

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
IN MANZANAR CENTER

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Since the United States of America participated in this war a year ago, we, the Japanese - both aliens and citizens alike - were forced to face a new life filled with adjustments, readjustments and endurance. On the other hand, many of the boys are fighting bravely for their own countries and many lives were sacrificed in the war fronts. When we pause in silence to give reverence to these boys, it gives us great comfort in knowing that the supreme Kindness is enveloped in our hopes and that we must be grateful. Truly grateful are we with Democracy as the national policy of this country that we are given the freedom of religion, and this is one of the favors extended to us even at this present time of distress.

The fundamental teachings of Christianity is Love. The fundamental teachings of Buddhism is Mercy. In this great Circle of Love and Mercy we strive to live our daily living harmoniously.

Thus, let us stand together regardless of the religion and cooperate peacefully, work and live for the benefit of this Manzanar center.

1. In order to maintain peace in this Center, it is most important to root religion in the residents' minds.
2. Greatly felt the importance of religion, especially at and after the last December 6th incident.
3. Have organized the "Kibei" Buddhists' group to repress any radical or extreme thoughts if there were any in them.
4. The number of the Buddhists could be judged by the fact that 51 funeral services out of 64 were conducted by the Buddhist rites up to the present.
5. Memorial services are average 60 monthly held.
6. Sunday Attendants to the Buddhist Church are:

Sunday School	500
Young Peoples' Service	600
Adults' Evening Service	700
7. Due to the capacity of the hall being small, one has to come and take his seat around 6 or 6:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. service.
8. Have organized the Women's Buddhist group of 956 membership.