

JOIN US AT THE BCA VIRTUAL OBON DANCE!

Saturday, August 15, 6 pm (PDT)

Temples and bon dance teachers: Please submit videos!

Dear BCA Temple Minister, President, and Bon Odori Instructor,

We hope this letter finds you healthy and safe. As the COVID-19 pandemic still unfolds, we continue to experience untold loss and hardships on many levels. With the summer season upon us, most BCA temples have postponed or cancelled their traditional in-person Obon festivals for safety reasons.

It has been difficult and sad for us to imagine a summer without celebrating our annual "Gathering of Joy and Remembrance" together with our sangha, family, friends, and community.

In response, we are happy to announce that the BCA Center for Buddhist Education will present a **BCA Virtual Obon Dance on Saturday, August 15, from 6 pm, PDT.**

Prior to this online gathering, a series of **Virtual Obon Dance videos** will be presented by the American Bon Consortium (ABC) with Obon dance instruction from a variety of teachers, dharma messages from BCA ministers, and the history of Obon dance in the United States and legacy of Reverend Yoshio Iwanaga. These videos will be distributed online and are meant to complement each temple's own obon plans as well as the culminating BCA Virtual Obon event on August 15th.

***Save the Date!** Please share the BCA Virtual Obon flyer.

***Submit your videos!** Temples and obon dance instructors are requested to submit a simple instructional video and, if possible, a video of the same dance from a previous Obon festival. A sample video is posted here: <https://bit.ly/2WYBR1z> If you have any questions, please email Wynn Kiyama at americanbonconsortium@gmail.com or contact Reiko Iwanaga at atyrequest@gmail.com or (408) 209-1747. More details on submitting videos are attached.

We hope you will join us in sharing the joy and spirit of Obon, and 'just dance' -- virtually, from the comfort of your own living room! Please contact the BCA Center for Buddhist Education at cbe@bcahq.org or phone (510) 809-1460 if you have any questions.

Gassho,

BCA Virtual Obon Dance Planning Committee

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(6-5-20b)



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OBON DANCE**

AUG 15TH @ 6PM
(OBON IN YOUR LIVING ROOM)



**Obon Instructors from BCA temples
will be sharing their dances.
Sangha members will zoom in from
all over the country.**

A zoom link will be sent to your temple leaders.
For more information contact: cbe@bcahq.org
510-809-1460