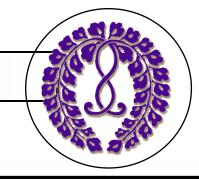
REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

P.O. BOX 24 ~ 2035 15TH ST., REEDLEY, CALIFORNIA 93654 PHONE & FAX (559) 638-2146 http://reedleybc.org

10:00 am

7:00 pm



September Calendar

5	September Shotsuki & Dharma Service from Visalia VIRTUAL	10:00 am
12	Ohigan & Dharma Service from Reedley VIRTUAL	10:00 am
16	CCDC Meeting (TBA in Fowler or on Zoom)	7:00 pm
19	Dharma Service from Parlier VIRTUAL	10:00 am
22	Reedley BC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
26	Ohigan Tule Lake Service - recorded	

SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE LINK:

27 CCMAC Meeting

on September 2nd. VIRTUAL

https://mobile.twitter.com/fresno nishi

RBC "AUTUMN FAVORITES" BENTO DINNER DRIVE THRU/TAKE OUT

Teriyaki BBQ Chicken, Barasushi, Chinese Chicken Salad, Lumpia, & Almond Cookie

Other desserts are available to order!

November 7, 2021 3:00 - 5:00 See page 7 for details and order form!!

SEPTEMBER TOBAN:

Church Toban: Tavlans & K. Ikemiyas BWA: Group 1 - Karen Sakata



In Person Ohigan Service,
September Memorial Service,
& New Term for Dharma
School has been CANCELED The service has been
SWITCHED TO
A VIRTUAL SERVICE

The Reedley Buddhist Church's Sunday, September 12, 2021 service has been changed to VIRTUAL. With COVID-19's Delta variant on the rise, the RBC board, during its August meeting, decided it is too risky to bring our young unvaccinated Dharma School students back, as well as our precious senior members. We will assess the data and inform our members if the situation improves. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Reedley Dharma School is starting a

NEW TERM

Sunday, Septembe

All kids (ages 2 - high school) remvited to attend and kick off a new year!

- We will be making a new ojuzu and having some awesome shaved itel as well as lunch!)
- Activities to look forward to this year include the Snow That Beach Outing!

If you are any questions, please contact Laura Tarlan at: justpeac.y@tarlan.com

Invite your friends!

Mask mandates will be posted for each service. Masks are recommended for all students over the age of 2 years old while indoors.

Church Acknowledges Dana &



Ms. Amy Naito - Senior Meal Donation	\$ 100.00			
August Memorial Service Donations:				
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kaplan	200.00			
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Mrs. Yukiye Takayama	50.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chad Hosoda	20.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi	20.00
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June & August Memorial Service Donations:

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki 100.00

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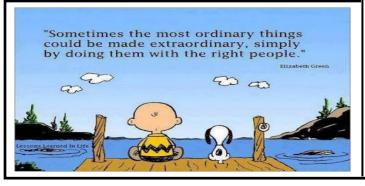
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Obon Service Donations:

Mrs. Grace Nakagawa 30.00

Maintenance Fund Donations:

Mrs. Eva Iwanaga 40.00 Mrs. Grace Nakagawa 40.00





Bento Delivered to Senior **Members**



We had hoped to provide lunch for our members when we returned to having church services, but due to Covid's Delta variant, we are postponing in-person services.

So a group from the Community Outreach Committee came together to provide bento boxes for our senior members 80+ years old, living at home and in our local retirement homes on August 21st.

Since we will be switching our September service to virtual, we hope to get another one out to the members during September as well.

We hope that we will be able to return to inperson services in October, but untl then, please stay safe and healthy!



Message from Rev. Nakata

The Eight Essentials of our Jodo Shinshu - No. 5

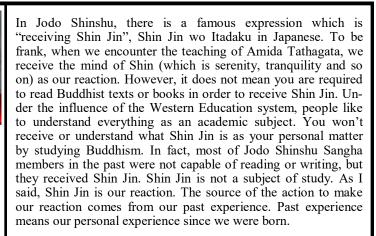
Shinjin is the causal main factor for enlightenment which is to reach the state of tranquility. (Shin Jin Sho In)

Hello, all Central California Sangha friends! How are you spending your hot summer? Last month, Central California temple and Churches held three Bon-odori (Obon dance). They were recorded and you can watch them on our Twitter site. If you missed hearing the tune of Tanko Bushi this summer, please watch them. You may find your friends dancing in the circle of Obon dance! As our CC combined special event, we will conduct the Fall Ohigan Service at the Tule Lake Concentration Camp site on September 2nd. It will be streamed on September 26 at 10am on our YouTube Channel. You can go to YouTube.com and search "Central California Nishi Hongwanji", then you will see the list of our recorded videos.

Over the last several months, Covid-19 Delta Variant has been spreading in the Central Valley. Unfortunately, we have lost some of our dearest sangha friends, caused by the virus since the pandemic occurred. Please continue your routine sanitization to protect both you and your family. Recently local hospitals started allowing us (reverends) to visit Covid patients in their ICUs by the family's request. I may visit more often for such cases, but please do not be frightened for when I do. If I am in the ICU, I will request reverends to visit me before my passing. So why not?

In this article, I would like to share one of eight essential teachings of Jodo Shinshu. It is *Shin Jin Sho In*. This is fifth of eight teachings. It is a Japanese idiom. SHO means you met a requirement or are eligible for this idiom. IN means Causation. Probably you have heard the word SHIN JIN before. You may say "I know SHIN JIN, it is the faith or belief!" Then I need to respond "it is a typical mistranslation."

I will explain why it is a mistranslation. Shin Jin does not come from our action nor something I (or someone) can provide. In other words, our Jodo Shinshu is not a teaching of "believing or faithful to" Amida Tathagata (Buddha). It is one of the main reasons why we do not ask people "Do you believe in Amida Tathagata?" Amida Tathagata is not a deity or idol figure. I will explain this later. Also Shin Jin is not transferrable, so I cannot provide it. It may make Shin Jin sound like a magical miracle, but it is not. When we trace the origination of the Japanese word Shin Jin, we encounter an ancient Indian language, Sanskrit. SHIN can be derived from *prasāda* in Sanskrit. It means serenity, tranquility, equanimity, or ataraxis. JIN comes from citta in Sanskrit. It means mind. Shinran Shonin explains Shin Jin (citta) and Bodhi-citta are identical and these cittas are TARIKI in his Wasan hymn of the seven masters. Tariki generally means something we receive. Tariki is an essence of the teaching of Amida Tathagata. The previous Monshu, Zenmon Koshi Ohtani states Shin Jin is generally called Tariki No Shin Jin (We receive Shin Jin from Tariki of Amida Tathagata.)



I'll share one example. Do you like Spam Musubi, Rice Ball or a bowl of rice? When I ask you how much water we need to have one Spam Musubi, what is your response? You may say 1 gallon for washing and soaking of the rice.

The answer is about 60 gallons! I am not kidding you. From the seeding to harvesting, the seed for one Spam Musubi absorbs about 60 gallons. Water consumed behind the scene which we call "virtual water." When I was child, I grew up in the middle of rice fields. My last name is "Nakata". Naka means middle or center, and ta means a rice field. My name describes where I was born and raised. During the rice farming season, my family's rice field was always filled with a lot of water. It looked like a mud pond. So I was not surprised to hear that rice needs an excessive amount of water. When I was child, my grandfather used to explain by showing a bowl of rice, "Kaz, each grain of rice needs a cup of water to grow. Not only water but also many other things help growing rice. Don't waste any rice in your bowl." In order to have rice grains enough for one bowl, there are immeasurable elements and factors help and support growing rice. Since my childhood, I have been told the stories of Tariki (something we receive from others), although my grandfather was NOT Jodo Shinshu Buddhist. The way of his living as a farmer was really like a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist.

When I eat Spam Musubi, every bite I feel a sense of gratitude to all others. That sense raises my mind to the state of serenity and tranquility. Spam Musubi can provide me Shin Jin! That is how ancient people understood and received Shin Jin without reading Buddhist books. A life of a human being can be described as a life of receiving something. Since you are born, how many diaper changes had you received? How many car rides (drop off and pick up at schools) you have received? How many paychecks you have received? How many words of "Thank You" you have received? Answers of these questions can become awareness to Tariki.

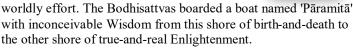
In ancient India, these "receiving" Tariki process in our human life they called Amitābha (immeasurable sources and factors), and Amitāyus (immeasurable sources and factors will continuously occur and vanish). When Amitābha and Amitāyus are combined, it is named Amida Tathagata (Buddha). Recalling the teaching of Amida Tathagata in your everyday life is experiencing Tariki and receiving Shin Jin. I hope many of our sangha friends will receive Shin Jin from their everyday experience.

Gassho.

Message from Rev. Nakagawa

Let's Live on the Other Shore

Birth-and-death is this shore, Nirvana is the Other Shore, and Bonno, the Blind Passions, is the swift current in-between that sweeps away every



In September, Fall Ohigan is held at the turn of the season. In particular, the autumn equinoctial week is an event that announces the arrival of a comfortable season free from the harsh heat.

Taking this opportunity, our ancestors continued to worship their ancestors. But while learning a whole new insightful Buddhadharma, the universal truth-reality, they left behind the right way of life-being to correct the rhythm of human-life that suited them.

The national holiday law of Buddhist countries states that the Spring Ohigan is "to praise Nature and care for living things," and the Fall Ohigan is "to respect the ancestors and to honor those who have passed away."

We must celebrate the autumn of fertility, praise the blessings of mother nature, thank all supports from between heaven and earth, and offer our gratitude in memory of the great virtues of our predecessors.

The lives of those who do not thank their parents, as well as to those who forget their ancestors' indebtedness, will be corrupt someday.

Day by day, in the ups and downs of this world of egoistic birthand-death, if we scold ourselves and stare at one self, and when joined in the true working of wisdom of the Buddha by validating Nenbutsu, this shore of delusion will be changed to the other shore of true and real Enlightenment.

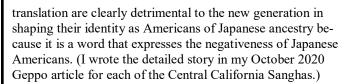
Let's devote ourselves to living in the world of enlightenment, seriously under the torch of wisdom, that shows the route that crosses the Ocean of birth-and-death.

In this year 2021, we, the CCBWA (Central California Buddhist Women's Association), will conduct the Fall Ohigan Service from the site of Tule Lake Concentration Camp in California.

Many people and families of American of Japanese ancestry were detained under discriminatory crackdowns during World War II and suddenly had to spend the un-imaginable period of life inside the barbed wire fences at each camp.

There is a Japanese word, "Shikata-ga-nai." Nowadays, not only the 3-sei (third) but also the 4-sei (fourth) and 5-sei (fifth) generations know it as a Japanese word that seems to symbolize the experience of the Concentration Camp. Those words are used as words of resignation, meaning that the Japanese Americans detained in Concentration Camps during World War II were despaired in a difficult reality.

The use of this word is based on a great deal of misunderstanding, but especially such words which are lost in



From the conclusion, the 1-sei (first) and 2-sei (second) Japanese immigrants in America at that time did not speak the Japanese words, "Shikata-ga-nai." The word, "Shikata-ga-nai," is a standard word centered around the Tokyo area, the center of the eastern part of Japan. Also that word is a word found mainly in modern Japanese teaching materials.

But around 100 years ago, most of the large numbers of immigrants to the west coast were from the western part of the Japanese archipelago, such as Hiroshima, Yamaguchi, Shimane, and Kitakyushu, and the western dialect they speak was far different from the Tokyo standard. Moreover, they have kept a strong Buddhist cultural background, since they encountered Buddhism 1,500 years ago. They never said "Shikata-ga-nai."

When in trouble, *Issei* (first generation) and *Nisei* (second generation) immigrants said,

"Shō-ga-nai-ken-nō "

"Shikata-ga-nai" is a word of complete resignation, looking up at the sky with both hands up. That pose means "I can't help it" or "There is nothing to do but accept it."

Instead, *Issei* and *Nisei* immigrants actually said, "Shō-ga-nai-ken-nō." This word comes out when, looking down and focusing on the problem with their arms crossed, recognized the desperate situation, and then thought about possible ways to solve it. That contrasting pose means:

"It's a first-time experience; no data cannot help ...Well let me

The unreasonableness of the federal government forced Americans of Japanese ancestry to live in Concentration Camps that violated the Constitution. Most of the *Isseis* and *Niseis* spoke the same words under such circumstances

"Shō-ga-nai-keh-nō"... Well let me see, "GO FOR BROKE!"

I won't discuss here whether it is good or bad for Buddhists to go to war here. But...for the sake of the family, particularly for the mother and sisters left behind, the Nikkei troops, 442nd Regimental Combat Team continued to perform their duty even if the casualty rate exceeded 300%! They were never to be the descendants of stereotyped Samurais--they were the descendants of the Jodo Shinshu (land-owned) Farmers Force a.k.a. "Ikko-Ikki," who established the 100 years of republic system in the 16th century on some regions of Japan, and who inevitably appeared in 20th century U.S.A.

Jodo Shinshu Buddhists never despair and never give up. We are the successors to the core of Mahāyāna Buddhism which Śākyamuni Buddha most enthusiastically propagated. It is our way of life that we have been learned since 1,500 years ago.

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September Monthly Memorial Service

The September Monthly Memorial Service will be conducted virtually on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 10:00 AM ONLINE at:

https://mobile.twitter.com/fresno nishi Families and friends are asked to attend virtually and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for September are as follows:

DECEASED:

Tsune Kikumoto &
Alice Abe
Bernice Sumie Ochikubo
Fusako Kawakami
Gloria Lorraine Aoki
Hanna Asami
Kay Hada & Greg Hada
Satoko Harada

Midori Hashimoto Shigetsugu Hashimoto

Tona Arakawa Tadashi Nagai Hideo Hotta Magozo Ibara Tsuru Naito

James Masaru Ikemiya

Tsuru Inn Jack Haruo Tsudama Iyo Iwasaki & George Iwasaki Isami Ann Iwasaki Sadayo Hifumi Sadatsuchi Yoneta Ayako Maruyama Isamu Miyamoto

Fusa Nishi Noburo Togioka Noriaki Hirasuna Kumazo Mizokami & Shigeo Mizokami

Bill Suteo Mori

SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Mitchell Abe Kav Antoku Betty Aoki Hitoshi Aoki Lillian Garrigus Gerry Hada Chervl Mivakawa & Nannette Mori Gavle Larson Nori Hashimoto & Mary Hashimoto Keiko Hatakeda Jovce Hatanaka Michi Hotta Eloise Ibara Amy Naito & Karen Sakata Carolyn Ikemiya, Toshi Kawagoe & Kenneth Ikemiya Nancy Sakata Kiyoko Inn

Chizuko Iwasaki
Larry Iwasaki
Sandra Shinkawa
Ben Kubota
Michael Maruyama
Michio Miyamoto
Cheryl Miyakawa, &
Fujiye Okino
Alice Nakamura
Johnnie Togioka
Kathy Nishinaka

Ronald Nishinaka

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September Monthly Memorial Cont. DECEASED: SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Kakuro Nobuhiro & Hisao

Nobuhiro Hajime Jim Sakuragi Melvin Seiichi Omori Tatsuo Sakata Sadako Sally Okino Kimiko Shitanishi Yutaka Takanishi Masao Takasaki Toshio William Nakagawa Masaru Tanizaki

Michiye Ikuta Junichi Noji Yoshio Yamada Shizu Yamada Ben Nobuhiro
Dale Okamura
Nancy Omori
Nancy Sakata
Dennis Sasaki
Tom Shitanishi
Don Takanishi
Yukiye Takayama
Karen Takasaki
Cathy Tanizaki
Zachary
Arthur Tatami
Kazuko Tatami
Ayako Yamada

Ellen Yamada

Procedures for Requesting a Minister

Funerals:

The family will contact the Funeral Chairperson, Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687 or Reedley Buddhist Church President, Mrs. Judy Kobayashi (559) 281-3954.

Makuragyo Service:

During the week contact the Fresno Betsuin Office (442-4054) or Rev. Nakagawa on weekdays or weekends directly (970-7652)

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.

Contact Number for Church Business

Reedley Church Phone: (559) 638-2146 Church President: Mrs. Judy Kobayashi

Phone: (559) 281-3954

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. Nakagawa: (urgent for Makuragyo) (559) 970-7652

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Central California Nishi Hongwanji Special Fall Ohigan Service at Tule Lake Segregation Center September 2, 10am

Since the Pandemic began, we have conducted Special Services at Manzanar (Sept 2020), Poston (Mar 2021), Heart Mountain (Jun 2021), and Topaz (Jun 2021). This fall, we plan to make a special pilgrimage to Tule Lake to conduct our 2021 CC Fall Ohigan service. This service on September 2nd will be recorded and later broadcasted on September 26th, via the CC Nishi Hongwanji YouTube Channel. We invite and encourage you to join us on this rare pilgrimage opportunity. For details, please contact Rev. Kaz. Gassho

Rev. Nakagawa Message continued from page 4:

Since the pandemic began, we are still continuously experiencing a truly unpredictable reality of what will happen in real time

"Do not believe in anything because it is spoken and rumored by many...."

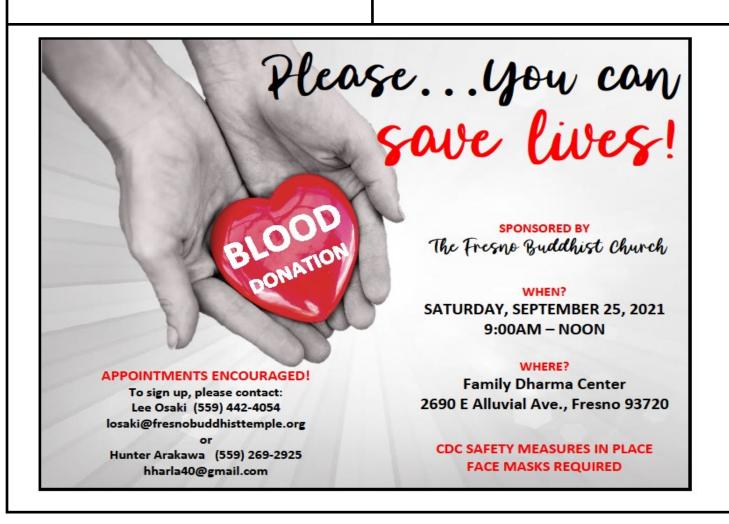
"Do not believe in anything, merely on the authority of your teachers and elders. When you find anything that agrees with reason and is conducive to the good and benefit of one and all, then accept it and live up to it."

"As the wise would test gold on a piece of touchstone, so are you to accept my words after examining them and not merely out of regard for me."

by Śākyamuni Buddha

Try to avoid fiction as much as possible and try to light the torch of wisdom.

"Shō-ga-nai-keh-nō"...never say "Shikata-ga-nai," please.





Reedley Buddhist Church Autumn Favorites

BazaarTeriyaki Chicken, Barasushi, Chinese Chicken Salad, Lumpia, Almond Cookie

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Drive Thru/Pick Up Only - 3:00 - 5:00 PM

\$15 each - Pre-sale ONLY * A limited number of dinners available

Deadline: Saturday, October 20, 2021

Send to: Reedley Buddhist Church - P.O. Box 24 - Reedley, CA 93654

A limited number of homemade cream puffs, strawberry pizza slices, and manju (bazaar favorites!) will be available to pre-order, so ORDER EARLY.

Cream Puffs - \$2.00 each • Strawberry Pizza Slice - \$3.00 • Manju - 3 for \$5.00







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Name:	Phone Number:				
Address:					
Email or cell phone text (for receipt confirmation):					
Autumn Favorites Dinner: x \$15.00) = = Total				
Cream Puffs Strawberry Pizza	_ Manju = Total				
	Total Enclosed:				

Deadline: Saturday, October 20, 2021

Make checks payable to: REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

Questions: Call Vickie Nishida at (559)903-0317 or email: vlnishida1@gmail.com

or email Karen Sakata at: kgsakata@verizon.net