

NICHIREN NEWS

September, 2021

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September, 2021

5	11:30am	Tatsunokuchi service
12	----	no service
19	----	no service
26	11:30am	Ohigan service
26	noon	Church meeting

October, 2021

3	----	no service
6	10:00am	clean back parking lot
7	8:00am	Cooking
7	call Church for times	clean chicken shed
8		clean chicken
8	8:00am	Cooking
9	4:00am	Cooking
9	Saturday noon-3pm	Food Sale
9	Saturday 11am-4pm	Rummage Sale
10	11:30am	Sunday service
17	----	no service
24	11:30am	Oeshiki service
31	11:30am	Kaji Kito
31	noon	Church meeting

OHIGAN SERVICE

Ohigan service will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021. 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.

NEW REFRIGERATOR

The fridge in the kitchen is broken/not repairable. If you would like to donate towards a new fridge, please send your donations to the church. We plan to purchase a larger unit as we need more space during the bazaars and other events.

CHURCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS-8/29/21

- ▶ Discussed preparations for the Fall Food sale and Rummage sale.
- ▶ Schedules were determined for the food/rummage sale & food to be prepared were discussed.

FALL FOOD SALE

(take out/pre-order-no indoor dining)

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, 10/9/2021

Food - noon to 3:00pm

Rummage - 11:00am to 4:00pm

*Members & friends are asked to help at the Fall Food Sale & Rummage Sale. Preparations will take place on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021, Thursday, October 7, 2021, Friday, October 8, 2021 and Saturday, October 9, 2021.***

Pre-sale forms may be picked up at Church or on the Church website. Completed forms must be returned to the Church with payment by Monday, September 27, 2021.

Agesushi - \$7.00

Barasushi - \$6.00

Teriyaki Beef Bowl - \$9.00

Teriyaki Chicken Bowl - \$9.00

Ramen Salad - \$6.00

Spam Musubi - \$5.00

Teriyaki Beef Sandwich - \$7.00

Teriyaki Chicken - \$9.00

RUMMAGE SALE

If you have clean, useable items to donate, please bring them to the church by September 26, 2021.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from the following:

Bazaar Fund: Tsukemono donated by Fusako Okamoto/\$40

Church Membership (\$240): Betsi Anne Nagasawa/\$40

Memorial:

In memory of Clifford Hara--Diane Hara/\$150; In memory of Mark Washington--Renee Dennis/\$200

Obon:

Susumu Fujiwara/\$40; Joe Hitomi/\$20; Lily Hitomi/\$50; Yoshiko Hitomi/\$50; John Hughes/\$150; Mary Hughes/\$150; Mihoko Igarashi/\$100; Peter Kato/\$100; Liz Kono/\$100; Kiyoko Kuwabara/\$40; Keiko Lucas/\$100; Kathy Mine/\$40; Takashi Mizuno/\$75; Betsi Anne Nagasawa/\$20; Elizabeth Nettle/\$200; Fusako Okamoto/\$30; Yurimi Sawamura/\$30; Gail & David Tanaka/\$50; Linda Tomita/\$50; Brian Tsuda/\$40; Keiko Tsuda/\$30; Hideko Tsuetaki/\$50; Chiharu Yamada/\$20

Refrigerator:

Ruby Gotow/\$100; Jane Hitomi/\$100; Lily Hitomi/\$100; Merry Hitomi/\$100; Yoshiko Hitomi/\$100; Kiyoko Kuwabara/\$100; Keiko Lucas/\$100; Kevin Lucas/\$100; Kathy Mine/\$100; Fusako Okamoto/\$100; Brian Tsuda/\$100

Rummage Sale:

\$791

Special donations:

Gary Gotow/\$50; John Hughes/\$100 (pest control); Fusako Okamoto/flowers

CONDOLENCES

We offer sincere condolences to the family of:

Mark Washington who passed away on June 20, 2021 at the age of 54.



Evaluating Our Own Selfishness

A fourth grader in Japan wrote a poem titled "*Undoujou*" ("Sports Ground") that was published in a Japanese magazine. The poem can be translated into English as follows:

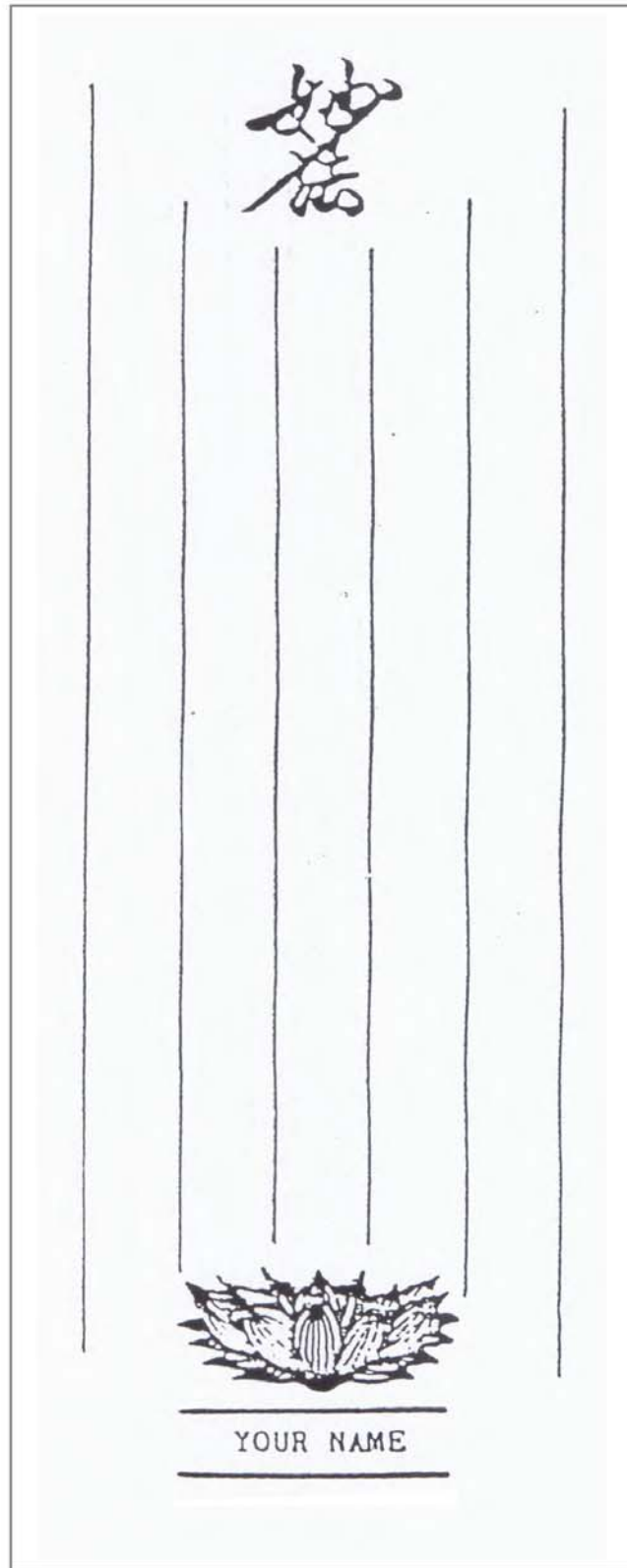
"Everyone is playing on the sports ground,
While saying repeatedly how small it is.
When everyone gathers early at school for the morning chores
And are told to pick up rocks on the tracks
The students do as they are told,
While saying repeatedly how big the sports ground is."

This is a very well written poem. When the children are playing or doing their chores on the sports ground, there is essentially no difference in the size of the sports ground. However, how we feel at that specific moment allows us to perceive that same place very differently.

This poem also conveys the selfishness of human beings as well. When something horrible happens to us, we tend to blame our misfortune on others. However, when something good happens, we are quickly focused on the happiness that we feel at the moment and only think about ourselves. We forget to think about the other individuals that helped us achieve this happiness.

The same can be said about many people and their view on religion. Many people only start becoming devout or pious when we have a wish that we hope will be granted. Yet, when we do not have these goals or wishes, we do not even consider the importance of religion and suddenly become less devout or completely forget about the existence of religion. We must learn to re-evaluate our tendencies to have different views of religion depending on different situations. In doing so, we can learn to evaluate ourselves and continue to maintain and develop our own religious faith.

Write the names of your deceased family members on the form below, cut out the form and return it to the Church before the service.



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YOUR NAME

❖ Japanese Food Sale (pre-sale) ❖

Saturday, October 9, 2021

noon to 3:00 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>
Agesushi	\$ 7.00		_____		_____
Barasushi	\$ 6.00		_____		_____
Teriyaki Beef Bowl	\$ 9.00		_____		_____
Teriyaki Chicken Bowl	\$ 9.00		_____		_____
Ramen Salad	\$ 6.00		_____		_____
Spam Musubi	\$ 5.00		_____		_____
Teriyaki Beef Sandwich	\$ 7.00		_____		_____
Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 9.00		_____		_____
TOTAL					_____



To place an order, please visit our website at www.sacramentonichirenchurch.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 27, 2021.**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

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