



# BUDDHIST CHURCH OF PARLIER

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TAKE REFUGE IN THE LIGHT OF JOY

March 2014

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## O-Higan

by Rinban Kakei Nagakawa

Buddhist countries observe the annual spring **O-Higan** week from March 18th - 24th. During this time Buddhists visit ancestral graves and temples where family ashes are kept, observing **O-Higan** memorial services. Since ancestor veneration has become so dominant particularly in Japanese Buddhism, the true meaning of **O-Higan** is often neglected.

**O-Higan** is celebrated every spring and fall during the equinoxes when the length of both day and night becomes identical. In Buddhist philosophy, this balance of light and darkness symbolizes the Middle Way, which is another expression of Buddhist Awakening.

When Dharma is applied to actual daily life, it is called the Middle Way. And it avoids the extremes of suffering and pleasure, pessimism and optimism, as well as the extremes between purely material perceptions of the world versus mental perception, and tries to walk the practical path in-between.

One of the ancient Buddhist scriptures likens the Middle Way to tuning the strings of the harp, which can neither be too tight nor too loose to create a perfect melodic note.

Judgment of a true Middle Way is very difficult, for man's ego and ignorance is far too apt to set Middle Way at the limits of personal convenience, which seldom approaches a true Middle Path. Buddhist Middle way is the absolute true Middle which does not assume right nor left. It is not a path of compromise.

Thus this **O-Higan**, celebrating the equinox is a reminder to all Buddhists that our aim is to discover the True Middle Way and to walk carefully through life on the narrow path to Awakening.

For that purpose, Mahayana Buddhist in general reminds one practice method at the day of **O-Higan** and practices it. This is the practice of "**Six Pāramitās**".

Please practice "**Six Pāramitās**" on the day of "**O-Higan**" with other fellow Buddhists in the world and be reminded of the "**Six Pāramitās**" every day for your creative living.

### [Meditation on the Six Pāramitās]

**1. Dāna Pāramitā:**

*May I be generous and helpful!*

**2. Śīla Pāramitā:**

*May I be pure and virtuous!*

**3. Kṣānti Pāramitā:**

*May I be patient the wrongs of others!*

**4. Vīrya Pāramitā:**

*May I be strenuous, energetic and persevering!*

**5. Dhyāna Pāramitā:**

*May I practice meditation and attain mindfulness to serve all beings!*

**6. Prajñā Pāramitā:**

*May I gain wisdom and be able to guide others to awareness!*



## Ananda: Guardian of the Dharma

We are taught, and know the story of Siddhartha Gautama's life who attains enlightenment and becomes the historical Shakyamuni Buddha. However, it is through the collection of Shakyamuni's disciples and followers that we are able to read and recall the Buddha's lessons. This can be seen with the beginning words of each Sutra, "Thus I have heard." **Ananda** was the first cousin of Shakyamuni Buddha, and one of his principal disciples. He is known for having outstanding memory, able to recite the Buddha's talks word for word, and he had the unique position as the only one to have heard almost all of the Buddha's talks. For twenty-five years, he was the Buddha's constant companion, attendant and helper. He saw these twenty-five years as his opportunity to be in "higher training," and as a learner. **Ananda** was also a very capable teacher of the Dharma. The Buddha did not hesitate to ask **Ananda** to take his place when he was not feeling well. It is written that the Buddha said, "**Ananda**, monks, is wise, one of great understanding...If you had questioned me about the same matter, I would have answered in the very same way that **Ananda** has answered." Buddha's respect was so great that he referred to **Ananda** as "the living embodiment of the Teachings."

Many of the Shakyani clan left their regular lives to follow the Buddha including the desire by many women to join his Sangha. This effort was led by the Buddha's Aunt and Stepmother, Mahapajapati Gotami, Queen Maya's sister. Three times, Mahapajapati requested to join the order to the Buddha, and three times, she was kindly denied. Out of compassion and kindness, **Ananda** decided to intercede. He asked the Buddha if women could attain enlightenment, and the Buddha agreed. He asked the Buddha a few more questions, and the Buddha finally agreed to accept women as nuns in the Sangha. The Buddha wasn't against women followers. He just wanted to make sure that they understood the hardships of a monks life, one without a permanent home. Soon after, the Buddha warmly accepted women into the Sangha. Accordingly, we have to be thankful to **Ananda's** compassion and timely interjection.

The most famous and well-known story about **Ananda** involves the Buddha's famous last words while he was on his death bed. The Buddha said: "So **Ananda**, each of you should be an island unto yourself, dwell with yourself as a refuge and with no other as your refuge; each of you should make the Dharma your island, dwell with the Dharma as your refuge and with no other as your refuge." The Ultimate Truth of the Dharma is the most important thing in one's life, and each of us must find our own path to that Truth.

**Ananda** is also known as the "*Treasurer of the Dharma.*" He was present at the First Buddhist Council which was convened shortly after the passing of the Buddha, where many of the Buddha's discourses were documented in the Sutta Pitaka. As mentioned, his excellent memory served as the basis for the recollection of the Buddha's talks.

In contrast to most of the Buddhas disciples, **Ananda** is depicted as sympathetic and imperfect. However, he was held in very high regard as the Buddha even gave a talk about **Ananda**, and presented him as kind, compassionate, unselfish, popular and thoughtful toward others. He was the last of the Buddha's direct disciples to attain enlightenment.

Many times our focus is on Shakyamuni Buddha and his life, yet much in our tradition can be found in the disciples and others in Buddhist history. This is just a "thumbnail" sketch of **Ananda**, and I hope that it wets your appetite and curiosity to learn more and research more about this and other important figures in Buddhism.

*Namu Amida Butsu*

**Rev. Alan Sakamoto**



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### Tanisho Chapter 4 (Lamented Notes)

“Concerning the practice of love (*jihī*) there is a distinct turning point from the **Path of Sages** to the **Path of the Pure Land Buddhist**.

**Love** in the **Path of Sages** means pitying, loving and nurturing all beings. It is extremely difficult, however, to accomplish the work of saving others in exactly the way one wishes.

**Love** in the **Path of the Pure Land Buddhist** means quickly attaining Buddha-hood by pronouncing the nembutsu so that, through the mind of Great Love and Compassion, one is able to save all beings in exactly the way one wishes.

However much love and pity you may feel for others in this life, it is hard indeed to save them in the way you would wish; hence such love can never be perfect. Only the pronouncing of the nembutsu can manifest the mind of great unconditional love.” This is the translation of **Chapter 4 of Tanisho** by **Rev. Sato** of England.

**Tanisho** was written by **Yuienbo** of the grief Shinran Shonin expressed during the time the teaching was being misunderstood and spread among the believers. In the later years **Rennyō Shonin** edited it, but he was extremely concerned that **Tanisho** would cause further confusion and misunderstanding of Jodo Shinshu if read by those who did not have clear understanding of his teaching. He gave order to seal the book to the general public. For more than 500 years, whereabouts of **Tanisho** was unknown. After its discovery, within 100 years, it became most famous, popular and important writing in Jodo Shinshu Sect.

The **Path of the Sages** is the practice through self efforts to attain Buddha hood (such as Zen) called **Shodo-Mon** in Japanese. The Path of the Pure Land is relying on the Buddha power to be awakened called **Jodo-Mon**.

Definition of Compassion I found in the dictionary defines it as pitying, sympathy and empathy. I remember becoming overwhelmed by sorrow and grief when we went to extend our condolences to a family who lost their loved one. I went prepared with words of sympathy, but no comforting words came out. I froze and felt helpless to give comfort. Another incident that I recall was when our daughter broke off a long term relationship. It was unbearable to see my daughter so was distraught. I may have helped her little, but I couldn’t relieve her pain completely. It is so true that much love and pity we may feel for others in this life, it is hard to help them in the way we wish, and therefore, such love can never be perfect. However, **Shinran Shonin** showed us that **Jodo-Mon** Compassion has power to help all beings in exactly the way one wishes.

Whenever my wife becomes seriously ill I worry, and empathize with her pain and resort to all methods to get her well, but unless I rely on a doctor, I alone, cannot help her to get well. I feel good about myself when I give money to a homeless person knowing that I did a good deed, but there is no proof of guarantee that I made him happy. On the other hand, when I receive help from others in time of need, I feel fortunate and appreciate it very much, but the feeling of “ongaeshi” (repaying the kindness) or even appreciation disappears in a short period of time. Generally speaking we remember what we have done for others, but quickly forget what others have done for us. For example, I clearly remember the design and color of a dress that I bought for my wife 10 years ago, but saying the nembutsu and itadakimasu before a meal that my wife prepared, I could barely recall what I ate the following morning.

According to the translation above, if we don’t pronounce the nembutsu, our life will be the **Shodo-Mon’s** compassion. **Rev. Sato** translated shinjin as pronouncing the nembutsu, which is the Buddha power compassion. We say thank you when we realize the help we receive from others. We say itadakimasu and appreciate the food when we realize it sustains our life. Same goes with Buddha’s Compassion. If we don’t realize the Buddha’s compassion, we won’t feel it. If we don’t feel it, we don’t appreciate it. If we don’t appreciate it, nembutsu that comes out of our mouth is meaningless. If we don’t know what Buddhism is to us, or what Buddha’s light and wisdom mean, how can we realize the Buddha’s compassion? Buddhism is a spiritual relationship of you and Buddha only. *Namu Amida Butsu, namu, namu, namu.....*





## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING FEB. 10, 2014

The Parlier Buddhist Church Board meeting was called to order by **Dennis Ikuta** on Feb. 10, 2014. Those in attendance were; **Curtis & Cheryl Koga, Glenn Yoshimoto, Tad Kozuki, Steve & Joyce Sasai, Calvin Doi, James Goishi, Clyde Yoshikawa, Kelvin Miyakawa, Neil Okino, Toshie & Yuki Mori, Kaye Kozuki**. A quorum was established.

**Sho Higuchi** made a presentation to the Board in regards to publishing a **Parlier Buddhist Church cook book** with recipes submitted by our members. He and **Kari** would collect, arrange, and have the recipes printed and bound. Every family would be asked to submit at least one recipe. Initial funding with be provided by **Tad & Irene Kozuki, BWA**, and our church. The first printing would be 250 copies. **Cheryl K.** made a motion to authorize this project. **Calvin** seconded. Motion carried. See attached information sheet for more details.

Minutes were read and corrections were made. The spelling of **Michael Maruyama** was corrected, **Nirvana Day/Monthly Shotsuki** was expanded to include **Keirokai**. There was a clarification about contacting a minister in case of an emergency, funeral, or hoji.

1. Contact **Curtis K.** or **Dennis I** if you need advice about **funeral procedures** or how to get in contact with a minister for a **funeral or hoji**.
2. **If the need arises during business hours for a minister**, you can call the **Fresno Betsuin office**. All phone numbers are listed in the **2014 BWA directory**.
3. **In case of an emergency or after hours**, a call can be made directly to one of the **Reverends**.

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by **Clyde Y.** and seconded by **Tad**. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** After reviewing the treasurer's report for the month of Jan, it was noted that there was a marked increase in the payment of church dues which will help with the maintenance and monthly supplies. The **dues** are: **first year** for new members **\$137 per person, second year \$206 per person, and third year** is the full amount of **\$275 per person or \$550 for a couple**. It was suggested a reminder be sent for 2013 dues. There was a discussion to increase travel expenses for guest ministers from **\$100 to \$150**. **Curtis** made a motion and seconded by **Clyde** to increase the amount. Motion passed.

### Committee Reports:

1. **Maintenance** – New outside sinks and faucets are being installed and a new faucet has been installed in the kitchen. A motion to continue the contract with Jack's Refrigeration for 4 checkups per year to maintain the heating and cooling system for the church was discussed. **Clyde** made a motion to continue the contract and **Glenn** seconded. Motion passed. Maintenance for the tiled floors is being looked into.

2. **BWA** – Thank you **Fusa Ishimaru** for this month's Board treats. They were much appreciated.

The **2014 BWA Directories** are hot off the press and being passed out. Under consideration for next year is a "**Church Directory**" instead of BWA only.

**Feb. 22** the **monthly church clean-up** will be done by **Group 3** headed by **Lynne & Glenn Y.**

**Feb. 23** is the annual **Nirvana Day/Monthly Memorial Service/Keirokai** and Luncheon headed by **Joyce, Lynne, and Matsuko**. We will be honoring **Toshiye Nakamichi** and **Jean Kobashi** for their **Beiju/88th birthday** as well as others who

play integral parts at the church. 70+ year olds will also be guests of the BWA. Those younger will be asked to pay for their lunches. Bingo will be the entertainment.

**Mar. 2** –**Sangha Gathering** topic is **6 Paramitas**. **Irene K.** will present the talk, **Irene K.** and **Andrea A.** will lead the round table discussion, **Sho & Kari H.** will lead the children's activity, and refreshments will be prepared by **Dennis I.**

**Mar. 2** – **yard sale drop off 12-3p.** **Mar. 8** is the **bi-annual yard sale** headed by **Denise K. & Barbara G.** with the first shift starting at **7:30a.**

**Mar. 9** - **CCBWL Conference** in **Fresno** with 11 attendees from Parlier.

**A change of schedule:** **Patti Oshita** will not be able to speak at our **Eshinni Service** in Nov. Instead, **Reverend Allen Sakamoto** from the Fresno Betsuin will be officiating.

3. **Publication** –The copy machine is making noises it shouldn't.

4. **Finance** – The financial committee will meet to review the two church portfolios.

5. **V&P** – The **Super Bowl Sunday Seminar** in Reedley and the **leadership retreat** were both praised by all who attended the events. **Asian Fest week** at FCC will be held on **April 5** and everyone is encouraged to attend. The **May lecture Series** held annually will be changed this year. On **May 2**, the lecture will be held in Parlier at 7p with **Rev. Marvin Harada** speaking.

On **May 9**, the lecture will be held in Fowler with a presentation by **Rev. Bridge**. On **May 16**, it will be held in Reedley with **Rev. Adams** as guest speaker and on **May 22**, which is a Thurs., the guest lecturer will be **Rev. Kodani** at Woodward library in Fresno.

### Old Business:

1. Because of the absence of an officiating minister, the chairman for the monthly service becomes very important. We are fortunate to have very qualified MAs and church leaders to take on this task.

2. The **Sangha Gatherings** are topic friendly and short. There are activities for all ages to participate in. Refreshments are serviced. It would be nice to have more people attend. The leaders put in a lot of time and effort to make these Gatherings interesting and personal so please try to attend.

3. For the month of **June**, the **Shotsuki date** is changed to **June 15**. There was a scheduling conflict for **Rev. Nakagawa**.

### New Business:

1. **Toshie** and **Yuki Mori** have been accept into the **Tokudo Ordination program**. Congratulations to them!! It would mean they would have to spend some time in Japan. Parlier is very fortunate to have such qualified members accepted into the program. It isn't easy to get into the **Tokudo Ordination program**.

2. We are very fortunate to have two new families joining our church. **Darryl & Janette Wong-Sing** and their children **Jackie** and **Greg**. Another family joining our church is **Donald & Rhea Ikemiya** and their children **Kelsey** and **Will**. Please welcome them when you see them at church.

3. A suggestion was made to establish a "wish list" of needed equipment for the church. Further discussion will continue.

**Tad K.** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and **James G** seconded. Motion passed.



# BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

By Julie Doi, BWA Newsletter Writer

February flew by quickly being a short month. The days seem to be a little longer and warmer but the evenings still have a chill in the air!

The church was cleaned by **Group 3** headed by **Lynne and Glenn Yoshimoto** for February.

On **February 23rd** we had our **Nirvana Day/ Monthly Memorial Service and Keirokai** with **Rinban Kakei Nakagawa** of the Fresno Betsuin. The luncheon was headed by **Joyce, Lynn and Matsuko**. We had box lunches prepared by Sansei Restaurant and delicious sushi prepared by **Matsuko**. Thank you all that helped that day.

March is a very busy month! Starting with our **Bi-Annual Yard Sale!** So clean out those closets and garages and donate your items to the church! Our **Yard Sale drop off** is **March 2** from 12 noon to 3pm. The following weekend, **March 8th** is the **Yard Sale**, 1st shift starts at 7:30am and last shift finishes at 12 noon. Call **Denise** or **Barbara** to signup for a shift at the yard sale. We also need able bodied men to help set up tables and move heavy items too.

On **March 9, 2014** we have the **58th CCBWL Conference** in **Fresno** The theme of the Conference is **"Okagesama de - Continuing the Legacy"**. We have 11 BWA members attending

from Parlier.

**Group 1** headed by **Fusa and Rick Ishimaru** is in charge of cleaning the church on **March 15th**. The **Q & A** session will be lead by **Rev. Shoyo Taniguchi** at 4:00pm the same day. She is a very dynamic speaker so please come out and enjoy listening to her. We will also take her to dinner following the session.

The **Spring Ohigan and Monthly Memorial Service** will be held on **March 16th** and **Rev. Shoyo Taniguchi** will be our guest speaker. Lunch will be headed by **Julie Doi and Karen Shimizu**.

Our **Annual Food Bazaar** is on **March 23rd**. See schedule for your work assignments. It is a busy day but also fun to see everyone and kindle old friendships!

**Sho and Kari Higuchi** are publishing a cookbook for Parlier Buddhist Church and would like Parlier church member to submit some of their favorite recipes. (see attached flyer for details) Iron Chef America look out!!!!

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Someone asked the Buddha: *"Who are you? Are you a God, Angel or Saint?"* To which he replied: *"No, I am awake."*

## PARLIER BWA YARD SALE



**Yard Sale Drop Off:**  
**Saturday, March 2nd**  
**12noon-3:00pm**

**Yard Sale**  
**Saturday, March 8th**  
**8:00am-11:00am**



## MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

*The March Shotsuki Service will be on Sunday, March 16, 2014.  
Families, as well as all members and friends are encouraged to attend.*

### MARCH SHOTSUKI

#### DECEASED

Mr. Ryo Furumoto	63 yrs
Mr. Shiemi Fujii	50 yrs
Mr. Takejiro Yagi	46 yrs
Mr. Akira Chiamori	45 yrs
Mr. Masaki Ohara	43 yrs
Mrs. Suye Sunada	43 yrs
Mrs. Shizuko Nagare	31 yrs
Mrs. Hisako Okino	22 yrs
Mr. Matsujoro Okada	73 yrs
Mr. Sosuke Yamamoto	72 yrs
Mrs. Satsu Yamamoto	73 yrs
Mrs. Kiyoko Matsushima	43 yrs
Mr. Isaburo Izumo	
Mr. Masayuki Ohara	19 yrs
Mr. Katsuo Arifuku	19 yrs
Mr. Fred Fumio Kusunoki	12 yrs
Mr. Henry Tanouye	10 yrs
Mrs. Aiko Tanouye	10 yrs
Mr. Ban Yorizane	9 yrs
Mr. Tom Kobashi	8 yrs

#### MOURNER

Mr. Roy Furumoto (Haru Okuma's Relative)
Mr. Patrick Chiamori
Mrs. Miyo Ohara
Mr. Randy Sunada
Mr. Fred Nagare
Mr. Neil Okino
Mr. George T. Okada
Mr. Kelvin Miyakawa
Mr. Kelvin Miyakawa
Mrs. Hiroko Kimoto
Mr. Fred Takata
Mrs. Miyo Ohara
Mrs. Denise Kusunoki
Mrs. Lee Osaki
Mrs. Lee Osaki
Ms. Akiko Yorizane
Mrs. Jean Kobashi

2014 is the Memorial year for those deceased in

2013..... One year Memorial	1998..... 17th year Memorial
2012..... 3rd year Memorial	1990..... 25th year Memorial
2008..... 7th year Memorial	1982..... 33rd year Memorial
2002..... 13th year Memorial	1965..... 50th year Memorial
	1915..... 100th year Memorial

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March 23, 2014 ♦ 2:00pm - 5:00pm

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Dine-in

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All orders are by presale only.

Deadline for ticket sales March 17, 2014

Call Glenn for ticket information: 897-1811



2014 Year of the Horse



## 歎異抄第四章

一月の放送では歎異抄第四章のお話をさせていただきましたが 後ほど考えてみると 一番大切な事をうまく説明できなかつたので今日はその事についてお話させていただきます。

それではまず原本から始めます。

“慈悲に聖道、浄土のかわり目あり。聖道の慈悲とはあわれみ 悲しみ はぐくむなり しかれども

思うがごとし助け遂ぐことはきわめてありがたし。浄土の慈悲というは念仏して急ぎ仏になり大慈大悲心を持って思うが如く衆生を利益するというべきなり 今生にいかん いたうし不便と思うとも

存知のごとく助けがたければこの慈悲始終なし しかれば念仏のみぞ末徹りたり大慈悲に候べきと”

天台宗 真言宗のような自力で悟りを開こうとする仏教を聖道門とよび 阿弥陀仏の救い すなわち

他力の救いを説く仏教を浄土門とよびます。ですから聖道門の慈悲は他人や一切のものをあわれんだり かわいそうになって助けようとして どんなに勤めても思うように満足に人を助けることはほとんどありえません。それに反し浄土仏教で教える慈悲とは 早く弥陀本願に救われて念仏する身となり浄土で悟りを開き仏となって思う存分人々を救うという事である。なんとかしてやりたいと どんなに哀れんでも心の底から満足できるように助けることはできないから聖道の慈悲はいつも不満足のも

ままで終わってしまう ですから弥陀の本願に救われて念仏する身になるのみことが徹底した大慈悲

心であると親鸞聖人はおおせになりました “”

慈悲とは“情けをかける”とか“哀れむ事”と意味がありますから私達が人を助けようと頑張っても

私達ができる精一杯のことしかできず 一時的な助けばかりで中途半端なものばかりで徹底してないから人助けにはならず 人の痛みや苦しみを完全に取除くことはできない それが聖道門の慈悲である。早く本願に救われ浄土門の慈悲があたえられるようになれと意味してるものとおもいます。

愛してる人や親や子供が怪我したり病気になって痛そうに苦しんでいると私達は本能的にどうにかして楽にしてあげたい気持ちにかられ 心配になってできるかぎりの看病をつくしますが それが慈悲の心ですね。ですけどどんなに慈悲をつくしても医者にまかせないと私だけでは痛みも苦しみも取り除く事はできません。またお金に困ってるホームレスの人に十ドルあげると人を助けたい気持ちがありますがその人を幸福にしてあげた保証はありません 反対に人からたすけてもらい 恩返しをしようと思っててもすぐ忘れてしまうし 一応にして人にしてあげたことはいつまでも覚えてますが人からしてもらったことはすぐ忘れる心の持ち主であります。私も十年前に妻に買ってあげたドレスの色やデザインまで覚えてますが 妻がこしらえた夕食をいただきますと感謝して食べても翌朝になると

昨夜の夕食のおかずは何だったかおもいだせないこつとがしょっちゅうあります。ですから早く弥陀の本願に救われないと “のどもとすぎれば熱さ忘るる” の聖道門の慈悲の生活になってしまいます。

弥陀の本願に救われるとは信心を意味しますから 浄土門の慈悲にはのどもとすぎても熱さを忘れる

ことはありえません

親鸞聖人は聖道門と浄土門の慈悲のちがいを教えてくれてるほかに 誰でも早く弥陀の本願に救われることを強調してくれてると思います。

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6	(Sun)	Sangha Gathering ..... 10:00am
7	(Mon)	Rev. Harada's Class, Reedley ....7:00pm
9	(Wed)	Curtis Discussion Group ..... 7:00pm
12	(Sat)	Church Cleanup Group 2..... 8:00am
12	(Sat)	Q&A w/ Rev. Hiroshi Abiko.....4:00pm
13	(Sun)	Hanamatsuri w/ Rev. Abiko .... 10:00am
14	(Mon)	Board Meeting..... 7:00pm
27	(Sun)	Community Picnic ..... 10:00am

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