



# Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara

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**“We are in a time of transition, and we appreciate and need all your support. Your attendance at any service is the best gift we can hope for.”  
Jodi Miles, Guest Speaker**

**Calendar** Services are held on the second Saturday of each month.

**Sat. Sept. 14 10:00 am** Memorial and Autumn Equinox *Ohigan*  
Service 祥月法要、秋季お彼岸法要

*Ohigan* "The Other Shore of Enlightenment" For the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist, this observance is to listen to the Dharma and the enlightenment that is shared through the Name of the Buddha or *Namo Amida Butsu*. It is celebrated on the equinoxes because of the perfect balance of night and day with the sun rising in the east and setting in the west, the direction of Amida Buddha's Pure Land.

**Sat. Oct 12 10:00 am** *Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko* Memorial  
Service and *Shotsuki Hoyo*, Monthly Memorial Service

### **Memorial Service will be held for:**

MR. SAIZO MORIKAWA	MRS. MIYO INOUE
MRS. TAMAKO AKAHOSHI	MRS. HARU KONO
MR. YAHEI TANAMACHI	MR. HIROSHI OKADA
MR. TATSUTADA IZAWA	MRS. AMY HIRATA
MISS MASAMI FUJII	MRS. AIKO FUKAMAKI
MR. IWATARO SHIOSAKI	MRS. AYAKO TANAKA
MR. TOKIJIRO YONEDA	MR. RICHARD TOKUMARU
MR. HIDEKICHI OKINO	MR. MASAHARU SHIMODA
MRS, SASANO KANETOMO	MRS. YAYOI EEJIMA
MRS. MATSUNO SUMIDA	MR. JACK OCHI
MR. KIYOSHI SUMIDA	MRS. EMI ASATO UYEHARA
MR. KYUHEI AOI	

We gratefully acknowledge and appreciate all contributions to the Temple during August

<b>Dharma (Service Message)</b>	Jodi Miles and Rev Usuki
<b>Greeter</b>	Dennis Furuike
<b>Flowers and Arrangement</b> Symbol of Buddha's compassion, beauty, and impermanence	Jodi Miles
<b>Osonae</b> Fruit offering at the altar	Sets and Dennis Furuike
<b>Obuppan</b> White rice symbolizing interdependence	JJ Uyehara
<b>Geppo and Program</b> Newsletter-community	Jodi Miles, JJ Uyehara, Sets Furuike
<b>Temple Grounds Maintenance</b>	Dennis Ito, Brian Downie, Dennis Furuike
<b>Temple Cleaning &amp; Maintenance</b>	Dennis Ito, M/M Furuike
<b>Social Hall Setup, Maintenance, and Cleanup</b>	Ted Muneno
<b>Communication Social Media</b>	Christophe Sautot
<b>Potluck</b>	Sangha (Community)



**September 'Hybrid' service with Sets Furuike, Jodi Miles, and Rev Usuki.**

**August Dharma Message** August was the first service in which Jodi Miles gave the Dharma message, a personal account of her journey to Buddhism. She found the Pasadena Buddhist church at the age of 12, and Jodo Shinshu Buddhism has been her guide for her life. With her grandchildren listening to her message, it was particularly meaningful for her to give the Dharma Message.

Also, thank you for the renewal and painting of our benches in the walkway by **Dennis Ito**. Please enjoy.

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**Treasurer's Report:**

Setsuko Furuike

Total donations for August, 2024: **\$1,665**

The temple gratefully acknowledges the following:

**Memorial Service**

M/M Dennis Furuike (Hideo Okino) Mary Hide (Makio Hide)

Lonny Ishihara (Hideo Okino, Mike Hide, Nobuo Tamura)

**Obon**

Tamako Nishimura

**Autumn Ohigan**

Mary Hide

**Special**

Monday Qigong

Dennis Ito

JJ Uyehara/Doug Wilson

**Church News**

**September Service** will have a trio with Sets Furuike delivering the opening remarks, Rev. Usuki reading the Names of the Deceased and Sutra Chanting, and Jodi Miles giving the Dharma message, **“Why we keep returning to Buddhist teachings”**.

**REQUEST for Volunteers Cleaning and Maintenance Workday:** As you know, any property needs annual maintenance. Interim officers are planning a half workday in October of landscape and temple cleaning, possibly including the *onaijin*. Would you be interested in volunteering? If so, please talk to interim officers or email ([info@santabarbarachurch.org](mailto:info@santabarbarachurch.org)) or leave message, (805) 962-3633.

**Steps in Resolving the future of Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara**

A core group comprised of Setsuko Furuike, Dennis Furuike, Jodi Miles, and me (JJ Uyehara) are trying to determine the proper way to either close the church or continue. And, after reviewing the **Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws**, the first steps to continue the church OR to close the church are the same.

First, the documents noted above, state that the Buddhist Church of America is responsible for assigning a minister for BCSB. Currently, Rev. Furumoto is the supervising minister for Oxnard and BCSB, as well as the resident minister for Senshin Buddhist Temple. In the recent past, there was also a live-in minister at the Oxnard Buddhist Temple who was assigned to our two temples. Both Rev. Furumoto and Rev. Henry Adams, (current Ministers' Association Chair of BCA), are actively planning to fill our vacant minister position. They will contact Sets Furuike when there are firmer plans and timelines.

In the meantime, what can we do about BCSB's future? After reading the **Articles of Incorporation** and the **By-laws**, there are pathways that could lead us forward, **but ANY path forward needs to be voted on in a General Meeting in JANUARY, 2025.**

### **STEPS to the General Meeting in January, 2025**

First, we need a **Board of Trustees** (up to 20 members!). The Board of Trustees are voted into the board in November by sustaining members.

*Until we can have the vote to get a Board of Trustees, these people have stepped up as **INTERIM** officers until February, 2025:*

- Interim President: Ted Muneno
- Interim Vice-President: Jodi Miles
- Interim Treasurer: Sets Furuike
- Interim Recording Secretary: JJ Uyehara

**SANGHA** Please feel free to bring up any issues or concerns that you have by either talking to Interim Officers at service, or voicemail at (805) 962-3633, or contact us by email to [mail@buddhistchurchofsantabarbara.org](mailto:mail@buddhistchurchofsantabarbara.org)

**Who is on the Board of Trustees?** The Board of Trustees are 20 sustaining members that were voted in in an election in November. Currently, we have 28 sustaining members, those people who have paid membership dues for 2024 (\$130/person or half if financial difficulty).

### **##Steps to the Board of Trustees##**

Interim officers will ask for nominations before October service; **Please consider nominating yourself if you are a current member!**

The Interim officers will send out ballots in **October**; and announce the Board at **November** service.

**What do the Board of Trustees do?** Main duty is vote by secret ballot on the Officers, and thereafter, attend meetings called by the President for the Board.

**How are the Officers determined?** The Board of Trustees votes for the four officers by secret ballot, (in late **November**). The four officers need to be on the Board of Trustees.

**What is the role of the Officers and Board of Trustees?** For this year, setting up option(s) for the future of BCSB. The option(s) will need to be voted on in the **January** general meeting.

**Who presents at the January General Meeting?** “...reports shall be made by the appropriate Officers and Trustees on business and financial matters, and any other important matters...”

**Who is at the January General Meeting that decides the BCSB future?** Anyone can come to the meeting, but the only voting members are SUSTAINING members. Typically, sustaining members are those that have paid membership dues.

**Who qualifies as a Sustaining Member?** Those members who have paid the membership dues for the year. Because of uncertainty of BCSB, the interim officers voted to SUSPEND membership dues for a year. Therefore, at the January general meeting, **all those that have expressed interest in becoming members may vote on the option(s).**

If you would like to be a **sustaining member**, please contact the Interim Officers at service to give us your contact information, or email to [mail@buddhistchurchofsantabarbara.org](mailto:mail@buddhistchurchofsantabarbara.org).

In **February**, the Recording Secretary will distribute the Membership Directory.

What are the roles and responsibilities of **Sustaining Members**?

- Uphold Buddhist principles, (Jodo Shinshu specifically, but quite tolerant of other sects and religions)
- In November, vote on the Board of Trustees
- In January General Meeting, vote on presented measures.

## OTHER NEWS



### Visit to our sister temple, Oxnard Buddhist

**Church:** Junko Torigoe, Doug Wilson, and JJ Uyehara went to Oxnard for their Japanese Folk-Dance Event. Not quite an Obon Festival, but did have dancing and performances. The Oxnard Temple is rebuilding its facilities. It was a fun event, but there are no photos of dancing because we were dancing.

Visit the Buddhist Churches of America website:

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org>

The Institute of Buddhist Studies <[gesshin@shin-ibs.edu](mailto:gesshin@shin-ibs.edu)> is celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Institute of Buddhist Studies  
2140 Durant Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
510-809-1444



There is a Techno-hoyo being hosted by San Jose Betsuin Church. It is an in-person event with chanting and music beats fused together.

<https://sjbc.kindful.com/e/techno-hoyo>

### DATE AND TIME

**Techno Hoyo: Tues. Sept 17th 3:00pm showing**  
**Techno Hoyo: Tues. Sept. 17th 7:00pm showing**  
**Techno Hoyo: Wed. Sept. 18th 7:00pm Showing**

### LOCATION

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin  
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