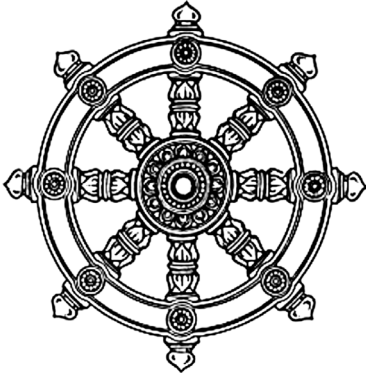


**Resident
Minister**
Rev. Matt Hamasaki



It is now August, which means that bazaar season is upon us. Unfortunately, this year we are still in the pandemic and so it will not be like the bazaars that we're used to, when everyone would come together to chat, work and eat with one another. However, we are still able to capture a little bit of spirit with one of the key pieces of bazaar: teriyaki chicken!

I'm not 100% sure why, but ever since I remember I was able to, I have enjoyed grilling. Maybe it's because I like fire or maybe it's because it's in my blood, but either way I enjoy cooking food outside over a hot grill. Even back in college in the Japanese American Student Society, we had a "Welcome BBQ" where we would introduce ourselves to potential new members. I volunteered to cook the burgers and while others were mingling, I was happy to be making food for everyone. And don't get me wrong, while I enjoy cooking, I also enjoy eating barbeque, especially when it is infused with a delicious smokey flavor!

These days, smoking as a cooking process does little more than impart flavor whereas long ago, it was used as part of a preservation process. Smoke has both antimicrobial and antioxidant properties that help keep out unwanted bacteria as well as stop the fat in meats from going rancid, especially in oily fish (who doesn't like some smoked salmon!). It isn't possible to preserve meats with smoke alone, though, so it usually is salted or dried also to help them last longer.

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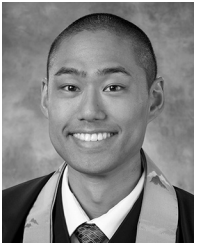
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Although no one can be sure about the exact way smoking as a process was discovered, it's thought that it was by accident when someone had the food that they were preserving too close to a fire and realized later that it made the food tastier, and it lasted longer. It's a fun exercise of the imagination for me to think about the first time that happened and how exciting it must have been to find a new way to make food yummy! Then thinking about how it was perfected over generations, but currently how our advancement in food science has made it more of a culinary tool than one of necessity.

Our practice of Buddhism should be, in a way, very similar. It's important for us to learn and study the teachings. However, it cannot stop there, and we must apply it to our lives. When we try out different things that we've picked up, we will have a similar experience as the person who discovered smoking food and have a bit of an "aha!" moment. From there, we will continue to try to use what we found to improve our life and perfect it. Ideally, we will perfect it to the point that we would not even need to think about that lesson anymore; it has become a part of who we are. We will still use it, but unconsciously, bringing it to mind only when we want, no longer when we need it.

Thus, I hope everyone continues to try to apply the teachings in their everyday life so that your life eventually becomes effortlessly more meaningful, just as over the years the teriyaki chicken at your temple has become perfectly delicious.

This month is usually the time when we are exhausted but also filled with gratitude and a huge sense of accomplishment because we've completed another Annual Bazaar. This will be the second year in a row that we take a break from our huge community gathering. Of course, COVID-19 has kept us from planning another in-person Bazaar and this year the Delta variant has added to our concerns of trying to get back to as normal of a life as possible.

In celebrating our Bazaar's 75th Anniversary, we are very lucky to have such innovative and dedicated members along with the leadership of Karen Adachi who have, once again, planned our **2021 Bazaar At Home Edition**. We are set for Saturday, August 14, 12 noon-5 p.m., at our Facebook page (see the article by Karen Adachi for more details)! Even though the temple facility has been closed for almost a year-and-a-half, the Virtual Bazaar and your continued generous donations have kept the temple financially stable.

Our second Trial In-Person Sunday Service is planned for August 29, **9 a.m.** We are evaluating the July 25 Trial Service and continuing to monitor conditions in Sacramento County to see if we can ease up on restrictions. At the time this article was written, the first trial service had not yet taken place, so if restrictions change for the August 29 Dharma Service, information will be made available online, through email, mail or by phone. Please know that one safety precaution that will remain in place is that *all those attending the service will be required to wear a mask.*

In closing my article for this month, I would like to acknowledge a special member of our sangha who has woken up early on several Saturdays this summer to come out and help our outdoor maintenance volunteers with landscaping and cleaning up the temple grounds. Nathan Imura is a hard worker with a great attitude and at 10 years old, Nate truly exemplifies the concept of dana or selfless giving. Thank you Nathan (and the Imura family), for your dedication to the Betsuin!

In Gassho.

Hot August greetings to SBWA members!

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, August 14, 2021, 12 noon to 5 p.m.
Telethon and Livestream Facebook Live
@BuddhistChurchofSacramento

Many church members have been hard at work to make this year's virtual Bazaar even better. There's so much entertainment, cultural and food demonstrations and the varied contributions that make our sangha so special.

Because of the pandemic, so many things are different and the creativity and energy to deliver so much in a different way is amazing. The fact that we are the recipients of the legacy we were left lends to the fact. Like our ancestors, we just pivot and still deliver the camaraderie and teachings of the dharma no matter what the challenge.

To have a sangha that began in Sacramento in 1899 that continues to thrive today is such a feat. It takes a lot of kindness, compassion and focused energy of the sangha to keep it thriving.

Let's not only mark our calendars, but let's spread the word through the community to see what has been created in this second Bazaar of the Pandemic. I know of some of the contributions and I know you won't be disappointed. There's literally something of interest for everyone.

Don't forget to order special Bazaar merchandise — T-shirts, aprons, tote bags and more — until August 22.

Legacy Endowment Fund

Stuart Ito

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Karen Adachi (at left in top row) hosts Bazaar At Home 2021 Committee meeting.

Hello Everyone: It's good to be back. My last article for the SANGHA was in December 2020 — the final month of my two-year term as president of the temple. Well, I'm back but now in a new capacity as a Legacy Endowment Fund Board member. The Legacy Board's mission is to "cultivate, promote and sustain the Jodo Shinshu tradition in the Sacramento region" and we have nine dedicated Legacy Board members who meet monthly to discuss how we can promote our vision. We each take a turn at writing the SANGHA article and this month I'm the lucky one!

Since it is August, how can I not talk about Bazaar? In fact, this will be our 75th Annual Bazaar! When we did Bazaar At Home last year, I thought that would be it. One special year — one and done — an anomaly. Nope! This pandemic is still stubbornly with us, so here we go again. Our Second Bazaar At Home edition telethon fundraiser will be streaming live on Facebook August 14 starting at noon. You do NOT need to have a Facebook account to watch. If you are new to Facebook, just go to our website, www.buddhistchurch.org on August 14 and there will be a link prominently displayed that will take you directly to Bazaar At Home 2021.

Our Board of Trustees President-Elect Karen Adachi is once again managing the entire event and is the key behind-the-scenes person. Karen has been running a meeting every week to plan the event. We have over 30 segments of interviews and entertainment, merchandise, and this year — bentos. All of this requires a lot of planning and we are very thankful to have Karen running the show. The good thing is since we have done it before, it should be much easier this time — right? Well, we'll see. I admit it's a bit complicated when doing a live show for 5 hours!

Sharon Ito and Sensei Koichi Mizushima will once again be our on-air personalities. It's going to be a lot of fun and we hope you will enjoy all the segments we have prepared for you. Last year we far exceeded our fundraising goals and we hope to do so again this year. The Bazaar represents one-third of the temple's income, so we hope we can once again have a successful event. Many sangha and nonsangha members from far and near have generously donated.

Although Sharon and Sensei Koichi are the faces of our event and Karen is at the helm, I would like to also acknowledge some other very important folks: Brian Hatano (marketing and communications), Sandy Kataoka Fong (marketing, communications and bento distribution), Sandy's daughter Stephanie (graphic designer for the event and merchandise), Audrey Seo (merchandise ordering and distribution), Michael Watanabe, Russell Oto, Marty Sakata and Sensei Koichi (bento planning and preparation), and over 90 volunteers from the Board of Trustees, Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) and Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association (SBWA) who will prepare close to 1,000 (now sold out) bentos. New to the team this year is Kelly Gartman, who has been a tremendous help in recording interviews, and producing and editing a large portion of the program segments. Reverend Matt Hamasaki will also be joining us on air again this year. The Legacy Board has once again helped fund the purchase of needed equipment for the production of this 5-hour virtual event. Lastly and most importantly, I wish to thank the sangha and all the donors for their incredible support last year and to those who will choose to support the temple this year. We all know it takes considerable effort by so many people and I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of them.

Hopefully we can open again soon and have an in-person Bazaar next year. That will depend, of course, on how we all manage through the pandemic. The impermanence and interdependence we talk so much about in Buddhism has been on prominent display this last year-and-a-half. Please stay safe and hopefully we will all see each other soon.

Namoamidabutsu.



**75th Annual
Bazaar At
Home Edition
Livestream
Fundraiser**

Karen Adachi



Saturday, August 14, 2021 - 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 12 noon to 5 p.m., we will be celebrating our 75th Annual Bazaar with a special virtual program featuring temple members and leaders, local businesses, and bazaar cultural programs. Hear about the history of the bazaar and see actual video footage from the 50th Annual Bazaar in 1996.

A link to this livestreamed event will be posted on the church’s website at: www.buddhistchurch.org and on the church’s Facebook page [facebook.com/buddhistchurchofsacramento](https://www.facebook.com/buddhistchurchofsacramento).

Commemorative 75th Annual Bazaar merchandise will be available for purchase on a pre-order online basis only. We will place our order for merchandise after the August 22 deadline, and merchandise will be available for pickup or shipped sometime between September 18 and October 3, 2021.

BAZAAR 2021 MERCHANDISE

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Merchandise pick up date and ship date estimated between
September 18–October 2



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ONE SIZE – \$22



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**75th Annual
Bazaar At
Home Edition
Livestream
Fundraiser
(Continued)**



Due to an overwhelming flurry of orders, the bentos were sold out early. Thank you to those who were able to place their orders before we were sold out. Bento orders will be available for pickup on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at designated pickup times.

Donations to the telethon can be accomplished using one of these three methods:

- Mail a check or money order to the church (noting it is for “Bazaar At Home Edition”).
- Call in during the live program on Saturday, August 14, 2021 between 12 noon and 5 p.m. — (916) 446-0121 — and provide your credit card information.
- Pay online with a credit card on the church’s website before, during or after the livestream event (*buddhistchurch.org*).

If you do not wish to be recognized in the Sangha newsletter for your donation, please be sure to add a note requesting to remain anonymous.

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2XL, 3XL – \$22
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S, M, L, XL – \$20
2XL, 3XL – \$22

**75th Annual
Bazaar At
Home Edition
Livestream
Fundraiser
(Continued)**



Important Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, August 14, 2021: 12 noon–5 p.m.:** 2021 Bazaar At Home Edition Livestream Fundraiser. Links: buddhistchurch.org or Facebook page: [facebook.com/buddhistchurchofsacramento](https://www.facebook.com/buddhistchurchofsacramento).
- **Sunday, August 22, 2021:** Drive-thru bento pickup at the church parking lot (2401 Riverside Boulevard) at designated time between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- **Sunday, August 22, 2021 - 11:59 p.m.:** Deadline for ordering bazaar merchandise online at: buddhistchurch.org. Estimated pickup or ship dates: September 18–October 3, 2021.

Performances, demonstrations and interviews which will be featured on the telethon

The order in which the segments will be broadcast will be posted on the church's website during the week before the event.

Program Hosts

Koichi Mizushima and Sharon Ito

Interviews with Temple Members and Leaders

- Reverend Matthew Hamasaki
- Minister Assistant – Sensei Grace Hatano
- Temple Board of Trustees Member Tristan Brown
- Cliff Adams – interview and musical performance
- Roy Imura
- Reiko Kurahara
- Aileen Niizawa-Morris
- Harry Noguchi
- Jim Watkins
- Sakura Gakuen
- Sacramento Jr. YBA – Co-Presidents Allison Goi and Cara Ishisaka
- Leann Castle
- Dr. Jolene Nakao
- Julie, Troy and Tricia Ota – Strive for Strength and Teens Create Dreams
- Cub Scout Pack 50

Spotlight on Local Businesses

- ACC Senior Services – Derrick Lam
- Kiyō's Florist – Lisa Taira
- North American Food Distributing Co. – Harley and Judy Inaba
- Osaka-Ya – Linda Nakatani

Cultural Demonstrations/Performances

- Bonsai by Lucy Sakaishi-Judd – Featuring a demonstration on Accent Kusamono
- Craig Takehara, Chef and Owner of Binchoyaki – cooking demonstration
- Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association – sushi making demonstration by Nancy Hashimoto and Loleen Nakano
- Sacramento Minyo Doo Koo Kai dance group

Vocal and Instrumental Performances

- East Wind Band – Interview and Bazaar Performances
- Brian Hatano - trumpet
- Alexi Ishida
- Kendyl Ito
- Alan Kobayashi – Ukulele Ensemble
- Merv Maruyama
- Henry and Ellie Mizushima – grandfather/granddaughter duet
- Sacramento Betsuin Choir Quartet – Sue Ann Kashiwagi, Julie Kawaye, Rod Nishikawa and Stephen Kashiwada
- Sacramento Taiko Dan Youth Performing Ensemble – including an interview with Sascha Molina

History of the Temple

- Bazaar Memories – history of the bazaar and videos from the 50th Annual Bazaar by Alan Kobayashi
- History of the Nokotsudo



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Medical Series:
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and Dementia**
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Kate Kriner
Alzheimer's Association Community Educator



11th Annual SBC Golf Tournament

Richard Kai



Adult Buddhist Association

Keiko Jean Kashiwada
ABA President

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Free Shredding Day



The 11th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church (SBC) Golf Tournament was held at Dry Creek Ranch Golf Course on July 29. The tournament committee appreciates the many tee sponsors and raffle prize donors for their generous support of this golf tournament. Each of the sponsors, donors and those who provided raffle prizes were listed in the tournament program, and are highlighted on the Betsuin's website at www.buddhistchurch.org. The success of this event cannot be achieved without their help and support.

Of special note, the committee extends its appreciation to Carol Takasugi and the J. Morey Company, Inc. for sponsoring the Hole-In-One (HIO) prizes for this year's event. This is the fifth year J. Morey has sponsored the cash prizes of \$5,000 and merchandise for a HIO on each of the Par 3s.

Robbie Midzuno is another generous donor who deserves recognition for the success of the SBC annual golf tournament. He once again donated two grand raffle prizes with the first being a three-night and the second a two-night stay at the Lake Tahoe Vacation Resort during the week of the 2022 American Century Celebrity Golf tournament. This event is scheduled for July 6-10, 2022 (event dates are subject to change).

Finally, a special thanks go out to Diane Shimosaka and Sheryl Kajioka and their team of volunteers who arrived early the morning of the tournament to check in golfers, helped box the bento lunches and tagged the winner's name on each raffle prize. Myra Okasaki, Minh La and Alan Wu are three other nonplaying committee members who took charge of preparing the tournament program and scoring, photography duties, on-course beverages distribution and conducting the virtual raffle process. The final words of appreciation from the committee are extended to Gordon Nitta, temple president, who provides guidance and is our conduit to the Board of Trustees.

ABA's officers have continued to meet via Zoom or email to discuss the current Asian hate crimes, sponsorship of the Betsuin Golf Tournament, and participation in the 2021 Virtual Bazaar. Men's Vice President John Yoshikawa and I would like to thank our ABA Telephone Tree chairs, Elaine Yoshikawa and Martha Kushida, for always spreading the word on Betsuin and community events and fundraisers on a very timely basis. ABA will be contributing \$1,000 to the 2021 Virtual Bazaar again this year.

Some of our ABA officers have volunteered to participate in the ACC Escort Service. Many of us are completing the mandatory training and will soon be ready to participate. John Yoshikawa has recruited 12 volunteers on behalf of ABA and has contacted our members to see if any of them or their families would like to take advantage of this service. Please feel free to contact either one of us if you have family members who might want to take advantage of this service. It may be as simple as having one of us accompany you or your family members on a walk. Our email addresses are: John Yoshikawa at spyron@aol.com or Jean Kashiwada at ksjkash@aol.com.

The ACC will contact one of the volunteers who lives the closest to you and we will be happy to accompany you on a walk or meet you at a grocery store to walk you to your car.

ABA encourages all of you to watch the 2021 Virtual Bazaar and make your donations to help sustain our temple. It should be another great program. This year is our 75th Annual Bazaar and special commemorative items are available for sale on a pre-sale only basis. As mentioned in the July SANGHA, the deadline to order your merchandise is August 22, 2021.

Take care during the hot weather, stay hydrated, and be aware of your surroundings! We hope to see you soon back at the temple for service!

Saturday, September 25, 2021, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

On Saturday, September 25, 2021, ABA will be sponsoring a Free Shredding Day. A shredder truck has been contracted by ABA to provide on-site paper shredding in Quinn Alley (next to the church) from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., or until the truck is full.

Church families and friends are welcome to bring bags and boxes of sensitive/confidential papers to be shredded on-site for no charge. Take advantage of this opportunity to clean out those file cabinets and boxes in the closet!

**The Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) invites
church families and friends to a**

Free Shredding Day

**Saturday, September 25, 2021
9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Bring your sensitive/confidential paper documents to be professionally shredded on-site at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento (in Quinn Alley)

2021 Family Memorial Service Schedule

Sakura Gakuen



Thoughts on Rice
Randall Ishida

Use Amazon Smile Link to Support the Betsuin

Traditionally, family memorial services are held for loved ones on designated anniversaries. These are precious occasions to honor the treasured memories of our beloved ones and to realize how fortunate we are to be embraced by Amida Buddha's light of wisdom and life of compassion.

Year of Death	2021 Memorial	Year of Death	2021 Memorial
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Rice is a staple of the Asian diet. People of many cultures see this food as a substantial part of their daily consumption. No matter how you look at things in the diverse population we have today, we have one thing in common. It's eating. Rice is one example of food, because it has similarities that are savored and appreciated by most citizens. It is cooked differently to reflect the various ethnic backgrounds of society. Eaten in moderation or daily, rice is enjoyed by many people. In some cultures, eating rice has symbolic benefits. As an example, mochi is pounded rice and has a significant ritual. It is said that if you eat as many mochi as your age, you will be strong and have lots of luck, especially into the new year.

You never hear people complaining about or protesting certain foods. Especially rice. If they don't like it, then they just choose not eat to it or simply won't buy it.

We need to respect and appreciate one another. After all, it's who you eat it with that is what counts. If you never tried it, you have no business for hate nor reason to protest.



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Brian Hatano

When you donate to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, your tax-deductible contribution helps support the operation, maintenance and many programs of the temple. Likewise, your membership dues and income generated from our annual Bazaar in August help sustain the church throughout the year. Donations to the temple are placed in the General Operating Fund. You also may direct your donations to the church to benefit one of our many programs, such as Scouts, Dharma School, ABA, SBWA, Minister Assistants, or for a capital expenditure project.

You may also contribute to the Legacy Endowment Fund, which is a long-term investment in which the principal remains untouched — only the interest generated is used. The fund is managed by financial professionals and the LEF Board. Contributions to the fund help fulfill these needs in a timely manner without undertaking major fundraising or depleting general operating funds. Specific needs include:

- Educational programs/scholarships for members, ministers, ministerial candidates plus perpetual or periodic scholarships
- Eitaikyo: Renovation and general maintenance of the temple shrine.

Of course, cash and checks are greatly appreciated, but your donations can be in the form of automobiles, and of distributions from IRAs, stocks and bonds. We also can take credit cards in the office. Click on the Amazon Smile logo on our website to enable the Betsuin to get a commission on your purchases on Amazon. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Because of your generosity, we have a vibrant and active Sangha — one of the largest in the Buddhist Churches of America organization. Our rich legacy began with our founding in 1899, with the mission to sustain the temple for the present and generations to come.

Sports Committee

Alan Wu



Good day! Happy August to you and yours. Time, as usual, has been flying by, and many suggest that we must be having fun. Are you having fun? It has been about 17 months since the first shelter-in-place orders were issued; and now it seems like it is kind of fun to explore the possibilities of going out in public once again.

Nevertheless, just because you can does not mean you should. Just like you can cross a street without looking both ways, does not mean you should.

Considering the number of new cases are increasing since the state "re-opened," it seems that we may be jumping the gun, putting the cart before the horse, not looking before we leap, and definitely not looking both ways before we cross that street.

Not only is the original virus still hanging around, the Delta variant is also making its way through the streets of our society, so we now have a double threat to be on guard for. "It's like déjà vu all over again!"

To be reminded of some sage advice from Reverend Bob back in 2020 speaking from first-hand experience:

"... This COVID is no hoax! It's a monster! ... Please do not let your guard down. COVID is just waiting for us to relax our guard. Stay safe and well!

Bob...& Patti too"

Use common sense (or uncommon sense) to do the sensible thing. Just as it is the sensible thing to look both ways before you cross the street, do the sensible thing and continue to protect yourself and others from this virus that continues to grow and spread. We can see the edge of the woods, but we are not yet out of the woods.

There is no law about crossing the street and looking both ways, but it is prudent to do the right and sensible things to stay safe and lengthen your lives.

So, this year on July 10, we had a virtual Hatsubon service to keep everyone safe at home while still celebrating the family and friends whom we lost last year, and years prior. In addition, as an added benefit, we avoided many heat-related health issues since it was something like 108 degrees Fahrenheit, in the shade, that day.

Next up is our 2021 Bazaar At Home Edition celebrating the 75th annual event on Saturday, August 14, from noon to 5 p.m. See the official procedures for joining our virtual experience elsewhere in this and July's SANGHA newsletters.

Also, visit our website: buddhistchurch.org for additional information.

What about sports?

What about Shohei Ohtani hitting 60 homers and pitching a no hitter?

What about the San Francisco Giants in first place?

What about the Oakland A's in first place?

What about the Oakland Raiders... ummm, Las Vegas Raiders getting Aaron Rogers?

What about the San Francisco 49ers getting Aaron Rogers?

What about the San Jose Sharks making it to the Stanley Cup Finals?

What about the SBC basketball season?

There is no new news about our basketball program for this fall, but stay tuned for updates.

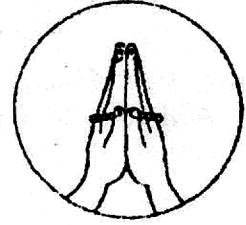
So much sport, so little time.

The time has flown by. Stay safe, and see you the next time.





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理事長のメッセージ

新田ゴードン

8月は平常通りならば恒例のバザーを終えたあと、疲れ切ってはいてもバザーを成就した満足感と感謝の気持ちで満ちている時期です。今年も引き続きこの大きなコミュニティイベントはお休みです。勿論 COVID19 のお陰でいつものようにバザーを開催することが出来ないのですが、平常に戻ろうとしている最中、新たなデルタ Variant が心配の種になりつつあります。

バザーの75周年を記念するにあたって、足立カレンさんの先導により斬新でありまた熱心なメンバーによって今年も再び「バザー・アット・ホーム2021年版」を別院のフェースブック(詳細はサンガに掲載)にて8月14日正午-午後5時まで開催いたします。お寺は1年半以上も閉鎖していますがオンラインによるバザーと皆様からの寛大な寄付のお陰でお寺の経済面は安定を保っています。

2度目の In-Person 日曜サービスは8月29日午前9時より行われる予定です。7月25日の第一回日曜サービスの結果とサクラメント・カウンティの感染状況を考慮に入れて評価することになっていますが、このメッセージを書いているのは25日前なので未だ評価の結果は出ていません。従って8月29日のサービスに関してはEメール、郵便そして電話をもって皆様にご連絡いたします。どちらにしても、基本的な注意事項であるマスク着用をお忘れなようお願いいたします。

終わりに、この紙面を借りて感謝したい特別なメンバーをご紹介したいと思います。この夏のはじめ頃、毎土曜日に数回有志によって別院の庭園修理と清掃が行われました。この時、ボランティアの一人だった井村ネーサンはたったの10才、Danaの精神に溢れていて、一生懸命に働いてくれました。別院のために献身的に尽くしてくれたネーサンと井村ファミリーには深く感謝いたします。

合掌

会長のメッセージ

中富バーバラ

暑中お見舞い申し上げます。

以下の日付を忘れないように：

8月14日(土)正午より午後5時まで

Facebook ライブ @BuddhistChuchofSacramento

別院のメンバー達が今年のオンライン・バザーを一層良くするために懸命に活動しています。エンターテイメント、カルチュラル、食品の実演など盛り沢山で、このほかにも色々な催し物もありこのバザーを特別なものにしていきます。

パンデミックのお陰で色々と違ったものが考え出されそのエネルギーは素晴らしいことです。私達は先人者たちが残してくれた伝統を受け継いで、厳しい道のりであってもお互いに助け合い浄土真宗の教えを伝えていくことです。

1899年に始まったサクラメント仏教会が、現在も発展し続けていることは喜ばしいことです。私達の深い心情と強い信念がサンガを発展させていくのです。

カレンダーに日付を記すだけでなく、このパンデミック禍において開催される2度目のバザーを口伝で広く宣伝することにしましょう。バザーの特別なプログラムはきっと皆様のお気に召すことと確信しております。多くの皆様に楽しんで頂けることは間違いありません。

バザーの限定品、Tシャツ、エプロン、トートバッグ他種々、8月22日までに注文することを忘れないで下さい。

感謝録

本好由紀子師

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