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Message from Rev. D.

Fall Ohigan 2022

We look forward to moving on from the summer heat. Signals are calling out the seasonal change that is just around the corner. Soon the **Fall Equinox** will be here with the balance of day and night. Even our own bodies will be permeated with the harmony flowing throughout the universe.

The Equinox happens twice each year during the Fall and Spring seasons. The usually mild and pleasant weather has long been recognized as an ideal time for study, meditation, and reflection. It is at this time that we hold our Ohigan Service twice each year.

Higan, meaning the Other Shore, calls for us to bring our attention to what is beyond this shore ... our normal life of self-concern and personal accomplishments. The Other Shore comes into view as awareness of the countless causes and conditions, and the interdependence of all things grows in each of us. In comparison the normal view that we are accustomed to is revealed to be a small, limited, and narrow view of life. With this new awareness and a broader perspective, we begin to move beyond what was once normal towards a deeper and fuller life ... towards the Other Shore.

The 6 Paramitas are provided as guides to move towards the Other Shore. Each Ohigan we are reminded of the 6 Paramitas as Dana – Selfless Giving, Sila – Ethics, Ksanti – Perseverance, Virya – Diligence, Dhyana – Meditation, and Prajna - Wisdom. In our Shin Buddhist tradition, the 6 Paramitas and all practices are contained in the Nembutsu. As we earnestly recite the Nembutsu, the process of awakening and moving towards the Other Shore begins to take effect. The Nembutsu is sometimes described as the Call of the Infinite or the Voice of Reality. It calls from the Other Shore for us to move in that direction and beyond our limitations of self and ego.

Ohigan is always a refreshing time to renew our efforts and to re-evaluate our priorities. **Those new to the ways of the temple** can come to appreciate even more that the Shin Buddhist path is a common sense approach to spirituality. Compassion is balanced with Wisdom, and gratitude for life emerges out of truths recognizable by all. **Those long connected to the temple** can recognize once again that the Dharma and the Nembutsu path enrich our lives as individuals, family, and community. Continued support in various ways becomes our heartfelt manner to thank those before us and to share this path with the next to arrive.

This year the **Ohigan Service** will take place September 25 at 10:00 AM. The service will be live in Alameda, and virtual or recorded at both Alameda and Enmanji. We'll see you there or on the screen!



Gassho,
Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto
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Members Welcome to Attend Services “In Person”

We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.

September

4	No Service - Holiday Weekend
11	9:30 Dharma School 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo Service
18	10:00 Family Service
25	9:30 Dharma School 10:00 Spring Ohigan Service

October

2	10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo Service
9	9:30 Dharma School 10:00 Family Service
16.	10:00 BWA, Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Kujo, Lady Ohtani Memorial Service
23	9:30 Dharma School 10:00 Spring Ohigan Service
30	No Service – 5 th Sunday

**While we are not asking for
proof of vaccination,
we kindly request that visitors
to the service be vaccinated.**

**Masks and social distancing
are required and temperatures
will be checked upon
entering the hondo.**

**Thank you
for your understanding.**

ABWA NEWS

I hope you are enjoying the summer!

We will reconvene our monthly meeting on **Monday, Sept. 12 at 7PM** via Zoom.
(The first Monday of September is Labor Day.)

Gassho,
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Summer may be coming to a close, but here in the Bay we still have our glorious Indian summer.

September also signals the beginning of Dharma School!

We're looking forward to having you back on Sunday, September 11th.

We plan to have an outdoor service starting at 9:30 a.m.

Hope to see you then!!

Gassho,

Yumi Yasuda
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Condolences

The Buddhist Temple of Alameda would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of our long-time temple members, **Mie (Mary) Hasegawa** and **Anah Sugiyama** who recently passed away. Both are having private family services.

Condolences can be sent to the Hasegawa Family at:

**1014 High Street
Alameda, CA. 94501**

Condolences can be sent to the Sugiyama Family at:

**Satoko Furuichi
1323 Cornell Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94702**

NEW FENCE



Thank You

A big thank you to **Dorothy Okamoto** and **Rev. D** for taking on this painting project. Our new fence will be protected for years to come – and it looks beautiful!!!

Our neighbors on the other side, let us park in their lot during services and special occasions. We would like to be good neighbors and paint the other side for them. If you're available and interested in helping, please let Dorothy know if you'd like to volunteer. Supplies are all ready and waiting at the Temple. (510) 501-8594

Keirokai 2022 **Sunday, September 25th**

Keirokai is a Japanese term that we use for the event where we celebrate, honor, and show our gratitude to our temple elders. Keirokai members are BTOA members and close friends of the Temple who have reached the age of 88 years old or older during this calendar year. This year we will honor our Keirokai members at the Fall Ohigan Service on **Sunday, September 25th at 10:00 am**. We invite all Keirokai members and their families to attend either in person or via our YouTube Channel.

Keirokai Members

Archie Uchiyama, Dorothy Mizono, Faith Yamato, Haruko (Haru) Shintani, Ikuko (Cookie) Takeshita, Jean Nomura, Kayoko Fujimoto, Kazue Iwahashi, Mamie Dye, Mary Ann Hamasaki, Mas Takano, May Yamaoka, Misako Akiyama, Mitzi Yoshimura, Nan Kataoka, Ray Tsurumoto, Takako Heinz, Tama Koda, Teruko (Terry) Isono, and Yasuko Ann Ito.

This year, we have six new members: Yoko Hashimoto, Kiyoshi Naito, Louise Ota, Betty Takano, Carol Takaki and Norman Takaki.

During the service, each Keirokai member will be recognized and those present will receive an obento gift from the Temple. If you are a Keirokai members and unable to attend the service an obento will be delivered to your home. If you have not already spoken to someone from the Keirokai committee, please contact Joyce Maniwa at 510-512-2256 to let us know if you will be attending the service or be at home waiting for our delivery.

Joyce Maniwa, Jane Naito, Dorothy Okamoto, Lenni Terao-Doerr
Keirokai Committee

ATOMIC BOMB MEMORIAL

On Sunday, August 6, 2022, the temple observed the August 6, 1945, atomic bomb detonation over Japan. A portable onaijin was placed on a table just behind the iron gates at the front entrance.

Thank you to all who attended the gathering at the temple gates in remembrance. If you had folded cranes for the *Tsuru for Solidarity* project from a few years back, you contributed. Lenni Terao-Doerr, Amy Tomine and Dorothy Okamoto strung the hundreds of cranes onto the Pacific Ave gate for all who attended and for all to see.

Many who attended had direct connections to the devastation brought by the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Memories that will never be erased. Let us all never forget what happened and do our best for peace.

Thank you to Rev. D for your welcoming message and words of compassion.



SHOTSUKI – HOYO /MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, October 2, 2022
In Person & Living Streaming on YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the October 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.

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

Abe, Mrs. Mutsu 1975
Akinaga, Mr. Yun 2014
Baba, Mrs. Fujiko 1932
Hamasaki, Mr. Seiji 1997
Haramaki, Mr. Shozo 1994
Hasegawa, Mr. Katsumi 1980
Hashimoto, Mr. Hiroshi 1997
Hashimoto, Mr. Robert 2012
Hayashida, Mrs. Fujie 2002
Hirai, Mrs. Misuye Mary 2000
Heinz, Mr. Charles Jr. 2015
Ideoka, Mr. Takeshi 1993
Inouye, Mrs. Miyoko 2008
Inouye, Mrs. Natsumo 1982
Ishida, Infant 1933
Ishida, Mr. Masamitsu 1984
Ishida, Mr. Shunichi 2000
Ito, Wakako 2018
Iwahashi, Mr. Minoru 1994
Kakimoto, Mr. Heijiro 1950
Kakimoto, Mr. Shigeo 1932
Kakufuri, Infant Amato 1926
Kamada, Mrs. Asa 1957
Kamiji, Infant Sumiko 1926
Kato, Mr. Hisato 1948
Kato, Infant Hitoshi 1934
Kawabuchi, Mr. Hiroshi 2012
Kitani, Mrs. Tayeko 1975
Koga, Mr. Matao 1970
Kono, Carol 2020
Kuge, Mrs. Isono 1992
Kuji, Mr. Kanmi 1955
Kuramoto, Mr. Kanji 2004
Kuroki, Mrs. Suyeko 1923
Kuwano, Mr. Iwao 2007
Matsuura, Mr. Kumazo 1963
Mikami, Mrs. Koshiye 1970
Mitsukawa, Infant Tadashi 1919
Mune, Ms. Kazuye 1933
Nakamura, Mr. James 2014
Nakamura, Mr. Jinichi 1958
Nakano, Mr. Kazuo 1991

Nakaso, Mr. Reiji 1936
Narahara, Mr. Isamu 1994
Natsuhara, Mrs. Ritsuko 2007
Nitahara, Infant Shinobu 1918
Nogita, Mr. Toshio 1921
Obana, Mrs. Setsuko 1974
Ogawa, Mr. Shozo 1986
Ohye, Kimi Higashi 2018
Okabe, Mr. Henry 1977
Okada, Mrs. Tsuya 1990
Oki, Infant Hideji 1927
Okumura, Mrs. Yaye 1962
Omi, Mr. Henry 1996
Ozeki, Mrs. Akino 1978
Pang, Mrs. Yon Chan 2004
Sakamoto, Mr. Shigeto 1959
Sekigahama, Mr. Magoichi 1963
Shibata, Mr. Yoshimi 2015
Shiira, Infant Megan 1996
Shimono, Mr. Makoto 1991
Sugino, Ms. Hideko 1942
Suico Mr. John 1980
Suzawa, Ms. Kazuye 1929
Takagi, Ms. Yumi 1918
Takara, Mrs. Nui 1923
Takayama, Mrs. Yukiye 1933
Takemoto, Infant Sonae 1923
Takeshita, Mr. Shiro 2001
Takishita, Infant Henry 1917
Tomine, Mr. Susumu 2002
Tomine, Mrs. Tomoe 1997
Tsuchiya, Paula Bisson 2020
Wada, Mr. Kazuo 2003
Yamagishi, Mrs. Kikuko 1937
Yamakami, Ms. Masaye 1924
Yamaguchi, Mrs. Sono 1918
Yamashita, Mrs. Haruko 1990
Yasuhiro, Mr. Naka 1964
Yasutake, Mr. Tosaku 1938
Yonekura, Mr. Satoshi 1945



Hiko Shimamoto
Temple President

Thank You Planning Committee and Volunteers

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. After two years of not having a bazaar or Obon, this year we were able to hold both, although they were scaled down versions. It was great, once again, to gather and have that feeling of togetherness with our Sangha members. Seeing all the people joyfully greeting each other was wonderful.

The mini-bazaar in June had all the usual hustle and bustle of workers preparing, cooking, assembling, and serving food. The aroma of chicken teriyaki and steak cooking on the grill filled the air. The sound of music blaring over the loudspeakers added to the festive atmosphere. It was nice that many guests were able to sit down and visit as they enjoyed their obento. Many stayed until closing.

The Obon Odori was especially wonderful. With the absence of food sales, many members who normally would have been too busy preparing the food were able to participate in the dancing. Not having a fundraiser during Obon allowed us to reflect more on the meaning of Obon,

which is to honor our loved ones and express our gratitude to them. The colorful lanterns with the names of the Hatsubon families showed the significance of Obon. An added hi-life this year were the decorated "floats".

Once the decision was made to hold a mini-bazaar and mini-obon, the planning became very challenging. It was not business as usual. Previously, the planning was fairly straight forward by following past practices. For the first time, members of the planning committees were having to take into account COVID safety protocols. It was a whole new ball game. There were many new questions. Without the experience of previous planning for such modified events, at times, they had to go with their instincts.

Nonetheless, I am happy to report that the mini-bazaar and mini-Obon were both very successful. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all those on the planning committees who worked so hard to make the best of the situation. These are unprecedented times, and your dedication and creative energy and hard work is very much appreciated. Going forward with further relaxation of COVID safety guidelines there will be even more adjustments.

But most of all I would like to express my appreciation to all the volunteers who came out to help. Whenever there is a call for help, so many friends and family step forward to lend a hand. We would not be able to have these events without your support. Arigato.

With Gassho,

Hiko Shimamoto
Board President

BCA Center for
Buddhist
Education (CBE)
Committee

presents:

"Finding the
Antidote to
Ignorance – the
third of the
three poisons "

Guest Speakers:

Rev. Blayne Higa "The
Jodo Shinshu

Antidote to
Ignorance" and
Chenxing

Han "Buddhist
Antidotes to Racial
Prejudice and
Ignorance".

Moderator: Rev.
Marvin Harada

Saturday,
October 29th –
11:00 AM to
1:00PM (PT)

Register at the
buddhistchurchesofa
merica.org website.

SHIN BUDDHISM

Practical Compassion

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

Classes will be held from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM on October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022



Amida Buddha is represented as Infinite Wisdom and Compassion. As followers of the Dharma, our practice is to live our lives guided by the principles of Wisdom and Compassion. What is the wisdom that determines our efforts of compassion? How do we select and express our acts of compassion? As we live our everyday lives, we continuously encounter such choices. Compassion towards self and others must be in practical balance.

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 **October 3, 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



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Tech and/or Design Savvy Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with:

- **Graphic Design Talents to help with the Upaya Layout & Event Posters**
- **Social Media Experience to help with our YouTube Live Services, Website & Facebook Updates**

If you're interested or know of the perfect person who can help us please contact Jane Naito at janenaito@me.com or 415.378-1100.