



Live the Nembutsu!

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LIVE THE NEMBUTSU

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Buddhist Church of Oakland
825 Jackson St
Oakland CA 94607**

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Welcome Message

September 1, 2018

We hope that this message finds you enjoying the light of the Amida's infinite wisdom and compassion.

The Buddhist Churches of America Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations is honored and excited to host the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention. We welcome everyone to join us for this joyous occasion in beautiful San Francisco, California.

Since the inaugural convention in 1961, the world has become more divided and conflict driven, and our communities and families are impacted by this negativity. Today, we live and share in the Nembutsu teaching amongst communities and societies steeped in cultural and ethnic diversity. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us as Buddhist Women to "Live the Nembutsu," which is the theme for the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention.

Women throughout the history of Shin Buddhism have dedicated their lives and supported the propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Prime examples are Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni. Lady Eshinni appreciated the Nembutsu teaching as expounded by her husband, Shinran Shonin, and supported his efforts to share the teaching with people from all walks of life. Lady Kakushinni, their youngest daughter, played a vital role in laying the foundation for the spread of the Nembutsu teaching so that future generations would be able to receive and rejoice in her father's legacy.

Reflecting upon what it means to Live the Nembutsu and remaining ever mindful of the common thread of the dharma that brings us together as one community, let us remember the contributions of individuals such as Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni with the hope that peace may prevail and the Nembutsu teaching may spread throughout the world.

Please find attached an informational packet and registration form. If you have other questions, please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to your visit when we will share and live the Nembutsu together.

In gassho,
Susan Bottari
Chairperson, 2019 WBWC
Organizing Committee

2018年9月1日

御仏の無量光とお慈悲の内にお喜びの日々をお過ごしのことと存じます。

米国仏教婦人会連盟は第16回世界仏教婦人会大会を主催させて頂きます事はこの上なき名誉と存じます。この美しいサンフランシスコ、カリフォルニアで、この楽しい有意義な催しにご参加下さいます事を心より歓迎いたします。

1961年の第1回大会の時に比べ、世界は分離され、対立しています。そして我々の地域社会や家族は否定的、悲観的に頻拍しています、

今日、私達の地域や家族は多様な文化や人種の中にありながら、お念仏の教えを分かち合い、生かされています。それ故に、仏教婦人にとりまして、第16回世界仏教婦人会大会のテーマであります ”念仏に生かされて “ は大切な事です。

浄土真宗の歴史に於いての女性は浄土真宗を献身的にまいりました。特に恵信尼公と覚信尼公はその主な方々です。恵信尼公は夫である親鸞聖人が詳細に説かれた念仏の教えを正しく理解し、多くの人々と共に聖人のみ教えを分かち合い、支持されました。お二人の末娘である覚信尼公もお念仏の教えを広める為の地盤を敷かれ、極めて重要な役割を果たされました。その為、次世代の人々も聖人の教えを喜び、受け継ぐ事ができました。

念仏に生かされてという意味を考えるに当たり、私どもを地域社会と結び付ける仏法の筋道を心に留めて、平和が普及し、念仏のみ教えが世界中に広まることを望み、恵信尼公、覚信尼公の貢献を心に留めようではありませんか。報告書並びに質問例の書類を添付致しました。もし、ご質問がありましたら、ご遠慮なくご連絡ください。またお会い致しました時に、念仏の喜びを分かち合う事が出来ます日を楽しみに致しております。

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ボッターリ スーザン会長

2019年WBWC 代表

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1. Convention Summary

1. **Event Name:** The 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention
2019 World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC)
2. **Theme:** Live the Nembutsu
3. **Dates:** Friday, August 30, 2019 – Representative's Meeting and Welcome Reception
Saturday, August 31 & Sunday, September 1, 2019 Convention
4. **Location/Venue:** Marriott Marquis Hotel San Francisco
780 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

2. Convention Overview

The 1st World Buddhist Women's Convention was held in Kyoto, Japan in 1961 and the Buddhist Churches of America Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations is pleased to host the **16th World Buddhist Women's Convention in 2019** in San Francisco, California, USA.

This convention is the only opportunity for Jodo Shinshu Buddhist followers to gather together on an international level; meet new people, learn together, share experiences and spread the circle of Dharma followers today and for generations to come and as such, everyone, women, men young and old, is welcome to join us. We are expecting 2000 representatives and friends from the continental United States, Canada, Hawaii, South America and Japan, including His Eminence Monshu Kojun Ohtani.

Together as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists from around the world we will share with gratitude all of the diverse and wonderful ways we are embraced in the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha and all the joyous ways we "Live the Nembutsu", which is our theme.

This convention will start with a registration and an opening No Host Reception and Open Workshops (no sign-ups necessary) on Friday, August 30. Opening ceremonies will begin on Saturday, August 31 and closing at midday on Sunday, September 1, 2019. We will make every effort to offer presentations in three languages as much as possible: English, Japanese and Portuguese.

3. Sponsored By

The World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Association

- Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Federation of Japan
- Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations
- Buddhist Churches of America Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations
- Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Women's Federation
- South America Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Federation

4. 2019 WBWC Convention Registration Fee

Attendees will pay a registration fee of **\$350/person** US Dollars which covers:

- Saturday lunch and evening banquet
- Commemorative tokens
- Convention souvenir program
- Convention operating expenses including venue costs

Note:

- Registrations are not considered confirmed until payment is received.
- The \$350 Convention Registration fee is non-refundable.
- In the event of a cancellation, the registration fee can be applied or transferred to an alternative attendee up until 60 days before the convention, or **June 30, 2019**.
- The entire registration fee is required even for partial attendance to the convention.
- **Registration fee will go up to \$450 after June 1, 2019.**
- ***Please see item 9 and 10 on page 15 & 16 for details.***

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5. 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention Tentative Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
Friday August 30, 2019	10:00 am 3:00 pm Afternoon 4:00 pm 5:00 pm Evening	WBWC Representatives Meeting and Luncheon BCA FBWA Delegates Meeting Participants arrival/Registration Desk WBWC Marketplace/Displays No Host Bar and Open Workshops (No sign-ups needed) Dinner on own
Saturday August 31, 2019	8:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:30 pm 4:00- 6:00 pm 6:00-9:00 pm	Convention Doors Open Welcome & Opening Service Keynote Messages Lunch and WBWC Marketplace Workshops - Session A Break Workshops Breakout B Free Time: enjoy displays, and shop at the WBWC Marketplace Banquet, District Entertainment & Gift exchange
Sunday September 1, 2019	8:00 am 8:30 9:00 10:00 11:00 12:00 1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Convention Doors Open BCA FBWA General Meeting (moved from Sat) Greetings District Panel Presentations Closing Service WBWC General Meeting & Closing Ceremony Closing remarks Free/Open to Public: "American Bon Dancing" All are invited to dance! Mission Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, SF Presented in partnership with Yerba Buena Gardens Festival

** Schedule above is subject to change. (Ver.8)*

6. Keynote Speakers and Program Highlights

What does it mean to “live the Nembutsu”? The 16th World Buddhist Women’s Convention features two distinguished keynote speakers, each exemplifying a bold, distinctive life journey inspired by the Nembutsu. Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi, resident minister of the Buddhist Church of Stockton, was born in Japan to a temple family, grew up in Hawaii, and, in the 1970s, became one of the few female Jodo Shinshu ministers serving in Hawaii, and now the mainland U.S. Keiko Toro, also born to a temple family in Japan, has forged her own path in academia, and now, as an independent scholar researching Jodo Shinshu Buddhism globally. Each speaker will present a keynote message on the Convention theme, “Live the Nembutsu,” in both English and Japanese (with Portuguese translation).

6.1 Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi



(English/Japanese)

Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi

Resident Minister, Buddhist Church of Stockton
Buddhist Churches of America

Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi was born on May 21, 1950, in Tokyo, Japan. She is the eldest daughter of the late Rev. Yushu Motoyoshi and Mrs. Sonoe Motoyoshi, both of whom were Hawaii-born Nisei (second-generation Japanese American). In 1966, her family moved back to Hawaii where she graduated from K'au High School and attended the University of Hawaii at Hilo, receiving her B.A. in Liberal Studies. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she earned her M.A. in Buddhist Studies. Rev. Motoyoshi received her Tokudo ordination from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha in Kyoto, Japan, in October 1977 and Kyoshi ordination in April 1978. From 1981-1983, she studied at the Gyo Shin Kyo Ko as a Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii scholarship student. Rev. Motoyoshi has served as a resident minister at several temples in the Honpa Hongwanji Mission (Hawaii Kyodan (District): the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin (1978-1981; 1983-1985), Mililani Hongwanji (1985-1990), Lihue Hongwanji Mission (1990-2004), and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (2004-2011). Since 2011, she has been the resident minister of the Buddhist Church of Stockton (2011-present), a member temple of the Buddhist Churches of America.

6.2 Keiko Toro



(English/Japanese)

Keiko Toro

Keiko Toro is an independent scholar of “Everyday Buddhism,” whose wish is “to share the Jodo Shinshu teachings in a simple, practical, and enjoyable way both in Japanese and English” as her lifework. Born to a Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha ministerial family, her home temple is Honshuji, in Okazaki City, Aichi Prefecture. Honshuji was originally built by Rennyō Shōnin, a descendent of Shinran Shōnin, and the eighth chief abbot of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

After finishing her Ph.D. courses at Kyoto University, Toro was a research fellow at the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) from November 2002 - May 2003 and explored various issues in the translation of Shin Buddhist literature. She taught Japanese Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu at Jin-ai University in Fukui, Japan from 2011 to 2017.

During her sabbatical year, from 2015 to 2016, she traveled around the world to research Jodo Shinshu outside of Japan. In 2017, upon serious reflection on her life goals, she decided to take a leave from academia to pursue her work, in her own way, as an independent scholar of “Everyday Buddhism.”

Her two publications in Japanese explore the ancient parable of Ajatasatru in the context of modern life and society in a popular, accessible style:

* **アジャセからの贈りもの-耳で聞く『教行信証』の世界** (CD book)

Ajase kara no okurimono – mimi de kiku Kyogyoshinsho no sekai

“A Present from Ajatasatru” (Hojodo Press, Japan)

* **都路恵子のアジャセ法話 Toro Keiko no Ajase Howa**

“Dharma Talks about Ajatasatru Stories” (DVD) (Hojodo Press, Japan)

6.3 Panel Presentation

Each District (Canada, Japan, BCA, Hawaii, and South America) will identify a representative speaker who is an active Jodo Shinshu Buddhist woman. Each panelist will reflect and share the way they “Live the Nembutsu.” Panel speakers will be speaking for 5-10 minutes each and **a complete copy of the speech will be required by February 1, 2019** to facilitate translations.

6.4 District Entertainment

Each District (Canada, Japan, BCA, Hawaii, and South America) is requested to contribute to the Entertainment portion on Saturday evening, September 1, 2019 (song, dance, play, etc). Total performance time per district should be no more than 7 minutes in length. Districts will be contacted in March of 2019 to confirm their entertainment piece(s) that will be performed at the convention.

7. Workshops

The WBWC Program Committee has been working hard to present a diverse variety of workshops on the theme “Live the Nembutsu”. We are confident that everyone will find workshops that appeal to their interests.

Workshop offerings are subject to change.

7.1 Friday Evening (8/30/19): Open Workshops

On Friday, August 30, 2019 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm there will be open workshops.

No pre-selection is necessary. Seating will be first come first served.

- **Conversations: Responding to Shinran's Wasan through Poetry**

Following the tradition of linked verse, we will engage Shinran’s wasan and compose poetic responses. Workshop will include group discussion, individual and collaborative writing—encouraging, non-threatening and creative—no literary experience required.

*Jerry Bolick, Minister’s Assistant, Buddhist Church of San Francisco
Presented in English*

- **Exile and Onembutsu in the World War II American Internment Camps**

A story shared by a Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) minister, the late Rev. Giko Abiko, of his life during the internment camps. Insightful ways of how to live in the nembutsu while father land is at war with mother land.

Video presentation in **Japanese** with **English** subtitles
*Q/A with Rev. Hiroshi Jokai Abiko, BCA Minister Emeritus
in Japanese with English interpretation*

- **Yours, In Nembutsu – A Card Making Workshop**
Quick, easy, delightful! Make and take two hand-crafted cards.
Patti Hisaoka Instructions in English. Everyone can create a card.
- **Chocolate Bliss Workshop**
Experience the enticing world of chocolate in this interactive workshop. Learn about the various stages of making delicious chocolate. Enjoy some samples and buy some to take home! Chocolate sales will benefit the Convention.
Irene Preston, Laura Santo, Corey Fujioka
Presented in English Everyone can enjoy! Japanese and Portuguese written materials provided
- **Qi Gong**
Improve your health & reduce stress with gentle healing through Qi Gong exercise, a holistic system of coordinated body posture and movement, breathing, and meditation used for health, spirituality, and martial arts training. Physical activity.
Masanori Naito, Qi Gong Master
Presented in Japanese All can follow

7.2 Saturday Afternoon Session A (8/31/19)

**Workshops for Session A and B will be preassigned.
Please note your preferences on your registration forms.**

- **A1: Lady Takeko Kujo: The Secret of her Inner Beauty I (Eng. Session)**
We appreciate the secrets of beauty within her poems in "Muyūge - The Leaves of My Heart" and learn the way she lived in the Nembutsu.
Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Fujiwara Wondra Orange County Buddhist Church
Presented in English with Portuguese interpretation
- **A2: Mindfulness and Shin**
As mindfulness and its many benefits have become part of our mainstream culture, how do we approach mindfulness as Shin Buddhists? An introduction to mindfulness and how it can be helpful to us as Shin Buddhists, especially in terms of living the Jodo Shinshu creed. Lecture, Q/A, and mindfulness activities.
Leo Joslin, Minister's Assistant, Buddhist Church of San Francisco
Presented in English with Japanese and Portuguese interpretation
- **A3: Practicing "No Practice:" The Nembutsu in Our Modern Lives**
An interactive workshop of a process of incorporating the Nembutsu into our contemporary, Western lives: from recitation of Namo Amida Butsu to the awakening of a Shinjin experience.
Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Buddhist Temple of San Diego
Presented in English with Japanese and Portuguese interpretation
- **A4: Blissfully Ever After – Buddhist Weddings in BCA**
Nowadays, each wedding is unique. This presentation shares how traditional Jodo Shinshu wedding rituals have been adapting and evolving in the Buddhist Churches of America. Photos and videos will feature a traditional male/female Buddhist wedding; a same sex wedding; and an interfaith wedding,

focusing on the wedding ritual. View and compare these different types of weddings with your own country's wedding, and gain a new appreciation of the significance of the Jodo Shinshu wedding.

Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki, Seattle Buddhist Temple Betsuin

Presented in **Japanese** with **English** and **Portuguese** interpretation

- **A5: Buddhist Psychology & Therapy: Stories of Transformative Dharma**

Dr. Carmela Hirano will share a Shin Buddhist model of therapy: how the Four Noble Truths and Buddhist concepts such as impermanence, non-duality and interdependence can help each of us understand

and deal with our struggles. Rev. Candice Shibata shares her personal story of loss and how the Jodo Shinshu teachings therapeutically transformed her grief, and ultimately, inspired her to pursue ministry.

Dr. Carmela Javellana Hirano, Minister's Assistant, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple

Rev. Candice Shibata, Buddhist Church of Florin

Presented in **English** with **Japanese** and **Portuguese** interpretation

- **A6: Dharma Glimpses I- (English session)**

This is an open forum and opportunity to share the Dharma through personal experiences. Speakers to be announced.

Moderated by Rev. Ron Miyamura, Midwest Buddhist Temple

Presented in **English** with **Japanese** and **Portuguese** interpretation

- **A7: Nembutsu Challenge: Live in the Moment and Have Fun!**

Through various interactive scenarios and games, participants will practice living and thinking in the moment.

Koichi Mizushima, Minister's Assistant, Buddhist Church of Sacramento

Presented in **English**

- **A8: Line Dancing for Enlightenment! I**

Watch the instructor and assistants demonstrate each dance, practice the steps, and experience the joy of line dancing! No experience needed. Come as you are, and jump right in, mistakes are welcome!

Grace Hatano, Minister's Assistant, Buddhist Church of Sacramento

Presented in **English** *Everyone can follow along!*

- **A9: Live the Nembutsu Through Music**

In-depth learning of true-to-life gathas to sing and play at your temple, services and gatherings. Explore ways and techniques to encourage yourself and others to pen singable gathas. Ukulele players welcome!

B.J. Soriano, Hilo Betsuin, HI

Learn songs in **English** *All can learn the songs*

- **A10: Connecting to Buddha Through Apps**

A Young Adults Workshop:

Learn how to be in touch with Buddhism through your phone! Anywhere you go, there are apps that can keep you connected.

Coordinated by Rev. Matthew Hamasaki, Buddhist Church of Sacramento

Presented in **English**, **Japanese**, **Portuguese**

7.3 Saturday Afternoon Session B (8/31/19)

Workshops for Session A and B will be preassigned. Please note preferences on your registration form.

- **B1: Lady Takeko Kujo: The Secret of her Inner Beauty II** (Japanese Session)

We appreciate the secrets of beauty within her poems in "Muyūge - The Leaves of My Heart" and learn the way she lived in the Nembutsu.

*Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Fujiwara Wondra, Orange County Buddhist Church
Presented in Japanese*

- **B2: Intersecting Identities: Shin Buddhism and *LGBTQ+**

Are Buddhism and LGBTQ identity mutually inclusive? Where does incongruity arise? In our ever-changing culture, how is our Shin Buddhist tradition transforming into communities of inclusivity, support and justice? Drawing on her LGBTQ experience and path to Shin as a backdrop, Ms. Donlin will facilitate a discussion and Q/A with LGBTQ+ panelists.

**LGBTQ+ stands for "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus"
Panel Discussion with Q & A facilitated by Elaine Donlin, Minister's Assistant,
Buddhist Church of San Francisco
Presented in English with Japanese and Portuguese interpretation*

- **B3: Changing with the Times**

How viable are the traditional Japanese American-based BWAs as temples become more diverse? How are local BWA's building on their Japanese American legacy, or not? How do we embrace new ways and nurture a new BWA generation from more diverse backgrounds? This panel will look at some of the diversity already in motion, as a glimpse into the future.

*Moderated by Rev. Ron Miyamura, Midwest Buddhist Temple
Presented in English with Japanese and Portuguese interpretation*

- **B4 : Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Mottainai, and EcoSanghas**

Workshop participants learn about the congruence between Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and ecological sustainability through a mottainai sensibility. They also explore what their temples might do towards being an EcoSangha.

*Rev. Donald Castro, BCA Minister Emeritus, Joanne Gozawa, Ph.D., and Karen Akahoshi
Presented in English with Japanese and Portuguese interpretation*

- **B5: Line Dancing for Enlightenment! II**

Watch the instructor and assistants demonstrate each dance, practice the steps, and experience the fun and joy of line dancing! No experience needed. Come as you are, and jump right in, mistakes are welcome

*Grace Hatano, Minister's Assistant, Buddhist Church of Sacramento
Presented in English Everyone can follow along*

- **B6: Create A Song!**

Participants collaborate to create a song using Buddhist concepts and words matched to popular tunes.

*Koichi Mizushima, Minister's Assistant, Buddhist Church of Sacramento
Presented in English*

- **B7: Sexuality - Just As We Are**

A Young Adults Workshop: How do we understand sexuality through the values of Jodo Shinshu? We will look how all people are accepted equally in the Buddhist teachings and what that means to us.

Coordinated by Rev. Matthew Hamasaki, Buddhist Church of Sacramento

Presented in English, Japanese, Portuguese

- **B8: Live the Nembutsu Through Bon Dance**

Learn about the unique history of Bon Dancing in America and the legacy of Rev. Yoshio Iwanaga, who brought this tradition to the continental U.S. 88 years ago. Bon dances created in the U.S. will be introduced and taught by Hanayagi Reimichi (Reiko Iwanaga, daughter-in-law of Rev. Iwanaga) and Dr. Wynn Kiyama. Complements the photo exhibit on display: “American Bon Dancing: In Joy & Remembrance.”

Hanayagi Reimichi, Head Obon Dance Choreographer, San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

Dr. Wynn Kiyama, Executive Director, Portland Taiko

Presented in English with Japanese and Portuguese interpretation All can enjoy dancing

- **B9: Dharma Glimpses II (Japanese session)**

This is an open forum and Dharma sharing opportunity. Come and share experiences.

Coordinated by Chiemi Bly, Minister's Assistant, Twin Cities Sangha

Presented in Japanese with English and Portuguese interpretation

8. What to Bring

Please bring the following items for services and the convention.

1. Onenju
2. Montoshiki-sho
3. Passport/ID
4. Small sized Omiyage (gift) x 9 (suggested value of \$5 USD and under) to exchange at the banquet table
5. Optional: Yukata or hoppi coats for bon dancing

9. Register for the Convention

BCA FBWA attendees: Please register through your local BWA chapter or temple.

Each attendee will complete a registration form which is located at the back of this packet and submit the completed forms and payment to their chapter representative.

The 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention online registration site for BCA FBWA chapters is live.

Before you/chapter representative begin registration, you may wish to review the registration site **Instructional Manual** and **FAQ** (attached).

We encourage one group registration per chapter. A group registration consists of one “primary registrant” (*chapter representative*) submitting registration for their collective chapter members. Attached is a manual form to facilitate information gathering. After you have collected all registration forms from members, friends and family who will attend, please visit the registration website [WBWC registration](#) to enter required information.

Once you have submitted the online registration, the registration status will remain “pending” till full payment is received. **To finalize and confirm registration, please send a check payable to “BCA FBWA.”** When payment is received, we will send the final email confirmation.

To receive the early bird registration fee (\$350), full payment must be received no later than May 31, 2019. NEW: The Banquet Only option price is now \$195 (to meet hotel prices.)

If you are unable to submit via the online process, you may mail all completed forms along with the full payment to the following:

**16th WBWC Committee c/o San Mateo Buddhist Temple
Drawer J - Main Post Office
San Mateo, CA 94402**

IMPORTANT NOTE: All registration fees are non-refundable. Attendee substitutions are allowed up to 60 days prior to the event start date.

Hotel Accommodations: Each individual/group is responsible for own hotel booking and expense. Hotel information is provided on the registration site - see Accommodations tab or you may access directly [hotel reservation link](#). A special rate room block is available to WBWC attendees up till 30 days prior to the event. After this date no guarantees will be made.

Email questions: info@wbwconvention.org

Alternatively, a paper registration form can be completed and mailed in with payment – complete instructions are on the form. Please find the form on the last page of this document or it is also available from the convention website.

10. Registration Deadlines

- **Registration Fee: \$350.00 (USD) per person through May 31 2019**
- **Late Registration Fee: \$450 (USD) per person June 1, 2019**
- **Registration Closes: July 31, 2019**

EMAIL: info@wbwconvention.org TEL: (510) 809-1460

Note:

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- The \$350 Convention Registration fee is non-refundable.
- In the event of a cancellation, the registration fee can be applied or transferred to an alternative attendee up until 60 days before the convention, or June 30, 2019.
- The entire registration fee is required even for partial attendance to the convention.

11. Meals

The basic registration fee of \$350 includes Lunch and Dinner on August 31, 2019. Please note meal selections on registration form.

11.1 Luncheon choices:

- **Lemon Tarragon Chicken Salad Sandwich (Chicken Breast, Lemon Aioli, Tarragon, Hearts of Romaine)**
- **Peppered Roast Beef Sandwich (Roast Beef, Horseradish, Cheddar Cheese, Carmelized Onions, Pepperjack Cheese)**
- **Thai Tofu Wrap (Brown Rice, Crispy Thai Vegetables, Marinated Tofu, Chipotle Tortilla)**

Sandwiches are served with chips, fresh fruit salad, cookie, fresh lemon and lime bar

11.2 Dinner choices:

- **Braised Short Rib of Beef (gluten-free) with brown butter mashed potatoes, root vegetables and pearl onions**
- **Cedar Plank Salmon (gluten-free) with brown sugar curry house rub, sweet potato pepper hash, and herb butter sauce**
- **Vegetarian: Chef's choice**

The dinner includes fresh baked rolls, choice of soup or salad, dessert, coffee and tea.

11.3 Banquet Only Tickets Available

There will be a limited number of tickets available for people to have the opportunity to attend the Saturday, August 31, 2019 banquet and entertainment portion only. Cost will be **\$195.00** US dollars per person. Please complete registration form and note "banquet only" and remit payment with the chapter registration.

12. Accommodations

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Hotel accommodation block for **BCA FBWA**, under the Group name **2019 World Buddhist Women's Convention**, has been arranged at:

Marriott Marquis Hotel San Francisco
780 Mission Street
San Francisco, California, USA 94103

Guest room Rates

Day / Date	Room Type	2019 Room Rate
Friday, August 30 2019	Deluxe double	\$219.00
Saturday August 31, 2019	Deluxe double	\$219.00
Sunday September 1, 2019	Deluxe double	\$219.00

**Room rate quoted is single or double occupancy*

Parking

Parking charges for the group are:

Attached Parking Garage (6' clearance): \$ 75.00 per night

Over Height Parking (next to hotel): \$ 85.00 per night

Parking charges are per night and subject to change without notice.

12.1 Reservations Process and Booking Website

Online and phone reservations will be accepted beginning on Aug 28, 2018.

A dedicated booking website has been created for our event so guests will be able to make, modify and cancel their hotel reservations online, as well as take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities or other services offered by the hotel.

ウェブまたは電話での参加ご予約は、2018年8月28日より開始いたします。

To access the website, please use the following link:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/49773121>

12.2 Phone reservations

For phone reservations, please use the following dedicated Group Reservations phone numbers in order to make sure guests are able to access special block rates and ensure they book within the block.

Our group name is **2019 World Buddhist Women's Convention**.

Reservations Toll Free: 1-877-622-3056

Reservations Local Phone: 1-415-896-1600

12.3 Reservation Cut-Off Date

The hotel holds our block of guest rooms until 30 days prior to event start date. After this date, remaining rooms will be released and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis but quoted price may not be in effect.

13. Housing Bureau for All International Travelers

For the international delegates (anyone outside of the continental United States), a Housing Bureau has been established by our travel partners, JTB International and Kintetsu International US Office:

Email: housing-2019wbwc@jtbusa.com TEL: +1(310)406-3211

14. Optional Activities

14.1 American Bon Dancing: In Joy & Remembrance (A free public event)

On Sunday, September 1, 2019, from 1 - 3 pm, following the official closing ceremonies of the WBWC, attendees are invited to join in a special bon dancing event led by Hanayagi Reimichi (Reiko Iwanaga) and Dr. Wynn Kiyama at Yerba Buena Gardens, across the street from the SF Marriott Marquis. The event is open to the public and highlights the 88th anniversary of bon dancing in the continental U.S. and legacy of its first teacher, the late Rev. Yoshio Iwanaga. Presented in partnership with Yerba Buena Gardens Festival.

All are invited to dance!

14.2 WBWC Marketplace

The WBWC Marketplace will be located in the Golden Gate Ballroom of the Marriott Marquis. Here, our visitors will have the opportunity shop for unique gifts and omiyage.

14.3 Photo Booths

In the lobby near the registration counter will be various fun photo opportunities. Our guests are encouraged to use their own cameras and take selfies and photos of their friends, old and new.

15. Questions?

Please note that the information contained in this document applies only to BCA FBWA chapters and members.

If you have any questions about the convention planning and program, please feel free to contact any of the following members of the WBWC Executive committee.

Co-chair: Susan Bottari	s_bottari@yahoo.com
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\$200 for BCO OBWA Members

"Mail" or "Drop Off" Registrations & Checks to:

**Patti Hisaoka / OBWA
Buddhist Church of Oakland
825 Jackson St
Oakland CA 94607**

Registration Form for the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention
August 30-September 1, 2019 in San Francisco, California
Please complete one form per person

Personal Information:

First Name:		Middle Name:	Last Name:
Mailing Address:	Address Line 1: _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	
	Address Line 2: _____	Language of Preference (circle one):	
	City _____	English Japanese Portuguese	
	State _____	Telephone Number (with country code):	
	Postal / Zip Code _____ Country: _____	_____	
Email:	_____		
Affiliated Temple:			
Please check one	<input type="checkbox"/> BWA member		<input type="checkbox"/> Hongwanji Representative, Minister or Spouse
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse or Family of BWA member: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Temple Minister or Spouse		

Emergency Contact:

Name:		Telephone:	
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Meal Choices:

Dietary Restrictions /Other restrictions

Lunch: Circle one: Beef, Chicken, or Vegetarian Dinner: Circle one: Beef, Fish or Vegetarian	
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Registration Type: All fees are non-refundable

Full Conference (Includes keynotes, sessions, banquet) - \$350.00 per person _____

Banquet only - \$195.00 per person _____

Workshop Preferences Session A:

1st choice:	2nd choice	3rd choice
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Workshop Preferences Session B:

1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR BWA CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES Contact: info@wbwconvention.org

*Please register each attendee online at the Cvent registration site. If you are unable to register online, please complete this form for each attendee and mail all copies along with one check payable to **BCA FBWA, to 16th WBWC Committee % San Mateo Buddhist Church***

Drawer J - Main Post Office
San Mateo, CA 94402

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BCO Members

Remember to make Lunch and Dinner Choices

11.1 Luncheon choices:

- Lemon Tarragon Chicken Salad Sandwich (Chicken Breast, Lemon Aioli, Tarragon, Hearts of Romaine)
- Peppered Roast Beef Sandwich (Roast Beef, Horseradish, Cheddar Cheese, Carmelized Onions, Pepperjack Cheese)
- Thai Tofu Wrap (Brown Rice, Crispy Thai Vegetables, Marinated Tofu, Chipotle Tortilla)

Sandwiches are served with chips, fresh fruit salad, cookie, fresh lemon and lime bar

11.2 Dinner choices:

- Braised Short Rib of Beef (gluten-free) with brown butter mashed potatoes, root vegetables and pearl onions
- Cedar Plank Salmon (gluten-free) with brown sugar curry house rub, sweet potato pepper hash, and herb butter sauce
- Vegetarian: Chef's choice

The dinner includes fresh baked rolls, choice of soup or salad, dessert, coffee and tea.

Book Hotel Reservations - ASAP

If you are planning to stay at the host Hotel in San Francisco, please book your room now!

Hotel Accommodations: Each individual/group is responsible for own hotel booking and expense. Hotel information is provided on the registration site - see Accommodations tab or you may access directly [hotel reservation link](#). A special rate room block is available to WBWC attendees up till 30 days prior to the event. After this date no guarantees will be made.

Hotel Link: <https://book.passkey.com/event/49773121/owner/628/home>

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