

NICHIREN NEWS

September, 2019

Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church - 5191 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822 (917) 456-8371

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September, 2019

1	11:30am	Sunday service
8	----	no service
15	----	no service
22	11:30am	Ohigan service
29	11:30am	Kaji Kito
29	noon	Church meeting

October, 2019

6	----	no service
12	Saturday 11am- 2pm	Food Bazaar
13	11:30am	Kaji Kito
20	----	no service
27	11:30am	Oeshiki service
27	noon	Church meeting

OHIGAN SERVICE

Ohigan service will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2019. This service takes place twice a year (during the Spring and Fall equinoxes).

Please write the names of your deceased family members on the enclosed form, and return the form to Church before the 11:30am service.

CHURCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS-6/30/19

- ▶ Discussed summer bazaar.
- ▶ Agreed to add a shed for more storage space. John will get price quotes.

CHURCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS-7/28/19

- ▶ Discussed Sensei's 30th anniversary with our church.

CHURCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS-8/11/19

- ▶ Discussed final preparations for Sensei's 30th anniversary.

FALL FOOD BAZAAR Saturday, 10/12/19 11:00am to 2:00pm

Members & friends are asked to help at the Fall Food Bazaar. Preparations will take place on Thursday, October 10, 2019, Friday, October 11, 2019 and Saturday, October 12, 2019.

Pre-sale forms may be picked up at Church or printed from the website. Completed forms must be returned to the Church with payment by **Monday, September 23, 2019.**

Agesushi - \$6.00
Barasushi - \$5.00
Bento - \$10.00
Curry Rice - \$6.00
Ruby's Chicken Salad - \$6.00
Spam Musubi - \$4.00
Teriyaki Beef Sandwich - \$6.00
Teriyaki Chicken - \$7.00
Udon - \$6.00

Please ask family & friends to help support our Church. Additional food may be purchased at this event.

Baked goods and crafts will also be sold. Please bring in your donations for sale.

TERIYAKI CHICKEN SALE

It's not too late to purchase some delicious teriyaki chicken from the summer bazaar. It's available for sale. The frozen cooked chicken is only \$4.00 a box. Please contact the Church if you would like to buy some chicken.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from the following:

Memorial: In memory of Richard Houston-David Boots/\$40; In memory of Doris Dennis-Renee Dennis/\$20; In memory of Emiko Nagasawa (1st year memorial) -Todd & Sean Nagasawa/\$300

Special donations: Fusako Okamoto/flowers for Sunday services; Thomas Murray/\$200; Nichiren-shu Headquarters/\$386.73

Fujinkai Membership (\$10): Lily Hitomi; Fusako Okamoto

Obon: Misayo Chamanara/\$30; Susumu Fujiwara/\$40; Ruby & Gary Gotow/\$30; Joe Hitomi/\$20; Lily Hitomi/\$30; Yoshiko Hitomi/\$50; John Hughes/\$150; Mary Hughes/\$150; Kiyoko Kuwabara/\$40; Keiko Lucas/\$50; Kathy Mine/\$20; Takashi Mizuno/\$50; Thomas & Deardra Murray/\$200; Kinjiro Nakatogawa/\$40; Fusako Okamoto/\$100; Yurimi Sawamura/\$30; Dave & Gail Tanaka/\$30; Brian Tsuda/\$40; Keiko Tsuda/\$20; Hideko Tsuetaki/\$50; Chiharu Yamada/\$20

Membership: Betsi Ann Nagasawa/\$20

Our Buddhist Attire

In Buddhism, it is said that as human beings we are born into this Saha world, or world of suffering. But becoming a minister in this suffering world involves being prepared to undergo a lot more hardships and struggles that others may not face.

I would like to briefly talk about our Buddhist attire. We must treat our koromo and hakama that we wear as items that we received from the Buddha. When I was just a shami all those years ago, one of my daily duties was to fold my master's kesa, koromo and hakama. I recall one day, my master decided to watch me fold his Buddhist attire. I had been standing on my knees while folding his koromo and my knees had briefly touched the edge of it. My master immediately became very angry with me and told me that I should never be stepping on or even touching his koromo with my knees. Despite the fact that it was winter, for the next month, my master forbade me from wearing my koromo, and would only let me wear my thin hakui. Needless to say, that experience taught me the importance of my koromo.

When I underwent my 100 days of aragyō training, which as you may know also occurs annually during the winter, I was also only allowed to wear my hakui **and koromo**. All of you may think that it is just a thin hakui. But this hakui was vital in saving me from the cold winter weather. Every time I finished my 100 days of aragyō training, I appreciated my hakui a lot more. It is this hakui and koromo that I received from the Buddha that helped me complete my aragyō trainings.

Also, when you look a kesa closely, you can see that looks like a patchwork quilt, like small pieces of cloth sewn together. The reason for this lies in the origin of the kesa. It is said that the first kesa was made by a minister who combined the small pieces of cloth that he received as a donation and token of appreciation from various lay members. This donation in Japanese is called "fuse". Interestingly, the kanji character for "fuse" is written as "donating or giving cloth". As ministers, we receive this fuse for saving others through propagating Buddhism. Once again, similar to the hakui and koromo, we must treat our kesa as an item that we received from the Buddha as a token of appreciation for saving others through spreading the teachings of the Buddha.

As ministers, we undergo various forms of training and learn through various measures. One of these includes learning through reading books and other forms of literature. However, there is so much that we cannot learn from just reading. It is undoubtedly essential to learn through reading; however, it is through our own experiences and realizations that we further progress as ministers.

Lastly, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everybody who celebrated my 30-year anniversary. I really appreciated it, thank you.

❖ Japanese Food Sale (pre-sale) ❖

Saturday, October 12, 2019
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Keep this top portion for your records.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>	X	<u>Quantity</u>	=	<u>Total Cost</u>
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Teriyaki Beef Sandwich	\$ 6.00		_____		_____
Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 7.00		_____		_____
Udon	\$ 6.00		_____		_____
TOTAL					_____

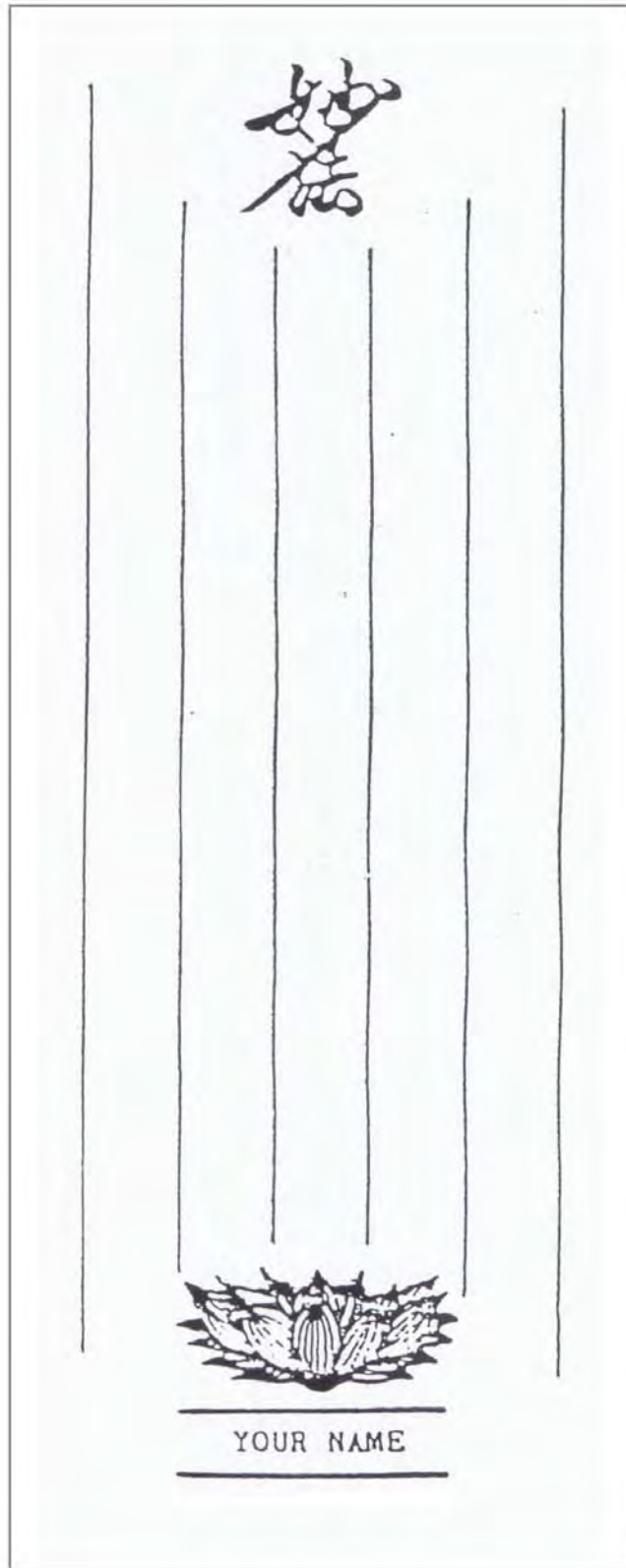


To place an order, please visit our website at www.sacramentonichirechurch.org or complete the form below & mail it along with your check made payable to "**Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church**" to the church by **Monday, September 23, 2019.**


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Address _____
E-Mail _____

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YOUR NAME