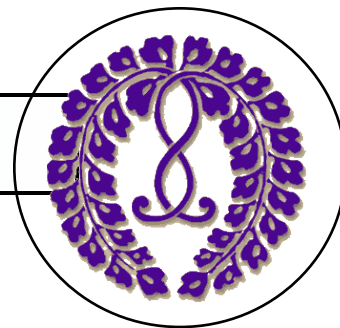


# REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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<http://reedleybc.org>



## September Calendar

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|----|--|----------|
| 1  | BWA World Conference in SF                             |          |
| 8  | Fresno Gumyo Taiko Bento Lunch<br>pick up in Reedley   | 1:00 pm  |
| 18 | Church Board Meeting                                   | 7:00 pm  |
| 19 | CCBWL Meeting - Fowler                                 | 7:00 pm  |
|    | CCDC Meeting - Fowler                                  | 7:00 pm  |
| 22 | Fall Ohigan/Monthly Memorial/<br>Family Dharma Service | 10:00 am |
| 26 | Bazaar Meeting   | 7:00 pm  |
| 29 | CC Nembutsu Seminar - Fowler                           | 10:00 am |

## MOCHI EQUIPMENT

Since the Reedley Buddhist Church is not conducting the annual Mochitsuki any longer, the Church Board would like to know if the families that have donated machines would like them back.

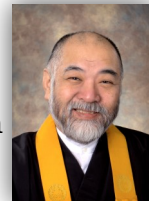
Please contact Gary Sakata at (559) 250 - 9687 or Joy Donaldson at (559) 859 - 7861 as soon as possible. This includes the machines, & steamer boxes.

## Fresno Gumyo Taiko Panko Chicken Bento

If you purchased tickets for the bento (pre-purchase ONLY), pick up will be at the conference room on September 8, 2019 at 1:00 - 2:00 PM

## Message from Rev. Nakagawa

**Hello Hongan-ji Fresno Betsuin  
and C.C. Sangha**



While writing this article, Midori and I are enjoying a short trip with no 'SHINPAI' (worries) because Reverend Kaz Nakata has already began his mission in Central California. The Central California Sangha enters into the new era with putting our hopes in one of the most energetic young ministers in BCA. We are happy to welcome Rev. Kaz, his wife Michiko and daughters, Kanon, Michilu and Akiko to the Central Valley!

During the last few weeks, we enjoyed and survived our districts' wonderful O-Bon Festivals and the Floating Lantern Ceremony. These are the most friendly and peaceful events among all districts of BCA with thousands of people gathering and hundreds joining in on the dancing. We now look forward to the beginning of another term for C.C. Sangha activities: Dharma School, Jr. YBA, YBA, BWA, Dharma Study Classes, Meditation Classes, Howa-kai as well as Taiko and various cultural classes, etc. go forward in **FULL SWING!**

The C.C. ministers continuously promote Buddha, Dharma, Sangha as a team effort to build a contemporary C.C. Sangha as well as to maintain traditional Community Sangha of American Japanese Ancestry. Fortunately, C.C. has 1 Kyoshi MA, 4 Tokudo MAs, 8 Active MAs and 8 Youth MAs and they are all very supportive of C.C.'s Dharma activities, under supervision of two BCA Kaikyoshi full-time ministers. To all C.C. temples & members, do not doubt that we are will restore our Dharma enthusiasm in C.C. District.

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**SEPTEMBER TOBAN:**  
BWA - Group 4 - Joy Donaldson  
Church - Toyotas & B. Ikemiyas





## Church Acknowledges Dana

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Hosaka - Lolo's  
Shaved Ice Obon Odori Donation \$100.00

### August Monthly Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kaplan	300.00
Mrs. Toshiko Kawagoe & Family	100.00
Mr. Michio Miyamoto	100.00
Mrs. Fumiko Ikemiya	50.00
Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki	50.00
Mr. Roy Kawagoe	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Nishinaka	50.00
Mrs. Kimiye Tanizaki	50.00
Ms. Michiko Tanizaki	50.00
Ms. Priscilla Kehoe	40.00
Mrs. Alice Nakamura	40.00
Mr. Hideo Shiine	40.00
Mrs. Nancy Sakata	30.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn	25.00
Ms. Amy Naito	25.00
Mrs. Amy Naito	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani	25.00
Dr. & Mrs. Glenn Hamaoka	20.00
Mrs. Joanne Hansen	20.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi	20.00
Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji	20.00
Mr. Ken Nakamura	20.00
Ms. Ann Nakamura	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata	20.00
Mrs. Ayako Yamada	20.00

### July Monthly Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Abe	25.00
Mrs. Mary Uyeda	20.00

### Obon Service Donation

Mrs. Yukiye Takayama	20.00
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Reedley Buddhist Church  
68th Annual  
**FOOD BAZAAR**   
Sunday, November 3, 2019  
at the  
**REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH**  
Corner of 15th & J Streets ~ Reedley, CA  
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
  
Dinner - \$15: Chow Mein, Chicken Teriyaki, Beef Teriyaki,  
Namasu (salad), Rice, & Fortune Cookie  
Other items available: desserts, sushi, beef sticks  
2035 15th Street - Reedley, CA 93654  
Call (559) 638-2146 for tickets or email:  
reedleybcb@gmail.com 

## Save the Date!!

### Reedley Food Bazaar

### Sunday, November 3, 2019

### 3:00 - 6:00 PM

### Church Hall

Your dinner tickets and raffle tickets have been given to you or have been sent to you. (Postage was about \$4.00 per envelope, so some have been hand delivered.)



## Message from Rev. Nakata

What is a significance of  
a Black Robe?



I have good news! Finally, our family has settled in our new residence. Deliveries of a refrigerator, washer and dryer made my wife very happy. My children started school and they've already found their friends. All our family members sincerely appreciate the Sangha members who helped with our move during the very hot weather.

Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, I started working at the Fresno Betsuin. I've already met Jr. YBA, CCYBA, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Project Dana members and Board members at their gatherings. I look forward to meeting those who I haven't yet had a chance to meet. From this month, I will start visiting all CC temples for events and meetings. I am so excited to greet more people.

If you have a time, please stop by the Fresno Betsuin for our Fall Ohigan Seminar on Sep 7 at 9:30am. The topic is "Strategy for Growth of Nembutsu followers - Organizational Restructuring and Changing Organizational Culture." It includes Q and A session. I am a speaker. This is not an ordinary Buddhist lecture for your knowledge. I plan to present a systematic outlook for your practical action to grow our Sangha. I only use "Plain English." I really want to grow our Sangha with YOU. If you need to know more detail to decide whether you attend, please contact me.

When I attended the gatherings at the Betsuin, there were luncheons. The Betsuin has a very nice and big kitchen and the Betsuin members always keep it clean and shiny. Usually there are two white tables to serve meal in front of the kitchen. When a luncheon started, a lady came to me and said, "Reverend, please go first (to take food)." I said "I will get later. Please let other people go first." Then she said "oh, don't En-Ryo. We always let Reverend get food first." En-Ryo is a Japanese term and it means hesitate. She wanted to say "don't hesitate to get food." I love eating and there is no reason to hesitate to eat food. I just hesitate to take food as a first person. You may wonder where such my behavior come from.

When I was a novice, I studied Jodo Shinshu Buddhism at Ryukoku University in Kyoto. One of my

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## Rev. Nakata's Message continued:

professors explained why priests wear a black robe. Have you seen the portraits of Shinran Shonin? He always wore a black robe. In the past, the priest rank is recognized by the colors of the robes. The black color was used for the lowest rank priest. Although he was assigned to a very high rank position while he was at Mt. Hiei, he always lived humbly. Later, he explains himself as he is like one of the gravel on a road (ref. Yui Shin Sho Mon-i). He does not think that he is superior than others. He shows his humbleness by keep wearing a black robe. In contrast, Japanese martial arts in US have unique understanding for their Black Belt. In US, when practitioners receive the black belt, normally they are recognized as a master. When I was child, I practiced Judo. When I was in 7th grade, one of my classmates received a black belt. He did not become a master. Instead, he committed to become a lifelong student of Judo by receiving his black belt. In Japan, the black belt is treated as a symbol of humbleness.

In Jodo Shinshu, wearing a black robe is to declare becoming a lifelong student for Buddhism and living humbly. Reverend is not a position above general Sangha members in our Jodo Shinshu. Reverend is a position to make sure everyone is ok. At a luncheon, I like to make sure that everyone gets food and see their smile on their face, then I get mine. It is my way of expressing humbleness as Reverend. Sincerely, Gassho.

*When you arise in the morning,  
think of what a precious privilege  
it is to be alive - to breathe,  
to think, to enjoy, to love.*

- Marcus Aurelius



## CC Jr YBA SLO



Keiko Kajihara -CC Jr YBA Historian

## Bodhi Tree Removed

The Bodhi tree has been removed from the church yard since the root system started to lift the sidewalk and the limbs continued to grow dangerously too large over the roof of the hondo. Since the tree was very hearty, we are hoping to restart a smaller tree from the stump. The sap is very sticky, so please stay off the stump. Although it provided shade for the yard, the other plants and flowers will now have a chance to grow. Thank you to Maintenance Co-Chair, Don Takanishi for overseeing the removal.



## Rev. Nakagawa's Message continued:

In September, each chapter has the Fall O-Higan service and some has Fall O-Higan seminar. I am always appreciated that our ancestors carried on this service and seminar to the present time.

We will have some outstanding guests in September, such as:

Rev. Kiyo Kuwahara for Fall Ohigan at 10 am, Parlier BT on Sunday, Sept. 15 followed by at 2 pm , Fowler BT

Rev. Brian Nagata (HongANJI-ha minister) for Fall Ohigan at 10 am, Reedley BT on Sunday, Sept. 15.

We cannot forget our Rev. Kaz Nakata's O-Higan Lecture from 9:30 am to noon at FDC on Saturday, Sept 7 and on Sunday, Sept 8 (Fall O-Higan Service). I expect that he will share his hopeful vision for the future CC Sangha.





## September Monthly Memorial Service

The September Monthly Memorial Service will be held on **Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.** Families and friends are asked to attend and offer incense. The deceased and seshu (observant) for September are as follows:

### DECEASED:

Tsune Kikumoto &

Alice Abe

Bernice Sumie Ochikubo

Fusako Kawakami

Gloria Lorraine Aoki

Hanna Asami

Kay Hada & Greg Hada

Satoko Harada

Midori Hashimoto

Shigetsugu Hashimoto

Tona Arakawa

Tadashi Nagai

Hideo Hotta

Magozo Ibara

Tsuru Naito

James Masaru Ikemiya

Tsuru Inn

Jack Haruo Tsudama

Iyo Iwasaki & George

Iwasaki

Isami Ann Iwasaki

Sadayo Hifumi

Sadatsuchi Yoneta

Ayako Maruyama

Isamu Miyamoto

Bill Suteo Mori

Fusa Nishi

Noburo Togioka

Noriaki Hirasuna

Kumazo Mizokami &

Shigeo Mizokami

Kakuro Nobuhiro & Hisao

Nobuhiro

### SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Mitchell Abe

Kay Antoku

Betty Aoki

Kiyoshi Aoki

Taro Asami

Gerry Hada

Cheryl Miyakawa &

Nannette Mori

Gayle Larson

Nori Hashimoto &

Mary Hashimoto

Keiko Hatakeda

Tatsuko Hatanaka

Michi Hotta

Kan Ibara

Amy Naito & Karen

Sakata

Carolyn Ikemiya, Toshi

Kawagoe & Kenneth

Ikemiya

Nancy Sakata

Kiyoko Inn

Chizuko Iwasaki

Larry Iwasaki

Helen Kimura

Ben Kubota

Michael Maruyama

Michio Miyamoto

Cheryl Miyakawa, &

Fujiye Okino

Alice Nakamura

Johnnie Togioka

Kathy Nishinaka

Ronald Nishinaka

Ben Nobuhiro

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## September Monthly Memorial Cont.

### DECEASED:

Hajime Jim Sakuragi

Melvin Seiichi Omori

Tatsuo Sakata

Sadako Sally Okino

Kimiko Shitanishi

Yutaka Takanishi

Masao Takasaki

Toshio William Nakagawa

Masaru Tanizaki

Michiye Ikuta

Junichi Noji

Yoshio Yamada

Shizu Yamada

### SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Dale Okamura

Nancy Omori

Nancy Sakata

Dennis Sasaki

Tom Shitanishi

Don Takanishi

Yukiye Takayama

Karen Takasaki

Kimiye Tanizaki

Arthur Tatami

Kazuko Tatami

Ayako Yamada

Ellen Yamada

## Procedures for Requesting a Minister

### Funerals:

The family will contact the Reedley Buddhist Church President, Mrs. Joy Donaldson at (559) 859-7861 or Funeral Chairperson, Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687.

### Makuragyo Service:

During the week contact the Fresno Betsuin Office (442-4054) or Rev. Nakagawa on weekdays or weekends directly (970-7652).

### Family Memorial Service:

**For services at the Reedley Buddhist Church:** Contact the RBC President to check the availability of the Reedley Church. Then contact **Lee Osaki** at the **Fresno Betsuin** (442-4054) to schedule the service. Fresno Betsuin office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Return call to Church President to confirm date and time.

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

## Contact Number for Church Business

Reedley Church Phone: (559) 638-2146

Church President: Mrs. Joy Donaldson

Phone: (559) 859-7861

Funeral Committee Chair; Mr. Gary Sakata at:

Cell Phone: (559) 250-9687

Fresno Betsuin Office - Lee Osaki: (559) 442-4054

(requesting minister or schedule family service in Reedley after contacting Reedley president for church availability)

Rev. Nakagawa: (urgent for Makuragyo) (559) 970-7652

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## Fall Ohigan Lecture

Sponsored by the Yamaguchi Family

Featuring:

**REV. KAZUAKI NAKATA**

*“Strategy for Growth of  
Nembutsu followers –  
Organizational Restructuring  
and Changing Organizational  
Culture”*

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019**

**9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Family Dharma Center**

**Please join us for an interesting  
and very informative session!  
Refreshments will be provided.  
No charge!**



**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
2019  
NEMBUTSU SEMINAR**

Sunday, September 29, 2019  
10:00am - 1:00pm (lunch included)  
Buddhist Church of Fowler  
Guests of Honor



**Saburo and Marion Masada**

Who will share their experience of  
Incarceration during WWII and how they persevered.

(There will also be a question and answer period following their presentation)

Sab and Marion Masada were featured in the Valley PBS documentary

"Silent Sacrifice: Stories of Japanese American Incarceration."

which was honored with an Emmy Award for

'Outstanding Achievement for Documentary'

Children are Free. Donation suggested for adults, \$5

Reverend Saburo Masada is a retired Pastor. Although Mr. and Mrs. Masada are not of the Buddhist faith, they are graciously sharing their story with us here at the Nembutsu Seminar. We are so thankful to them because their story goes beyond any denominational faith. Their story touches on humankind and the ability to persevere. We hope you can join us on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Buddhist Church of Fowler. 210 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Fowler, CA.

In Gassho, CCDC Buddhist Education Committee Co-Chairs, Greg Mukai and Karen Sakata



## Central California

Buddhist Education Program

Lectures, Classes, Discussions and Dharma Talks



2019 Schedule

*Central California District Council Buddhist Education*

Sunday, June 30

10:00-11:30AM

Movie Showing

**'Let Me Eat Your Pancreas'**

Lunch will be served after movie

Buddhist Church of Parlier

360 Newmark Ave. Parlier, CA 93648

Ph. (559) 618-1528

Sunday, August 25

2:00PM

**Rev. Yufuko Kurioka**

From Berkeley Buddhist Temple

**The Art of the Japanese Tea Ceremony**

Reedley Buddhist Church

2035 15th Street Reedley, CA 93654

Phone: (559) 638-2146

Sunday, September 29

9:30AM- 1:00 PM

**Nembutsu Seminar**

Guests of Honor

**Saburo and Marion Masada**

Who will share their experience of  
Incarceration during WWII and its ramifications.

Buddhist Church of Fowler

210 S. 9th St.

Fowler, CA 93625

Ph. (559) 834-2077

Monday, October 21

7:00- 8:30PM

**Greg Mukai, CCMA**

Topic is

**Temple Food**

Short film and discussion on 'what is temple food?'

We will have a sampling of temple food  
after the presentation.

Buddhist Church of Fowler

210 S. 9th St.

Fowler, CA 93625

Ph. (559) 834-2077

## Ongoing Classes and Discussions

### Meditation for Everyday Life

Sunday mornings

8:45 -9:30AM

*Rev. Kakai Nakagawa, Rinban*

Fresno Betsuin Dharma Center

2690 E. Alluvial Ave.

Fresno, CA 93720

Ph. (559) 442-4054

*Please visit [fresnobuddhisttemple.org](http://fresnobuddhisttemple.org)  
regularly for changes to meditation class  
schedule*

### Buddhist Discussion

Second Wednesday of the month

7:00-8:30 PM

*Led by Curtis Koga, MA*

Buddhist Church of Parlier

360 Newmark Ave.

Parlier, CA 93648

Ph. (559) 618-1528