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## **The Buddhist Churches of America Ecclesiastical Leadership and the Minister's Assistant Program**

By Reverend Jerry Kyosei Hirano

Through this two-part article, it is my intention to help clarify the important ecclesiastical relationship we have with our mother organization, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha in Kyoto, Japan, and the role the BCA plays within this big picture. I also hope to help dispel any confusion as to who the religious leaders of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) are, and the roles they play especially as they relate to the BCA Minister's Assistant Program and the programs at the Jodo Shinshu Center. As Director of the BCA Minister's Assistant Program (MAP), I am hoping these articles will bring some clarity to these areas.

The origins of the Minister's Assistant Program goes back to the time of BCA Bishop Hakubun Watanabe, and was further developed under the tenure of Bishop Koshin Ogui. As with so many of our BCA programs, it has taken some time to fully evolve and implement. I am happy to announce that this program was approved by the BCA Ministers' Association.

First of all, I would like to share with you some of the history of the BCA, while focusing on the ministerial aspects of our organization.

The Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) falls under the official jurisdiction of the North America District of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha branch of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism with headquarters in Kyoto, Japan. The Bishop of the BCA is the officially recognized representative of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha for the North America District. As the official representative, the Bishop is the head of all priests and lay leaders and members who reside within the continental United States.

Under the Bishop of the BCA is the Chairperson (Gicho) of the BCA Ministers' Association, currently Rev. Patricia Usuki, and the President of the Buddhist Churches of America, currently held by Mr. Richard Stambul.

BCA has 60 temples in the continental United States of America, with headquarters in San Francisco, California located at 1710 Octavia Street. Our national headquarters is home to the Office of the Bishop, the BCA administrative offices, the BCA Endowment Foundation office and the new Jodo Shinshu International Office.

Located immediately adjacent to the BCA Headquarters is the Buddhist Church of San Francisco (BCSF). The chapel (hondo) of BCSF serves a dual purpose because it serves BCSF, but it also serves as the hondo for the BCA headquarters. BCSF also serves as the home registration temple for all Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha priests ordained by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha under the jurisdiction North America District (BCA).

The BCA's Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC), located at 2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley, California, houses our graduate school, the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS), the BCA Center for Buddhist Education (CBE), the Jodo Shinshu International (JSI) offices, and Ryukoku University's Berkeley Campus. As stated on the IBS web site, "IBS is a leading American Buddhist graduate school and seminary that provides graduate level education across the full breadth of the Buddhist tradition with specialized training in academic studies of Buddhism, Buddhist chaplaincy and Jodo Shinshu Buddhist ministry." The IBS is governed by a president and a board of trustees. The current President of the IBS is Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto.

The BCA Center for Buddhist Education (CBE) has been developing the lay education programs for BCA. The CBE is under the leadership of a board of governors of both Kaikyoshi and lay leaders of BCA. The Co-Directors of the CBE are Kaikyoshis Rev. Marvin Harada and Rev. Jerry Hirano. In conjunction with IBS, and the Jodo Shinshu International office (JSIO) under the direction of Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, the BCA Minister's Assistant Program (MAP) provides education, training and certification for American-born individuals who may want to become priests.

The BCA Office of the Bishop is responsible for all ecclesiastical matters for the North America District as they relate to the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha's presence in the continental U.S. The current staff for the Office of the Bishop is made up of two co-Executive Assistants, Rev. Marvin Harada and Rev. Jerry Hirano, and the Secretary to the Office of the Bishop, Rev. Michael Endo.

It is this office which oversees and carries out the ecclesiastical and ministerial personnel issues for BCA. The Bishop of the BCA is nominated by the Kaikyoshi ministers of the Buddhist Churches of America Ministers' Association.

In the event that the Bishop is not able to carry out the functions of the office, the Chairperson (Gicho) of the BCA Ministers' Association shall serve in the interim until such time that a Bishop Pro-tempore can be named, and a new Bishop is elected. The Gicho, as head of the BCA Ministers' Association is, therefore, second in ecclesiastical leadership in the BCA.

To be a member with full rights and privileges of the BCA Ministers' Association, you must be an active Kaikyoshi of the North America District. Within this Ministers' Association are eight district leaders (Kyokucho) from the Bay, Central California, Coast, Eastern, Mt. States, Northern California, Northwest, and Southern Districts. These eight district leaders form the cabinet of the Ministers' Association. Directors (Kyokucho) of each district are elected or are appointed on a rotational basis, depending upon the guidelines of each respective district.

What is a Kaikyoshi?

The term Kaikyoshi is a special ecclesiastical designation or title granted by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha to individuals who wish to serve as ministers in the overseas districts and regions outside of Japan (i.e. BCA, Hawaii, Canada, South America, Taiwan, Nepal, Australia, etc.)

To be a "Kaikyoshi" for BCA, a request for Kaikyoshi status must first be made by the Bishop of the BCA to the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. Upon approval by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, the individual may then be assigned to a temple as a resident minister or to some other official position by Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha at the request of the Bishop of BCA.

Individuals outside of Japan seeking Kaikyoshi status must have received tokudo ordination, and kyoshi certification from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. In addition, you must also have the appropriate degree from the Institute of Buddhist Studies or its equivalent as determined by the office of the Bishop of BCA and approved by Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

For ministers from Japan, Kaikyoshi status guidelines and rules are determined by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

The second ecclesiastical designation under the Kaikyoshi category is called Kaikyoshi-ho (Assistant Minister). This is a designation recognized by Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, but has been used infrequently in the BCA.

This is an assigned position by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha made at the request by the Office of the Bishop. It has been used at temples that could not be filled by a Kaikyoshi for a variety of reasons. This position may be held by individuals with Tokudo or Tokudo & Kyoshi.

As the title implies, the Kaikyoshi-ho are assigned to assist a resident or supervising Kaikyoshi minister. Kaikyoshi-ho, however, are not members of the BCA Ministers' Association. These two levels of ecclesiastical designation -- Kaikyoshi and Kaikyoshi-ho -- are determined strictly through the Office of the Bishop of BCA.

What is a Minister's Assistant?

The BCA Minister's Assistant Program was established to fulfill exactly what the name implies: to assist ministers. It was started over 20 years ago as an experimental program. Having developed and evolved over the years since, the Minister's Assistant Program has now been approved by the BCA Ministers' Association.

The levels of BCA Minister's Assistants are:

Minister's Assistant with Kyoshi:	Title "Reverend"
Minister's Assistant with Tokudo:	Title "Reverent"
Certified Minister's Assistant:	No title
Minister's Assistant:	No title

The BCA Minister's Assistant Program falls under the jurisdiction of the BCA Ministers' Association. This program is only open to BCA members who are specifically recommended by their resident or supervising Kaikyoshi minister. Members recommended for the Minister's Assistant Program must also have the approval by their local temple board.

It should be noted that Minister's Assistants who have not received the status of "Kaikyoshi" or "Kaikyoshi Ho" shall be considered "Minister's Assistants" and not "Assistant Ministers."

Perhaps this is where much confusion lies. When an individual, regardless of their country of origin, is ordained as a Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha priest (Soryo), he or she receives the title "Reverend." This person is registered as a priest to one of the 11,000 Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha temples world-wide.

Most American-born priests are registered with the Buddhist Church of San Francisco under the jurisdiction of the BCA. Those individuals born in or from Japan, in a majority of cases, will be registered under a temple in Japan (i.e. their home temple).

However, to be ordained as a priest for the BCA, both the BCA and the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha require that the following qualifications be met:

All non-Japanese nationals must:

1. Complete the 2-year Correspondence Course administered by Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO)
2. Be certified as BCA Minister's Assistant for a minimum of 2 years; receive a favorable interview by the Office of the Bishop;
3. Complete a minimum of 4 of the 8 IBS courses required for Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Kyoshi Certification.

To be accepted into the BCA Minister's Assistant Program, the following criteria must be met:

1. Individuals must be recommended for the program as a Minister's Assistant by their resident Kaikyoshi minister (or supervising minister), and must work for a minimum of two years under their supervision while completing the 2-year Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course, and learning the rituals, doctrine and history of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

This process helps to establish eligibility for becoming a Certified Minister's Assistant; upon the recommendation by the temple Kaikyoshi and approval by the local temple board, the minister's assistant is certified by the Office of the Bishop. Unless the individual wishes to move to the next level, the Minister's Assistant can stay at this level indefinitely.

1. A Certified Minister's Assistant (MA) is then be eligible to attend the BCA Minister's Assistant Program (MAP) seminars. Certified Minister's Assistants are required to attend at least one BCA MAP seminar every year in order for certification to remain active. Failure to do this can result in revocation of certification by their temple Kaikyoshi or the Office of the Bishop. The individual may also opt to remain at this level unless they choose to move up to the next level for Tokudo ordination.
2. An MA with Tokudo ordination aspirations must have the intention to pursue eventual Kyoshi certification. Because Tokudo ordination requires the oath of a Jodo Shinshu priest, commitment to this path is only the beginning, not an end of itself. It is one's personal commitment to study and train in Jodo Shinshu tradition for oneself.

It is not a status, or even an accomplishment, but rather the manifestation of one's acceptance of the Nembutsu teachings and desire to share these teachings formally.

To qualify for this level, the individual must enroll at the Institute of Buddhist Studies and interview with the office of the Bishop. The Tokudo aspirant will be asked if they intend to complete the Shin Buddhist Certificate program (8 courses at IBS which can be taken online).

To be eligible to receive the Tokudo ordination, they must complete at least four of the eight required classes. Upon completion of the IBS Shin Buddhist Certificate Program, the Tokudo Minister's Assistant will be eligible to conduct all services required at the local temple, with the supervision of a BCA Kaikyoshi minister.

1. This brings us to the final level of a Minister's Assistant. This is the Minister's Assistant with Kyoshi. This person will be qualified to perform all the rituals necessary at a BCA temple, with the supervision of a BCA Kaikyoshi minister. They will have served as a Minister's Assistant for a minimum of four years, received the recommendation of their local resident Kaikyoshi minister under whom they have been training under, and will have received Tokudo and completed the Jodo Shinshu Certificate program through the IBS.

2. In theory, anyone ordained is a “soryo” of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha; those serving in BCA shall fall directly under the jurisdiction of the BCA Office of the Bishop. Unless such individuals have received Kaikyoshi-ho or Kaikyoshi status, they shall follow the same rules established for all Minister’s Assistants, such as attending one MAP seminar per year, etc. In this way, they will be much better equipped to serve the needs of their sangha under the supervision of the local Kaikyoshi.

Because of the anticipated shortage of Kaikyoshi in the next several years, the need for ordained priests cannot be emphasized enough. The current Minister’s Assistant Program, which originated under Bishop Hakubun Watanabe, and which was further expanded and developed by Bishop Koshin Ogui, has now been approved and endorsed by the BCA Ministers Association, and is being fully implemented by Bishop Kodo Umezu and his administration.

Notably, this training program is the only English language program that meets the ordination requirements as set forth by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. Two of our recently conducted MAP seminars held on January 24-26 and April 4-6, 2019 at the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) in Berkeley, California, were attended by many BCA Minister’s Assistants, as well as five students from the United Kingdom and three from Canada.

The upcoming World Buddhist Women’s Convention on August 30 to September 1, 2019 in San Francisco, California will be considered a MAP certification continuing education seminar. Following the world convention, the next MAP seminar will be held on October 3-5, at the JSC. All of these seminars are organized and conducted under the direction of the Office of the Bishop, the BCA Center for Buddhist Education and the Minister’s Assistant Program.

I personally would like to thank Bishop Umezu for his leadership, vision and guidance, and for overseeing the development of the many exciting programs in BCA. I hope I have offered some clarity to the workings of our BCA organization, as it pertains to our BCA leadership and our ecclesiastical relationship with the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

Should you have any questions, please contact the BCA Center for Buddhist Education or Rev. Jerry Hirano at [jkhirano@msn.com](mailto:jkhirano@msn.com)

Namo Amida Butsu!



## *In Memory*

The Ogden Buddhist Temple Sangha extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the following member who recently passed away.

*May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu.*

*Namo Amida Butsu*

**Taeko Matsuda Yoshida - February 26, 2019**

**Kuneko Kuni Kawashima - March 31, 2019**

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

### ***In The Absence of Fathers: A Story of Elephants & Men***

By Fr. Gordon J. MacRae & Wade Horn, Ph.D

Some years ago, officials at the Kruger National Park and game reserve in South Africa were faced with a growing elephant problem. The population of African elephants, once endangered, had grown larger than the park could sustain. So measures had to be taken to thin the ranks. A plan was devised to relocate some of the elephants; to other African game reserves. Being enormous creatures, elephants are not easily transported. So a special harness was created to airlift the elephants and fly them out of the park using helicopters.

The helicopters were up to the task, but, as it turned out, the harness wasn't. It could handle the juvenile and adult female elephants, but not the huge African bull elephants. A quick solution had to be found, so a decision was made to leave the much larger bulls at Kruger and relocate only some of the female elephants and juvenile males.

The problem was solved. The herd was thinned out, and all was well at Kruger National Park. Sometime later, however, a strange problem surfaced at South Africa's other game reserve, Pilanesburg National Park, the younger elephants' new home. Rangers at Pilanesburg began finding the dead bodies of endangered white rhinoceros. At first, poachers were suspected, but the huge rhinos had not died of gunshot wounds, and their precious horns were left intact. The rhinos appeared to be killed violently, with deep puncture wounds. Not much in the wild can kill a rhino, so rangers set up hidden cameras throughout the park.

The result was shocking. The culprits turned out to be marauding bands of aggressive juvenile male elephants, the very elephants relocated from Kruger National Park a few years earlier. The young males were caught on camera chasing down the rhinos, knocking them over, and stomping and goring them to death with their tusks. The juvenile elephants were terrorizing other animals in the park as well. Such behavior was very rare among elephants. Something had gone terribly wrong.

Some of the park rangers settled on a theory. What had been missing from the relocated herd was the presence of the large dominant bulls that remained at Kruger. In natural circumstances, the adult bulls provided modeling behaviors for younger elephants, keeping them in line.

Juvenile male elephants, Dr Horn pointed out, experience "musth," a state of frenzy triggered by mating season and increases in testosterone. Normally, dominant bulls manage and contain the testosterone-induced frenzy in the younger males. Left without elephant modeling, the rangers theorized, the younger elephants were missing the civilizing influence of their elders as nature and pachyderm protocol intended.

To test the theory, the rangers constructed a bigger and stronger harness, then flew in some of the older bulls left behind at Kruger. Within weeks the bizarre and violent behavior of the juvenile elephants stopped completely. The older bulls let them know that their behaviors were not elephant-like at all. In a short time, the younger elephants were following the older and more dominant bulls around while learning how to be elephants.

Dr. Wade Horn went on to write of a story very similar to that of the elephants, though it happened not in Africa, but in New York's Central Park. The story involved young men, not young elephants, but the details were eerily close. Groups of young men were caught on camera sexually harassing and robbing women and victimizing others in the park. It was not, in any sense of the term, the behavior of civilized men. "Where have all the fathers gone?" Without fathers, young men grew up in homes without the present of the dominant teacher.

When Ogden Buddhist Church first started, we had so many strong dominant people that by their role models, guided our students and families to understand how to be good Buddhist. We are so thankful for the children of such people that continue today to guide us to the proper way to act. I often rely on Mike to correct my actions as we try to perform the duties of the Presidents of the Church. I see the influence from Betty as she works with the Taiko group as well. It was heartwarming to see the children at this year's Ochigo Parade that was a tradition we almost lost, but with the push from LaVerne; she was able to get parents to commit once again to bring the kids early on Sunday morning. Oh and we have Ruth's help get them dressed in the traditional Ochigo attire and circle the Naijin. We need the strong influence of our member, and the examples they give our youth as well as to those coming into the Temple for the first time. We learn by example and we have had the best.

It takes a lot to keep our traditions going on year by year, and to keep them going on will take a lot of work from the families that have been taught by their grandparents, and parents. This April's Hanamatsuri service was attended by so many people it was wonderful! How would it be to see that kind of attendance on every special service!

I encourage everyone to ask someone just from within your own families to come join us for our next special service on May 12, 2019; Gotan-E service. We will have a guest speaker that a lot of you may remember, Rev Takashi Miyaji, Rev Miyaji's son that lived in the house on the property as a child. I'm sure it will be a great reunion to see what an amazing young man he has become. Please come join us and don't forget our Obon is just around the corner.

Hope to see you in May!

In Gassho,  
*Annette K.*



## ***BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS***

By Brenda K.



“Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value.”  
~ Albert Einstein

Spring is here...I think. With spring the BWA gains new life in promoting their efforts with many tasks and functions to support the temple.

Thank you to all who attended the Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner on March 30. The event was a great success once again with the BWA preparing the scrumptious dinner and arranging for the opportunity drawings. Special thanks to **Darlene M.** for donating the beautiful quilt and **Jeannie P.** for the nice baby blanket, both of which were raffled off. We were fortunate to have some unique entertainment with **Ruth S.** on the accordion and **Sharon K.** on cello. The evening was enjoyed by all. Folks are beginning to think we have some Italian blood in us.

On April 13 a group of BWA members gathered to prepare Fukashi Manju to sell at the **Nihon Matsuri Festival** in Salt Lake City on **April 27<sup>th</sup>**. It was a small but very dedicated crew that diligently completed the task very efficiently. Our appreciation is extended to those who assisted with this endeavor.

May 12, 2019 will be the BWA Sushi Fundraiser with proceeds donated to support the temple's operating expenses. Please look in this publication for the order form and put in your order as well as sharing it with others. The BWA will again need assistance from all those who would like to help with the sushi preparation. Help is needed on **Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. and again on Sunday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m.** Please be there if you are available.

The next BWA meeting will be May 19, 2019 at 10:00 am.

## ***BWA DONATIONS***

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### **2019 Membership**

Susan C., Marion H., Naomi N. M., Haru T.

## ***DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS***

### ***Superintendent Message***

April was a busy month for the Dharma School. Some of our youngest Dharma School students participated in the Hanamatsuri Ochigo Parade, allowing us bring back this colorful ritual. Thank you to **Cy, Carson, Aleigha, Leo, Saige** and **Hunter** (order based on height, lol) and their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents for helping to bring back this event from years past. Our appreciation to **Candace F.** for stepping in as our make-up artist. A special thanks to **Ruth S.** for all the wardrobe pre-planning, fittings and dressing the children. While I was pressing the Ochigo outfits, they brought back memories of wearing the brand-new outfits for the first time at our old Lincoln Avenue church location, walking to, and taking that iconic picture at the Ogden Municipal Building. It is hard to imagine what a hardship the expense of those outfits and accessories must have been to our parents and grandparents. And, the logistics of ordering them from Japan, as they definitely could not just order them online with free shipping through Amazon Prime!





Our Dharma School students planned and performed a fantastic Hanamatsuri dance to celebrate Buddha's birthday. We appreciate **Bryson H., Colton H., Kobe H., Kyra H., Madison Y., Andrew K.**, and our star performer, **Cy Z.**, for their hard work to entertain us with their "moves". We enjoyed a great performance by our own **Ogden Taiko** group and a beautiful Japanese dance from the **Salt Lake Dharma School** girls. Our gratitude to **Stan H.** and **Betty Y.** for their direction and leadership to the taiko group. Also, a thank you to **Andrew K.**, for agreeing to be the master of ceremonies for our program again this year.

A big thank you to **Geniel** and **Craig S.** and **Lorraine S.** for planning the delicious Hanamatsuri luncheon. Also, our appreciation to all the temple members who contributed salads and baked goods for the celebration. We are grateful for the hard work and generosity of **Lorraine S.** for coordinating and donating the treat bags for our performers. We appreciate **Robyn H.** and **Justine H.** for organizing the Dharma School bake sale and to those who contributed items to help fund the Dharma School Lagoon Day lunch. And, last but not least, a shout out to **Mike K.** and **Kirk Y.** for all the behind-the-scene technology help they provide every year to aid our performances.

On March 17th, the Dharma School sponsored a luncheon to honor our Keirokai members in conjunction with our Ohigan service. The luncheon and service was well-attended. We would like to recognize **Robyn H.** and **Justine H.** for organizing, purchasing and preparing the delicious lunch for all of us. Our appreciation to those who donated the butter mochi and rice krispy desserts, and to those who whose helped with food prep and clean up.

Our Hatsumairi (infant presentation) will be held in conjunction with the Gotan-E service on May 12th. Please let us know if you have a baby in your family born this past year, as we want to recognize all our new Dharma School babies born this past year during this annual presentation. Please fill out the form in this newsletter so we can get all the information needed for this special (and always cute) presentation.



Our annual Dharma School Lagoon Day will be held on June 2nd, and we have been able to reserve the Willow Terrace picnic pavilion again as in years past. Discounted park tickets are available for \$47 (gate prices are \$65 this year). The Ogden Dharma School families are requested to bring musubi/onigiri and salads, and the Salt Lake Dharma School families will be furnishing desserts. The Ogden Dharma School will be purchasing chicken for everyone to enjoy.

On June 9th, we will be honoring and celebrating our high school and college graduates for this year. We will also recognize our Dharma School students for their attendance during the past year prior to our summer break. We will resume the 2019-20 Dharma School year on September 15, 2019.

Since this is the last Geppo edition before the end of the school year, I would like to recognize the hard work of our Dharma School community. We are a small group, but everyone works so hard to help make everything happen. I personally want to thank all the parents and students for your efforts and support. My thanks to **Charles A.** for teaching our YBA Dharma School class. And, my special appreciation to **Kris Y.**, our IT expert, and **Betty Y.** for their thankless efforts to perform the bulk of the administrative and other tasks behind the scenes, not only for the Dharma School, but for all temple activities. Domo arigato to all!

*In Gassho,  
LaVerne K.*

# Dharma School Donations

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## June 2, 2019

Purchase your tickets in advance from Betty Y., LaVerne K., or Kris Y.

## It Is OBON Season! Can You Help Us?

Obon is coming in July! The Ogden Buddhist Church would love any support you can help us with.

This is a list of needed items. If you can purchase any items, please let Ruth S. know via email – [rakawashima@hotmail.com](mailto:rakawashima@hotmail.com).

Please purchase all products and bring them to church by June 30, 2019.

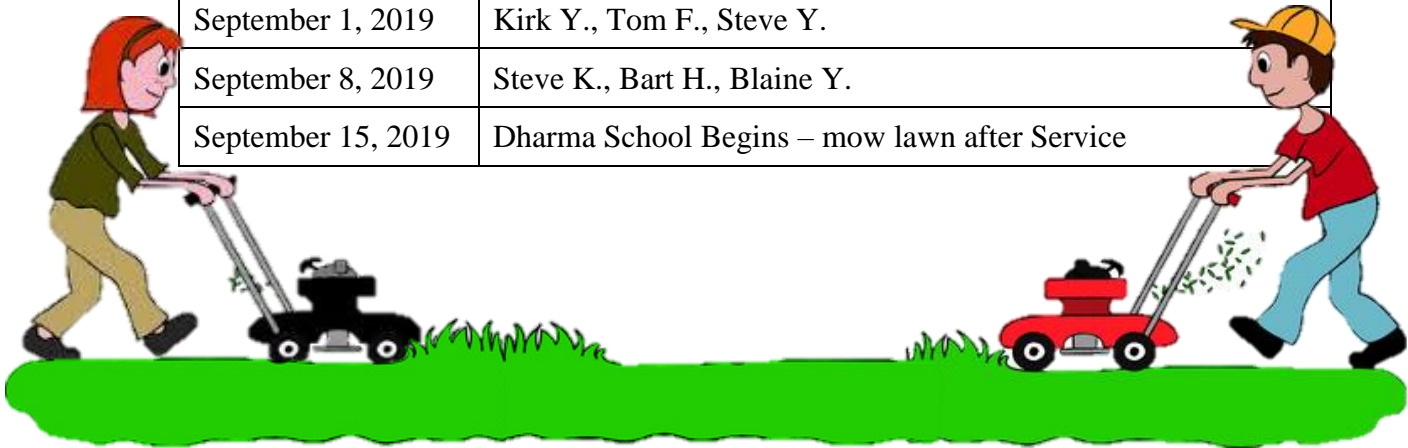
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| 3 - 1 gallon Soy Sauce                                    | 1 - 56-oz can Toasted Sesame Oil      |
| 2 - 5 gallon Soy Sauce                                    | 12 -Double pack Somen                 |
| 4 - large bottles Yoshida Sauce                           | 8 - 20 pounds bags rice               |
| 3 - 25 pounds sugar                                       | 3 - Costco-size bottles vegetable oil |
| 3 - large boxes salt                                      | 2-4 boxes Small gloves                |
| 3 - large bottles Mirin                                   | 4-6 boxes Medium gloves               |
| 2 - gallon bottles Seasoned Rice Vinegar<br>(green label) | 2-4 boxes Large gloves                |
|   | 14 - cans Spam                        |



## Summer Lawn Mowing Schedule

Thank you to everybody who pitches in every summer to help keep our temple grounds looking fantastic!

Date	Scheduled Group
June 9, 2019	Last day of Dharma school - mow lawn after service
June 16, 2019	Kirk Y., Tom F., Steve Y.
June 23, 2019	Mike K., Ernie K., Andrew K.
June 30, 2019	Steve K., Bart H., Blaine Y.
July 7, 2019	James A., Charles A., Geoff R.
July 14, 2019	Obon Outdoor Clean-up
July 21, 2019	Obon Service – mow lawn after Service
July 28, 2019	Mike K., Todd H., Roland S.
August 4, 2019	Kirk Y., Tom F., Steve Y.
August 11, 2019	Steve K. Bart H., Blaine Y.
August 18, 2019	Mike K., Ernie K., Andrew K.
August 25, 2019	James A., Charles A., Geoff R.
September 1, 2019	Kirk Y., Tom F., Steve Y.
September 8, 2019	Steve K., Bart H., Blaine Y.
September 15, 2019	Dharma School Begins – mow lawn after Service



### MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY SERVICE SCHEDULE May 27, 2019

Memorial Day Cemetery Services will be as follows:

- 9:30 am at Syracuse City Cemetery
- 10:15 am at Washington Heights Cemetery
- 10:45 am at Ogden City Cemetery



## Eagle Scout Projects Recently Supported by The Ogden Buddhist Church

By Ernie K.



Will's crew after completing the tool bin project.



Will posing before the completed project.

Recently, the OBC was a beneficiary and supporter of two Eagle Scout projects led by scouts from Troop 78 of Clearfield, Utah. The first project, led by Will B., was to fix and organize the yard tool bin in the OBC garage. Will planned out the entire project, including asking the board for permission, obtaining \$200 of funding from the board, and organizing all the equipment and people to do the project. Will coordinated the project with Mike K. and the project was carried out on March 9. Will mustered the help of five of his fellow scouts and six adults to complete his project in one afternoon. Photographed below are the results of his work and most of the crew who helped to make his project a success. The OBC thanks Will for his project and wishes him all the best as an Eagle Scout and all the other wonderful things he will lead in the future.



Thomas instructing a scout on measuring eyeglasses.

The other project, supported by OBC, was an eyeglass gathering campaign led by Thomas B.. Thomas collected eyeglasses at several locations, including OBC. Thomas joined OBC for a service in January to announce his collection drive to the Sanga and to ask all members to donate eyeglasses. The glasses are donated around the world to people who may not have the means to purchase corrective lenses. On March 9, Thomas gathered his crew of helpers (over 30 people) to clean all the glasses he gathered and measure and bag them. The Lyons Club of Utah will take the glasses and distribute them to those in need. All total, including glasses donated by the OBC, Thomas collected 619 single vision glasses, adding that to the bifocals collected, over 1000 pairs of glasses were donated to this very worthwhile cause. The OBC congratulates Thomas on earning his Eagle Scout and wishes him the very best as he moves on to do other great things in his life.



**THANK YOU**  
**for your donation to the**  
**YBA / Jr. YBA**

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**Annual BWA Sushi Sale is coming**  
**May 12, 2019**

The annual BWA Sushi Sale will be on May 12, 2019 following Gotan-E Service.

All information and a pre-order form is available at the end of the GEPP0.

Please remember that all proceeds will go to the Ogden Buddhist Church!



**Thank You!**

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**For your donation to the**  
**Ogden Buddhist Taiko Group**



**GOTAN-E**  
**May Shotsuki Hoyo**  
**Hatsumairi**  
**Sunday, May 12, 2019**  
**Service at 1:30 p.m.**

*This service is to celebrate the birth of Shinran Shonin (1173-1262), the founder of our sect. It is also called Fujimatsuri in reference to the Wisteria flower which represents our sect. Unlike other flowers which seem to stand up straight and tall when in full blossom, the wisteria hangs down, when in full bloom, as if in humility. This teaches us that a true and real human being does not stand up in arrogance at their accomplishments, but rather realizes that they have so much for which to be grateful.*

*In connection with this very special observance, we hold Shosanshiki also know as Hatsumairi (First visit ceremony) or Infant Presentation service. This service is held for all children born into our Sangha over the past year. It is a day to present the child to Buddha and to the Sangha, and to celebrate their first step upon following the Dharma.*

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Takashi Miyaji**

Rev. Takashi Miyaji has been a minister of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple since December of 2017. He grew up in Los Angeles, California. Rev. Miyaji was born in Ogden, Utah when his father, Rev. Nobuo Miyaji, served as the resident minister of the Ogden Buddhist Church.

He has graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Japanese language and literature, Institute of Buddhist Studies at Berkeley, California with a Master's in Buddhist Studies, Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan with a Master's Degree in Shin Buddhist Studies, and completed the doctoral coursework at Ryukoku University. He specializes in the areas of Japanese Buddhism and religion, translation of Buddhist scripture, and Jodo Shinshu doctrine and ethics.

Takashi has received his Tokudo and Kyoshi qualifications at the Honpa Hongwanji school located in Kyoto, Japan. He is currently working on his dissertation on Shin Buddhist ethics.



**JUNE SHOTSUKI HOYO**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2019**  
**Service at 1:30 p.m.**

## **May & June Shotsuki Hoyo**

### **May Shotsuki Hoyo**

May 12, 2019, **1:30 p.m.**

May 14 1972 Mistuko Hamada Enomoto  
 May 16 2006 Etsuko Fujimoto  
 May 17 1963 Zentaro Higashiyama  
 May 1 1973 Tomene Higashiyama  
 May 10 2009 Leo Sumio Iseki  
 May 24 1969 Tsunayoshi Iseki  
 May 26 1965 Shujiro Kakushi  
 May 31 2011 Fumi Ota Kamigaki  
 May 20 2014 Dale Kano  
 May 29 1969 Buichi Kataoka  
 May 10 1960 Tome Kawaguchi  
 May 10 2013 Kim Kawashima  
 May 1 1968 Keitaro Kikuraku  
 May 25 1995 Sumiko Koga  
 May 28 2002 Shigeko Koga  
 May 4 1954 Kaihei Kosaiku  
 May 1 1926 Ruby Kosaiku  
 May 24 1991 Tsugi Miyagishima  
 May 8 1979 Sakujiro Moriyama  
 May 24 1974 Shinayo Nakano  
 May 17 1986 Hana Nishihara  
 May 31 1961 Tsurukichi Omori  
 May 16 1973 Suga Omori  
 May 19 2009 Henry E. Riley  
 May 19 1969 Ginichi Shigei  
 May 4 2013 Kerry Mamoru Shimada  
 May 29 2016 Masayo Y. Sato  
 May 3 1972 Tomeyo Shimada  
 May 16 1970 Mike Maseo Shimizu  
 May 1 1987 Naka Shiramizu  
 May 29 1996 Hisako Teramoto  
 May 6 1999 Harry Hisao Teramoto  
 May 22 2001 Kiyoshi Kay Watari  
 May 16 1993 Yoshiye Yamaguchi  
 May 16 1991 Kamesaburo Yamasaki  
 May 20 1970 Shigenori Yano  
 May 6 1972 Toriko Yei  
 May 10 2016 Yoshiko Yokota  
 May 27 2017 George Goro Yonemura  
 May 26 2012 James Yonemura  
 May 30 2006 Daiiche Yoshimura  
 May 20 2005 Sumiye M. Yoshimura  
 May 27 2001 Masaji Roy Yoshinaga  
 May 1 2008 Helen Fujiko Yoshinaga

### **June Shotsuki Hoyo**

June 9, 2019, **1:30 p.m.**

June 28 2005 Haruye K. Endo  
 June 12 1998 Yoshiyuki George Hirabayashi  
 June 16 1998 Shizue Kano  
 June 16 1969 Shegejiro Kawaguchi  
 June 7 1977 Kanichi Kawaguchi  
 June 28 1985 Kiku Kudo  
 June 23 1965 Uji Miya  
 June 30 1965 James Jusuburo Murakami  
 June 24 2001 Hichiro Jim Nakano  
 June 23 1994 Mine Ogata  
 June 25 1965 Kakutaro Okawa  
 June 24 1998 Masao Okuda  
 June 6 2000 Kimiko Tsukamoto  
 June 27 2016 Arthur Asa Toimoto  
 June 29 2016 Masayo Y. Sato  
 June 3 2014 Misuko June Shimada  
 June 6 2002 Joe Yamashita  
 June 26 1976 Suga Yano  
 June 11 1993 Tome Yoshimura

For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2nd, 4th, 5th, etc. the temple is holding these monthly Shotsuki Hoyo. During these services, the temple will list the names of those members who have died during the month in the preceding years. The families then attends that monthly service in memory of their loved one. These services are not meant to replace the specific memorial services. Please contact Rev. Hirano to make arrangements for those services.  
 Rev. Hirano contact information - Office: 363-4742,  
 Home: 299-8727, Emergency: 819-2648

### **2019 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:**

2018 – 1 year	2007 – 13 year	1985 – 33 year
2017 – 3 year	2003 – 17 year	1970 – 50 year
2013 – 7 year	1995 – 25 year	1920 – 100 year

Corrections/Additions to the Shotsuki Hoyo list, please contact Ruth Schriock, 801-292-6042



# May 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Buddha's Round Table	2	3	4
5 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Family Service	6	7	8 10:00 am Buddha's Round Table	9	10	11 9:00 am Sushi Prep  3:00 pm Rev. Takashi Miyaji Seminar
12 10:00 am – Sushi Prep 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – GOTAN'E Service Hatsumairi June Shotsuki Hoyo *Sushi SALE*	13	14 7:00 pm OBC Board Meeting	15 10:00 am Buddha's Round Table	16	17	18
19 10:00 am – BWA Meeting 11:00 am – Dharma School Meeting 12:00 pm – Meditation 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Family Service	20	21	22 NO Buddha's Round Table	23	24	25
26 NO SERVICES – Memorial Day Services at the cemetery on Monday.	27 9:30 am @ Syracuse 10:15 am @ Washington Terrace 10:45 am @ Ogden	28	29 10:00 am Buddha's Round Table	30	31	

**MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY  
SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Memorial Day Cemetery Services will be as follows:

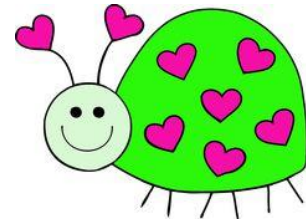
9:30 am at Syracuse City Cemetery  
10:15 am at Washington Heights Cemetery  
10:45 am at Ogden City Cemetery

**Toban Cleaning Group:**

Geoff & Linda R.  
(Toban Cleaning Leader)  
Shauna R.  
Lorraine S.



# June 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Dharma School <b>Lagoon</b> DAY!	3	4	5 10:00 am Buddha's Round Table	6	7	8
9 12:00 pm – Last Day of Dharma School Party Graduations & Perfect Attendance	10	11 7:30 pm OBC Board Meeting	12 10:00 am Buddha's Round Table	13	14	15
16 <b>HAPPY FATHER'S Day!</b>	17	18	19 10:00 am Buddha's Round Table	20	21	22
23 <b>BWA Bus Trip!</b> Please see Ellen Kato if you would like to make your reservation!	24	25	26 NO Buddha's Round Table	27	28	29
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**Toban Cleaning Group:**

Mike & Annette K. (Toban Cleaning Leader)  
 Maya C.  
 Brenda K.  
 Julia F.

# BWA SUSHI FUND RAISER



\$10.00 per plate

Available for pick-up following  
Gotan-E Service on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

All proceeds will go to the Ogden Buddhist Church.



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## BWA SUSHI FUND RAISER

Thank you for your support!  
Sushi plates will be ready for pick-up on the  
Sunday of Gotan-E Service ~ May 12, 2019

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of plates ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ total due

Please make checks payable to:  
The Ogden Buddhist Church

Order forms need to be complete and can be given to any BWA member.



## HATSUMAIRI INFANT PRESENTATION

Our Hatsumairi (infant presentation) will be held in conjunction with the Gotan-E service on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you have a baby in your family or if you know of a baby born this past year. We are excited to recognize all our new Dharma School babies during this annual presentation.

\*Please complete the form below and email to Kris Y. at [KYamadaUT@comcast.net](mailto:KYamadaUT@comcast.net) or text to (omitted for online version).

Infant Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Baby's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Each infant will receive a special certificate and ojuzu for coming.

# BWA MANJU FUND RAISER



Steamed "Fukashi" Manju



Baked "Yaki" Manju



Mochi Manju

**\$8.00 per plate of 6 Manju**  
Available for pick-up at the OBON Festival.  
**July 20, 2019**

Please contact Christy F. at [christykf@hotmail.com](mailto:christykf@hotmail.com) or \*omitted for online version\* for questions.



## BWA MANJU FUND RAISER

Thank you for your support!

Manju will be ready for **pick-up** during our OBON Festival  
**July 20, 2019 ~ Must be picked up by 6:30 pm**

Please select Manju type by putting **number of trays** ordered in the **SQUARE** (example: place a number 3, for three trays, in the square next to "6-pieces of ONE type Manju" and then write the type of Manju you want 6 pieces of.)

**6-pieces of ONE type of Manju tray:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Please list Fukashi, Yaki, or Mochi

**3-pieces of TWO types of Manju tray:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Please list Fukashi, Yaki, or Mochi

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please list Fukashi, Yaki, or Mochi

**2-pieces of Fukashi, 2-pieces of Mochi & 2-pieces Yaki Manju tray**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of **trays** ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total due

Please make checks payable to: Ogden BWA  
Order forms need to be complete with payment and can be given to any BWA member or mailed to P.O. Box 3248 Ogden, UT 84409.