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Ogden Buddhist Church
OBON FESTIVAL
Saturday, July 20, 2019
Food 4:00 - 6:30 pm
Taiko 7:30 pm & Intermission
Bon Odori 8:00 pm

We hope you will join us for this year's Obon Festival!

HATSUBON 2019

Max Junio Hirabayashi

Noriko Shimada

George Sanji Yoshimura

Akiko Kinomoto

Shiz Shizuye Inoshita Shimizu

Yoshie Yoshimura

Yukiko Kawaguchi

Taeko Matsuda Yoshida

Kuneko Kuni Kawashima

Max Ryujin

The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Taiko Group will perform at 7:30 pm.
The Ogden Buddhist Church Taiko Group will perform during intermission.

The Gift of Life

~ By J. K. Hirano

Our Pledge

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

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

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

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

私たちのちかい

- 一、自分の殻(から)に閉じこもることなく
穏(おだ)やかな顔と優しい言葉を大切にします
微笑(ほほえ)み語りかける仏さまのように
- 一、むさぼり、いかり、おろかさに流されず
しなやかな心と振る舞いを心がけます
心安らかな仏さまのように
- 一、自分だけを大事にすることなく
人と喜びや悲しみを分かち合います
慈悲(じひ)に満ちみちた仏さまのように
- 一、生かされていることに気づき
日々に精一杯(せいいっぱい)つとめます
人びとの救いに尽くす仏さまのように

Two years ago, at our Mother temple in Kyoto, Japan, Shaku Sennyō, Kojun Ohtani was installed as the 25th Gomonshu (Abbot) of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Ha (Nishi Hongwanji). I was fortunate to have attended the ceremony (Dento Hokoku Hoyō) where Shaku Sokunyo (Koshin Otani) and Shaku Sennyō ritually transferred the position and title from father to son. It was a very moving ceremony. At that time, I wondered how Hongwanji would change under this new Gomonshu.

This past May, I attended a meeting in Kyoto for the overseas districts of Hongwanji and there were posters in many of the public areas with “Our Pledge,” at the beginning of this article, posted on the wall. This pledge was written by our Gomonsu, who has requested that it be added to some of our services. I could read some of the Japanese, but when I returned to the U.S., Bishop Umezu sent out an English translation. I believe this pledge is a very good way to introduce some of the basic ideals of our Jodo Shinshu school of Buddhism.

This month, I would like to focus on the last line of the Our Pledge.

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

This month we are observing our Hatsubon/Obon services. In Salt Lake, it will be on July 14, in Honeyville, it will be on July 20, in Ogden on July 21 and at the Idaho Oregon Buddhist Temple it will be on July 28. This year, for the four temples I supervise, there are 28 people on the Hatsubon list. The Hatsubon/Obon service is described as a memorial service to recognize our continued connection to our loved ones who have died over the past year. I believe that death does not end the relationships we have with our deceased loved ones. The form may change, but it is a very real living relationship. This service recognizes the “gift of life” we receive as a result of the lives of all those that have lived before us.

This relationship with all those individuals that have come before me is impossible to really understand. I believe that it is the fact that the entire Universe and time itself have conspired to give me the life I have. If any one point were to have occurred in a different way or form, I would not exist. In the threefold refuge that we recite at most of the Sunday services it says, “Hard is it to be born into human life, now we are living it.” It is truly a wondrous gift to have received.

However, just as it says “Hard is it to be born...” nowhere does it say that life is easy. In fact, this is at the base for Buddhism with the first noble truth stating, “Life is “Dukkha”. Some people translate “Dukkha” as suffering, but I think of it more as not going as we want. Life does not always conform to our expectations and this can cause immense suffering. As a result, Buddhism prescribes a variety of ways and means to move beyond this suffering which all of us feel. Life can be extremely difficult, but it is a gift that we have received at great cost.

In this passage, it says, “I shall strive to live each day to it fullest.” How do we do this? When I was younger, there had been times when I really wondered if life was worth living. I remember in college when there were occasions when I seriously wondered about whether I wanted to live or die. As I grew older, I found that on the occasions that I was able to live a life of service to others, life somehow seemed to get better. As this pledge also states:

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

Although this idea of putting others first sounds cliché, it is actually one of the truths I have experienced to be absolutely true. This idea of putting others first, to live a life of service, creates a sense that there may have been a reason why the Universe moved in amazing ways so that I can be born. It does not create a sense of arrogance, but one of extreme humility.

Life is difficult and there will be times when you may not want to live. But if you strive to live a life as guided in this pledge, I believe it may help with so many of life’s difficulties. This said, there is one more thing I wanted to address this month: Suicide. In 2017, Utah had the fifth highest suicide rate in the country for ages 10 years and older. It is a public health crisis. I have spoken with my own children about suicide and the effect

I have seen on entire families. I have explained that if they ever have thoughts of suicide, please talk with me. I have told them how many of us, myself included have had such thoughts. Buddhism can help, but religion alone is probably insufficient to address its many causes and conditions. I have read in a variety of articles about people questioning whether meditation or religion should be able to overcome a variety of mental health issues. I want to state here and now that neither Buddhism nor any religion can cure mental illness. However, in many cases medical treatment can.

This gift of life is precious, but this gift of life can be extremely difficult. Obon is a time to reflect on the relationships that have given us this gift. However, if you feel that this life is a burden rather than gift, please talk to someone. If you cannot talk to a friend or family member, please feel free to talk with me. If you do not feel comfortable talking to me, please feel free to call Carmela, besides being my wife, she is an ordained Jodo Shinshu priest and also a psychiatrist, therefore much more qualified in this area than I am. My number is 801-819-2648 and Carmela's number is 801-414-1336. There are also National hotlines: Anyone experiencing suicidal thoughts is asked to call the 24-Hour National Suicide Prevention Hotline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Utah also has [crisis lines statewide](#), and the [SafeUT app](#) offers immediate crisis intervention services for youths and a confidential tip program.



Obon is a time to celebrate and reflect on this gift of life and the relationships and interconnectedness of all of us. I would not be here, without you. In Japanese, there is a phrase "Okage sama desu." When you ask someone, "How are you?" They will answer "Okage sama, genki desu." This literally means, I am fine because of the shadow. This shadow is you in my life. In my gift of life, you are an important part of this gift. I allowed to fully live this life, because of you. You matter! When I say Namo Amida Butsu, it is also another way of saying you matter to me, and my gift of life is because of you and vice versa. Please join us for our Obon service on July 14 at 1 p.m. to celebrate our gift of life.

Namo Amida Butsu



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Dharma School 2018/2019 year has come to an end and with that our Obon planning has started. I can't keep up with how fast time passes! It was still raining every day and I was just looking forward to a start of spring and the next thing I know it's halfway into June.

As in the past the food sales will be held from 4:00 – 6:30 pm our menu has not changed. We will start the Obon Ordori dance practices at 7:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, and on one Friday (July 12th) beginning July 1st. The Friday of July 4th no practice and the Friday of the food prep, July 19 no practice. We would love to see members bring family and friends to join us as we learn the dances, the more that know the dances the better.



The Obon, Hatsubon and July Shotsuki Hoyo service will be held at the Church on Sunday, July 21st at 1:30 pm. Before service, gravesite visits will precede (see calendar for place and time) The BWA will serve lunch after the gravesite visits at 12:30 just prior to service.

Obon requires a lot of effort so any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. The food prep starts Thursday July 18th at 6:00 – that night we will work on the Teriyaki Sauce, counting out the rice for dinner and for Spam Musubi, put tonkatsu sauce in cups, set up

the dressing rooms and get the Altar and the Hatsubon table ready, cut spam, roast sesame seeds, and last but most important clean and start marinating the chicken.

On Friday we prep the pork for tonkatsu, work on our wonderful Tofu Salad items, and wash all the rice we counted on Thursday. Often items that may not have been completed on Thursday will continue on Friday.

Saturday; the best I can say about Saturday is: We can use your help. The work begins at 9:00 am starting with Spam Musubi and just continues all morning long. We can use dish washers, Garbage Runners, Parking lot attendants all day and into the night.

Odori Dancers are important as well, we want to have a large circle of dancers. As you see with all the prep being worked on it would be really nice to have family and friends to be willing and ready to join in when the dancing starts! Most of the Temple members are still working.

I want to thank you for all your support with Obon and making it fun and successful. If you have any questions regarding how you can help with manpower or donations to reduce our cost, please contact myself, Annette K. at; annetekogal7@gmail.com, Ruth Schriock for donations, or any board member can help.

In Gassho,
Annette K. and Mike K.



BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Brenda K.



If you want to be happier, make a list of all the things that make you happy. Then make a list of the things you do every day and compare these lists. Adjust accordingly.

Can you believe it is almost Obon??? I wondered if it would ever get hot...and here it is. Looking back on the spring events, we wish to thank all those who helped prepare Manju for the Nihon Matsuri Festival in Salt Lake on April 27 and all those who assisted in operating the booth. Special thanks to the clean-up crew who were back at the temple to wash all the equipment and store it for next year.



May 12 in conjunction with the Gotan-E service was the **BWA Sushi Fundraiser** which once again was a fabulous success with all the sushi selling out and generous proceeds to donate to the temple's general operating costs. Our deep appreciation to those who helped on Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12 with the preparation, packaging and sales. Thank you to all who purchased the orders.



The BWA sponsored a bus trip to **Wendover on June 23rd**. Thanks to **Ellen K.** for organizing the trip and thanks to all who donated items to fill the fabulous goodie bags. The group had a great time!

Upcoming will be the Manju preparation for Obon. If you are available, your help would be very much appreciated. **June 30th will be Yaki Manju** preparation, **Fukashi Manju** will be made on **July 6th** and **Mochi Manju** on **July 7th**. All preparations will start at **9:00 a.m.** Please contact **Tami H.** if you have further questions.

Obon general preparations will be on **July 12 at 6:00 p.m.** If you are available, please come and help. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the festival in some way, please contact **Annette or Mike K.**

The annual temple **Food Bazaar** fundraiser will be upon us on **October 12, 2019**. The BWA has constructed and donated a quilt in past years to be the prize for an opportunity drawing. To get ready for that event, the BWA will begin constructing the **quilt on August 11 at approximately 11:00 a.m.**, following their next meeting at 10:00 a.m. If interested in this endeavor, please be in attendance at that time.

Also, in preparation for the food bazaar, dates have already been established to make Manju to sell. **September 28** will be Yaki Manju making, Fukashi Manju will be made on **September 29** and **October 6** will be the date for Mochi Manju. All work sessions will begin at **9:00 a.m.** Please note these dates in your calendars.

The next **BWA meeting** will be **August 11 at 10:00 a.m.** followed by the initial quilting session. **September 15** will be the meeting for that month again at **10:00 a.m.** Schedule these dates now. Thank you.

THE FUN BUS



BWA DONATIONS

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2019 Membership: Marie H. and Alice Y. S.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Superintendent Message

Our Dharma School is officially on summer break! I hope all our Dharma School students are having a fun and safe summer. We finished our Dharma School year in May and June with several activities.

In conjunction with our Gotan-E service on May 12th, we welcomed our newest Dharma School students during our annual Hatsumairi, infant presentation. The following children were recognized during our presentation:

Infant

Tanner Akira A.
Asher Vance C.
Fletcher Ichiro O.

Parents

Ashely & Donovan A.
Trapper & Lindsay C.
Tiffany & Greg O.

We welcome our new Dharma School students and parents!



Our annual Dharma School Lagoon Day was held on June 2nd. The event was well-attended by both the Ogden and Salt Lake Dharma Schools. We appreciate everyone who contributed musubi, salads, side dishes and desserts. Our thanks to **Kris Y.** and **Betty and Kirk Y.** for organizing all the food arrangements, hauling in all the equipment and drinks into the park and then packing all the equipment out again for all of us to enjoy this fun annual event. Thank you to Betty for handling the tickets sales and collections. We had a good crowd of families and friends. And, most everyone enjoyed the rides (I did see some greener faces after they came off of the Samurai!) and getting together with the Sangha.

On Sunday, June 9th, we honored our 2019 high school and college graduates with a potato bar luncheon. We appreciate everyone who contributed to the luncheon. (Yes, our Dharma School is all about food!) Our high school graduates this year are **Makenna B.** and **Bryson H.**

- Makenna graduated from Bonneville High School, where she was the president of the school's Health Occupation Students of American (HOSA) club, competing nationally. Makenna will be attending Weber State University to complete her associate degree in health sciences this fall and plans to major in occupational therapy. She ran the Ogden half-marathon earlier this year.
- Bryson graduated from Clearfield High School. He is an excellent golfer and pitcher, playing on both school teams and in competitive leagues. Bryson earned All-State honors for golf and was ranked 2nd in the Utah High School Athletic Association (UHSAA) for strikeouts this past year. Bryson plans to attend Utah State University in the fall, where he will be a member of the USU golf team.



And, we are proud of our sole college graduate this year, **Samantha C.** Samantha received her master's of science degree in speech pathology from Texas Tech University. She has already accepted a position with a school district in the Denver area, starting her successful career.

We look forward to seeing and hearing more from our bright, young graduates in the years to come!



We also awarded our students with attendance awards on the last day of Dharma School. Both **Madison Y.** and **Andrew K.** were awarded for their perfect attendance record during the 2018-19 Dharma School year. And, **Marlane H.** and **Cy Z.** received awards for 1-day missed during the year. Congratulations to our dedicated students!

As the Dharma School year has come to a close, I want to thank the Sangha for their support and for helping out with another successful school year for our kids. All of our parents and adult temple members are so great, stepping in to assist with both planned and unplanned events for the benefit of our Dharma School students.

In our May/June Geppo issue, I did a shout out to Betty and Kris for all they do to keep us organized. However, they do so much, it is worth mentioning again. My personal and special thanks to **Kris Y.** for her technology expertise and services, along with her countless hours spent on the communication and administrative aspects of our Dharma School. And, my gratitude to **Betty Y.** for keeping track of all the financial aspects of our organization. Both of these ladies not only provide these services for the Dharma School, but also keep the temple organized and coordinated, performing so many behind-the-scene responsibilities.

I want to recognize **Annette K.** for her Dharma School religious guidance in helping provide ideas for our Dharma School classes and filling in to teach the younger class when I am out. Our gratitude to our minister assistants, **Geoff R.** and **James A.**, for their support to Sensei and to the temple, planning our services each week. Also, thanks to **Charles A.** for stepping up to teach the YBA students, and also being religious chairperson for each week's service. We are grateful to **Marisa A.** for volunteering to play the piano for each service. Anyone who attends a service when Marissa is absent definitely understands the big role she has during our Dharma School services.



Enjoy the summer, and we will see you all at our Obon festival on July 20th. If you have children or grandchildren, make sure to bring them to visit the Dharma School booth!

*In Gassho,
LaVerne K.*

Our Dharma School would also like to THANK LaVerne K. for the dedication she puts into the success of our Dharma School Program. Thank you for your guidance, your patience, and most of all your time. Our students are so lucky to have someone like LaVerne guide them on their path to enlightenment.



Dharma School Donations

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DHARMA SCHOOL ACTIVITES!



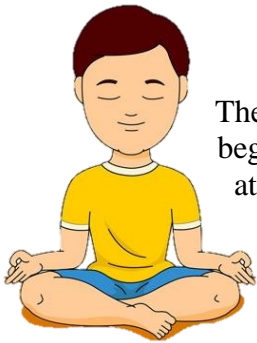
Perfect Attendance for SY 2018-2019:
Madison Y., Cy Z.,
Marlane H., & Andrew K.



Summer Birthdays:
Marlane H., Catherine A., Colton H.,
Cy Z., & Kobe H.

Meditation & Discussion Group Schedule

Geoff R. will be conducting Summer Meditation and Discussion Group!



The Meditation and Discussion Groups are moving to 10:00AM and 10:30AM respectively beginning June 16th. We will meet every week except July 14th and 24th when we will be attending the Hatsubon services in Salt Lake and Ogden.

All are welcome. Dress casually in comfortable clothes that allow you to move freely. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Summer Lawn Mowing Schedule

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

Date	Scheduled Group
July 7, 2019	Obon Outdoor Clean-up
July 14, 2019	James A., Charles A., Geoff R.
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



OBON Dance Practice

All practices begin at 7:00 pm



- Monday, July 1
- Wednesday, July 3
- Monday, July 8
- Wednesday, July 10
- Friday, July 12
- Monday, July 15
- Wednesday, July 17

OBON DONATION LIST

OBON is coming fast ... please save the date of July 20th & July 21st!!

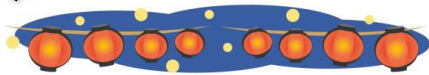
In order for the church to plan ahead, we are asking our members and friends if there is anything they can donate to help us offset some of the costs.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 2 – 1-gallon Soy Sauce | 12 – Double packs Somen |
| 4 – Large bottles Yoshida Sauce | 8 – 20 pound bags of rice |
| 2 – Gallon bottle Seasoned Rice Vinegar (green label) | 2 – Costco size bottles Vegetable Oil |
| 3 – 25 lbs. of sugar | 4 – boxes SMALL gloves |
| 3 – Large boxes salt | 2 – boxes MEDIUM gloves |
| | 2 – boxes LARGE gloves |
| | 3 – Large bottles Mirin |



If you can help us, please let Ruth S. know what you can donate and when you can bring it to the church. Ruth can be reached at *Omitted for Online Version*.

THANK YOU



Ogden Buddhist Taiko Group Donations



Patsy S. Special Donation
Amount Omitted for Online Version

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*

Max Ryujin – May 15, 2019



Saturday
July 20, 2019

FOOD SERVICE

4:00 – 6:30 pm

TAIKO PERFORMANCE

7:30 pm – Salt Lake Buddhist Taiko Group
Intermission – Ogden Buddhist Taiko Group

BON ODORI

8:00 pm

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OBON

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Cemetery Service Schedule:

10:30 a.m. ~ Syracuse

11:15 a.m. ~ Washington Terrace

11:45 a.m. ~ Ogden

12:30 ~ Otoki Lunch

1:30 p.m. Obon / Hatsubon Service
July Shotsuki Hoyo

This special service is held on the Sunday following the Obon Festival. This memorial service is held in dedication and gratitude for all the members of our Sangha who have died over the previous year. Its basis is the same as our Obon Festival. Kangi-E is the name used traditionally in our Jodo Shinshu Tradition. This name represents the joy we feel for Amida Buddha's vow to save all sentient beings and the joy in knowing our deceased Sangha members are likewise embraced in that compassion.

July Shotsuki Hoyo & Obon Hatsubon

July Shotsuki Hoyo

July 21, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

July 16 2017 Minoru Aoki
 July 16 2017 Manabu Fujimoto
 July 21 2012 Ryuji Dick Hirasuna
 July 7 1990 Bessie Toki Hokoda
 July 22 1995 Mito Imaizumi
 July 17 1961 Kantaro Inouye
 July 10 1977 Kinshiro Itakura
 July 5 1984 Yuki Kawashima
 July 3 1982 Reiko Koga
 July 24 2016 Kay Kazue Kuroiwa
 July 3 1982 Shigeru Sam Matsumura
 July 28 1986 Taki Mayeda
 July 12 1977 Manji Miya
 July 6 1977 Kichiro Morimoto
 July 20 1965 Monkichi Murakami
 July 1 1995 Sam Sunao Nagata
 July 1 1977 Bukatsu Nakahara
 July 30 2010 Jack Nisogi
 July 14 1991 Tome Sakiyama
 July 25 2015 Roy Hideo Shiki
 July 25 2004 Emma Yayoi Stewart
 July 7 1971 Heibei Sugimoto
 July 24 2013 James R. Summers
 July 3 1984 John N. Takabayashi
 July 8 1982 Tome Taura
 July 30 1999 Minoru Watanabe
 July 23 2005 Lily Watari
 July 10 2007 Tomio Yamada
 July 22 1986 Hiroshi Yamasaki
 July 17 2004 Seiichi Yei

Obon & Hatsubon Memorial Service

July 21, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

*This memorial service is held in
 dedication and gratitude for all the
 members of our Sangha who have died
 over the previous year.*

Hatsubon observance will be held for the
 following members:

**Max Junio Hirabayashi
 Noriko Shimada
 George Sanji Yoshimura
 Akiko Kinomoto
 Shiz Shizuye Inoshita Shimizu
 Yoshie Yoshimura
 Yukiko Kawaguchi
 Taeko Matsuda Yoshida
 Kuneko Kuni Kawashima
 Max Ryujin**

AUGUST Shotsuki Hoyo will be observed in September

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	1979 - 50 year
2013 - 7 year	1995 - 25 year	1920 - 100 year



July 2019



Sunday

Monday


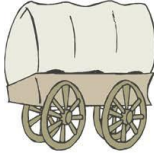
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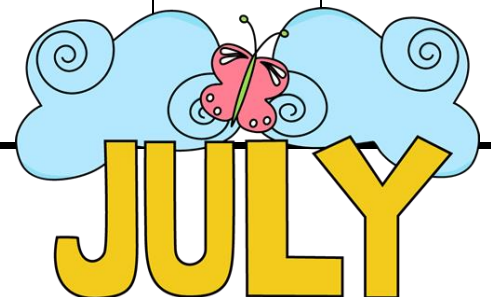
Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 pm Obon Dance Practice		10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable 7:00 pm Obon Dance Practice			9:00 am BWA Fukashi Manju making
8:00 am – Outdoor Clean-Up 9:00 am – BWA Mochi Manju making 10:00 am – Meditation 10:30 am – Discussion Group	7:00 pm Obon Dance Practice	7:30 pm OBC Board Meeting	10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable 7:00 pm Obon Dance Practice		7:00 pm Obon Dance Practice	Salt Lake OBON
10:0 am – Salt Lake Obon Service	7:00 pm Obon Dance Practice		10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable 7:00 pm Obon Dance Practice	6:00 pm Obon Food Prep	6:00 pm Obon Food Prep	9:00 am OBON Prep 4:00 pm OBON Food Service 7:30 pm OBON ODORI
9:00 am – BWA Food Prep 10:30 am – Syracuse Cemetery Service 11:15 am – Washington Terrace Service 11:45 am – Ogden Cemetery Service 12:30 pm – Otoki Lunch 1:30 pm – Obon Service & Shotsuki Hoyo			 PIONEER DAY			
10:00 am – Meditation 10:30 am – Discussion Group			10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable National JACL Convention			



Toban Cleaning Group:
Obon Cleaning Committee

August 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National JACL Convention	2 National JACL Convention	3 National JACL Convention
4 10:00 am – Meditation 10:30 am – Discussion Group	5	6	7 10:00 am Buddha’s Roundtable	8	9	10
11 10:00 am – BWA Meeting & Quilting 10:00 am – Meditation 10:30 am – Discussion Group	12	13 7:30 pm OBC Board Meeting	14 10:00 am Buddha’s Roundtable	15	16	17
18 10:00 am – Meditation 10:30 am – Discussion Group	19	20	21 10:00 am Buddha’s Roundtable	22	23	24
25 10:00 am – Meditation 10:30 am – Discussion Group	26	27	28	29	30	31 

Toban Cleaning Group:

Tom & Marcie F.
 (Toban Cleaning Leader)
 Christy K.-F.
 Steve & Ellen K.





OBON MEMORIAL LANTERNS

The Ogden Buddhist Church is selling “Memorial Lanterns” for our OBON Festival. You can purchase a lantern in the name of family or friends that are no longer with us. Your lantern will be personalized with their name and hung on the Yagura during the OBON Festival.

This is a GREAT way to pay tribute to your ancestors and to watch them “DANCE” right alongside of you!

Obon Memorial Lanterns order Form

You can purchase a lantern to honor a friend or family member that has passed away. The lantern will be personalized and hung from the Yagura during the OBON Festival. You will be given the lantern at the completion of OBON.

YOUR NAME: _____ Total Amount Due: \$_____

In MEMORY of: (Please PRINT first and last names below)

**Lanterns are \$5.00
per name**

Please fill out this form and return it to Ellen K. or any board member.

You can also mail this form with your payment to:

Ogden Buddhist Church
P.O. Box 3248
Ogden, UT 84409



**MOUNTAIN STATES
DISTRICT
CONFERENCE
PACKET**

**November 8 – 10, 2019
Moab Valley Inn
Moab, Utah**

2019 Mountain States District Conference – Information Package

The Ogden Buddhist Church is excited to host the 2019 Mountain States District Conference. Due to the popularity of the 2011/2015 Mountain States District Conference, we will again hold the conference in Moab, UT November 8– 10, 2019.

In this package you will find the following information:

- Tentative Conference Agenda
- Conference Registration Form
- Hotel Registration Information
- Activities Registration Form

There will be a conference registration fee of \$35.00 per adult (13 years of age and older) and \$10.00 per child (12 years of age and under). Do not send any money now. All fees will be collected on-site at the time of the conference. We hope you'll be able to attend this year's conference and perhaps even have extra time to spend exploring the area.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following points of contact.

Conference Registration: Brenda K., *Omitted for Online Version*, bnkoga@live.com

Hotel Accommodations: Annette K., *Omitted for Online Version*, annetekoga17@gmail.com

Activities: Golfing: Steve K., *Omitted for Online Version*, sckato2013@gmail.com

The Hiking – Driving Tour: Kirk Y., *Omitted for Online Version*, yamiiek@netscape.net

**Please submit your registration information to Brenda K. *Omitted for Online Version* by October 6, 2019.
Do not send money at this time – we will collect all fees in Moab**



Mountain States District Conference November 8-10, 2019, Moab, UT - Hotel Registration Information

The 2019 Mountain States District Conference meeting will be held at the Moab Valley Inn (711 South Main St.) on Saturday, November 9th, 2015. A block of rooms have been reserved at this facility for the nights of November 8th (Friday night) and November 9th (Saturday night). Check-in is 3:00 PM or later / Check-out is 11:00 AM or earlier.

Please make your own reservations at the **Moab Valley Inn** on-line at <http://www.moabvalleyinn.com/> or call the Hotel Reservations Department (435) 259-4419. Provide Group Code **OBC112019** to obtain a reduced room rate of \$79.95 per night.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, send an e-mail to Annette K. at: annetekoga17@gmail.com or call *Omitted for Online Version*.

Mountain States District Conference, November 8 – 10, 2019, Moab, UT
Conference Agenda (tentative)

Friday, 8 November

- 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm – Conference Registration (Moab Valley Inn)
- Dinner on own Friday evening
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm – Friday Night Service
- 8:00 pm – Mixer

Saturday, 9 November

- Morning and Early Afternoon (7:00 am to 3:00 pm) – Organized Activities or Time on your own
 - There are several web-sites such as <http://www.moab-utah.com/> and <http://www.discovermoab.com/> that list local attractions – and the hike and driving tour our committee will put together
- Upon returning from activity: – District Meeting (Moab Valley Inn Conference Center)
- 5:00 pm – Service with Guest speaker
- 6:00 pm – Dinner at Moab Valley Inn Conference Center
- Family Game Night

Sunday, 10 November

- 8:30 am to 9:30 am - Continental Breakfast in Moab Valley Inn Conference Center
- 10:00 am - Outdoor service in Arches National Monument or Dead Horse Point Stake Park (meet in hotel lobby at 9:30 am)
- 12:00 pm - Meeting Conclusion

Mountain States District Conference
November 8-10, 2019
Moab, UT
Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Information (email or phone): _____

Temple: _____

Please email or mail your completed Conference Registration form and Activities Registration form (if applicable) by *October 6*, to:

Brenda K.

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bnkoga@live.com

Please do not send any money now. We will collect registration fees in Moab at the time of the conference registration. Use E-mail if possible.

**Mountain States District Conference –
Organized Activities (Saturday, Nov. 9 from 7:00am to 3:00pm)**

If you'd like to participate in one of the following activities, please sign-up for your desired activity

- 1) **Moab Driving Tour – Organized by Committee members**
- 2) **Hiking Tour – Organized by Committee members**
- 3) **Golfing – TBA having a hard time finding available time**
 - Cost - \$28 for 9-holes with cart. Pay fees at golf course.

	Number of Adults	Number of Children (Child Car Seat)	Names of Participants
Moab Driving and hiking Tour			
Send info to	Kirk Y., yamiek@netscape.net		

	Number of Players	Names of Participants
Golfing		
Send info to	Steve K., sckato2013@gmail.com	