

Nichiren News

September 2022

5191 24th Street, Sacramento, California 95822 - (916) 456-8371

Calendar of Events

September 2022

4	11:30am	Tatsunokuchi persecution
4	noon	Church mtg
11	—	No service
18	—	No service
25	11:30am	Ohigan
25	noon	Church mtg

October 2022

2	—	No service
5		Food bazaar prep - clean chicken shed
6	8:00am	Food bazaar prep
7	8:00am	Food bazaar prep
8	5:00am	Food bazaar Cooking
8	Noon to 2:00pm	Food bazaar Pick up time
9	11:30am	Sunday service
16	—	No service
23	11:30am	Oeshiki
30	11:30am	Kaji Kito
30	noon	Church mtg

Ohigan Service

Ohigan service will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2022. 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.

Food Sale - October 8

All hands on deck! We need help in the kitchen and chicken shed for the upcoming food sale.

You can order food using the hard copy form or online "sacramentonichirechurch.org" Please place your order by September 28, 2022:

Items for sale:

Agesushi-\$8.00
Teriyaki Beef Bento-\$22.00
Teriyaki Beef Sandwich-\$10.00
Teriyaki Chicken-\$10.00
Udon-\$10.00

Church Meeting Highlights - 7/31/22

- Discussed the Church house.
- Will get estimates for the Church house siding/paint/dry rot

Church Meeting Highlights - 8/14/22

- Discussed October food bazaar. Agreed on items for sale & prices.
- Possible Kimono sale in October or November
- Estimates for paint & new paneling for house are between \$18,000-\$25,000; getting more estimates
- Chicken shed to be discussed at the next meeting

Church Meeting Highlights - 8/28/22

- New estimate for the siding: \$4,400; painting estimate not yet confirmed. Siding will begin in 2-3 weeks.

Church Meeting Highlights - 9/4/2022

- Will review the Church's liability insurance to determine if we should change companies.
- Agreed to change the rummage sale date to November 12 & NOT during the October food sale.

Acknowledgements

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Obon: Renee Dennis/\$100; Ruby & Gary Gotow/\$30; Lily Hitomi/\$50; Yoshiko Hitomi/\$50; Joe Hitomi/\$20; John Hughes/\$150; Mary Hughes/\$150; Peter Kato/\$100; Elizabeth Kono/\$100; Kiyoko Kuwabara/\$40; Keiko Lucas/\$150; Kathy Mine/\$30; Takashi Mizuno/\$75; Dearthra Murray/\$40; Liz Nettle/\$50; Fusako Okamoto/\$50; Yurimi Sawamura/\$50; Steve & Candace Saxton/\$50; Linda Tomita/\$100; Gail & Dave Tanaka/\$50; Brian Tsuda/\$40; Keiko Tsuda/\$20; Hideko Tsuetaki/\$50; Chiharu Yamada/\$20
Membership (\$240): Kinjiro Nakatogawa; Chiharu Yamada
Special Donation: John Hughes/\$100 pest control; Fusako Okamoto/Flowers for church services; Nichiren Shu Headquarters/\$293.06

Condolences

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of Hitoko Nagasawa who passed away on August 10, 20, 2022 at the age of 99.

Understanding Buddhism

What is Buddhism?

Buddhism is the teaching of the Buddha, just as Christianity is the teaching of Jesus Christ and Islam is the teaching of Mohammad.

Yet, there is one major characteristic that distinguishes Buddhism from the other major religions—those who embrace Buddhism can also become a Buddha. In Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, believers are encouraged to learn the teachings of the founder and to devote themselves to a unique, absolute deity. Nonetheless, these followers cannot become a deity.

However, in Buddhism, anyone is said to have the potential to become the Buddha if they awaken to the truth behind the universe and human beings, which can be understood through studying the teachings of the Buddha. Ultimately, Buddhism is everyone's attempt to become a Buddha.

What is "Buddha"?

"Buddha" is the Sanskrit word for "aspirant". After practicing and overcoming austerities for six years, the Buddha decided to abandon the severe practices. He would eventually discover the truth while meditating under a bodhi tree. For this reason, people called him the "Buddha" or the "one who has awakened to the truth".

The original Buddha from India was an "ojin Buddha"—a body of a Buddha manifested to correspond to the different needs and capacities of living beings. The Buddha that is represented in the Lotus Sutra is called a "hojin Buddha", which is a Buddha that has gained Enlightenment a long time before the dawn of existence, even long before this universe was created. Essentially, this Buddha is the "truth".

As the teachings came to be received in the western regions of Asia, the Chinese used two Chinese characters ("butsu" and "da") to represent the word, "Buddha". When Buddhism came to Japan, the Japanese only used the first character and it came to be read as both "butsu" and "hotoke".

Higan is an important event in September. This is your opportunity to pray for your ancestors and yourself.

In October, there will be a Memorial Service for Nichiren Shonin (Oeshiki). Nichiren Shonin was a messenger of the "... Buddha" that came to this world to spread the Lotus Sutra. Thanks to him, we are able to practice the Lotus Sutra to this day. Please come and pay your gratitude and respect to him.



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The Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church needs to raise \$7,000 to pay for repairs to the reverend's home before the winter season this year.

The manufactured home was installed in 1992. In the nearly 30 years since, the siding has developed dry rot at the seam between the wall siding and the skirt at the bottom of the home. In addition, the ornamental shutters and surrounding woodwork need to be removed.

The church has secured a bid for repairs that will remove the dry rot and install new fiber cement siding covering the repairs and the bottom skirt. The decorative shutters will be removed and new trim installed around the windows. Once the repair work has been completed, the house will be painted. The total cost is estimated to be \$7,000.

Donations can be made online at <https://sacramentonichirechurch.org/donate>

Checks can be made out to Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church and mailed to:

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Thank you for your help.

The Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church Board

The Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church is recognized by the IRS as a Section 501(c)(3) public charitable organization. Donors can deduct contributions they make under IRS Section 170. The Church is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522.

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Japanese Food Sale (pre-sale)

Saturday, October 8, 2022
 Noon to 2:00pm (pick up time)

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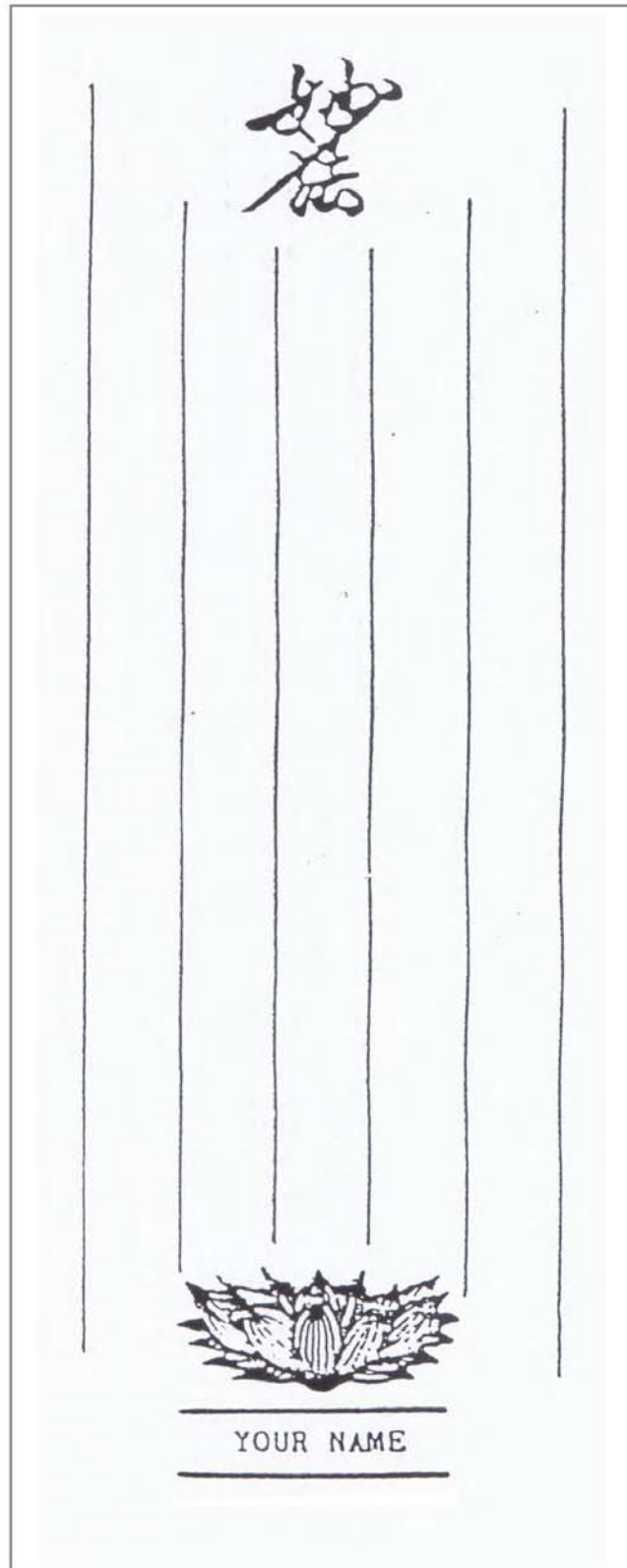
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Udon	\$10.00		_____		_____
TOTAL			_____		_____

To place an order, complete the section below & mail it with your check made payable to "Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church" to the church by Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 E-mail: _____

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YOUR NAME