

OJUZU / ONENJU CURRICULUM (2017-2018)

Dharma School Promotion	Ritual Practice Requirement	Buddhism Teaching Requirement	Community Involvement Requirement	Service Attendance Requirement
White to Yellow Ojuzu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform how to Oshoko properly. • Perform how to enter and exit from Hondo properly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorize Four Noble Truths. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a Greeter at Service at least once. • Clean up Hondo. 	5 services attended
Yellow to Orange Ojuzu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorize Golden Chain II and perform at least once at Temple Service. • (Test: Golden Chain II). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorize Eightfold Noble Path and Three Poisons. • Who is Shakuamuni? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help out at our Temple Bazaar. • Interview Seniors. 	15 services attended
Orange to Green Ojuzu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handle Service Book properly. • Chant Sutra aloud. • (Test: Junirai). • Sing Gatha aloud. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorize Six Paramitas. • Buddhism History (Theravada, Mahayana). • Memorize Seven Masters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a chairperson at least once. 	30 services attended
Green to Purple Ojuzu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up Onaijin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is Shinran Shonin? • History of Jodo Shinshu. • History of BCA. • History of OBT. 		40 services attended
Purple to Brown Ojuzu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to ring Kansho and perform at least twice at Temple Services. • (Test: Ringing Kansho). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does Buddhism Teaching affect your life? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a Dharma School Teacher's assistant. • Volunteer work. 	50 services attended
Brown to Black Ojuzu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform all rituals learned. • Set up Onaijin. • (Test: all rituals learned in DS). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Nembutsu? 		60 services attended

Welcome (back) to Oregon Buddhist Temple and Dharma School for 2017-2018!

We are looking forward in walking along the Jodo Shinshu and Buddhist path with families and youth.

What is new this year? We have a new resident minister, Rev. Yuki Sugahara! He brings his enthusiasm of sharing the teachings and rituals, including music.

Who is teaching Dharma School?

We are volunteers, temple goers, and parents -- Marilyn Achterman, Ken Garner, Ann Shintani, and Elaine Yuzuriha, under the advisement of Rev. Yuki Sugahara, and the Oregon Buddhist Temple's Buddhist Education Committee. **We are always seeking volunteers to help us!**

What is the registration cost? At this time, students are not charged a fee to participate in most Dharma School activities. However, we suggest that families consider volunteering and/or making a contribution of \$10/child (or more) towards covering the cost of Dharma School activities and supplies for the year.



What does Dharma School do? We help families and youth participate in Oregon Buddhist Temple services and activities, including:

- **Learning about the teachings and ourselves:** we will share about Pure Land (Jodo Shinshu) Buddhism tradition and history.
- **Experience rituals, and why do we do it:** words, gestures, and chants that express ourselves and allow us to experience these traditions.
- **Dharma School community:** we form relationships through class, choir and volunteer activities.

- **Youth Choir:** practice ensemble voice skills that will be showcased in a performance in a December Special service (Bodhi Day)

Ojuzu/Onenju Curriculum: for the 2017-2018 year, we will present each registered child with a "white" ojuzu/onenju (nenju), or wrist nenju. It is proper etiquette to have a nenju for services, and to use it properly. Students may earn different color nenju by meeting each level's requirements plus passing a verbal "test" with Rev. Sugahara (observed in a group). The requirements include reciting fundamental passages, knowledge of ritual practices, community service, and attendance (see attached). This is meant to be fun and guide volunteers /families about the Dharma School curriculum.

