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"AUTUMN SHOWS US HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS TO LET THINGS GO." - Unknown

REV. KAZ NAKATA

A promise from the past to the present by the teaching of Amida Tathagata



Hello to all Fresno Betsuin Sangha Friends! We have only two more months until the year 2025! Time flies so quickly! In November, we observe Eitaikyo, which is one of Jodo Shinshu major services. Eitaikyo is a Japanese term, combined words of Ei, tai, and kyo.

'Ei' is perpetual, 'tai' is generations, and 'kyo' is sutra chanting. Basically, Eitaikyo means that we wish the chanting of

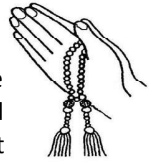
Sutras will continue at the temple perpetually. At Eitaikyo, we celebrate and pay respect to the lives of all Sangha members who helped and supported our Betsuin activities while they were alive. In the July Geppo article, I wrote about Eitaikyo, please read it again.

When I worked for the Sacramento Betsuin, I was also a 6th grade Dharma School teacher. In 2003, their Dharma School had more than 400 students from Pre-K to 12th Grade, and my 6th grade classroom was always filled with many students.

There was a girl in my class who did not like Mother's Day. When Mother's Day neared, the students were asked to write a letter to their mothers. It is because she had to listen to her friends chatting about the gifts they have given to their mothers that this girl did not like Mother's Day. As much as she wanted to write her mother a letter or to give her a gift, she no longer had a mother. You see, her mother died when this girl was in kindergarten.

She told me that each time she visited her mother in the hospital, her mother would pinky promise to never leave her alone. About a week later, the girl's grandmother came to her kindergarten class to pick her up before going to the hospital. Upon entering her mother's room, she saw her father was standing next to her bed with his head down. Although she was young, she felt something different. She rushed to the bed and screamed "mom!", while shaking her mother's body, but she did not reply. Then, her father came next to her and while holding her shoulder, said, "your mom just passed away. She told me to tell you that she is very sorry." The girl, while pounding her father's chest and crying, said, "No way! It's a lie! Mom promised not to leave me alone. I can't believe she leaves me alone." Her grandmother said "If you say that, your mother will be sad. Let's say goodbye to her", as if protecting her son, the girl's father. The girl lamented and thought to herself, "Mom, you are a liar. You promised me that you wouldn't die and leave me alone!"

When I assigned my Dharma School students to write a letter to their mother, this girl approached me and said, "Rev. Kaz, I don't want to write about it. I don't want to write it because my mom broke her promise to me and left me alone." She started crying and all the other students looked at us in surprise. I told her calmly "Your mom did not leave you alone." She was upset and said "No way Rev. Kaz, you are liar too. She promised me that she would not die. Everyone is a liar. I... I am alone." I looked around the classroom and said to all the students "I know this is very hard but please listen... Did your mom promise that she wouldn't die? I think she promised that she wouldn't leave you alone." She said, "these are same things to me." I said to her, "No, they are completely different. It's sad, but if we were born, we must die, and when we meet, we must part ways. This is the true teaching of the Buddha. But, when we die, we always return to our loved ones as fond memories. I heard your mom brought you to Dharma School when you were in kindergarten. I am sure that because she enjoyed and trusted our Jodo Shinshu and Betsuin, she chose Dharma School as a place for your personal development. Your mom became a Buddha and returned to you. Although you cannot see her physically, she can go wherever you go. She talks to you whenever you like, because she lives in your memory, and in your heart as a Buddha. When you close your eyes, you can hear her voice and see her smiling face, so she did not leave you alone. Let's say "Namo Amida Butsu" and write a letter to your mom in your memory."



Later she told me that she did not completely agree with what I said in class that day, however after she went home and when she opened her mom's photo album, she realized that her mother really is around her. She said, "When I saw some pictures of my mom holding me with a full smile, I felt that I was loved by her so much. Then I felt sorry that I was doubting her promise and complaining about leaving me alone. But now I know she IS living in my heart, and I really appreciate her.

The teaching of Namo Amida Butsu (Nembutsu), the teaching of Amida Tathagata often gets confused with the monastic Buddhist teachings. I don't think I would have ever achieved the state of enlightenment in the monastic way, while we all can attain it through the Nembutsu, the Jodo Shinshu way. Our Jodo Shinshu is maintained by numerous generous Sangha members of the past. Without their contributions and dedication, we could not hear this unique teaching here at the Fresno Betsuin. I hope you will attend and participate in our Eitaikyo service, November 17th, to express your gratitude to all of them. Gassho

Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple

ONAIJIN RESTORATION

By Gordon Misaki, Restoration Coordinator

As announced in the October Geppo, the Onaijin (altar area), its furnishings and the Ranmas in the foyer will be sent to Japan for restoration. Please make an effort to attend the Eitaikyo Service on November 17, 2024 to view the current altar area in its current condition for the last time. It will be gone for a period of one year, returning to us in October 2025. Believe me, when it returns, it will be so beautiful.

The Fresno Betsuin has a Eitaikyo Fund and donations are to preserve the memory of the loved one forever at the temple. But the ultimate purpose of the Eitaikyo service is to listen to the Buddha Dharma and pass it on to coming generations so that as long as human beings exist in this world, they can hear this wonderful Buddha Dharma.

The Eitaikyo Fund is controlled and used for the preservation of the temple, especially for the Onaijin. It is not to be used for general temple maintenance. It is necessary to have a temple for people to enjoy the Buddha Dharma. Although our temple building is brand new, the Onaijin is very old and in need of restoration. It costs a lot to have a major restoration. Instead of one generation bearing all the cost, each generation donates and saves money for the time when the temple needs to do restoration and now is the time to use the funds. The cost of the restoration is more than we have in the Eitaikyo Fund and we will be using other funds and also asking for assistance from the membership and friends of the Fresno Betsuin.

Norman Otani,
Betsuin Board Chairperson



Warm greetings, to our Fresno Buddhist Church Betsuin members. It seems that the fall season has arrived, along with the celebration of the traditional events such as Halloween, followed by one of our most favorite holidays, Thanksgiving. Each year the celebration of these traditional events, evokes childhood memories, in which, during a different time period, we recall the joy of trick-or-treating, and family

gatherings with more than we can eat on the dining table; these seemingly innocuous moments, have now become the many fun memories of what we enjoyed in these precious moments during our youthful time of our lives.

If you did not attend the *Friends & Family Lay Dharma Service* on Sunday: September 29, 2024; it was my first experience to attend one of these services, and I was so pleasantly surprised and happy that I had decided to be a little flexible in my weekly plans, so that I could listen to one of our sangha members, Keiko Maruko, who had prepared and shared a wonderful dharma message, which all in attendance appreciated. I also found out, that if you have an interest to do so, we need volunteer chairpersons from our sangha to help us at these services; our Fresno Buddhist Church Betsuin, is making a lot of effort, to have a *Friends & Family Dharma* service, usually three times each month; please contact Lee Osaki, to put your name on the list of those available and interested to serve as a chairperson.

Lastly, SAVE-THE-DATE, on Sunday: December 15, 2024, following the *Bodhi Day* service, there will be a *Retirement Luncheon Party* for both retired ministers, Rinban Reverend Kakei Nakagawa and Reverend Midori Nakagawa; due to unexpected health issues experienced by Rinban Reverend Nakagawa, this event was postponed from an earlier planned date this year. Look for the details for the potluck luncheon style party, to be soon published on the Fresno Buddhist Church Betsuin website, Geppo, etc.

KENDO: The Way of the Sword

After taking a summer break in June & July; the regular Wednesday and Friday evening kendo classes have now resumed. New beginner youth and new adult kendo students will now be accepted, until further notice.

Wednesday and Friday Class Schedule

Beginner Youth: 6pm - 6:45pm

Beginner Adult: 7pm - 8:45pm

Advanced Kendo (sword drawing) 9pm-10pm



NOTICE:

There will be NO kendo classes on:

***Nov 6 (Wednesday)**

***Nov 8 (Friday)**

***Nov 27 (Wednesday)**

***Nov 29 (Friday)**



Education and Propagation

Please join us to listen to and practice the Buddha Dharma.

THURSDAY NIGHTTIME MINDFULNESS MEDITATION/CHANTING "POSITIVITY COMES FROM YOUR INNER PEACE"

11/27 (WEDNESDAY) @ 7:00PM - 7:45PM

SUNDAY MEDITATION IN THE HONDO (Sitting and Walking Meditation)

11/3, 11/10
8:30AM - 8:45AM

REV. KAZ'S BUDDHISM 101 CLASS - HYBRID

ATTEND IN PERSON IN THE HONDO OR VIA ZOOM

Mon., 11/4
7:00PM - 8:30PM

Please email for Zoom link: rev.kaznakata@gmail.com

FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE COMBINED WITH EITAIKYO AND NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI SERVICE

Sunday, 11/17 @ 10AM

SUNDAY FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE IN THE HONDO FOLLOWED BY DHARMA SCHOOL CLASSES

11/3 & 11/24 @ 10AM

SUNDAY FRIENDS & FAMILY "LAY" DHARMA SERVICE IN THE HONDO 11/10 @ 10AM

GUEST LAY SPEAKER: DR. DARYL DOI
"Why I Come to Temple"

SANGHA KIDS ACTIVITY - HOLIDAY CARD MAKING

11/10 AFTER DHARMA SCHOOL

WATCH YOUTUBE SERVICE VIDEOS

On the homepage of the fresnobuddhisttemple.org website,
click "YouTube Channel" to watch previously recorded Sunday
Dharma services

WEBSITE

Our website is a great way of keeping up to date with
everything happening at our Betsuin.

Please visit: www.fresnobuddhisttemple.org

Please check website regularly for any
changes in the schedule!

For more information, or questions on
services or upcoming events, please email:
fresnohondo@gmail.com



*We send caring thoughts to our
members and friends who are suffering from
illness, to those who care for them and to those
who have lost loved ones.*

*In memory of our all of our Dharma friends
who have passed.*



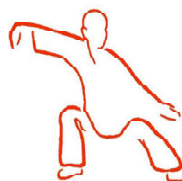
2024 Memorial Service Schedule

2024 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2023 - 1 year	2012 - 13 years	1992 - 33 years
2022 - 3 years	2008 - 17 years	1973 - 50 years
2018 - 7 years	2000 - 25 years	1925 - 100 years

As the days, months and years go swiftly by, we often forget to
schedule memorial services for our departed relatives.

If 2024 is a significant service memorial year for a loved one,
please contact the temple office to schedule a service.



Monday Evening TAI CHI (meditation in motion)

Please see calendar for session dates

Sharon Kerr, Tai Chi instructor, has
practiced Tai Chi since 1986 and has taught Tai Chi since
1995 at Fresno State, Clovis Community College, Reedley
College, and nine years at the Fresno Buddhist Temple.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Yang 24 (Beginning level)
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.: Yang 48 (Prerequisite: Beginning
level)

Fees for 4-week session: \$20 for temple members; \$25
for non-temple members

For more info contact: Paula Kanagawa at
fresnohondo@gmail.com or (559) 442-4054

Rev. Kaz teaches a Two-Year Youth Buddhist Class every Friday at 6:00PM



Since 2019, four Fresno Girls, Makayla Kubo, Kylie Kubo, Izumi Ryan, and Kanon Nakata have completed the "Applied Jodo Shinshu Class", a two-year (74-hour) credit course.

This class also covers the requirement for Girl Scouts Cadettes Padma and Boy Scouts Sangha Award. Upon completion of this course, they are entitled to be a Youth Ministerial Assistant (Youth MA) for which hours of ministerial help is counted as community service. Their Youth MA title will remain until graduation from college or age 23, whichever comes first, and they can form their Buddhist club at their college. There are public speaking opportunities, not only at temple/church, but also at local communities.

The first-year class will be provided in Rev. Kaz' Dharma Center office and the second-year class will be ritual training in the Hondo.

The age requirement is 11-19 years old.
No application fees required.

For details, please contact Rev. Kaz at 424-666-7101 or rev.kaznakata@gmail.com

KEEP IN CONTACT!

Allow us to keep you posted on current events, upcoming fundraisers and important announcements thru email or text! Email & text blasts are the easiest ways to get last minute important information out to our members, so please update your email address & cell. Send to: info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org.

Your email address will not be shown on email blasts and will not be shared, unless we have your permission.

Speaking of email, we sure would appreciate more of our members signing up to receive the COLOR Geppo via email! Let us know if you're interested in helping the temple save printing & mailing costs! Members only, can access the Geppo from the website, should you prefer that option. Email Lee for login information. Thank you to all of those who are already making a difference!

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE

Thanksgiving is nearly upon us and it's a good time to renew your support of the Fresno Betsuin. If you have not paid your temple pledge for 2024 and/or previous years, won't you do so now? We appreciate those who continue to keep their pledges current and the many who have already paid 2024 in full.

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Welcome to the newest members of our Betsuin Family!

*Aimee Clark (pictured left)
Gloria and Zenith Gillett (pictured next to Rev. Kaz)*





NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

(Memorial for Betsuin Members)

will be observed on Sunday, November 17, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the HONDO



Akahori, Bob	Kaneichi, Takio	Nakano, Kikuto	Tanaka, Helen
Ando, Sumiye	Kawahara, Tsuneko	Nakano, Kiyomo	Tanaka, Nisaburo
Aoki, Eijiro	Kawata, Cary Shinichi	Nakano, Komeno	Tange, Machiko
Aoki-Johnson, Tomoye	Kebo, Chizuye	Nakashima, Chujiro	Tani, Chikaye
Arakawa, Eizo	Kebo, Chiye	Nakata, John Hisashi	Taniguchi, Tomio
Arie, Mitsuyo	Kimura, Haruzo	Nakata, Masao	Tanimoto, Takashi
Arikawa, Kanichi	Kimura, Masao	Nii, George	Tanouye, Densuke
Arikawa, Whitney	Kimoto, Takashi	Niino, Fumiko	Tashima, Kaichi
Deguchi, Kazuko	Kobashi, Kisomatsu	Niizawa, Jinsuke	Teramoto, Yasutaro
Doi, Ben Shoichi	Kobayashi, Katsuyo	Nikaido, William Sadao	Tokumoto, Shozaburo
Ego, Torayo	Kodama, Merit	Ninomiya, Kosami	Tonai, Yoshinobu (Baby Boy)
Ezaki, Aiko Bessie	Komoto, Kanichi	Nishikawa, Karoku	Tsubota, Juro
Ezaki, Toshikatsu Tee	Komoto, Yana	Nishimoto, Frank Yoshio	Ueki, Vic Tsukasa
Fanning, Ora Neil	Kondo, Ryuso Roy	Nishimoto, Joe	Uesugi, Yoshizo
Fujimura, Hama	Kudo, Fumio	Nishio, George	Uyemura, Yoshio
Fujimura, Heiji	Kumano, Chiyeko	Nishioka, James Mitsuru	Wada, Ben
Fujioka, Kensuke	Kumano, Ishi	Nobori, Toraichi	Washiya, Elizabeth
Fujioka, Rose	Kunishige, Haru	Nomura, Hakuzo	Washiya, Mineo
Fujita, Sogataro	Kunitake, James	Ohashi, Rikisaburo	Watanabe, Frank
Fukagawa, Shizu	Kuroda, William	Ohashi, Teruko	Yaji, Kitaro
Fukuda, Chisa	Kuwahara, Towa	Ohata, Tokunosuke	Yaji, Waichiro
Fukuda, Sueko	Masada, Harold H.	Okada, Michiko	Yamada, Ichiyo
Fukugawa, Shizu	Masuda, Fumiye	Okada, Shigeo	Yamada, Rose Umeo
Fukuyama, Baby Boy	Masumoto, Sokichi	Okamoto, Henry	Yamada, Toraichi
Goto, Nagaki	Matoba, Frank	Okumoto, Matsuo	Yamagiwa, Haruki
Goto, Shin	Matsubara, Sawaichi	Omachi, Fumikazu Baby Boy	Yamagiwa, Roy
Hara, Hikobei	Matsuoka, Frank	Osaki, Ayleen	Yamagiwa, Yoshiko
Hayashi, Kathryn	Matsuoka, Hisako	Ota, Ronald K.	Yamaji, Kamekichi
Heyano, Kay	Miyake, Matajiro	Sakamoto, Shigeiko	Yamamoto, Masao
Hikiji, Misao	Miyake, Noboru (Baby Boy)	Sakoda, Tokiko	Yamamoto, Kaichi
Hirahara, Shizuno	Miyamoto, Hatsumi	Sasaki, Kazuto	Yamamoto, Tamejiro
Hirasuna, Curtis	Miyasaki, Hanzo	Sato, Masaji	Yamamoto, Yoneji
Hirasuna, Tamayo	Miyata, Jean	Sekine, Sakaye	Yamamoto, Yoshiko Jessie
Hirata, Mosaku	Mizuki, Kanematsu	Seto, Nancy	Yamamura, Kohina
Horibe, Kate Kiyoko	Morikawa, Hana	Shimazaki, Sakuzo	Yamane, Kameichi
Ichikawa, Tomokichi	Morishima, Nancy	Suda, Willy	Yamaoka, Haruichi
Ikuma, Susako	Morishita, Irving	Sugahara, Setsuko	Yamaoka, Noboru
Imamura, Nui	Morishita, James	Sugimoto, Kimiko	Yamashita, Sadie
Inouye, Chotaro	Morita, Ichitaro	Sunada, Tom	Yano, Hidetaro
Inouye, Kazuye	Moriyama, Keijiro	Taira, Shigeiki	Yasojima, Seijiro
Inouye, Zenjiro	Moriyama, Tom	Takaki, Sakiko	Yasumoto, Takejiro
Ishihara, Gunjiro	Mukai, Mikiye	Takao, Howard	Yokoyama, Ei
Ishii, Frank Kenji	Nagao, Misayo	Takao, Tsuyako	Yonai, Yoshinobu
Isogawa, Kiyoko	Nagao, Takazuchi	Takata, Gunichi	Yoshikawa, Rakuyo
Iwatsubo, Mike	Nagata, Chrissie	Takeda, Yoshito	Yoshino, Fumiko
Jitsumyo, Kimiko	Nakagawa, Yoshiko	Takemoto, Yoichi	Yoshioka, Akiko
Jofuku, Tsugishige	Nakagawa, Yoshino	Taketa, Kazuyoshi	Yoshioka, Isao
Kadonaka, Toichi	Nakajima, Magoshiro	Takeuchi, Fumi	Yumiba, Ichisuke
Kakoi, Shonoshin	Nakamura, George	Tamura, Juichi	Zenimura, Kenichi
Kamikawa, Kaoru	Nakamura, Mitoyo	Tanaka, Asajiro	

"AN EVENING WITH GORDON: ELVIS REINCARNATED!"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th
FRESNO BUDDHIST TEMPLE DHARMA CENTER
\$30.00 per person

SOCIAL HOUR (OPEN BAR): 5PM-6PM
DESSERT AUCTION BIDDING: 5PM-6:30PM
ASIAN MENU DINNER BY JONATHON: 6PM-6:45PM
ENTERTAINMENT: 7PM



RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW & JOIN IN ON THE FUN!
WE'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THIS WILL BE ELVIS' ABSOLUTE
FINAL APPEARANCE, AND HE WILL FINALLY
BE LEAVING THE BUILDING!!

RESERVE YOUR SEATS BY DECEMBER 1ST
SEND PAYMENT TO THE FRESNO BUDDHIST CHURCH
2690 E. ALLUVIAL AVE., FRESNO CA 93720

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE FRESNO BUDDHIST TEMPLE
ALTAR RESTORATION PROJECT.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR

RINBAN KAKEI NAKAGAWA
AND
REV. MIDORI NAKAGAWA

Please join us on
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple Hondo
10:00AM

Farewell Address by Rinban Nakagawa

Group Photo in front of the Hondo

Family Dharma Center
POTLUCK Luncheon
(Please bring any dish you wish to share!)

2025 JAPAN TOUR WITH REV. KAZ

Dates: June 16–June 29, 2025 (14 days including travel)

Estimated Cost: \$2000 + airfare (participants are responsible to book own flights)

The estimated cost of \$2000 includes lodging for 13 nights, about one-third of your meals, and JR rail pass (\$820).

Physical requirement: Able to walk 7–8 miles per day

Application deadline: Oct 31, 2024

Deposit: \$1,500 due by Nov 15, 2024 with balance of \$500 due by Dec 1, 2024

Deposit is non-refundable but may be transferred to another applicant if one must cancel

Minimum number of participants: 20

Maximum number of participants: 30 (Fresno and Kingsburg temple members have reservation priority)

Travel Insurance: Strongly recommended

TENTATIVE itinerary includes visits to Kyoto (Hongwanji, other temples, Wakabayashi Buddhist Altar Manufacturing Corp), Hiroshima (Peace Museum, Miyajima Island, etc.), Atami (Onsen-Hot springs), Tokyo, Saitama (former Fresno Betsuin minister Rev. Yoshii's temple), and Nikko (World Treasure Shinto Shrine).

Since offering the last two tours to Japan in 2019 and 2023, "Japan Tour with Rev. Kaz" has earned a reputation for being both budget-friendly and having enjoyable local life experiences in Japan. In 2019, he led 27 people and in 2023, 23 people enjoyed the trip. Now, the "Japan Tour with Rev. Kaz" is in popular demand with regulars but you can also experience it!

In 2025, Rev. Kaz will host the "2025 Japan Tour with Rev. Kaz". He will escort you to the popular tourist locations but will also offer three free days at the end of the trip to see, do and go wherever you wish. Rev. Kaz will help to create your own customized itinerary.

If you are interested in participating in the trip or have questions, please contact Rev. Kaz at (424) 666-7101 or rev.kaznakata@gmail.com.



Photo at the Hongwanji in Kyoto



Japanese izakaya experience

~ Nighttime Mindfulness Chanting Meditation ~

शान्तिः

Positivity comes
from your inner peace ...

All sentient beings
equally reach the state of
Equanimity...

初夜礼讚偈

Open to the Public, Come As You Are

Date: Wednesday, November 27 Time: 7pm

Place: Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple Sondo

2024-2025

Sangha Teens Activities

(Subject to change)

S A N G H A K I D S



- Nov 10 Holiday Card making for Seniors (on site)
- Dec 22 Snow Play or Winter Party
- Jan 12 Snow Play or Fresno Zoo picnic
- Feb 8-9 Berkeley and SF Visit
- Mar 9 Kodomo center collabo (on site)
- Apr 12-13 Oxnard Buddhist Temple Visit and Strawberry Pick
- May 10-11 Knott's Berry Farm and LA Betsuin (or OCBC) visit

Padma for Cadette / Sangha Award for Boy Scout /

Applied Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Studies for Teens

Age ranges from 11 to 16, No admission fee

2024 Fall Class Schedule

All classes begin at 6:00PM

Aug 16, 23, 30

Sep 13, 20, 27

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25

Dec 6, 13, 20

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31

Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

Class Curriculum:

Foundation of Buddhism, Sanskrit Buddhist History,
Chinese Buddhist History, Tibetan Buddhist History,
Pali Buddhist History, Japanese Buddhist History,
Buddha in Sanskrit and Chinese, Dharma in Sanskrit and Chinese,
Saṃgha in Sanskrit and Chinese, Nianfo/Nembutsu,
Pūjā/Incense Burning, Buddhism as Psychology,
Bodhi in Sanskrit and Chinese,
Nirvāṇa in Sanskrit and Chinese, Sukhāvatī in Sanskrit and Chinese,
Tibetan Studies (1) - Vajrayāna Concepts,
Tibetan Studies (2) - Maṇḍala, Buddhism in Pali Sutta (1),
Buddhism in Pali Sutta (2), Apocrypha in Buddhism,
Brahmanism and Confucianism in Mahāyāna, Jhāna in Pali Sutta (3),
Daoism and Mahāyāna, Shinto-ism and Buddhism, Sukhāvatī in Pali, etc.

Instructor: Rev. Kaz Nakata, PhD candidate in Buddhist Studies, MA, MBA

Please text Rev. Kaz at 424-666-7101 for inquiry

Fresno Betsuin Japanese Language & Cultural School by Jeri Nakagawa, PTA President

Attention all students! We're back for another successful year. The Japanese Language and Cultural School is enrolling students for the 2024-2025 school term. We are located in the Dharma Family Center classrooms and look forward to expanding our student enrollment. If you are or know of someone interested in enrolling, the school will begin with orientation and registration on Saturday, September 7 at 9 am. Monthly tuition is \$ 45.00. The school invites children (5 and older).

Still trying to figure it out? You are welcome to come by any Saturday morning from 9-11 am to sit in on a class. More information needed? Call or text me at 559.930.8990.

Fresno Betsuin Dharma School by Michiko Nakata, Superintendent

Dear Fresno Betsuin Dharma School Families and Sangha Friends!

Our Dharma school students and teachers continued meeting for classes after services in October. In September, the "Sangha Kids" visited the Hanford Buddhist Church and enjoyed ice cream at the famous Superior Dairy. In October, Dharma students enjoyed decorating the multi-purpose room window with Halloween decorations.

Upcoming schedule

- 11/3 Friends & Family Dharma Service and Dharma classes
- 11/10 Friends & Family LAY Dharma Service (no Dharma School classes)
- 11/10 Sangha Kids "Holiday card making for Seniors"
- 11/17 Eitaikyo Service (No Dharma School classes)
- 11/24 Friends & Family Dharma Service and Dharma classes

Thank you to everyone for helping and supporting the Dharma school!



Fresno Betsuin Dharma School Registration 2024-2025

Hi Dharma School families!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer!

Below you will find a QR Code for the annual registration form that we ask all families to fill out. We will be putting together a directory for all families.

The deadline to submit is October 15, 2024 to be included in the directory. All new families will have their registration fee waived.

The registration fee for returning families help to cover costs of activities and supplies for the Dharma School children throughout the year including the year end event. All families are invited to attend the year end event, however there will be a fee for those not registered.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all back at the Hondo and Dharma Center in the Fall!



Scan Here for the Registration Form:

In Gassho,
James and Jenny Kubo
2024-2025 Dharma School Treasure

Fresno Betsuin Camping in the Sierras, by Janis & Gregg Sera and Debbie Suda, Directors



Camping in the Sierras welcomed, Makayla Kubo and Ellen Sano to the counselor team this summer as Jr. Counselors. We are very proud and appreciate the high energy and hard work from our new recruits. The main job of a Jr. Counselor is to hang out with the campers and be the liaison between the campers and the counseling staff. We asked Makayla and Ellen to spend time with each of our counselors and learn the jobs they do at camp. The girls not only blended in well with our counselor staff but felt comfortable enough to lead morning exercises their first year as Jr. Counselors. There is an overwhelming amount of hard work and things to learn as a newbie to the counseling staff. It was a real delight to see these two young ladies who were campers since they were in 8th grade do such an amazing job their first year as Jr. Counselors. We are grateful and hope to have many more years with these two amazing young counselors! We would like to share their first-year experience of Camping in the Sierras as a Jr. Counselors with all of you.

Makayla Kubo daughter of Jim and Jenny Kubo. She is a sophomore at UCLA majoring in biology in pre-optometry. A co-director, dance lead and stylist for the KBM Dance team. Makayla is working part time with Housing Services and getting involved in the Pre-Optometry Society and Bruin Vision Project.

My first year as a junior counselor was a really valuable experience for me; it was a completely different experience from being a camper, but I had a lot of fun and learned a lot from all of the counselors and directors while I was there. I enjoyed helping Kristi and Gillian set up for some of the activities (especially the scavenger hunt) and leading morning exercises for the campers! It is always nice to see familiar faces and spend time with them but being able to see all of the new campers this year get more comfortable and enjoy their time at camp was really rewarding as well. I also felt like I was able to get closer to the other counselors than before and found a new appreciation for all of the work that they do throughout the week to make camp as fun of an experience as it always is. I always look forward to camp and appreciate all of the directors for letting me be a part of the counseling team this past year!

Ellen Sano daughter of Bobby and Alice Sano. She is a sophomore at University of California San Diego majoring in Real Estate and Development and International Business.

As a Jr. Counselor for Camping in the Sierras, I had the opportunity to aid in roles behind the scenes of camp. I learned so many life skills and had such a fun time working with the other Counselors and Directors. My favorite thing I learned was how to cook (I especially loved learning about how to make their infamous peach cobbler!). Being able to shadow the other counselors and connect with the campers was truly rewarding and it was inspiring to see all the prep and planning that goes into camp. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to be a Jr. Counselor and will always cherish the fun memories at Camping in the Sierras!



Buddha in Everyday Life

By Caitlyn Okabayashi
Youth Minister's Assistant Student

Buddha is known in Buddhism. But, Buddha wasn't some god or lord to follow. He was just a normal person, like everyone else. The Buddha was an "awakened one", meaning he knew about universal truth and ignored false ways to live his own life. Meaning, he knew the way he wanted to live and not to be influenced by anyone else's lives, or interdependency. As for him knowing universal truth, he knew not everything could last forever. The Buddha would treat everything like it values something, even the smallest things. These things of the Buddha have been experienced in my everyday life and probably even yours too. I have heard of many things in my life from friends or people all around me. If it has nothing to do with me, I usually just leave it and don't take any information that was talked about. I also try to enjoy everything I can. You may never know what may happen. Losing a family member, friend, or loved one you know is a great example of this. I've experienced this before, but I always remembered the times I had with that person and cherished them in my mind and heart. You can apply the Buddha into your everyday life. You control your life and the way you spend it. Don't let anything influence you to change how you are and enjoy everything you've got. Cherish every moment you have with people. Enjoy your life to the fullest you can.

Betsuin Golf Tournament, Hunter Arakawa

The tournament will be held on SATURDAY, May 3, 2025 at the Madera Municipal Golf Course.

We hope you will support the tournament as a golfer, sponsor donor, or volunteer. More details to follow in the next few months... Thank you for all the help and good wishes in the past and future event. We look forward to seeing you on the course!

Fresno Betsuin BWA, Lynn Arakaki

The general meeting will be November 3, 2024 at 1:00.

Fresno Betsuin Senior Club by Hunter Arakawa & Rose Kuramoto

Senior Club Meeting 10/1/24: Meeting called to order by president, Hunter Arakawa. Shokuzen no Gassho led by Rev. Kaz. Toban 1 served chicken enchilada, Spanish rice, salad and flan. Shokugo no Gassho led by Rev. Kaz.

Mo from Vintage Gardens announced one lesson left on how to use i-Phone, but will plan other sessions in the future.

Hunter announced another trip to Hanford.

Our next lunch will be held at the Family Dharma Center and will consist of a box lunch from Central Fish Company, so we are looking forward to another delicious meal.

This will be the last of our 2024 luncheons, since we do not hold one in December. Our first lunch in 2025 will be on January 7. We do welcome any and all members who would like to join us.

Blood Donation, Hunter Arakawa

Remember that we usually will be holding the next donation day on Spring Ohigan Sunday, which as of now, has been scheduled for March 23, 2025. We hope you will coordinate your donation with that day. The Central California Blood Center will be here to help with your donation. They really are the best!

Multi-Chance Drawings, Hunter Arakawa

Congratulations to Georgia Kawamoto Georgia Sano, and Nadine Takeuchi, winners of the October drawing.

It's not too late to get your entries in for the November 6th and December 4th drawings. And remember, the Grand Prizes will also be drawn at the December 6th Betsuin Board Meeting!



"Sangha Kids" visit to Hanford Buddhist Temple
September 29, 2024



Dharma School Halloween Fun
October 6, 2024

EDUCATION & PROPAGATION PROGRAMS

Caregivers/Project Dana, Donna Ishii

"Project Dana's Collectible & Gift Tables Sale" at the 2024 "Ginza Food Bazaar" was again a successful event! There were wonderful items displayed for sale, and Project Dana is very grateful to all the donors for these donations! Thank you so much for your Support. Arigato Gozaimasu!



There will be NO "Wednesday Morning Tai Chi" classes on November 13 & 27, 2024. Wednesday, 9:30a classes will be October 23 & 30th and November 6th & 20th and December 4 & 11th. 2024. Hope to see you there!

Project Dana is very grateful to all donors for their Generosity, Kindness and Support of our program! For the months of September & October- (Sept.20, 2024 – October 18, 2024) Project Dana wishes to thank everyone who donated monetary and miscellaneous items: Tai Chi Class, Ukulele Class, Lisle Funeral Home, Ed & Patti Bungo, Lester Obata, Naomi Tamura, Katherine Kubo, Masashi Takemoto, Betty Zenimura, Jean Nakamura, Yoshiye Ii, Eiko Ii, Terri Araki, Arlene & John Urabe, William & Reiko Ueki, Sue Nishida, John & Sally Tomita, Toshiro & Keiko Otake, Margie Mukai

Thank you to our Project Dana volunteers: Midori Nakagawa, Michiko Nakata, Gene Nagata, Sharon Nagata, Geri Shimamoto, Ruth Yoneda, Sherian & Glenn Hamamoto, Leslie Ohashi, Lynn & Jay Arakaki, Carolyn & Bob Okamoto, Florence Hamamoto, Elle Shitanishi, Joanne Kubow, Wayne Yamagiwa, Gordon & Susan Hayashi, Jerry Fukuda, Gordy Misaki, Bob & Jane Shintaku, Hunter Arakawa, Arline Yokota, Sue Nishida, Maryann Miyasaki, Susan Nagata, Melanie Fry, Linda Takahashi, Arlene Urabe, Margie Mukai, Karen Mukai, Paula Kanagawa, Maryann Miyasaki, Karen Kondo, Alice Nishimura, Sue Yamasaki, Patty & Ken Kanemoto, Kathy Hamada, Helen Hanashiro, Sharon Fujita, Rona Iida, June Urabe, Chris Nishimoto, Mineko Kuramoto, Dorothy Kobashi, Keiko Maruko, Linda Takeda, Georgia Kawamoto, Gale & Geno Nakai, Don Miyasaki, Alvin & Hatsuko Hanashiro, Alene & Micheal Hayashi, Lee Jensen, Terri Araki, Sue Nishida, Irene Leach, Michi Hotta, Cindy Inouye, Carol Takahashi, Karen Uyemaru.

Project Dana program participants: FYI: There will be a December Obento Delivery. Your Project Dana driver will call to confirm the December delivery and date.

Please don't hesitate to call the Betsuin office if you know anyone needing Homebound meal, information or if you wish to volunteer for the Project Dana program (559) 442-4054 or email projectdana@fresnobuddhisttemple.org. Please notify Project Dana if you have any address or phone contact changes!

Happy Thanksgiving! Take Care and Stay Safe!

Eco-Sangha, Lynn Arakaki & Paula Kanagawa

We continue to use the food containers received for leftovers so that members can take food home from our many events. Thank you! To help us be even more sustainable and save on dishwasher usage, you can bring your beverage containers and utensils. We are also using more sustainable food containers for our fundraisers.



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- *Conserve water by building healthy soils



Project Outreach, Lynn Arakaki

We are taking donations for the Poverello House, Evangel Home, Fresno Community Foodbank (monetary donations only), Fresno State Clothes Closet (note: there are 200 homeless students) and Community Hospital Infant Care. It is the season to donate warm clothing and blankets for The Poverello House. There are many homeless students from kindergarten to high school and we will be supporting them with clothing donations also.

Your donations are appreciated by these organizations.



GIFT CARDS



Need Halloween gift cards? Getting ready for the end of the year? How about a gift card? Please take a look at the list below. I try to be at services every Sunday. You can always contact me ahead of time by phone, text or email and I can try to have your order ready for you.

Patty Kanemoto 559-281-6374 or email: motopatty@gmail.com

Ruth Yoneda 559-709-4665 or email: ruthyoneda@hotmail.com

GIFT CARDS 6/01/2023

(I have noted the percentage that we earn on the discount. The percentage can change.)

(SMALL DENOMINATIONS WITH * ARE ONLY AVAILABLE DURING THE HOLIDAYS.)

RETAILER	AVAILABLE DENOMINATIONS	PROFIT %
ACE HARDWARE	\$25	4
AMAZON	\$10*, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250	2
ARCO	\$100	1.5
BARNES & NOBLE	\$10	8
BATH & BODY	\$10, \$25,	12
BEST BUY	\$25	4
BIG 5	\$25	8
BLAZE PIZZA	\$25	10
BURGER KING	\$10	4
CARIS JR	\$10	5
CARTERS	\$25	10
CHEESECAKE FACTORY	\$25	5
CHILI'S	\$25	11
CHIPOTLE	\$10, \$25	10
CVS	\$25, \$100	6
DAVE & BUSTERS	\$25	13
DICKS	\$25	8
EDWARDS	\$10, \$25	8
EL POLLO LOCO	\$10	6
FLEMINGS	\$50, \$100	10
HOME DEPOT	\$25, \$100	4
HOME GOODS	\$25	7
HONEY BAKED HAM	\$25	12
JAMBA JUICE / CINNABON / AUNTIE ANNE	\$25	6
IHOP	\$25	8
JOANN	\$25	6
KOHL'S	\$25	4
LOWE'S	\$25, \$100	4
MACY'S	\$25, \$100	10
MARSHALLS	\$25	7
MCDONALDS	\$10, \$25	2
MICHAEL'S	\$25	4

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NORDSTROMS & RACK	\$25	4
OFFICE DEPOT/MAX	\$25	5
OLD NAVY(GAP)	\$25	14
OLIVE GARDEN	\$25	8
PANDA EXPRESS	\$25	8
OUTBACK	\$50, \$100	10
PANERA	\$10, \$25	8
PET SMART	\$25	5
RED LOBSTER	\$25	8
RED ROBIN	\$25	8
REI	\$25	8
RITE AID	\$25	4
RUTH'S CHRIS	\$50, \$100	10
ROSS	\$25	8
SAVE MART	\$25, \$100	2
SEPHORA	\$25	5
SHELL	\$100	1.5
SMART & FINAL	\$25, \$50, \$100	3
SPROUTS	\$25, \$50, \$100	5
STARBUCKS	\$5*, \$10, \$25, \$50	4.5
SUBWAY	\$10	4.5
TACO BELL	\$10	5
TARGET	\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100	2.5
TJ MAXX	\$25	7
TOTAL WINE	\$25	7
ULTA	\$25	6
VONS/SAFEWAY	\$25	4
WALGREENS	\$25	5
WALMART	\$10, \$25, \$100	2.5
WENDY'S	\$10	6.5
YARD HOUSE	\$25	8

2024		NOVEMBER					2024	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT		
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8:30a-9:15a Meditation, Hondo 10a Friends & Family Dharma Service, Hondo	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Rev. Nakata OFF 10/28 - 11/15								
1p FBBWA General Mtg., CR#1		11:30a Senior Club Mtg., MPR	9:30a Tai-Chi, FDC		3p Jr. YBA Prep., FDC	CC Jr. YBA Conference, Hondo/ FDC		
2p-4p Pickleball, Gym Reedley Food Bazaar	5p-6p Yang 24 Tai-chi, Gym 6p-7p Yang 48 Tai-chi, Gym 7p Taiko Dinner/Mtg, MPR	7p Basketball, Gym	7p Board Mtg., MPR	7p Basketball, Gym				
8:30a-9:15a Meditation, Hondo Rev. Nakata OFF 10/28 - 11/15	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Rev. Nakata OFF 10/28 - 11/15								
10a Friends & Family LAY Dharma Service Speaker: Dr. Daryl Doi								
11a-12p Sangha Kids Holiday Card Making, MPR	5p-6p Yang 24 Tai-chi, Gym 6p-7p Yang 48 Tai-chi, Gym 7p Taiko Practice, CR#3	7p Basketball, Gym	6p-9:30p Kendo, Gym	7p Basketball, Gym				
no meditation HOJI:	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
9a ~ Hondo (Kaz)	9:30a Fairwinds Howakai (Kaz)							
10a Friends & Family Dharma Service combined with Eitaikyo & Shotsuki Hoyo Service (Kaz)	5p-6p Yang 24 Tai-chi, Gym 6p-7p Yang 48 Tai-chi, Gym 7p Taiko Practice, CR#3	7p Basketball, Gym	6p-9:30p Kendo, Gym	9:30a Tai-Chi, FDC	6p Padma/Sangha Class via Zoom (Kaz)	9a-12p JLCS., CR#1 & CR#3		
2p-4p Pickleball, Gym	Rev. Kaz OFF	25	26	27	28	29	30	
no meditation 10a Friends & Family Dharma Service & classes (Kaz)	24	25	Rev. Kaz OFF	NO Tai-Chi	7p Basketball, Gym	HOJI: 11a ~ Hondo (Kaz)	HOJI: 3p ~ Hondo (Kaz)	
7p Night time Mindfulness Chanting Meditation, Hondo								
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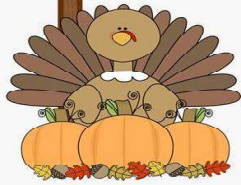


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November Happenings...

VINTAGE GARDENS HOWAKAI ~ 11/1
FAIRWINDS HOWAKAI ~ 11/18

REEDLEY FOOD BAZAAR ~ 11/3

EITAIKYO MEMORIAL AND NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI SERVICE ~
11/17

SUNDAY MEDITATION ~ 11/3, 11/10

C.C. JR. YBA CONFERENCE ~ 11/9

FRIENDS & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICES ~ 11/3, 11/24

FRIENDS & FAMILY DHARMA "LAY" SERVICE ~ 11/10
GUEST SPEAKER: DR. DARYL DOI

KINGSBURG BUDDHIST CHURCH SERVICE ~ 11/16

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY IN CASE OF
CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

PLEASE SUPPORT ALL C.C. TEMPLES' AND ORGANIZATION
EVENTS!

HOLIDAYS???

**OH NO
NOT YOU AGAIN**

December Heads Up....

"BUDDHISM 101" CLASS W/REV. KAZ ~ 12/2

VINTAGE GARDENS HOWAKAI ~ 12/6
FAIRWINDS HOWAKAI ~ 12/16

"AN EVENING WITH GORDON - ELVIS REINCARNATED" ~ 12/7

BODHI DAY AND DECEMBER SHOTSUKI SERVICE ~ 12/15

REVERENDS' NAKAGAWA RETIREMENT CELEBRATION ~ 12/15

YOUTH BUDDHIST EDUCATION CLASSES ~ 12/6, 12/13, 12/20

FRIENDS & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICES ~ 12/8

FRIENDS & FAMILY DHARMA "LAY" SERVICE ~ 12/22

SANGHA KIDS SNOW DAY OR WINTER PARTY ~ 12/22

KINGSBURG BUDDHIST CHURCH SERVICE & MOCHITSUKI ~ 12/21

JOYA-E (NEW YEAR'S EVE) SERVICE ~ 12/31 @ 5PM

SHUSHO-E (NEW YEAR'S DAY) SERVICE ~ 1/1/25 @ 10AM

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY IN CASE OF
CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

PLEASE SUPPORT ALL C.C. TEMPLES' AND ORGANIZATION
EVENTS!