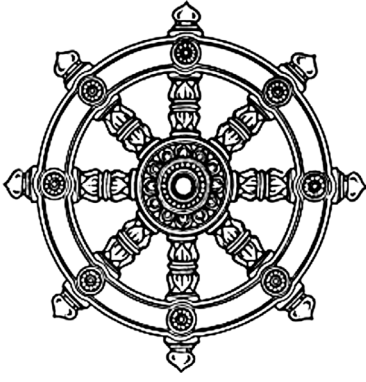


**Resident  
Minister**  
Rev. Matt Hamasaki



In 2019, I had the opportunity to participate in the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Wakamatsu colony, the first settlement of Japanese people in America, about 45 miles from Sacramento. Although the knowledge of this historic site is increasing, many people (myself included) were not aware of the existence of this group of people until recently. This year, we are honoring the 150th anniversary of the death of Okei-san, a young woman who was part of the colony who passed away at the age of 19 in 1871 and whose gravesite has become a place of pilgrimage for Japanese Americans.

I learned a great deal about the Wakamatsu colony from a three-part article in the *Rafu Shimpo* written by Junko Yoshida as well as an article by Alan Ehrgott, who works for the American River Conservancy. They had done an incredible amount of research and both articles are a fascinating read that I recommend anyone interested to look up. If I understand correctly, the Japanese pioneers came to America as a result of the drastic international changes happening in Japan known as the Meiji Restoration. There was a conflict between the Tokugawa shogunate, which favored isolation, and a group that sought to restore authority to the emperor, which favored modernization. Matsudaira Katamori, the daimyo in charge of the Aizu Wakamatsu province, participated in international affairs even though he was part of the isolationist faction. One of his connections was to John Henry Schnell, a member of the Prussian embassy who sold European weapons to Matsudaira and also trained his samurai in the use of firearms. As

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a sign of respect for his contributions and to strengthen his bond to Japan, Schnell was given a Japanese name and was allowed to marry a Japanese woman.

Eventually, the conflict between the two groups resulted in civil war with the Imperial forces victorious and Matsudaira surrendering in the Battle of Aizu. This put Schnell's life in danger and, with the help of Matsudaira, he traveled to America with other colonists from Wakamatsu along with his wife, their daughter, and a 17-year-old nanny named Okei Ito. After arriving, Schnell purchased a ranch with hopes of cultivating silk and tea. Although initially promising, the colony faced ruin during the California Gold Rush with intrusion of the prospectors whose methods polluted the water necessary for crops. On top of that, there was a severe drought, which wiped out their farms. The colony disbanded, with some returning to Japan, some dispersing through America, and some staying in the area.

Okei-san was one of the few who stayed after a nearby family named Veerkamp purchased the colony and hired some of the pioneers to work for them. The Veerkamps were themselves immigrants from Germany and Okei-san became a nanny to their six sons. It's said that since they only had sons, they treated Okei-san as their own daughter. Unfortunately, she contracted a terrible fever in the summer of 1871 and passed away three days later. Legend tells that she used to stand on a hilltop to gaze in the direction of her homeland in Aizu Wakamatsu. That is now where her gravesite is located. Today, there is a replica of the marble headstone that was placed several years after she passed by Matsunosuke Sakura, a former samurai who stayed to work on the Veerkamp land. The cost must have been tremendous, but he decided she deserved the honor.

As Okei-san is the first Japanese person to be buried in America, she has become a symbol for future Japanese descendants of the sacrifice immigrants face when searching for a better life in America. I think her life and the Wakamatsu colony have important lessons for us, even 150 years afterwards. We are living today in a time with so much anger, hate, and ignorance of the people around us. Conflicts arise between countries because of international politics, and they arise between people because of the fear that has been stoked by the language used to attack and blame others. The Wakamatsu colony exists because of Japan opening up to the rest of the world. The world today is more international than it ever has been, and we must begin to see ourselves all as global citizens. When the colony fell, it was immigrants that purchased the land and tried to help those who stayed. All of us have our struggles and we should try to help out our fellow travelers when we can, recognizing that there are more similarities between us than differences. Okei-san's untimely passing came during her attempt to be happier, and I believe that the best way we can honor her is to appreciate that we all still have that same wish and to support each other how we can.

I hope all of you are staying healthy. It's been 17 months since we suspended all in-person activities at the Temple except for essential work. We have heard from many of you asking when the Temple will be open again. Our Usage and Reopening Committees have been meeting via Zoom every couple of weeks, reviewing COVID reports and discussing a reopening strategy. We have agreed to open the Temple at a slower pace than the state lifted COVID restrictions that were published on June 15. The safety and comfort of all of you are a foremost priority in our reopening of the Temple.

### Initial Reopening Plan

First Trial In-Person Service with Reverend Matt will be July 25, 2021 at 9 a.m.

- Service will be held in the Kaikan.
- REQUIRED proof of vaccinations (vaccination card or copy).
- MANDATORY wearing of masks (masks will be available as well as hand sanitizers).
- Adhere to social distancing while in the Kaikan and Temple. Families may be seated together.
- No service book will be provided (Please bring your seiten books).
- No food or refreshments will be allowed in the Kaikan.
- No food or refreshments will be served before or after service.

Tentative Second Trial In-Person Service will be August 29, 2021 at 9 a.m.

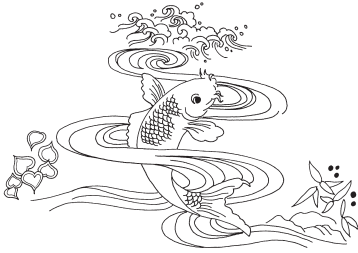
The Reopening and Usage Committees will evaluate the first in-person service and make necessary adjustments for the second trial service and our regular Sunday services (tentative starting date is September 12, 2021).

### Temple Volunteer Landscaping Crew

A huge thank you to Roy Imura, Aaron Imura, Keith Kato, Roger Ikemoto and Minh La for taking care of the Temple grounds every week. They save the Temple money because their time saves us from hiring/contracting with a landscape company.

# No Service on July 4.

**Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association**  
Barbara Nakatomi



**Legacy Endowment Fund Project Sponsorships**  
Greg Matayoshi

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**2021 Award Recipients**  
(See following pages for details)

**PERSPECTIVES ... musings in surgical recovery**

*The first of the Noble Eightfold Path is Right View. What is Right View?*

For most of my life, I thought there was one right view but I didn't understand what that was. Being dyslexic, it was not new to me to not understand. Nevertheless, I dutifully memorized the Eightfold Path and went on with my life.

In recent years as I have tried to understand Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, I have wondered, what does that mean — Right View? Every situation has many different perspectives. Different perspectives foreshadow different conclusions. HmMMMM.

So I have looked at different situations in my life, different questions from different perspectives and it is not any more clear than it was before. So, my conclusion so far — everyone's Right View can be different.

When everyone's Right View is different, it follows that the rest of the Eightfold Path could result in many different ways. The Thoughts that follow the View are also subject to perspective and then follows Right Speech, Right Conduct, Right Effort, Right Livelihood, Right Mindfulness and Right Meditation.

So I offer the opportunity to you to follow this exercise to contemplate the Right View in your life for the things that are important to you.

I always wondered how Buddhism could be so complex and now I am beginning to see. When one starts with a subjective thought, the results can bring about a myriad of more questions. It's no wonder it's so easy to always have more questions. It's no wonder why thoughts can be so confusing.

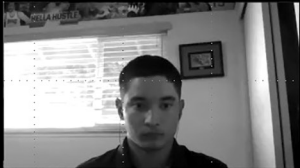
It is reasonable to see how it ends in Right Meditation and Namo Amida Butsu.

We hope everyone has been able to take advantage of the nicer weather and businesses opening up again. Over the past year, while life seemed like it had been on hold in so many ways, much planning and effort have been continuing to promote and spread Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The Legacy Endowment Fund has been fortunate to be able to financially sponsor recent projects we would like to share:

- We have assisted the financing of new audio-visual equipment and software to allow remote attendance of services, workshops and lectures. When the pandemic began, the Technology Committee quickly assessed the needs of our sangha and made plans to provide temple services remotely. We look forward to having services and events in person; however, we will now have the ability to provide virtual services that will reach beyond our physical temple.
- Another project that the Legacy Endowment Fund financially supported is one that you are already enjoying: a new seiten, or personal service book, that was developed by the reverends and senseis of our temple.
- I would like to mention Young Buddhist Editorial (YBE) again as a project that the Legacy Endowment Fund previously funded since they have celebrated their one-year anniversary. YBE (<https://www.youngbuddhisteditorial.com>) was the subject of a "Today" show segment on May 7 (<https://www.today.com/video/young-buddhists-stay-connected-to-aapi-culture-through-religion-111510597689>).

We welcome proposals for any project ideas that help the further propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist teachings. This pandemic has shown us that there are many creative ways to reach out and connect with others. If you have some ideas that you are passionate about, please contact the Legacy Endowment Fund Board. Funding requests can be submitted through the form available at: [https://www.buddhistchurch.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/lefb\\_funding\\_request\\_form-rev.\\_150122.pdf?1482887975](https://www.buddhistchurch.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/lefb_funding_request_form-rev._150122.pdf?1482887975).

**Buddhist Church of sacramento Education Award  
Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) Community Service Award  
Georgette Imura Memorial Award  
Award Recipients**

 <small>Andrew M. BCS Education Award &amp; ABA Community Service Award</small>	 <small>Cara I. BCS Education Award &amp; ABA Community Service Award Georgette Imura Memorial Award (2)</small>	 <small>Ethan F. BCS Education Award</small>
 <small>Ryan S. BCS Education Award &amp; ABA Community Service Award</small>	 <small>Tyler F. BCS Education Award</small>	



**Adult Buddhist Association**  
**Keiko Jean Kashiwada**  
**ABA President**

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**ABA Community Service Award**  
**Wayne Kurahara**

**A**BA's officers have continued to meet to discuss the current Asian hate crimes. Below is a summary of the "senior escort program" that we hope to implement very soon. Participating organizations are: ACC, Florin JACL, JASS (Japanese American Student Society) from UC Davis, Greenhaven Terrace, Sacramento JACL, ABA, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, Sacramento City Police Department, Congresswoman Doris Matsui's office, and a member of the Sacramento City Council. The group is currently reaching out to the Chinese American group as well.

ACC is taking the lead on this program and each participating organization is recruiting volunteers. John Yoshikawa recruited 12 volunteers on behalf of ABA. The escort program will NOT include transporting the seniors. The volunteer escorts will provide very limited assistance to the seniors and limit direct contact with them. For example, the volunteers can help carry small items and load into the senior's vehicle, but they will not transport the items nor take the items into the senior's home. Prior to any service being provided, the volunteer and the participant (senior) are required to sign a Waiver of Liability form.

ACC is thinking of purchasing software to use for the scheduling of volunteers and to track the services provided. They applied for a grant, but they may need some start-up funds to cover expenses such as vests, telephones, whistles, etc. They may ask the participating organizations for donations. ACC and the other organizations thank ABA and the Sacramento Chapter of JACL for creating interest in such services. ACC is hoping to implement the program this summer.

**ABA's Community Service Award:** The essay, interview and overall assessment panels met during May and selected the following graduating high school seniors to receive its 2021 Community Service Award: Cara Ishisaka, Andrew Matayoshi and Ryan Seo. These very deserving students received their monetary awards and were officially recognized at a Zoom awards presentation ceremony on June 3. Thank you, Sandy Kataoka-Fong, for organizing the ceremony. Past ABA President Wayne Kurahara chaired the Community Service Award Committee and selected members from the ABA Board, the Betsuin Board and our minister and minister assistants to serve on the panels. ABA would also like to thank the many families who have donated to our ABA Community Service Award fund and our ABA Scholarship fund and would like to thank the 12 judges for helping to make this year's selections.

This year, the Imura family also gave out an award in memory of the late Georgette Imura. Friends and family donated their koden to ABA to a separate account that they asked ABA to establish so that the Imura family could award the student who they felt best exemplified the life of unselfish contributions and service that Georgette lived. Georgette spent her lifetime following the Eightfold Path, crafting a career from her passion for human equity that spanned decades and traversed not only state lines, but racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, and gender lines as well. Never one to enjoy the spotlight and always aware of her ego, she is known to have referred to herself not as a big shot, but a small shot who kept on shooting. With the help of other like-minded folks, those small shots helped to foster constellations of others to follow in her footsteps. The nucleus of Georgette's work was centered within the Asian Pacific Islander community. Congratulations to Cara Ishisaka on receiving the Imura Family Community Service Award in memory of Georgette Imura.

On behalf of ABA, I would like to congratulate the three ABA Community Service Award recipients, the Imura Family Community Service Award recipient and the Betsuin's Education Award recipients and wish all of the graduating seniors the very best in their continuing education and careers.

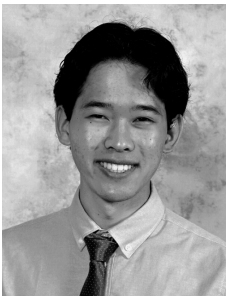
**A**BA awarded three graduates the ABA Community Service Award for exceptional academic achievement and community service. Of the multiple applicants who have high honors for academic achievement, three graduates have particularly outstanding community service, which was the primary criteria and basis for the ABA Community Service Award. The award recipients, in no particular order, include Andrew Matayoshi, Cara Ishisaka and Ryan Seo.

Andrew, son of Greg and Mika Matayoshi, did several Eagle Scout service projects for his Eagle Scout rank. He personally participated in several and developed the project plans for three. Of the three, which included building taiko drums for the church, a landscape project for Sierra 2 Center, and landscape maintenance for a city cemetery, he settled on a maintenance project for the church to paint the Hondo. Andrew is also a teacher's assistant for his school, teaching culinary skills, healthy meal planning and prep, and for the 6th Grade Dharma School class.

Cara is the daughter of Denis and Lesly Ishisaka. Working with the church board, ministers and office staff, Cara implemented a library catalogue system for the entire church library. On her own, she researched various cataloging systems before selecting "Librarika," which is an internet-based software. Now, all the books are shelved numerically according to their assigned call number. In this manner, library users can find exactly what they want by title, author or subject. Cara also developed instructions and guidance for staff and for patrons as well.

**ABA  
Community  
Service Award**  
(Continued)

**2021  
Education  
Awards**  
Brian Hatano



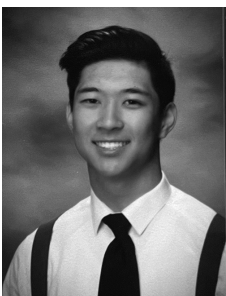
Andrew Matayoshi



Cara Ishisaka



Ethan Firth



Ryan Seo



Tyler Firth

Ryan is the son of Derek and Audrey Seo. His project relates to his love for baseball. For the last six years, he has played baseball for the North Natomas Little League. Recently for a senior project, he decided on helping and leading efforts to clean, repair and maintain the baseball field facilities; to clean, inventory and distribute the teams' equipment; and to assist with player assessments. Ryan also umpires and helps to provide instruction to younger players.

All three award recipients have demonstrated a profound commitment to serving the community in unique and wonderful ways. The descriptions only highlight a portion of their community service. The awards are intended to celebrate their community service and selfless consideration of others.

Congratulations and thank you Andrew, Cara and Ryan.

The Buddhist Church of Sacramento Education Award honors exemplary Dharma students annually by granting them \$500 toward their college education. These young adults in 2021 have demonstrated both in action and words the teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. This award also recognizes their ongoing contributions to the temple.

The limitations of daily life by COVID-19 presented challenges for our graduating high school seniors for two consecutive years. These members of our temple had to find ways to endure the challenges of distance learning, virtual Dharma School, virtual clubs, virtual patrol meetings, and lack of social interactions.

We're proud of this group of high school seniors who have managed to stay active in our temple and in our greater community. They are role model Dharma School students.

**Andrew Matayoshi**

Graduate of South Sutter Charter School. Attending the University of California, Davis, majoring in biological science.

His "aha moment" that changed his perception of Buddhism is from a Dharma talk from Tetsuo Uno in the 6th grade about "not being so impatient." He says it really resonated with him then, and he carries this lesson even to this day.

- Recipient of Sacramento Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) Community Service Award, recognizing "outstanding community service to not only the temple but in the student's community at large."

**Cara Ishisaka**

Graduate of C.K. McClatchy High School. Attending the University of Washington, majoring in psychology.

Cara's perception of Buddhism was impacted by the recognition that a true hero, like a monk, is "other-centered." Cara described in her personal essay that the field of psychology will help her reaffirm her passion to help others by caring for patients, advancing medical treatment and stimulating human welfare.

- Recipient of ABA Community Service Award
- Cara is the recipient of this year's special Georgette Imura Memorial Award, recognizing articulation and appreciation of Buddhism's role in the pursuit of racial equity and community action, presented by the Roy Imura Family.

**Ethan Firth**

Graduate of John. F. Kennedy High School. Attending Sacramento City College, majoring in liberal arts to become a teacher.

He said the Golden Chain is his golden rule to live by: "Be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself."

**Ryan Seo**

Graduate of Inderkum High School. Attending either the University of the Pacific or Sacramento City College (to play baseball), majoring in economics.

His "aha moment" is from a Dharma talk on how Buddhist teaching can be found in Star Wars. Ever since that talk, he has a new-found appreciation for Star Wars movies, where he is always looking for signs of Buddhistic teachings.

- Recipient of ABA Community Service Award

**Tyler Firth**

Graduate of John F. Kennedy High School. Attending Cal Poly Pomona, majoring in landscape architecture.

Tyler's perception of Buddhism was influenced by the Dharma services which talked about impermanence, that nothing lasts forever and everything is constantly changing.

**Congratulations** to all of this year's graduating seniors, and to this group of outstanding students.

**Virtual Obon Set for July 10**  
Sandra Kataoka

Put on your yukata or happi coat and dance along with the Obon leaders for the Virtual Obon Odori on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Feel free to turn on your camera to show off your dance moves or just sit back and watch.

A week before the virtual Obon Odori, tutorial videos will be released so that you can practice before the virtual event on July 10. Check our Facebook page and website for obon tutorials and get ready for the big night!

Registration to this virtual event is required in advance. To register, go to [www.tinyurl.com/9f8mczw8](http://www.tinyurl.com/9f8mczw8). For more information, visit [www.buddhistchurch.org](http://www.buddhistchurch.org).

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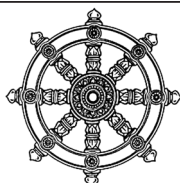


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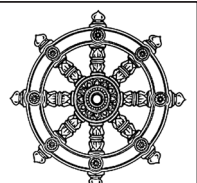


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*Welcome New Members*

*Amanda Visger*



**11th Annual  
SBC Golf  
Tournament**  
Richard Kai

The Golf Committee appreciates the overwhelming response by our sangha members and friends of the Betsuin for the upcoming 11th Annual SBC Golf Tournament that is scheduled for play at the Dry Creek Ranch Golf Course on Thursday, July 29, 2021. The field of 144 players was filled within a month of the announced restart of this annual event. We look forward to seeing, mingling and networking with all of you who are playing, as well as the committee members and volunteers after a near two-year absence due to the COVID pandemic.

This event is a major fundraising activity for the benefit of the Betsuin’s capital improvement fund. The net proceeds from this annual event have paid for and/or supplemented the funding of projects such as the remodeling of the resident minister’s house, enhancing the security gates and perimeter fencing for the temple’s parking lot, and replacement of the building’s HVAC system. The donation form below can be used by nonplaying sangha members to help raise funds for future capital improvement projects. The committee will include your name as an event sponsor in the event’s program booklet.



# Sponsorship and Donation Form

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

**\$1,000 – Gold Sponsorship:**

Includes Tee Box Sign recognition, four complimentary tournament entry fees, golf cart, lunch, refreshments, and tee prizes.

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**Snack/Dinner Items**

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**Cash**

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**11th Annual  
SBC Golf  
Tournament  
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The Golf Committee extends its appreciation to Robbie Midzuno and Carol Takasugi, representing the J. Morey Insurance Company, for their continued support of the fundraising event. Robbie has again open-heartedly donated the two raffle grand prizes of multi-night lodging stays in South Lake Tahoe during the 2022 Celebrity Golf Tournament. The J. Morey Insurance Company, for the fourth consecutive year, is offering an assortment of cash and merchandise prizes to any golfer who records a “hole-in-one” on the four Par 3 holes. The committee is grateful for the generous support of the event’s donors and sponsors, and the host of volunteers who help with the pre-tournament activities, picture taking, scoring and assignment of winners to each of the raffle prizes donated to the event.

Additional information on the 2021 golf tournament is available on the temple’s website at [www.buddhistchurch.org](http://www.buddhistchurch.org). Questions and /or comments about the fundraising event can be sent via email to the Golf Committee at [betsuingolf@gmail.com](mailto:betsuingolf@gmail.com). The temple office staff can provide general information about the event.

**Virtual 2021  
Hatsubon  
Service –  
Sunday,  
July 11, 2021,  
10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Matt Hamasaki**

**H**atsubon is a special observance of the First Obon Memorial, held in memory of those who have passed away in the last year (since our last Hatsubon Service in July 2020). It is an opportunity to reflect again on the wisdom and compassion that we received from our loved one and to reflect on our own life to recognize how precious it truly is.

With our temple being closed through the upcoming summer months, the Sacramento Betsuin’s Hatsubon Service will once again be held virtually, accessible through a private Zoom meeting link. The challenging time of this pandemic has brought with it an unusual situation for us in preparing for Hatsubon this year. Because we have not been able to meet or visit in-person for so many months, it has sometimes been difficult to know when someone has passed away. In some instances, it was because a family wished to keep the loss private; other times, a family did not know to contact the temple. With this in mind, I am humbly requesting assistance from you, our sangha.

If you have lost a family member or friend in the last year, and you would like to have that person included in the Hatsubon Service, I would be grateful if you would email your RSVP by Monday, July 5, to [BetsuinHatsubonService@buddhistchurch.org](mailto:BetsuinHatsubonService@buddhistchurch.org), and include the following:

- Name of the individual to be included in the Hatsubon Service
- Date of birth;
- Date of passing;
- A favorite photograph; and
- A list of email addresses for yourself and those family members and friends who would like to attend.

You can also call the Betsuin office at (916) 446-0121 and leave a voicemail message with the same information. A slideshow with the names and photos of those we have recently lost will be played as part of our virtual Hatsubon Service. We will send the Zoom meeting link and instructions to everyone on your list so that joining in will take a simple click of a mouse!

Thank you in advance for your timely assistance with this important matter. **Please share this request with others for whom it might be relevant.** I look forward to having you join us for this most meaningful observance.

**2021 Family  
Memorial  
Service  
Schedule**

**T**raditionally, family memorial services are held for loved ones on designated anniversaries. These are precious occasions to honor the treasured memories of our beloved ones and to realize how fortunate we are to be embraced by Amida Buddha’s light of wisdom and life of compassion.

Year of Death	2021 Memorial	Year of Death	2021 Memorial
2020 .....	1 year	1997 .....	25 year
2019 .....	3 year	1989 .....	33 year
2015 .....	7 year	1972 .....	50 year
2009 .....	13 year	1922 .....	100 year
2005 .....	17 year		



*Condolences to  
the Families Of*



*Emi Masaki.....September 13, 1926–May 11, 2021*  
*Kiyoko Nakamoto..... March 30, 1930–May 28, 2021*  
*Ralph Nishimi.....June 3, 1929–June 1, 2021*

**75th Annual  
Bazaar At  
Home Edition  
Livestream  
Fundraiser**  
Karen Adachi



**Saturday, August 14, 2021 - 12 noon to 5 p.m.**

**S**ave the date! For the protection of our members and the community and due to the uncertainty of the duration of the pandemic, the Betsuin Board of Trustees had to once again make the difficult decision to cancel our annual food and cultural bazaar. Plans are underway to present another virtual bazaar, which will be livestreamed on Facebook on Saturday, August 14, 2021 from noon to 5 p.m. Viewers are not required to have a Facebook account to enjoy this program. A link to the program will be posted on the church's website ([buddhistchurch.org](http://buddhistchurch.org)) on the event day or on the church's Facebook page: [facebook.com/buddhistchurchofsacramento](https://facebook.com/buddhistchurchofsacramento).

This year, we will be celebrating our 75th Annual Bazaar with a special program featuring temple members and leaders and "Where are they now?" interviews with former Dharma School students. We will also spotlight some of the local businesses that have supported our temple throughout the years and will present a variety of musical entertainment and cultural programs. To celebrate 75 years of this annual event, we will take a trip back in time with a montage of photos from past bazaars. The program schedule will be published in the August SANGHA newsletter.

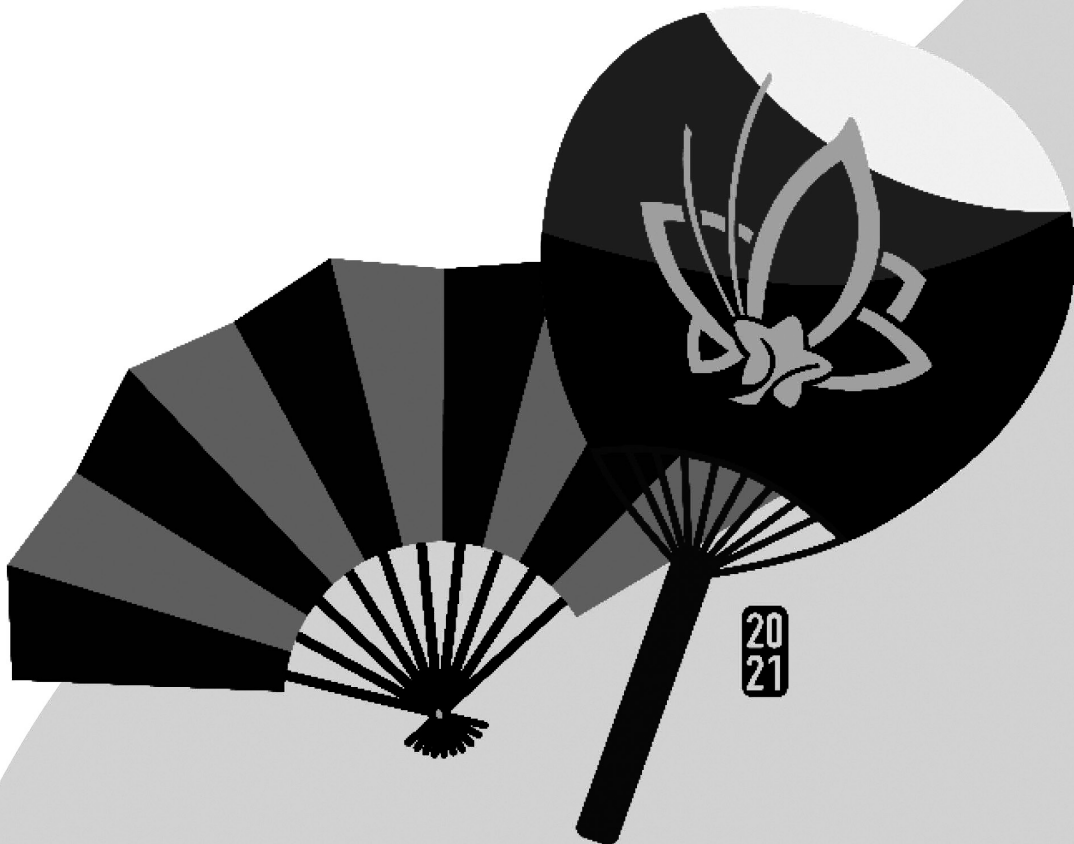
BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO

# BAZAAR AT HOME EDITION

August 14, 2021 | 12:00 - 5:00 PM

Community Spotlights | Performances | & More

75<sup>TH</sup>



Telethon & Livestream on our Facebook  
**@BuddhistChurchofSacramento**

Merchandise available for preorder until August 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Bento available for preorder while supplies last.

For more information: [www.BuddhistChurch.org](http://www.BuddhistChurch.org)

**75th Annual Bazaar At Home Edition Livestream Fundraiser (Continued)**



Commemorative 75th Annual Bazaar T-shirts, hoodies, aprons, reusable insulated grocery bags, and sticker sets will be sold on a pre-order basis only online through Sunday, August 22, 2021. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more details. Estimated merchandise pick-up or ship dates will be between September 18 and October 2, 2021. Bazaar supporters who purchase bazaar T-shirts or aprons every year will not want to miss out on the special 75th Annual Bazaar merchandise!

A limited quantity of bentos will be available on an online pre-order basis for \$20, for drive-through pickup at the Betsuin on Sunday, August 22, 2021 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. To avoid congestion during the pick-up process, you will be able to select an available timeframe for order pick-up when placing your order. The bentos will include: sesame chicken, teriyaki beef, korokke, gyoza, California roll, edamame and rice. We anticipate that the bentos will sell out quickly, so place your orders online soon!

All bento and merchandise orders must be placed online on the church’s website: [buddhistchurch.org](http://buddhistchurch.org).

Donations to the telethon can be accomplished using one of these three methods:

- Mail a check or money order to the church (noting it is for “Bazaar-At Home Edition”).
- Call in during the live program on Saturday, August 14, 2021 between noon and 5 p.m. — (916) 446-0121 — and provide your credit card information
- Pay online with a credit card on the church’s website before, during or after the livestream event ([buddhistchurch.org](http://buddhistchurch.org)).

**2021 BAZAAR AT HOME EDITION**  
BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO

**Bento at Home**



**\$20 each**

Pre-sale only, quantity limited

- Beef Teriyaki
- Sesame Chicken
- Gyoza
- Korokke
- California Roll
- Edamame

**Purchase Online:**

<https://buddhistchurchofsacramento.square.site/>

**Pickup: Sunday, August 22, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Buddhist Church of Sacramento  
2401 Riverside Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95818



**75th Annual  
Bazaar At  
Home Edition  
Livestream  
Fundraiser**  
(Continued)



**Important Dates to Remember**

- **Thursday, July 1, 2021:** Online ordering for bento, merchandise and monetary donations begins (*buddhistchurch.org*).
- **Saturday, August 14, 2021: noon–5 p.m.:** 2021 Bazaar At Home Edition Livestream Fundraiser. Links: *buddhistchurch.org* or Facebook page *facebook.com/buddhistchurchofsacramento*.
- **Sunday, August 22, 2021:** Drive-through bento pickup at the church parking lot (2401 Riverside Boulevard) at designated time between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- **Sunday, August 22, 2021 - 11:59 p.m.:** Deadline for ordering bazaar merchandise online at: *buddhistchurch.org*. Estimated pickup or ship dates: September 18–October 2, 2021.

# BAZAAR 2021 MERCHANDISE

PREORDER AVAILABLE UNTIL AUGUST 22ND

[HTTPS://BUDDHISTCHURCHOF SACRAMENTO.SQUARE.SITE](https://buddhistchurchofsacramento.square.site)

Merchandise pick up date and ship date estimated between  
September 18–October 2



**HOODED SWEATSHIRT**

ADULT: S, M, L, XL — \$38  
YOUTH: XS, S, M, L, XL — \$35

**APRON**

ONE SIZE — \$22



**STICKER SET**

4x6 Sheet with 4 Stickers — \$10



**INSULATED  
GROCERY BAG**

ONE SIZE — \$5

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## UNISEX T-SHIRT – BLACK or WHITE

ADULT: S, M, L, XL – \$20

2XL, 3XL – \$22

YOUTH: XS, S, M, L, XL – \$15



## WOMEN'S V-NECK T-SHIRT – BLACK or WHITE

S, M, L, XL – \$20

2XL, 3XL – \$22

**Use Amazon  
Smile Link to  
Support the  
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**You shop. Amazon gives.**

Shopping on Amazon is an easy way to benefit the Sacramento Buddhist Church. Just go to this link to get started — <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1243674> — then return to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) when you shop. Making qualified purchases benefits the temple at NO EXTRA COST to you.

Please bookmark the link and tell all your friends. It doesn't cost you anything and the temple gets a percentage of all qualified purchases.

Reminder: Please visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) when you shop (not [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)). You will need to manually turn on AmazonSmile if you shop using the Amazon mobile app.



# サンガ



## 理事長のメッセージ

新田ゴードン

皆様お変わりなくお過ごしでしょうか。別院の行事が停止されてから17ヶ月過ぎました。多くの皆様から別院はいつ再開されるのかと聞かれます。再開委員会は2週間おきにズームでミーティングを行い、COVID感染状況の報告を見ながら再開に向けて慎重にプランを練っています。州政府は6月15日にCOVIDに関する規制解除を発表しましたが、皆様の安全が何よりも重要ですから、私達はゆっくりしたペースで再開を行う方針です。

### 初期段階の再開プラン

#### 1回目

7月25日(日)午前9時 浜崎マツト開教使

- ☆ In-Person サービスは会館で行われます。
- ☆ ワクチン接種の証明書をご持参下さい。  
(接種カードかコピー)
- ☆ マスク着用のこと。  
(マスクとハンドサニタイザーは用意される)
- ☆ 建物内ではソーシャルディスタンスを守る事。
- ✓ サービスブック(経典)は各自持参のこと。
- ✓ 飲み物や食べ物は会館内に持ち込み禁止。
- ✓ スナックはサービスの前も後もない。

#### 2回目

8月29日(日)午前9時 の予定

再開委員会は一回目のサービスの結果を評価したあと、必要な調整を行い2回目(8月)のサービスを行う予定です。今の段階では9月12日(日)より平常通りのサービスを再開する予定です。

### 別院の庭園管理ボランティアに感謝:

毎週、別院の庭園を管理するために以下の方々にお世話になっています。おかげで別院は庭園業者を雇わず節約することができます。井村ロイ、井村アロン、加藤キース、池本ロジャー、ミン・ラーの皆さんに深く感謝いたします。(敬称略)



## 会長のメッセージ

中富バーバラ



八聖道の一番目は正見である。正見とは何ですか？

私は今まで正見とはただ一つしかないと思っていたが、それが何であるか理解していなかった。失読症なので理解できないことは当たり前と思った。しかしながら、私は真面目に八聖道を暗記してこれまで人生を過ごしてきた。

最近になって浄土真宗を理解するため、この正見とはどういう意味なのか考え始めた。その折々によって色々な見方がある。違った見方は違った結果を提示する。フーム・・・

それで、私は違った場合にに応じて違った見方で問いただすことを試みたが、前と変わらず明確な結果は得られなかった。私にとって正見とは各自で違うのだという結論に至った。

それぞれの正見が違うということは残りの八聖道: 正思、正語、正業、正命、正精進、正念、正定の概念もその見方によって異なってくるのだということです。

そこで、私は皆さんに人生の重要な岐路にあるとき、この正見について考えることをお勧めします。

仏教が何故このように複雑なのか不思議に思っていました。やっとその意味が分かってきました。主観的に物事を考えると数えきれないほどの質問が出てきます。多くの質問を持つことは容易なことですが、同時にとても混乱しやすいことでもあります。

八聖道が正定で終わることは当然なことと思われれます。南無阿弥陀仏

