

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND (BCO)

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Hanamatsuri

Sunday, April 2, 2023

9:30am: Kanbutsu

10:00am: Hanamatsuri Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kodo Umezu

11:45am: Rev. Umezu Retirement
Reception – *please join us for
refreshments*

Hanamatsuri (Flower Festival) is a day of great joy and significance. Come see the baby Buddha in Lumbini's Garden (hanamido) and pour sweet tea over him, like the gentle rain that fell 2,500 years ago. Join us for this special service on April 2nd.

Guest Speaker

Rev. Kodo Umezu

Minister Emeritus

Buddhist Churches of America



Born in Fukuoka, Rev. Umezu graduated from Ryukoku University in 1973 and immediately made his voyage to the U.S. to become a BCA minister. He was first assigned to the Fresno Betsuin and continued his studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies, where he received his master's degree in 1976.

After serving in the U.S. Navy for four years, he returned to the BCA ministry and was assigned to Los Angeles Betsuin in 1980. In 1987, he was assigned to Buddhist Church of Oakland, and in 1996, was appointed as executive assistant to Bishop Hakubun Watanabe. He was appointed director of the Center for Buddhist Education in Berkeley by BCA Socho Koshin Ogui in 2006 and served in that position until becoming Bishop on April 1, 2012. He retired on March 31, 2020. He now serves as President of the Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO).

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