

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FOWLER



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Streaming Service:

8/7 - CC August Shotsuki Service - Streaming

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

We hope everyone remains safe and healthy.

Namo Amida Butsu

2022 Memorial Service Schedule

2021 - 1 year; 2019 - 3 year; 2015 - 7 year; 2009 - 13 year;
2005 - 17 year; 1997 - 25 year; 1989 - 33 year; 1972 - 50 year;
1922 - 100 year



“Knowing how much is enough” makes us appreciate our everyday life

Hello all Central California Nishi Hongwanji Sangha friends! The Obon season is nearly over. So far, Fowler, Fresno & Reedley have hosted their 2022 Obon Dance. If you have not had a chance to dance “Tanko-bushi” this year, it’s not too late! The final CC Obon for 2022 will be hosted by the Kingsburg Buddhist Church on August 6, so please come, and join us!

In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, during Sunday services, we usually have sutra chanting such as *Juseige* or *Sanbutsuge*. Do you know where *Juseige* and *Sanbutsuge* originated? These two chanting materials are included in a Buddhist text which is called Larger Sutra (translated version) or *Sukhāvātī* (original version). The translated title does not have much meaning, but the original title has an important meaning. It means “lead to equanimity.” If I add some words to the title, the title can be read as “this *Sukhāvātī* text leads you to the state of equanimity.” Perhaps you have never heard the word “equanimity” before. Equanimity is sometimes translated as ‘great calmness’ which is the objective for all Jodo Shinshu Sangha. Our Jodo Shinshu founder Shinran Shonin translated it in Japanese, An-non 安穩.

The text introduces several ways to reach the state of equanimity/great calmness. Living in Tariki/ Hongwan (primal vow), is one of the ways. This time, I would like to introduce another way which is described in the text. It is “knowing how much is enough” as the dharma message of the historical Buddha. In the translated Chinese text, it is written as 少欲知足 (*sho yoku chi soku*). The Senshin Buddhist Temple in Southern California has the stone monument of this *sho yoku chi soku*. If you have a chance to drive down to Los Angeles, please visit the temple to see the monument.

Have you ever said “oh, I ate too much” in your life? Please imagine that you were in a restaurant and ordered your favorite menu item for dinner. When your server brought your meal and placed it in front of you, you see, and smell the meal. As the result, your mouth waters. As your stomach starts to rumble, you may think “oh, I want to grab my meal right now!” At the occasion of dinner with ministers, you

may be asked to wait to eat until after the saying of *Itadakimasu* by a reverend. You may say to yourself “hurry up, reverend, say it now!” Finally, a reverend stands up and says *Itadakimasu!* Then you rush to grab a knife and a fork and start eating your meal. For the first and second bites, you may really think “oh, this tastes soooo delicious,” but after you have finished half of your meal, you may start to feel as though you are only filling your stomach rather than enjoying it. When you see a quarter of the meal remaining, you may say “oh, I ate too much.” By that time, you no longer appreciate the meal. Have you experienced this before?

We are living in the world of “betterness – the quality or state of being better” or “moreness - the quality or state of having more.” One of the origins of such ideas was formed in the early 19th century in Europa as *Progressivism*. After the 17th century, Europeans gained confidence in their technological and philosophical development to overcome any obstacles in order to advance or improve their life.

It is good to have something better or more (such as buy one, get one free!). While able to manage our emotions on betterness or moreness, we are comfortably pursuing something better or more. However, when betterness and moreness starts to control our emotions or continues to stimulate our desires, we start to feel as though we are lacking something, a sense of un-fulfillment. These emotions make us feel frustration, stress, or even anger in our everyday life.

The story of Sukhāvātī was formed about 2,000 years ago somewhere in Southwest Asia. It tells that our emotional problem on betterness and moreness has been unchanged, although we think we have become smarter over the last 20 centuries. The historical Buddha generously informed us that “knowing how much is enough” reduces

the sense of lacking or un-fulfillment so that we can live & appreciate our everyday life. The Buddha does not force us to apply his teaching to our life, but I really live my everyday life appreciative with much less Monku (complaints) after I have applied his teaching. Gassho.

Gassho
Rev. Kaz Nakata

In Case You Didn't Know . . .

Keep up to date on what's happening at the Buddhist Church of Fowler by looking at The White Path (Monthly newsletter) online. Visit: fowlerbc.org If you would like to see past editions of The White Path, hit Information, then Newsletter, and you can go back as far as 2018!

The Shotsuki names for the month of August are:

Sho Tokubo
Moriye Tokubo
Tora Shinkawa
Okazu Honda
Tsuneichi Taniguchi
Kikuyo Komoto
Tosaku Komoto
Yoshio Sakamoto
Ysuto Hata
Bill Tatsuichi Hashimoto
Kats Matsumoto
Takeichi Matsumoto
Bessie Kondo
Ryan Kondo
Yoichi Otani
Yoneko Yamamoto
Torakichi Sera
Toshiro Yamamoto

Tadao Yamamoto
Shizuno Okasaki
Chitoshi Kuramoto
Eki Ideta
Katsumi Nakatsukasa
Henry Oba
Frank Kimura
Buichi Sakai
Peggy Reiko Yamaguchi
Toyo Yamamoto
Yuki Yamada
Daniel Masao Nishina
Grace Fukiko Ishiguro
Kazuo Hiyama
Harley Mitsugi Nakamura
Jitsuo Otani
Michiye Shimoda
Makoto Coke Mukai
Kazuyo Uyemura
Wichi Takeuchi
Alyce Taniguchi
Reverend Kyogo Miura
Setsuo Kikuta
Haruo Ii
Fumie Miyo Honda
Tom Tokiharu Nagata
Alyce Tokiko Nakagawa
Mitsuno Tomoyasu
Mary Teraoka
Vickie Michiko Hashimoto

Condolences

	\$ 50.00	Mac & Keiko Takeda & Family
The Buddhist Church of Fowler extends its deepest condolences to the Kondo family on the passing of their loved one, Ross Kondo and to the Kamine family on the passing of their loved one, Mr. Hiro Kamine. May you always find comfort in the Nembutsu	\$ 50.00	Steve & Joyce Hirata & Family
	\$ 25.00	Derek & Yim Honda
	\$ 20.00	Dean Shimizu
	\$ 20.00	Chris Mukai & Family
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Obon

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Namo Amida Butsu.	\$ 100.00	Kimihiro & Hitomi Sera
	\$ 100.00	Sally Yemoto
Church Toban for August District III	\$ 100.00	Janie F. Yuen
		Damon & Cindy Yuen
		Miki & Jade Yuen

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Kimihiro Sera	\$ 50.00	Linda, Nicholas & Christopher Matsumoto
Craig Sakaguchi	\$ 50.00	Bey & Susan Driss & Family

Toban

Aiko Kamine	\$ 50.00	Joe & Irene (Ishimoto) Hara
Irene Hara	\$ 50.00	Rick & Marlene Miyasaki

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\$ 50.00	M/M Gene & Gale Nakai	\$ 20.00	Gary & Arlene Keithley

Shotsuki

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\$ 50.00	Rev. & Mrs. Kodo Umezu	\$ 100.00	Ann S. Yoshimura
		\$ 100.00	Kimihiro & Hitomi Sera
		\$ 100.00	Craig & Tayoko Honda

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 \$ 50.00 Earl Honda
 \$ 50.00 Alex & Roberta Araki
 \$ 30.00 Arthur & Alice Fujikawa
 \$ 20.00 Sharon Asakawa

In Memory of Kevin Nagata

\$ 50.00 Don & Irene Miyasaki

In Memory of Flora Murashige

1st year Memorial

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 \$ 20.00 Nancy Tokubo
 \$ 20.00 Wataru & Laurie Takeda

In Memory of Hiro Kamine

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 \$ 20.00 Nancy Tokubo

Special Donation

\$8,520.00 Fowler Buddhist Church
 Golf Club

Hello Again

It was wonderful to open our doors again with Obon Dancing and our Obon & Hatsubon Service. Seeing church members again after 2 ½ years and welcoming so many friends made this a very special time in Fowler.

Thank you all for working so hard to make this possible and please continue to stay safe & healthy.

Namo Amida Butsu


CBE/IBS/JSIO

SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR
**REFLECTIONS ON
THE PURELAND**

AUGUST 5-6, 2022

IN PERSON & VIRTUAL

Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley 94704



DR. AARON PROFFITT

Dr. Proffitt received his PhD in Buddhist Studies from the University of Michigan, and works as an Assistant Professor of Japanese Studies at the University at Albany-SUNY. Dr. Proffitt has published in English and Japanese on East Asian Buddhism, Pure Land Buddhism, Esoteric Buddhism, and the Lotus Sutra.



DR. MELISSA CURLEY

Dr. Curley is associate professor in the Department of the Comparative Studies at Ohio State University and the author of *Pure Land, Real World: Modern Buddhism, Japanese Leftists, and the Utopian Imagination*. Her current research focuses on the body in twentieth-century Japanese Buddhism.

Moderated by Reverend Dr. Takashi Miyaji

Institute of Buddhist Studies/Southern Alameda County Buddhist Temple

REGISTRATION & INFO: <https://tinyurl.com/PacificSeminar>

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VIRTUAL

— OBON DANCE —

AUGUST 14, 2022 @ 2PM (PT)



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<https://tinyurl.com/ObonBCA>



Central California Nikkei Foundation

SWING FOR SENIORS

29th Annual Golf Tournament

Proceeds to benefit Vintage Gardens Assisted Living and the Nikkei Center

EAGLE SPRINGS Golf & Country Club

Sunday, September 25, 2022

\$150 per person

Open and Women 4-person scramble

10 AM Shotgun Start - 8:45 AM Check-in
Registrations due by **SEPT 12, 2022**

\$150 entry fee includes greens fee, golf cart, range balls, and awards banquet. Additional meals available for \$35 ea.

All guests are expected to comply with Eagle Springs Golf & CC's Dress Code policy.

Please provide handicap (include gender and age for forward tee consideration).

To register, contact
KEN OKAJIMA
kenokajima@hotmail.com
559-480-6530 cell
2839 E Frederick Ave
Fresno CA 93720

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Email:

Phone:

Address:

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Handicap: Male / Female Age:

2 NAME:

Email:

Handicap: Male / Female Age:

3 NAME:

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Email:

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Number of players x \$150 = \$

Additional meals x \$35 = \$

Entry fees are tax deductible to the extent of IRS guidelines
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