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LONG BEACH BUDDHIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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I trust this letter finds you all well.

I hope you enjoyed the summer events and services such as Obon and Tanabata festival.

It is amazing how time goes quickly and that September is already around the corner.

From September, Long Beach Buddhist Church is going to have services every Sunday and there will also be a few new events including meditation and Sunday school along with the conventional monthly classes of Shigin, Qi Gong, Kimekomi, and Sumie.

Among the four major pillars of the Buddhist teachings is the insight of "impermanence" or "transiency" of life.

Long Beach Buddhist Church has also been following this truth by going through many different phases.

But just as life is a constant change, we, too, are changing through many encounters of life and thoughts and actions we form every day.

Please cherish your memories of the past and convert them into your joy and appreciation for what is presented to you today.

On the 14th of September, LBBC will hold the Autumnal Equinox Service called "Ohigan e". It is the day we honor Buddha and his disciples along with our own ancestors. Also it is a day to deeply look at our own lives based on the Buddha's teachings so that we can lead lives that follow his guidance. Please join our service on this occasion.

"Ohigan" is a translation of a Sanskrit word "param (the other shore)" and "ita (reaching)" and there are six kinds of daily practice we can do as Buddhists. Namely, they are: Dāna (giving our possessions, time, and thought)

2) Šīla (refreshing our mind by following precepts)

3) Kṣānti' (standing firm in difficulty)
4) Vīrya (developing attitude of gladly engaging in wholesome activities)

5) Dhyana (developing the state of mind free from craving, aversion, sloth, agitation and doubt with proper concentration)

6) Prajñā (attaining insight of non-duality and oneness of life)

Among these six practice forms is Dana. It is a simply act of sharing our possessions, time, and thought and energy by donating, being kind to others, listening to the concerns of others, and smiling at them.

The spirit of this practice is "giving without wanting or expecting." This is the simple yet the most powerful form of practice that has been valued not only in Buddhist cultures but in many other cultures and traditions throughout the world.

Śīla, Kṣānti', Vīrya, Dhyāna, and Prajñā may sound like difficult form of practices but they are all meant for us to maintain the peace of our own mind as well as others' just like traffic signals on the road to ensure our safe and peaceful journey of life.

Please stay in good health and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Gassho, Gyokei Yokoyama

Message of Condolence

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to the families of Mr. Edward Masao Murakami, Mr. George Mio, Mrs. Michiyo Nonoshita and Mr. Minoru Honda.

Namukie Butsu, Namukie Ho, Namukie So

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お彼岸会の日は、仏様の御教えを仰おした。 た様仰

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行敬 合掌

新 亡精 霊

方がお亡くなりになられました。今年、ロングビーチ仏教会では四

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