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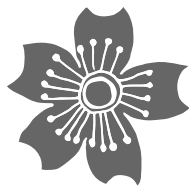
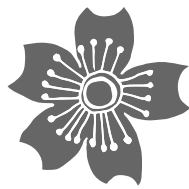
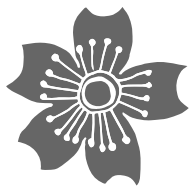
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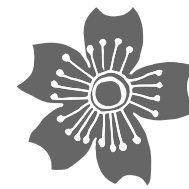
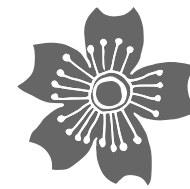
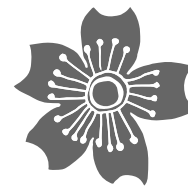


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# February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> PBWA Outing to Eagle Mountain Casino Meet at church @ 10:00 a.m.
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Buddhism 101 Intro to Buddhism Rev. Kaz 7:00pm via Zoom	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Buddhism 201A Basic Japanese - Rev. Midori 7:00pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Pullen Cleaning Service 8:00 a.m.
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Parlier BC Board Meeting 7:00pm via Zoom	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Middle & High School Buddhist Study Class - Rev. Kaz viaZoom @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> Yorizane Memorial Service 1:00 p.m.
<b>18</b> Nirvana Day/ Shotsuki/Keirokai/ Farewell/Welcome 10:00 a.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Buddhism 201A Basic Japanese - Rev. Midori 7:00pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Clean-up Group 2 @ 8:30 a.m.
<b>25</b> PBWA Yard Sale Drop off 12:00-3:00  Medaka no Gakko Teacher's Meeting 1:30 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

# 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

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## MESSAGE FROM REV. KAZ NAKATA

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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](http://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 Gomonsu-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 Gomonsu-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 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.



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# BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JAN 2024 - DRAFT

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Buddhist Church of Parlier  
Minutes for (January) Board Meeting  
January 8, 2024 (via Zoom) 7:00 pm

- I. Call to Order at 7:06am by President Denny Ikuta – Gassho was led by Toshie.
- II. Quorum established. Those in attendance: Tats Arakawa, Donald & Rhea Ikemiya, Denny Ikuta, Cheryl & Curtis Koga, Yuki & Toshie Mori, Steve & Joyce Sasai, Janette Wong-Sing, Glenn & Lynne Yoshimoto.
- III. Minutes – Motion to accept the minutes by Toshie and seconded by Cheryl.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Glenn reported on December finances.  
It was moved by Joyce to accept treasurers report as presented and seconded by Kaye.
- V. Minister’s Report - Rev. Kaz sent a report as he was not present at the meeting:
  1. Central Cal Ministerial Update: Rev. Kakei Nakagawa, Rinban of Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple officially announced that he will retire from the BCA ministry as Kaikyoshi on Feb 29,2024. Rev. Mieko Majima of Kapaa Hongwanji will be assigned to the CC Hub system on Feb. 1,2024 Rev. Kaz Nakata has received an appointment letter from Bishop Harada for the Rinban of Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple, effective on March 1, 2024.
  2. Central Cal MAP Update  
CCBMA has been newly recognized Mr. Arthur Ando of Kingsburg Buddhist Church as MA. Rev. Kaz said anyone interested in becoming MA-Bishop Harada would be able to approve and give person more authority.
  3. CC Educational program  
1/8 Buddhism 101 by Rev. Kaz.  
2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26 Youth Buddhist Education by Rev. Kaz.  
2/15 7pm CCMEC MAP Zoom Seminar by Rinban Yuki Sugahara of Sacramento.  
2/27 7pm CCBEC MAP Zoom Seminar “Shinran Shonin” (1) by Rev Dr. Mutsumi Wondra of OCBC.
  4. Outreach activities  
1/10 10am Interfaith Meeting @Merced College-Rev. Kaz.  
2/22 10 am Interfaith Tabling Event@Merced College-Rev. Kaz.
  5. BCA Activities  
2/22-2/25 BCA National Meeting @Sacramento Betsuin-Rev. Kaz and Rev. Majima will be attending.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Maintenance/Security –Nothing new. Denny said maybe floors need to be waxed. Pullens would be willing to open and close if given a key and special code. Could be recoded. Decided to allow him to have a key and use same code.
  - B. BWA –Lynne reported next clean up will be Jan 27 @8:30am by Grp 1.  
BWA Eagle Mountain Casino Trip Feb 3-meeting @church with carpool leaving @10am lunch scheduled for 11:30am @Acorn Diner. Need to know by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Call either Denise or Barb.  
CCBWA is giving monetary gift to Rev. Majima to help with whatever she needs. Will not be bringing any furnishings from Hawaii.  
CCBWL Conference in Reedley 8:30 am to 3 pm March 17<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker will be Rev. Patti Oshita. Members are asked to bring refillable drink bottle. Registration deadline is Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - C. Finance –Denny reported on calendar year Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

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- D. CCMAC –Donald reported no meetings since Parlier meeting. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> next meeting via zoom. Joy Donaldson is new CCMAC Chair.  
Nothing has changed. Nothing more received from Bishop for Rev. Majima.  
Working on final memorandum for temples. 1 month overlap of Rinban Nakagawa and Rev. Majima and Rev. Kaz. March 1<sup>st</sup> Rev. Kaz will be Rinban & Rev. Majima will be starting.
- E. CCDC – No report. Installation later.  
Motion to accept committee reports by Cheryl and seconded by Joyce.

### VII. Old Business

- A. SSC lease-Signed. Have agreed. Set for a couple of years.
- B. Bonenkai was held December 17, following the Bodhi Day/December Shotsuki Services. Lunch was prepared for 80. Homebound lunches (12) were delivered. Service was chaired by Lynne and officiated by Rev Kaz. Church and BWA Officers for 2024 were also installed.  
Variety of food was very good. Please submit bills for expenses.
- C. New Year Eve (December 31)/New Year Service (January 1)  
New Years Eve service seemed well attended. About 29 attended. Afternoon time helped for more people to attend.
- D. CCDC Installation-Later
- E. Other Old Business-None

### VIII. New Business

- A. BCA Calendar: At church. Cheryl sent 15 pictures and none were used.  
Dissappointing.
- B. Ho-onko donation letter-Ho-onko, Hanamatsuri, Obon & in lieu of food bazaar.
- C. Dharma Lunch on Wheels-Not until May.
- D. Sangha Gatherings-Where is it going? Will continue to have Sangha Gatherings.
- E. Yorizane Service-Need more ushers. Feb 17<sup>th</sup> @1pm with Otoki after.
- F. Medaka-no-Gakko Meeting: February 25, 2024 @1:40pm Sunday.
- G. Seattle Betsuin Arson-Homeless person went in basement and started fire. Arson Restoration Fund. Asking for donations.
- H. Service Schedule-Whole year is set. 3 spaces Hanamaturi-Donald, Obon-Nancy Doi-Wilson, & Bodhi Day-Barbara Goto.
- I. Other New Business- Picnic-April 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Finance committee will meet.
- J. Keirokai/ Rinban farewell & Rev. Majima welcome. Retirement gift from church to Rinban Nakagawa. Toshie made a motion to give Rinban monetary gift and a second by Curtis. Also a welcome gift of to Rev Majima. Toshie made a motion to give Rev. Majima a monetary gift and seconded by Joyce.

IX. Correspondence- Thank yous from Rev. Nakata & Rinban Nakagawa for oseibo.

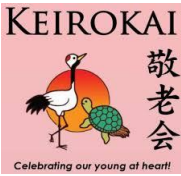
X. Adjournment-It was moved by Tats and seconded by Joyce to adjourn meeting @9:21pm.  
Gassho led by Toshie.

Next BCP Board Meeting - via Zoom-Monday Feb 12,2024 @7 pm,

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# PARLIER BUDDHIST CHURCH

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## Keirokai/Nirvana Day Service February 18, 2024

Keirokai is the celebration to honor the elders of our church. Keiro means respecting the senior church members and Kai means ceremony. This will also be Parlier's farewell to Rinban Nakagawa who is retiring. It will also be an introduction of our new Reverend, Mieko Majima. An obento lunch provided by "Bento 2 Go" of Kingsburg will be given to all members over 70 yrs. The price for others is \$15. You will be contacted by BWA member.

### Hoonko Service

Bishop Marvin Harada was the guest speaker at the Hoonko Service. A "Dine with the Bishop" dinner was held at Legends in Selma to thank him for coming. About 10 members from our Temple attended.



Scrip cards are available to order from Janette Wong-Sing. She puts a lot of time and energy doing this. Keep those cards in mind when you want to give a gift but don't know what to give or to use yourself, at stores you frequent. A percentage of the cost of the cards goes to the church.



## BWA Yard Sale March 2, 2024

8am – 11am

Drop off Feb. 25, 12-3pm

Appliances should be clean \* in working order, cords attached with tape. Clothes clean. Clothes sell better when they look nice \* not wrinkled. Bedding - labeled by size, grouped together or tied together, furniture clean. Kitchen utensils, dishes sell well. No big appliances, no mattresses. **Help is needed for this event!**

### Other BWA News

The 2024 CCBWL conference will be held in Reedley on March 17. Registration deadline is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Lynne Yoshimoto. Eagle Mountain Casino trip is on Feb. 3. Carpool leaving church @ 10am.

### BWA Dues



BWA dues of \$10 are payable for 2024. Please send to Carol Guerra, 8484 S. Indianola, Selma 93662

## Church Dues for 2024 are Payable

The amount is again \$275 per person and \$550 for couples.

Of this amount, \$160 per member is paid to BCA



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Glenn Yoshimoto  
2587 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Kingsburg, CA 93631





## *Sangha Gathering*

We will be ending our Sangha Gathering Services. The first Sunday of each month has been a wonderful time to gather over the past 10 years, but in recent years with Covid and the like, it has been more difficult to make things happen.

We would like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy each other's company and at the same time learn more about our wonderful religion.

We hope the Dharma continues to be a source of comfort in your daily lives.

With deep gratitude,  
Sangha Gathering



## *Congratulations*



*Congratulations to Glenn & Lynne Yoshimoto on the marriage of their daughter Lindsey to Alex Herskovich. They were married on October 13, 2023. Best Wishes as they make their home in Fremont, CA.*



## Nappa Salad

From Lynne Yoshimoto

1 medium nappa, sliced  
2 green onions, thinly skiced  
½ cup sunflower seeds, unsalted  
¾ cup butter, melted  
2 pkgs ramen noodles, crushed  
1 lb cooked chicken meat, shredded

### Dressing

1 cup sugar  
½ cup vinegar  
½ cup oil  
3 T spoons shoyu  
2 seasoning packets from ramen

Combine dressing ingredients in mayonnaise sized jar.  
Brown ramen and butter, cool.  
Combine with salad ingredients.  
Add dressing and toss (I use half of the dressing. It makes a lot!!)

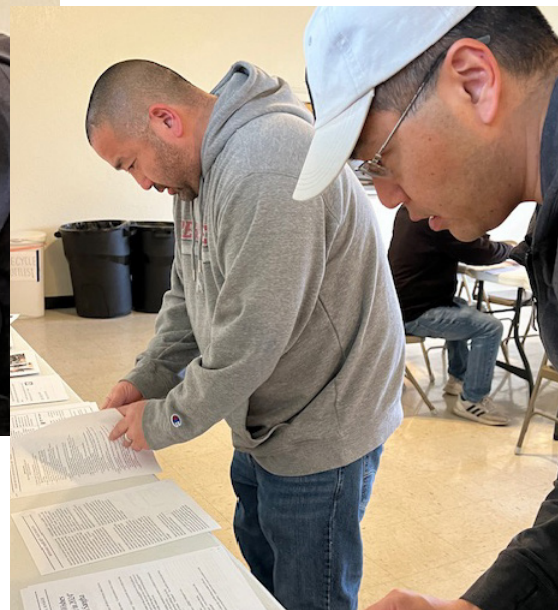
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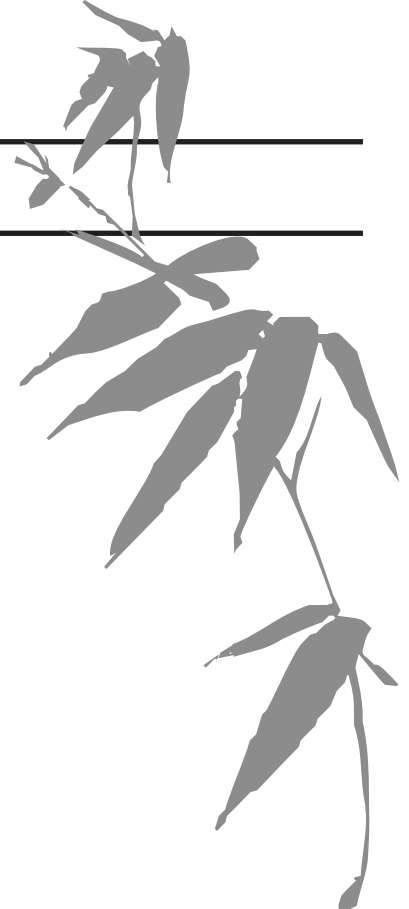
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MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

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February Shotsuki

**DECEASED**

Mr. Bunsuke Okino	98
Mr. Wataro Yorizane	87
Mr. Juntaro Kagawa	73
Mr. Chiyosuke Yoshizaki	64
Mrs. Akiko Kimoto	62
Mr. Masakichi Mihara	58
Mr. Terry Ogami	57
Mrs. Ruriko Masuda	57
Mr. Aido Nakamichi	52
Mrs. Miyono Furumoto	50
Mr. Nobuichi Kimura	48
Mrs. Shige Kagawa	48
Mrs. Tsuma Sasai	39
Mrs. Orio Yamanaka	30
Mrs. Hisaye Kozuki	29
Mrs. Sen Iseki	28
Mrs. Yuki Hayashi	28
Mrs. Toshiko Yotori	23
Mr. Marcel Ray Takata	23
Mr. Ed Nakamura	19
Mrs. Satoye Sasai	17
Mr. Gerald Kenneth Kobashi	16
Mrs. Harumi Irene Yoshimoto	13
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Mr. Alan Nakadachi	5
Mrs. Yukie Goishi	4
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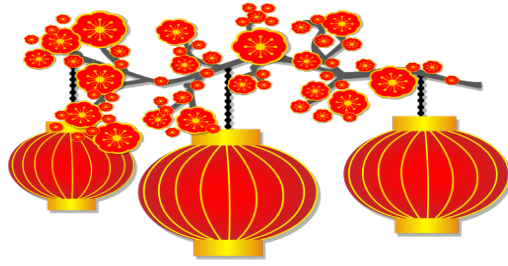
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2023..... One Year Memorial	2012..... 13th Year Memorial	1992..... 33rd Year Memorial
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# CC BEC MAP Seminar via Zoom

## “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

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Ph.D (2018)

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**To request the Zoom link, email Rev. Kaz:**

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



Group photo taken on March 21, 2021

# 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.

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