



# BUDDHIST CHURCH OF PARLIER

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TAKE REFUGE IN THE LIGHT OF JOY

June 2014

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## “The Letters” of Rennyō

Rennyō (1415-1499) was a descendant of Shinran Shonin and the eighth Monshū (head priest) of the Hongan-ji Temple in Kyoto. He has been recognized as the most important dharma-teacher after Shinran Shonin and we adore him as the Restorer or the Second Founder of Jōdo-Shinshū because of the enormous expansion of the organization during his lifetime.

At the highest point of his propagation activities, Rennyō edited and published the *Shōshin-Nenbutsu-Ge* (Gatha) and *Jōdo Wasan* (Praise) followed by the practice of the *Nenbutsu* as the standard service book for the everyday use by all people. With the addition of “The Letters”, this form of service has been and continues to be held daily at every follower’s home and temple.

There is an interesting fact that a large number of the *Myōkonin* (pure and devout Jōdo Shinshū follower whose dharma experience is tremendously deep) have appeared in succession after Rennyō to the present in particular areas where people have been followed Rennyō’s instructions of everyday service. Even among the widespread Jōdo Shinshū areas of Japan, only the people who lived in such areas had succeeded to establish their own tradition of the *Nenbutsu* life. Moreover, we should be remind the fact that most of our ancestors, the so-called Jōdo Shinshū Immigrants in USA had come from such areas in Japan.

Particularly, “The Letters” were effective as a guide for correct understanding of the Jōdo Shinshū teaching. Renjun, the sixth son of Rennyō reported Rennyō’s careful attitude toward writing “The Letters”:

“In order to make ignorant beings like us understand easily and quickly, he selected a hundred essential points out of a thousand, ten out of a hundred, and one out of ten, and thus wrote “The Letters”, clarifying a quick way of fulfilling the Dharma path for ordinary people. It is due solely to Rennyō’s fervent wish that the teaching of the Founder Shinran Shonin has spread all over the country.” [Renjun-Ki(record)]

Renjun clarified the inseparable relationship between “The Letters” and the spreading of the Shinshū teaching among ordinary people in Japan.

At the Jōdo Shinshū’s dharma gatherings, “The Letters”, which succinctly presented the most significant points of the teaching, were read and explained by the leaders of the *Sangha* (dharma followers). This was for the benefit of the common people, many of whom were uneducated. Later, reading “The Letters” became an important part of the Dharma gatherings, services and ceremonies in temples and homes of followers. Otherwise they had no opportunity to receive even a primary education, Jōdo Shinshū followers memorized “The Letters” (mostly twentytwo letters in Book V) to correct their understanding to the teachings as well as to re-read a frame of their daily life for the Buddhist living. The repeating memory of “The Letters” was sometimes counted for the social initiation to the responsible position of their community.

Unfortunately, I hesitate to say that “The Letters” has never been introduced to the American Jōdo Shinshū followers meaningfully because of the language and cultural barriers between the American and Japanese. Here I have tried to interpret some of “The Letters” from Book V which letters are exactly ‘selected a hundred essential points out of a thousand, ten out of a hundred, and one out of ten’.

Chapter V-5: SHINJIN GYAKUTOKU NO SHO

- Chapter on the Acquisition of the True and Real Awakening -

The True and Real Awakening means to know Sakyamuni Buddha’s 18th Wish-for-the-world. To knowing his 18th Wish-for-the-world is to comprehend the essence of the six syllables/six characters, “Na-mu-a-mi-to-bhah

Thus, this Buddha-as-words initiates the transference of merits to us unenlightened beings at the simultaneous instant of our total reliance on the original sense of care (=Amitabhah) with the matrix of Sakyamuni Buddha’s true heart for sharing the Dharma (=Namu).

This working is pointed out in the “Larger Sutra” where we read: “Namu Amitabhah provides all beings with all the merits”.

Since the serious karma accumulated from time immemorial becomes completely nullified through the incomprehensible working of Sakyamuni Buddha’s 18th Wish-for-the-world, we shall reside within the ranks of the Truly-Assured and the Non-Retrogressive (*Shō jo jyu Fu-tai*).

Accordingly and for this reason it is called “the attaining of Nirvana without the eradication of blind passions.” This tenet is particular to our way and is not to be discussed with practitioners of the others. This must be understood well.

A-NA-KA-SHI-KO, A-NA-KA-SHI-KO

(These venerable and awe-inspiring words are wasted on beings such as we.)



## Graduation, Father's Day and "Rebuild Your Life Month"

It is already June! Oh my, where has the year gone? Time surely passes quickly, especially as I get older. This month, I have a few things to write and share with you.

June brings with it the beginning of the long awaited summer vacation for all the students, Father's Day, "Rebuild Your Life Month," and of course, graduations.

First, I would like to extend my congratulations to all the 2014 graduates. Your accomplishments mark an important and memorable event in your lives. You have put in many hours of hard work and study on the path to graduation, and the doors to your future are wide open, allowing you to choose your own exciting and worthwhile path. The fruits of all those difficult days and tests are ready for the picking. Every graduate has the support whether moral or financial from that special person or persons. Your parents, brothers and sisters come to mind first, but then there are also your grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and family friends. But, have you thought about others? Boy and Girl Scout leaders, bosses at your jobs, team members, teachers, temple members, and yes, maybe even that minister. But those who guide us are not always just those nice and friendly people. We learn from everyone! Good and bad! We take the good from our encounters and incorporate that into our lives, but we also note the bad, and try to ensure that we are not bad, or do not do those things that we think are bad. This is kind of like the "middle way." We learn from both sides good and bad. Our gratitude extends to many, just not those we like. And, we need to be thankful to each and every one of them.

June is also when we formally observe Father's Day. I seem to appreciate Father's Day more and more each year AFTER my father passed away. It is very sad that I was not more appreciative and thankful toward my father while he was alive. Sometimes, we don't truly appreciate what we have until it is gone. However, one thing he told me which will always stick with me, and he said, "the greatest gift that I can give you is your education." This is indeed true. But more than that, he instilled within me the desire to learn more and more, and to continue to ask questions and seek answers. I hope that you can take some time this Father's Day and sincerely thank your father for all that he provided and contributed to your well-being, growth and character.

And I know what you've been thinking, "what is Rebuild Your Life Month?" It is an actual designation for June. I couldn't believe it until I looked up more information on the internet. But, I think it is an appropriate title to note. I'd like to explain a part of this using Steve Job's 2006 Stanford University Commencement Address. In it, he noted 3 stories. The first was about his adopted parents and his choice to drop out of college and take some classes, other than the required classes, that sparked his interest. The second was about how he got fired from Apple, the company he started. It was a devastating time in life, but as this door closed, others opened. He began the company, NeXT. And, later, NeXT was bought by Apple where his new ideas and thoughts became the foundation for those devices that we take for granted, like the iPhone and iPad. The third story was about death. He was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and given 6 months to live. He was fortunate since this form of cancer was operable. He survived to live many more years. And, he began to ask himself, every morning, "If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?" And whenever the answer has been 'No' for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something." We have the ability to change ourselves, each and everyday. We don't have to wait for "Rebuild Your Life Month" to do so. This lesson is one that is found in Buddhism.

Finally, I would like to end with another Steve Job's quote:

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary... Be Hungry, Stay Foolish!

You have the ability to change yourself, NOW, JUST DO IT!

*Namu Amida Butsu,*  
**Rev. Alan Sakamoto**



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The Buddhist Church of Parlier would like to extend our appreciation to the following for their generous donations*

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Mrs. Hiroko Kimoto	13th year memorial for Ralph Kimoto	\$300.00
Ms. Shari Kimoto	.....	\$200.00
Donald & Ruth Voorhies	1 year memorial for Midori Koga.....	\$100.00
Saburo & Jay Kodama	.....	\$100.00
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Ms. Akiko Yorizane	Gotan-e .....	\$50.00
Sangha Gathering	May donations.....	\$75.00
Cash donations	Gotane/monthly memorial.....	\$66.00

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### DONATIONS for MINISTER'S ASSISTANTS' FUND:

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Mrs. Miyo Ohara	Mrs. Takako Kanemoto
Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Koga	Mrs. Matsuko Suehiro
Mrs. Hiroko Kimoto	



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## THOUGHTS FROM THE SANGHA

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*By Calvin Doi, Radio Broadcast Message from May 17th*

### Reminiscing About My Dad

Isn't it strange how time seems to go by faster as we get older. It's already the middle of May and the Obon season is fast approaching. In Central California we will be having five local Obons during the months of June and July. At the dances and services we are reminded of the story of Magallana, his mother, and the Buddha. The ministers remind us to be grateful for all those who have passed on before us.

This brings me to a short story I would like to share with you. This story is about my Dad, **Toichi T. Doi**, the day he died and what followed. The day before he died he had a hard time breathing, he said it felt like an elephant was sitting on his chest. Over the previous two years he had been in the hospital a half dozen times. Usually within a few days he would be back at home. He seemed to be much better so I told him I would see him in the morning. I went to work earlier than usual. My intention was to do a little work then go see my Dad. Well I kept delaying going to the hospital. I got a call from my brother, Bruce saying my dad had a massive heart attack. My brother asked, "Where were you?" My mom said Dad asked for you..."Where is Calvin..he said he would be here this morning?" I don't have to tell you how I felt. I had no answer. The one time my Dad really needed me and I wasn't there.

I now have a better understanding of Interdependence and Impermanence and realize I lived most of my life taking my Dad for granted. I sadly didn't truly appreciate him until after he died. My Dad is still guiding my way even after death. When my Dad died and his eyes closed, my eyes were opened to a completely different world. My eyes were open to: Church, Sangha and especially Jodo Shinshu, it has been an important part of my life for the last 21 years.

I wish I could have a do over. I wish I could tell my Dad how much I loved him. I sure didn't do it while he was alive. So I suggest to everyone...if you have a friend, who you haven't seen for a long time, give them a call, get some coffee, go out to dinner, if you have a sick friend, co-worker, or family member give them a call, get a card, or better yet go see them. If you know someone who is really ill or a family who has lost someone, go see them, if that is what you really want to do. If you love someone, tell them. I told my wife, Julie I loved her in front of people from seven different churches at a special combined service. Boy she was embarrassed! I think she kind of liked it.

In today's world it is easy to make excuses. So, just do what you think is right. Try to live your life with as few regrets as possible. It will help you live a happier life. Be grateful for everything and everyone. Right now I am grateful, grateful for being allowed to share my thoughts with you.

Reading from **Rev. Gyomay Kubose**:

*"When we are truly able to see and understand life, its reality, its value and beauty as well as its troubles, we are able to accept life dynamically and walk its path with appreciation and gratitude. This way of life is Buddhism."*

*Namu Amida Butsu    Namu Amida Butsu    Namu Amida Butsu*



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## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MAY 12, 2014

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By *Kaye Kozuki, Church Secretary*

The Parlier Buddhist Church Board meeting was called to order by **Dennis Ikuta** on May 12, 2014. Those in attendance were; **Curtis & Cheryl Koga, Glenn Yoshimoto, Tad Kozuki, Steve & Joyce Sasai, Calvin Doi, James Goishi, Clyde Yoshikawa, Toshie & Yuki Mori, and Kaye Kozuki**. A quorum was established. **Toshie M.** led us in gassho.

Minutes were read and a motion to accept the minutes was made by **Clyde** and seconded by **Steve**. Motion carried.

After reading the **treasurer's report** for monthly income and expenses, **Tad** made a motion to accept this report, **James** seconded, motion carried.

### Committee Reports

**1. Maintenance** –**James** thanked **Curtis & Yuki** for weeding the parking lot. It was lots of hard work. More research will be done to find someone to clean and polish the tiled floors. **Cheryl** asked about the condition of the AC units. **James** replied that all are very old and would eventually need to be replaced. He is looking into getting bids but it will be expensive. Maybe replacing one unit at a time would be financially easier.

**2. BWA** – Thank you **May T.** for making the delicious strawberry tarts for the Board meeting. At the CCBWA meeting, a CD and an 8x10 group picture taken at the March conference were given to each chapter. They may be ordered through **Cheryl**. The California BWL conference will be held in Irvine on Oct. 10-12. The picnic was a success. Thank you to **Irene/Tad K.** for the food and **Carol/Henry G.** for the races and prizes. Also, thanks to **Tad, James, Calvin, Tats** and **Curtis** for gathering those great raffle prizes and **Curtis** for heading the bachi ball tourney. Home bound visitations will be made in May.

**3. Publication** – Everything is running smoothly.

**4. Finance** – About the same as last month. A

report will be made at the end of the quarter.

**5. V&P** - The **May lecture series** theme “*Everyday Life in Buddhism*” will be held **every Fri in May** at the **Fowler library** except for **May 22** which is a **Thurs** and this lecture will be held at the **Woodward Park library** at **7p**. Mark your calendars for **Aug 16** when a **bus trip to Berkeley and San Jose** are planned. A tour of the **Jodo Shinshu Center with lunch** is planned. In **San Jose**, a visit to the **new Japanese Museum** and a walk around San Jose J-town are planned. The cost will be **\$55 per person**. More details are forthcoming. Call **Calvin D.** if you have any questions.

**Clyde** made a motion to accept the reports and **Toshie** seconded. Motion passed

### Old Business

**1.** The **Hanamatsuri Service** and luncheon was very nice and attended by over 70 people.

**2. Sangha Gathering** – A motion by **Kaye** to cover some of the cost of the refreshments served was made and second by **Clyde**. Motion passed

**3.** The **picnic** had a good turn out of people. It was a fun filled day at Woodward Park. Races, bachi ball, food, and bingo were enjoyed by everyone.

### New Business

**1.** The **letter** asking for help from church members for the training of our MAs was sent out recently.

**2.** There was a **Sangha Gathering & Obon obento planning meeting** held on May 19.

**3. Calvin** made a motion to join **Save Mart Share Program** to receive a percentage of monies spent by our congregation. **Clyde** seconded. Motion passed. Anyone interesting in using a card which can be used every time you buy something at SM should contact **Curtis K.**

**Clyde** made a motion to adjourn. **James** seconded, motion passed.



# BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

By Julie Doi, *BWA Newsletter Writer*

June is the month of Gakko for the kids, vacations, graduations, weddings and Father's Day. It is also the month summer begins! Obon is just around the corner, in fact, talk about changes, this year the first Central California **Obon** is on **June 28** in **Visalia!** Our first Parlier **Obon practice** starts on **Monday, June 16th**.

We were very fortunate to have **Rev. Midori Nakagawa** as our guest speaker for our May **Gotan-E Service** this year. As MA's we are learning alot from her as far as proper Buddhist etiquette, although each Reverend seems to do things alittle differently. Thank you **Group Three**, headed by **Lynn** and **Glenn Yoshimoto**, for cleaning the church and **Toban group - City** headed by **Yuki Goishi** and **Ruby Yukawa** for the Otoki (refreshments) after the service! Thank you to **May Takata** for the refreshments for the Board Meeting.

Thank you also to **Toshie** and **Yuki Mori** for being in charge of organizing the bouquets for the cemetery and BWA members for bring, assembling and placing the bouquets at the cemetery! You always come through and bring an abundance of beautiful flowers. Thank you also to **Curtis, Yuki** and **James** for helping! Special thanks to **Lily Araki** who furnished all the statis flowers.

Another change this year was our MA's were in charge of the **Memorial Day Service** this year. **Calvin Doi** was in charge of the service and **Yuki Mori** gave a wonderful Dharma Talk. **Toshie** and **Yuki** will be going to **Japan** in the later part of the year to continue their studies and move up to the next level, Tokudo.

**Cheryl, Toshie** and **Yuki** went to visit **Irene Kozuki** who was in the Selma Hospital.

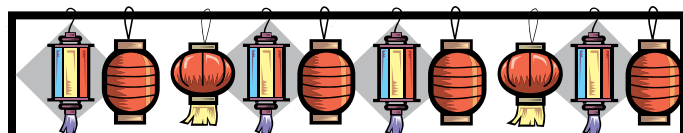
This month our cleanup will be **Group One** heading by **Fusa Ishimaru** and **Otoki** by **Toban Group South** headed by **Miyo Ohara** and **Carol Guerra**. **Carol Guerra** is also bring the refreshments for the board meeting in June.

The **Taichi group** continues to exercise and have fun every **Thurs** from **8a-9a**. Taichi will move to the **Parlier Park** on Thurs., June 19 for the summer. The **Welcome Center** continues to provide activities and food for everyone who attends. It is held from **9:15a** on **Thurs.** at the Parsonage. **Yuki** will also do a session on breathing exercises and will have a **Health Corner** in our upcoming newsletters.

At the **CCBWL** meeting, a CD with photos taken at the conference and an 8x10 group picture taken at the March conference were given to each chapter. You can order photos through **Cheryl**. The **43rd FBWA conference** will be held in Irvine on **Oct. 10-12**. "**Sharing our Life Stories as Buddhists,**" is the theme of the conference. Nine tremendous special guest speakers from different Buddhist traditions will help us to better understand our own tradition. We come to appreciate that our view of the world is only one of many. Through sharing our life stories as Buddhists, we gain a deeper understanding of our own tradition, our lives and the world. Let **Cheryl** know if you are interested in attending the Conference. One of our **FBWA projects** started around 5 years ago was to have pictures of **Eshinni** and **Kakushinni** placed somewhere near the alter of every BCA Church, because of their great part they played in spreading the Jodo Shinshu tradition. A CD with pictures of them was sent to us from Japan and have been framed and are ready to hang in all Central California Buddhist Churches.

## HEALTH CORNER

Watch for our **Health Corner** in our upcoming newsletters. If you have any interesting articles or would like to share health tips, excises or anything related to health contact **Yuki Mori** at 638-8614. Join us also on Thursdays for Taichi and at the Welcome Center (Church parsonage) for activities and refreshments.



### PARLIER OBON DANCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

**Monday, June 16**      **Thursday, June 19**  
**Monday, June 23**      **Wednesday, June 25**  
**Monday, June 30**      **Wednesday July 2**

*Dances use kachi-kachi, round fan, folding fan, & towel.*

*Practice will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the church.*

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## Procedures for Requesting A Minister

### Funerals:

The family will contact either **Curtis Koga:**

**Cell: 559 618-1528**

Or: **Dennis Ikuta:**

**Home: 559-638-4962**

**If a family requests a Makuragyo Service:** During the week contact the Fresno Betsuin Office 442-4054 or Rev. Nakagawa on weekdays or weekends directly at 970-7652.

### Family Memorial Service:

**For services at the Parlier Buddhist Church:** The family will contact Curtis Koga for availability of the church. Then the family will contact **Lee Osaki** at the **Fresno Betsuin** 442-4050 to schedule the service. The Fresno Betsuin office hours are 9a – 5p Monday thru Friday. Do not call the Fresno Betsuin office during the weekends as the on-call person does not take reservations for any service. Return call to Curtis to confirm date and time for the service at the church.

**For services at family home:** Family will contact **Lee Osaki** at the **Fresno Betsuin** office to arrange for a minister.

If you know your preferred date for a memorial service, please make your arrangements early. For any questions, call Curtis Koga.



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## MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

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*The JUNE Shotsuki Service will be on Sunday, JUNE 15, 2014.  
Families, as well as all members and friends are encouraged to attend.*

### JUNE SHOTSUKI

#### DECEASED

Mrs. Umeno Arifuku	55 yrs
Mr. Risaku Watanabe	47 yrs
Mrs. Tomoichi Takayama	46 yrs
Mr. Shintaro Okino	44 yrs
Mr. Masayuki Okino	17 yrs
Mrs. Yaino Okino	37 yrs
Mr. Sugimatsu Yano	43 yrs
Mr. Nobuta Ebisuda	42 yrs
Mr. Terumi Ogami	34 yrs
Mr. Masaru Okuma	39 yrs
Mr. Kikuji Kimoto	24 yrs
Mr. Tsune Sasa	17 yrs
Mr. Teruo Terry Hiromoto	18 yrs
Mrs. Masa Yoshimoto	19 yrs
Mrs. Takako Kakutani	15 yrs
Mrs. Tsune Kimura	16 yrs
Mr. Tomio Miyakawa	9 yrs
Mr. Tom Tomomitsu Nakamichi	7 yrs
Mr. Tadashi Kanemoto	5 yrs
Mr. Noboru Bill Goto	3 yrs

#### MOURNER

Mrs. Irene T. Kozuki
Mrs. Jose Tsuboi
Mrs. Natsuko Kimura
Mr. Neil Okino
Mr. Neil Okino
Mr. Neil Okino
Mr. Robert Yano
Mrs. Toshiye Nakamichi
Mr. Fred Nagare (Haru Okuma relative)
Mrs. Hiroko Kimoto
Mrs. Violet Hiromoto
Mr. Kazumi Yoshimoto
Mr. Johnson Kakutani
Mr. Shizuyo Kimura
Ms. Kelvin Miyakawa
Mrs. Toshiye Nakamichi
Mrs. Takako Kanemoto
Mrs. Sets Goto

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





# Buddhist Education Program

Lectures, Classes, Discussions and Dharma Talks



## Summer 2014 Schedule

*Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Center for Buddhist Education (CBE),  
in conjunction with the Central California District Council*

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### Lectures

**Monthly Monday Evening Lectures - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

*Suggested Donation \$5*

**June 2 – “Buddhist Antagonists”**

*Gary Mukai*  
Fresno Betsuin Dharma Center  
2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno, CA 93720  
Tel. (559) 442-4054

**July 7 – “Resolving Life’s Problems Through  
Buddhism -**

**Greed and Anger Issues”**

*Rev. Marvin Harada, Co-director, CBE*  
Buddhist Church of Parlier  
360 Newmark Ave., Parlier, CA 93648  
Tel. (559) 618-1528

**August 4 – “Symbolism of the Buddhist  
Altar/Onaijin”**

*Greg Mukai*  
Reedley Buddhist Church  
2035 15th Street, Reedley, CA 93654  
Tel. (559) 638-2146

**Sept. 1 – “Resolving Life’s Problems  
Through Buddhism (cont) -  
Ignorance and Stress Issues”**

*Rev. Marvin Harada, Co-director, CBE*  
Fresno Betsuin Dharma Center  
Tel. (559) 442-4054

## Ongoing Classes and Discussions

**Introduction to Buddhism**

**May 1, 8, 15, 22 – 7:00 PM**  
*Rev. Alan Sakamoto*  
Fresno Betsuin Dharma Center  
2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno, CA 93720  
Tel. (559) 442-4054

**Introduction to Jodo Shinshu**

**May 29, June 5, 12, 19 - 7:00 p.m.**  
*Rev. Alan Sakamoto*  
Fresno Betsuin Dharma Center  
2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno, CA 93720  
Tel. (559) 442-4054

**Meditation in Buddhism**

**May 6, 13, 27, June 3, 10, 24, July 1, 8, 22, 29**  
**7:00 - 8:00 PM**  
Check website for further dates  
*Rev. Kakei Nakagawa, Rinban*  
Fresno Betsuin Dharma Center  
2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno, CA 93720  
Tel. (559) 442-4054

**Buddhist Discussions in English**

**Second Wednesday of the month –  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**  
*Led by Curtis Koga*  
Buddhist Church of Parlier  
360 Newmark Ave., Parlier, CA 93648  
Tel. (559) 618-1528

**Tannisho Discussion**

**May 28, June 18, July 30, August 27 - 7:00 p.m.**  
*Rev. Alan Sakamoto*  
Fresno Betsuin Dharma Center  
2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno, CA 93720  
Tel. (559) 442-4054

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### Buddhist Radio Broadcast

**Saturday mornings, 7:25 a.m. on KBIF (AM 900)**  
Short Dharma talks in Japanese and English



<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>10 Minute Talk</b>	<b>Children's Activity</b>	<b>Refresh-ments</b>	<b>Altar Osonaye, Fruit, &amp; Obuppan</b>	<b>Adult 20 min. round table discussion</b>	<b>Need:</b>
July 6th	<b>Interdependence</b>	Children	<b>Curtis</b>	<b>Cheryl</b>	<b>Ebisudas</b>	<b>Matsuko</b>	<b>Curtis</b>	
Aug. 3rd	<b>Four Noble Truths</b>	Children	<b>Dennis</b>	<b>Irene</b>	<b>Julie</b>	<b>Gail H.</b>	<b>Dennis &amp; Curtis</b>	
Sept. 7th	<b>Eightfold Path (1-4)</b>	Children	<b>Irene</b>	<b>Andrea</b>	<b>Toshie</b>	<b>Joyce</b>	<b>Irene &amp; Cheryl</b>	
Oct. 12th	<b>Eightfold Path (5-8)</b>	Children	<b>Kaye</b>	<b>Cheryl</b>	<b>Ashley &amp; Courtney</b>	<b>Kaye</b>	<b>Kaye &amp; Toshie</b>	
Nov. 2nd	<b>Wisdom</b>	Children	<b>Calvin</b>	<b>Kari</b>	<b>Sho &amp; Kari</b>	<b>Julie</b>	<b>Calvin &amp; Janette</b>	<b>Mochi game</b>
Dec. 14th	<b>Mochi Making</b>	Children	<b>Video(?)</b>	---	---	---	---	

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\*Osonaye can be manju, cookies, wrapped senbei, etc., in addition to the fruit offering

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***Saturday***  
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6	(Sun)	Sangha Gathering.....	10:00am
7	(Mon)	Rev. Harada's Class.....	7:00pm
9	(Wed)	Curtis Discussion Class .....	7:00pm
12	(Sat)	Fresno Obon .....	
12	(Sat)	Q & A with Rev. Masuda.....	4:00pm
13	(Sun)	Obon Service, Rev. Masuda ....	10:00am
14	(Mon)	Board Meeting.....	7:00pm
19	(Sat)	Fowler Obon .....	
20	(Sun)	Parlier Obon ( <i>food sales begin</i> )....	4:30pm
26	(Sat)	Reedley Obon.....	

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28	Gordy Misaki

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