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How Christianity Helps Me Be Buddhist

~ By J.K. Hirano

as written in the April 2015 edition of Buddhist Thoughts

Generally speaking, people are considered to be good and faithful followers if they lead a moral life, attend church services and participate in welfare activities. In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, however, while these practices are encouraged, they alone do not constitute the Buddhist way of life. What is critically important is that the teachings radically transform our way of thinking and living so that we become true individuals: strong in crisis, humble in success, tender in our feelings and grateful at all times.

The Awareness of Self, Rev. Gyodo Haguri

Much of my spiritual life as a Buddhist has been defined and strengthened by the Christianity that has surrounded and even embraced me. The fact that I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah, is probably one of the foremost reasons that I developed a spiritual life at all. This environment of having been surrounded by faithful followers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (The Mormons) has forced me to think about and choose my own personal religious beliefs.

First of all, I was very lucky to be born into a very open Buddhist family. My father, mother, grandparents were all Buddhists. Jichan and Bachan (Grandfather and Grandmother) were Jodo Shinshu and Grandma and Grandpa went to the Nichiren Buddhist Temple. We differentiates Mom and Dad's parents by using Japanese or English words. At that time, I never knew of any differences. My father's family were members of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. My father was on the temple board; my Auntie Maxine was one my Sunday School teachers and my disciplinarian at Sunday School. I remember my father would often come home very upset after the board meetings, but he never said anything against the minister. In fact, he would be upset by how badly he felt the board treated the ministers.

The ministers of the temple as I was growing up were Rev. Shintatsu Sanada, Rev. Seiki Ishihara and Rev. Hirofumi (Hakubun) Watanabe. These ministers would often hang out at my Jichan's house to just talk with him. From the way my Jichan and father treated these men, I knew that they were respected and honored and should especially be honored and respected by me, although, to be honest I could barely understand a word they said in their Dharma Talks. I may have mentioned this before, but I was already in high school when I realized I was saying "I put my faith in Buddha," not "I put my FACE in Buddha." Either way was fine with me. Around

the time of this discovery of “putting my faith in Buddha”, my father had told me, “Jerry, I am a Buddhist. Your Mother, Bachan and Jichan are Buddhists. You cannot call yourself a Buddhist until you decide for yourself. I wanted you to go to the temple to develop a sense of a spiritual home, but you are at the age when you must decide who and what you are religiously. You must find your own spiritual home.”



Mom and Dad had always let me attend the Mormon Church across the street from my house. The Mormon Church had a variety of wonderful programs for youth. I was never asked, “Are you or your parent’s members of the church?” They never asked me to pay any tithe. I went to the Primary School, the weekday program for elementary school students. In high school I joined the Mutual for High School students. The church sports teams allowed two non-members for softball, basketball and the yearly road shows where we would put on skits for other churches. I was also a member of their Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. I was not very athletic or a very good scout but I had a great time. Although I had gone to the Mormon Church on the weekdays, on Sundays I would be at the Buddhist Temple. I believe that Buddhism does not say you have to be at the temple to be religious. However, it is important to go to the temple, especially as children, to develop a sense of having a place where spirituality is emphasized. For most of us, our home life is not centered on spiritual growth. Although I am a minister, I believe it is at the temple that my children can find their true and real home.

An example of this was revealed in a conversation I recently had with Michelle Soga, the daughter of Rev. Jeffrey and Kumika Soga of Hilo, Hawaii. Rev. Soga has four children and I had met them when they were very small. On this most recent trip, I had the opportunity to speak with Michelle. She had grown up as the daughter of a minister and in Hawaii, the ministers have to go to many temples throughout their career and their children must adjust to life in a variety of places. Michelle had gone to the mainland for her undergraduate studies, but had returned to her parents when she went to graduate school. I asked her about where she feels her home is. I

had often worried about my own children, because I knew of some ministers’ children who felt they never had a place to call home. Michelle first said her home is where her parents are living. The next day, she told me that she had really thought about what I had asked her, and said she felt it was the temple that was her home. Whenever she was at a Buddhist temple, she felt comfortable, wherever that location may be. The temple was her home. I was extremely impressed with her understanding. By coming to the temple, we are allowed to really begin to find our true and real home. That is why I encourage you to bring your children to the temple.

In about Junior High, my Jichan and Grandpa died. Both men were in their 80s and they both died in their sleep. These funerals were the first time I questioned what we were doing at church. I remember asking the minister where should I go to or read to find out what happened to my Jichan. Although these questions may sound very Christian, this was the context of where I lived and what I knew of religion. In America, we are living in a very Christian society. My questions would naturally arise from how America views life after death, heaven or hell, etc. The minister told me to read the “Evan and Weitz translation of the Tibetan Book of the Dead.” I didn’t realize that it was Tibetan and not Japanese Buddhism. I read it, didn’t understand much of it, but thought it was really cool. More than anything, what this book showed me was that Buddhism had answers. They may have been different from those provided by my Mormon friends. But they got me to really wonder about the bigger questions. The questions I wondered about were the questions I had heard at the Mormon Church growing up. Who was God? Would I or my family be going to heaven or hell? These preceded the even bigger questions which life gave me; what happens when I die and why am I even here?



I have been a minister for about 28 years now, and looking back on my childhood, I realize I have been a Buddhist for the other thirty years. This would not have been possible without my Christian friends. Their Christianity helped me be a Buddhist.

Question: Are God and Buddha the same?

Answer: It depends on how you define God.

If your God is a Caucasian or even Middle Eastern-looking man in a robe with long flowing hair who sits in judgment of my thoughts, words and deeds, then no, I don't believe in that. My wife does that for me. She is probably a better judge on those things too.

On the other hand, if your God is a dynamic force of love, wisdom and compassion; if this God is not outside myself waiting and judging, but a part of myself, embracing me, just as I am, then I say, yes!

Question: Did God create the world?

Answer: "I don't know, but probably not. I guess it depends on the question of how you define God." I can't even remember the names of the Presidents of the United States that go way back in history. Did the Presidents create the United States? Science has shown me that the Earth is millions of years old. God as creator holds as much evidential truth as aliens creating the Earth. I just don't know, and ultimately it doesn't really matter to me.

The God I believe in is defined to me as Amida Buddha. Not a Judge or Creator but a Parent loving me without question, accepting me as I am. Amida Buddha's Vow is the prayer of the Universe, praying for my benefit that I wake up to true and real life now, not after I'm dead.

Question: Is there a heaven and hell?

Answer: I do not believe that there is a heaven or hell after we die. Heaven and Hell are created in this life, by our own illusions, our ego. From my personal experience, I believe that at death, we are all embraced in compassionate light. As I explained to some Muslim Clerics that came to our temple a few years ago, I believe I am embraced in the light of wisdom and compassion at this moment. You may call him Allah, our Christian and Jewish friends call it God. I call it Amida Buddha. I do not believe that Amida, God or Allah would abandon me, when I may need it the most. So I don't worry about after death, but about what I am doing now.

Question: Do Buddhists pray?

Answer: Well, I guess if Amida Buddha prays, so do I. Prayer is a human yearning for life, for authenticity. My response to this prayer is a prayer: Namo Amida Butsu. It is a response of awareness and appreciation for this prayer that had been answered countless of lifetimes before, just for me - the foolish being who can't even memorize the presidents' names.

Question: Do you believe or have faith in Jesus Christ as your savior?

Answer: I don't think so, but I really don't know, because I'm still not sure what I have to be saved from. I do have faith that I am a foolish being and that I have been saved time and time again from my own foolishness. This is why I believe in a force of love, wisdom and compassion that embraces me at all times. My existence at this moment is a physical manifestation of this faith. I exist because of others. On my own, I don't have a chance. To say I believe in Jesus Christ as my savior would be a blind faith, which I do not believe in.

Question: Do you believe God punishes the bad?

Answer: When there is a catastrophe in life, many people feel that God is punishing them for some transgression. First of all, I do not believe God is messing around with the intimate details of our lives. Ignorant, greedy and angry humans are the reasons for most all the catastrophes in the world, whether this is war, heinous crime or climate change. I believe in the natural and Buddhist law of cause and effect and interdependence. If examined carefully this is hard to deny. If there is a God, I don't think he or she would be personally involved to invalidate this precious law.

I know that there are other questions you may have. I hope that you will come to the temple so we may discuss them. It is in a Sangha that we become Buddhists. It is very difficult on our own. As a Buddhist minister, I don't have your answers to these important life questions, but together, we may find answers for ourselves. As Rev. Haguri says, "*so that we become true individuals: strong in crisis, humble in success, tender in our feelings and grateful at all times.*"

This quote I began with is by Rev. Gyodo Haguri from his book Awareness of Self. I feel that Rev. Haguri is describing the ideal Jodo Shinshu Buddhist. Although going to the temple is important, and even more than that is participating in general welfare activities that benefit humanity. I believe that none of this can be done without first developing our personal spiritual life and thought. Our self is determined by our relationship to others. There is no self without other.

We live in a largely Christian society. There are those who develop a sense of "us" and "them." This only diminishes our shared humanity. In being a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist, I naturally embrace the teachings of Shinran. This is the foundation of my spiritual home. But a home is more than just a foundation. My spiritual home is also made up and of many materials provided by my Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Daoist, Confucian, shamanic neighbors and friends. I could not have my Buddhist home without these neighbors and friends; we are defined by our relationship to others. This year, because Salt Lake City is hosting the Parliament of World Religions, we have the opportunity to learn from the World, I hope you can join us.

~Namo Amida Butsu!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, I hope that everyone is well.

Steve K. and I attended the National Council Meeting. Items that were passed were:

- (1) Assessment for FY 2015/16 is \$109.39 a rise from \$107.25.
- (2) Numerous clerical changes were made on BCA By-Laws.

If anyone wants more detail, I will happy to provide more information.

(3) Ad Hob Committee on the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) Financing and the Endowment Foundation has negotiated a new \$4 million loan between the BCA and the Endowment Foundation. This replaces the previous loan that expired in June, 2014. The Committee has launched 1000 people x \$1000 x 4 years fundraising project which will help us replenish the funds used to make this loan.

Please find donation form at the end of this GEPPPO.

The board is planning the Obon fund raiser. Please support this fund raiser and Sunday service.

*In Gassho,
Thomas F.*



BWA NEWS

Greetings from the Ogden BWA ...



March 1st was our annual membership party. We enjoyed a great lunch at the Greenery Restaurant followed by a short service and ending with a fun game of bingo with some fun prizes. Thanks to the ladies that put this together to make it a fun event. Our new members this year are: LaVerne K., Emi H., Kimi H., Judy K., Haru T. and Cynthia M. Welcome to the BWA, it is great to have so many new members. The BWA is great group of ladies and now it is even better.

Welcome

The BWA ladies will also be having their annual fundraisers for the church again.

Our **Sushi Sale** will be the same day as the Gotan-E Service on **Sunday, May 10th**. Please see the order form attached in this GEPPPO if you would like to pre-order sushi. You will be able to pick up your order on the day of May 10th or let us know and we can get it to you.



The **Spaghetti Dinner** fundraiser will be **Saturday June 20th** from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available from BWA members and will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. You can always pay at the door too. So, come and enjoy some good food and fun to help support the church. There will also be a raffle for a chance to win some great prizes. As always thanks for your support.

*IN GASSHO,
Tami H.*

Dates to remember:

Sushi sale prep: May 9th, 9:00 a.m. and May 10th, 10:00 a.m.

Sushi Sale, May 10th, pick up orders on the day of Gotan-E Service

BWA Spaghetti Dinner, June 20th, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

BWA Wendover Bus Trip: June 28th

BWA DONATIONS

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Special Donations for BWA Membership Party

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2015 Membership

Maya C., Susan C., Karen D., Linda E.-R., Christy F., Marcie F., Julia F., Fran H., Kim H., Marie H., Alice H., Mackenzie H., Tami H., Emi H., Yuri I., Akiko K., Ellen K., Judy K., Brenda K., Fumie K., Laverne K., Cynthia M., Jeannie P., Shauna R., Masako R., Lorraine S., Ruth S., Betty S., Janice S., Tomoko S., Alice Y. S., Haru T., KayLe Y., Kris Y., Lola Y., Betty Y., Yai Y., Yoshiko Y., Yoshie Y.



HEALTH TIPS FROM NURSE ALICE

Steps to Control Your Blood Pressures

Controlling your blood pressure is important to prevent the following:

- Stroke and a heart attack
- Damage to your major organs: brain, eyes, heart, and kidneys (More people are dying of kidney failure because they are not controlling their blood pressures.)

Steps:

1. Take your medicine as directed by your physician
2. Check your blood pressure and see your physician on a regular basis.
3. Eat a heart healthy diet
4. Cut down on salt
5. Stop smoking
6. Avoid stress
7. Limit your alcohol and caffeine intake
8. Exercise regularly
9. Get adequate rest and sleep



General Reference Chart for Adults:

Normal	120/80 or less
Borderline	120 to 130 (systolic, top number) 80 to 89 (diastolic, bottom number)
High	140 to 159 (systolic, top number) 90 to 99 (diastolic, bottom number)
Extremely High	160 or higher (systolic, top number) 100 or higher (diastolic, bottom number)

Please feel free to contact Nurse Alice with any questions at *** *Omitted for Online Version* ***.



My First MAP Training

By Geoff R., Minister's Assistant

Thanks to the generosity of the Sangha, I was able to attend my first MAP training at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley from March 26-28. I was a bit intimidated at first, because there were three kyoshi candidates included in our group, as well as a number of ministers' assistant who had already received tokudo ordination. Everyone was very helpful and understanding, though, so I soon felt more comfortable. The session started with a conversation with Bishop Umezu, who updated us on the importance of the MAP program, which is now producing candidates for minister as well as helping the existing ministers in their work. We then learned the funeral chanting style of Shoshinge from Reverend Kusonoki, who taught us to chant Sanbujo when he visited Ogden a couple years ago. For the evening service, we chanted Shoshinge with all the wasans- the first time I had ever had to chant it! The sound in the Kodo of everyone chanting was inspiring. On Thursday evening, we held a Dharmathon where nine of the attendees gave 5-7 minute Dharma talks. It was fun hearing the different styles of the speakers. Classes included General Buddhism by Reverend Kobata from San Francisco Betsuin, Tannisho from Reverend David Matsumoto and The Three Treasures from Reverend Henry Adams. The meals were excellent, including oden prepared by Reverend Harada of Orange County Buddhist Temple. After the evening service, it was relaxing to chat with Reverend Kuwahara and Reverend Kusunoki. Their insights into the Dharma were very helpful. I appreciate the opportunity that the Ogden Sangha has given me to participate in this program. I hope that it will help me serve the Sangha more effectively.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDANT ~ Suzan Y.

On behalf of the Dharma School parents and students, we want to thank you for attending the Keiro-Kai lunch.

The students and parents take great care in preparing this lunch. Justine H. and Robyn H. did a great job coordinating the luncheon.

This year's Hanamatsuri program was a change from previous years. Every year Ruth S. has helped dress the students for the Ochigo Parade and Hanamatsuri program. This year in addition to dressing the students, she



volunteered to teach them an Obon dance to "Mottainai". We really enjoyed watching all of the students participate! This was the first performance for the beginning Taiko group. Kobe H., Colton H., Andrew K., Taison Y., had some help from Josh W., Justin R., Kyra H. and Madison Y. Justin and Josh are with the Salt Lake Temple's Beginning Taiko Group. Every Sunday for past three years, Betty Y. and Stan H. have been working with the Salt Lake Temple to start their Taiko group. It was great to have a couple of their members join us on Hanamatsuri. We appreciate Ellen K., Geniel S. and Lorraine S. for chairing our Hanamatsuri celebration.

I'm sure you noticed Lagoon's newest ride, The Cannibal! Don't miss this awesome ride and get your tickets for Lagoon Day. We have reserved the Willow Terrance for Sunday, June 7, 2015, 11:00 am. Tickets will be \$38.00 a person. The regular single day pass is \$49.95 + tax, but by paying Ogden Dharma School we receive a group discount. Ogden will provide chicken, salads and drinks and Salt Lake will bring desserts.

See you there!



The Ogden Japanese Christian Church, 580 23rd Street is having a yard sale on Saturday, June 27, 2015, 8:00 am - Noon. Clothes for all ages, baby items, books, records and small appliances have been popular items.

They are accepting donations now! The Ogden Buddhist Church will not be holding a yard sale this year. Please give Ami N. a call, *** *Omitted for Online Version* ***, if you have any items you would like to donate. They could also use some help Saturday morning settin

In Gassho,
Suzan



Dharma School Donations

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Dharma School Happenings

****Please check out the GEPO online to see our pictures in full color!****



April Birthdays:
Bryson H. and Mackenzie H.

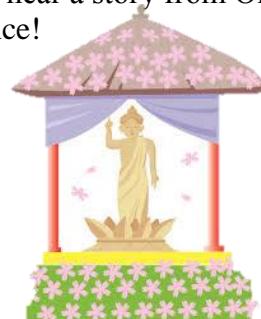
Not pictured for April Birthdays are KayLene Y.,
Trenton Y., and Taegen B.

Meet our Hanamatsuri Friends



This year we were pleased to see Horace the Ho'onko Hippo again! It was nice to see him at our service and hear his wisdom thru Sensei Hirano – they are such good companions! It was a GREAT surprise to meet all of Horace's new friends – Orlando the Obon Ostrich, Pat the Ohigan Phoenix, Harry the Hanamatsuri Groundhog, and Pat the Buddhist Bunny!

Harry told us that he was the one who pushed up all the flowers from the ground when the Buddha was born! WOW! That means he must be very old because Sensei says Buddha was born about 2600 years ago! We can't wait until Obon so that we can hear a story from Orlando, the Obon Ostrich! With his long neck, I bet he does a great Obon dance!



A very special THANK YOU goes to The S. Family ~ Date,

Shauna, and Wayne for donating ALL the flowers to cover our Hanamido! Every year the flowers they donate are bigger and more beautiful! THANK YOU for helping us to keep the tradition of fresh flowers every Hanamatsuri!

Please remember to view our pictures online at:
<http://www.slbuddhist.org/ogden/geppo/index.htm>

If you have any pictures of our Hanamatsuri Celebration, please e-mail them to Suzan Y. at * *Omitted for Online Version* ***.

Ogden Buddhist Taiko Donations

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Thank you so much for thinking and supporting our Taiko Group! The Ogden Buddhist Taiko Group receives several requests to perform across the Wasatch Front! The Taiko group does not charge for most of the performances and feels this is their way to pay back the kindness that is always shown to them at our temple. These funds will help repair our equipment and help our group members attend things like the North American Taiko Conferences.



In Loving Memory

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

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

Aileen Shizuko Kano – March 2, 2015

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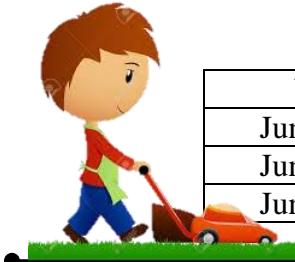


Summer Lawn Care Schedule - June

Thank you to all our volunteers for taking care of our beautiful lawn during the summer. We appreciate you taking the time to help keep our temple beautiful! If you are unable to keep your scheduled time, please make arrangements with another volunteer.

THANK YOU!

Week of	Scheduled People
June 14, 2015	Last day of Dharma School – now after service
June 21, 2015	Steve K., Bart H., Blaine Y.
June 28, 2015	Kirk Y., Trenton Y., Steve Y.



Ogden BWA
Spaghetti Dinner

A colorful illustration of a plate filled with spaghetti and meatballs. A fork is stuck into the top left of the spaghetti, with some strands of spaghetti hanging down. The meatballs are brown and pinkish-red, suggesting they are cooked with tomato sauce. The plate is white with a scalloped edge.

Saturday, June 20, 2015
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ogden Buddhist Church - 155 North Street
\$8 Adults, \$5 Children

All proceeds to benefit the
Ogden Buddhist Church

Tickets available from any BWA member

"MEMBER SPOTLIGHT"

CONGRATULATIONS to
Chelsea H. and Stuart G.

They were married on April 11, 2015.
Chelsea is the Granddaughter of long-time member,
Aiko H.!



*If you have any "SPOTLIGHTS" that you would like in our GEPPO,
please let Kris Y. know via e-mail: *** Omitted for Online Version ***.*



GOTAN-E
May Shotsuki Hoyo
Hatsumairi
Sunday, May 10, 2015
Service at 1:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Koshin Ogui

Rev. Ogui has been a minister for over 40 years. He is the past Bishop of BCA. He served at the San Francisco Buddhist Temple and the Cleveland Buddhist Temple. He founded Zenshin Sangha in Cleveland and Midwest Buddhist Temple. He is currently the minister at the Oregon Buddhist Temple in Portland.

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 known 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.



JUNE SHOTSUKI HOYO
Sunday, June 14, 2015
Service at 1:30 p.m.

May/June Shotsuki Hoyo

May Shotsuki Hoyo

May 10, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

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 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 26	2012	James Yonemura
May 30	2006	Daiche Yoshimura
May 20	2005	Sumiye M. Yoshimura
May 27	2001	Masaji Roy Yoshinaga
May 1	2008	Helen Fujiko Yoshinaga

June Shotsuki Hoyo

June 14, 2015 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 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 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, Home: 299-8727,
Emergency: 819-2648.

2015 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passes away in:

2014 – 1 year	2003 – 13 year	1981 – 33 year
2013 – 3 year	1999 – 17 year	1966 – 50 year
2009 – 7 year	1991 – 25 year	1916 – 100 year



ANNUAL BWA SUSHI SALE

The annual BWA Sushi Sale will be on May 10th following Gotan-E Service.
All information and a pre-order form is available at the end of the GEPPO.
Please remember that all proceeds will go to the Ogden Buddhist Church!



THANK YOU ♥ THANK YOU ♥ THANK YOU

THANK YOU to EVERYBODY who contributed to our Nihon Matsuri Food Booth! Nihon Matsuri is a GREAT event to raise public awareness about our Japanese Ancestry and to raise funds for our temples.

Our booth was very successful and it is because of YOU! You helped plan our booth, you brought items to donate, and YOU gave the best gift of all, your time! The board would like to thank YOU! We would like to especially thank all the temple members that donated rice, money, soda, and water to this event.

We would like to especially like to thank Mae M. and Jani H. of GriDeli's for donating the Egg Beaters and Oil. When you are out in the Marriott-Slaterville area, please stop by their restaurant for some great food! Another BIG thank you to Ralph and Ruth S. for bringing the Japanese Candy all the way back from Japan! The candy was so popular, it sold out before noon!

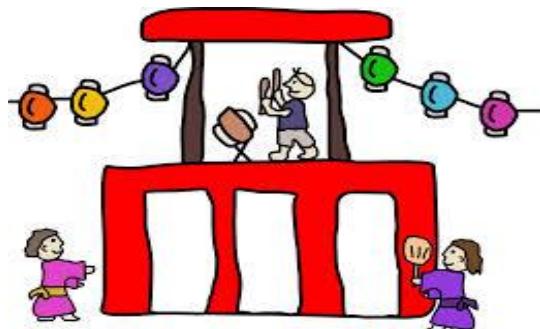


**BE SURE TO MARK THESE
IMPORTANT DATES ON YOUR
CALENDAR NOW!**

June 20, 2015
BWA Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

July 18 & 19, 2015
OBON

October 10, 2015
Bazaar



"A child's drawing of the Obon Festival"

OBON DANCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

All practices begin at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 29th

Wednesday, July 1st

Monday, July 6th

Wednesday, July 8th

Friday, July 10th

Monday, July 13th

Wednesday, July 15th

Please come and bring a friend!

OBON DONATION LIST

Our temple is alive today because of the generosity of our members. The OBC Board is grateful to all our members for their donations. Every donation we receive helps to offset the costs involved in our major temple events. Obon is one of our biggest fund raisers ~ it is our chance to show off our temple, our religion, and our talents to the general public!

Please help if you are able!



Obon Donation List
1 - Large bottle Mirin
2 1-gallon bottles of soy sauce
3 Large bottles Yoshida Sauce
1 56-oz can Toasted Sesame Oil
3 50-count packages of Sushi Nori
50 cans Spam
2 Large boxes Salt
2 Large boxes Ajinomoto
1 box Heavy Duty Forks
10-double packs Somen Noodles
1 gallon size bottle Seasoned Rice Vinegar
1 – 2 cases Toilet Paper
1 case Regular Paper Towels
5 20-lb bags of rice
6 – 8 boxes medium-sized gloves
5 Costco size bags – Edamame



Please let Ruth S. know if you are going to donate an item before you purchase it. She will let you know if the item has already been donated. Please bring all donated items to church on or before Sunday, July 5, 2015.



Memorial Day Cemetery Service

Memorial Day Cemetery Service will be as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. at Syracuse Cemetery
- 10:00 a.m. at Washington Heights Cemetery
- 10:30 a.m. at the Ogden Cemetery



May, 2015

Sunday**Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday****Saturday**

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3 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Family Service	4	5 Boy's Day! 	6 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	7	8	9 9:00 am BWA Sushi Prep	
10 10:00 am – BWA Sushi Prep 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:45 pm – Dharma School 1:30 pm – Gotan-E Service, Hatsumairi, Shotsuki Hoyo BWA SUSHI SALE 	11	12 7:30 pm OBC Board Meeting	13 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	14	15	16	
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Toban Cleaning Group:

Geoff & Linda R. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
Lorraine S.
Marie S.
Mike & Darlene M.



Memorial Day Cemetery Services
9:30 am – Syracuse Cemetery
10:00 am – Washington Terrace
10:30 am – Ogden City Cemetery



June, 2015

**Sunday****Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday****Saturday**

		1	2	3 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	4	5	6
7 12:30 pm - Discussion Group 11:00 am – Dharma School LAGOON Day!	8	9 7:30 pm OBC Board Meeting	10 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	11	12		13
14 12:30 pm – Discussion Group 12:00 pm – Last Day of Dharma School Lunch Party! 1:30 – Family Service	15	16	17 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	18	19 GEPPO Articles Due	20 5:00 – 7:00 pm BWA Spaghetti Dinner	
21 Happy Father's Day! 	22	23	24 10:00 am Buddha's Roundtable	25	26	27	
28 BWA Wendover Bus Trip	29 7:00 pm Obon Dance Practice	30					

Toban Cleaning Group:

Mike & Annette K. (Toban Cleaning Leader)
 Scott K.
 Sheldon & Kathy S.
 Julia F.



BWA SUSHI FUND RAISER



\$10 per plate

Available for pick-up following Gotan-E Service on May 10th.

All proceeds will go to the Ogden Buddhist Church.



BWA SUSHI FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your support!

Sushi plates will be ready for pick up on the Sunday of Gotan-E Service ~ May 10, 2015.

YOUR NAME: _____

of plates ordered _____ X \$10 each = \$ _____ total due

Please make checks payable to:
The Ogden Buddhist Church

Order forms need to be filled out and given to any BWA member.

\$1,000 x 1,000 people for 4 years = \$4 million!

This simple math is a bold plan to eliminate the BCA debt to the BCA Endowment.

Thanks to the support of the entire BCA, we have paid back our debt to the California Bank and Trust. Now, the only debt that remains, is to our BCA Endowment. While this is like owing "ourselves", we still need to pay back this loan. In doing so, we will be able to receive more annual funding for BCA programs from the Endowment.

We are appealing to the pure *dana* of our members and supporters who can afford to donate \$1,000 a year for the next four years. With only 1,000 such donors, our debt will be eliminated and we can positively move forward to the future.

BCA 1,000 x 1,000 x 4 Campaign



Buddhist Churches of America

Pledge Information

The "Thousand x Thousand" \$4 million goal is to replenish the BCA Fund at the BCA Endowment Foundation which supports BCA programs. To reach the goal, 1,000 pledge donors will contribute \$1,000 each year for 4 years beginning on the receipt date of the first contribution and this completed pledge form. Contributions of other amounts and/or without pledge acceptance will be considered one-time contributions. Excess contributions will support BCA Buddhist education programs.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

Installment Frequency: \$4,000 Single Contribution \$1,000 Annual Contribution for 4 Years

Acknowledgment Preferences: Please recognize as follows: _____
 Please keep my gift anonymous

Please accept my contribution by: Check (payable to Buddhist Churches of America) Cash (delivered to BCA Office)

Other Method (please contact me)

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard (MC) Discover American Express (AMEX)

_____ / _____ / _____

Account Number

Expiration Date

Security Code

Visa/MC/Discover:
3 digit number on back
AMEX:
4 digit number on front

Cardholder (as appears on credit card) _____

Billing Address (if different from above) _____

I authorize the Buddhist Churches of America to charge the credit card indicated in this authorization form according to the terms outlined above. This payment authorization is a one time or recurring donation as indicated above only. I certify that I am an authorized user of this credit card and that I will not dispute the payment with my credit card company; so long as the transaction corresponds to the terms indicated in this form.

Cardholder Signature _____

Date _____

Donor Pledge

By signing below, I hereby irrevocably pledge a total of \$4,000 paid as specified above over 4 years from the date of first contribution receipt to support the "Thousand x Thousand" effort. I understand the BCA will rely upon my pledge when making expenditures, entering into contracts, and engaging in other activities.

Donor Name _____

Donor Address (if different from above) _____

Donor Pledge Signature _____

Date _____

Submit this form and contributions to: Buddhist Churches of America National Headquarters, 1710 Octavia Street, San Francisco, CA 94109