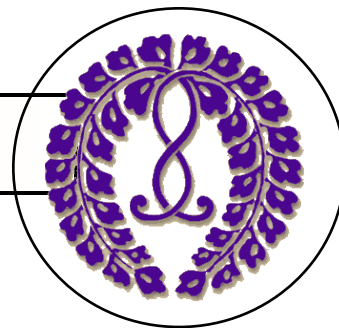


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February Calendar



3 Takayama Family Memorial Service	11:00 am
11 Nirvana Day, February Shotsuki, & Family Dharma Service	10:00 am
Welcome Luncheon for Rev. Majima (following service)	
13 RBC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
14 CCBWL Meeting on Zoom	7:00 pm
17 Conference Room Reserved - Hirahara Family	1:00 pm
22 - 25 - BCA National Council Meeting in Sacramento, CA	

NIRVANA DAY, FEBRUARY SHOTSUKI (Monthly Memorial Service), & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

**Sunday, February 11, 2024
10:00 AM**

A welcome luncheon for Rev. Majima will be served following the service.

**PLEASE JOIN US TO WELCOME
REV. MAJIMA TO REEDLEY!**

2024 RBC Cabinet & BWA Cabinet Installation



The 2024 Reedley Buddhist Church Cabinet and Reedley Buddhist Women's Association Cabinet were installed at the January 14, 2024 service.

FEBRUARY TOBAN:

Church Toban: Kehoe, N. Kimura, Justesen, & Ito
BWA: Group 1: Karen Sakata



It's Camp Keola Time!



You just can't beat a weekend in the Sierras and on the shore of Huntington Lake! Camp Dharma at Keola is scheduled for July 5 - 7, 2024! We are encouraging all families and friends to make plans, reserve the date, and come and join us for a fun filled weekend! Everyone who attended last year had a wonderful time and made some lifelong memories!

The cost of the weekend is being finalized with Camp Keola as we go to print, but it will be close to what it was in 2023.

Last year the kids & adults hiked, swam, went boating, found a treasure on a scavenger hunt, played corn hole, golfed, blasted off some rockets, sang camp songs, and roasted marshmallows around the campfire. You won't be disappointed and you'll have a blast! Look for more information in next month's newsletter or reserve your spot at: reedleybc@gmail.com



Church Acknowledges Dana

Mr. Tracy Ito <i>Special Donation</i>	\$ 300.00
Mr. Dean Shiroyama <i>Special Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Fumiko Betty Aoki <i>1st Year Memorial in Memory of Mr. Hitoshi Aoki</i>	100.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Amy Naito <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hendricks <i>Newsletter Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya <i>Joya-E Service Donation</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family <i>Joya-E Service Donation</i>	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family <i>Bodhi Day Service Donation</i>	30.00
Mrs. Kazuko Tatami <i>Shusho-E Service Donation</i>	20.00

January Memorial (Shotsuki) Service

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ikemiya <i>In Memory of Joe Ikemiya & Fumiko Ikemiya</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota <i>In Memory of Yoshio Kubota</i>	100.00
Mrs. Grace Nakagawa <i>In Memory of Hazel Bungo, Jimmy Bungo, Ayako Bungo, & Esther Sasaki</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka <i>In Memory of Mika Nishinaka & Toshiye Nishinaka</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura <i>In Memory of John Takasugi, Hichigoro Okamura, & Toyo Murase</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Okamura <i>In Memory of Tomiye Okamura</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>In Memory of Kenichi Kimoto & Shinayo Kimoto</i>	100.00
Mrs. Nancy Kimura <i>In Memory of Akiko Shiroyama & Edna Fujiwara</i>	50.00
Mr. Steve Kubota & Mr. Alan Kubota <i>In Memory of Genji Kubota</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro <i>In Memory of Ray Nobuhiro</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Okamura <i>In Memory of Hichigoro Okamura</i>	50.00
Mrs. Hiroko Shimozone & Family <i>In Memory of Joe Shimozone</i>	50.00

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January Memorial (Shotsuki) Service Cont.

Mr. & Mrs. James Hatakeda <i>In Memory of Wallace Arakawa & Junichi Hatakeda</i>	\$ 40.00
Ms. Lily Ikemiya <i>In Memory of Joe Ikemiya & Fumiko Ikemiya</i>	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto <i>In Memory of Fumio Hashimoto</i>	30.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn <i>In Memory of Ayako Wood</i>	25.00
Ms. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of Sumiye Okita</i>	25.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Kogoro Kawamoto</i>	20.00
Ms. Priscilla Kehoe <i>In Memory of Kango Togioka, Zentaro Togioka, Eisuke Togioka, Chiyo Togioka, Setsugo Togioka, Goro Nikami, & Kame Nikami</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi <i>In Memory of Sumiye Okita</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>In Memory of Kosuke Sasaki, Kameyo Sasaki, Frank Sasaki, & Sumiye Okita</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata <i>In Memory of Ayako Wood</i>	20.00

Hoonko Service Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka	100.00
Mrs. Chizuko Iwasaki	50.00
Ms. Amy Naito	50.00
Mr. Michael Naito	50.00
Mr. Byron Taira	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Hatakeda	30.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata	30.00
Mrs. Ayako Yamada	30.00
Mrs. Ellen Yamada	30.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn	25.00
Mrs. Nancy Kimura	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi	25.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Danny Nakamichi	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura	25.00
Ms. Shizuko Taguchi	25.00
Mrs. Joy Donaldson	20.00
Mr. Stanley Hirahara	20.00
Ms. Lily Ikemiya	20.00
Ms. Priscilla Kehoe	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Shuzo Toyota	20.00

Eitaikyo Service Donation

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki	40.00
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Message from Rev. Nakata

What is a Rinban?

Hello to all Central California Nishi Hongwanji Sangha friends! We have already jumped into the month of February. I have actively been conducting many ministerial duties by visiting members' homes, care homes, welcoming newcomers to temples, visiting & reaching out to local students and hosting study classes since New Year Day. I am so grateful to see and to talk to many Sangha friends during the Year End and New Year, Oshogatsu. I especially wish to express my deepest gratitude to you for providing me with your Oseibo. Thank you so much! I am so glad to serve you as a minister for Central California.



As I announced at your temple and church board meetings, I was officially appointed by Bishop Marvin Harada of the BCA as Rinban of Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple, effective on March 1st. The Fresno Betsuin Board approved the Rinban accession service on March 31st. I know it is Easter Sunday, but I hope you can make it! We will also dedicate March 31st for the acknowledgement of Rinban Nakagawa's retirement. Rev. Nakagawa has tirelessly dedicated his time and energy for our Central Cal Sangha and Buddhist communities. We must show our gratitude to his 11 years of ministerial service to Central California.

A numbers of board members of the CC temple and churches have questioned if I become the Rinban, do I only work for the Fresno Betsuin? The Central California District (CCDC) has its unique minister sharing system, called a *hub system*. This hub system was created by the former Bishop Kodo Umezu and the CCDC members. When I arrived in Central California from Los Angeles in 2019, I signed a contract to agree with the hub system. Since I moved to Central Cal, I have been working at multiple churches with Rinban Nakagawa. As long as my signed contract remains, my ministerial activities will continue as they are. As I mentioned above, besides Sunday services at the various CC temples and churches, I have been enjoying multiple events and gatherings such as a BWA trip, a Dharma School beach party, packing Bazaar bento boxes, helping cook chow Mein for food bazaar and so on. So please continue getting along with me!

I have been introducing my puppet, Kanamochi for the Dharma School talks at Sunday services. I personally think he is much more popular than me! He looks like a set of layered Mochi used for the New Year, which you probably remember seeing in the Onajin altar at the New Year Day services. Please check our Central Cal YouTube Channel to see what he looks like.

I also would like to introduce Kanamochi to our newsletter readers.

I call his name as usual at the Sunday service to make him come out for our conversation. 'Three, two, one... Kanamochi~'

Kanamochi: "Howdy howdy, how is everyone? My name is Kanamochi. Rev. Kaz, your introduction was too long. I'm worried that I don't have enough time to talk!"

Rev. Kaz: "Oh, sorry Kanamochi. I was expressing my gratitude to all CC sangha members."

Kanamochi: "That is good! It is always important to show your sincerity."

Rev. Kaz: "Thank you Kanamochi"

Kanamochi: "By the way, Rev. Kaz, I heard you were promoted to the Rinban of Fresno Betsuin. Congratulations, but even though I've been enjoying learning about Buddhism in Dharma School, I really don't know what a Rinban is."

Rev. Kaz: "I've received the same question from a number of Sangha members. The Rinban position originated about 10 years after the passing of our founder, Shinran Shonin. At that time, his remains were buried at the Ohtani Byodo. (Later, it moved to the present location, the Ohtani Hombyo Mausoleum. Please type shorturl.at/ejqJK on your phone, you will see Ohtani Hombyo on YouTube). For security reasons, Shinran Shonin's daughter Kakushin-ni placed the wall and a keyed gate at the entrance of the shrine. She did not hold the key by herself, instead she asked her children to equally rotate the key holder duty per month or year. You may know the Nikkei term TOBAN which has the same meaning as Rinban. It means rotating the duty or assignment.'

Kanamochi: "Yeah, I heard the word TOBAN for Dharma School assignments, such as Toban for refreshments, or Toban for Oshoko, right?"

Rev. Kaz: "That is correct! The Rinban/Toban system was first introduced by Kakushin-ni and later it was opened to not only relatives of Shinran Shonin, but also extended to Shinran Shonin's devout disciples. Since then, the position of the Rinban carries the symbol of unity and harmony of Jodo Shinshu as a deputy of *Gomonshu-sama*, the Abbot of Jodo Shinshu (Shinran Shonin's descendant). One of my particularly important duties as the Rinban is to share the mission and message delivered by Gomonshu-sama.'

Kanamochi: "Are you really a devout disciple?? Hahaha, just kidding you!"

Rev. Kaz: "Well, I try to be! About 28 years ago in Japan, I started on the path of Jodo Shinshu ministry, and I was transferred to the BCA, the North American district of Jodo Shinshu. Since the beginning on my journey of Jodo Shinshu, I have tried to be humble and hardworking, not only to the

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Rev. Nakata's Message Continued from page 3:

propagation of Jodo Shinshu, but also by showing my face and putting myself to work at various fundraisers to support temple and church activities as much as I can, just like Shinran Shonin did. I am not a master, guru, teacher, sensei, or scholar of Jodo Shinshu to be respected. I am just a lifelong student on life of Onembutsu which I have learned from Shinran Shonin. I simply demonstrate the Jodo Shinshu teachings with my actions."

Kanamochi: "Please keep up your good job, Rev. Kaz! In the next issue, please tell me what a Betsuin is."

Rev. Kaz: "Ok, I will. Thank you for making an appearance up in my article."

Gassho.

Central California Buddhist Ministers Association hosts a 2024 Spring Pilgrimage Trip to Poston, Arizona on March 27, 2024

Since 2020, the Central California Buddhist Ministers Association has been making an effort to host pilgrimages to the various War Relocation Campsites and conducting memorial services at these locations. In 2023, we made a Spring Pilgrimage to Manzanar. In 2021, along with some Central Cal Sangha friends, we made a pilgrimage to the Poston Relocation campsite and will make another journey there again THIS Spring.

Itinerary:

March 26 - Arrive at Parker, Arizona for overnight stay.

March 27 - 9am Start of the service. Visit remaining barracks, and a ruined adobe block elementary school site.

March 27 - 11am Lunch and head back to Central Cal

If you are interested in participating in this pilgrimage, please contact Rev. Kaz.

Email: rev.kaznakata@gmail.com or call/text: (424) 666-7101



Group photo taken on March 21, 2021

Church Acknowledges Dana

2023 Special Membership Dana

Ms. Nanette Hashimoto
 Mr. & Mrs. James Hatakeda
 Mr. Stanley Hirahara
 Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya
 Ms. Lily Ikemiya
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ikemiya
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki
 Mrs. Sue Kawamoto
 Mrs. Nancy Kimura
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi
 Mr. Alan Kubota
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 Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji
 Mrs. Ayako Yamada
 Mrs. Ellen Yamada
 Ms. Carole Yamakoshi
 Ms. Lois Yamakoshi



BWA mochi manju makers were busy at work making the delicious manju for Hoonko.



**TENTATIVE REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH
SPECIAL EVENTS & SERVICES CALENDAR FOR 2024
(dates subject to change)**

January	1	Monday	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Service (Shusho-E)
	14	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Hoonko Service/Combined Monthly Memorial Service/Family Dharma Service
	27	Saturday	5:00 PM	Dinner for Board & BWA Cabinets General Meeting
February	11	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service & Nirvana Day Service
	22 - 25 Thurs – Sun			National Council Meeting in Sacramento, CA
March	10	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Ohigan/Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service
	17	Sunday	All Day	CCBWL Conference in Reedley
April	7	Sunday	10:00 AM	Hanamatsuri Service & Luncheon
	14	Sunday	10:00 AM	Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service
May	4	Saturday	10:00 AM	Reedley Dharma School Beach Outing to Avila Beach
	19	Sunday	10:00 AM	Gotan-E / Monthly Memorial Service & Dharma School End of Term
June	9	Sunday	10:00 AM	Rennyho Shonin Memorial/Monthly Memorial Service Family Dharma Service
July	5 - 7		All Day	Camp Dharma at Camp Keola
	13	Saturday	5:00 PM	Reedley Obon
	14	Sunday	10:00 AM	Hatsubon/Obon Service
	21	Sunday	10:00 AM	Monthly Memorial Service/Family Dharma Service
August	18	Sunday	10:00 AM	Monthly Memorial Service/Family Dharma Service
September	8	Sunday	10:00 AM	Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service/DS New Term & Ohigan Service
October	6	Sunday	10:00 AM	Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service
	20	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Family Dharma Service & Eshinni Ko/Kakushinni Ko Memorial Service
November	3	Sunday	3:00 PM	Reedley Food Bazaar
	17	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Eitaikyo Service/ Monthly Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service
December	8	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Bodhi Day/ Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service
	31	Tuesday	2:00 PM	New Year's Eve (Joya-E) Service
January (2025)	1	Wednesday	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Service (Shusho-E)

BOLDED is activity – no service

Revised 1/26/2024



February Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The February Monthly Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for February are as follows:

DECEASED: SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Sao Harada	Nancy Abe
Sadie Abe & Tamotsu Abe	Mitchell Abe
Charles Teruo Antoku	Kay Antoku
Suematsu Haraguchi & Mise Abe	Hatsuko Hanashiro
Yasuo Hashimoto	Nori Hashimoto & Mary Hashimoto
Bill Hirata	Art Hirata
Laura Sachiko Hosaka & Kirk Hosaka	Todd Hosaka
Toshiko Hotta	Hotta Family
Harry Inn	Kiyoko Inn
Yoshiko Inn	Nancy Sakata
Mary Ishida	Dale Ishida
Jun "Jim" Iwo	Lorraine Iwo
John Matsuno	Iris Justesen
Michiko Teranishi	Leah Kawahara
Yoshiemon Kawakami & Kiku Kawakami	Betty Aoki
Shiro Kawamoto & Kojiro Kawamoto	Sue Kawamoto
George Kenji Kimura & Yoshiye Kimura	Karen Sakata, & Kevin Kimura
Arlene Imoto & Sami Yamada	Sandra Shinkawa
Nobu Kubota	Ben Kubota
Fusaye Matsuda	Alan Kubota
Shizuyo Miyamoto	Michio Miyamoto
Pete Munoz	Janice Munoz
Mantsuchi Murase	Murase Family
Kotome Nomi	Amy Naito
Mabel Yoshiko Kodama	Grace Nakagawa
Jean Sachiko Akahori	Nanette Nakamichi
Itsu Nobuhiro	Ben Nobuhiro & Harvey Hanemoto
Hanayo Sakuragi	Dale Okamura
Ben Mori & Bunsuke Okino	Fujiye Okino
Shizu Omachi & Fred Omachi	Kathleen Omachi
Yoshiharu Yamagiwa	Diane Otani
Machi Hobo	Nancy Sakata
Yuwayo Morihoro, Eiko Doi, & Irene Emiko Taira	Lynnette Sasaki

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February Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:

Tsutomu Sasaki
Mineto Shimizu
Tomojiro Sugai, Tome Sugai,
& Todd Sugai

Naka Sunamoto
Irene Emiko Taira
Lily Takasaki
& Hanako Takasaki
Itsuno Tsuneta

Fusakichi Tatami
Sumiyo Morikawa, Mataichi
Morikawa & Kazumi Morikawa

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Shirow Sasaki &
Satoshi Sasaki
Teruko Shibata

Janet Quiroz &
Mary Uyeda
Kathy Hamada
Byron Taira
Yukiye Takayama
& Karen Takasaki
Cathy Tanizaki
Zachry

Arthur Tatami
Ayako Yamada

JOYA-E Service Kansho Ringing





Central California Nikkei Foundation

Shredding Community Service and Fundraiser



Saturday, April 20, 2024

9am to 12 noon

Securely dispose of personal documents,
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Books-hardback & paperback.

Limit: 20 Banker Sized Boxes per car

Cost: \$15 per Banker Sized Box

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540 S. Peach Ave., Fresno

Questions contact: Susan Hayashi – 325-1457 or text 906-8540

Seniors who cannot drive to the event, call Susan by **April 6**
and arrange for pick-up.

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY ♥**

Contact Number for Church Business

Reedley Church Phone: (559) 638-2146

Church President: Mr. Kliff Justesen
Phone: (559) 917-0643

Funeral Committee Chair: Mr. Gary Sakata at:
Phone: (559) 250-9687

Fresno Betsuin Office: Lee Osaki: (559) 442-4054 (call
to request a minister or schedule a family service in Reedley
after contacting Reedley president for church availability)

Rev. Nakata: (urgent for Makuragyo) (424) 666-7101

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!

FOWLER ORIENTAL FOOD BAZAAR



Saturday, March 16, 2024

Pre-order and Drive-thru only

\$22.00 each

Teriyaki Chicken, Chow Mein, Barazushi, Namasu,
Tangerine, Almonds, Raisins

Drive-thru pick-up between 12noon – 2:30pm

Contact Barton Ashida to pre-order:

b.ashida@comcast.net or (559) 284-2955

Credit cards accepted.

Procedures for Requesting a Minister

Funerals:

The family will contact the Funeral Chairperson Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687

Makuragyo Service:

During the week contact the Fresno Betsuin Office at (559) 442-4054 or **Rev. Nakata on weekdays or weekends directly (424) 666-7101.**

Family Memorial Service:

For services at the Reedley Buddhist Church: Contact the RBC President to check the availability of the Reedley Church. Then contact **Lee Osaki** at the **Fresno Betsuin (442-4054)** to schedule the service. Fresno Betsuin office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Return call to Church President to confirm date and time.

For services at family home: Family will contact Lee Osaki at the Fresno Betsuin office to arrange for a minister.

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SPRING OHIGAN SEMINAR

at the Fresno Buddhist Temple Dharma Center

With guest speaker, Rev. Dean Koyama

Saturday, March 9, 2024

9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



Reverend Dean Koyama is the resident minister at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. Before his appointment to Palo Alto in June 2013, he served as the resident minister of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple (2003-2013), resident minister at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple (1996-2002), and associate minister at the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church (1989-1996).

A native Californian, Reverend Koyama was born and raised in Sacramento. He studied Biology at Sacramento City College and later received a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of California, Davis. After working as a

pharmacy technician at Mercy General Hospital, Reverend Koyama, began attending the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) in Berkeley, California. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Buddhist Studies from the IBS in 1985 and subsequently earned another Masters Degree from Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan. The years of studying culminated in his entry into the ministry in 1989.

In the past, Reverend Koyama enjoyed jogging, playing volleyball, and cycling in his free time. He mentions that due to "old age" and bad knees, he now limits his physical activities to walking his Jack Russell Terrier mix, Niko. In addition, Reverend Koyama continues to practice Aikido, which he has done for almost 50 years and holds a 5th degree black belt. When he turned 60 and started his second childhood (Kanreki) he decided to learn some things before it was too late. So he started to learn how to play the shakuhachi (Japanese bamboo flute) and has taken up golf. Rev. Dean is married to his wife, Linda and they have three sons who live close by in California.

Seminar sponsored by the Iwatsubo Family

CC BEC MAP Seminar via Zoom

"Life of Jodo Shinshu and the Tradition of Rinban"

Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7pm



Rev. Sugahara comes from a temple family on both his father's (Korinji) and mother's (Gokurakuji) side. Because he was born a son of a temple family he was able to receive his Tokudo Ordination in 1996, while only a freshman in high school.

During his junior year in high school, he came to the United States and lived in Rochester, New York for one year as a Rotary Club exchange student, pursuing his dream of becoming a translator for the United Nations.

Rev. Yuki studied Political Science at the Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto. During that time, his mother suddenly passed away and it was shortly after that Rev. Yuki decided to get his Kyoshi Certification which he received in 2002.

In 2009, Rev. Yuki came to the United States to attend the International Ministerial Orientation Program (IMOP) at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, CA. In July 2023, he was assigned to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento as the Rinban. Rev. Yuki also obtained a B.A. in Human Studies (major in Buddhist Studies) from Musashino University and M.A. in Buddhist Studies from Musashino Grad School.

To request the Zoom link, email Rev. Kaz: rev.kaznakata@gmail.com

CC BEC MAP Seminar via Zoom

"Basics of Shinran Shonin"

1st of 3 seminars

By Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7pm



Rev. Dr. Wondra, distinguished BCA scholar, graciously shares her wisdom on "Basics of Shinran Shonin".

This series of 3 seminars is designed for those who have little or no knowledge on this important figure in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Seminars are free and all are welcome to join each session.

Born in Kyoto
 Graduate of Kyoto Women's University
 Kyoto Chūō Bukkyō Gakuin (2006), Tokudo (2006), Kyoshi (2007)
 Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) MA (2010)
 Ryukoku University Graduate School Shin Buddhist Studies MA (2012), Ph.D (2018)
 Hongwanjiha Hokyo (2014)
 BCA Minister at the Orange County Buddhist Church (2015)
 Adjunct Professor, Institute of Buddhist Studies (2020)

To request the Zoom link, email Rev. Kaz: rev.kaznakata@gmail.com

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2024 HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY

Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 10 am

HATSUMAIRI

Hatsumairi is a special ceremony where grandparents or parents present their child(ren) to the Amida Buddha and the Sangha for the first time.

Children of all ages (newborn through high school) are welcome to participate in this ceremony. The ceremony is a first step taken by parents to raise their child according to a Dharma centered life and in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their children.

The Fresno Buddhist Temple's Hatsumairi will be held in conjunction with our annual Gotan-e service on May 12, 2024 at 10 am, which celebrates the birth of Shinran Shonin.

Application Deadline:
May 1, 2024



Applications may also be found online



Hatsumairi Application

Child's Last Name: _____

Child's First & Middle Name(s): _____

Child's Gender: Boy Girl

Child's Birthdate: _____

Child's Birthplace: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Cell# (text ok?) _____

Email: _____

Please return this form by **May 1, 2024** to the Fresno Buddhist Temple 2690 E. Alluvial Ave, Fresno, 93720 or email your pdf file to losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org

There are no application fees, but donations are gratefully accepted.