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JUST A SLIGHT CHANGE IN PERSPECTIVE

Rev. J.K. Hirano

A hero ventures forth from the world of common day into a region of supernatural wonder: fabulous forces are there encountered, and a decisive victory is won: the hero comes back from this mysterious adventure with the power to bestow boons on his fellow man.

– The Hero with a Thousand Faces, Joseph Campbell

How many of you watched the game with the University of Utah (U of U) and University of Southern California (USC) on Saturday October 21? I know there are many of you who may not be fans of the University of Utah or even like college football. But I love watching college football. I am not a jock in any form. I do like college football, however. When I was a student at the University close to 50 years ago, I never watched any of the University's sports. The University of Utah was not very good at any sports, except for Ladies' Gymnastics. Over the past 20 years or so, however, I have become a big fan of the University of Utah football.

As I watched the game, I thought to myself, "Why do I enjoy watching college football?" I don't really watch any sports, except the Olympics, both Summer and Winter. Although division one college athletes are the elite in their sports. I think, it is because of the imperfection in the college arena that make it so exciting. Just as in the Olympics, in college football there are always mistakes no matter how good a team and their past performances may be. You just never know what will happen. As the famous sports announcer Jim McKay would say every Saturday afternoon when I was young, "The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat." Isn't this how each of our lives work too?

The other week, my Dharma talk touched on why I love all things Disney. The reason I love Disney is the hope these stories seem to embody. I will go into depth on this subject for an upcoming Center for Buddhist Education seminar. I am a huge Disney fan. The reason I love Disney is also the reason I love the Wizard of Oz and many other fairy tales and myths. All are related to this quote I began with from Joseph Campbell's book "The hero with a Thousand Faces"

"A hero ventures forth from the world of common day into a region of supernatural wonder."

You many ask, "Who is the hero?" or "What is the region of supernatural wonder?" In my story, the hero is me and the region of supernatural wonder is my life.

Rev. Hirano's article continued on next page

In the afterword to the Tannisho which we are studying in the Adult Study Class, Shinran Shonin says, “When I reflect deeply on the Vow that Amida fulfilled after five kalpas of contemplation. I find that it was for me, Shinran alone!”

In the story of Hanamatsuri, the baby Buddha was said to have taken seven steps and proclaimed, “In the Heavens above and the Earth below, I am the world honored one.” Both Shinran and Shakyamuni Buddha are clearly stating this journey they are on is not for their parents, their family and children, their community or society. It was for themselves alone.

I believe that this is also embodied in Dorothy’s wish in the Wizard of Oz, “There is no place like home. There is no place like home.”

In the novella “Tonio Kroger” by the Nobel prize winner Thomas Mann there is a passage that reads,

I admire those cold, proud beings who adventure upon the paths of great and daemonic beauty and despise ‘Mankind;’ but I do not envy them. For if anything is capable of making a poet of a literary man, it is my hometown love of the human, the living and ordinary. All warmth derives from this love, all kindness and humor.”

It is my goal to make our temple’s environment and your reason for coming to the temple or to listen or read what I have written or speak about, to be a lens for examining your life. I cannot tell you how to live your life or what is right for you. For that is about your story, your journey. However, I can speak about the experiences of my life and how the Dharma has given me a better perspective in understanding it. I cannot tell you what is right for you or what is the way you should live your life. This is a decision that only you can make.

If I were to look to my life, however, I know that I am very common in almost every way. I’m not very smart, handsome, or rich. My childhood I would say was quite happy. I was lucky in this regard. I have spoken before that I was not very good at sports, I tried a lot of different things, from baseball, football, judo, soccer, wrestling and skiing, and I wasn’t good at any of them. I could do them, but I was nowhere near expert. I was never brave; quite the opposite, I was afraid of so many things. I’ve always loved girls and women, ever since I was small. I remember kissing a girl in about first grade. As I entered puberty, however, I was terrified. It’s amusing to look back and think, three women have liked me enough to marry me. In my teens and twenties, I didn’t think I would ever meet someone who could love me. I had almost resigned myself to never finding my partner in life.

After my second marriage didn’t work out, I really thought, “I’m such a loser.” I then met Carmela. To my surprise, she agreed to marry me! When I went to my bachelor party in Las Vegas, I was sitting at a blackjack table with one of my close friends; he explained to the dealer an older Asian man, “Can you believe this guy; he’s getting married for the third time. Crazy isn’t he?!” I thought Wendell was right; a part of me thought, what am I doing? And then this older Asian dealer sincerely looks at me and says, “You are a very lucky man. Three women have accepted and agreed to be your wife. Some of us cannot find one.” This changed my perspective although, it’s ironic that it was at a casino that someone convinced me that yes, I am lucky. Maybe I’m not the loser I thought I was. Although, I was losing money at the casino. I was lucky man. Amazing, three women had agreed to be my wife. It wasn’t because of my looks, money or personality. It was the world embracing and taking care of me. And from here, I began to see the region of supernatural or as I may also say, “The realm of gratitude” in my life. With just a small change in perspective, my world view changed from one of feeling sorry for myself, to a view of wonder and gratitude. The Buddhist teaching of the four noble truths began to become clearer.

This world is filled with suffering, as the first noble truth states. The second truth is that my ego, my immense greed, anger and ignorance are the reason for this suffering. However, the point and wonder of these truth is that there is a way to alleviate this suffering, the third noble truth. The fourth noble truth, the eightfold path's first noble path is right view. Within our Jodo Shinshu tradition, we don't believe that on our own we will gain enlightenment. However, this first noble path is rather about changing our perspective, just a little.

Last week I was having a conversation with a friend of mine, Rev. Dr. Galen Amstutz and we were discussing how Buddhism can contribute to our western culture. He calls me "optimistic" when I told him, I think Jodo Shinshu will have a definite place in what will eventually be called American Buddhism. Although another friend Rev. Michael Zimmerman of "Two Arrows Zen center" had said, it was a Buddhist Dharma Talk where the priest said, "Buddhism was a religion of "No Hope" that resonated with him and why he became Buddhist. Michael Zimmerman is much smarter than I could even hope to be, but I would disagree that Buddhism is a religion of no hope. I believe Jodo Shinshu is a religion of "Great Hope." That for those of us, who by all reasonable standards should lose, just as the game with the University of Utah, there is the possibility that we can still win. It just takes a little change in perspective and two points in the last seconds that can define a different perspective. Hoping each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving, Namo Amida Butsu. I'd like to close with the words of Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi, which I believe is about a matter of perspective.

"Many things occur in human lives. But, whatever difficulties or sadness that we may have experienced, if we look upon our lives as being rare and wondrous events, the we will truly have lived. If we are able to realize this realm of gratitude, then what else could we need?"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are all doing well.

Thank you for your support of this year's Bazaar. The event was very successful, and I appreciate all the help.

Ogden City has finished widening North Street and it is now open to traffic. The city added a third lane, shoulder parking with curb and gutters. Comcast has installed new southside cable service pedestals. We should have internet cable service by November. The main front fence has been installed, and additional fencing on the east and west sides is being installed. Some landscaping has been started, but the bulk of it will now have to wait until spring. If you have any questions, contact the Ogden Church Design Review Team (LaVerne K., Ernie K., Steven K., Mike K., and Thomas F.). Thank you, Design Team, for your help.

We have a General Board meeting, November 19. I ask for your support and help when asked to serve for church positions. All members are welcome to attend.

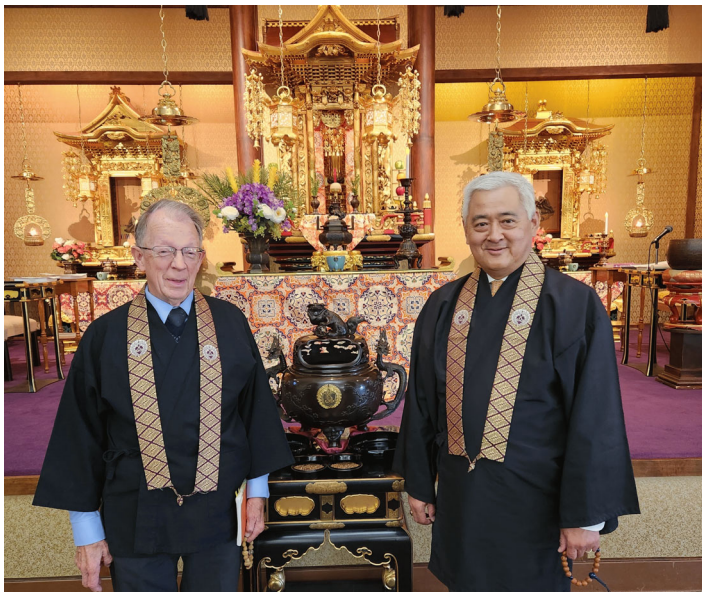
In Gassho,
Thomas F.



IT'S OFF TO KYOTO FOR JAMES AND GEOFF

James A. and Geoff R., our Minister's Assistants, are heading to Japan December 1st for their Tokudo ordination. Both James and Geoff have been enrolled at the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) and have completed the required courses and are now ready for the next step. They will spend 10 intensive days of training at the Nishiyama Training Center. Their day will begin at 5:30 a.m. and end at 11:00 p.m. This will include participating in several services per day and performing rituals, studying Jodo ShinShu doctrine and memorizing some of Rennyō's writings. There will also be lots of cleaning activities to keep them busy. Geoff has described it as "Buddhist Bootcamp." The actual ordination will take place at Hongwanji on December 16th, and they will receive their ordination from the Gomonshu. Once James and Geoff return their title will be "Reverend."

Thank you James and Geoff for your hard work and dedication. Good luck and congratulations!



SHE'S BAAACK!



Annette K. has decided to return as the "Assistant to the Minister." Her wish is to be the "Caretaker of the altar" meaning taking care of such things as lighting the candles, lighting the incense, putting the rice on the altar and taking care of the flowers and the offerings. These are the duties that Shigeko (Shiggie) K. taught her and passed along to her.

Annette had to take a break from these duties to take care of her family but now feels that she has the time to be of help. Our minister's assistants have many additional responsibilities that are time consuming and hopes what she does will give them time to take care of other duties.

Annette wants to do these important rituals to honor Shiggie and all that she stood for and wanted for our temple. Thank you and welcome back Annette!



BAZAAR - THANK YOU

Thank you to our members for their generous donations to Bazaar!
 These donations help to offset the costs of this huge fundraising event for our temple!

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 Valerie O.
 Jeannie P.
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 Ruth S.
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The Board would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations to our 2023 Bazaar.
PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES WHO HAVE BEEN SO GENEROUS TO OUR TEMPLE!

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 Food for Thought (Bubble 'n Bean)
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 Hanamaru Restaurant
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 Jay's Ace Hardware
 La Ferrovia Ristorante
 Lagoon
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 Macey's Food & Drug Store
 Minky Couture
 Nature Jim's Sprouts
 Neighborhood Walmart (Layton)
 Nikko's Sushi & Ramen Bar
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Prairie Schooner Steakhouse
 Rainbow Gardens
 Ramen Haus
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BWA News

By Brenda K.



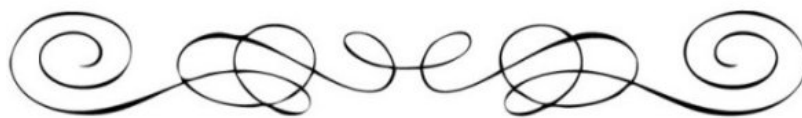
Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things. — Robert Brault

With our temple food bazaar behind us, we can step back and take a breath, but not for long. Thank you to all who came out to help with the preparations for the event which has been in hibernation for 3 years. Although we were a bit out of practice, everyone came back together and operated almost as if we never stopped. A big shout out to Marie and Art S. who prepared their famous chow mein and Jason for cooking and transferring the heavy, hot pans.

Again, our sincere appreciation to Darlene M. for designing and constructing the beautiful quilt which was a very popular special raffle item. Also, thank you to everyone who helped out with the manju making, and the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple for accommodating us in their kitchen to use their ovens for the yaki manju. With the quantities that we made, it consumed three days, but so many were willing to help out all three sessions...so grateful to you all. Our appreciation also to everyone who came on Sunday after the bazaar to clean up. We really gave the temple a thorough cleaning, and it looks great.

Our next meeting will be on **November 12 at 11:00 am** followed by our **annual general meeting** both at the temple. We will be discussing the events of the year and electing new officers, so please be present if possible and provide your input. Then upcoming on **November 19, 2023** will be the annual **BWA Memorial Service and luncheon**. The luncheon will be prepared by Annette K's toban group. This will be held in conjunction with the temple's Eitaikyo service. This is also the time when we honor Eshinni and Kakushinni, the wife and daughter, respectively of Shinran Shonin.

December 10 will be the temple's Bodhi Day Service at 1:30 pm with a luncheon prepared by Tami H's toban group. Please come and join us for this most important occasion. Again, our gratitude is extended to the many members of the Buddhist Women's Association for their continued work and contributions to the temple. Thank you all and enjoy your holidays.



BWA DONATIONS

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Thank You!



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Our Dharma School students enjoyed attending service and the Halloween parade and party at the Salt Lake temple last month. A big thank you to the Salt Lake Dharma School for inviting our Dharma School students to this event. Everyone who attended had a good time.

In November, our Dharma School will be doing a temple fundraiser at the Salt Lake Temple Holiday Boutique on November 18th and 19th, selling manju and mochi bites. In preparation of the boutique, we will be making fukashi manju on Saturday, **November 11th at 9 a.m.** On Friday, **November 17th**, we will be making mochi manju starting at **9 a.m.** We encourage everyone to support the Salt Lake Holiday Boutique, and please feel free to stop by our Dharma School booth.

Our Dharma School students will be participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program again this year. We plan to meet at the Harrisville Walmart on **Sunday, December 3rd at 10 a.m.** The students are given names from the Angel Tree and use the money donated by temple families/ members to purchase items from the wish lists of children in need. If anyone would like to contribute to this project, please make your checks to the **Ogden Dharma School** and give your donation to **Betty Y.**, myself or any of the other Dharma School students or parents. We appreciate everyone’s support and contributions to help these children less fortunate than our own students.

On Saturday, **December 9th at 9 a.m.**, our YBA members will be making mochi for their annual fundraiser, providing the opportunity for temple members and friends to purchase their New Year’s supply of mochi for the new year. We will be taking orders in advance, and the mochi will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 10th. The price of the mochi is \$8.00 for a tray of six mochi. The mochi order form with further details is included in this newsletter.

And finally, last, but definitely not least, one housekeeping clarification and reminder about our Dharma School class structure for this school year. Due to our limited teacher pool, we will be holding classes **at 1 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of each month.** If anyone has any questions about this change, please feel free to contact me.

We appreciate all your support to our great Dharma School students!

In Gassho,
LaVerne K.



YBA MOCHI FUND RAISER

The Ogden YBA will be making Mochi again this year to provide you and all our temple friends with your New Year’s supply!
We will be making the Mochi on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Please come out and help, if you can!
We are taking orders in advance.



MOCHI

Mochi will be available for pick up on, December 10, 2023.
Please reserve your order by December 2, 2023



MOCHI

The price for each order is \$8.00 for an order of six pieces of Mochi.

In Memory

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

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

Norio E. Ogata - October 3, 2023



A FOND LOOK BACK

In August we received this message and photos from a former scout in Japan:

I am a member of the Japanese scout group which stayed in Ogden from Aug. 18th to 21st 1973, exactly 50 years ago, hosted by your church/Rev. M. Ohata and the scout troop/ Mr. R. Nakatani. When the group members recently met together to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our trip to the U.S. , everybody recalled our days in Ogden as one of the best memories.

After 50 years, we express again our sincere gratitude to your hospitality extended to us. My host family was A.-san. I understand the youngest son of the family, James M. A., is the President of the church.

*Best regards,
Hideaki M.
Tokyo, Japan*





DHARMA SCHOOL ANGEL TREE DANA PROJECT

For several years, our Dharma School students have decided that instead of buying Christmas gifts for each other, they would prefer to use that money to give Christmas to a child who is less fortunate than them!

This is a GREAT way for our students to learn about Dana and truly share the Buddha’s compassion! What a true gift of Dana from our children! Here is where you can be a part of this Dana! Just take the money you would have used to purchase gifts for our church families and donate that to this project instead.

You can make your check payable to the Ogden Buddhist Dharma School and give it to our Treasurer, Betty Y. or Dharma

School Superintendent, LaVerne K.. Or you can VENMO @BuddhistChurchofOgden. Please note: ANGEL TREE, your name & your donation

WANT TO HELP AND BECOME AN ANGEL TOO?

Our students would LOVE to have you come along. They would love to share this amazing experience with you. If you would like to join us the information is listed below:

**Angel Tree Dana Project
Sunday, December 3, 2023
10:00 am – meet at the Harrisville Walmart**



Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 18, 2023 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, November 19, 2023 - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Salt Lake Buddhist Temple
211 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101**

Check out hundreds of unique gift ideas, including items made by local artisans.

Food available both days from **11:00 a.m.** Come have lunch, then start your Christmas shopping!

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November Shotsuki Hoyo

November 19, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Nov 5 2016 Masao Endo
 Nov 20 1986 Shizu Fukuda
 Nov 20 2003 Masaru Hamada
 Nov 17 2001 Shigeru Hamada
 Nov 23 2005 Norma Hatsuye Inouye
 Nov 21 1961 Kunimatsu Inouye
 Nov 14 1964 Kyuta Ishibashi
 Nov 6 1981 Kikujiro Ishii
 Nov 21 1982 Masami Itakura
 Nov 21 1961 Chiyoji Kamita
 Nov 16 1993 George Toshio Kano
 Nov 18 2006 Yoshito (Yosh) Kato
 Nov 23 1963 Kiyoyasu Kawashima
 Nov 20 1989 Jimmie Noboru Kunimoto
 Nov 21 1964 Todd T. Kuroiwa
 Nov 2 1981 Masaichiro Marumoto
 Nov 13 2014 June Teruko Nagao
 Nov 6 1961 Yagoro Nakamoto
 Nov 24 2013 Miyuki T. Nakano
 Nov 17 1981 Shigako Nimori
 Nov 26 1991 Kimi Nishikawa
 Nov 23 2016 Roy Kiyoharu Ryujin
 Nov 22 2013 Toddy Sameshima
 Nov 27 1959 Jisaku Sakurada
 Nov 26 1964 Kamesaburo Suekawa
 Nov 23 1979 Motoharu Sumida
 Nov 5 1970 Sanji Tawatari
 Nov 11 2001 Dan Tsukamoto
 Nov 7 1988 Kiyonobu Watanabe
 Nov 25 1964 Tomesaku Watanabe
 Nov 24 1979 Suzumi Yamada
 Nov 15 1989 Sidney Yuki Yoshi Yamasaki
 Nov 28 1986 Shunjiro Yamasaki
 Nov 23 1991 George Yamashita
 Nov 1 2019 Nina Yonetani
 Nov 14 1982 Munagi Yoshitaka

December Shotsuki Hoyo

December 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Dec 5 2013 Jayden Endo
 Dec 26 1982 Kristen Taeko Fukawa
 Dec 29 1986 Kasumi Hamada
 Dec 1 1972 Yorito Hamada
 Dec 11 2004 Dick Setsuji Hirabayashi
 Dec 6 1977 Yasu Hirabayashi
 Dec 24 2016 Alice Setsuko Hirai
 Dec 24 1982 Tome Inouye
 Dec 11 1966 Masayasu Ito
 Dec 7 1991 Nobuo Kamigaki
 Dec 23 2008 Shigeru Henry Kawaguchi
 Dec 22 1985 Ray Isao Kano
 Dec 19 1989 Hideo Kawaguchi
 Dec 5 2014 Shigeru Kiyomura
 Dec 30 2019 Fumie Nagao Koga
 Dec 21 2016 Jimmy Kusuda
 Dec 23 2007 Shizu Nakano Miya
 Dec 30 1995 James Sunao Morinaka
 Dec 29 1991 Hanako Moriyama(Yonemoto)
 Dec 23 1961 Yae Murakami
 Dec 29 1995 Suyeo Frank Nakano
 Dec 19 1962 Isekichi Nishiki
 Dec 30 1981 Masashi Nozaki
 Dec 11 1995 Staci Sachiko Oda
 Dec 21 1994 Wataru Jack Oda
 Dec 29 1968 Mitsugu Oda
 Dec 21 1993 Tokiichi George Sato
 Dec 19 2012 Elsie Shiramizu
 Dec 20 1969 Yonekichi Shiramizu
 Dec 31 1978 Hajime Tokifuji
 Dec 3 1990 Asao Tsukamoto
 Dec 2 1984 Tatsuji Watanabe
 Dec 6 1989 Takako Watanabe (Onishi)
 Dec 22 1969 Torahei Yamamoto
 Dec 19 2014 Yukimi Yonetani

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 member who have died during the month in the preceding years. The families then attend 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, Emergency: 819-2648. Corrections/Additions to the Shotsuki Hoyo list - please contact Ruth S., 801-292-6042

2023 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:

2022 - 1 year	2011 - 13 year	1989 - 33 year
2021 - 3 year	2007 - 17 year	1974 - 50 year
2017 - 7 year	1999 - 25 year	1924 - 100 year



**ESHINNIKO / KAKUSHINNI AND BWA MEMORIAL SERVICE
EITAIKYO SERVICE AND NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO**

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Otoki Lunch at 12:00 noon

Service at 1:30 p.m.

This is a memorial service the wife of Shinran Shonin, Eshinni and Kakushinni. Eshinni is considered the first role model of Jodo Shinshu woman hood. In this regard, the memorial service is held in memory of any BWA (Buddhist Women's Association) member who died during the previous year.

In Memory of:

All our past members

Eitaikyo means "Perpetual Sutra Chanting." Eitaikyo is a Japanese Buddhist observance. The Chinese character "ei" contains the ideograph for a river with many tributaries that flow out of it. This represents the continuous flowing of a river, leading to the ocean. It refers to the perpetual or to continuation. The character "dai" or in this case pronounced "tai" refers to a period of time or generation. It is an ideograph with the radicals for person and stake or post. It means a place or period of history. "Kyo" is the character for chanting of sutras. Therefore, Eitaikyo represents the continuing flow of the generations upon generations which have allowed us to hear the teachings via the sutras.



GENERAL BOARD MEETING

EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL GENERAL BOARD MEETING!

This is where you can have a say in what happens to our Temple! We would LOVE to hear what you would like to see happen this coming year! Please come and participate in the election of our officers and board of directors. Our General Board Meeting is OPEN to all and will be IN-PERSON!

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 2:30 pm

Following Eitaikyo Service



BODHI DAY and DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Otoki Lunch at 12:00 noon

Service at 1:30 p.m.

At the age of 35, while meditating under the bodhi tree, Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment and became Sakyamuni Buddha. By his example, the Buddha showed us that it was possible for anyone to become a Buddha - a fully enlightened person. We commemorate this very special event on Bodhi Day.



JOYA-E (Last Night Gathering)

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Service at 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner to follow service

This year end service is held to express gratitude for all the causes and conditions which have allowed us to live this past year. It is a time to reflect upon the interdependence of all Sangha members and the lives we live. At the end of the service all those attending the service participate in the ringing of the Joya no Kane (Last Night Bell). The Temple Bell is rung 108 times signifying the 108 Bonno or Passions that make up our human existence. This bell is rung to recognize these traits in our own personalities and express appreciation for Amida Buddha's compassion, which embraces us, even though we are bound by these passions.

HOW TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN OF LIFE

Shared by Hanayo Shimabukuro with Fujiko Motobu

(Reprinted from the July 2023 Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin newsletter Goji)



PLANT 3 ROWS OF PEAS

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT 4 ROWS OF SQUASH

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT 4 ROWS OF LETTUCE

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS COMPLETE WITHOUT TURNIPS

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN YOU MUST HAVE THYME

1. Thyme for Buddha
2. Thyme for each other
3. Thyme for family
4. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE

Buddhist Church of Ogden Donations

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On behalf of the Board, I would like to Thank everyone for their generous donations. It is only through your donations, that our Temple can meet its financial obligations.

If you have any questions or concerns about any donations made, please feel free to contact me at XXX-XXXX or my email address is <omitted>.

Thank You, Betty Y.



HOLIDAY SCRIP ORDERS

By using gift cards purchased through Dharma School instead of cash or credit to pay for everyday purchases, we receive cash back from RaiseRight. Order form is available on the church’s home page I will be placing weekly orders beginning November 12 thru Dec 10. If you plan to shop Black Friday and Cyber Monday, please place your orders early.

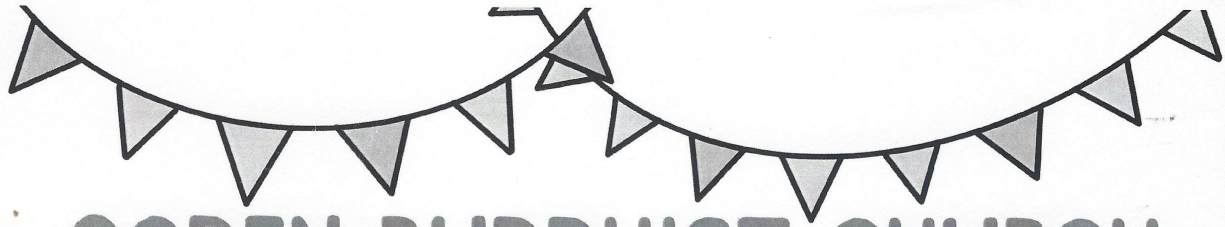
Order Placed

Nov 12 (Sunday)
Nov 19 (Sunday)
Nov 26 (Sunday)
Dec 3 (Sunday)
Dec 10 (Sunday)

Order Received

Nov 19 (Sunday)
Nov 26 (Sunday)
Dec 3 (Sunday)
Dec 10 (Sunday)
Dec 17 (Sunday) Last order for 2023

You can pay with a check or through the church’s VENMO account (please note Scrip order). To place an order text me XXX-XXX-XXXX or email me at <omitted>. Please contact me if you have any questions.
Gassho, Suzan Y.



OGDEN BUDDHIST CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Sept 24, 2023-
Jan 31, 2024



The Ogden Buddhist Church is selling
Wasatch Savings memberships.

HOW IT WORKS

Each membership is sold for \$35 and contains hundreds of BOGO, Free w/ no purchase, and many other discounts for your favorite places. 50% is kept for our team!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

For more information please contact:

All coupons are accessible on your phone and last 12 months from redemption. Explore the savings at Wasatch savings.com or on the mobile app. Can be sold to relatives, friends, door-to-door, etc. Cash, check, and Venmo accepted.

Please Note: if you currently have a Wasatch Savings membership, do not activate until current one expires.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2023</h1> 						
			1	2	3	4
					Mountain States Conference - Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Saturday - 10:00 am Opening Service	
5 No Services in Ogden 10:00 am - Mountain States Conference Closing Service & Buddhist Name Ceremony	6	7	8	9	10	11 9:00 - Dharma School Manju Making
12 11:00 - BWA Meeting/General Meeting 12:00 - Meditation 12:30 - Discussion 1:30 - Dharma Service	13	14 7:00 p.m. - Board Meeting	15	16	17 9:00 - Dharma School Mochi Manju	18 10 - 4 Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Boutique
19 SLBT - Boutique 11-3 12:00 - Meditation 12:00 - Otoki Lunch 1:00 - Dharma School 1:30 - Eitaikyo - BWA Memorial /November Shotsuki Hoyo* 2:30 - General Meeting	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26 No Services	27	28	29	30		

TOBAN CLEANING GROUP:

Bart & Robyn H.
Kevin & Justine H.
Marie H.



* Service with Rev. Hirano

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<h1>December</h1>						1	2
						3 12:00 - Meditation 12:30 - Discussion 1:00 - Dharma School 1:30 - Family Service	4
10 12:00 - Meditation 12:00 - Otoki Lunch 12:30 - Discussion 1:30 - Bodhi Day / Dec Shotsuki Hoyo*	11	12 7:00 pm - Board Meeting	13	14	15	16	
17 9:00 - OBC Mochi Tsuki 12:00 - Meditation 12:30 - Discussion 1:00 - Dharma School 1:30 - Family Service	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24 No Services	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31 6:00 pm - Joya-E Service * followed by Potluck Dinner 							

TOBAN CLEANING GROUP:
 Stan & Tami H. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
 Mackenzie & Alex H.



*Service with Rev. Hirano

YBA Mochi Fundraiser



The Ogden YBA will be making mochi again this year to provide you and all our temple friends with your New Year's supply!

We will be making the Mochi on
Saturday, December 9, 2023.

Please come out and help, if you can!

We are taking orders in advance. Mochi will be available for pick up at our Bodhi Day Service, December 10, 2023 until 2:00 pm.

Please reserve your order by December 2, 2023.

The price for each order is \$8.00
for an order of six pieces of Mochi!

**Thanks again for your support of the
Ogden Buddhist Church YBA.**



Ogden YBA Mochi Fundraiser Order Form

Thank you for your support! Your Mochi will be ready for pick-up on
Sunday, December 10, 2023 until 2:00 pm.
Mochi is \$8.00 per tray of six.

Your Name: _____

of trays ordered _____ x \$8.00 each = \$ _____ Total

Please make checks payable to: Ogden Buddhist Church YBA
and mail to: P.O. Box 3248 | Ogden, UT 84404

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Thank you for your continued support!