

Buddhist Services

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The ministry staff for the Buddhist Church at Fresno Assembly Center included the Rev. Kai, formerly of the Fresno Betsuin, the Rev. Kono formerly of Hanford and the Rev. Hirohata from Florin.

Mrs Kinu Fujinaga was the secretary and Grace Nishi was the assistant. They were in charge of the office of Buddhist Worker, coordinating actions of the Buddhist leaders and making all of the needed arrangements including the collecting of materials needed for the various activities.

The weekly services included meetings for 1st generation evacuees that had to be held in 2 Recreational Halls ~~simultaneously~~ ^{simultaneously} because of the number involved.

Young Buddhist group activities were varied and interesting. They included lectures by Rev. Julius Goldwater of the Los Angeles Betsuin - panel discussions, speech programs, get acquainted social, farewell socials, singspirations and even a Minstrel Show that was sponsored and presented for all Center residents.

Chairmen for ^{the} various programs were Dr. Saburo Okamura, Kiyomi Nakamura, Ella Yoshinaga, Haruko Kawano, Kenio Kono, Dr. George Miyako, Ayako Noguechi, Natsumi Koda, Mrs Kinu Fujinaga, Dr. R. Taira, John Hirota and Harry Takeuchi.

There were classes for children of all ages and a large staff of teachers for the various ages. The age groups and names of the teachers that served each group are listed here.