



# ONENESS

**Buddhist Church of Florin**



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## To Accept Everything That Happens As It Is. [Arinomama]

In Buddhism, the word "Shohōmuga" means "All existences are devoid of a permanent ego." Meaning, everything changes and there is no fixed entity. What we perceive to "exist" is looking at what just happened at that moment and has changed. "Shohōmuga" is the perception that they don't really exist. In fact, the existence of "oneself" that we recognize is also just a part of the work of the world and just happens. Despite this, suffering arises when things do not go as we planned because we try to separate "ourselves" from "this world."

In 1900-1982 there was a Buddhist minister Rev. Rijin Yasuda from Higashi-Hongwanji-Ha. He was a famous Japanese Buddhist scholar and has left many impressive phrases. For example: "Life never gets stuck, just our emotions get stuck.", "The voice is in the ear.", "Even if we say we got enlightened, we just enlightened that we are lost.", "It's easy to say good things. It's hard to say the truth.", "If you feel you have to do it, stop it. If you feel you can't stop yourself from doing it, just do it." etc.

One day, Rijin was unfortunately involved in an incident. The house next to him caught fire and also burned down his home. At that time, all his important books and notebooks were burnt. They were very important to him as a scholar. An ordinary person would be immeasurably distraught. However, he said: "It wasn't burned by anyone. It wasn't burned by me. It just burned. Then, I think I could accept this fact as it is. I don't have to hurt myself or others. I learned from this fire." When he received the facts in this way, his mind calmed down. He says he learned from this fire that "myself" is always the cause of suffering. If I were in his situation, I would find it difficult to stop the feelings of suffering such as sadness and anger.

Even though I know the perception of "Shohōmuga" means "All existences are devoid of permanent ego", I have always seen the world selfishly. I feel that his story teaches us the importance of knowing the cause of our suffering. Our daily lives change every day, but as a Buddhist, I would like to spend my days of Nembutsu while accepting what life is. Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,  
Rev. Imada

If you need to contact Rev. Imada, you can email him at: [imadabca@gmail.com](mailto:imadabca@gmail.com)

## June Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of June will be held on **Sunday, June 11, 2023 beginning at 10:00 am**. The persons who are noted in the Buddhist Church of Florin's (BCF) memorial records as having passed away in the month of June are listed below. If you have a homyo (Buddhist name) on a card please bring it with you for placement on the onaijin (altar) before the service.

If the year 2023 is a special service year (see table) for a dearly departed relative, please contact Reverend Noritaka Imada, Buddhist Church of Florin at 916-383-1831 or email [imadabca@gmail.com](mailto:imadabca@gmail.com) to make special memorial arrangements. Please inform Lois Kashiwase of any corrections or additions to the list.

Andersen, Jeanne Hanae	06-21-2019	Nishi, Eiko	06-23-1968
Baishiki, Midori Barbara	06-01-2016	Nishida, Shinichi	06-25-1936
Baishiki, Sadao	06-12-2011	Nishida, Tsuneo	06-14-1920
Baishiki, Toichi	06-20-1952	Nishikawa, Yukuno	06-21-1975
Chano, Masajiro	06-27-1904	Noda, Chiyo	06-03-1976
Collins, Roy	06-03-2014	Noda, Fred Nobuyuki	06-20-1986
Fujii, Kengo	06-07-1920	Ohmoto, Yasugoro	06-22-1914
Fujii, Sallie Chisato	06-12-1985	Okamoto, Bill Takeshi	06-22-1995
Furukawa, Ben	06-06-1989	Okamoto, Tom	06-20-2016
Furukawa, Myrtle Natsuye	06-20-2011	Sakaoka, Shunjiro	06-15-1949
Hamataka, Eimatsu	06-12-1971	Sato, Shimajiro	06-08-1972
Hirakawa, Jun	06-15-1935	Sawai, Tsuru	06-15-1935
Idemoto, Takezo	06-09-1916	Stillborn,	06-25-1923
Isa, Toshi	06-30-1919	Sumida, Hiro	06-14-1959
Ishimoto, Ise	06-20-1906	Tahara, Hatsuko	06-26-2006
Ito, Isao	06-07-1979	Takeda, Baby Girl	06-07-2002
Ito, Shizuko	06-25-1993	Takeda, Tadao	06-21-1934
Kadoya, Ed Tokio	06-03-1985	Takehara, Tami	06-04-1963
Kadoya, Jerry Masaru	06-27-1976	Takemoto, Kumajiro	06-26-1935
Kawamoto,	06-13-1910	Takeoka, Frank	06-13-1932
Kawasaki, Kazuo	06-06-1938	Takeoka, Yuriko	06-04-2022
Kawashima, Yakuye	06-05-1921	Taniguchi, Matahachi	06-06-1927
Kobayashi, Zennosuke	06-04-1917	Taniguchi, Takeko	06-29-2020
Koyama, Fumiko	06-21-1926	Wood, Kaye	06-25-2021
Kumamoto, George	06-03-1979	Yamada,	06- -1916
Kurima, Toyoki	06-22-1942	Yamamoto, Gary Russell	06-20-2012
Lee, Kingsley Ken	06-01-2020	Yanagishita, Shuzo (stillborn)	06-25-1923
Matsusaki, Iwakichi	06-28-1950	Yoshinaga, Haruye	06-23-1943
Muranaka, Sally Shizuko	06-22-2014	Yoshinaga, Iwako	06-17-1972
Nakao, Joe	06-17-1992	Yubuta, Shigeichi	06-18-1962

### 2023 Memorial Service Schedule

Please schedule a service if your loved ones passed away in the following years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>
2022	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	1999	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	1991	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Year	1974	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
2011	13 <sup>th</sup> Year	1924	100 <sup>th</sup> Year
2007	17 <sup>th</sup> Year		

## CONDOLENCES

The Buddhist Church of Florin extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to the family members of the loved ones that left our midst to be with Amida Buddha.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

CINDY FURUKAWA  
August 24, 1957 to April 17, 2023

RANDY FURUKAWA  
August 25, 1955 to May 9, 2023

## *Join us for Sunday Services*

**June Shotsuki Hoyo and Family Service  
Graduation and Father's Day  
June 11, 2023 at 10 a.m.**

**Officiant: Rev. Noritaka Imada**

**\*\*There will be a **Pizza and Salad Luncheon** to celebrate our Graduates and Fathers so in order to prepare enough for everyone, we ask that you please **RSVP to [florinbuddhist@gmail.com](mailto:florinbuddhist@gmail.com)**. **Also, if you would like to contribute a salad for the luncheon please indicate when you rsvp.** Thank you!!**

Please note that in-person services are subject to cancellation if county/CDC guidelines change or if it becomes too risky for the safety and health of our Sangha members to continue with indoor gatherings. In the event of a change, we will post the updates on our website, Facebook page and send out a message to our email list.

**Buddhist Church of Florin**

# **In-Person Obon Festivities**

**July 15, 2023**

**“Obon, Obon, it’s Festival Day!”  
We are back to in-person Obon festivities!**



**Bring your family and friends and join us to experience:**

**Obon Odori**

**Japanese Culture Exhibits and Demonstrations**

**Delicious Food and Shave Ice**

## Obon Festival Day Schedule

Hatsubon and Obon Service	3:00 PM
Cultural Exhibits/Demonstrations	4:00 – 7:00 PM
Snack Bar (Food/Drinks/Shave Ice)	4:00 – 8:00 PM
Obon Odori	7:00 PM

**7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, CA 95828**

**(916) 383-1831**

**“IN-PERSON”**

**HATSUBON AND OBON SERVICE  
OBON FESTIVITIES AND DANCING**

## **JULY 15, 2023, SATURDAY**

### **Hatsubon/Obon Service (3:00 PM)**

Please attend the Hatsubon/Obon Service in the Temple at 3 PM, followed by Obon Festivities. It is the first “In-person” Obon Festivities and Obon Odori in three years!!!

### **Obon Festivities (4:00 PM to 7:00 PM)**

Food: Snack Bar in the Temple’s Courtyard serving delicious Food, Drinks and Shave Ice

50/50 Raffle Prize

### **Cultural Exhibits (in Multi-purpose Room)**

Mataro Kimekomi Dolls	Ikebana International	Paper Crafts
BWA Boutique	Florin JACL	Sacramento Hiroshima Nikkeijinkai

### **Cultural Demonstrations (in YBA Hall):**

Florin Kyudo Kai-Japanese archery **5:00 PM**

Sacramento Kendo Club-Japanese swordsmanship **5:45 PM**

Sacramento Taiko Dan **6:30 PM**

World-renowned Japanese drumming performers

### **Obon Odori Dancing 7:00 PM**

Everyone is invited to dance-Grandparents, parents, children, and friends. Fun, fun for everyone. Please attend the Obon Odori Workshop and Obon Odori practices (see below).

### **Obon Odori Workshop-July 13, Thursday, 5:30 PM (Multi-purpose Room)**

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Florin Dharma School and Florin JACL. Learn about dance background, hand/dance movements, clothing, accessories, and obi tying. Everyone is invited to this educational workshop on the tradition of Obon Odori dancing. Dinner will be served.

### **Obon Odori Dancing Practices-7 PM**

Dust off your Kachi Kachi, Uchiwa (fan), Getas and attend the Obon Odori Practices- July 5 & 6 and July 11, 12 & 13

## 2023 Membership Dues

Thank you to the following members for their 2023 membership dues received in April:

Glenn Harada	Kenny & Cindy Kakutani	
Kelvin & Kathy Kishaba	Dale Kuroda	Janet Kuroda
Frank Mouton (monthly)	Derek Shimozaki	
Donna & Dean Shimozaki	Ryan Shimozaki	
Wendell & Wanda Sonoda	Gary Takeuchi	
Burt & Carol Yoshioka (monthly)		

*2023 membership dues are due January 31 of each calendar year.*

Please direct membership questions to Susan Takeda at (916) 837-5699 or [s.takeda@comcast.net](mailto:s.takeda@comcast.net).

*The Buddhist Church of Florin welcomes the following new members:*

*Wendell & Wanda Sonoda      Gary Takeuchi*

*We look forward to seeing you at service and temple functions and hope the BCF will meet your religious and community desires.*

**If you know someone interested in joining us, please refer them to [florinbuddhist.org](http://florinbuddhist.org) for more information & the BCF membership form.**

**It's not too late to donate!**

**JR. YBA**  
**Lock-in Fundraiser**

Jr. YBA is having a "Lock-In" Fundraiser is being rescheduled July/July from 9 AM to 9 PM.

At this time, we are asking Sangha and friends for donations for this fundraiser. This year, all donations will be retained by Jr. YBA. Donations will be used to fund various Jr. YBA activities in 2024. If you would like to donate, please complete the form below and mail it to:

FBC - Jr. YBA  
c/o Ginny Yamamoto-Syphax  
3318 Yosemite Park Way  
Elk Grove, CA 95758-4662



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I would like to support the Florin Jr. YBA in their fundraising efforts for Florin Jr. YBA.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for your fundraiser. My check is made payable to **FBC-Jr. YBA.**



Receipts for donations:

1) If you are a church member, your donation will be included in the annual letter of donations you will receive from the BCF Treasurer in Jan/Feb 2024.

2) If you are a non-church & would like a receipt for your donation, check here: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School**

### **News & Events**

**June 2023**

### **“B.R.A.I.D.” – Building Respectful Awareness & Inclusion through Dharma**

Storms and Peace

In the swirling of the storm  
Recite the nembutsu  
And become  
My lantern in the darkness

Walking on the middle path  
Recite the nembutsu  
And guide me  
As I travel on this road

Stumbling along blindly  
Recite the nembutsu  
And help me  
Through every difficulty

During times of peace and rest  
Recite the nembutsu  
And show me  
The joy of being alive

-Skylar Lam

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### **Upcoming Dharma Events**

**Please come and join us for some fun activities while learning Dharma lessons.**

- **June 11, Father's Day, Dharma Graduation Celebration**

### **Upcoming Fundraisers**

- **Jamba Juice Gift Cards (\$10/6 drinks) more information to come**
- **December 3, JYBA & DS Steak Sandwich/Udon Fundraiser**

# BWA June Dana Project



**Wellspring Women's Center** nurtures the innate goodness and personal self-esteem of women and their children. Since 1987, our drop-in Center has provided respite and services based on "hospitality with dignity and love. Wellspring serves nearly 200 women and children each weekday and offers four different programs: Nutritious Meal Program, Children's Corner Program, Safety Net Services Program, and the Women's Wellness Program.

REQUESTING:

## Toilet paper



**LAO FAMILY  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**

## May Dana



Still REQUESTING:

## Diapers (All sizes)

LAO Family Community Development is a partner agency of the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. In 2020, The LAO Family Community Development provided services to 31,000+ low-income individuals from 40+ ethnic groups in 35+ languages. There are offices in three California cities including two in Sacramento. **Our DIAPERS Dana Project will be delivered to the one in South Sacramento. [This Dana project will be extended through June]**

[But NOT: June 1 (Golf tournament)]

Collection Dates:

June Thurs [LOTUS days]

(9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

BCF Gym

June 11

BCF service

10 a.m.



*Video message from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani  
Joint Celebration for Shinran Shonin's 850<sup>th</sup> birthday &  
800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu  
tradition. Nishi Hongwanji, Kyoto May 10, 2023*



**Florin BWA members attend  
Joint Celebration & World  
BWA Convention in May**

Nishi Hongwanji onaijin, Kyoto

Our NC (Northern Calif) group included Florin, BC Stockton (w/Rev. Shibata), & BC Sacramento. Also included were the esteemed Rev. Michael Endo (BCA Office of the Bishop) and Janet Umezu (wife of former Bishop Umezu).

# LOTUS News

Learning Oriental Trimming

[April – May]

June '23 issue

Land Park Pond 7-'22

## Prepping for Shijo-Takeda wedding



*Lloyd & father of the groom, Bob Takeda, prep the bridge for painting.*



*Danny & Lloyd place a fresh coat of paint on to the bridge just prior to the wedding.*



*Ben, Linda, Jan, & Ron (working on weeping cherry tree) prune the trees/plants.*

Members of the LOTUS Club were busy in March & April sprucing up the Heisei Garden and surrounding grounds for the Shijo-Takeda BC Florin wedding—first church wedding since 2003!



*Stephanie & Alex*

## THANKS & ALOHA Linda & Daniel

*Menda*

*who helped with various LOTUS tasks from Mar.- May. They are back home in Hawaii but will be back in Sac in August.*



**THANK YOU**

**Harvey Kadoya**  
for the bags of oranges and lemons.



Seedlings were planted (by **Sharon O.**) into the ground (started by seed) in early May. By the end of May, plants are thriving. In June LOTUS lunches will include J. egg-plant, cucumber, tomatoes & uri.

**GARDEN is "off & running"**