of Sachi Ochiai
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Koko Doami
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Total donation in December $43,568
Total donations to MPB Project $1,162,123

In Gassho,
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The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from December 15, 2020 through January 15, 2021.

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報恩講要を営みました。西羅府仏教会
の高田興芳先生より日本語と英語のご法話
をいただきましたね。YouTubeをご覧いただけだ
けでしようか？

今月二月十五日には、お釈迦さまが涅槃に
入られた涅槃法会があります。涅槃とはサンス
クリット語のニルバナのことで、迷いがな
くなった境地を指しますが、この場合はお釈
迦さまが亡くなられたことを意味します。

この話は皆さんよくお見になりになったこと
と思います。何不自由のない宮殿の生活のな
かで、諸行無常のこの世を憂い、生老病死を
通して人間の生きるべき道を明らかにする
ために29才で妻子を残して宮殿を後にし
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その時の平均寿命はおそらく50才に満
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**日本語話題のお知らせ**

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2月を押すと日本語話題が聞けます。

**BCA施主による**

九条武子さま・【如月忌法要】

2月28日（日）午後4時より九条武子さまがズームで行われる予定です。

詳しくはBCAより連絡があります。

**オレンジ郡仏教法人の閉鎖予告**

3月31日（火）から4月1日（水）まで、当寺院は閉鎖しています。再開日について詳しくは、こちらをご覧ください。

**春のお彼岸セミナーと法要**

今年も毎田センターより羽田先生をお招きして、3月20日（木）に英語・日本語で、春のお彼岸セミナーをお開催します。詳細はBCAより連絡があります。

YouTubeに詳細を公開しております。

メール: bc909@ocbuddhist.org
ビンゴセッションのハイライト
（2020年12月13日）

【寄付】
かな寄付
（12月12日から12月15日までに
合計2,570ドル）

【祥月法要】
（祥月法要にご寄付いただきました方々のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧くださいませ。（敬称略））
合計11,680ドル
合計400ドル

【お祭】
（お祀りにご寄付いただきました方々のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧くださいませ。（追加分・敬称略））
合計1,680ドル
仏会にお礼
ご寄付ご芳名です。
（敬称略）

【納骨堂】
合計700ドル

【仏教に特別寄付】
ご芳名です。(敬称略)

仏教会に特別寄付
匿名(2)

お葬儀
コロナウイルス感染予防のため当寺院で
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御遺族のご希望に添えるかたちでお勤
めさせていただきます。

外出禁止令発令中に亡くなりご
られた方のご遺族には仏教儀一同、心
よりお悔やみを申し上げます。

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【南無阿弥陀仏】
WELCOME TO THE BEC'S
BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

FEATURED BOOK:
LET THIS BE KNOWN
Finding the Shin Buddhist Path
(second half of book)

by Jim Pollard

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

FEATURED BOOK:
BLACK AND BUDDHIST
What Buddhism Can Teach Us
About Race, Resilience,
Transformation, and Freedom

Edited by Pamela Ayo Yetunde, Cheryl A. Giles

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30pm
PLACE: Online Zoom Meeting TBA

To register for Zoom meetings either click on QR code or open camera on cell phone, focus on QR code then tap link at top of screen then fill out Google form.

For more information, please visit ocbuddhist.org/bec-book-club

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- Chanting
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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 23, 2021 Sunday.

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 Issel 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 23, 2021 Sunday

Applicants must be or have parents that are current sustaining members of OCBC for one year to be eligible.

Applicants must be pursing 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 23, 2021 Sunday

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.

In gassho,
Rick Oishi
WANTED: RUNNING OR NOT

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We handle all DMV paperwork! Free pick up! No cost to you!

To expedite your vehicle donation, please fill out and mail this form to OCBC, 909 S. Dale Ave, Anaheim, CA 92804, or e-mail to ocbc909@ocbuddhist.org, or call the information into the office at (714) 827-9590. The form is available online at www.ocbuddhist.org. Go to the “Get Involved” drop-down menu, then click on “Vehicle Donation,” fill out the form, and click “Submit.”

Your donation is tax deductible, for the vehicle’s selling price (if it sells for more than $500), or for the fair market value, up to $500 (if it sells for less than $500). Proceeds from your donation will help support community services and activities of Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC).

Name

Your Address/City/Zip

Location of Vehicle (if different)

Contact Info: Home Ph __________________ Cell Ph __________________ Email __________________

Type of Vehicle: Year __________ Make __________________ Model __________________

Vehicle Identification # (VIN) __________________

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Do you have the Title, Pink Slip?  Yes ☐  No ☐  Does the vehicle run?  Yes ☐  No ☐

Comments __________________

How did you hear about the program? __________________

Name on Title __________________  Today’s Date __________________

Thank you for your consideration in making a donation to the

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Thank you for your generous donation and investment in the future of our community.

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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.
2021 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.

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

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 _________________________
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Emergency Contact
Name: ____________________________ Phone: __________

*Please provide email so that we may email you your receipt
[ ] Address changed [ ] Membership changed

For Office Use Only:

Received by: ____________________________
Quick-Book Entry by: ____________________________
Database Entry by: ____________________________
BCA Entry by: ____________________________

Date: ____________
Date: ____________
Date: ____________

Regular reminder notices will not be sent to those who pay semi-annually, quarterly or monthly

STEP 3: MAIL

Send membership form and check to:
Mark or note on your check:

[ ] Monthly [ ] Quarterly [ ] Semi-Annually [ ] Annually

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

Method of Payment:
[ ] Check No. ________ (Make check payable to OCBC)
[ ] Credit card (Make arrangement in office)

Want faster, easier membership? Visit www.ocbuddhist.org/membership/
**FEBRUARY 2021 CALENDAR**
Calendar Subject to Change! Please check our website. For all ONLINE services please log on to [www.ocbuddhist.org](http://www.ocbuddhist.org) and follow the links.

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**Zoom Meditation Service sign up**
Use cell phone camera, focus on the QR code then tap link that appears.

**Zoom BEC Book Club Sign up**
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In case of Emergency please call the office and follow the directions 714/827-6590. Thank you.