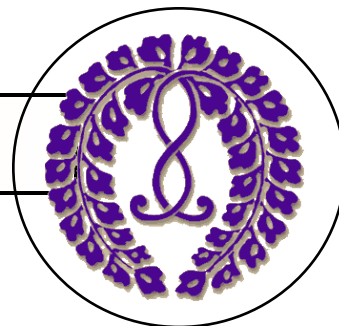


# REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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## January Calendar



- Dec. 31 - Joya-E Service (New Years Eve 2:00 pm)
- 1 Shusho-E (New Year's Day) Service 10:00 am
- 10 Omigaki (Altar Cleaning) 6:00 pm
- 13 BWA Mochi Manju Making for  
Hoonko Service 9:00 am
- 14 Hoonko, January Shotsuki, &  
Family Dharma Service 10:00 am
- RBC Board & Cabinet Installation 10:30 am
- 27 RBC Dinner and General Member-  
ship Meeting 5:00 pm

## Message from the President



To the members of the Reedley Buddhist Church,

I would like to take this opportunity, say how grateful I am for all the support and guidance from the Board and the membership, during my tenure as Church President for this past year, 2023. It has been quite interesting. The addition of a new minister, the end of COVID restrictions (for the most part) for meetings, in person food Bazaar, to seeing more and more young kids in Dharma School, and getting the parsonage ready for the new minister.

I wish Larry Nishida, President for 2024, a quiet and uneventful year.

In gassho,

Kliff A. Justesen

## JANUARY TOBAN:

Church Toban: Hansen, Okamura, &  
M. Naito

BWA: Group 3: Diane Kubota & Joy Donaldson



## **JOYA-E SERVICE (Year End Service) Sunday, December 31, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Toshikoshi Soba served  
following the service.**

## **SHUSHO-E SERVICE (New Year's Day Service) Monday, January 1, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Refreshments following the service.**

## **HOONKO, JANUARY SHOTSUKI (Monthly Memorial Service), & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024  
10:00 AM**

**Lunch will be served following  
the service.**

## 2024 Installation Dinner & General Meeting

The 2024 Reedley Buddhist Church Cabinet, Church Board Members, & the BWA Officers were installed on Sunday January 14, 2024. An installation dinner will be held for all church members who would like to attend on **Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 5:00 PM**. Please let **Danny Nakamichi** know if you will attend by **January 20th**. Email: [dannyn@yahoo.com](mailto:dannyn@yahoo.com) or text/call: (559) 393-2200.

All members are urged to come, have dinner, attend the annual general membership meeting, and support the new 2024 president, Larry Nishida and his cabinet.

## In Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Lynn (Katsura) Abe**, wife of Mitchell Abe, who passed away on December 5, 2023, at the age of 65.



## Church Acknowledges Dana

The Family of Johnnie Togioka <i>In Memory of Mr. Johnnie Togioka</i>	\$1,000.00
The Family of Johnnie Togioka <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	200.00
Dinuba Buddhist Church <i>Newsletter Donation</i>	300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Ishii <i>Special Donation</i>	300.00
Mrs. Alice Nakamura <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Bonnie Nii <i>Special Donation</i>	100.00
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Sasaki <i>Year-End Donation</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>Special Donation</i>	50.00
Ms. Shizuko Taguchi <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Shiz Tsutsui <i>Special Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Ellen Yamada <i>Bodhi Day Service Donation</i>	30.00
<b><u>December Memorial Service</u></b>	
The Hamada Family <i>In Memory of Kenichi Sunamoto, Fujiye Shirakawa, &amp; Preston Hamada</i>	100.00
Mrs. Chizuko Iwasaki <i>In Memory of Hozo Iwasaki &amp; Fumiye Fukamoto</i>	100.00
Mrs. Grace Nakagawa <i>In Memory of Sammy Nakagawa</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka <i>In Memory of Saburo Dan Nishinaka</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura <i>In Memory of Kyoichi Sakuragi &amp; Shinji Okamura</i>	100.00
Mr. Byron Taira <i>In Memory of Hideo Taira</i>	100.00
Ms. Lois Yamakoshi <i>In Memory of Frank Yamakoshi</i>	100.00
Ms. Shizuko Taguchi <i>In Memory of Sumitaro Taguchi, Fred Taguchi, &amp; Bobby Taguchi</i>	90.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki <i>In Memory of Sammy Nakagawa</i>	50.00

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## December Memorial Service cont.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Iwashita <i>In Memory of Sammy Nakagawa</i>	\$ 50.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Suze Kawamoto, Moto Tanaka, &amp; Teiichi Yamasaki</i>	50.00
Mrs. Shiz Kunishige <i>In Memory of Sakuji Hashimoto, Makoto Hashimoto, Satoru Hashimoto, Hideo Hashimoto, &amp; Misako Hashimoto</i>	50.00
Mrs. Grace Nakagawa <i>In Memory of Mumeyo Bungo</i>	50.00
Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry <i>In Memory of Issaku Tsuneta</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Yamashiro <i>In Memory of Sammy Nakagawa</i>	50.00
Mr. Steve Kubota & Mr. Alan Kubota <i>In Memory of Yoshiko Kubota</i>	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>In Memory of Torazo Tsuji</i>	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata <i>In Memory of Blake Egoian &amp; Frank Kimura</i>	30.00
Mrs. Ellen Yamada <i>In Memory of Amie Kawasaki</i>	30.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn <i>In Memory of Ben Tsudama</i>	25.00
Mrs. Ayako Yamada <i>In Memory of Satoru Morikawa</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi <i>In Memory of Blake Egoian</i>	20.00
The Masumoto Family <i>In Memory of Kazuko Matoi</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>In Memory of John Nishida, Mary Inouye, &amp; Blake Egoian</i>	20.00

## Monthly Memorial Service

Dr. & Mrs. Glenn Hamaoka <i>In Memory of Lillian Takayama (December) &amp; Tsune Takayama (November)</i>	30.00
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## November Memorial Service

Mr. Alan Kubota <i>In Memory of Masao Kubo</i>	20.00
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## Eitaikyo Service

Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji	25.00
Mrs. Ayako Yamada	30.00





## Message from Rev. Nakata

### 2024 ~ Live your life with a positive attitude!



As we welcome in 2024, I wish to extend my Happy New Year wishes to all Central California Nishi Hongwanji Sangha friends! Again, I express my deepest appreciation to all of you for your support and guidance during 2023 and I hope that you will continue supporting the temple and churches of CC throughout the new year.

The historical Buddha, Shakyamuni delivered his Dharma message on the teaching of Amida and his messages on Amida were compiled into three Buddhist texts, known as Sutra.

Our Jodo Shinshu founder, Shinran Shonin shared the teaching of Amida by using these three Buddhist Sutras. They are known as *The Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life*, *The Sutra of Contemplation on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life*, and *The Sutra on Amida Buddha*. As I mentioned in the previous issue of my article, Jodo Shinshu simply refers to the teaching of becoming calm, or reaching the state of equanimity. "Jodo" is a Chinese translation of Sanskrit, an ancient Indian language, [Sukhāvati](#). The meaning of Sukhāvati is "reaching the state of equanimity or tranquility." It is the ultimate objective of our Jodo Shinshu Sangha.

The historical Buddha taught us that how to reach or practice the state of equanimity or tranquility in these Sutras. As we enter the year 2024, I would like to share one passage from *The Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life*.

佛所遊履 國邑丘聚 靡不蒙化 天下和順 靡不蒙化  
日月清明 雨風以時 災厲不起

I know you may not be able to read Chinese characters, but I would like you to know that the passage has relieved millions of Jodo Shinshu followers by them reaching the state of equanimity. It states "Where Buddha has left his footprints on a country or a village, all sentient beings have learned his Dharma teachings. By learning his teachings, they are following the flow of their own positivity, appreciate routine brilliance of Sun and Moon, enjoy climate like rain and shine, and prepare for natural disaster and pandemic."

The passage includes the Buddha's wish for all sentient beings to reach the universal truth on life. It is about positivity.

Last summer, I took a group of Girl Scouts for the two-week trip to Japan. We traveled to see major tourist sights and foodie sites, but also, we visited the Fukushima Earthquake Tsunami disaster area. We toured an elementary school ruined

by fire caused by the earthquake and a high school demolished by the Tsunami. At the entrance of the high school exhibition, letters, interviews, and diaries of the disaster victims are displayed. There is a remembrance, presented at a memorial service by a high school student. – "On March 11, 2011. It was a day of my middle school graduation day. After the ceremony was over, we went home. Soon after, the big earthquake suddenly shook our home like a shaker, and the huge tide washed our five family members away from our home.

After a while I found my mom, but she was covered by the debris of other damaged homes and mud. I tried my best to remove the debris from my mom, however my tiny muscle cannot move the tons of heavy and large debris. Although I wanted to rescue her, I realized that I would be washed away to the deep cold ocean by the second Tsunami tide. My mom implored my help and said, "don't leave me behind." I paused and quietly responded to her "Arigato, thank for everything you have done for me. I love you." I swam over the sea water filled streets and debris to the evacuation facility where I stayed overnight.

There is no way to forget the hurt and sorrow caused by the disaster. One way to repay the debts of gratitude to the loved ones is to live my life with strong and positive attitude."

I had not a single word when imagining her endurance of sorrow. The teaching of Amida embraces people in difficult situations, like her, and makes them aware of life's appreciation here and now with a positive attitude. We rarely encounter natural disasters like huge earthquakes or tornados in Central Cal, but we may encounter "natural disasters" once in a lifetime... it is our own death. The everyday movements of Sun and Moon are routine, but "our own disaster" makes us aware that the "routine" does not continue forever for us. While we "can" enjoy them, why do we not? The hot Central Cal summers allow us to enjoy sno-cones or sipping cold drinks "more," just by understanding the climate with a positive attitude. To "Monku" (complain) will not solve the problem or obstacle which we encounter.

Ahead of our own natural disaster, it is not necessary to over-react to issues we face with the negative outlook or response in our daily life.

I have been serving in the BCA ministry for over 20 years, where my main ministerial role has been to assist the Rinban as an associate minister at Betsuin Temples and Churches in three districts of the BCA. With a positive attitude, I will continue to promote the teaching of Jodo Shinshu, teaching of becoming calm, and reaching the state of equanimity in Central Cal. I appreciate your continuous support to your local temple and churches.

Gassho.



## Message from Rev. Nakagawa



**“With Best New Year Wishes for a Happy  
New Year in 2024”  
to You All Betsuin Sangha**

This is to let you know that officially I, Rinban Nakagawa, will retire in February, dear Dharma friends.

“Shin-nen Akeḥ-mashiteḥ Omeḥdeḥ-tow,” literally means “Congratulations that a Happy New Year has just ‘opened up’.”

On this happy day I say, “Goodbye.” New Year’s Day is a symbolic day of a fresh new life, so it is the best day to say, “Goodbye.”

We, the Dharma followers, are always reminded of the amazing advice of the Buddha the Sakyamuni: Sakyamuni Buddha saw the truth under the Bodhi tree, waking up all the human beings on this planet. We do not need to grasp the ego’s idea of an eternal being outward and an unchanging soul inward, which really messes us up.

The world and life are continually changing, moment by moment, so instead of clinging to the past, we have to live a fresh new life each day.

Remember again, our true soul is growing untiringly day by day.

“Sa-yoh-na-ra” in English literally means, “Goodbye”; thus, Buddha-dharma teaching says so. As it is said, “Sayōnara”!

Thus, on the best day of the year, I, Rinban Nakagawa say,

“Goodbye means Sayōnara.

Cheers! Empty your glass, my Dharma friends.  
We have to say ‘Sayōnara’ many thousands of times  
in life.

That’s the way it is in Gratitude!”

We arrived ten billion years ago, yet life shines as bright as the sun.

We spend the last days saying Buddha’s praise to start a pure and perfect world.

Namōmitābhāḥ

## 2024 Reedley Buddhist Church Cabinet & Board of Directors

*President: Larry Nishida*

*Co -1st Vice Presidents: Vickie Nishida  
Charlene Okamura*

*2nd Vice President: Danny Nakamichi*

*Recording Secretary: Nanette Nakamichi*

*Corresponding Secretary: Joy Donaldson*

*Treasurer: Mike Naito*

*Assistant Treasurers: Ben Kubota*

*Karen Sakata*

*Special Treasurers: Larry Nishida*

*Dale Okamura*

*Auditors: Gary Sakata & Kathy Nishinaka*

*Historian: Judy Kobayashi*

*Publicity: Lynn Kurumaji*

*Youth Director: Diane Kubota*

*Maintenance: Don Takanishi & Kliff*

*Justesen*

*Religious Chairperson: Karen Sakata*

*Immediate Past President: Kliff Justesen*

### 2024 Board of Directors

*Joy Donaldson Kliff Justesen*

*Judy Kobayashi Mike Naito*

*Danny Nakamichi Larry Nishida*

*Vickie Nishida Dale Okamura*

*Karen Sakata Gary Sakata*

*\* The Cabinet and Board of Directors will be installed on January 14th at the Hoonko service and the installation dinner and general membership meeting will be held on January 27th. (see page 1 for details) Please come and support their efforts.*

*\* A tentative calendar will be sent out in the February newsletter after it is approved at the 2024 General Membership Meeting on January 27th.*

## OMIGAKI (Altar Cleaning)



**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Please come out and help with our bi-yearly cleaning of the altar implements! It will go quickly with more hands helping!**

**A light dinner will be served.**



## January Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The January Monthly Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM.** Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for January are as follows:

### DECEASED: SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Kiroku Harada	Nancy Abe
Masaru Abe	Mitchell Abe
Wai Yamamoto, Yachiyo Aoki & Atsuko Aoki Judge	Betty Aoki
Chojuro Asami	Lillian Garrigus
Iyoko "Yonki" Hamada	Clifford Hamada
Chiyomi Utsunomiya	Harvey Hanemoto
Kimi Matsuoka	Joanne Hansen
Tokichi Haraguchi, Kamagesa Nagai, & Sakichi Haraguchi	Hatsuko Hanashiro
Helen Hara	Nannette Mori
Fumio Wesse Hashimoto	Nori Hashimoto & Mary Hashimoto
Junichi Hatakeda	Jim Hatakeda
Wallace Arakawa	Keiko Hatakeda
Sam Shigemi Hirakawa	Carole Hirakawa
Otane Shimizu, Toyo Ibara, Usaburo Takahashi Sute Takahashi, & Terashi Ibara	Eloise Ibara
Masataro Ichihana	Yoko Ichihana
Joe Ikemiya & Fumiko Ikemiya	Lily Ikemiya & Toshi Kawagoe
Ayako Wood	Kiyoko Inn & Nancy Sakata
Kosuke Sasaki, Kameyo Sasaki & Frank Sasaki	Ruth Sasaki & Larry Nishida
Masayoshi Kajihara, Masamori Kajihara & Mine Kajihara	Richard Kajihara

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## January Monthly Memorial Cont.

### DECEASED:

Kogoro Kawamoto  
Toshio Yamashita, Shizuko Pearl  
Yamashita, Takeyo Sakai &  
George S. Ikuta  
Gintaro Ito  
Kazuye Nagai & Akiko Shiroyama  
Yoshio Kubota  
Genji George Kubota  
Eiki Maruyama  
Yuki Miyamoto  
Ikutaro Murase  
Esther Sasaki, Ayako Bungo,  
Jimmy Jiro Bungo & Hazel  
Bungo

### SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Sue Kawamoto  
Satoko Kim  
Craig Ito  
Nancy Kimura  
Ben Kubota  
Alan Kubota  
Michael Maruyama  
Michio Miyamoto  
Emily Murase  
Grace Nakagawa  
& Dennis Sasaki

### Mika Nishinaka & Toshiye

Nishinaka  
Ray Nobuhiro  
John Takasugi  
Toyo Murase & Hichigoro  
Okamura  
Tomeye Okamura & Hichigoro  
Okamura  
Sumiye Okita  
Hisakichi Omachi  
Jozaburo "Joe" Shimozone  
Mary Sunamoto

Ronald Nishinaka  
Ben Nobuhiro  
Charlene Okamura

Dale Okamura

Dennis Okamura  
Amy Naito  
Kathleen Omachi  
Hiroko Shimozone  
Kenneth Sunamoto  
& Kathy Hamada

Hana Takayama  
Haruko Okada  
Kango Togioka, Zentaro Togioka,  
Eisuke Togioka, Chiyo Togioka,  
Setsugo Togioka, Goro Nikami &  
Kame Nikami  
George Tomisaka  
Kenichi Kimoto & Shinayo  
Kimoto  
Mary Matsue Yamamoto

Helen Hamaoka  
Arthur Tatami

Priscilla Kehoe  
Gary Tomisaka

Amy Tsuji  
Greg Wada

## Dharma School Students Celebrate Their Grandparents

The Reedley Dharma School students invited their grandparents to a Grandparents' Tea on December 3, 2023. All the grandparents that were able to attend received a gift from their grandchildren and joined them for lunch following the service.





# 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](mailto:losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org)

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



**Welcome All 4-5 year olds!**

A two week summer program introducing Japanese culture and way of life: group harmony, conservation of resources, respect for elders, and cooperative effort open to children of all ethnicities and religious denominations in a safe environment. This program will be led by Rev. Kaz Nakata, certified teachers, and volunteers.

**July 8-19, 2024**

Children will sing Japanese songs, play Japanese musical instruments, Obon dance, meditate, practice mindfulness, and show their gratitude and appreciation everyday.



**The Fresno Kodomo Center**

Fresno Children's Japanese Cultural Center

**For more Information:**

Rev Kaz Nakata:  
rev.kaznakata@gmail.com

Alene Hayashi:  
amhayashi@sbcglobal.net  
Text: (559) 269-2402



**July 8-19, 2024**

**8:30 - 11:30 am**

**Fresno Buddhist Temple  
2690 E Alluvial Ave, Fresno**

**Tuition: \$300  
CCDC Members: \$250  
Fresno Buddhist Temple Members: \$150**



**JAPANESE AMERICAN  
CITIZENS LEAGUE**  
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

# DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Social Time: 11:30 am

Program & Lunch: 12 noon-2 pm

The program will include the CCDC JACL Officer Installation

**EVENT LOCATION:** Fresno County Historical Museum,  
Big Fresno Fairgrounds  
1121 S. Chance Avenue (free parking @ Chance Ave lot)

2024 Distinguished American Award  
Judge Johnny Gogo



Guest speaker  
**Kerry Yo Nakagawa**



**NISEI BASEBALL  
RESEARCH PROJECT**

I would like to purchase: \_\_\_\_\_ luncheon ticket(s) at \$40 per person.  
Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of entrees with salad, rice and dessert: \_\_\_\_ How many vegetarian entrees: \_\_\_\_  
Attendee Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP: FEBRUARY 1ST CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CCDC JACL RESERVATIONS WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE DOOR**  
**SEND COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT TO: TRAVIS NISHI, P.O. BOX 26925, FRESNO, CA 93729**  
**QUESTIONS OR ACCOMMODATION NEEDS: BRIANT@CSUFRESNO.EDU; TSNISHI@AOL.COM (559) 281-6497**





***HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS***  
**FOR GRADUATING SENIORS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING COLLEGE**

APPLICANT OR PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE FRESNO BETSUIN OR A MEMBER OF ANY CHURCH WITHIN THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL (CCDC)

***MIYAMOTO COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP***  
**FOR ENTERING SECOND YEAR (SOPHOMORE) COLLEGE STUDENT**

APPLICANT OR PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE FRESNO BETSUIN OR A MEMBER OF ANY CHURCH WITHIN THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL (CCDC)

***DENNIS YEE MEMORIAL COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP***  
**FOR SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR OR SENIOR COLLEGE STUDENT PURSUING A HEALTH CARE RELATED FIELD**

APPLICANT OR PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE FRESNO BETSUIN OR A MEMBER OF ANY CHURCH WITHIN THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL (CCDC)

***ALVIN HAYASHI MEMORIAL COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP***  
**FOR GRADUATE STUDENT DENTAL, OTHER HEALTH CARE RELATED FIELD OR THE BUDDHIST MINISTRY**

APPLICANT OR PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE FRESNO BETSUIN OR A MEMBER OF ANY CHURCH WITHIN THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL (CCDC)

***EIJI AND KEIKO MARUKO SCHOLARSHIP***  
**FOR COLLEGE AND TRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

APPLICANT OR PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE FRESNO BETSUIN OR A MEMBER OF ANY CHURCH WITHIN THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL (CCDC)

***YEHAN AND CHIEN NUMATA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP***  
**FOR STUDENT PURSUING AN ADVANCED DEGREE e.g., Ph.D., M.D., M.A., etc.**

\* NATIONAL CATEGORY - APPLICANT OR PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA (BCA)

\* REGIONAL CATEGORY - APPLICANT OR PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE FRESNO BETSUIN OR A MEMBER OF ANY CHURCH WITHIN THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL (CCDC)

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: [www.fresnobuddhisttemple.org](http://www.fresnobuddhisttemple.org)  
 OR MAY BE REQUESTED BY EMAIL: [info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org](mailto:info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org)

**TO BE CONSIDERED, APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2024**

AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN MAY 2024

AWARDS PRESENTATION DATE: JUNE 9, 2024



## Central California Nikkei Foundation

### Shredding Community Service and Fundraiser



Saturday, April 20, 2024

9am to 12 noon

Securely dispose of personal documents, tax papers,

Books-hardback & paperback.

Limit: 20 Banker Sized Boxes per car

Cost: \$15 per Banker Sized Box

Cash or Check only

Please make check payable to CCNF

Event will be Drive-Thru

Boxes will be emptied from your trunk/tailgate and returned

Held at Vintage Gardens

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.

## FOWLER ORIENTAL FOOD BAZAAR



February 18, 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](mailto: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.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

### 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**

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