



# THE WHITE PATH

MONTHLY BULLETIN VOL. 5379

APRIL 2024

## April/May Services and Events:

- 4/07/2024 - Hanamatsuri/April Shotsuki Service/ Dharma School  
10 a.m. - Rev. Bob Oshita
- 4/20/2024 – FOWLER BUDDHIST CHURCH GOLF CLUB FRIENDSHIP  
GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 5/05/2024 – Gotan-e/May Shotsuki Service/Dharma School – 10 a.m.  
Rev. Michael Endo
- 5/27/2024 – Selma Cemetery Service – 9:00 a.m.  
Fowler Cemetery Service – 9:30 a.m.

## Future Services:

- 6/09/2024 – Rennyō/Lady Kujo Memorial/June Shotsuki Service/Dharma  
School – 10 a.m.  
Rev. Brian Nagata, Guest Speaker- Gary Mukai
- 7/20/2024 – Obon/Hatsubon – 5:30 p.m.
- 7/21/2024 – Obon/Hatsubon/July Shotsuki Service – 10 a.m.  
Rev. Blake Honda
- 8/11/2024 – August Shotsuki Service – 10 a.m.
- 9/08/2024 – Fall Ohigan/September Shotsuki Service/Dharma School –  
10 a.m., Rev. Mieko Majima
- 10/06/2024 – Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial/October Shotsuki  
Service/Dharma School – 1 p.m.
- 11/03/2024 – Eitaikyo/November Shotsuki Service/Dharma School  
10 a.m. Rev. Kodo Umezu
- 12/08/2024 – Bohdi Day/December Shotsuki Service/Dharma School  
1 p.m.
- 12/31/2024 – New Year's Eve Service – 7 p.m.  
Rev. Mieko Majima
- 1/01/2025 – New Year's Day Service – 9 a.m.  
Rev. Mieko Majima

## Who is Monshu?

Rev. Kaz Nakata, Rimban



Hello to all Central California Nishi Hongwanji Sangha friends!

I introduced “What is a Betsuin” in the previous issue of our newsletters and I hope now you have a better understanding on what a Betsuin is. In this issue I would like to write about “Who is Monshu” with my buddy Kanamochi. Monshu literally means a main person - **shu** of the lineage - **mon**.

‘Hi Kanamochi, where are you?’

‘I am here, Rev. Kaz. I would like to know who is Monshu.’

‘Ok, Kanamochi. Have you noticed a portrait, hanging next to the Onaijin-altar in the Hondo?’

‘Yes, I have. All CC churches has a framed portrait of the same person, except the Fresno Betsuin!’

‘Great, you mindfully observe what is in the Hondo. And you are correct that the portrait has not been hung since moving from the old temple downtown. However, the portrait was placed last month when I was appointed Rimban. Now you can see it on the right side of their Onaijin next Sunday.’

‘I see it is the portrait of young gentleman wearing an orange Robe. But I don’t know who he is.’

‘He is the 26<sup>th</sup> Monshu of the Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, our mother Buddhist temple in Kyoto Japan.’

‘Wow, 26<sup>th</sup> Monshu means there were 25 different Monshu(s) before him, right? It is a quite long time.’

‘Yes, correct Kanamochi. Nishi Hongwanji celebrated the 800<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of its founding last year. The Fresno Betsuin was one of the first temples founded in the Central Cal in 1901 and they will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in 2026. The Nishi Hongwanji exists more than 6 times longer than Fresno.’

‘It is amazing to know one temple has existed for such a long time. I am curious that how these 25 Monshus are related to each other?’

‘Do you know who the first Monshu was, I mean, who was a founder of Nishi Hongwanji?’

“Hahaha, Rev. Kaz. I know the founder of Nishi Hongwanji, it is Shinran Shonin.”

‘You know that Kanamochi! After Shinran Shonin died in 1263 (solar calendar), his descendants started maintaining his teaching and gravesite, as I introduced it in the last article. First, his daughter, Kakushin-Ni took care of him during his older age in Kyoto. After his death, she continued taking care of his gravesite.’

“So, she was *next of kin*, correct?”

‘Yes she was. 8 years after his funeral, Kakushin-Ni and her son, Kakue had requested Nyoshin to take over the lineage of Shinran Shonin. This meant Nyoshin became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monshu.’

“Nyoshin is a son of Zenran, right? I thought Zenran was the oldest son of Shinran Shonin but he was disowned by Shinran Shonin.”

‘Oh, you are a very good Dharma School student! In fact, Shinran Shonin did not want to disown Zenran personally, but as the leader of the Buddhist organization and out of fairness, Shinran Shonin had to show his discipline on his son. Although Shinran Shonin did not contact Zenran directly after he disowned his son, Kakushin-Ni, the youngest sibling of Zenran might have kept her connection with him. I have a story of Kakushin-Ni and Zenran and I will share their dramatized story as my Dharma Talk at Sunday services.’

“Wow, I would like to hear about their story!”

‘Anyway, Nyoshin took over the lineage of Shinran Shonin as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monshu, and Kakunyo who was a grandson of Kakushin-Ni served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monshu. Thereafter the descendants of Kakushin-Ni have been maintaining the Monshu position. It means the Nishi Hongwanji lineage is the maternal line of Shinran Shonin. In our Onaijin-altar, there is the Shinran Shonin’s picture on the right side of the Amida statue and on the left side, there is Rennyō Shonin’s picture. Rennyō Shonin was the 8<sup>th</sup> Monshu of the Nishi Hongwanji...’

“Oh, Rev. Kaz, I am getting sleepy...”

‘I know learning the history makes people sleepy, but I would like to emphasize that the Monshu is a very important figure in our Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. He maintains our teachings and tradition generation to generation. The tradition of Monshu has been preserved by numerous members, you and I included. I personally think it is very beneficial to support Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and its organization to maintain the teaching. So, I am dedicating my life to it as a Jodo Shinshu minister now. How

about you? I will be happy to see that whoever takes over my position in the future has a strong passion to share the Jodo Shinshu teachings to our society. I will do my best, but I know I am not a perfect being to satisfy everyone.'

"Oh, you are such a humble person!"

'Well...whether you believe it or not, I was NOT a humble person before I encountered Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. I was a person like ME, ME, and ME! But Jodo Shinshu Buddhism educated me to keep the mind of a lifelong student while being humble and positive. Such attitude towards life allows me to always be happy and enjoy every moment of life which is given by all sentient beings or Okagesama. Because the letter of Rennyō Shōnin reminds us that life with enjoyment is shorter than we expect, please don't adhere to each moment of negativity when you can enjoy each moment of joy.'

"Oh, that is a terrific way to live your life, as you are."

Gassho

Rev. Kaz Nakata

## **Canceled**

Please be advised that the Retirement Celebration for Rinban Kakei Nakagawa and the Accenssion Service for Interim Rinban Kazuaki Nakata scheduled for March 31, at the Fresno Betsuin, has been canceled.

## Honoring the Eternal Wisdom:

### Reflecting on Śākyamuni Buddha's Teachings and the Path of Nembutsu

In April, we celebrate the birthday of Śākyamuni Buddha, a wonderful opportunity to reflect on his teachings and introspect. Born as Prince Siddhartha Gautama in Lumbini, which is now on the border of Nepal and India, his enlightenment marked a realization of the way out of the cycle of birth and death, the source of suffering. Despite his awakening, we still find ourselves caught in the cycle of worldly pleasure and suffering. Out of compassion, Śākyamuni Buddha showed us the path to enlightenment, addressing various forms of suffering and anxieties, always emphasizing inner peace and compassion. Revered by many followers, he was called “Śākyamuni Buddha”, which means the sacred awakened one in Śākya tribe, and his teachings were spread as the Buddha Dharma in ancient India. His life and teachings provide us the awakened mind, guiding us with the compassion and wisdom of Śākyamuni Buddha.

After innumerable cycles of birth and death, Śākyamuni Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree. He then spent 45 years wandering various parts of India, imparting over 84,000 teachings tailored to his followers' understanding and circumstances. Some teachings focused on calming the mind, while others addressed overcoming laziness. There are even stories where Śākyamuni Buddha, holding a flower, merely smiled without speaking, illustrating actions grounded in genuine understanding and compassion.

Despite living 2,500 years ago, Śākyamuni Buddha's teachings have transcended time, place, and ethnicity, reaching modern society. Encouraged to embrace his teachings guided by compassion, we recognize our struggle to realize them. It was out of compassion that Śākyamuni Buddha revealed the teaching of Nembutsu, the last path for those unable to save themselves.

Our founder, Shinran, praises Śākyamuni Buddha;  
Śākyamuni Tathagata (Buddha) appeared in this world  
Solely to teach the oceanlike Primal Vow of Amida;  
We, an ocean of beings in an evil age of five defilements,

Should entrust ourselves to the Tathagata's words of truth.  
Celebrating Śākyamuni Buddha's birthday honors his life and teachings,  
praising the compassion and wisdom symbolized by him. By living within  
Nembutsu, we pave the way towards the land of bliss.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Rev. Mieko Majima

## **Effective April 1, 2024**

At a Mandatory General Membership Meeting on Thursday, 3/28/2024, the Fowler Buddhist Church voted to rejoin the CCDC. An official letter dated April 1, 2024, was sent to CCDC President, Norman Otani, stating our request and agreeing to the additional stipulations set. The Fowler Buddhist Church along with Parlier, Reedley, Visalia and Hanford will be overseen by Rev. Mieko Majima.

- 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](http://fowlerbc.org)

## **Board of Governors – April**

### **District 5**

#### **Rijis**

Cherie Nakayama  
Diane Eskelson

#### **Toban**

Satomi Hiyama  
Alice Fujikawa

## **The Shotsuki names for the month of April are:**

Misa Ninomiya  
Arthur Shigeo Ninomiya  
Toyokichi Kuramoto  
Naomi Kuramoto  
Sentaro Toyama  
Koichi Miyasaki  
Sen Yamane  
Shigetaro Hagihara  
Kitaro Asakawa  
Toyo Asakawa  
Kiyoshi Hirasuna  
Taka Hirasuna  
Kakuji Tasaka  
Rita Honda  
Reiko Nishina  
Eiichi Hiyama  
Saji Wada  
Ayako Mayebo  
Masao Tsuboi  
Kinyei Toyama  
James Hashimoto  
Meimi Hagihara  
Morito Miyasaki  
Asako Masui  
Ted Hirasuna  
Mary Nakahira  
Yasuo Koyanagi  
Frank Tsutomu Kawano  
June Masaye Gibson  
Haruko Tsuboi  
Joe Masumoto  
Hiroshi Hal Tsuboi  
Toshiko Yamamoto Arasuna  
Mae Umeyo Koyanagi

Fumiye Pauline Kikuta  
Misao Edith Hiyama  
Gary Iwai  
Hisa Iwamoto  
Shizue Nakamura

## **Condolences**

The Fowler Buddhist Church would like to extend it's heartfelt condolences to the Nakamura family on the passing of Tad Nakamura.

May you always find comfort in the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu

**-Makurakyo** – to request a Makura-kyo service, please contact Lee Osaki during business hours at (559)442-4054. Please do not contact the ministers.

**- Funeral or Hoji** – Please contact Barton Ashida, President, at (559)284-2955 for Fowler Buddhist Church availability and to schedule a meeting for assistance with funeral arrangements.

## **Food Bazaar**

On behalf of the Fowler Buddhist Church, we would like to thank all

of our church members and volunteers who helped make our food bazaar a success. We couldn't have done it without all of your help and support!

It is with deep gratitude that we also thank the Fowler Buddhist Church Golf Club for their monetary support of our Food Bazaar.

## **Annual Dues**

This is just a friendly reminder that your church dues for 2024 are now being accepted. Dues remain the same: \$225.00 – individuals; \$450.00 - couples/family.

## **New Members**

Please welcome our new members:

Rev. Brian Nagata  
Rev. Patti Oshita  
Rev. Blake Honda  
Don & Marsha Yoshimura  
Karen Kondo  
Nancy Kawamoto  
Janis Sutow  
Marlene Okada  
Russell & Ann Kageura



Kikuko Sadamitsu  
Terry Mukai  
Howard & June (Kawamoto) Zink

**Dharma School**  
\$ 100.00 The George Teraoka  
Family  
In Memory of George Teraoka  
\$ 50.00 Ron & Maxine  
Yoshimoto

**March 2024 Donations**

**Shotsuki**

\$ 100.00 Jean Yamamoto  
Nancy Yamamoto  
Judy Jost  
Dan Yamamoto  
\$ 100.00 Gary & Arlene Keithley  
\$ 75.00 Alex & Roberta Araki  
\$ 75.00 Greg & Patti Miyake  
\$ 75.00 Ken & Kim Miyake  
\$ 50.00 Ron & Maxine  
Yoshimoto  
\$ 50.00 Ada Yamamoto  
\$ 35.00 Gary & Karen Mukai  
\$ 30.00 Howard & Satomi  
Hiyama  
\$ 30.00 Greg & Gay Mukai  
\$ 25.00 Shig & Aiko Kamine  
\$ 25.00 Gordon & Susan  
Hayashi  
\$ 25.00 Geno, Gale &  
Stephanie Nakai  
\$ 25.00 Mary Mukai & Margie  
Mukai  
\$ 20.00 Sharon Asakawa  
\$ 20.00 M/M Doren Lee

**Spring Ohigan**

\$ 50.00 Debbie & Dave  
Yamasaki  
\$ 30.00 Gary & Arlene Keithley  
\$ 20.00 Yim & Derek Honda  
\$ 20.00 Janette Wong-Sing

**In Memory of Shizue May Mukai**

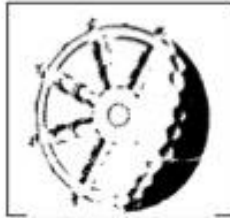
\$ 25.00 Rod & Kathy Misaki  
\$ 25.00 Sally H. Abajian

**In Memory of Shizue May Mukai,  
49<sup>th</sup> Day Service**

\$ 200.00 The Mukai Family  
\$ 50.00 Geno, Gale &  
Stephanie Nakai  
\$ 50.00 Mary Mukai & Margie  
Mukai  
\$ 20.00 M/M Chris Mukai &  
Family

**Special Donation**

\$ 1,000.00 The George Teraoka  
Family  
\$ 50.00 Gary & Arlene Keithley



**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
FOWLER BUDDHIST CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**SATURDAY, April 20, 2024 - Join us for a day of "Fun, Food & Golf"**  
**Ridge Creek Golf Club – 3018 Ridge Creek Drive – Dinuba, CA 93618**  
**Shotgun Start at 11 AM - Check-in at 10 am**

**FORMAT: 4-Person Team Handicapped Scramble.**  
**Team Prizes, Best Golf Shots, and Raffle.**

**ENTRY FEE: \$160 includes-Green Fee, Cart, Range balls.**  
**PAID Entry Fee required by Tuesday April 9, 2024**  
**All Ladies Division, OPEN Division and SENIOR Division.**  
**SENIOR Division 60 Years and Older.**

**75 Years and older = Forward Tee – Please note age on form.**  
**Banquet following tournament at Fowler Buddhist Church.**  
**Raffle and awards to be determined - \$25 Additional Dinner guest.**

**If you have any questions contact Ken Okajima at 559 480-6530.**  
**kenokajima@hotmail.com**

**Send Entry Form c/o Ken Okajima 2839 E. Frederick Ave., Fresno, CA 93720**  
**With check payable to: Buddhist Church of Fowler FGT**

Maximum individual handicap credited to your team will be 28 for men, 36 for women.

**Important - Please include handicaps or average score. Note age as of 4/20/24**

Player #1 \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hdcp \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$160 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hdcp \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$160 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hdcp \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$160 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hdcp \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$160 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Guests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mulligans and Raffle Tickets sold at Registration** TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_



Buddhist Church of Fowler

(559) 834-2077

210 South Ninth Street • P. O. Box 335 • Fowler • CA • 93625

Dear Prospective Donor,

On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, the Buddhist Church of Fowler will be holding it's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fellowship Golf Tournament at Ridge Creek GC. Every year a full field of golfers, along with their friends and family, enjoy a fun day of golf and a delicious banquet. We are looking for "**Tee Sponsors**" to sponsor the tee boxes on the golf course.

**PLATINUM LEVEL: \$1,000.00**, Platinum Recognition on Tee Sponsor Sign & Booklet

**GOLD LEVEL: \$500.00**, Gold Recognition on Tee Sponsor Sign & Booklet

**SILVER LEVEL: \$300.00**, Silver Recognition on Tee Sponsor Sign & Booklet

**BRONZE LEVEL: \$100.00**, Bronze Level Recognition on Tee Sponsor Sign & Booklet

We do this so golf and banquet participants will recognize who helped make this special event possible! Thank you for your generous consideration! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at: (559) 284-2955 or email: [b.ashida@sbcglobal.net](mailto:b.ashida@sbcglobal.net)

Sincerely,

Barton K Ashida  
Tee Sponsor Chairman

Buddhist Church of Fowler  
Tax Identification Number 94-1498382

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### TEE SPONSOR

Please include this information with your donation payable to the:

**Buddhist Church of Fowler F.G.T.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your check, and mail it to: Barton K Ashida, P.O. Box 25114, Fresno, CA 93729-5114



Buddhist Church of Fowler

(559) 834-2077

210 South Ninth Street • P. O. Box 335 • Fowler • CA • 95625

Dear Prospective Donor,

I represent the Buddhist Church of Fowler. We are having the 28th Annual Fellowship Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 20, 2024, and are actively seeking donations in the form of raffle prizes and/or "Tee Sponsorships." Raffle donors will be listed in the tournament booklet and tee sponsorships will be prominently displayed by a sign on a tee box. The site will be the Ridge Creek Golf Course in Dinuba, CA. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Our tournament reaches people from throughout the state, and will directly benefit the Buddhist Church of Fowler. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 559.284.2955 or [b.ashida@sbcglobal.net](mailto:b.ashida@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you for your time and generosity,

Barton K. Ashida & Roger Takeda

Raffle Chairpersons, Fellowship Golf Tournament

Federal Tax Identification Number 94-1498382

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Donor Information

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The information above will help complete your tax receipt. If you would like us to pick up your donation, please contact me at 559.284.2955 or [b.ashida@sbcglobal.net](mailto:b.ashida@sbcglobal.net)



*Fresno Buddhist Church invites you to our Twenty-eighth Annual*

## **Hawaiian Plate Dinner**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

**2 pm to 6 pm**

**Plate Dinner**

includes Chicken Katsu, rice, Hawaiian potato/macaroni  
salad, tsukemono salad, dessert

**Fresno Betsuin Family Dharma Center • 2690 E. Alluvial**  
**Donation: \$18.00**

Covid never seems to go away. The Dinner will essentially be the same, but we have again taken steps to streamline the preparation, in the interest of minimizing exposure. For everyone buying our dinners or all our valuable volunteers, we leave it up to you regarding the issue of masking. Safety First should still be uppermost in our minds.

Proceeds from our fundraiser will be used to help fund the operations of the Family Dharma Center, and now our new Temple. Your support is appreciated!

Lee Osaki, our office manager, will be handling all ticket sales. Please direct any questions, regarding tickets, to Lee. Her office number is 559-442-4054.

**Please write your check to the FRESNO BUDDHIST CHURCH.**

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Order Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Tickets: \$18 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Raffle Tickets: \$5 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** = \_\_\_\_\_

*Please write check to:*

**Fresno Buddhist Church • 2690 E. Alluvial Ave. •  
Fresno, CA 93720 and return form by **Friday, April 5.****  
Your dinner tickets will be mailed to you.

Any questions? Call Sherian or Glenn at 435-8050, or  
email: glenntheham@sbcglobal.net

**For ticket info, call Lee at 442-4054**

# Central California Nikkei Foundation

## Shredding Community Service and Fundraiser



Saturday, April 20, 2024

9am to 12 noon

Securely dispose of personal documents, tax papers,  
Books-hardback & paperback.

Limit: 20 Banker Sized Boxes per car

Cost: \$15 per Banker Sized Box

Cash or Check only

Please make check payable to CCNF

Event will be Drive-Thru

Boxes will be emptied from your trunk/tailgate and returned

Held at Vintage Gardens

540 S. Peach Ave., Fresno

Questions contact: Susan Hayashi – 325-1457 or text 906-8540

Seniors who cannot drive to the event, call Susan by **April 6**  
and arrange for pick-up.



Fresno Betsuin  
"Camping in the Sierras"  
**Steak Dinner**

**Saturday – May 11, 2024**  
**\$25.00 Eat-In or Take-Out**  
**4:00 - 7:00 pm**

Fresno Betsuin Family Dharma Center

Tickets can be purchased from:  
Campers

Betsuin Office – 559-442-4054  
Jenny Kubo – jkubo@comcast.net  
Or Send in Order Form Below

**Steak Dinner Order Form – Return with Check by 4/27/2024**

Make Checks Payable to: Fresno Buddhist Temple

In memo line please note: Camping in the Sierras

Mail to: Jenny Kubo 10544 N Old Course Dr, Fresno, CA 93730

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation = \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_

Eat In \_\_\_\_\_ Take Out \_\_\_\_\_



Thank you for your support of the campers!

Geppo



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# 2024 HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY

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Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 10 am

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## HATSUMAIRI

Hatsumairi is a special ceremony where grandparents or parents present their child(ren) to the Amida Buddha and the Sangha for the first time.

Children of all ages (newborn through high school) are welcome to participate in this ceremony. The ceremony is a first step taken by parents to raise their child according to a Dharma centered life and in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their children.

The Fresno Buddhist Temple's Hatsumairi will be held in conjunction with our annual Gotan-e service on May 12, 2024 at 10 am, which celebrates the birth of Shinran Shonin.

**Application Deadline:**  
**May 1, 2024**



Applications may also be found online



## Hatsumairi Application

Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's First & Middle Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Gender:     Boy                       Girl

Child's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Cell# (text ok?) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by **May 1, 2024** to the Fresno Buddhist Temple 2690 E. Alluvial Ave, Fresno, 93720 or email your pdf file to [losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org](mailto:losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org)

There are no application fees, but donations are gratefully accepted.





### Welcome All 4-5 year olds!

A two week summer program introducing Japanese culture and way of life: group harmony, conservation of resources, respect for elders, and cooperative effort open to children of all ethnicities and religious denominations in a safe environment. This program will be led by Rev. Kaz Nakata, certified teachers, and volunteers.

July 8-19, 2024

Children will sing Japanese songs, play Japanese musical instruments, Obon dance, meditate, practice mindfulness, and show their gratitude and appreciation everyday.



## The Fresno Kodomo Center

Fresno Children's Japanese Cultural Center

### For more Information:

Rev Kaz Nakata:  
rev.kaznakata@gmail.com

Alene Hayashi:  
amhayashi@sbcglobal.net  
Text: (559) 269-2402



## July 8-19, 2024

### 8:30 - 11:30 am

**Fresno Buddhist Temple**  
2690 E Alluvial Ave, Fresno

Tuition: \$300  
CCDC Members: \$250  
Fresno Buddhist Temple Members: \$150