

# NICHIREN NEWS

November, 2022

Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church - 5191 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95822 (916) 456-8371

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 2022

6	11:30am	Komatsuara persecution
12	6:00am	Cooking - food sale during rummage sale
12	9am-2pm	Rummage sale
13	---	no service
20	11:30am	Kaji Kito
20	noon	Church meeting
27	---	no service

## December 2022

4	---	no service
11	---	no service
17	6:00am cooking	Mochi Tsuki
17	11am-1pm	Mochi pick up
18	11:30am	Jodo-e & Kaji Kito
18	noon	Church meeting
25		End of year clean up
31	11:00pm	End of year service (Joya)

## January, 2023

1	12:00am	New Year service
8	---	no service
15	---	no service
22	11:30am	Kaji Kito
22	noon	Church meeting
29	11:00am	Tsuito-e
29	noon	New Year Party

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please use the enclosed envelope to send in your Church membership dues. The dues are still only **\$240** per year.

### FUJINKAI MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for the Fujinkai are **\$10** per year. Please send your dues to the Church.

### RUMMAGE SALE & FOOD SALE

We will have a rummage sale on November 12. Come help with the sale & buy some new and used items.

## CHURCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 30, 2022

1. Discussed rummage sale; members asked to help beginning 10am on November 9, 10, 11 to prep items.
2. Total sales & donations for the October food sale were \$14,654. Expenses were \$2,792.19. Net total is \$11,864.81.

### MOCHI TSUKI

The annual mochi tsuki will take place on **Saturday, December 17, 2022**. The cost is **\$8.00** for eight pieces of komochi mochi, **\$8.00** for kasane & **\$10.00** for six pieces of an-mochi. Pick up is between **11:00am and 1:00pm**. Mail your mochi order form or order with a credit card through the church website or call the Church by **December 10, 2022**. *All church members and friends are asked to help beginning at 7:00am on December 17, 2022.* [www.sacramentonichirenchurch.org](http://www.sacramentonichirenchurch.org)

### NEW YEAR PARTY

The New Year Party will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023. The church service will be at 11:00am followed by the party. Please note that the cost of the luncheon will be \$25. Please contact the church if you would like to attend. The deadline is January 18, 2023.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from the following:

**Ohigan:** Gary & Ruby Gotow/\$40; Joe Hitomi/\$20; Lily Hitomi/\$50; Yoshiko Hitomi/\$50; John Hughes/\$150; Mary Hughes/\$100; Peter Kato/\$50; Liz Kono/\$100; Kiyoko Kuwabara/\$40; Keiko Lucas/\$150; Kathy Mine/\$40; Takashi Mizuno/\$75; Deandra Murray/\$40; Fusako Okamoto/\$50; Yurimi Sawamura/\$50; Steve & Candace Saxton/\$50; Dave & Gail Tanaka/\$50; Linda Tomita/\$100; Brian Tsuda/\$40; Hideko Tsuetaki/\$50; Alexis Wilson/\$20; Chiharu Yamada/\$20; Yozo Yamada/\$100

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**Oeshiki:** Lily Hitomi/\$50; Joe Hitomi/\$20; John Hughes/\$20; Kiyoko Kuwabara/\$20; Kathy Mine/\$40; Dave & Gail Tanaka/\$40; Brian Tsuda/\$40; Laura Wilson (for Richard & Alexis)/\$20

**Building Fund:** Vec Doublehelix/\$50; Krysty Emery/\$25; Enkoji Temple Seattle/\$100; Jane Hitomi/\$250; Lily Hitomi/\$250; Merry Hitomi/\$250; Yoshiko Hitomi/\$250; John Hughes/\$500; Kenjo Igarashi/\$1,000; Liz Kono/\$100; Keiko Lucas/\$250; Valentina Marras/\$20; Neal Oldham/\$35; Stacie Robertson/\$100; Steve & Candace Saxton/100; Dave & Gail Tanaka/\$250; Doron Tomita/\$100;

**Membership Dues (\$240):** Joe Hitomi

**Bazaar Fund:** Ruby Gotow/food & supplies; Marion Hakata/\$40; Lily Hitomi/food & supplies; Joe Hitomi/\$98 (charcoal); Yoshiko Hitomi/donuts; Cindy Kadokawa/bottled water & gloves; Kiyoko Kuwabara/food & Dag Nakatogawa/\$25; Tsuyoshi Ohara/\$25; Fusako Okamoto/jams & tsukemono; Brian Tsuda/food & supplies; Mr. & Mrs. Tsutsumi/\$50; Nancy Yamabe/\$25; misc/\$40

**Special Donations:** Joe Hitomi/\$300 (postage stamps); John Hughes/\$100 for Pest control; Fusako Okamoto/flowers for the Temple

### 2023

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES

1 <sup>st</sup> year	2022
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	2021
7 <sup>th</sup> year	2017
13 <sup>th</sup> year	2011
17 <sup>th</sup> year	2007
23 <sup>rd</sup> year	2001
27 <sup>th</sup> year	1997
33 <sup>rd</sup> year	1991
37 <sup>th</sup> year	1987
43 <sup>rd</sup> year	1981
50 <sup>th</sup> year	1974



## “12 *Innen* (十二因緣)” (“Dependent Origination”)

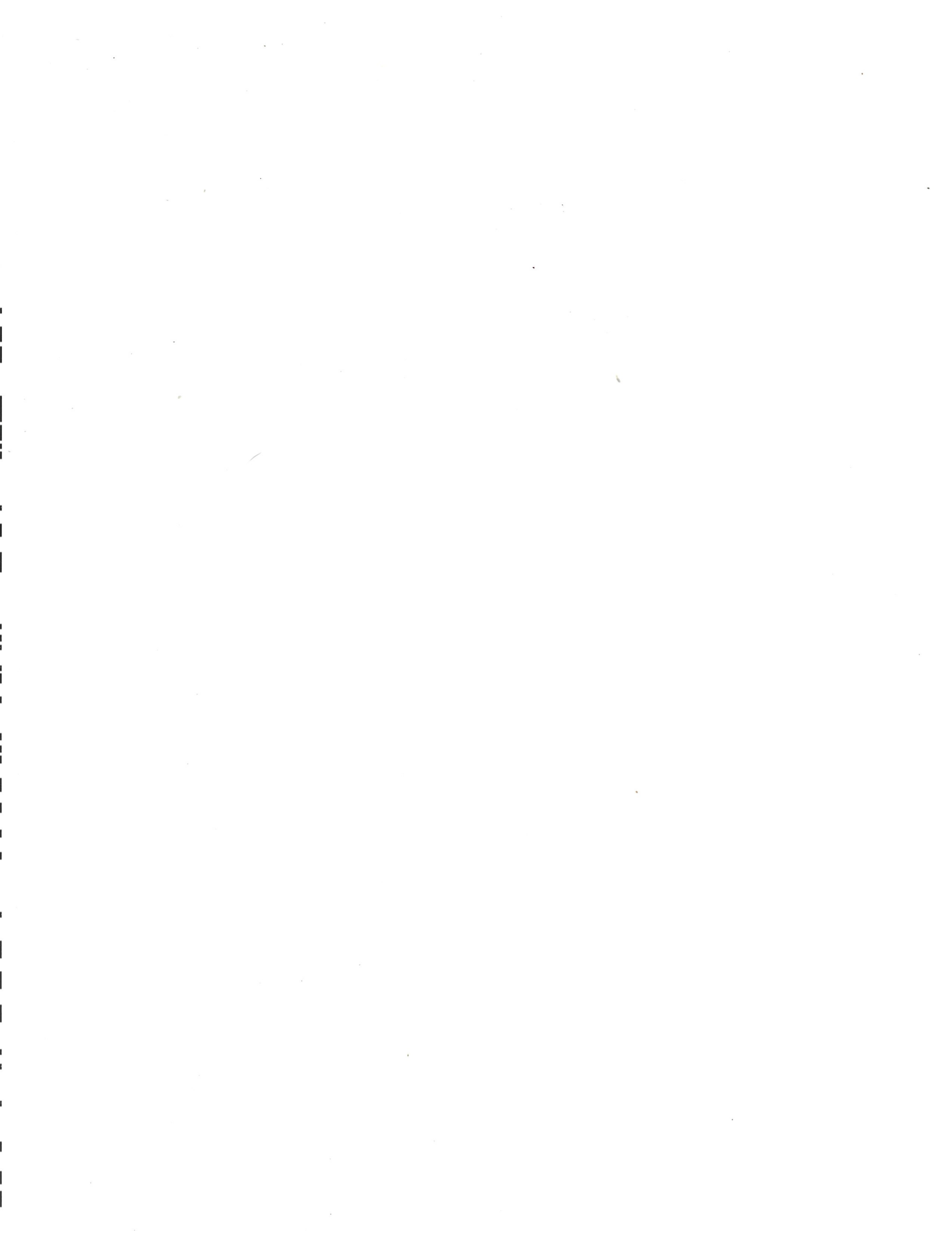
As we approach the end of another year, we must also remember that we are approaching December 8<sup>th</sup>, the supposed date that Sakyamuni Buddha attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi tree. Despite the many Buddhist “teachings” that find its origins in Buddha’s attainment of Enlightenment, one of particular interest is the “12 *Innen* (十二因緣)”, also known as “Dependent Origination”. Each of the 12 *Innen* follows a sequential order, which ultimately tells us that ignorance is the source of human suffering.

The following is the list of the 12 *Innen* given by the Japanese names and followed by the English translation.

- 1) *Mumyou* (無明): Ignorance
- 2) *Gyou* (行): Actions
- 3) *Shiki* (識): Consciousness
- 4) *Myoushiki* (名色): Object of consciousness
- 5) *Rokunyū* (六入): Six entrances
- 6) *Soku* (觸): Contact with external objects
- 7) *Ju* (受): Sensation
- 8) *Ai* (愛): Desire
- 9) *Shu* (取): Positive or negative attachment to what one desires or detests
- 10) *U* (有): The state of existence in transmigration
- 11) *Shou* (生): Birth
- 12) *Roushi* (老死): Old age and death

In this following explanation, each of the 12 *Innen* will be referred to by their specific numbers shown above. (1) is meant to show that ignorance is the basis of indecisiveness. As a result of this, we are born into this world. As a result, (2) suggests that people have their own strong will and determination which may sometimes lead one to make immature decisions and act recklessly. However, (3) notes that having a strong will can somewhat be synonymous to having consciousness. Buddha notes that initial consciousness relates to the idea of wanting to be in your mother’s womb, or rather in fact, **wanting to be born into this world**. (4) is the idea that once you are inside your mother’s womb, your body and your spirit/heart develops simultaneously. (5) details the methods and objects by which we understand consciousness. They include our mind, body, or more specifically our eyes, ears, nose, and tongue, which all lead to (6). Many believe that at this point we are desperately trying to come out of our mother’s womb and enter into the human world. Once we are born into this world, we will physically be in touch with the external world and the objects that belong to this world of suffering. This is followed by (7), which includes the idea of coming to understand the pain and happiness that comes from establishing human connections. However, this also includes the idea of understanding happiness and affection that we feel towards certain objects. This emotion eventually leads to (8), which means constantly desiring pleasure and wanting to avoid suffering. (9) further describes the desires and explains that your attachments cause you to focus more on what you desires more than anything else. As we progress to (10), we see that the attachment develops to a point of overt clinging. As a result of these attachments, we continue to be born into this world as suggested by (11) and as (12) states, we experience old age and death.

The 12 *Innen* not only suggests the reason for continued reincarnation into this world of suffering, but the need to sever the ties between ignorance and birth. The 12 phenomena lead to future births and suffering. The specific definition of this ignorance results from lacking knowledge of the “truth”. We know that this is definitely not an easy task—it even took the Buddha 6 years to gain understanding of the “truth”. This truth is the idea of opening up one’s Buddha nature, which requires knowledge and execution of Buddha’s teachings—understanding the Four Noble truths, the Noble Eightfold path, and chanting the Odaimoku. This task not only rids of ignorance, but is also a necessary step towards attaining Enlightenment and bringing peace to this suffering world.





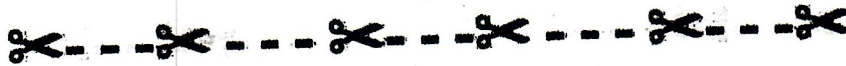
# ❖ Mochi Sale ❖

**Saturday, December 17, 2022**  
**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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**Keep this top portion for your records.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Price X Quantity = Total Cost</b>
Mochi (8 pieces)	\$ 8.00    _____
An Mochi (6 pieces)	\$ 10.00    _____
Kasane	\$ 8.00    _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	_____



To place an order, EITHER complete the section below & mail it along with your check made payable to "Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church" to the church by Saturday, December 10, 2022. OR visit our website at www.sacramentonichirechurch.org to order & pay online.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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