



MANZANAR

BUDDHIST CHURCH

CHURCH OFFICE
BLOCK 13 - 15

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CALIFORNIA

Date Organized: June 21, 1942

Buddhist Church Staff:

Reverends:

Chairman, Buddhist Church
 Board of Directors.....Jack M. Iwata
 Director of Church Activities..Nob Myose
 Church Secretary.....Yoshiko Hosoi
 Y.B.A. Executive Secretary.....Toshiye Higashida
 Y.B.A. President.....Tashi Hori
 Y.B.A. Secretary.....Joan Fukuda
 Chairman, Church Council.....J. Akasaki
 Treasurers.....J. Fujii
 K. Ikkanda
 Barry Tamura

Head Reverend:
 Rev. S. Nagatomi (Shinshu)
 San Francisco, California
 Rev. M. Tsuda (Zenshu)
 Elk Grove, California
 Rev. J. Oda (Nichiren)
 Sacramento, California
 Mr. S. Mayeda (Shinshu)
 Florin, California

Affiliated Buddhist Organizations:

Buddhist Block Representative Council.....150 Members
 Young Buddhist Association.....1,000 Members
 Buddhist Fujin Kai.....1,100 Members

Buddhist Church Activities:

Church Services: Memorials...Funerals...Weddings.

Sunday Services:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School.....650 Attendance
 10:00 a.m. Y.P. Service700 Attendance
 1:00 p.m. Nichiren Service (At 27-15)..Reverend Oda
 2:00 P.m. Shingon Service.....150 Attendance
 7:00 p.m. Adult Service.....750 Attendance

All Reverends take turn in conducting various Church and Sunday Services.



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Historical Activities:

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- June 5 Initial meeting of the temporary Buddhist Board of Directors: Jack Iwata, Eizo Masuyama, S. Mayeda, Rev. J. Izumida, Rev. J. Oda, Larry Mihara, Nob Myose, Lucille Nakamura, Michi Konishi, Tokio Inouye.
- June 21 First Buddhist Church Sunday Service held at 17-15.
- August 16 Buddhist Federation sponsor Obonye Festival.
- August 21 Rev. Shinjo Nagatomi arrived from Tanforan Assembly Center to take over Church duties at Manzanar.
- September 12 Dedication of Church Shrine at 13-15 with Rev. Nagatomi, formerly of San Francisco, as main speaker.
- September 20 Ohigan Service--Reception for Rev. J. Goldwater of Los Angeles Betsuin.
- September 28 First Bussei Installation Dance held at Social Hall 7, introducing the new cabinet officers.
- December 4 Informal Sports Dance welcoming back the many Bussei furlough worker. Guest emcee for the evening, Nob Myose.
- December 27 Oseibo Taikai--Candies and cookies were passed out during Sunday Church Services. Last service of the year was held from 7 p.m. with Rev. Nagatomi officiating.
- December 31 Young People's cabinet, Sunday School teachers, Board of Directors, Reverends, and Mr. Thomas Temple, Chief of Community Service, met in an "Appreciation gathering" at 13-15.
- 1943
- January 1 New Year's First Service held at 10:30 a.m. at the Buddhist Church with 1,500 persons attending. Henry Aramaki was Chairman and sermons were given by Rev. Shinjo Nagatomi and S. Mayeda.
- January 24 First Pioneer's Day program inviting all persons over 70 years of age. Gala programs, songs and dances, topped with Japanese delicacies featured this event.



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- February 12 Approximately 2,500 Gatha and Service Book was completed to be used by the Buddhist people of Manzanar. Nob Myose in charge of whole edition.
- March 27 Y.B.A. Cabinet Installation and Social at Kitchen #23.
General Chairman: Nob Myose
Emcee: Bob Minami
Administering the Oath: Jack Iwata
- April 4 A gigantic all-day Hana Matsuri Festival was held at the 14-15 firebreak by the United Buddhist Federation of Manzanar.
- April 10 Installation of the newly organized Gyodo Kai (Kibei YBA).
- May 9 Mothers' Day Program and Hospital visit sponsored by the Y.B.A.
- May 23 Gotanye Service. Saint Shinran.
- May 29 Cemetery clean-up for Memorial Day by Gyodo Kai members.
- May 30 Memorial Day Service at Cemetery.
- June 10 Buddhist Fujin Kai organized---1,000 membership.
- June 13 Fathers' Day Program and Hospital visit sponsored by Y.B.A.
- July 4 & 5 Y.B.A. participated in camp-wide 4th of July Carnival sponsored by the Community Activities.
- July 10 Y.B.A. Volunteers worked on Cemetery Memorial Monument.
- July 13 Beginning of camp-wide Bon Odori rehearsals at sectionalized blocks.
- August 14 and 15 Camp-wide Obonye Festival and Church Anniversary Program. Bon Odori dancers numbered 1,600.
- August 18 Special Bon Odori numbers for hospital patients. 200 special selected Ondoist from every block.
- Future Events: 1. Pioneer's Day program to be sponsored by Y.B.A.
 2. Publishing of Y.B.A. News-Directory magazine.