

Welcoming our New Resident Minister, Reverend Vonn Magnin



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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

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Coming Home Rev. Vonn Magnin

Dear Dharma Friends,

Many years ago, my family & I had the wonderful opportunity to stay at a Jodo Shinshu temple in Motosu, Japan, which is a small community surrounded by rice fields in Gifu Prefecture. When we arrived, we & our fellow travelers from the Arizona Buddhist Temple were exuberantly welcomed, as if we were all close family members visiting them after being apart for many, many years. In truth, however, we had only just met on the day of our arrival, but you would never have known that from the joyful expressions & laughter we were sharing with each other. It was an unrepeatable experience & truly remarkable to see two Sangha communities coming together as one as the 50 of us from Arizona were guided into the temple grounds that would be our home for the next several days.

A couple of days into our stay, a very small group of about five of us were driven to the Gifu Betsuin, which was several kilometers away. When our van pulled into the parking lot, we could see that no one was there since the Betsuin had already closed for the day; however, our driver was a local priest who was able to let us into the hondo – if only for a brief moment to say “hello” to Amida Buddha standing in the Onajin (altar). I’ll never forget the serene quietness of the hondo & the lingering scent of incense in the air. Perhaps if we were not Shin Buddhists ourselves, we would’ve felt like strangers intruding into this empty & sacred space, thousands of miles from our own country. But speaking for myself, I experienced, for the very first time, a profound feeling of entering my own home after returning from a long journey. It’s difficult to put this experience into words. The environment of the hondo was more than just familiar. It was as if I was being warmly embraced not only by Amida Buddha, but also by thousands of unseen beings who were saying to me, “This is your home.”

Over the years since then, I’ve visited many other temples in Hawaii, mainland America, & Japan. Each time, I’ve had that same sensation of entering my own home whenever I cross the threshold of the outside world & step into the hondo & bow towards Amida Buddha. I feel this is because, no matter the temple, each one is a very special “spiritual home” with Amida Buddha & all the past Sangha members who lovingly worked tirelessly to establish it, welcoming us back home.

Whether a temple is noisy with excitement & harmonious, lively activity (like the one in Motosu) or serenely still, offering its quietness for reflection (like the Gifu Betsuin), all of them can be our home. I hope each of you is aware of the beautiful spiritual home you have at the Oregon Buddhist Temple, where you can encounter the sacredness of Buddha Dharma & friendship with your fellow nembutsu travelers.

I am truly grateful to be coming home to the Oregon Buddhist Temple as I begin my journey as your new resident minister. Thank you so much for welcoming Karen & me to our new home!

Namo Amida Butsu



Obon, Obon, It’s Festival Day! Charles Reneau, OBT President

We are excited to present our annual Obon Festival on Saturday, August 1. This is our largest event every year, and in addition to its religious purpose as a deeply joyful remembrance of loved ones past, it happens to be our largest fundraiser.

This is also the event at which we welcome the whole Japanese and Japanese American community of the Portland metro. So we’ve rightly kept our focus on the many riches of Japanese culture and food.

This year, our food menu includes:

- Sobameshi: Yakisoba Fried Rice
- Gyuniku Kushiyaki: Grilled beef skewers
- Spam Musubi: Teriyaki marinated Spam wrapped in rice and seaweed.
- Japanese Desserts: Chi Chi Dango, Butter Mochi Cake, Furikake Mix
- Shave Ice
- Hot dogs (in our Beer Garden)
- Cold Somen

In planning conversations earlier this year, we heard that our food volunteers miss the opportunity to actually dance the Bon Odori, so in a first, we’re planning to serve food from 2pm until 7pm, when the dancing begins.

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“OBT welcomes all people regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, and political or religious affiliation.”

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Please contact the temple with any comments, questions or concerns, or if you wish to report a change of address.

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Our outdoor program will include:

- Shorinji Kempo Portland: martial arts
- Tsubaki Buyo Do Kou Kai: dance
- Portland Sumo: wrestling
- Portland Taiko: drumming

Our Children’s Corner will have lots to entertain young ones, with games like bean bag toss and water balloon fishing, as well as crafts like face painting and free coloring materials.

As always, we rely on the generosity of Sangha members, friends and family to staff the event. Volunteer roles range from cooking to construction, and are available at a variety of times in addition to the day of the event itself.

For more information, and to look at the schedule of volunteer shifts, please visit our [Signup Genius website](#).

As you have probably heard, we are also welcoming a new Resident Minister, Reverend Vonn Magnin! Rev. Magnin will be giving our welcoming message at 2pm, and if you miss that, you can see him give a Temple Talk later in the afternoon. If you haven’t met him yet, please take the opportunity to say hi.

Our Obon Festival is such a large and multifaceted event that I feel remiss for leaving out details about Lanterns, Omiyage, Temple Talks, and more. But really, the only way to experience the overwhelming joy of our Obon Festival is to come and enjoy it yourself. I hope to see you there!

In gassho,
Charley

	OBT Upcoming Services	Officiant	Dharma Talk
July 5	Regular Service - 10am	Brenda Fugate	Ken Garner
July 12	Regular Service - 10am followed by Rev. Koyama Farewell / Rev. Magnin Welcome Gathering	Rev. Koyama Rev. Magnin	Rev. Koyama
July 19	Hatsubon and Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - 10am	Rev. Magnin	Rev. Magnin
July 26	Regular Service - 10am	Rev. Magnin	Rev. Magnin
Aug 2	NO SERVICE - Obon clean up		

For a complete list of upcoming OBT events, see the calendar on the [OBT webpage](#)



**Welcome/Farewell Luncheon
July 12 after service**

With gratitude and affection to Reverend Tadao Koyama

With welcoming smiles to the Magnins: Reverend Vonn and Karen

Yakisoba will be provided (vegan/vegetarian).

Please bring a complimentary dish or dessert to share.

July Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of July. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the July 16 Sunday service at 10 am. Please join us and offer incense in memory of your relative(s) or friends.

Listed below are the names of those who passed away starting from 1950. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. Names of deceased prior to 1950 are added if requested.

If you would like to add the name of a loved one to this list, or if a name is missing or incorrect, please notify the temple at 503 481-0699 or at obtlanterns@gmail.com.

Ritsuji Akiyama, 7/20/1955	Josephine Kato, 7/23/1986	Mine Sasaki, 7/1/1964*
Akiko Allen 7/17/1988	Masaru Kawachi, 7/4/1969	Sam Osamu Sasaki, 7/6/1997
Masao Aoki, 7/7/1999	Kazuo Kinoshita, 7/31/2004	Yayeno Sasaki, 7/7/1978*
U Azuma, 7/25/1967	Kyuzo Kinoshita, 7/30/1950	Lury Sato, 7/30/2019
Mabel Kiku Boggs, 7/10/2011	Tooru Kobayashi, 7/08/1970	Karen R Scapple, 7/25/2011
Diane Franklin, 7/6/2013	Sanshichi Kunishige, 7/4/1955	Judy Shimamoto, 7/22/1997
Motozo Fujimoto, 7/2/1961	Ben Kurihara, 7/19/2018	Shoji Shimamoto, 7/15/1975
Tokuichi Fukumoto, 7/4/1955	Frank Kurihara, 7/27/1976	Sajiro Shimooka, 7/1/1951
George Furukawa, 7/29/1991	Irene Kurihara, 7/14/2016	Fred S Shiraishi, 7/15/1986
Elaine Gekko, 7/31/2004	Mary Kurihara, 7/22/1983*	Yasokichi Shiraishi, 7/17/1976
George S Hamada, 7/14/2014	Isaburo Matsumiya, 7/1/1951	Ruby Y Sumino, 7/21/2009
James Hasuike, 7/7/1995	Carmen McNicholas, 7/1/2017	Tomo Sunamoto, 7/23/2013*
Ken (Kenny) Hatago, 7/6/2003	Kinoye Mori, 7/29/1994	Joe S Tachibana, 7/10/1966
Toki Hatori, 7/7/1983	Tomeji Mukaida, 7/19/1976	Hiroshi Takeuchi, 7/10/2013
Tokujiro Hikida, 7/6/1952	Tatsutaro Muramatsu, 7/18/1962	Masao Takeuchi, 7/13/1967
Frank M Hirata, 7/27/1975	Robert Murase, 7/18/2005	Yae Takeuchi, 7/6/1971*
Torizo Hokari, 7/22/1951	Yone Murazen, 7/3/1998*	Martha Tamaki, 7/8/2025
Misao Honda, 7/16/1992*	Seki Naemura, 7/19/1987*	Kaguma Toya, 7/27/1968
Uye Ichiba, 7/17/1988	Tsugio Nakazawa, 7/29/1999	Yone Toya, 7/20/1968*
Hitoshi Joe Ikata, 7/11/1997	Shigeru Niimi, 7/17/1960	Rev. Shozui Wakabayashi, 7/8/1915 (OBT minister, 1913-1915)
George Iwasaki, 7/10/2009	Shigenobu Okubo, 7/25/1987	Tamio Watari, 7/23/2022
Enzo Iwasaki, 7/14/1963	Miyu Onchi, 7/11/1974*	Hokari S Yasui, 7/21/1955
Hajime Iwashita, 7/10/1963	Rose Ouchida, 7/5/2011	Sumi Yonemura, 7/12/2002
Kikue Kaneyama, 7/25/1999	Shizuka Ouchida, 7/2/1968*	Bud M Yoshida, 7/18/1992
	Masajiro Sasaki, 7/11/1991	

* OBWA member

A reminder to encourage readers to continue donations for these events and at any other time.

January	Hoonko
February	Nirvana Day
March	Spring Ohigan
April	Hanamatsuri
May	Gotan-E - Shinran Shonin Birthday Celebration
July	Kangi-E - "A Celebration of Joy" Obon Service
August	Obonfest
September	Fall Ohigan
November	Eitaikyo - Perpetual Memorial Service
December	Bodhi Day Year End Gift for the Temple



Here's some ways you can stay connected to the dharma and to your community:

- Visit the [BCA Connect blog](#) to read and share BCA news, announcements, and articles from *Wheel of Dharma*.
- Go to the [BCA YouTube](#) channel to view dharma content from throughout BCA.

To join the BCA mailing list:

buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/bca-connect

Oregon Buddhist Temple
Donations received 5-17-2026 to 6-16-2026

In memory of Kojiro Yoshida

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Meals With the Magnins Cathy Yarne

Rev. Vonn Magnin was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, and has been married to his wife Karen, an educator, for 29 years. They have two adult sons, one of whom lives in Portland area, as well as two lovable dogs.

A long time attendee of the Arizona Buddhist Temple, Rev. Magnin received Tokudo ordination in 2014, and his Kyoshi certificate in 2022. He has several degrees: a Bachelors of Social Work and a Masters in Public Administration from Arizona State University, as well a Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies from the BCA's sister Institute of Buddhist Studies in May 2026.

Rev. Magnin is a US Marine veteran, and enjoys science fiction.



*Resident Minister
Rev. Vonn Magnin*



Rev. Magnin and wife Karen during visit to OBT



*"Getting to know you.
Getting to know all about you!"*

A small-group meal is a wonderful opportunity to get to know Rev. Magnin and his wife, Karen, on a more personal level.

If you are interested in coordinating or joining a group of 5–8 sangha members for a relaxed meal, please let Cathy Yarne know by emailing Yarnefamily@gmail.com or sending a text.

You may choose to meet at a restaurant or host a gathering in your home. We hope these informal gatherings will provide a warm and welcoming setting for conversation and connection.



Welcome / Farewell Luncheon Suniti Kumar

On July 12, we will be honoring the end of Reverend Koyama's term as our acting minister and the beginning of Reverend Magnin's role as our resident minister. Oregon Buddhist Temple will provide vegan/vegetarian Yakisoba. We ask temple members to please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Suniti Kumar
Cell: 503-309-5072



OBWA Report Amy Peterson

The OBWA has joined with OBT on some new community outreach over the next few months.

We are collecting clothing, full size personal care items, and household items some people may need for CREW (Connecting Resources to Empower Women), Jayne I and Carol S are connecting with BCA for matching funds for our outreach.

We are supporting the OBT in encouraging people with paperback Buddhist books for MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn, OR. Some inmates there were requesting information on Buddhism and a counselor there reached out to OBT and we are adding to the collection.

Every other month we are collecting non-perishable items are donated every other month to the Oregon Food Bank in Beaverton. We had to switch our usual June Food Bank Volunteering, but that will be coming up in September.

Now we are getting ready for Obon with the different food booths, leading most of them. We'll have Furikake Chex mix in two sizes, Mochi with fewer selections but more quantity, especially of Strawberry Daifuku, Spam musubi a favorite. Katie is looking for people join her and train to take over. We will have greater quality control on the rolling. These and more booths are looking forward to volunteers and if you need help with Signup Genius, Jayne Ichikawa is willing to help you get signed up. Using [Signup Genius](#) will help to make sure we have enough volunteers.

Our t-shirts and other items for this year's Obon will be at the Omiyage stand this year.

Yasuko and friends will be gearing up the items for the Kimono/Yukata sales, a big event that benefits the OBWA (and we share with OBT).

Please consider how you might be able to help.

We want to welcome back Carina K. who has returned to OBT.

Debi Shimamoto, Yasuko Fields, Toyoko Oguri, Mai Thi, Ann Shintani, Brenda Fugate and a few more had a very successful Kimono 101. Please see the article by the [Mottainai group](#).

Nancy Kajitsu is next months' reporter and we are looking for others who can help.



ObonFest 2026 - Join Our Donor's Circle or Make a Gift

Kim Kono

This is OBT's biggest event of the year, drawing hundreds of people to our temple's OBON celebration. Whether you're a returning guest or visiting for the first time, you'll be amazed by the delicious food, lively entertainment, joyful dancing, and vibrant community spirit.

Obon is also our largest annual fundraiser. It takes a lot of planning, hard work, and support to make it a successful event. One meaningful way you can help is by making a donation to offset some of our many expenses.

Look for one of the large yellow "OBON" folders at the temple and sign up to an item. Donation amounts range from \$25 - \$250. You won't need to shop - just identify the item(s) you'd like to cover.

Alternatively, you can join our Donor's Circle: Diamond @\$1000, Platinum @\$500, Gold @\$300, Silver @\$200 or Bronze @\$100.

You can make your donation by cash or check (mailed to the temple), or on the [OBT website](#) noting what it is for (PayPal or OBT Square Shop). All donations are gratefully appreciated and will be acknowledged in the temple newsletter.

Questions: KONO4189@comcast.net



Omiyage Donations

Susan Leedham

It's that time of year again: Spring cleaning! We're looking for items to sell in Omiyage. Most anything Japanese sells best like dishes, serving pieces and art.

We are also interested in gently used decorative and kitchen items, toys and jewelry. Please no shoes or clothing other than T-shirts with Asian designs. And please no furniture, as we don't have room to store big items.

We are putting donations in the Mabel Boggs room. If you have any questions or need help with pickup or drop-off, my cell phone number is 503-803-1041, and my email address is leedhamreporting@comcast.net.

Thank you!



Obon Lanterns

Amy Peterson

We are starting to receive Obon Lantern orders for New and Lantern Rehangs. See the [attached flyers](#) in the back of this newsletter. Mail orders to OBT 3720 SE 34th Ave. Portland, OR 97202.

New Lanterns are \$35 per lantern and rehangs are \$20 per lantern. Lantern orders are also available online at www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/obon-lanterns. Deadline for New Lanterns is July 22nd, 2026. Deadline for rehangs is July 24th. Please share this info with friends.

Any questions about lanterns? Please direct questions to OBTLANTERNS@gmail.com.

Hopefully there will be a map at the information desk for lantern locations. All new lanterns will be in one row and all other family lanterns will be grouped together.



Bon Odori – Dancing With Joy

Chris Dart

Hello Everyone

Obon is coming soon! This is the time of the year where we celebrate, with joy and gratitude, people who may no longer be with us but were a part of our lives. And one of the ways we do that is to dance with joy -- bon odori.

So please join the circle and dance (with fingers crossed its not too hot!). There are two "rules" to remember:

1. This is dancing for joy and in gratitude. It's the time to lose your ego and just dance - perfection is not required, and actually, it's not even possible. So put on a smile and go for it.
2. This is about community and we are all in this together --- to have fun and share this experience.

This year we are bringing back even more of the dances we did years ago 😊. The oldies on the list are Hakata Kinshai Bushi (from 32 years ago), Appare Ondo (25 years ago), Soodaro Bushi (brought back last year after 25 years), and Omanta Bayashi (27 years). Plus the old favorites.

Maho and I are working on getting the website updated so watch these links for dancing.

www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/bon-odori

- this page has the schedule of practice dates.

www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/obon-dance

- this page has the dance list in practice order.

For the next few weeks (I hope a couple), I will be working on dance videos for our website and pdf's with information on each dance.

Don't forget, we have a Sunday Bon Odori on June 28th at 1:00 PM in the basement if you want a head start.

So, hope we see you at practice and Obon. Bring your water bottle. If you have any questions you can reach me at Obon.OregonBuddhistTemple@gmail.com.

Take care
Chris (Bon Odori Sensei)

Interested in signing up as an [Obon Volunteer](#), dancing in [Bon Odori](#) practices, finding [Kimono](#) for sale or purchasing an [Obon Lantern](#) for a loved one? See the [Obon Fest notices](#) in the back of the newsletter.



Girl Scouts Amy Peterson

The scouts went camping at Kahneeta where they played putt putt golf, learned about the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs: Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute Native American Tribes, ate S'mores in the s'mores tee pees as well as our tee pee. They used different mineral baths and the lazy river. They explored the grounds observing and saw mostly birds.



The scouts have been so active the last two months working on their Bronze award, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. Four of our scouts along with their sister troop 30003 earned this award by installing a Little Library on the Annex property, putting in 20 hours each, planning, collecting

books, determining a location and height, digging the hole thanks to one mom and dad, planting the post. Working with troop 30003 they took turns building the library. It was dedicated on June 14th. Check it out.



Then four of the scouts attended Camp Mountaindale East in North Plains for a week long day camp themed Wizarding. Service Unit 14 used our parking lot so that two busses of scouts and adult volunteers could be transported to the camp. They were very appreciative of this partnership.

We'll be cutting back the next two months but we're hoping we can put together a songfest in August or September.



Mottainai Craft Group Toyoko Oguri

Kimono 101 workshop was held on June 20 with about 20 participants plus many helpers. After a slide presentation by Brenda Fugate on terminologies of kimono parts, types of kimono by gender and occasion, and how to fold kimono, she narrated while the kitsuke (dressing of kimono) experts, Yasuko Fields, Naomi Masuoka and Rie Nakata, demonstrated how to put on kimono by dressing our model, Lauren Yanase. After the demonstration, each attendee put their garments on with guidance. The workshop brought in members of the broader community, including some who do not regularly attend our temple, helping us build new connections and strengthen our shared traditions.

We are grateful for the generous donations of kimono, yukata, kimono accessories, and fabric that we have received in recent months. With only few weeks remaining before the festival, volunteers have been busy washing, repairing, and sewing items in preparation.

Please volunteer for the Kimono Sale setup, sales and take-down on day before and during the Obon Fest on August 1. Link to [SignUp Genius is available online](#) (see Obon Fest poster in this newsletter), or email mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com for information.

If you plan to donate kimono, yukata or Japanese themed fabric, please let us know who you are, so we can thank you properly. All proceeds from the sale benefit the temple and the women's group (OBWA).

WHAT'S AHEAD

- July Meetings • Wednesday, July 8 | 10:30 am–3:00 pm (Kimono Presale Pricing). Kimono Pre-sale will take place during the evening Bon Odori practices on July 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29. To avoid disrupting practice sessions, sales will be held only during limited break periods only.
- No meeting in August.

Thank you for your continued support.

Contact the group for any questions at mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com.



OBT Recognizes HS Graduate Haruki Winner, June 14, 2026 *photos by Maho Garner*

Grant High School graduate Haruki Winner was recognized for her achievements and activities both within and outside of OBT Dharma School. Presenters Marilyn Achterman, Amy Peterson, Jack Kostylo and Paul Nist shared warm memories of Haruki growing up at OBT and offered words of congratulations and gratitude. Minister's Assistant Brenda Fugate also presented a certificate of congratulations from the BCA signed by Bishop Marvin Harada.

Congratulations and best wishes to Haruki in her post high school endeavors!



Invitation to participate in study of spiritual care in Shin Buddhism

Greetings to members of the Oregon Buddhist Temple,

We write to invite you to participate in a study of spiritual care in Shin Buddhism. The aim of this project is to ask about spiritual practices and spiritual care within communities.

We invite you to complete the anonymous online survey linked below. We expect it will take between 10 and 20 minutes to complete this survey. The initial phase of this study is now open to anyone who is 18 years of age or older and is a member or regular attendee at a BCA temple of the Northwest District (we hope to expand this study to include the entire BCA in the coming years). The survey will be open into September.

No incentive is offered for participation in this survey. This is an anonymous survey, but summative reports from this study will be shared with temple leadership and in academic venues. We are grateful to have the support of Bishop Harada and the Northwest District Council for conducting this survey.

Please be aware that one of the researchers, Erik Hammerstrom, is a Minister's Assistant at Tacoma Buddhist Temple. However, personally identifying information will not be collected in this survey.

Thank you for your participation. Thank you also for letting other members at your temple know about this survey. We look forward to sharing our findings in the near future.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Erik Hammerstrom, Ph.D.
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Aimee Hamilton, M.A., M.Sc.
Independent Researcher
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Survey Link: https://plu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3mT5DxTeYPFjUWi

OBT Events and Meetings

Links to and list of recurring events and meetings. Because most events are now live at OBT, this table will contain only those events/meetings with zoom links. Check the newsletter calendar for the dates of everything that is occurring at the temple. For questions: obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (goes to Chris).

Please check our website for any last minute updates (like weather, funerals, or cancellations).

OBT Regular Service

Every week – Sun 10 AM
Dharma Exchange (following the Regular Service) at 11 AM

Link below to website for the filmed services:

<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/>

This link is to zoom for the live Sunday Services and Dharma Exchange:

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441525686?pwd=EeovjfEdmbgAgQUoFXpEC1RAQrzPP1.1>

Meeting ID: 884 4152 5686

Passcode: 804117



OBWA

3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM (specific date on calendar)

Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266

Passcode: 574232

Sunday Bon Odori

last Sunday of the month (see below – specific date on calendar)

Bon odori is generally the last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. July/August are exceptions because of Obon and dancing at the Japanese Garden. And, on occasion there are OBT events on the last Sunday so see the newsletter or calendar for specific dates. This is for fun, exercise, learning new dances, re-learning old dances, and seeing your dance buddies.

See Chris for details or to be added to our Japanese Stuff list that we use to notify dancers ---

obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (email comes to Chris and I can answer questions or add you to the list)

Zoom link if you can't make it in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054749182?pwd=aHBjNXhERzNyT3hUU0E5Wmw2cUliZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182

Passcode: 113529

BEC (Buddhist Education Committee)

3rd Wednesday evening of month (see calendar)

This is the group who figures out the educational activities for the temple like the Sunday Services, Dharma Exchange, the Library, the videos and Sunday slide show presentations, and other tasks. We are always busy especially since we are currently without a resident minister. You are welcome to visit and listen in on the decisions or volunteer 😊

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM with a couple exceptions.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97807303590?pwd=MU90SkZHUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0730 3590

Passcode: 790943

Oregon Buddhist Temple

Obon Fest 2026

Saturday, August 1, 2026 2-9pm

Attendance is FREE
All are Welcome!



Obon Dance
Food and Beverages
Kids Activities
Entertainment
and so much more!

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Ave, Portland, OR 97202
www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com



We are looking for ObonFest volunteers!
Please sign up on [Signup Genius](#) or contact Jayne Ichikawa

KIMONO Sale 2026

@Oregon Buddhist Temple

Vintage and New Kimono, Yukata, Obi,
Happi and Kimono Accessories at
Obon Fest 2026
Saturday, August 1 (2-7pm)
*Pre-sale on July 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29 (7 to 8:30)
during Obon Dance practice.
Closed during dancing to not interfere with dancers.*



Donations are welcome!

For more information, please contact mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com

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**OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE
OBON MEMORIAL LANTERN ORDER FORM NEW LANTERN
IN CELEBRATION OF OBONFEST 2026**



All orders due to temple by **July 22, 2026 deadline**

Please: Use one form for each NEW lantern order. One individual/name per order.

All NEW lanterns \$35 one name per lantern and one form per person

Order forms available online at oregonbuddhisttemple.com pay by cash, check or **online donation** email obtlanterns@gmail.com this form

DONOR NAME _____ **Phone** _____ **Email** _____

NOTE: These lanterns will be displayed at the OBONFEST and are the property of the purchaser. They are not to be confused with the lanterns displayed at our Hatsubon service.

WHITE LANTERN

DECEASED FIRST / LAST NAME

DATE OF PASSING

____/____/____

BUDDHIST NAME IF ONE _____

Cat / Dog / _____

Please note if pet

Red Lantern

_____ For Living, Family, Organization, Business,

_____ Japanese version if desired

Office info Cash/Check _____ **CK #** _____ **Paid Online** _____



**OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE
OBON MEMORIAL LANTERN REHANG ORDER FORM
IN CELEBRATION OF OBONFEST 2026
DEADLINE FOR REHANGS July 24, 2026**

DONOR NAME _____ **Phone** _____
Email _____ **LANTERN REHANGS \$20 each**

Lantern File # _____ Lantern name _____

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Additional? use back of form

If your lantern was not hung for 3 years it will be retired unless rehung or picked up.
If you are unsure of all of your lanterns, please email obtlanterns@gmail.com to request a list of your previously purchased lanterns.

OFFICE USE Paid Online _____ **Cash** _____ **CK #** _____

Upcoming Bon Odori Practice Schedule

2026 Event:	Month	Date	Day	Time
No Dancing	January			
Sunday Bon Odori	February	1	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori	February	22	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori	March	29	Sunday	1:00 PM
No Dancing	April			
Sunday Bon Odori	May	3	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori	May	31	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori	June	28	Sunday	1:00 PM
Obon Leader Practice	July	5	Sunday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	13	Monday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	15	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	20	Monday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	22	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	27	Monday	7:00 PM
Obon Dance Practice	July	29	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Obon Bon Odori	August	1	Saturday	7 - 9 PM
NOTE: Japanese Garden practice and dancing is for those who sign up as space is limited. Japanese Garden members can come to the practice and dance event without signing up but need to provide their own transportation to the garden.				
J Garden Practice	August	14	Friday	7:00 PM
J Garden Practice	August	21	Friday	7:00 PM
J Garden Bon Odori	August	22	Saturday	10:30 AM
Sunday Bon Odori	September	27	Sunday	1:00 PM
No Dancing	October			
Sunday Bon Odori	November	1	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori	November	29	Sunday	1:00 PM
Sunday Bon Odori (Xmas)	December	27	Sunday	1:00 PM

NOTE: All Sunday Bon Odori is at 1 to 3 PM in the OBT basement. All practices for Obon and the Japanese Garden are from 7 to 9 PM in the OBT basement.

CALL FOR ENTRIES
6th Annual BCA Virtual Art Exhibit

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT 1, 2026

Open to all members of our BCA Sangha Community!

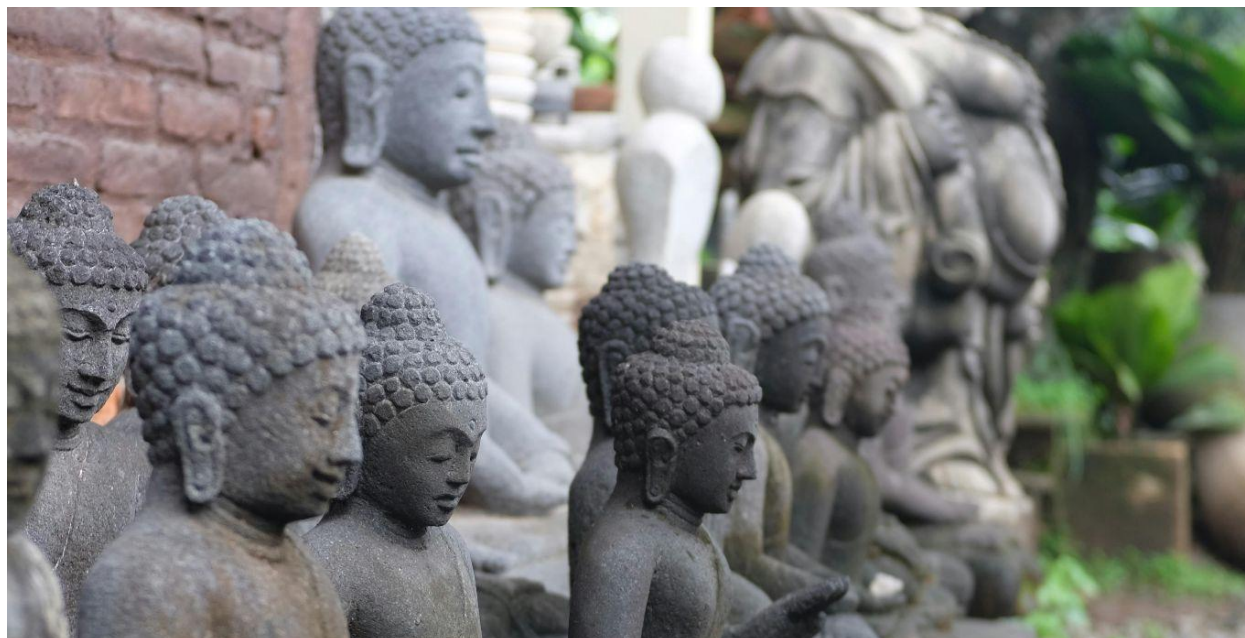
Register at
[TINYURL.COM/BCARTCALL2026](https://tinyurl.com/BCARTCALL2026)

Buddhist Churches of America
ARTWORK BY TESSA ASATO

CARVING THE DIVINE
Buddhist Sculptors of Japan
仏師

Special Showing and Q&A Discussion with filmmaker Yujiro Seki
Saturday September 19, 2026 2:30 pm
Details to Follow

SAVE THE DATE



PORTLAND Buddhist Festival

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8



11am-5pm

Celebrate the vibrancy of Portland's Buddhist community with representatives from more than twenty Buddhist temples and organizations.

Join us at Dharma Rain Zen Center's 14-acre park-like property. Visit information booths from an array of Buddhist temples. Participate in Buddhist chants, ceremonial practices, dance, mindfulness activities, and children's programs.

DHARMA RAIN ZEN CENTER
8500 NE Siskiyou St, Portland, OR 97220



MACLAREN YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY BOOK DRIVE



Seeking **paperback** books about Buddhism (history, philosophy, writings, etc.)

MACLAREN YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY HOUSES MALE YOUTH OFFENDERS WHO HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED FOR SERIOUS CRIMINAL OFFENSES. WE ARE TREATMENT FOCUSED WITH THE GOAL OF REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.



See Dean Lange or Marilyn Achterman for more information.

OBT FOOD DRIVE FOR OREGON FOOD BANK



We will be collecting non-perishable food items for donation to the Oregon Food Bank every Shotsuki Hoyo Sunday through the end of 2026.

Thank you for your generosity – in June we donated 123 pounds of food!



**SUPPORTER OF THE OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE
PLEDGE FOR 2026**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

All individuals who make a pledge will be listed as a Supporter of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

For individuals who pledge \$300 or more:

- A portion of your pledge will be forwarded to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) for BCA membership
- Eligible to be nominated to be on the Oregon Buddhist Temple Board of Directors
- Eligible to vote for the Board of Directors of Oregon Buddhist Temple and other issues that are presented at the General Meeting.

I will pledge for 2026, the amount of \$ _____

_____ The above amount is to be given as a one- time amount of \$ _____ or

_____ The above amount is to be given in payments of \$ _____

_____ Monthly _____ Quarterly

_____ I would like a pledge reminder before the end of 2026 at (email or phone) _____

Please send this completed Pledge for 2026 and payments to:

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Avenue
Portland, OR 97202-3037

[Make an online donation](#)



In gratitude for your support of the Oregon Buddhist Temple

Weekly Guided Meditation

Wednesdays at 9:00 AM Pacific Time
Hosted online via Zoom

**Join the Buddhist Churches of
America each Wednesday
for a free online guided meditation
led by Rev. Marvin Harada.**



These weekly sessions offer a welcoming space to pause, breathe, and reconnect with the present moment through Buddhist mindfulness and meditation practice.

Whether you are completely new to meditation or have an established practice, all are welcome. Each session will include gentle guidance, silent meditation, and reflections rooted in Shin Buddhist teachings that encourage compassion, gratitude, and inner awareness.

Meditation can help cultivate calm, clarity, resilience, and a deeper connection with ourselves and others. Through regular practice, we learn to meet life with greater openness, balance, and appreciation for each moment.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81859478933?pwd=vy0OX4Jai1LDIPmGbxqAJtVAnDuNbc.1>

Meeting chat link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/launch/jc/81859478933>


Meeting ID: 818 5947 8933

Passcode: 898828

BCA MEMBERS RED CARPET WEEKEND 2026

Returns by Popular Demand! ✨



 **JODO SHINSHU CENTER
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA**

 **AUGUST
28-30, 2026**

Join fellow BCA members for an unforgettable weekend filled with:



Meaningful
Connections



Inspiring
Discussions



Fun with
Dharma friends



Opportunities for
learning and reflection

Open to all BCA temple members ages 18 and older — whether you're attending for the first time or returning from last year's successful event!

NEW IN 2026



PRESIDENT'S TOWN HALL

Join BCA President Glenn Inanaga for an interactive discussion about temple life, ideas, experiences, and the future of the BCA community.



WHAT'S NEW IN BCA?

Hear exciting updates and initiatives shaping the future of the BCA.



EVENING SOCIAL WITH SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Enjoy desserts and refreshments while connecting informally with BCA executive leadership and staff.

ENCORE FAVORITES RETURN



SPECIAL SESSION WITH BISHOP REV. MARVIN HARADA

One of last year's most-loved highlights returns! Ask questions and hear the Bishop's reflections and insights.



KIESHIKI AFFIRMATION CEREMONY

Participants may arrange in advance to receive a Buddhist name. (\$50 administrative fee applies.)



RARE VIEWING OPPORTUNITY

First-time attendees may view the Holy Relics enshrined inside the Stupa atop the Buddhist Church of San Francisco.



MUSICAL OFFERING SERVICE

The weekend concludes with inspiring music and performances that share the Dharma and touch the heart.

REGISTER NOW!



Registration Deadline: **July 15, 2026**



Limited lodging available at the Jodo Shinshu Center



Information & Registration: Visit the webpage for event details and registration.

Link to website:

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/red-carpet-weekend>

Password: **bcarcw2026**



FREE Meals & Lodging at the JSC

(Space is limited, and shared accommodations may be required.)

Thanks to the generous support of:

- Dharma Forward
- Bishop's Expansion Fund
- Bloomquist Education Endowment
- Bay, Northern, Northwest, and Southern Districts



SCAN TO REGISTER!



QUESTIONS?



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