

Busshin

Have you been saying the Nembutsu? BY REV. HARRY GYOKYO BRIDGE

IN NOVEMBER FOLLOWING THE election, I have been expressing a sense of urgency in my Dharma Talks. Our freedom of religion may well be under siege soon, as will other aspects of our society and country. However, rather than dwell on the negative, I feel that Buddhism has a LOT to offer to help us. In fact, it always has, but maybe we have been taking it for granted? The possibility that our

religion will become persecuted yet again can inspire us to walk the Path of Jodo Shinshu with more vigor and alertness.
My suggestion isn't too hard. At its core, I just want to encourage you to **say the Nembutsu**. I don't mean at temple - we say it plenty there. I mean in your daily life. If you find yourself getting caught up in worry and despair - Namo Amida Butsu. If you find yourself at ease

with your family and friends around you - Namo Amida Butsu. When taking a shower or doing the dishes, you can say the Nembutsu. At first, you may need to think about saying it. But the more you say it, the easier it is to say. You might even start saying it spontaneously.
There could be a criticism that "using" it to try and calm down, etc. is self-power. But I have come to think
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President's Message

BY KEIJU TERADA

COMING UP IS OUR MOCHITSUKI sale on *Dec. 15!* Do you have your mochi-making hands ready? We're making a lot of it for people to enjoy for their New Year celebrations. The New Year is coming up, too! And I'm writing this before Thanksgiving and Christmas, so lots happening for the

remainder of the year. Are you ready for the Holidays?
I'd like to pass along something I learned recently while I attended the Bay District Council meeting in Mill Valley at the Buddhist Temple of Marin. I was told that the scroll that adorns their onajin or altar has "Namo

Amida Butsu" written in Chinese characters. It was donated by BCO many years ago, possibly 100 years.
Junko Nakagawa, member of the Buddhist Temple of Marin texted me the following information:
Sensei Kono (while serving
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HAPPY NEW YEAR! WE HOPE that BCO Dharma School helps to foster compassion and provides connection, safety and strength for students and families as we seek guidance in the Dharma together in 2025. We are excited to announce that **Sami Lamont** has joined the Dharma School team as a teacher in the PreK-1st grade class. Welcome, **Sami**, and thank you for generously volunteering to help Dharma School!

In October, we had a fun and spooky time at the annual Dhar-

ma School Halloween Party. Students wore costumes and took photos at the Photo Booth, decorated frames and haunted house goodie boxes, made creepy creature buttons, did a scavenger hunt, guessed the number of treats in jars, enjoyed refreshments and the Jr. YBA haunted house brought back by popular demand.

We are so grateful to Halloween Party Chairs, **Megan Scott** and **Mariko Minamoto**, for party preparation and planning; **Barbara Lewis**, **Lilian Miwa**

Maher, **Melyssa Minamoto**, **Nori T.M.** for helping with party set-up; the Jr. YBA and their advisors for the haunted house; party activity volunteers, **Gloria Yoshida**, **Janice Tanemura**, **Barbara Lewis**, **Nick Foster**, **Tom Garten**, **Sami Lamont**, **Jun Hamamoto** and **Joemy Ito-Gates**; **Pam Kato** for making 40 kawai crochet pumpkins for students; **Karen Hashimoto** for baking delicious treats to share; and all the families who helped clean up.

In November, Dharma School
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students met for a service and class lessons. The PreK-1st grade class continued to explore the 2024-2025 Dharma School theme of Compassion in Action by starting to learn about Palestinian culture! We talked about how compassion in action can look like learning about cultures and countries that are different than our own so we can have a better understanding of people in the world around us. We read a delightful counting story, *Counting Up the Olive Tree*, by **Goldberg Bashi**, which celebrates the importance of olive trees in Palestine. Students then created their own books called, "My Book About Palestine," which they will add to over the next few classes, as we learn more about Palestinian culture.

In **Mr. Bissonette's** 2nd-6th grade class we talked about how the history of Thanksgiving is often taught as the narrative of the white colonists. We discussed the importance of seeking out indigenous voices and

explored many children's books written by indigenous authors, about Thanksgiving, other historical events, and everyday stories! We finished with a discussion on our exploring these books and a commitment to seek out indigenous perspectives about the land we live on.

The 7th-12th grade class read a line-by-line Golden Chain reflection written during the Coronavirus Pandemic by **Dr. Benjamin Bruch** from the Pacific Buddhist Academy in Hawaii, and discussed how the Golden Chain can guide us during uncertain times. Students identified communities about which they care, and learned about **Teacher Jun's** compassionate work for the incarcerated community in San Quentin. We learned the history of Indigenous activists occupying Alcatraz on Nov. 20, 1969, to move the U.S. government to honor an 1851 Treaty provision that allowed for the island to be returned to the original occupants. Then we folded

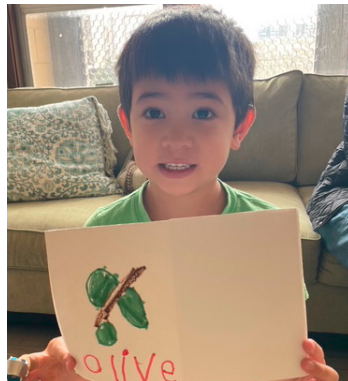
origami blossoms to add to those folded by **Ms. Jun's** San Quentin origami class. The blossoms were offered at a ceremony commemorating the 1969 Alcatraz occupation and recognizing shared histories between Indigenous people and Japanese Americans of forced removal, displacement, WWII prisons on tribal lands, cultural erasure and exclusion.

Dharma School is very grateful to **Teresa and Gary Taniguchi** and **Peggy Takahashi** for your generous donations, **Robert Noguchi** for procuring picture books for the Dharma School welcome kits, and **Ron Nomura** for displaying the Progress Pride flag in front of the temple.

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to **Toshi H., Javi D.-Y., Joshua L., and Marshall P.!**

Please save the date for upcoming 2025 Dharma School services and lessons on 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9 and 3/16. ■



MEET THE TEACHERS:

Joemy Ito-Gates

From time to time in the Busshin, we will include a “Meet the Teachers” feature to deepen the connection between the sangha and Dharma School teachers. This month we feature **Joemy Ito-Gates**, who teaches the preschool, kindergarten and 1st grade classes.

What brought you and your family to BCO?

In 2019, Yoko was three years old and I wanted to ensure that she would grow up in a culturally rooted Japanese American Buddhist community, which is what brought me to BCO. What led me to stay was Rev. Bridge’s open and humorous way of interpreting the Dharma and the warmth of the Sangha. We especially loved it when Sensei brought his bass to the Dharma Family services! Fairly early on I was also asked by Ms. Delia to be a substitute teacher for her class, so there was no backing out after that! When COVID happened in 2020, I was already teaching the younger class full time and had been asked to be a Co-Superintendent with Mel. We taught online throughout the pandemic and have done our best to grow the Dharma School program. I am excited that we have been able to expand our Dharma School teaching team and start new traditions like our Dharma School family camping trip this past summer!

Why did you become a DS teacher and what impact does it have for you?

I don’t think I had a choice!

But in the best kind of way. Once Ms. Delia asked me to substitute teach and then to take over her class, it was my honor and joy to be able to contribute to the continuation of the Dharma School program. On a personal level it has meant a lot to me to have my daughter, Yoko, participating in the program, learning about the Dharma, and making friendships and connections in such a wonderful community. As a Buddhist, I believe it’s part of my role in the world to be of service and supporting young people is one of the ways I’m able to contribute. This is why I am a full time Ethnic Studies educator, why I teach in the summer at Daruma no Gakko, and why I am a Dharma School teacher. I believe that these kinds of programs and education are important for our children so that they can be grounded in their cultural heritage and take pride in where they come from.

What do you hope DS students take away from your classes?

My greatest hope for any class I teach is that students take away a sense of empathy and understanding for others, a love for self, and a feeling of connection and belonging. When it comes specifically to Dharma School, I hope that students feel like Buddhism can be a spiritual space of refuge and support in a complex and confusing world.

What’s your day job and what was your path to get there?

This is my 21st year as an educator in Berkeley Unified School District. I spent the majority of my career teaching second and third grade, but am now in my fourth year as the Ethnic Studies Teacher on Special Assignment for the district.



What that means is I am coordinating and creating curriculum and teacher support for bringing Ethnic Studies down to our middle schools, elementary schools, as well as expanding our offerings at the high school level.

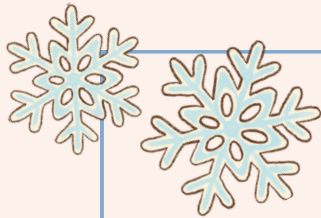
As a child I was one of those little girls who “played school,” so I always knew I wanted to be a teacher. I am passionate about Ethnic Studies because now more than ever, I believe in education that tells the truth from the perspectives of people of color, that can serve as a template and inspiration for the difficult road ahead as we continue to create a world free from racism and oppression.

What are your favorite activities?

My most favorite activities are anything involving my daughter. We love to play board games, mini-golf, hike (well, I like to hike, she just complains but eventually enjoys it), camp, swim, go to the beach, travel, take road trips, go to San Francisco and San Jose Japan Towns and buy kawaii toys and stickers, drink boba, and eat oishii food together!

What’s your favorite place in the world to visit and do you speak other languages?

We love visiting Japan, of course! Yoko has been twice to visit my family there and we can’t wait to go back. We speak Japanese at home (as much as we can) and she is taking a class on the weekends.



Dharma School Winter Toy Drive

THIS TOY DRIVE WILL BENEFIT
OAKLAND'S
**CENTER FOR EMPOWERING
REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS**

CERI is an Oakland-based nonprofit organization offering mental health and other social services to refugees and immigrants affected by war, torture, genocide and other life-altering traumas

**Between now and December 17th
please drop off:**

- Unwrapped NEW toys
- Diapers
- NEW winter coats (all ages)
- Paper towels
- Detergent
- Toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies



**THERE WILL BE LARGE CONTAINERS
IN THE BCO SOCIAL HALL**

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL:

DHARMASCHOOLBCO@GMAIL.COM



OBWA MEMBERS ARE BUSY making cards, sewing, baking, jamming and knitting goodies for our annual Holiday Craft Boutique on *December 15*. Please stop by and get some of your holiday shopping done with our handmade and homemade

crafts. This is one of our major fund-raising events and we hope to see you there when you pick up your mochi.

And speaking of mochi, OBWA members are needed to help at our annual mochitsuki. We need help from around 7:00 am until you need

to leave. It's a great way to catch up and stay warm. Please contact Jon Takagaki at jtaka1014@gmail.com or the BCO office for more details and to sign up to help! ■

Jr. YBA News

BY MADISON IKEDA

HELLO SANGHA,

In October, we had our haunted house for the first time in many years. We were happy to be able to bring it back and hope everyone who attended had fun! We would like express appreciation for the many people that helped us to prepare the Haunted House for everyone to enjoy -

Mr. Nomura, Mr. Kim, Mrs. Sakai Kim, Mrs. Ikeda, Twyla, Nori, Toshi and their friends. We would also like to thank **Mr. Masamori** for guiding us with his haunted house expertise and for the delicious chashu bao. Thank you all for your help we could not have done it without you!

Lastly, we would like to thank

everyone who supported the Jr. YBA by purchasing from our annual See's Candy fundraiser. Your support goes a long way.

We hope everybody is having a happy holiday season!

In Gassho,

The Jr. YBA ■

Special Web Links

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND WEBSITE

<http://www.buddhistchurchofoakland.org/>

ONLINE SERVICES AND DHARMA TALKS

<https://www.youtube.com/c/buddhistchurchofoakland/>

BCA SERVICE BOOK

<https://buddhistchurchofoakland.org/servicebook/>

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Temple Tidbits

SEE THE LIGHT! A BIG THANK to **John Minamoto & Ron Nomura** for repairing the fallen light pole on the stage, and replacing the lights with new, bright, lighting! ■

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY 2025 BUSSHIN ARTICLES: DECEMBER 30TH

Articles submitted after this date may not be printed.

SEND ARTICLES TO:

Joyce Yokomizo

email: joyce@yokomizo.com

You can also send articles to the church office.

OUR NOVEMBER 7TH MEETING

started with the chanting of Juseige led by **Rev. Bridge**. For some, this day, after the presidential election, was a bittersweet one. **Rev. Bridge** reminded us of how Shin Buddhists were often persecuted throughout history, how Japanese Americans were unfairly treated and interned during WWII. But through it all, Shinran persevered, Japanese Americans persevered. And we will continue to keep our minds and hearts open, to continue to have faith in our beliefs and continue to recite the nembutsu especially when we feel sad or overwhelmed.

Norma Hoshide is our yoga instructor while Patty is in Japan. She reminded us that yoga is the union of mind and body. We learn to focus our minds, to become less distracted. We use our breath to help us focus and coordinate our movements. We become comfortable and relaxed but alert at the same time. We closed our yoga session with the Shantih chant, *"may we have peace, may I not be provoked."*

After a lunch consisting of a variety of Vietnamese sandwiches, and a salad provided by **Dana Hiramoto**, we enjoyed an array of delicious desserts - Passion fruit cake and zucchini cake from **Carrie Oto**, sweet watermelon from **Karen Hashimoto**, chocolate bundt cake from **Renie Yoshida Grohl**. Such a yummy way to end the gathering.

The weather for our Nov. 21st meeting was cold, wet and windy. We started out with an hour of yoga led by instructor **Norma Hoshide**. Yoga warmed out hearts and focused our minds. We coordinate breathing in and out with each movement, we count 4 - 6 repetitions. This definitely made us focus and took our



minds off the blistery weather. We closed with our Shantih chant.

Next up was bingo! Thank you to our professional bingo caller, **John Minamoto** and our numbers man, **Ron Nomura**. Hearing the bingo balls tumbling in the cage, using bingo cards that must be at least 50 years old, all brought back memories of our bingo playing days in the past. It was a fun activity! We ended the day with a pizza lunch which include a Caesar

salad (**Renie**), chips (**Dana**), persimmons (**Don, Carrie**), carrot cake and matsutake quiche (**Carrie**).

We wish to thank **Robert Noguchi** for attending our meetings and keeping us updated with church activities.

Our next and final meeting for 2024 will be on **Dec. 12th** for our annual members memorial service. We have only one meeting in **January, 2025 on the 16th**. ■

Have you been saying the Nembutsu? CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

that we shouldn't worry about that too much - again, just **say the Nembutsu**. In hindsight, you may find that it was Other Power all along! One could also ask if I am engaging in some kind of dogma without the possibility of asking questions. I don't think I

am - instead, I hope that, in saying the Nembutsu, you start to ask questions - about the Nembutsu, about life, about the world, about oneself.

Ultimately, Namo Amida Butsu is not a tool - it is the Name of Amida, it is true reality reaching out to us. It

is also an expression of gratitude, in response to the benevolence of the Buddha. And what could be more appropriate than gratitude and appreciation at the beginning of this New Year? So let's incorporate the Nembutsu into our daily lives! ■

President's Message

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at SACBC) preserved and conserved the altar. Then copied the calligraphy style of the current Gomonsu grandfather calligraphy style.

Dr. William Clark lead the way to have Namu Amida Butsu in the altar. He was our Dharma school superintendent. **Dr. Clark** wanted to be sure when the students put their palms together we are connected to the foundation of wisdom and Compassion... Namu Amida Butsu.

There would be no confusion for all.

The Altar has great significance to Marin for the kindness for Oakland Temple, the artistic talent of **Sensei Kono** and the clear vision of sharing the Dharma **Dr. William Clark.**"

It was nice to hear how we have such a connection with the Marin temple. We have connections to many other temples in BCA through artifacts, ministers moving to other temples, and Sangha members that grew up listening to the Dharma elsewhere. And we are all interconnected through the teachings of Amida Buddha.

In Gassho, Keiju ■

Mochizuki

Twas' the morning of Mochizuki
When all thru the church

The early risers were hustling
... all staff was bustling

The mochi machines were positioned with great care
In hopes that all Sangha soon would be there

Lining and taping to ensure everything's in place
Hoping and wanting that all would be safe

The BCO Boys chugged along in stride
Stacking and steaming sweet rice with pride

When out in the parking lot there arose such a clatter
The Boys sprang from the kitchen to see what was the matter

Approaching with caution and with all their might
In readiness to protect and fight,

ALAS it was John rearranging the bins
The Boys chuckled and laughed with much chagrin

The warmth in the kitchen brought smiles and good cheer
Knowing the day would be long, with much to steer

Do you know in a flash of The BCO Boys?
Do you know them by name, their dedication, their poise?

They organize, they clean, maintenance so high on their perch,
So dedicated to all, that all is well with church

Giving thanks to The BCO Boys,
So grateful, so appreciative for their dedication to church



Special Announcement from the BCO Board President, Keiju Terada

I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE OF THE BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) which is slated for **Feb. 2, Sunday at 11 am**, following service. All religious, administrative, financial, and progress reports for the previous year will be presented at the meeting. All Sangha members are invited to attend.

Following the meeting will be our **New Year Party**. Please join us to celebrate the start of 2025, Year of the Snake.

At the General Meeting, an amendment to the BCO By-Laws clarifying the makeup of the Board of Directors, will be presented for ratification by the membership in attendance at the General Meeting. These proposed amendments were approved by the Board of Directors at its November 2024 meeting.

Outlined below are the proposed amendments.

Article III, First Paragraph

Current Language

Corporate Powers shall be vested in a Board of twenty-four (24) Directors.

Proposed Language

Corporate Powers shall be vested in a Board of a maximum of twenty-four (24) Directors.

Article IV, Second Paragraph

Current Language

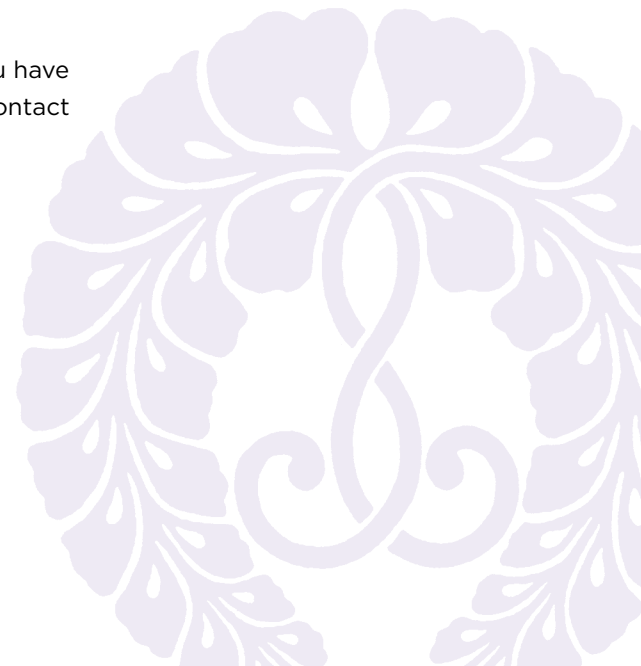
Twelve Directors shall be elected by the general membership and seven At-Large Directors shall be appointed by the Nominating Committee. The five immediate past Presidents shall be Directors.

Proposed Language

Twelve Directors shall be elected by the general membership and up to an additional five (5) members as At-Large Directors may be appointed by the Nominating Committee. The five immediate past Presidents, the President of Oakland Buddhist Women's Association, and the Superintendent of Dharma School shall be Directors.

The Board would appreciate your support for these amendments. If you have questions regarding the AGM or if you wish a copy of the by-laws, please contact the BCO office: officebco@gmail.com or 510-832-5988 or contact me.

In Gassho,
Keiju Terada
President, BCO Board of Directors ■



2025 January Shotsuki Memorial Service

Service: Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM PST – in-person & online

Dharma Message: Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge

The Shotsuki Memorial Service will be held together with the Dharma Family Service at 10:00 AM, both in-person and streaming online. These arrangements are subject to current safety guidelines. Family and friends are invited to view this monthly memorial service online for those listed below. If any errors appear, please direct them to the church office at (510) 832-5988 or officebco@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

Mrs. Haruko Ajari	Kihara ancestors	Mrs. Violet Nobori	Mr. Yoshihiro Tamori
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Mr. Roberto Forte – <i>1st year</i>	Mrs. Suna Kinoshita	Mr. James Y. Ogawa	Mrs. Mitsy Tanisawa
Mrs. Fumiko Fujii	Mrs. Yoshimi Kishi	Mrs. Kato Okai	Mrs. Tsuneno Tanisawa
Mr. Arata Fujikawa	Mr. Suyematsu Kitagaki	Mrs. Yuki Okawa	Mrs. Yoshiko Tanisawa
Mrs. Chika Takasaki Fujikawa	Mr. Shuntaro Kiyota	Mrs. Kiku Okawa	Mrs. Chieko Tanita
Ms. Jean Fujikawa – <i>7th year</i>	Mr. Yoshio Kobata	Mrs. Otono Okawachi	Mrs. Yoshiye Tanita
Mr. Tom Fujimoto – <i>33rd year</i>	Mrs. Konami Kobori	Mr. Yoshio George Oto – <i>25th year</i>	Mrs. Lily Yuriko Terusaki
Mrs. Shizue Furuyama	Mrs. Shizue Koyama	Mr. Joe Otsuka	Mrs. Yoshiko Teraura – <i>7th year</i>
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Mrs. Shizue Hirota	Mrs. Kuniko Masuda	Mr. Gunbei Sasaki	Mr. Takenori Tsuchiya
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Mrs. Yuri Kido	Mrs. Midori Nelson – <i>1st year</i>	Mrs. Mary Takemoto	
Mr. Hajime Kihara	Mr. Jakusho Nitta	Mrs. Shizuko Tamori – <i>13th year</i>	

Donations

BCO would like to acknowledge the donations from our members and friends. We are very grateful and appreciative of your continued generosity and kindness. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Allen, Nicole
Graham, Coby
Hamamoto, Jun
Kawata, Jean
Manaois, Carlo
Umezu-Hall, Norio
Wong, Brian

SPECIAL

Anonymous
Donation
Aoki, Miho
October General Donation
Booker, Robin
Concord Howakai
Hiramoto, Joni
Hotchkiss, Mark
Ito, Richard
Mem of Sammy & Tomi Isono
Ito-Gates, Joemy
General Donation
Lamont, Alan and Takahashi, Peggy
Osaisen
Lewis, Barbara
*Eshinni Kakushinni Service/
Nakashima family*
Miyamoto-Mills, Jarred & Janis
Nakashima, Doug
Nakashima/Masuyama Fund
Peng, Frederick & Sekigahama, David
In memory of Robert Sekigahama
Sasaki, Dick & Agnes
Book Appreciation
Simmons, Yolanda
Tsujiimoto, Daisy
Keirokai
Yamamoto, Noi
Donation
Yamamoto, Bruce & Cindy
Nokotsudo flowers

EITAIKYO

Dougherty, Bill
Hayashida, Joanne
Hisaoka, Patti
Kano, Judy
Kashima, Sarah & Chang, Kevin
Lamont, Alan & Takahashi, Peggy
Minamoto, John
Nii-Eastly, Stacy & Eastly, John
Nomura, Ron & June
Nomura Family
Oniki, Christeen
Otsuka, Mary
In Memory of K. Yokomizo, T. Otsuka
Sasaki, Dick & Agnes

Takagaki, Jon & Linda
Terada, Keiju & Ruth
Terusaki, Steve & Kathy

SHOTSUKI

Aoki, Margaret
Mem of Jitsuo Ohara
Aikawa, Alan & Jody & Family
Mem of Dr. Larry Aikawa
Ballack, Currie & Ikeda Families
Mem of Leo Ikeda
Fujimoto, Kayoko
November Shotsuki
Fukuman, Thomas
Mem of Katsutarō Nagao
Hashimoto, Karen
Mem of Torasaburo Masuda
Hayashida, Joanne
November Shotsuki
Hirota, Dennis
Mem of Shizue Hirota
Hoshide, Norma
Mem of Sam Watahara
Inada, Rick & Gayle
Mem of Clara Yokoyama
Kamada, Alan
Mem of Kenji Kamada
Kano, Judy
Mem of Grace Misaki
Kaplan, Harvey & Gay
Mem of Mitsuru Hirai
Katsumoto, M/M Kiyoshi
Mem of Fumiye Endo
Kawata, Jean
November Shotsuki
Kho, Reggie & Laurie
Mem of Kenji Kamada
Kihara, Jimmy
Shotsuki
Kuramoto, Aki & Michiko
Mem of Kazuma Takata
Maniwa, Linda
*Mem of Ruth M. Yamamoto (April),
Toyo Yamamoto (July)
Kaoru Yamamoto (November)*
Minamoto, John
Mem of Mitsuru Hirai
Minamoto, Linda
Mem of Mitsuru Hirai
Minamoto, Melyssa
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Mitsuda, Mary Hatsuko
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Miyasaki, Cathy
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Murata, Carolyn
Mem of Kaoru Yamamoto

Nakaso, Peter & Lynn
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Mem of T. Nakatani
Nomura, M/M Ron
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Okano, Susan
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Oniki, Christeen
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Otake-Rivera, Julia
Mem of Raymond Otake
Otsuka, Mary
Mem of Tomio Otsuka
Sakauye, Keiko
Mem of Shotaro Nakamura
Shimada, Diane
*Mem of Mae Hatsuko Hoshi -
25th year, Ruth Narasaki*
Shimamura, Sachiko
Mem of Jim Shimamura
Takahashi, Mike
Shotsuki Donation
Tamori, Bob
Mem of Hideo Tamori
Tamura, Bruce & Donna
Mem of Ben Tamura
Tamura, Tim
Tani, Ed
Mem of Fusayo Inouye
Taniguchi, Gary & Teresa & Family
Mem of Takeso Taniguchi
Tanisawa, Ted & Susan
*Mem of Shizuo Tanaka,
Tokie Najima*
Terada, Lily
Mem of Masateru Terada
Terada, Keiju & Ruth
Mem of Yukiye Terada
Terusaki, Steve & Kathy
Mem or George Terusaki
Utsurogi, Hajime
Mem of Konoye & Tom Utsurogi
Utsurogi, Louise
November Shotsuki
Voss, Judy
*Mem of Kimie Ikemoto,
7 Year Memorial*
Winter, Rosalind
*Mem of Helen Sato and
Hironobu Sato*
Wong, Nancy
Mem of Ted Hitoshige Sakaki
Yoshisato-Cavey, Janis
Mem of Setsuko Yoshisato

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>HOST 11: Lyman Hollins</p> <p>Please check our website: buddhistchurchofoakland.org for updates & changes.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>11:00 am New Year's Day Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>No Momijikai</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>No Gakuen</p>
<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Dharma Family Service & Shotsuki Memorial Service In person & online</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 am Japanese Language School</p> <p>Ikebana Issei Kaikan 1:00-3:30 pm</p>
<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am Ho-on ko Service Dharma School & Dharma Family Service In-person & online</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>FOMC (Facilities Operations & Maintenance Committee) Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 am Momijikai</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 am Japanese Language School</p>
<p>19</p> <p>10:00 am Dharma Family Service In person & online</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 am Japanese Language School</p>
<p>26</p> <p>10:00 am Dharma School & Dharma Family Service In person & online</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	