



UPAYA

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Message from Rev. D.



HANAMATSURI - Flower Festival

Along our morning path, the seasonal changes call for our attention. For the past couple of weeks, the daffodils have been pushing their way out of the ground. They are usually an early splash of the paint brush of spring. Any day now they will make their announcement with sweet music of color from their trumpets.

Hanamatsuri, the Flower Festival, is our celebration of the birth of the historical Buddha, Shakyamuni. Hanamatsuri is one of our major Buddhist services each year. Each April, we remind our-

selves of the story of the Buddha's birth and reenact the occasion. His birth and life serve as example to all of us to seek and awaken to the deepest truths of life.

The recitation of the Nembutsu opens each of us to the workings of Wisdom and Compassion. Normally, we each are content to stay within our protective shell of self-centered motivation, effort, and gain. But we are also moved naturally to concern for others and to share our lives. The Nembutsu calls us to recognize that the mind of concern and sharing opens to the true realm while the mind of self-centered motivation creates illusion. When the Nembutsu is truly heard in this manner, then we gratefully live in the realm beyond self-centeredness and beyond what we once thought was the normal and only world we have.

As Buddhists and fellow travelers along the Nembutsu path, we commit to this process of awakening. The Wisdom and Compassion received intersects with life experience, and we are allowed to grow, expand, and connect to the infinite realm of Amida.

This year, **Hanamatsuri service** will be **April 10 at 10:00 AM** in Alameda and April 17 at 12:00 Noon at Enmanji. As we did a year ago, the scene of Lumbini Garden will be re-created. You are invited to come to the temple to pour sweet tea over the Baby Buddha. You bring the rain that fell that day in Lumbini Garden 2600 years ago. Please come to celebrate and enjoy the Hanamatsuri Festivities. We will see you at the temple.

Gassho,
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Hanamatsuri April 10th

Live Stream
Hanamatsuri Service
10:00 AM

Outdoor - In Person
Hanamido/Kanbutsu
Drive Thru Option Available
11:00 AM – 2:00AM

Obento Pick Up
Drive Thru Option Available
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**Welcome to stay
and eat outside on the
Temple grounds.**

**EACH SUNDAY at 10:00 AM our services are LIVE STREAMING
on our YouTube Channel: *Buddhist Temple of Alameda***

Sunday, April 3	10:00	Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial – Live Stream
Sunday, April 10	9:30	Dharma School
	10:00	Hanamatsuri Service – Live Stream
	11:00-2:00	Outdoor Hanamido/Kanbutsu – In Person
Saturday, April 16	10:00	Gomeinichi Service
Sunday, April 17	10:00	Family Service – Live Stream
Sunday, April 27	9:30	Dharma School
	10:00	Family Service – Live Stream
Sunday, May 1	10:00	Shotsuki Hoyo/Monthly Memorial – Live Stream
Sunday, May 8	9:30	Dharma School
	10:00	Family Service – Live Stream
Sunday, May 15	10:00	Gotan-E Service – Live Stream
Monday, May 16	10:00	Gomeinichi Service
Sunday, May 22	9:30	Dharma School
	10:00	Family Service – Live Stream
Sunday, May 29		NO SERVICE

Food Waste and Sustainability

Our Interdependent Lives: Food Waste and Sustainability

Saturday, April 16, 2022

10 AM HST / 1 PM PDT ~ online via Zoom for about 90 minutes ~

Jointly sponsored by: Buddhist Churches of America, Social Welfare Committee
and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Committee on Social Concerns

More information: <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/event/bca-hhmfh-food-waste-zoom-041622/>

ABWA NEWS

April Greeting!

Spring and Hanamatsuri time have arrived.

Archiving Seminar:

At the time of this writing, the seminar, "**Archiving Our Past to Present**" has not taken place yet. I will report on it in the next Upaya. As the hosting chapter of the Bay District Buddhist Women's League, our Alameda group has worked hard on putting it together. Jane Naito was especially instrumental in organizing the program and coordinating the video presentations and guest speakers. Stay tuned!

Clothing Drive

Reminder: The collection dates for the clothing donations are:
Sat., April 16, Sun., April 17, and Fri., April 22 from **11AM-4PM**.

If you can volunteer for one of the drop-off dates above, or help load the truck at the Temple, and/or unload the truck at Savers on **Sat., April 23**, please contact Karen Fong at karenhfong@gmail.com or **510-821-1617**.

The flyer in this Upaya provides more details of the Drive. Thank you in advance!

Next Meeting:

We will continue to have our ABWA meetings via Zoom until further notice. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, April 4, at 7PM**. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed closer to the meeting date.

Gassho,
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar

Women in Buddhism - Historiographical Approach

Tuesday, April 26, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

Women's roles in the history of Buddhism and Jodoshinshu-Buddhism are vital. In the historiographical approach, this seminar talks about Sakyamuni's stepmother Mahapajapati, Eshinni-sama, and daughter Kakushinni-sama who established the current Hongwanji. In the modernism time, Lady Takeko Kujo, the daughter of the 21st Gomonshu Myoyo Shonin, founded the BWA-Fujinkai in Japan in 1907 and established the first women university, Kyoto Women's University. We also explore the view of women by Shinran, Kakunyo, Zonkaku, and Rennyo Shonins.

Registration Fee: Free (Registration Required)
Donations can be made to the Kauai Hongwanji Council.

Registration Deadline April 19, 2022:
<https://forms.gle/7oBvsVVrazFJM5ma6>

UPDATE
\$ Clothes for Cash \$
ABWA Fundraiser

**Back by popular demand for a third time!
ABWA members will be collecting donations of**

Clothes: men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles: bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Your unwanted, clean soft goods should be in usable condition and placed in boxes or plastic trash bags no larger than 30 gallon size and to 20 lbs.

OR SUITCASES! Yes, it's time to get rid of those old suitcases, backpacks and duffle bags.

Drop off times:

Saturday, APRIL 16, Sunday, APRIL 17, Friday, April 22 - 11AM-4PM.

Drop off location:

Buddhist Temple of Alameda, 2325 Pacific Ave. Alameda, CA 94501
Just drive through and our volunteers will unload your car!

All donations will be delivered to Savers Thrift Store in exchange for cash. A portion of these proceeds will be donated to **Alameda Point Collaborative**. Their mission is working to end homelessness by providing housing and services to create communities where formerly homeless families and individuals can flourish.



For more information: Karen Fong (510) 821-1617 or karenhfong@gmail.com

SHOTSUKI – HOYO /MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Family members and friends are invited to attend service at the Temple or watch it on our YouTube Channel. April Memorial Service for those listed below. If 2022 is a special service year as indicated, please contact Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto to arrange a special memorial service for your family.

<i>Special Service</i>	<i>Year of Death</i>	<i>Special Service</i>	<i>Year of Death</i>
<i>1 year</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>17 year</i>	<i>2006</i>
<i>3 year</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>25 year</i>	<i>1998</i>
<i>7 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>33 year</i>	<i>1990</i>
<i>13 year</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>50 year</i>	<i>1973</i>

Abe, Infant Seitaro 1922
 Ago, Infant Kimiye 1926
 Akinaga, Mr. Nobuo 1977
 Akiyama, Mrs. Shina 1920
 Arima, Infant Kazuo 1926
 Ariyoshi, Mr. Keitaro 1934
 Bruno, Mr. Thomas 1982
 Doerr, Mr. Richard 2012
 Fujikawa, Mr. Kenneth 1999
 Fujisaki, Mrs. Yoshiko 1919
 Fukuoka, Mr. Heiji 1979
 Genger, Sachiko 2018
 Hanada, Mr. Tetsunosuke 1917
 Hasegawa, Miss Misuzu 1951
 Hashimoto, Mrs. Yaeko 2008
 Iijima, Infant Paul 1983
 Ikeda, Mrs. Kikuno 1937
 Ishikata, Mr. Isamu 2002
 Isoda, Mrs. Ai 1925
 Kaida, Mrs. Alice N. 2013
 Kajii, Infant Masayuki 1930
 Kamada, Mr. Tokumatsu 1940
 Kato, Miss Sumiko 1954
 Kazusaka, Master Haruto 1935
 Ken, Mr. Umeichi 1930
 Kikugawa, Mr. Sadao 1932
 Kita, Mrs. Oyoshi 1967
 Kitashima, Mr. Sakaye 1934
 Kuwahara, Mr. Jusaku 1925
 Maeda, Mrs. Dakino Toki 2008
 Marlin, Mrs. Mariko J. 2013
 Marubayashi, Infant Tadashi 1925
 Marubayashi, Mrs. Takeko 1943
 Maruyama, Mr. Hyakutaro 1936
 Matsui, Mr. Seinosuke 1937
 Matsuura, Mrs. Sumiko 1995
 Mayegoto, Infant Kazuye 1922
 Misumi, Mrs. Miyono 1930

Mitani, Mr. Jitsuo 1977
 Myer, Mr. Richard 1987
 Nakagawara, Mrs. Shigeno 1933
 Nakano, Mr. Ataru 1983
 Nose, Mrs. Kazuye 1929
 Ohye, Mr. Senichiro 1980
 Okada, Ms. Kazuko 1991
 Okada, Mr. Kinji 2007
 Okada, Mr. Minoru 1955
 Okami, Mr. Taneo 1922
 Okamoto, Mr. Henry S. 2014
 Okamoto, Mr. Takaharu 1932
 Okamoto, Mr. Tomio Thomas 2008
 Rubly, Mrs. Clara 1952
 Sakamoto, Mrs. Merry S. 2017
 Sakata, Mrs. Akino 1934
 Sekiyama, Mrs. Shina 1920
 Shibata, Mr. Zenjuro 1947
 Shikano, Miss Tomiye 1960
 Takahashi, Mr. Eitaro 1938
Takeda, Mr. Taro 2010
 Takei, Mr. Matsugoro 1921
 Takimoto, Mrs. Masami 1918
 Tamura, Mr. Kenichi 1947
 Tanaka, Mrs. Kameye 1929
 Tou, Mr. Reisui 1984
 Tsumoto, Mrs. Setsuko 2014
 Wada, Mr. Genjiro 1967
 Yamagami, Mrs. Hisano 1951
 Yamamoto, Mr. Koei 1933
Yamamoto, Mr. Nobuso 1990
 Yamasaki, Mr. Suyekichi 1981
 Yamasaki, Mr. Yasuji 1941
 Yamashita, Mrs. Shige 2009
 Yamashita, Mr. Tom 1993
 Yonekura, Mr. Hisakichi 1919
 Yoshida, Mr. Kiyosuke 1938

SHIN BUDDHISM

Spiritual Practice

The *Buddhist Temple of Alameda* will offer a spring series of classes on Buddhism in April on ZOOM. We will explore aspects of Buddhism in everyday practice.

Class will be held from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM on April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022



Life responsibilities of work, home, and family increase the demands upon each of us. Declining health of those we care for as well as ourselves is an ongoing process. Age and illness confront us all. Despite such difficulties, stability and grounding allows us to proceed with strength and joy.

Segments of the book: Learning the Wisdom of Enlightenment from Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai will be utilized to guide class discussion of daily life interactions. It can be downloaded as a PDF for free, or purchased for \$6 through the BDK website: <https://bdkamerica.org>

This series of classes is free of charge and open to the public. For those interested, please email alamedabec@gmail.com. **Registration is required.** Deadline to register is April 4, 2022.

Hosted by the Alameda Buddhist Education Committee, Buddhist Temple of Alameda, 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda CA 94501. For further information and updates, please view our website btoa.org or contact Rev. Dennis Fujimoto at 916-416-0919 or text, or email at revdjoshin@gmail.com.



Hiko Shimamoto
Temple President

Dear Members,

It has been a couple of months since I last wrote something for the Upaya. I apologize for the lack of communication. That is not to say that there hasn't been much happening at the Temple.....nothing can be further from the truth. Despite the fact that the Temple has been closed for two years, there have been a lot of things

I would like to bring you up to date on some of the major Temple projects.

We have been diligently working so that Sensei's weekly Dharma message can be viewed live online in addition to being recorded so that they can be viewed at any time. This has been quite a challenge. We have purchased new video and audio equipment, but it is still a work in progress. Of course, the goal is to someday be able to fully open for in person service, just like before. Exercising an abundance of caution, we are being very careful by limiting in person attendance for now.

In celebration of Hanamatsuri on April 10th, we will be setting up an outdoor Hanamido like last year. Members are welcome to come and pour the traditional sweet tea over Baby Buddha and Gassho. At the same time, an Obento will be handed out to Temple members who have signed up to receive one. This is in appreciation for those who have paid their membership dues this year.

Now that Covid restrictions have been relaxed, plans are under way to hold a one day Mini Bazaar on Sunday, June 26th. It will be a scaled down version of our regular bazaar with pre-ordered obentos for sale with the option of picking up to go or staying to eat. We will also be having a Raffle.

(Raffle tickets are enclosed with this Upaya mailing)

Despite the Temple being closed, the Board has been very busy. I just touched on just a few major things. In addition to those, there are numerous other projects and ongoing tasks that are being performed by dedicated Sangha members on a regular basis.

All these projects are very costly. The obento fundraisers have generated a limited amount of funds but short of what our annual bazaar and obon usually generate.

We humbly ask for and are grateful for your continued support.....Arigato!

Gassho,

Hiko Shimamoto
BTOA Board President

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022
"MINI-BAZAAR"

As we slowly ramp up our activities for the summer,
we've decided to take the next step and
offer our two popular bentos:



Chicken

Steak

We will have a pick-up or eat-in option.
We'll have tables set up outside in our yard as usual with distancing as
recommended by local health officials.

Pre-sales will begin in the next few weeks.
There will also be an opportunity to purchase on-site,
but availability will be limited.

Come out, meet with your friends, and enjoy the opportunity to get
together again!

Hope to see you!

!!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!
Please Email Us with Your Availability

Wednesday, June 22nd

Thursday, June 23rd

Friday, June 24th

Saturday, June 25th

Contact your bazaar committee: yumiyasuda50@gmail.com,
dorothyokamoto@netscape.net, thomas.hashimoto@gmail.com,
kyoshiwara@sbcglobal.net, howard.shintani@aol.com

THE RAFFLE IS BACK!!!

This year we are creating a Mini Bazaar and a Big Raffle.

**Big Raffle since we only printed 4,950 tickets total and
the Grand Prize is still \$3,000. Great odds! Buy Today!
\$5.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$25.00**

As you all know the bazaar and raffle are our main sources of revenue for the Temple. Because of your financial and physical assistance, we continue to make needed repairs and keep up the maintenance of our temple.

We so look forward for the day when we come back fully to a safe and joyous place to listen to the teaching of the Buddha, learn from the Dharma and to be with our Sangha.

Please return the ticket stubs and money as early as you can, postmarked by **June 17th** at the latest in order for us to prepare the ticket stubs for the drawing. The enclosed envelope can be used to return your ticket stubs and money. If you forget, you can bring them with you on the 26th.

Thank You, Bazaar Committee

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Steak Obento!

Thank you to our sponsors for their donations: Koda Farms (Rice), Howard Shintani (Pepperidge Farm Cookies), Safeway Redwood Road, Oakland (Cuties), Tokyo Fish (Takuan), Jackie Ito-Woo, Susan Shimamoto and Dianne Matsuoka (Caramel Snack Mix Treat).



Saturday, March 5, 2022 – Steak Obento Sale



Thank you to our Volunteers: Colleen Tajiri, Colleen Okamoto, Amy Tomine, Wayne Nakano, Susan Hiraki, Julie Takano, Leslie Shintani, Andrea Shintani, Mary Narahara, Karen Fong, Kathy Fong, Ron Tsuchiya, Joan DiStefano, Lani Takano, Angela Osterberger, Emmitt Osterberger, Ailis Linzou, Ava Linzou, Kimi Omi, Tamiko Yuen, Akemi Maniwa, Michael Bailey, Grant Tsuji, Eri Tsuji, Nancy Kawabata-Poon, Allie Poon, Eric Chung, Vicky Yoshimura, Bruce Fukayama, Judy Oda, Marilyn Ishida-Lew, Barney Lew, Kimberly Kato-Chambliss, Ellis Braxton, Kento Tsuji, Jason Matsuoka, Eddie Matsuoka, Joe Klein, Lou Panzella, Winston Li, and Leah Chung. *If we missed someone, our apologies.*

Thank you to our Obento Committee: Tom Hashimoto, Yumi Yasuda, Dorothy Okamoto, Howard Shintani, Kent Yoshiwara, Jane Naito and Joyce Maniwa.



SPRING FUNDRAISER

Buena Vista United Methodist Church
2311 Buena Vista Avenue, Alameda
Sunday, May 1, 2022 -1:00 – 4:00 pm

KALBI DINNER PLATE \$25.00

Kalbi (Korean marinated short ribs), rice, kimchee, seaweed salad & dessert

VEGETARIAN CURRY \$15.00

Vegetarian curry w/tofu, many vegetables, rice,
green salad with fruit, & dessert

Order online at https://bit.ly/BVUMC_Spring2022 or mail this form. Pre-Order Sales and Take Out Only, must be received by April 18th
Payments accepted by Zelle (send to bvumcdonate@gmail.com) or credit card through the Buena Vista website (www.buenavistaumc.org) or mail check (using form below) to

2311 Buena Vista Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501

Name: _____ Phone/Cell:() _____

Email: _____

_____ X \$25 (Kalbi) = _____

_____ X \$15 (Curry) = _____

Donation (optional) _____

Total _____

Desired Pick Up Time

1 – 2 pm _____

2 – 3 pm _____

3 – 4 pm _____

Thank you for supporting Buena Vista UMC!

We will notify you by email or phone should any changes be required because of new Covid requirements.



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Return Service Requested



ART FOR UKRAINE

On **Saturday, April 30th**, the Buddhist Temple of Alameda will be hosting local artists/artisans who will be selling their wares with 100% of proceeds going to a non-profit organization for Ukraine people in need. If you have items that you might like to sell for this cause, please contact Joan DiStefano at joanartglass@gmail.com. It could be home-made items – aprons, quilts, soaps, honey, be creative! Volunteers also welcome.

THANK YOU!

**Please join us from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30th
at the temple. The event will be outside.**