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I am a link in the Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in the Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.

Buddha's Eyes

When I look at the recent news, it seems that there is nothing but tragedies that are occurring in our world today. As we approach the Fourth of July, I think it is also important to reflect on the fact that this nation was—and always has been—in a fragile state. I recently watched parts of the hearings regarding the events that took place on January 6th, 2021, and it is very obvious now just how close this nation came to collapsing that day. I found myself getting so angry at certain groups of people and the former leadership of this country over what almost happened to this nation.



The other day, I was washing the dishes and watching the news and there was a segment on the Ukraine and Russia war. It was an extremely tragic story of how disabled children were being abandoned by their families who, in desperation, fled the country without them. There was one such child, and he was crying over and over, "Momma, momma," not knowing where his mother had gone. You could hear the sadness in his cries, as he reached out his hand to the news person covering the story. I have to admit—I couldn't continue washing dishes and sat there crying. Then I thought about who caused this to happen, and I can only think of one person: Putin. I think about how enraged I get over people like this who are the culprits in causing so much pain and anguish in this world. War is never good, there is never a winner in war, only pain.

But as I sit and reflect upon what it is that Buddhism teaches us about these unfortunate set of circumstances, I have to remember that Buddhism is not about vanquishing evil and fighting for good. This kind of dualistic thinking in actuality foments further destruction and anger. Rather, Buddhism is about bringing those who have gone astray, back on the right track.

The zenmonshu, former head priest of the Hongwanji, states the following: "The goal Buddhism sets up for itself is to go to the rescue of those who have lost their way. And the person who is lost, once they realize they are wandering and lost, naturally returns to the correct path—this is the basic thinking here. Thus, it is not a person who is mistaken that must be punished. A person who is deep in the state of bewilderment must be quickly pulled out of it."

When it comes to ethics and justice, indeed we have to hold accountable those who are causing these great atrocities and stop them from happening further. However, from a spiritual standpoint, we have to take that one step further by understanding that the true resolution to the issue of suffering is not about snuffing out evil and fighting for justice. Absolute truth is not about the issue of good versus evil. Instead, we first have to see the correct path: the path of the Buddha Dharma. And one of the key understandings of this teaching is that all beings are equal in the eyes of enlightenment. Therefore, we should be guided by the truth that unity and peace are part of the Buddha's world of

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enlightenment, and that we should strive to be in alignment with those goals, because that is the way of the Buddha. Despite our many instances of failing at this, we should endeavor to adhere to these principals.

When we turn ourselves over and truly receive the Buddha's Great Compassion, we want to act in a way that is consistent with how the Buddha sees all beings. If we truly understood the Buddha's Great Compassion, would we want to create a war that makes families leave behind their children with certain disabilities? If we can get a glimpse into seeing what the Buddha sees, that all beings are equal, would we want to create a society that creates divisions between groups of people in order to serve our personal interests? Buddhism teaches us to be far more empathetic of other people's circumstances.

This is what this religious teaching has to offer. When we come to understand the Buddha Dharma, or Amida Buddha's Great Compassion, we realize that truth is not about pitting "Self" against "Other," but rather, recognizing the equality of all beings in the eyes of the Buddha.

The Buddha's Gift to the World—Tranquility for a Turbulent Planet by Monshu Koshin Ohtani

1. My Personal Podcast Covering Jodo Shinshu Buddhism

https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/no-doubt-a-shin-buddhist-approach/id1511351502

2. Our Weekly Sunday Services Can Be Found Here:

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低の眼

最近のニュースをみていますと、大変悲しい事件がたくさん出てきます。来る7月にはアメリカの独立記念日のお祝いが毎年あります。しかし、2021年1月6日に首都ワシントンで起きた悲惨な事件についての捜査発表が最近ニュースで放送されました。

そのことで明らかになったのが、この国がもう少しで滅びるところだったとのことです。この事件が起きた原 因を考えてみますと、前の大統領しかないと思い、非常に怒りの気持ちを感じますね。

話は変わりますが、この間家の事をしながらニュースを見ていましたら、非常に悲しい話がまた出てきました 。それは、ウクライナとロシアの間の戦争についてでした。それによると今までの住み場所がロシアからの攻 撃により危険になり他の国に避難された家族がたくさんいたそうです。そしてその家族たちの中に体の不自由 な方や、精神障害者が何人かいたそうでした。深刻な状況に追い込まれてその子供たちの面倒を見ることがで きなくなった家族がいくらかでたのです。そして悲劇が起こりました。その親たちがその子供をその場に置い ていかれたそうなのです。こういうケースが数多くでたらしいのです。何と悲しい辛いことでしょう。私が見 たあるニュースでは一人の少年が「ママ、ママ」と必死になって呼びかけていた姿が映し出されていました。 テレビキャスターの手を必死に握り、「自分のお母さんを探してください」と拝むように頼んでいました。私 はそれを見て家事が続けられませんでした。心が破裂しそうになってしまい、涙がぼろぼろと流れました。

このような恐ろしい戦争は誰が原因なのかと考えてみますと、プーチン大統領しかありませんですね。ここで また怒りを感じます。戦争って本当に恐ろしいものですね。戦争には勝つ者は誰一人もいません。結局、皆が 苦しむ訳です。

このようなニュースをみますと、仏教はどういうことを教えているのでしょうか。仏教は善と悪の戦いを中心 として世の中を見るのではないのです。そのような二元的な考え方は人生に関する「苦悩」の本当の解決に達 成することができないのです。そうではなく、仏教は正しい道(正法)から離れた人たちを取り戻すことでは ないかと思います。

西本願寺の前門主は次のように述べていらっしゃいます。「仏教は道に迷っている人を救うのが目的であり、 迷っている人も、自分の迷いに気付いて正しい道に帰っていくというのが基本的な考えです。ですから、間違 った人が処罰されるのではなく、反対に奥深く迷ってしまった人ほど早く助け出さねばならないのです…した がって、どちらが立派な人かという問題ではなく、今、急を要するのは誰かということです」とあります。

^{9ん9} ^{せいぎ} 倫理や正義のことに関しては、犯罪を犯す者に責任をとらせなければなりません。しかし本当の宗教は倫理や 正義の問題にとどまらず、それより一歩進めていかなければなりません。人間の苦しみの解決は悪を倒し、善 を満たすところにはないのです。「真実」は善と悪の枠内を越えているのです。ですから、まず私たちは正し い道と出逢わなければなりません。それは仏法です。これを正法とも呼びます。また、正法には一切衆生は ^{54,525} 平等であり、そして仏の悟りである涅槃は寂静の世界であると説かれています。つまり、争いのない世界 のことです。現実的には戦争の苦しみがないということです。仏教徒はこの原則を基にして努力をしていくこ とが一つの大事なポイントであるのではないかと思います。

^{***だによらいまま} だいじつ ^{*1しん} 阿弥陀如来様の大慈悲に回心する中、仏様が世の中を見るように私たちもその視線と相応する生き方に向かう ことが大事なのです。仏様のお慈悲と出逢うことによって、障害者や体の不自由の方を放っておかなければな らないような戦争を許すでしょうか。仏様が見るように、世の中の一切衆生が平等であることを一瞬でもその 。 『で観たら、自分勝手な行動バッカりしている自分が許せないはずです。仏様は私たちが一切衆生が平等であ るという立場から物事を考えていくことが必要だよとおっしゃるでしょう。阿弥陀如来様の大慈悲を通しての み、「自」と「他」が対立する世界よりも、一切衆生が平等であることを分かる世界の方がずっと大切であり 、安穏な世界であることが分からせていただくのです。 合掌

*『世の中安穏なれ―現代社会と仏教』大谷光真著を参照しました。

BCA Center for Buddhist Education Living The Dharma (formerly Every Day Buddhism) Committee Presents:



FINDING THE ANTIDOTE TO ANGER, THE SECOND OF THE THREE POISONS

PART 2

Saturday, July 16, 2022 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PT)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji

Rev. Miyaji presentation will focus on the Jodo Shinshu Perspective on Anger



Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji is currently a minister of Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church since August 1, 2020. In addition, he teaches at the Institute of Buddhist Studies located in Berkeley, California. His previous assignment as a minister was at Tacoma Buddhist Temple from December 2017 to July 31, 2020.

He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Japanese language and literature, Institute of Buddhist Studies at Berkeley, California with a Master's in Buddhist Studies, Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan with a Master's Degree in Shin Buddhist Studies and most recently completed his doctoral dissertation entitled, "Shin Buddhist Ethics," through Ryukoku University. He specializes in the areas of Japanese Buddhism and religion, translation of Buddhist scripture, and Jodo Shinshu doctrine and ethics.

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada

Registration https://forms.gle/rmst7dt5CM8VXsgG9

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Services in July 2022 are Hybrid

Please join us in-person in the Hondo or virtually via Zoom! Masks are required in Alameda County to attend in-person, indoors.

> July 3, 2022 No Service



(Note: July & August Shotsuki will be observed with on August 7)

July 10, 2022 No Service (Traditional "Bazaar Sunday")

July 17, 2022 No Service (Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will be on vacation)

July 24, 2022 – Family Service 10 A.M. Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this Hybrid service.

July 31, 2022 – Family Service 10 A.M. Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this Hybrid service.

July 30, 2022, Saturday, at 10 A.M.

Omigaki is the polishing of the ornaments in the Onaijin. Please come to the Hondo classrooms to join in cleaning & beautifying our Onaijin.

Save the Date! SACBC's OBON Saturday. Aug. 13, 2022 Bento Sales 5-6 pm / Dancing 7 pm



Dance practices (optional) in Sangha Hall: 7:30pm August 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, & 11

OBON Cemetery Visitations Saturday, August 6, 2022		
9:00 AM	Mt. Eden Cemetery, Hayward	
9:40 AM	Lone Tree Cemetery, Hayward	
10:20 AM	Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward	
	(Courage Mausoleum)	
11:30 AM	Irvington Cemetery, Fremont	
12:15 PM	Cedar Lawn Memorial Park,	
	Fremont	
1:15 PM	Oakhill Cemetery, San Jose	

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Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara JULY 23, 2022 @ 11a (PT)



ONLINE LECTURE SERIES Registration & Information: https://tinyurl.com/CBEShinran Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church Obon Festival

EVERYONE IS INVITED FREE ADMISSION

Saturday August 13

Bento Sales: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Obon Dance: 7:00 pm

You're invited to the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church's Buddhist Festival of Obon. We will have Obon Dancing, Japanese Music with the San Jose Chidori Band, and Japanese Bento Boxes for sale.

Fun for everyone!

Colorful kimorio-clad participants gather for the Obon dance – a memorial day for our departed loved ones, and a day to give thanks to them. With joy and gratitude, we honor and remember our deceased loved ones, whose very existence has made our own lives possible.

Obon Dance Practices (Optional)

7:30 pm on 8/1, 63, 84, 66, 69 & 8/11 in the Sangha Hall at SACBC, Dance Practices are OPTIONAL – you need not practice. You can just come & join our Obon Dance, EVERYONE is invited to DANCE!

Obon Service: Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 10:00am.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will conduct an in-person and online service for all our departed loved ones. Those who lost their loved ones this past year are especially welcome. We will conduct a special service for them called Hatsubon (First Obon Service).



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Let's Dance! SACBC Obon August 13, 2022

Come out and DANCE once again!!! We will have Obon dancing on Saturday August 13th with music by the Chidori Band. Dance practices are at 7:30pm on 8/1, 8/3, 8/4, 8/8, 8/9 or 8/11.

Our Hatsubon and Obon Service will be on Sunday August 14th.





SACBC FIREWORKS SALE

Come and celebrate July 4th with amazing fireworks from our booth!

Sale starts July 2 (Sat) - July 4 (Mon) from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

Proceeds from the sale goes to SACBC and affiliated organizations.

Please contact John Arai to sign up for shifts to help with the sale. Shifts are:

9 am - noon Noon- 3 pm 3pm - 6 pm 6pm - 9 pm

Fireworks sale will be one of the few fundraisers for SACBC this year. SACBC always splits the profits from the Fireworks sales with the organizations that provide help running the booth. Anyone able to help, please email me at johnmarai1482@gmail.com.

What's Up Dharma School?

Despite the challenges of COVID once again, we were able to hold another full year of Dharma classes this year. Unlike last year, we were able to conduct hybrid services and classes starting in April and had the opportunity to hold an actual in-person graduation presentation this year.

After presentations of the graduates in the hondo, we were able to spend time in the Sangha Hall with a spaghetti otoki and cake with the Dharma class, families, and Sangha. A HUGE thank you to our DS and Jr.YBA Alumni, Russell Yamasaki, for single handedly serving us all at the otoki luncheon.

Congratulations to our seniors: Yumi, Bryce, and Chance. It's been an amazing journey to see you all grow and mature into compassionate human beings. We thank you for letting us be part of that journey.

We'd also like to thank

- SACBC Sangha-we appreciate your support throughout the year from participating in Keirokai, enjoying our DS Hanmatsuri presentations, to our Graduation Otoki.
- Kathy Jang-for being our treasurer and has graciously volunteered to continue for next year.
- Emily Carpio- for helping us coordinate and reserve for our Dhamra school activities at the temple.
- Karen Fuji-for providing BEC support and coordinating the monthly service plan.
- Kyle Yamasaki-putting us into zoom breakout rooms and zoom support
- Rev.Miyaji-for working with us on every dharma lesson. Appreciate your time!

And finally, to the Dharma School parents...thank you for your support with all the challenges we had again this year. We appreciate your effort to have your child be part of Dharma school and hope our class enhanced sensei's Dharma message about the teachings of the Buddha (and also had some cultural fun!).

Wishing everyone a great summer and stay healthy!

In Gassho,

Cathleen and Betty



A few words from our Senior Graduates...

Yumi

I am graduating from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton and I plan to go on to major in biology at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

I would like to thank my teachers, advisors, ministers, family members, and the whole church community for helping to shape me into the person that I am today. I would not be where I am without your wisdom and calm, patient hands guiding me through the trials of growing up. A special thank you to my dharma school and Jr. YBA advisors: Auntie Betty, Auntie Cathleen, and Uncle Kyle for going above and beyond to help support me. I can't thank you enough for always answering my frantic emails or driving far to deliver supplies for the next dharma school class.

I have fond memories of growing up whirling around to music at the Obon festival or developing sales skills at the bazaar pantry. The elders at church taught me to tie a kimono properly and how to pound mochi. It is through my church experience that I feel more connected to my Japanese ancestry.

As I pause at this milestone, Rev. Miyaji's lesson of "okagesamade" comes to mind. I am deeply grateful to both the past and present SACBC community that has provided such a special place for a young child to grow into an adult.

I look forward to coming back to visit! In Gassho, Yumi

Bryce

I just graduated at Amador valley. I plan to go to college at Cal State Fullerton and major in pre business. I want to thank my friends from school and dharma school for helping me learn and get through my childhood. I want to thank my parents for everything they have provided for me. The one memory I had was the first YBA meeting I went to, I really didn't know what to expect and it was the first time I met Chance. I also remember all the volleyball tournaments we did and all the practices we had. Volleyball was fun for a lot of us since it was a sport where not many of us played before so everyone was learning how to play and get better. I also remember all the bazaars we had, and the smell of the barbecue, I miss having them and I hope we can have one soon.

Chance

Chance writes "My favorite Dharma talks were always the ones about blind passions. Limiting forms of blind passions has helped me reconnect with the real world more and treasure the things in life that are much more valuable than weekly hours spent on social media and playing video games. Focusing myself away from these greedy passions it able to allow me to focus on my journey one step at a time.

Mrs. Masuko Kitayama Memorial Scholarship 2022

It is with great pleasure that the SACBC Scholarship Committee announces the recipient of the Mrs. Masuko Kitayama Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes graduating youth who both academically excel, as well as contribute to Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church as a whole. The recipients are:

Ms Yumiko Florando has been active in Dharma School and Jr. YBA. She held various Jr.YBA cabinet positions, including serving as the 2021-2022 President of SACBC's Jr. YBA. She is graduating from Amador Valley High School and plans to attend UC Santa Barbara where she plans to major in Biology.

Mr. Bryce Osaki has participated in Dharma school, athletic association, and Jr.YBA and has been the Jr.YBA Religious chairperson for the last four years. He is graduating from Amador Valley High School and plans to attend Cal State Fullerton or UC Riverside where he plans to major in business.

Mr. Chance Tokubo has participated in Dharma school, athletic association, and Jr.YBA. He is graduating from Newark Memorial High School and plans to attend US Davis where he plans to major in Applied Mathematics.

We congratulate Yumi, Bryce, and Chance on their achievements and contributions to Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church. We wish all of them the very best of success in all their future undertakings and endeavors, knowing that they are always in Amida's Light and Compassion.



Tak & Mary Misaki Buddhist Youth Award 2022



The first <u>Tak & Mary Misaki Buddhist Youth Award</u> was presented to Yumi Florando on June 5, 2022. The award recognizes Yumi's pursuit of learning the Buddha Dharma as seen through her participation in

Dharma School, JrYBA, Buddhist conferences, and various activities that support the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church and community.

Congratulations, Yumil The Misaki family is proud to present this certificate and monetary award to you. May you continue to learn the Buddha Dharma and put your Faith in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.



College Graduates 2021-2022:

Bradley Sakihara graduated with BA in Business with specialization in International Business from San Jose State University. Bradley is currently working at AdTech in Santa Clara as an assistant to the Operations manager.

Kylie Chan graduated with BA in Business Management from University of St. Katherine. Kylie will be continuing her education at University of St. Katherine to do a master's degree in Organizational Leadership. She will also be a graduate assistant for the athletic director and the women's basketball team.

Garrett Mark is graduating this week with a BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology & BA in Psychology from University of California, Davis. Garrett is in the process of applying to medical school.

Tamsin Kennedy graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. Tamsin is currently working as a physical therapist.



WE WANT YOU!

As our next SACBC Treasurer for 2023!

Job Description:

- Bank deposits: organize & copy checks. (SACBC Office Manager can assist). Review deposits and total checks by type of donation: Membership, Memorial, Special service, etc. Input deposit information into SACBC Financial Reports.
- Payments: issue checks and make online payments. Update SACBC Financial Reports.
- Payroll: issue paychecks. Update SACBC Payroll Worksheets & SACBC Financial Reports.
- Quarterly: prepare & submit reports to EDD and IRS. Annual: send information to our Payroll Consultant to prepare W-2 and W-3.
- Property Tax: Annually file Property Tax Exemption.
- Insurance: Annual Workers Compensation Audit. Annually review coverage and consider whether limits should be increased.

Time required:

When deposits are processed, it takes 1 - 2 hours to do the various tasks depending upon how many checks are received. If there is no deposit, it takes 30 minutes or less to do the various tasks per week. Month-end tasks (payroll & preparing the next month's financial statements) takes about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ hours. Except for the copying of checks, it can all be done at home on your computer on your own timing.

Larry Gissible has been a tremendous asset to SACBC and given back for over a decade as our treasurer and wishes to transition his duties. Larry is willing to train!

Larry, John Arai, and myself, are forever grateful for a volunteer for the 2022 church fiscal year.

Please send your interest to <u>SACBCOffice@gmail.com</u> or reach out to John or myself directly.

Gassho, John Arai, President Kyle Yamasaki, Vice-President

Job Announcement

Buddhist Churches of America has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant with the option to work at either the national headquarters office at 1710 Octavia Street, San Francisco, or at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, CA.

This full-time nonexempt position reports to the Director of Operations. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, administrative support for the Director of Operations, preparations for national meetings, light accounting support, and receptionist duties such as handling incoming phone calls and emails to the national headquarters / forwarding to the appropriate staff person and processing the daily mail.

Regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. though some evening and weekend hours may be required.

Requirements:

- High School diploma, bachelor's degree or some college preferred
- 2-3 years prior experience in a similar capacity
- Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills
- Ability to exercise discretion and maintain confidentiality
- Experience working with Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, and Adobe Acrobat
- Excellent organizational skills

The Administrative Assistant interfaces with the general public, BCA staff, BCA lay leadership, ministers, and temple leaders throughout the national organization as well as leaders from affiliated organizations and other global Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha overseas districts. The ideal candidate will have the ability and flexibility to work well in a dynamic professional environment, to take initiative while working within the chain of command, and to meet critical deadlines.

Familiarity with the BCA national organization is desirable but will train. Experience using other Adobe software such as Photoshop and InDesign as well as having Japanese language skills are all a plus though not essential.

For more information of if you are interested in applying, contact Gayle Noguchi, Director of Operations, at <u>gnoguchi@bcahq.org</u>, subject line "Job." This position is open until filled.

Employment with Buddhist Churches of America is at will. Salary commensurate with experience. BCA provides a full benefits package that includes paid leave, medical benefits, and retirement plan. Free parking provided at the BCA Headquarters office.

Bay District WBWC Japan Trip Tour May 6-19, 2023



- May 6: Leave SFO to Haneda Airport
- May 7-10: Stay in Tokyo; Visit Tsukiji Hongwanji, see Tsukiji Outer Market, visit other areas like Tokyo Sky Tree.



May 10-14: Stay in Kyoto; Participate in Joint Celebration at Hongwanji, Attend WBWC Conference, Go to Mt. Hiei



May 14-15: Stay in Fukuoka; visit the many sites then stay at the famous Hakusuikan onsen. Go on a river cruise and visit a katsuobushi (bonito) factory.



May 17-18: Go to Kagoshima; Tour of the "Kakure" Nembutsu where we visit the various sites where Jodo Shinshu followers worshipped in secret hiding areas in order to evade persecution. Visit Chiran Peace Museum that has an exhibit on kamikaze pilots. We will stay at another hotel known for its onsen hot baths. We will go to a shochu distillery and eat, eat, EAT!

May 19: Return Home Kagoshima to Haneda to SFO



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Tour Price & Plans	Original Plan (12 nights)	Tokyo & Kyoto Plan (7 nights)
30~80 participants	\$ 6,900.00 per person	\$ 4,700.00 per person
Additional Costs	Fuel Surcharge & Tax by JAL Airlines (\$ 485.00 as of 2/28/22) WBWC Participation fee (\$227.50), Donation Y2,000 Group photo (\$ 10.00) & Lunch box (\$13.00) on the Joint Cerebration on 5/10.	
Single Supplement (additional)	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 700.00

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER!!

Registration can be done through this link:

https://cvent.me/e2r17w

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Or you can contact our liaison at Kintetsu International America Company

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CLEAN UP DAY TASKS COMPLETED

I would like to thank the following people for coming to the church on June 18th for the Clean Up Day. Glenn and Zoe Sekigahama, Jerry Tahira, Paul Gan, Larry Gissible, Ken and Karen Suyama, Garret, Kathy, Nathalie and Tyler Murai, Gordan, Kathy and Kristen Jang, Kathy Velasco, Judy Tokubo, Cathleen Yoshida, Rahul and Neil Sharangpani, Emily and Jack Carpio, Jin and Darry Wu and Paul and Jake Yoshimoto and Rev. Miyaji. We also had Carlos Ontiveros (our gardener) cleaned up the corner lot.

We filled up a 30 yard dumpster and scattered the three piles of wood chips in the small dirt lot near the BBQ pits. With everyone's great efforts, we completed all of the tasks before 2pm.

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JULY EVENTS

July 3 – Sunday	No Service – Independence Day
July 4 – Monday	Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
July 10 – Sunday	No Service – Traditional "Bazaar Sunday"
July 17– Sunday	No Service – Rev. Miyaji will be on vacation
July 24 – Sunday	Family Service
July 31 – Sunday	Family Service

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10:00 AM IN-PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300 Passcode: 549504

