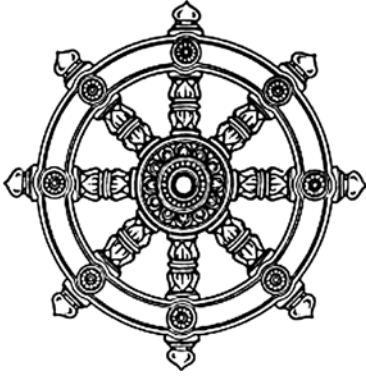


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A Wish That Transcends Worldly Wishes

In our services, we frequently chant the *Juseige*. You might have been a Buddhist your whole life and you were never explained what it is that we are chanting. I would like to introduce the first line of the *Juseige*, "GA GON CHO SE GAN," which should sound quite familiar to most of you.

Before I can explain the *Juseige*, I have to explain the background and context of it. The *Juseige* is not an entire sutra, but is a short poem, gatha, or song, that appears within a lengthy sutra called *The Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life*. In that sutra, which is one of the sermons, or talks by Shakyamuni Buddha, the Buddha tells a beautiful story to express what is in his deepest heart of enlightenment. The Buddha often told stories as a teaching method to explain the message or teaching that he wanted to expound on that particular day.

In our modern life, we have lost the sense of the profound nature of stories. Stories are timeless. They captivate our hearts and minds. Just look at Star Wars, or Harry Potter to see how stories capture our hearts and imagination.

In the same manner, Shakyamuni Buddha told a timeless and profound story when he gave this sutra. The hero of the story is a truth seeker, a Bodhisattva, by the name of

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Dharmakara. Dharmakara meets a wonderful enlightened Buddha and is so inspired, that he wishes to become a Buddha and to save all sentient beings from suffering and sorrow.

The *Juseige* is part of that story, in which Dharmakara states in detail, 48 vows, wishes, hopes, or aspirations that he hopes to accomplish. After stating those 48 vows, he then summarizes them into a short poem, or song, which is the *Juseige*.

In the first line of the *Juseige*, it starts with "I." This "I" is Bodhisattva Dharmakara, the hero of the story, speaking in the first person, stating his deepest wish of life. That is the context of the *Juseige*.

Allow me to show the Chinese characters of this first line of the *Juseige* in order to explain the depth of this first line.

GA	GON	CHO	SE	GAN
我	建	超	世	願
I	make	transcend	world	wish/vow

I make a wish that transcends worldly wishes.

Dharmakara makes a wish that transcends worldly wishes. What does that mean? First, we have to discuss what are "worldly wishes."

We all have wishes of life. Most of the time, they are "worldly" wishes. I wish I had a new car. I wish I had a bigger home. I wish I had a million dollars. I wish I had a better job. I wish I could find the love of my life. There is nothing wrong with these wishes. We all have them.

However, here Bodhisattva Dharmakara expresses a wish that "transcends," that "goes beyond" worldly wishes. Dharmakara does not wish for a home, money, or anything material. Dharmakara wishes or vows to become a Buddha, and to save all sentient beings. This is a wish that transcends all worldly wishes.

Reverend Gyomay Kubose, whom I studied under many years ago, used to say in his talks that everyone should have a deep wish, or vow in their life. For example, you could be a doctor, but as a doctor, your wish is to find a cure for cancer. This could be your lifelong wish as a doctor.

You could be a school teacher, and your deep wish as a school teacher could be to "enable all the children of the world to read." You are not just being a teacher to put in your 30 years and then comfortably retire and travel. You are a teacher because you want to fulfill a deep wish of your life.

You might say, "Well, that is nice, but who could ever achieve that?" But wasn't there a doctor or scientist who had a deep wish to find a cure for polio and polio was cured? Didn't someone have a deep wish to find a cure for measles, and a cure was found? To have a deep wish or aspiration for your life means that your life is always meaningful and fulfilling.

Reverend Kubose's teacher was Reverend Haya Akegarasu. Reverend Akegarasu underwent a great transformation in his life and how he viewed this story from the *Larger Sutra*. In his early years, he took it quite literally, because that was how it was presented in those days. Dharmakara made a vow to save all beings and became Amida Buddha who created a Pure Land. We just have faith in Amida Buddha's vow that we will be saved and taken to the Pure Land.

But in his 30's he had a spiritual crisis and this Buddha that he objectified "over there" disappeared. In his time of darkness, he re-read, he re-studied this *Larger Sutra*. Suddenly a different meaning emerged. The dynamic spirit of Bodhisattva Dharmakara began to resonate within him.

Now it was not Dharmakara's wish, but it was his own wish, his own inner aspiration that was bubbling forth from within. This gave him the spiritual strength and power to stand up and move forward in his life. It was there that he encountered the heart of the Buddha, the heart of Shinran Shonin, and the heart of Bodhisattva Dharmakara.

What kind of wishes are we living with in our life? Are we living with worldly wishes, or have we found a wish that transcends worldly wishes in our life? That is the question I am challenged with when I read and chant this first line of the *Juseige*, GA GON CHO SE GAN.

Namuamidabutsu.

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President's Message
Stuart Ito

I was fortunate enough to be invited to be the keynote speaker for the Northwest Convention put on by the Northwest District in the Buddhist Churches of America chaired by the White River Temple. It was at the Doubletree in Tukwila, which is right by the Seattle-Tacoma airport. I have many friends in the Pacific Northwest and was able to see them along with my convention duties.

While staying so close to the ocean, I wanted to take advantage of the area I was in and elected to get some clam chowder in a bread bowl. I went to the famous Pike Place Chowder to get some and, as most touristy things do, it had quite a line. The list of food items available, however, was put on a big board at the front of the line above the cashiers and the end of the line was around the corner, out of the line of sight to see it.

I rushed to the end of the line anyways in order to spend less time waiting. Luckily, there was a woman standing there handing out paper menus and I accepted one so that I could look it over. It didn't take me long to decide; I was going to order the award-winning New England style clam chowder in a bread bowl. It looked so good and I imagined it being delicious as well as warming in the cold weather.

As I got closer to the front, a man came into the door on the way to the end of the line. He asked the person in line behind me, "Hey, where did you get the menus?" to which they let them know how they went to the end of the line and received a menu from the woman in the back, around the corner. While the person behind me was explaining where the menus were, I simply offered my menu to the man who had just walked in. He thanked me, then walked to the end of the line. While I also heard the question that he asked, I knew he didn't need to know where the menus were so much as he just wanted a menu. And I was able to fulfill that request without taking up more of either of our time.

I am not bringing up this story to be smug or show off how clever I am. Rather, the opposite — recognizing that all of us, myself included, often do not know what people are truly asking of us. I know I take things quite literally all the time and will miss the point of an interaction or inquiry when others would know without a doubt what the conversation was actually about. This takes practicing a skill of listening, not just with our ears, but with our minds and hearts.

To listen to what someone really needs in their life instead of what we just see or hear on the surface. It is difficult to do and near impossible with someone we may just have met, but it is an important practice for us as Buddhists. For us to understand people so deeply is to understand our connection in this world as suffering beings existing together. And if we are able to do that, we can begin to show true compassion.

Change is Fundamental

February 3 was Scout Sunday and I was asked to give a dharma talk to all the scouts and their families. I was happy to do it because I was also a Boy Scout in the Betsuin's Troop 50 — almost 50 years ago! I had a great experience as a scout and developed some great friends along the way. In fact, our immediate past president, Brian Hatano, was a scout and my patrol leader way back then.

The topic of my message was "change" and how Buddhism teaches us that life is constantly changing. I showed a couple of pictures of the ground-breaking ceremony of the church and the early construction to show how things have changed since then. This message of constant change is taught to us early in Dharma School and from our ministers. It is one of the most fundamental teachings we have.

The concept that our lives are constantly changing is obvious when stated. Even so, I continue to develop a deeper understanding the older I get. When my mother passed away three years ago, I understood that this is the natural order of life. She lived a very good life and I was grateful that she was with us for so long and was able to see her two sons get married and have children. She cherished her grandchildren.

When my father passed away last year, I again accepted his passing with gratitude that he was with us for so long and was such a great father. Just before he passed, he told us he had a great life, had no regrets and he was ready. His words were his final gift to his family.

My 24-year-old son and 21-year-old daughter both reside in Los Angeles. They have both graduated



President's Message
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from college and are working. This too is change and a good change that all of us who have been through can appreciate. It feels great that they are on their own and just starting their lives.

Now as I head toward retirement in a few years, I see more change ahead and I'm looking forward to another chapter in life. Beyond that, I will also leave this earth as white ashes, just as my family that came before me.

Realizing I have fewer days to live ahead of me than behind me makes me appreciate each day that much more. I guess that's what the dharma is supposed to make you realize even when you are young. Cherish every day. Namo amida butsu.

Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association
Keiko Jean Kashiwada



The February SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, with President Loleen Nakano presiding.

Upcoming Events for 2019: Save the Dates!

- **Sakura Matsuri Food and Shopping Faire: March 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**
SBWA will be selling somen salad and three kinds of spam musubi: regular, rice with minced green tsukemono and rice with minced red tsukemono. Please come out to shop and support the Sacramento Betsuin and its organizations at this fun fundraising event. The deadline for pre-orders was February 24; however, there will be a limited amount of food for sale on March 10. The food booths will be located in the church courtyard. The Kaikan will be set up with the many vendor booths.
- **Caregivers Conference: New Date to Be Determined**
The Betsuin, with ACC as a partner, is planning a one-day conference to discuss various caregiving responsibilities for seniors. There will be more information to come. If you would like to help with this conference, please contact SBWA President Loleen Nakano at (916) 424-1324.
- **Social Services**
If you have family members or friends in a Sacramento area nursing home or other care facilities and they would be interested in a visit by our SBWA ladies, please contact Naomi Hamamoto, Utako Kimura or Marcia Matsuda. You can leave a note in the SBWA mail slot in the Betsuin office with the information.

Next SBWA Meeting

The next SBWA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2019 starting at 5:45 pm. Reverend Matt Hamasaki will conduct a short service in the Hondo before the meeting.

Legacy Endowment Fund
Allan Hoshida



At the beginning of each year, the Legacy Endowment Fund Board reviews the fund's performance over the previous year and authorizes the budget for the current year, based on the interest and dividends the investment fund has generated. We are very happy to report that our 2019 budget has increased over 40 percent from the previous year. This has been due primarily to the generous contributions of our sangha members and community, which has substantially increased the investment fund's principal and is resulting in long-term benefits in our temple's ability to fund programs that promote the Jodo Shinshu tradition.

One of the recent programs that was supported by the Endowment Fund is the Buddhist Youth Retreat that occurred in Berkeley this past summer. It was a week-long in-depth study of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, its history and its practices. We were fortunate enough to have sent a student representative from our Sacramento Betsuin who shared her experience with us:

We had many teachers from across the BCA [Buddhist Churches of America] give numerous lectures about several topics like social acceptance, mental health, and other religions. And we learned how Buddhist teachings can be helpful in our 21st-century lives. For example, BCA President Rick Stambul came to speak about his experiences working for the civil rights movement and meeting Martin Luther King Jr. Sensei Elaine Donlin from the San Francisco Buddhist Temple came to talk to us about helping people in hospitals and prisons through meditation and self-reflection. Reverend Jon Turner from Orange County Buddhist Temple spoke to us about the history and role of women in Buddhism. We also visited the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco and had a private tour to learn about the different representations of the Buddha across Asia. We had several of these lectures and they were all very eye-opening.

Part of the retreat also involved daily chanting, which is difficult at first, but also a valuable experience. When you are focusing your energy and being mindful of the right words, timing, and proper breathing, stress seems to go away, and your mind is clear for that time. In addition to learning about chanting and setting up the altar, the reverends helped us create a sermon based on our own personal life experiences. Listening to all my new friends' sermons was very moving and touching.

Legacy Endowment Fund
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The best part about this retreat is going through these discoveries with new friends that support you completely. Even though we often have preconceptions about people and sometimes make quick judgments about people or we often set ourselves up into different groups, the Buddhist Youth Retreat brings together teens that have Dharma teachings in common — our desire to act with compassion, kindness, and patience. We came from Washington, Denver, Oxnard, Orange County, San Jose, and Mountain View. I met some pretty amazing people who love classical music, taiko, sports, comedy, poetry, politics, art, photography, film-making, engineering, guinea pigs, and who just love having fun.

Our Legacy Endowment Fund Board hopes to support our member attendance at many more programs like this.

For 2019, we are working on a project to archive and share the experiences of our more senior sangha members who lived through the development and growth of the church. We hope to record their experiences and how the church and its teachings have helped them over their lives. This may take the form of a panel discussion, guest speaker series, or recorded interviews. We felt it important to record and share this history before it is lost. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please contact us through the church office. We welcome any help available.

Thank you, in gassho.

Seeking Summer Bazaar Sponsors



Dear Sacramento Betsuin Members and Friends,

Being a Summer Bazaar Sponsor is one of the best and most effective ways to give to the Betsuin. Giving and supporting the community and Betsuin is contagious in a wonderful way. When you become a sponsor (either by yourself, with your family and friends, or as a business), your giving is seen by others in the Betsuin family and community.

Because of its conspicuous nature, others in the community are reminded to support and give too. In this way, the gift of your sponsorship has much more benefit beyond your personal gift. Thus, you are encouraged to join with your family, friends, neighbors, with your affiliated and sponsored organizations and your business partners to become a sponsor. As an incentive for personal donors/sponsors, we are giving a special discount for Program Sponsors. See below.

This year, the Summer Bazaar Sponsorship Program is broken down into two categories. The first is Program Sponsorship, which was introduced several years ago. The second category is the Event Sponsorship.

In both sponsorship categories, you or your business will receive advertising space in the Bazaar's full-color printed program, as well as additional recognition and publicity depending on the sponsorship level you choose.

As an Event Sponsor, you are entitled to complimentary food vouchers, reserved seating, and other special gifts and recognition. The sponsorship levels are as follows:

Program Sponsorship*

- Bronze Sponsor: \$500 (business card ad)
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- Event Sponsor: \$5,000 (full-page ad, signage at the event & link on our website for six months)

**Note: Members and affiliated and sponsored organizations of the Sacramento Buddhist Church and other non-profit organizations will receive a 50% discount for program sponsorship.*

Event Sponsorship

- Jade Sponsor: \$5,000 (includes complimentary VIP Reserved Seating, Food Vouchers, Gifts and other special recognition)
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More detailed explanation of the Event Sponsorship category is available upon request. A representative of the Bazaar Committee will be happy to meet with prospective Event Sponsors to explain the benefits of sponsorship.

Bazaar Committee:

- Marty Sakata, Co-Chairperson
- Stuart Ito, Co-Chairperson

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When sending articles by email, please send email to: **vibrocount@lanset.com** with a cc to: **betsuinoffice@gmail.com** and inform the church office at 446-0121. Please include the author's name. Thank you.

**Sakura Gakuen
Adult Class**
Masako Thomas
Adult Class Dean



Spring semester started on February 4, but it is not too late. If you know some Japanese, you can join an ongoing class. The new introductory beginner class is from 4:30 p.m. to 5:55 p.m., and the new kanji class is from 7:30 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.

Continuing from the fall semester are beginner level 2 and 3, intermediate level 1 and 2, pre-advanced and advanced classes.

The tuition for church members is \$168 per semester, which is a 20% discount. For information or to enroll, please contact me at thomas@sakuragakuen.org.

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The Minidoka Swing Band was formed to pay tribute to the bands that were formed in the internment camps. The camp bands played at Saturday evening dances to provide a sense of normalcy to the difficult camp life.

This band was featured on the front page of the March 2010 Wall Street Journal. The band performs concerts to educate the audiences about the internment of the Japanese-Americans during World War II.

Please join us to hear the swinging songs from the Big Band Era.

Sacramento Adult Buddhist Association Presents 6th Oldies-But- Goodies Dance



Notes from the Office

Mark your calendar for the Fantabulous 6th Oldies-But-Goodies Dance hosted by the Adult Buddhist Association on Saturday, March 23, 2019, 7 p.m.–11 p.m., at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95818. Music to be provided by Disc Jockey Don Kazama, who will cater to our eras of the '50s, '60s and '70s. Pupus and hosted refreshments will be provided. Tickets have been increased to \$15 per person, by popular demand.

Purchase your tickets from: Jean Kashiwada, (916) 392-0958 / jeankash@aol.com; Martha Kushida, (916) 393-3093 / dockush6@sbcglobal.net; Carolyn Murata, (916) 939-0667 / ccmurata@gmail.com; Wayne Kurahara, (916) 392-3022 / kurahara@sbcglobal.net; Curtis Ishii, (916) 329-8080 / curtisishii@comcast.net; George Kashiwagi, (916) 363-5941 / georgegkashiwagi@yahoo.com; Virginia Uchida, (916) 421-3538 / Uchida9@comcast.net; Grace Hatano, (916) 451-7520 / bghat1@sbcglobal.net; Karen Adachi, (916) 392-3206 / karenadachi@aol.com; Irene Takeda, (916) 393-9560 / itakeda@comcast.net; Misa Oshiro, (916) 427-5059 / cmkoshiro3@msn.com; Bob Nishimoto, (916) 422-9415 / BNish@sbcglobal.net; Tosh Ohara, (916) 248-6012 / toap@sbcglobal.net; John/Elaine Yoshikawa, (916) 383-4755 / spyron@aol.com.

They can also place your ticket(s) at "Will Call" at the church to be retrieved on the day of the dance. You can pay for your tickets through one of our members, pay at the time of the dance, or submit payment to the church office: Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818, Attn: ABA 3/23 Dance. **Please let one of us know you'll be attending for head count purposes.** If you have 8 or more people in your group and want to reserve a table, let us know. Invite your friends and family.

New Betsuin Office Staff!

Please join us in welcoming Mika Matayoshi as our Betsuin Front Office Coordinator! Mika brings with her a wealth of knowledge that will enhance the services we can provide to the sangha.

A graduate of UC Berkeley and UC Davis (and JFK High School!), Mika has more than 25 years of experience in the fields of tax accounting, real estate and insurance, and she knows what it takes to be a small business owner. Beyond that, Mika is a long-time member of our temple, proud parent (with husband, Greg) to Grace and Andrew, all of whom are also very involved in Betsuin activities. We are excited to have her join our team and hope that many of you will stop by on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, or Sundays, to give Mika a warm welcome!

Betsuin Calendar

March Dates:

- Sunday, 3/3/19, 11:30 a.m. – Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service
 - Sunday, 3/24/19, 9:30 a.m. – Spring Ohigan Service
- Special Guest Speaker: Rick Stambul, Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) President

2019 Family Memorial Service Schedule

Traditionally, 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	2019 Memorial	Year of Death	2019 Memorial
2018	1 year	1995	25 year
2017	3 year	1987	33 year
2013	7 year	1970	50 year
2007	13 year	1920	100 year
2003	17 year		



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- Anne AkaboriJanuary 23, 1939 - January 12, 2019
- Lillian YamauchiJuly 2, 1932 - January 29, 2019
- Ronald OuchidaJune 24, 1939 - February 2, 2019
- Kenneth OtaniJanuary 27, 1933 - February 9, 2019
- Machiko KimuraMarch 17, 1926 - February 14, 2019

2019 Betsuin Events



Check this space each month for updates!

- March 2-3, 2019Betsuin Basketball Tournament
- March 10, 2019Sakura Matsuri Food & Craft Faire
- March 24, 2019Spring Ohigan
- April 14, 2019Hanamatsuri
- May 19, 2019.....Gotan-E
- July 13, 2019Bon Odori
- July 14, 2019Hatsubon/Obon
- August 10-11, 2019.....73rd Annual Bazaar
- August 12, 2019Bazaar Clean-up
- September 22, 2019.....Fall Ohigan
- October 13, 2019Eitaikyo; Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast
- October 26, 2019Annual Halloween Party/Haunted House
- November 10, 2019.....Ho-onko
- December 8, 2019.....Bodhi Day
- December 31, 2019.....Joya-E



Welcome New Members

Loretta Frank



Dharma School News

Valerie Fong, Superintendent



Hello Everyone and Happy Spring! Dharma School's Open House was held on February 10, in the Kaikan following our Nirvana Day Service. This annual event was well-attended and we appreciate the generous food contributions from our Dharma School families. A big "thank you" to the teachers, TAs, and students for the wonderful displays of their class projects.

We will participate in the 2nd Annual Sakura Matsuri Shopping and Food Faire on March 10. Dharma School will be selling teriyaki sauce. Please visit our table!

Rehearsals are underway for this year's Hanamatsuri play entitled, "I Want to Be a Kitty." Please save the date — Sunday, April 14!

Until next month!

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Dharma School "courtyard" gratefully acknowledges donations from the following:

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2019 Sangha Members

Thank you to the 2019 members of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Below is a list of 2019 Sustaining, Kansha, Introductory, and Young Adult Members. Our temple's main sources of income each year are membership dues, bazaar income, and donations. These sources of income are all vital to sustain the temple so we can offer a multitude of programs to promote the teachings of Shinran Shonin. We greatly appreciate your dana.

Last year, the Betsuin introduced the Kansha membership level for individuals and families who wish to volunteer a higher donation level. As the word has spread, we have seen Kansha memberships increase significantly in 2019. We also recognize that many of you responded to the issues brought up in the 2019 membership letter by renewing your membership at a higher individual or family rate. We, again, are very grateful to you for your generosity.

This membership listing reflects 2019 members whose dues were received by February 15, 2019. A listing of additional members will be included in the April edition of the SANGHA newsletter and will reflect dues received between February 16–March 15, 2019. New members will continue to be noted throughout the year in the monthly "Welcome New Members" highlight. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy; if your records differ from ours, please call the Betsuin office at (916) 446-0121.

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