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“Time sure flies! (although it really doesn’t)”

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the New Year has ended and we are entering into the second quarter. It's hard to believe that we are almost into our third year still under pandemic conditions.

However, we are moving closer to once again re-opening (all of) our temple doors. Although we will not be able to host our Hanamatsuri Service celebrating the birth of Prince Siddhartha who will later become known throughout the world as Sakyamuni Buddha at the temple, the temple is planning to open up enough to allow everyone who is able to come to the temple for Kanbutsu (灌仏), or the ritual of pouring “sweet tea” over the statue of the baby Buddha. In preparation for this volunteers, led by our Dharma School, will be preparing the Hanamido (花御堂) or “Flower Hall” to house the statue of the Baby Buddha. Inside the Hanamido, the infant statue of the Buddha is standing atop a lotus blossom that sits inside a bowl that is also shaped like a lotus blossom. Inside the larger lotus blossom is the sweet tea, and ladles that will be used to scoop up the sweet tea that will then be poured over the baby Buddha. The ritual of Kanbutsu

is based on part of the story that is told surrounding the birth of Sakyamuni Buddha.

Although the full story will be told at the Hanamatsuri Service which will still be held remotely, the Hanamido is built to represent the full blooming garden found at the time of the Buddha's birth in Lumbini. The Baby statue has one finger pointed upward and one finger pointed downward to represent the famous declaration that is attributed to the infant Buddha or, “Heavens above, heavens below I am the World Honored One!” Finally, the sweet tea is prepared and poured over the infant to represent the part of the story that describes the heavens opening up in joy at the birth of the Buddha and washing the infant with a sweet and gentle rain.

As with many rituals, they allow us to “stop time.” We are allowed to travel back to the time of the event, and participate as someone who was there. If you are able to come to the temple for Kanbutsu, when you pour the sweet tea over the infant statue, please take the time to observe how you are feeling when you are pouring the “sweet rain” to wash the infant Buddha. Hopefully, you observe yourself smiling. Hopefully, while you are smiling,

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hopefully you are able to recognize that part of the reason for that smile is because, although we live thousands of years after Sakyamuni Buddha, we have been able to not just experience but participate in the birth of the Buddha. We have been able to hear and have become caregivers of the teachings of the Buddha.

Soon, I'm sure we are all hoping, we will be able to support and nurture the Dharma together at the temple again. It is hard to believe that so much time has passed by already. Time flies! Although, it doesn't. Time has absolutely no aerodynamic properties to allow it to fly. Yet, it does fly by. Through our participation at the temple we are together in the presence of the

Buddha. However, although there is a statue, we can't actually hear the Buddha sharing their lessons with us. Yet, we do. We hear it in everything we chant, we hear it in every voiced utterance of Namo Amida Butsu.



SAVE THE DATE

Larry's Plant Sale

ONE DAY ONLY: MAY 7, 2022

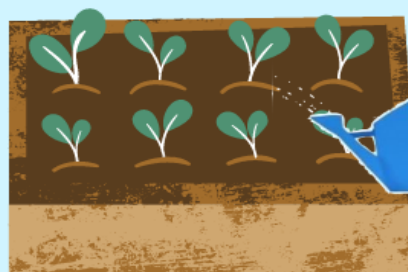
**All proceeds will be donated to
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If you would like to be added to the email list regarding updates and online ordering, please send an email to:

l.h.kawahara47@gmail.com

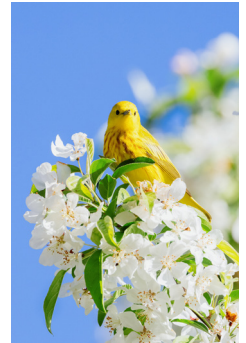
Plants include: eggplants, cucumber, tomatoes, shishito peppers and more!



Fujinkai / BWA Buddhist Women's Association

We're so excited to see everyone again! We are starting up in-person Japanese Adult Services and BWA Monthly meetings as of April. Please plan to join us on April 3rd on the temple grounds! Please note:

- ◇ Japanese Service and BWA meetings will be hybrid – Zoom links will be forwarded as requested.
- ◇ In person Japanese service will be held in the Social Hall on the 1st Sunday of the month, to coordinate with the BWA meeting.
- ◇ In person Japanese service will begin at 10:15am and the BWA meeting will begin at 11:15am.
- ◇ In order to attend, members must be fully vaccinated and must complete a form that says they do not have any covid-like symptoms (form will be available in the Hondo).
- ◇ Please bring your proof of vaccination, social distance and wear a mask.
- ◇ No snacks or ocha will be passed out at meetings.



BWA Activities:

- ◇ 2023 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth, 800th Anniversary of Establishment of Jodo Shinshu Teaching and 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention – 28 Sangha members have tentatively signed up to join us on this amazing Japan trip. Our reservations for the special service and the WBWC have been confirmed by Nishi Hongwanji. We'll be obtaining more details shortly.
- ◇ Our BWA cabinet donated and delivered Girl Scout Cookies to our members at the end of March.

Announcements:

- ◇ April 3rd, April Regular meeting at 11:30am -Hybrid
- ◇ April 5th, Tuesday – Obon Meeting, Zoom 7:00pm – Laurie Sugita and Kathy Hori will attend.
- ◇ April 10th, Hanamatsuri Service, details to follow
- ◇ April 13th, Wednesday – Fujimatsuri Meeting, Zoom 7:00pm, Nancy and Kathy will attend
- ◇ April 16th, Shinran Shonin Meinichiko Service at 7:00am on Zoom.
- ◇ April 24th, Sunday - Coordinating Council Meeting 11:30, Nancy and Kathy will attend

Graduation Notice

Graduation is approaching and Graduation Service will be presented on June 19, 2022. If you would like to have a graduate to be recognized, please contact Naomi Mekaru via email noohms@aol.com before May 31.



Megumi Deadline is Monday, April 25, 2022



TUESDAY SOCIAL

As we re-start our Tuesday Social gatherings, we will meet on **April 5 & 19 at 9:30 – 11:30**. We will keep you posted on the future schedule, hopefully we'll be back to weekly.

The following Covid protocols are required to participate in our Tuesday Social gatherings. Please understand, these protocols have been set to ensure everyone's health and safety.

- Everyone is required to be vaccinated and the Booster shot is recommended.
- Show Proof of vaccination on the first day.
- Masks are required



It will be nice to see everyone's smiling EYES. Join us as we gradually get back to our normal gatherings. Please take care and stay healthy.

The Community Projects Group

The Community Projects Group members were able to meet in March, and it was so nice to see everyone – to share ideas and catch up on the latest happenings! Our April gatherings will be on Mondays, April 4 and April 18, at 10 a.m. As of this writing, we will be meeting in the church house and outside patio area.

Our main project right now is our annual graduation ribbon lei fundraiser. The order form and other information is in this issue of the Megumi. Please consider ordering – all proceeds go directly to the Gardena Buddhist Church.



ABA News

It is wonderful news that groups are slowly being permitted to go back to have in-person meetings at Church.

As we enter spring, planning continues for all of the Fujimatsuri events, a committee co-chaired by two ABA members, Elaine Nishimura and Arleen Miya. ABA members helped and supported the Aloha Pizza fundraiser, and are preparing for the online auction.

Wisteria Chugakko will be in-person this summer with Charlene Hirotsu, another ABA member, as principal. Quite a few ABA members will be teaching and are busily preparing their curriculum.

The width and depth of classes being offered to the students is amazing.

The April ABA meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 17 but the date may change; stay tuned.

Take a little time to enjoy the warmer weather and the flowers coming into bloom. Stay safe!



**Board Meeting: Saturday, April 16 at 2PM
Via Zoom**

JR. YBA

On March 5, Sierra K. attended the online Southern District (SD) Religious Retreat. The GBC Jr. YBA continues to work very diligently with the San Fernando Valley Jr. YBA to plan for Seminar 3 with weekly meetings in March.

The two Jr Y groups also did a joint trip to the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) to see the new exhibit "Sutra and Bible - Faith in the WWII Incarceration" where pics of the Gardena Buddhist Church YMBA and YWBA groups from the 1940's appeared as part of the display.



Hui Aikanes

We hope everyone's doing well.

Our next meeting will be held on April 10th 1:30 in the Social Hall and also on Zoom if you wish to join in that way.

As we work through amending our constitution, it is important for every member to offer their opinions, and vote for changes. Please review the current draft version mailed to you. We look forward to hearing your guidance. Your input is very important and valued.

Our next meetings will be April 10th and May 1st.

**Alan Miwa**

From GBC Board Chairperson

"A Time for Action – Part 1"

The 2021 Southern District Buddhist Conference committee just shared the results from the "Let's Talk: Ondobo Ondogyo Going Forward" discussions. Their report shared the feedback from 186 attendees from 11 Southern District temples. While heavily weighted on participants over 50 years old, attendees spanned new Sangha members to the Issei and sensei's.

The following are general conclusions from that report:

- The temple provides a home-like comfort and familiarity.
- Gratitude for the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha should be reflected in all activities.
- Teach children and re-educate adults to extend the hand of welcome to all.
- Let's stop treating Jodo Shinshu Buddhism as the 'best kept secret'.
- Simplify for new members/visitors the doctrines and rituals to 'open doors' of understanding.

The following were found to be false assumptions:

- Long time members assumed that Japanese Language/culture was off-putting. But new members found it appealing and it's not possible to separate Jodo Shinshu from Japanese.
- 'Kids' want to keep a relationship with the temple community and the Dharma, but it's not easy when they move away. Help!
- Younger members want to help and lead; they don't see a clear path or feel invited to share in responsibilities.

On a rotation, every year, a district hosts a Buddhist Churches of America National Council Meeting (BCA NCM). The meeting this year was hosted by the Central District and scheduled over four days. It began with a Town Hall meeting and several workshops held on March 5th. The working days of the meeting were held on March 11th and 12th. And the meeting ended with the Eitaikyo service held on March 13th. The Town Hall meeting, the workshops, and the Eitaikyo services were open to anyone who wished to attend and not just the meeting delegates.

This year's Town Hall meeting was chaired by Bishop Marvin Harada. In Bishop Harada's opening message, he spoke about the Kiyomizu-dera temple in Kyoto, Japan. He said it is a beautiful building but doesn't currently have a living religion. This was a sobering metaphor on the declining membership and a possible future for our BCA temples. Over the last 10 years, membership has dropped by 28%. The forecast for the future indicates a continuing trend. Bishop Harada has made it clear that he has a mission to alter this declining curve.



Seven guest speakers from various temples made presentations. The theme was very focused on ways to reverse the declining membership. All the presentations were timely and inspirational.

We at the Gardena Buddhist Church are starting on our own journey that will use the information shared from the 2021 Southern District Buddhist Conference, "Let's Talk: Ondobo Ondogyo Going Forward" and the tips and tools that have been shared at the BCA NCM along with the wisdom, knowledge, and experience of you, our Gardena Buddhist Church Sangha. If you are asked to join in a discussion or participate in a committee, please consider doing so. You are needed!

Order Your Graduation Leis Early! 2022



Do you have a child, grandchild, friend or neighbor who is graduating this year?
Get a head start and order a graduation lei now. Be aware that graduations begin from the beginning of May!



The Community Projects Group is taking orders for ribbon leis, to be made in your graduate's school's colors. All monies from this fundraiser will go directly to the Gardena Buddhist Church.

The lei price is \$15.00 each for a double braid ribbon lei. All leis will be made with ¼" ribbons, with a metallic edging.

Lei Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Delivery Address _____

Email Address _____

No. of double leis at \$15 each _____

Lei #1 – Colors or school's name _____ Date needed _____

Lei #2 – Colors or school's name _____ Date needed _____

Lei #3 – Colors or school's name _____ Date needed _____

Others:

Total enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to **"Gardena Buddhist Church"**

Orders and monies should be mailed to:

**Gardena Buddhist Church
1517 W. 166th Street
Gardena, CA 90247
OR**

Email orders to: CPG@gardenabuddhistchurch.org

You will be contacted regarding delivery when your order is completed.
If any questions, please contact Kiyoko Sasaki (1-310-326-8252)



Gardena Buddhist Church
Fujimatsuri Fundraiser
May 7, 2022 – May 31, 2022

Ladybug Café

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Gardena, CA 90247

(310) 515.2250

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Gardena, CA 90247

(310) 532-8623

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Check our website at gardenabuddhistchurch.org for more details.



Wisteria Chugakko

Reverend John Iwohara, Headmaster
Charlene Hirotsu, Principal

Wisteria Chugakko Summer (Middle School) at Gardena Buddhist Church

Mission Statement

The Wisteria Chugakko (Middle School) is established to enrich the academic experience, and the religious and cultural understanding of its students in order to develop academics and a greater appreciation for the potential and dignity of human and all life.

Who: Wisteria Chugakko is a middle school summer school for students going into the 7th, 8th and 9th grade in the fall semester.

What: Wisteria Chugakko is a summer school program providing academic, religious and cultural education for its students.

Where: With the support of the Gardena Buddhist Church Board, Wisteria Chugakko holds its summer school program at the Gardena Buddhist Church.

When: Every summer since our inaugural year of 2018, Wisteria Chugakko has provided a middle school summer school program for 4 weeks from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. After school supervision is also provided for the working parents until 6:00 p.m.

Due to the Covid Pandemic of 2020, the 2020 program was cancelled. In 2021, with the continuation of the pandemic, a remote "Wisteria Buds" program was created and a modified 16 day long summer program was created.

Why: The Vision and Mission of Wisteria Chugakko is to help in the development of our young adult students to become productive members of our society, community and families.

These are the classes we are planning to offer for our 2022 Wisteria Chugakko which will run from June 20 through July 13, 2022.

Basic Car Mechanics	Cartooning	Coding	Daily Morning Service
Digital Citizenship	Dyeing to Know (Sewing/Shibori)	Gardening	Introduction to Buddhism
Introduction to Jodo Shinshu I, II	Itadakimasu (Cooking)	Japanese	Japanese Customs
Japanese Tea Ceremony	Jodo Shinshu Rituals	Shakyo	Learning our History
Shuji (Japanese Calligraphy)	Obon Dancing	Photography and Filmmaking	Tae Kwon Do
Montoshikisho Craft	Taiko	Waterfall Card Making	

If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Hirotsu, Wisteria Chugakko Principal, at charlene.hirotsu@gbcwisteriachugakko.org.

We are accepting Student Registration Forms for students going into the 7th, 8th and 9th grade in the Fall of 2022.

Please submit registration forms and Deposit to the Gardena Buddhist Church mailbox or mail to:
Gardena Buddhist Church (Wisteria Chugakko)
1517 W. 166th Street Gardena, CA 90247

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Wisteria Chugakko 2022
Student Registration Form
Summer 2022
June 20-July 13, 2022

Student Last Name _____

Student First Name _____

Male ☐ Female ☐ Student Age _____ Birthdate _____**Please let us know what gender pronoun your child would like us to use:**He/him ☐ She/her ☐ They/them ☐

Grade entering in Fall of 2022 _____ School District _____

Parent Name _____
(Last) (First)

Cell _____ Email _____

Parent Name _____
(Last) (First)

Cell _____ Email _____

Address _____

Buddhist Church Affiliation _____

Signature of Temple Authority _____

Registration: \$550; \$500 for GBC members

a. Registration includes the cost of one t-shirt for your child. If you wish to order additional t-shirts, please include \$10.00 for each t-shirt. b. T-shirt size for Wisteria Chugakko student:

Youth Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

Adult Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XLarge _____

Registration \$ _____

Additional T-shirts _____ (\$10/t-shirt)

T-shirt sizes:

Youth Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

Adult Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XLarge _____

Total _____**Deposit** \$50.00 (must accompany this form)

Balance Due _____ (Due at the Wisteria Chugakko Parent Student Orientation) on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Social Hall, or sooner, if you wish.

Please make checks payable to "Gardena Buddhist Church" and in the memo section of your check write "Wisteria-Child's Name".

Please mail to: Gardena Buddhist Church
 Attn: Wisteria Chugakko
 1517 W. 166th Street, Gardena, CA 90247

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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kizuna

ABOUT: Kizuna's Summer Camp is a local program for students entering 2nd to 8th grade, centered on building a foundation of Japanese American community and involvement.

Summer Camp is a fun and exciting way for your kids to learn about their culture & heritage and interact with other campers. We pride ourselves on creating a program that our campers will remember. Past activities include mochitsuki, Japanese calligraphy, family oral histories, escape rooms, book readings, and much more!

Location:

Gardena Buddhist Church
1517 166th St
Gardena, CA 90247

Dates:

July 18 - 22, 2022
9:00AM - 5:00PM daily

Price:

Early Bird Discount: \$245 (Discount ends April 15, 2022)
Late Bird Discount: \$275 (After April 15, 2022)



Link to Register: <https://support.gokizuna.org/event/2022-summer-camp/e388121>

**kizuna**

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

ages 7-13

A local program for students entering 2nd to 8th grade, centered on building a foundation of Japanese American community and involvement.

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2022 Southern District Buddhist Conference

Hosted by: OCBC

Peace, Harmony, Co-Existence Today

Saturday, June 25, 2022

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Orange County Buddhist Church (Hybrid)

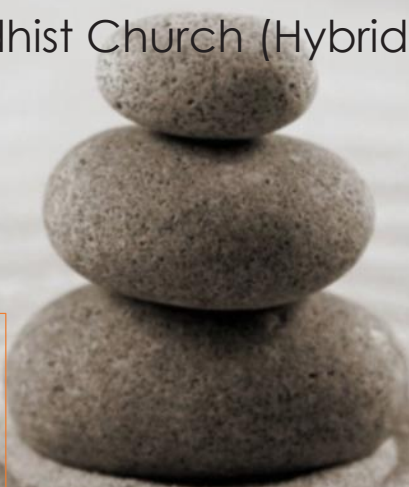
GUEST SPEAKER (in Japanese & English):

REV. KODO UMEZU

Former BCA Bishop



In 2011, Rev. Umezu spoke to the United Nations, "Peace, Harmony, Co-Existence." Speaking at the UN was overwhelming as he thought of all the great world leaders who spoke where he was standing, "...I have to say NamoAmidaButsu several times."



OCBC Covid protocols
will be in place.

Registration Information:

Fees:

\$25.00 Early Bird due by 4/25/2022
\$30.00 Regular Registration due by 6/10/2022
\$25.00 Online Attendees due by 6/17/2022

Optional Bento: \$12.00 (in-person attendees)

Contact: BWA@orangecountybuddhist.org

Check payable to OC BWA
Registration form(s) and one check per temple please.

Mail payments and completed forms to:
SD Buddhist and SDBWA Conference
c/o Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92804

Cultural Connections

Explore : Discover : Connect

Presented By
Japanese Women's Society of Southern California
& Gardena Buddhist Church Dharma School

May 14, 2022

**Gardena Buddhist Church
1517 W. 166th Street, Gardena CA 90247**

Enjoy and experience Japanese culture through interactive sessions

Sado/Tea Ceremony : Ikebana/Flower Arrangement : Shodo/Calligraphy

Odori/Dance : Batik/Fabric Design Dyeing

Session 1 9:30 AM-12:15 PM or Session 2 12:15 PM- 3:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$5.00 per participant (non-refundable)

Adult supervision is required for all participants under the age of 18 years old.

For More Information : jwssc1904@gmail.com

Space is limited due to current safety protocols. Masks will be required by all attendees regardless of vaccination status.

Proof of vaccination or negative Covid test (72 hours prior) is required.

Signed health declaration forms will be required before entering venue. Forms will be provided.

Cultural Connections

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May 14, 2022 : Saturday

Gardena Buddhist Church Social Hall
1517 W. 166th Street, Gardena CA 90247

☐ Session 1

9:30 AM Registration

10:00 AM-12:15 PM Art Programs

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☐ Session 2

12:15 PM Registration

12:45 PM-3:00 PM Art Programs

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age _____ Adult Attendee _____

Child's Name: _____ Age _____ Adult Attendee _____

Child's Name: _____ Age _____ Adult Attendee _____

Number of participants: _____ x \$5.00 Total payment: _____

REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE REQUIRED BY MAY 1, 2022

Please make check payable to: JWSSC

Send form and non-refundable registration fee to:

JWSSC

806 Markland Drive

Monterey Park, CA 91754

For questions or concerns, please contact: jwssc1904@gmail.com

Space is limited due to current safety protocols. Masks will be required by all attendees regardless of vaccination status.

Proof of vaccination or negative Covid test (72 hours prior) is required.

Signed health declaration forms will be required before entering venue. Forms will be provided.

In this time of hardship, we truly appreciate your continued support!

The church acknowledges the following donations received from 02/22/22 - 03/21/2022
with gratitude and appreciation.

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Yoshiyama, Rose

GBC Membership Dues for 2022 (received from 2/22 - 03/22)

Allen, Jason	Kanegawa, Kikuye	Ogawa, Helene	Unno, Gen
Allen, Zia	Kato, Tish	Ogawa, Katsuaki	Wada, April
Fujii, Raymond	Kita, Alan	Okada, George	Wada, Emi
Fujinami, Paul	Kita, Dawn	Okubo, Miyo	Wada, Miyako
Fujita, Teruko	Koyanagi, Stan	Ozawa, Mitchell	Yamada, Joyce
Hori, Kathryn	Kuwahara, Suzuko	Sasaki, Brent	Yamada, Lori
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Hull, Madoka	Mato, John	Sasaki, Noriko	Yamada-Oda, Sharyl
Imamura, George	Matsuda, Hiromi	Sasaki, Paul	Yamasaki, Sheryl
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Osaisen

Iwanaga, Mike	Nakakura, M/M Ken	Nishihira, M/M Joe
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Nokotsudo Donation

Anonymous	Fujimoto, Fumie	Inose, Don
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Miscellaneous

Honda, Raymond	Marukai Corporation (2)
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In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have left our world to be One with Amida Buddha. Namo Amida Butsu.

Nagaoka, Shiro	(96)	July 28, 2021
Fujimura, Shigeru	(98)	December 6, 2021
Sakoda, Tsuyoshi	(98)	January 27, 2022
Nakaji, Mary Marion	(99)	February 15, 2022
Yuki, June Fujiko	(80)	February 17, 2022
Motoike, Hiroko	(95)	February 20, 2022
Ishida, Atsushi	(100)	March 8, 2022



Gardena Buddhist Church BEC presents

***"Why Doesn't Jodo Shinshu Talk
About the Four Noble Truths?"***
(An interesting 6-session Zoom series!)

Class Info:

Every 4th Friday, 7pm - 8pm

Register at <https://bit.ly/GBCclasses>

For additional information, please go to: [gardenabuddhistchurch.org](https://www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org)

April 2022

2	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
3	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	BWA Hybrid Service & mtg (in-person & Zoom)	11:15am
5	Tuesday Social (in-person) at SH	9:30am
6	DS Teacher's mtg via Zoom	7:30pm
10	Sunday Service--Hanamatsuri via Zoom	9:30am
	Hatsumairi Service via Zoom	9:30am
	Ichimi Monthly mtg via Zoom	12:30pm
	Hui Aikane in-person/Hybrid mtg	1:00pm
13	Monthly Fujimatsuri mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
15	Jodo Shinshu 101 for Young Adults w/Rev. Iwihara	7:00pm
16	Meinichiko Service via Zoom	7:00am
	GBC Board mtg via Zoom	2:00pm
17	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	ABA mtg via Zoom	11:30am
19	Tuesday Social (in-person) at SH	9:30am
22	BEC Study Class via Zoom	7:00pm
24	Sunday Family Service via Zoom	9:30am
25	Megumi Deadline for May 2022	

<Regular Activities>

1st & 3rd Mondays, Community Project Group	10:00am
Wednesdays, Ikenobo Ikebana	2:00pm
Sundays, Isami Taiko Practice	10:30am

May 2022

1	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	BWA Hybrid Service & Zoom	11:15am
	Wisteria Chugakko Workshop	1:30pm
3	Tuesday Social In-Person	9:30am
7	Larry's Plant Sale	
	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
8	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	Ichimi Monthly mtg via Zoom	12:30pm
10	Tuesday Social - TBD	9:30am
11	Monthly Fujimatsuri Zoom mtg	7:00pm
15	Sunday Service via Zoom	
	ABA mtg via Zoom	11:30am
16	Meinichiko Service	7:00am
17	Tuesday Social	9:30am
20	Jodo Shinshu 101 for Young Adults w/Rev. Iwihara	7:00pm
21	GBC Board mtg via Zoom	2:00pm
22	Gotan-E Service via Zoom	9:30am
	Wisteria Chugakko Workshop	1:30pm
23	Megumi Deadline for June 2022	
24	Tuesday Social - TBD	9:30am
27	BEC Study Class via Zoom	7:00pm
29	Pacific Crest Memorial Day Service	9:00am
30	Office Closed	
	Nokotsudo Open 9am -12 noon	
31	Tuesday Social	9:30am

『花(華)に聞く』

春ですね。散歩していますと赤・青・黄色・オレンジ・白・ピンク 様々な色の花がそれぞれに自己表現をしています。花には不思議な力があります。人から花をいただくと心と和みます。お祝いもさることながら不幸な出来事に際しても花は重宝です。

何かのお礼をしなければと思う時、心に浮かぶ物と言えはばお花です。ほぼ100%の人が、花をいただいて嬉しいと思われると確信します。殺風景な部屋の片隅に一輪の花でもあるとその部屋全体の雰囲気が変わります。どうして花は愛されるのでしょうか。

親鸞聖人の浄土和讃の中に華に関するものがありますのでご紹介しましょう。

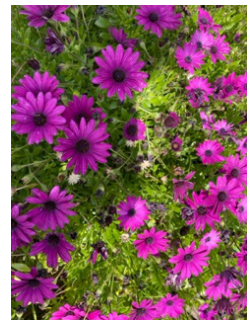
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一一のはなのなかよりは
三十六百千億の
光明てらしてほがらかに
いたらぬところはさらになし

一々の宝蓮華の中から
無数の光明を放ち
その光明は朗らかに照らして
十方世界に至らぬところはない

一一のはなのなかよりは
三十六百千億の
仏身も光もひとしくて
相好金山のごとくなり

一々の華の光明から
それぞれ無数の仏身が現れ
仏身の数も光明の数もひとしくて
仏身の相好はまばゆい黄金の山を見る様な



注: はな=浄土に満ちる宝蓮華、三十六百千億=無数

親鸞聖人は華を通して光と仏身を見ておられたのに間違いありません。我々にとって仏というのは遠いとはるか彼方の存在のように思っておりますが、仏は常に私たちの身近なところでいつも光と共に見守ってくださっているのではないのでしょうか。

2月下旬に始まったウクライナへの侵攻がまだ終わらない現状です。(3月下旬現在)毎日爆撃音の恐怖に晒されている方々に平和な日常が1日も早く訪れることを願うばかりです。私たちは食べる事の不自由はなく、静かに眠る場もあり、インフラも心配ありませんが、一旦事が起きると安定した日常が奪われてしまいます。戦争とは“我”が拡大された行為です。私自身の我をもう一度見つめ直して、華の中に仏を感じられるような心を取り戻していきたいものです。

最後に仏説無量寿経の中の言葉をいただき生き方を考えさせていただきましょう。

『たとい三千大千世界に大火が満ち満ちるようなことがあっても、必ずそれを踏み越えてこの教えを求め聞き、喜び信じ、身につけて、教えのごとく行ずべきである。なぜならこの教えは、多くの菩薩たちがどれほど聞きたいと願っても、なかなか聞くことのできぬ尊い教えだからである。もし人々の中で、この教えを聞いて進むものがあれば、無上のさとりをひらくまで、けっして退くことがないであろう。』(仏説無量寿経)



婦人会便り

また皆様とお会いできるのを楽しみにしています！4月より、対面式の日本語の大人サービスと婦人会例会を開始します。4月3日、お寺のソーシャルホールにお集まり下さい。

以下、その際の注意点となります。

- ▽ 日本語のサービスと婦人会例会はハイブリッドになります。ズームリンクはご要望に応じて転送致します。
- ▽ 例会に合わせて、毎月第1日曜日にお寺のソーシャルホールで日本語礼拝を執り行います。
- ▽ 日本語サービスは午前10時15分、例会は午前11時15分に開始されます。
- ▽ 参加するには、会員はワクチン接種を受け、Covidのような症状がないことを示すフォームに記入する必要があります（フォームはまもなくメールで送信されます）。可能であれば、署名されたフォームを持参してください。また、サービスで追加のフォームを利用できるようにします。
- ▽ 会員はマスク着用とCOVIDワクチン接種カード持参、社会的距離を保つ必要があります。例会でおやつやお茶を出すことはできません。

婦人会の通常の活動

- ▽ 2023年親鸞聖人御誕生850周年・立教開宗800周年慶讃法要、第17回世界仏教婦人会大会- 28人のサンガのメンバーがこの素晴らしい日本旅行に参加するために暫定的にサインアップしました。特別法要と世界仏教婦人会大会の予約は西本願寺によって確認されました。詳細は間もなく入手します。
- ▽ 婦人会役員は3月末にガールスカウトのクッキーを寄付として会員に配布しました。

アナウンスメント:

- ▽ 4/3 (日) 午前9時半 Zoom 婦人会例会 Zoom 午前11時半 対面 & Zoom のハイブリッド
- ▽ 4/5 (火) 午後7時 Zoom お盆まつり例会 出席は杉田&堀夫人
- ▽ 4/10 (日) 花祭り法要 詳細は後日メールでお知らせします。
- ▽ 4/13 (水) 午後7時 Zoom 藤まつり例会 出席は吉山&堀夫人
- ▽ 4/16 (水) 午前7時 Zoom 親鸞聖人御命日講
- ▽ 4/24 (日) 午前11時半 Zoom 附属団体連絡協議会 出席は吉山&堀夫人



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