



THE WHITE PATH

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August Service and Events:

- 8/10/2025 - August Shotsuki Service
– 10:00 a.m. – Rev. Amy Umezu

September Service:

- 9/14/2025 – Fall Ohigan and September Shotsuki Service –
Dharma School - 10:00 a.m. – Guest speaker –
Rev. Patti Oshita





Do You Know About Peace Day in Hawaii?

In Japan, while peace memorial events are held in Hiroshima every August, every year on September 21st, the State of Hawaii observes “Peace Day,” a day dedicated to promoting nonviolence, compassion, and the importance of education. While this date coincides with the United Nations’ International Day of Peace, Hawaii’s Peace Day has a uniquely Buddhist origin.

Its beginnings trace back to the early 2000s, when young members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii began taking action. Reflecting on peace and social justice, these youth were deeply influenced by Shin Buddhist teachings—such as interdependence, compassion, and non-harming. For them, peace was not just a political slogan, but something nurtured through daily actions and the attitude of one’s heart.

In 2007, with support from ministers, teachers, and temple leaders, they submitted a resolution to the Hawaii State Legislature to formally establish Peace Day. That same year, the Legislature passed the resolution, and Hawaii became the first state in the United States to officially recognize Peace Day statewide.

This was not merely a symbolic gesture. It was a real-life application of the Dharma in the public sphere. In today’s world—so often dominated by news of violence and division—Hawaii’s Peace Day reminds us of a central Buddhist truth: true peace begins from within. To choose peace means not choosing the path of anger or retaliation. In even the smallest moments, we can choose kindness and calm. And when we say “*Namo Amida Butsu*,” peace has already begun in that very moment.

The young people who helped make Peace Day a reality embodied this truth. They did not wait until they had more age, status, or power. Instead, they acted quietly but firmly, guided by the Dharma, the support of their sangha, and their own inner sense of responsibility.

Today, temples observe Peace Day through services and Dharma messages, and schools hold activities such as peace banners, essays, and projects. A new generation of

Buddhists continues to lead the way, spreading the meaning of peace through cultural events and interfaith gatherings.

Hawaii's Peace Day teaches us that when young people live out their belief in peace and compassion, they can help transform society. Buddhist practice is not confined to temple halls—it can reach the legislature, the classroom, and the neighborhood.

In gassho,

げんばく こ ぞう ぞん 原爆の子の像をご存じですか？

みなさまは、ひろしま へいわきねんこうえん がある「げんばく こ ぞう ぞん
原爆の子の像」をご存じでしょうか。

りょうて そら の お づる かか しょうじょ ぞう しょうじょ さきさきさだこ
両手を空に伸ばし、折り鶴を掲げる少女の像です。あの少女は、佐々木禎子さんという、
じつざい しょうじょ がモデルです。さだこ さい のときに ひろしま げんばく あ
実在した少女がモデルです。禎子さんは、2歳のときに広島で原爆に遭いました。そのときは
げんき 10ねんご はつてつびょう にゆういんせいかつ なか せんばづる お ねが
元気でしたが、10年後、白血病になってしまいます。入院生活の中で、「千羽鶴を折れば願
いがかう」と聞き、たくさんの鶴を折り続けました。

「また げんき になってもう いちど かぞく
「また元気になってもう一度、家族とくらしませうように」

「せんそう へいわ せかい
「戦争のない、平和な世界になりますように」

そんないのこ ちい て いちわいちね お つづ さだこ 12さい な
祈りを込めながら、小さな手で一羽一羽、折り続けたのです。禎子さんは12歳で亡
くなりましたが、その祈りは多くの人の心に届きました。やがて「原爆の子の像」が建て
られ、いまでも せかいじゅう お づる とど
世界中から折り鶴が届けられています。

この ぞう ちか へいわ かね だれ かね へいわ おも
像の近くには、「平和の鐘」もあります。誰でもつくことができる鐘で、平和への思い
をこめて 一打すると、しず ひび せかい ひろ かね ひょうめん ちきゅう つつ
静かな響きが世界に広がるようです。鐘の表面には、地球を包みこ
むように「原爆ドーム」と「鶴」が刻まれています。

ぶつきょう かね たいせつ い み も あさゆう まえ かね な ほとけ
仏教においても、鐘は大切な意味を持ちます。朝夕のおつとめの前に鐘を鳴らすのは、仏
さまに かんしゃ こころ つた しず かんが おも だ ちゅうがくせい がっこう せんばづる お
感謝の心を伝えるため。そして、すべての命に「今こそ目覚めましょう」と呼びかけ
るためです。

わたし せんそう し じだい う 8がつ しぜん むね いた
私は戦争を知らない時代に生まれましたが、それでも8月になると、自然と胸が痛み、
へいわ とうと かんが おも だ ちゅうがくせい がっこう せんばづる お
平和の尊さについて考えさせられます。思い出すのは、中学生のころ、学校で千羽鶴を折
り、ひろしま がっこう とど ひろ お お こ あらそ
広島为学校へ届けていたことです。ひと折りひと折りに、子どもながらに「争いのない
せかい ねが
世界になりますように」と願いをこめていました。

さだこ いの かね ひび わたし ねんぶつ
禎子さんの祈り、鐘の響き、そして私たちのお念仏――

それはどれも、いのちを大切に、争いのない世界を願う心から生まれています。

どうかこの機会に、戦争で亡くなった方々を偲び、平和を願って、静かに手を合わせてい
ただけならばと思います。そして、あみだ じ ひ つつ
阿弥陀さまの慈悲に包まれて生きることを感謝し、
なもあみだぶつ たた
南無阿弥陀仏とお称えいたしましょう。

がつしょう

合掌



Do You Know a Girl Named Sadako?

It is August again.

Every year, when this month comes, I quietly put my hands together and think about peace—and about a little girl named **Sadako Sasaki**, who died too young.



There is a statue in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Japan.

It shows a young girl holding a paper crane high above her head.

That girl was Sadako. She was only 2 years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. At first, she seemed healthy. But ten years later, she became sick with leukemia, a kind of cancer.

While she was in the hospital, Sadako started folding paper cranes.

There is a Japanese saying:

“If you fold 1,000 cranes, your wish will come true.”

Sadako folded many, many cranes with a wish in her heart. She wanted to get better and go home to be with her family again. And more than anything, **she hoped for a peaceful world.**

Sadako passed away when she was just 12 years old. But her story touched many hearts.

People around the world began folding cranes, too. That is why the statue was built—to remember her wish for peace.



Near the statue, there is also a **Peace Bell**.

Anyone can ring it. When the bell rings, its sound spreads gently across the park, like a prayer for peace. The bell has pictures of the Earth, paper cranes, and the Atomic Bomb Dome carved into it.

We ring a bell in Buddhism when we make a wish or promise something important. The sound clears our mind and helps us feel peaceful.

I was born after the war, so I didn't experience it. But when I was in middle school, we folded paper cranes every year and sent them to a school in Hiroshima. Each crane carried our small but heartfelt wish for peace.



Sadako's cranes, the sound of the bell, and our Nembutsu— they all come from the same heart: a heart that cares for others and wishes for a peaceful world.

This August, let us remember those who died in war, and say “**Namo Amida Butsu**” with a heart full of gratitude and peace.

In gassho,



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all temple members and friends who participated in producing another festive and successful Obon/Hatsubon weekend. We all enjoyed the seasonal treats of summer, the somen by the BWA, the refreshments provided by the Golf Club, the Spam musubi made by all the Dharma School families, and the bento boxes created by the YBA. Thank you to the Guerra sisters, Linsay Tuon and Lesly Guerra-Arzola, for providing the Odori dance instruction. It certainly was a special treat to hear the beautiful voice of Mark Sanwo sing the lyrics to Bon Odori Uta and Tanko Bushi for the dancers. It was fun to see all the young children out on the dance floor. Thank you to all the families that purchased memorial lanterns which we had in abundance hanging from the rafters. Thank you to Tayoko Honda and Sharon Asakawa for providing refreshments for the dancers. The Fowler Obon remains a favorite among dancers since it is done indoors which lends a certain amount of intimacy and energy. Don't forget to attend our neighboring Parlier Obon on August 2nd.

The Obon/Hatsubon service was very well attended. It would be nice to have a full hondo like that for every service. The Hatsubon families were well represented. Rev. Blake Honda gave a wonderful Dharma talk. It is quite gratifying to see our native son, Rev. Blake, assigned to the Oxnard Buddhist Church as an official BCA Kyoshi minister. The FBC Golf Club generously provided a delicious box lunch to everyone in attendance to

celebrate Rev. Blake's achievement. All those years of study have finally paid off.

Our next regular service and Shotsuki will be on August 10th. I hope to see you there.

Board of Governors – August

District 1/ 2

Riji

Ken Ishimoto

Rick Miyasaki

Toban

Marlene Miyasaki

Rick Miyasaki

The Shotsuki names for the month of August are:

Sho Tokubo

Moriye Tokubo

Tora Shinkawa

Okazu Honda

Tsuneichi Taniguchi

Kikuyo Komoto

Tosaku Komoto

Yoshio Sakamoto

Ysuto Hata

Bill Tatsuichi Hashimoto

Kats Matsumoto

Takeichi Matsumoto

Bessie Kondo

Ryan Kondo

Yoichi Otani

Yoneko Yamamoto

Torakichi Sera

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July 2025 Donations

Obon/Hatsubon

\$ 30.00 Gary & Arlene Keithley

\$ 20.00 Derek & Yim Honda

Hatsubon

\$ 300.00 Tom & Jenny Teraoka

Steve & Marsha Teraoka

Bob Teraoka

Kodo & Janet Umezu

Kathy & Doren Lee

\$ 100.00 Clevenger Family

\$ 100.00 The Nagata Family

\$ 100.00 Barton Ashida

\$ 100.00 Mark & Jane Foster

\$ 50.00 Geno & Gale Nakai and

Stephanie

\$ 50.00 Lynn & Mitch Nakashima

\$ 50.00 Tayoko & Craig Honda

\$ 50.00 Mrs. Yuko Matoba

\$ 50.00 Darren & Tina Kubose

\$ 25.00 Amy Umezu &

Marie Miyashiro

Obon

\$ 150.00 Ann Yoshimura

Gary & Sandra Yoshimura

Don & Marsha Yoshimura

\$ 100.00 Hitomi Sera and Family

\$ 50.00 Dale Yanagihara

\$ 50.00 The Nagata Family

\$ 50.00 Alex & Roberta Araki

\$ 50.00 Howard & Satomi Hiyama

\$ 50.00 Karen Kondo

\$ 50.00 Miss Yoshiye Ii

\$ 30.00	Eiko Ii
\$ 30.00	Jan Yoshimoto
\$ 30.00	Shig & Aiko Kamine
\$ 25.00	Maryann Miyasaki
\$ 25.00	Linda Matsumoto

Shotsuki

\$ 150.00	Chuck Ideta Family
\$ 100.00	Kikuta Family
\$ 100.00	Robert & Rose Mayebo
\$ 50.00	Alex & Roberta Araki
\$ 50.00	Mrs. Mary Mukai
\$ 50.00	Geno & Gale Nakai and Stephanie
\$ 50.00	June Shimoda
\$ 50.00	Nakamura Family
\$ 50.00	Earl Honda
\$ 40.00	Mitsuye Shinkawa
\$ 30.00	Greg & Gay Mukai
\$ 30.00	Hitomi Sera & Family
\$ 25.00	Lynn & Mitch Nakashima
\$ 20.00	Ms. Sharon Asakawa
\$ 20.00	Kim & George Hashimoto

In Memory of Tina Kato-Clarey

\$ 100.00	Mitch Kato
\$ 50.00	Rev. & Mrs. Kodo & Janet Umezu
\$ 50.00	The Nagata Family

In Memory of Clifford Sera

\$ 500.00	Rob & Yumi Clevenger
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Obon Lanterns

\$ 120.00	Teraoka, Umezu & Lee Families
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\$ 100.00	The Nagata Family
\$ 90.00	June Shimoda
\$ 90.00	Gary & Karen Mukai
\$ 90.00	Earl Honda
\$ 90.00	Hitomi Sera & Family
\$ 60.00	Ron & Maxine Yoshimoto Jan Yoshimoto
	Gary & Arlene Keithley
\$ 60.00	Art & Alice Fujikawa
\$ 60.00	Greg & Gay Mukai
\$ 60.00	Joe & Irene Hara
\$ 50.00	Dr. Ken Sumida
	Tak & Yoko Miyoshi
\$ 30.00	Barton Ashida

Special Donations

\$ 75.00	Lynn & Mitch Nakashima Luncheon
\$ 50.00	Tayoko & Craig Honda Blake Honda's Final Service



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SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR

Center for Buddhist Education, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Jodo Shinshu International Office, BCA Film & Video Committee

BUDDHISM & MOVIES



Ming Lai is a filmmaker and photographer. His narrative and documentary films explore the human condition, from social issues to arts and culture. He's created TV commercials and videos for many international clients, including Coldwell Banker, Epson, Fujitsu, Marukome, and Yakult. His fine art and documentary photography express his artistic vision. With all of his projects, he strives to create enduring works of art that benefit humanity.



Paul Daisuke Goodman is the creative director at Eight East Productions and the writer and director of the award-winning film, *No No Girl*. He is also an editor at the popular online Buddhist school, *Everyday Buddhist* and has contributed to publications such as *Lion's Roar* and *Pacific Citizen*. Paul is a three time cancer survivor and began making feature films after his initial diagnosis in 2016.



Reverend Victor Ogundipe received Tokudo ordination in September of last year. He is a student at the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) in the Master's of Divinity program. Victor and his family, his wife of 13 years, Mylinda, and his 8-year-old daughter, Sati, just moved to the Bay Area in fall of last year. Victor works as a data scientist at the University of Michigan. He enjoys learning new things, visiting new places (especially visiting Buddhist temples and sanghas that he has never visited before), and he is very interested in exploring ways of sharing the Dharma through film.

AUGUST 1-2

JODO SHINSHU CENTER, 2401 DURANT, BERKELEY, CA 94704

IN-PERSON (ZOOM AVAILABLE)

REGISTRATION: [TINYURL.COM/SUMPAC](https://tinyurl.com/sumpac)



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ALL AGES WELCOME

EASY EXERCISE DANCE PARTY

INSTRUCTOR: LESLEY GUERRA

**SUNDAYS, JULY 20
AUG 10, 17, 24**

**12:30PM-1:30PM
FDC GYM**

FEE: \$5 PER PERSON, PER VISIT

KIDS NIGHT OUT

PARENTS' NIGHT OFF!

Who: Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Kids who are potty-trained may be dropped off 5:30PM-9PM

When: Friday, August 8th

Drop-off & Pick-up: 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Multi-Purpose Room with sign-in/sign-out required

Provided: Dessert! Fun! Games!

What to Bring:

- Dinner, snacks, and a water bottle (please label all items).
- To reduce the risk of exposure to others with nut allergies, Kids' Night Out will be a **nut-free** environment. Please, do not send food containing nut products.
- Kids may bring their own toys, but all toys must be labeled — FBT is not responsible for lost or misplaced items.

Fees:

- FBT Members: \$5 per child
- Non-FBT Members: \$15 per child
- Parents are free!

Don't miss out on a fun evening!

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BUDDHIST WOMENS' ASSN.
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PERSIAN EGGPLANT DISHES
demonstration by **MARK MANSURI**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025
10:00AM
FAMILY DHARMA CENTER**

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Central Cal Nenbutsu Family Gathering
(Fresno, Fowler, Hanford, Kingsburg, Parlier, Reedley, Visalia)

Saturday, September 20, 2025

9:00AM ~ 2:00PM

Fresno Buddhist Temple

“How the Nenbutsu Can Enrich Your Life”

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kodo Umezu

Activities for Children

Bounce House

Pizza, Shave Ice

Bingo for Everyone