



WELCOME TO OUR
**Sangha
Community**

NEW MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND
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**WELCOME TO THE
BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND (BCO).**

We extend our warmest welcome to you and appreciate your interest in our temple. As temple members, we seek to live a life principled on the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist teachings and we do so with gratitude for the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT BUDDHISM

Our temple provides weekly Dharma services and Dharma talks from our minister and from guest ministers, numerous seminars, and information about additional learning opportunities provided by the Buddhist Churches of America.

CHURCH GROUPS AND CLASSES

We have a number of church groups to engage all ages including Dharma School (Pre K – grade 12) which meets after Dharma Family Service, Junior Young Buddhists Association (High School), Buddhist Women's Association, Seniors Group, Line Dancing, Karaoke, Flower Arrangement, Japanese Language School, Calligraphy, Youth Basketball League, and Koto class. Our groups provide opportunities for learning and social interaction as well as opportunities to reach out and support our greater community.

CHURCH EVENTS

Throughout the year, there are several major church events and festivals including our Annual Bazaar and Food Festival, our Obon Festival (Obon dancing and food festival), mochitsuki (making mochi), our Golf Tournament and our 200 Plus Club. These events provide opportunities for the church community to come together to support the church and provide financial resources to allow the Teachings to be available for all.

MEMBERSHIP

Your Membership dues provide funds to support the costs of operating the church and includes membership in the Buddhist Churches of America. If you are interested in learning more about our temple, please visit our website: BuddhistChurchofOakland.org

LEVELS

Individual Membership is a minimum of \$200. At this level, members are eligible to vote and hold office. A child of a Member is a non-voting Member until his/her 21st birthday and can participate in the youth and young adult programs of the church.

Student Membership is \$50. We encourage membership at the student level for young adults ages 18 to 25. At this level, students are eligible to vote and hold office.

Honorary Senior Membership: Membership dues are voluntary for members over the age of 75. Members are eligible to vote and hold office.

