

Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

Please contact Rev. Aoki at:
rev.aoki@gmail.com
to receive the Zoom link
or check the temple website
(Service takes approximately 40
minutes - Meditation, Sutra
Chanting, and Dharma Talk)



Zoom & In-person only @ 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 7th
Saturday, October 21st
Saturday, October 28th
In-person only:
Sunday, October 29th

**Sunday, October 15th
@ 11:00 a.m.**

JSBTC Day & Shotsuki/Memorial Service

Masks are now optional

The Zoom link is:
Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
Passcode: shinran

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2023 JSBTC Day Message from the Office of the Bishop



"If one walks looking far ahead and pays no attention to the ground beneath his feet, he will stumble. If one gazes critically upon others and forgets to look into the self, he will bring tragedy upon himself."

"Record of Sayings from Rennyo Shonin's Life,"

In October 1904, the first documented assembly of devout Buddhists took place in Vancouver. Fourteen local Buddhist leaders met to request an assignment of a minister from Nishi Hongwanji (our mother temple) in Kyoto, Japan. Rev. Senju Sasaki was appointed as the first Kaikyoshi (overseas minister) for Canada arriving in Vancouver with his wife in October of 1905. With the minister's arrival, the local Buddhists formed the Vancouver Nihon Bukkyo-kai (Japanese Buddhist Association), and thus began our history.

Reflecting on the past, I wonder how those fourteen dedicated Buddhists would feel if they could witness the changes that have taken place in our short history. There have been changes at the local temple level as well as at the international level. Many of the new immigrants sought available cultural and social activities as well as religious services including funerals, memorials, weddings, infant presentation ceremonies routinely provided at the temple. Over the years, while they were part of the temple membership, they are now independent organizations resulting in a decline in temple membership. Perhaps, our focus and function should be the Teachings. I think this is what the fourteen Buddhists wished and wanted to see as its future. Buddhism emphasizes the present moment and the self. Rennyo Shonin said, if we place too much focus on the future, we are not living within the Teaching.

An example of equality and inclusion is seen in which Christian churches are designed to be deep and narrow to show rank and status sitting at or near the front of the chapel. In Buddhist temples the hondo (main assembly hall) is wide horizontally and not deep, viewed as egalitarian in its teachings. Jodo Shinshu clearly has a universal and timeless appeal to everyone with its uncompromising equality and inclusivity. It is my hope that we will continue to walk the path of the Buddha-Dharma as our guide. Our temple exists to encourage each of us and others to appreciate the Jodo Shinshu Teachings and live the life of Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, both as individuals and as a Sangha.

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki, Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada



Message from the VBT Board

It seems like just yesterday that we were confronted with record high temperatures and raging wildfires. Now we have earthquakes in Morocco and flooding in Libya from torrential rain storms. The impact of all of these seeming natural disasters is the loss of so many innocent human lives. These events seem to evolve from natural forces but could they be the consequence of what humans are doing to our planet Earth? The Lahaina Hongwanji temple was burned to the ground and while resident minister Rev. Hironaka and his young family lost all their possessions, they were able to escape unharmed.

October is the month of our temple celebrations and 2024 will be our 120th anniversary. The completion of our temple building, in 1979, was highlighted with a special opening service in which guest ministers were invited to mark the occasion. Next year, we plan to celebrate these landmark events with special highlights.

The Toban system of which we have five includes every member of our temple. The five toban (teams) rotate every two months to share in the maintenance and upkeep of our temple. The Tobans need to be commended for doing such a good job. However, only a few from these tobans are taking the responsibility of keeping the temple clean and welcoming. Please show your gratitude for being given the gift of Buddha Dharma by pitching in to help your toban team.

Yoroshiku onegai shima su.

The Board

Statement on the Wildfires and Relief Effort in Maui

On behalf of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, we are deeply saddened and concerned about the deadly wildfire that struck the Hawaiian island of Maui. The fire destroyed most of the town of Lahaina - including Lahaina Hongwanji Mission and the resident minister's residence. The wildfire caused immeasurable damage to the entire community.

One of the core practices in Buddhism is Dana – Giving or Generosity. I would like to humbly ask and encourage all the Jodo Shinshu Temples and their members to contribute to the wildfire relief, if you can.

* Online at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/> by clicking on the “Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief” button under the “Donate” tab.

* Through GoFundMe at the following link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>

* Cheque and cash donations can be sent directly to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. Please make cheques payable to: HHMH and in the memo line designate “Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief” to ensure proper credit.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
1727 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96813

* All donations collected will go to support Lahaina Hongwanji and Maui relief efforts.

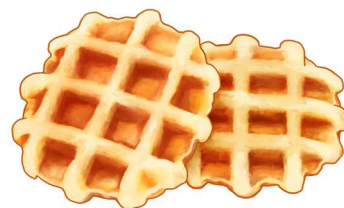
In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki



Joint Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, October 8th @ 10:30 a.m. at SBT

Please join us on Sunday, October 8th for the first joint service (Fraser Valley, Steveston, and Vancouver Buddhist Temples). The service will be held at the Steveston Buddhist Temple - 4360 Garry Street, in Richmond. The guest speaker will be Rev. Rie Fujisawa from the International Department of the Hongwanji. Following the service, there will be a round table discussion with Fujisawa Sensei. Belgium waffles and coffee/tea will be served.



Greetings from the Valley...



Greetings from the Valley,

After a long & dry summer, it suddenly feels like autumn! With all the wildfires throughout the province, hopefully we finally get much needed rain.

A memorial service was held at our temple on August 19th for our senior member, Hiro Ross Honkawa. His pioneering family helped in the construction our original temple in the early 1950's and Hiro encouraged us to rebuild after the fire in 2001. We will miss him and are very grateful for his support.

Our Ohigan & Shotsuki service was held on September 9th with Rev. Grant Ikuta officiating. After the service, Yvonne Nakano & Jay Haraga gave a short presentation on the HUGS (Health Urgent Guide Services) project which provides health care for Japanese Canadian Internment Survivors. We hope this information will be passed on to as many Survivors as possible in the Lower Mainland. For those who could not attend, pamphlets are available at the temple.

This year rather than our usual Bazaar, we are thinking of holding a mini bazaar/white elephant sale in November and more details will be provided in the following month.

Please join us for our next monthly service on Saturday, October 14th at 2 pm!

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

July 8, 2023 August Memorial and Obon Service Donations to FVBT

In Memoriam

Vivien Nishi - Saburo Nishi
Reiko Honkawa - Fumi & Ken Honkawa
The Honkawa Family - for Ross Honkawa
Mike Agassiz & Maureen Hatanaka - Sam Yoshioka
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka - Sam Yoshioka
R. Tateyama - Sam Yoshioka
Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming - Sam Yoshioka
Mr. John Kamimura - Sam Yoshioka
Mrs. May Mukaida - John Kamimura

Kimino Nishi - Saburo Nishi
Lorraine & George Shikaze - Sam Yoshioka
Pat Yoshioka & family - Sam Yoshioka
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka - Genevieve & Ruth Iwata
Ron & Marilyn Fujita - Crystal Fujita
Marion Fujita - Crystal Fujita
Byron Kagawa - Masuko Kamimura
Mrs. May Mukaida - John Kamimura
Kimino Nishi - Saburo Nishi

Obon & Service Donations

Amy Nagamatsu
Chieko Takasaki
Denise Cork
Greg & Lynn Smith
Irene Rohrer
Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming
Joanne McAllister
Mr. John Kamimura

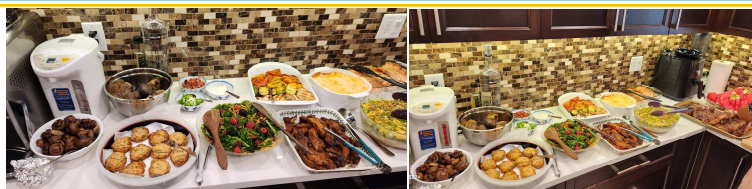
Lori North
Marlene Frazer
Masami Miyagi
Mrs. May Mukaida
Naomi Shikaze
R. Tateyama
Reiko Honkawa
Ritsuko Okada

Ron Nishimura
Roy & Itoko Akune
Susan Nishi
Mr. & Mrs. T. Matsuno
Yoshi & Gail Kariatsumari
Denise Cork (in recognition of
Fireside Chat sessions led by Dr.
Ken Tanaka)

VBT Summer Picnic

The picnic that was scheduled for Saturday, August 12 at Central Park was cancelled due to a lack of people signing up. In lieu of the picnic, an impromptu pot luck, for those who did sign-up, was held at VBT president's, Dave Ohori's home. A great time was had by all, and it was wonderful to sit and chat with people in an environment away from the temple.

Thank you to Dave and Monica for opening their home and to everyone who participated. We will try to plan something again next summer!



Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 30th
- Dharma Service via
Zoom @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 8th
- the first Joint
Thanksgiving service
(SBT/VBT/FVBT) at
Steveston Buddhist
Temple @ 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 14th
- Fraser Valley Temple
Service with Rev. Aoki
@ 2:00 pm

Sunday, October 15th -
JSBTC Day & Shotsuki/
Memorial Service &
lunch @ 11:00 a.m. at
VBT and on-line

Saturday, October 21st
- Dharma Service via
Zoom @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 22nd -
Seniors' Luncheon @
11:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 28th
- Dharma Service via
Zoom @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 29th
In-person Service (only)
at VBT @ 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 4th
- Fraser Valley Temple
Service with Rev. Grant
@ 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 5th
- Eitaikyo & Shotsuki/
Memorial Service @
11:00 a.m. at VBT and
on-line

*** All Zoom services
start @ 10:00 am, except
where indicated.

The Zoom link is:
Meeting ID:
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Contact H.U.G.S. at:
604-777-5000 Ext. 2109
Email: hugsassistant@nikkeishc.com

Return to the Toban System



The temple would not be the warm and welcoming place for gathering if it were not for the dedicated hard work of our members. When people come to the temple—whether it is for the first time or the 100th time—the care we put in our temple expresses how precious we hold the Teachings of the Buddha.

The Tobans will look after Memorial/Shotsuki services. Some of the duties include: cleaning the Hondo, the Social Hall, inside and outside the temple; a parking attendant is needed; as well as a couple people may be needed to act as service receptionist and usher. Help will also be needed for lunch prep for various monthly activities.



The following activities in October and November are the responsibility of **Toban #1**

- **Manju making** (Yaki & Mikasa)- Sunday, October 1st @ 9:00 am
- **JSBTC Day/ October Shotsuki/Memorial Service**—Sunday, October 15th @ 9:00 am
- **Bento** - Prep: Saturday, October 28th @ 9:00 am. Packing: Sunday, October 29th @ 8:00 am
- **Eitaikyo/November Shotsuki/Memorial Service**—Sunday, November 5th @ 9:00 am
- **Manju making** (Mushi) - Saturday, October 21st @ 9:00 am

Please contact Toban 1's captains, Lorna Bishop and/or Greg Chor if you are able to help.

Thank You to...

A lot of work is required to keep the temple in working order. From time to time things break-down or we need assistance in the kitchen. As well as the board of directors, we are very fortunate to have volunteers answer the call for help.

A huge shout-out and thanks to:

- ♦ **EVERYONE** who came to help during the Powell Street Festival. We had a great turn-out and record-breaking food sales for the temple. We couldn't have done it without you!
- ♦ Fukujinzuke (four day preparation) - Molly Akune, Kathy Homma, Masai Ishii, Frances Minato, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida
- ♦ September 17th Manju-making - JoAnna Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Kazue Egami, Frank & Pat Hamanishi, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Sam Kobayashi, Alamy Liu, Neal Marshall, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Bob Soga, Yohei Tarutani, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Nancy Yamazaki, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida

H.U.G.S. - Health Urgent Guide Services

- for Japanese Canadian Survivors living in B.C.'s Lower Mainland



What is H.U.G.S.?

H.U.G.S. is a short term service that can help Japanese Canadian Internment Survivors navigate their health and wellness needs through government and community programs and services.

What does H.U.G.S. do?

H.U.G.S. provides a health care and community resource navigation service helping eligible Survivors to meet their urgent health and wellness needs. We guide clients to resources in their area and help them make a plan of action.

Who is eligible?

Japanese Canadians living in the Lower Mainland of BC who were born before April 1st, 1949, and who were impacted by the displacement between March 7th, 1941 and April 1st, 1949 are eligible. Contact us if you have an urgent need for short-term guidance or financial support.

How does it work?

You, a family member or a close friend can submit an application to H.U.G.S. If accepted, we meet with you alone or with others of your choice, at home, in our office or via zoom.

H.U.G.S. was established by the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society (JCLS) and operated under Nikkei Seniors Health Care and Housing Society.

October Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The October Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, October 15th at 11:00 a.m.

1928 SUZUKI, Genichi	ASANO, Kyosuke ITAYA, Wakaichi	1996 KAWABATA, Kazuyo	ARAKI, Aiko
1958 TSUMURA, Chonosuke	KOBAYASHI, Ryoichi	1997 MIYASAKI, Mitsuye	2012 KADOTA, Misuko
1959 KISHIUCHI, Shigeichi	1980 TSUJI, Tokichi	TERASHITA, Satoru Sam	TANAKA, Robert
1961 HAMAGUCHI, Minoru	TANAKA, Eiichi	1998 MIYASHITA, Keiji Joe	2013 ONO, Tamotsu
1963 NISHIMURA, Masao	1981 USUI, Kohei	NOMURA, Akio	2014 SHONO, Kiyoshi
1964 CHIBA, Zenshichi	SAKIYAMA, Fujino	OYE, Freddie Shigeyuki	UYEDA, Yaeko
1965 OCHIAI, Ikushi	SHISHIDO, Ginichi	NAGAMATSU, Sakuo	2015 SHIBATA, Kenji
1966 HAMAGISHI, Fujie	1982 NISHI, Tora	<u>1999 - 25th year</u>	KOBAYAKAWA, Sumi
TAKATA, Minoru	HIKIDA, Shio	NISHI, Toshiko Margaret	2016 OMOTO, Tsutomu
1967 HAMAGUCHI, Takeshi	NISHIMURA, Gengo	TAMAKI, Yoshio	MASUHARA, Akiyasu
1968 NAGANO, Hideo	OMOTO, Kunijiro	IKARI, Masao	<u>2017 - 7th year</u>
FUKUHARA, Takakazu	1983 HORIO, Kunio	KAGAWA, Masayeki	OMOTO, Reiko
MORI, Yasomatsu	1985 HIRANO, Wataru	2000 SHIGEMATSU, Kiyoko	NISHIMURA, Yasuko
HOMMA, Joe	ISHIKAWA, Tomoe Pearl	KARIYA, Masue	2018 SHOJI, Akiko
1969 NISHI, Tetsuo	AMANO, Teiichi	2001 MORI, Isamu Sam	2020 OKAMURA, Dean
WAKITA, Uno	NISHIMURA, Masayoshi	TAMAI, Isamu	SHIMABUKURO, Kimi
ARAKI, Toku	1986 EDAMURA, Shige	2002 HAMAGUCHI, Tamae	<u>2021 - 3rd year</u>
1970 YAMASHITA, Shintaro	URABE, Kiku	ITO, Sokichi	MARUNO, Yukito
1971 MIZUNO, Shinichiro	1987 KARIATSUMARI, Teru	IHARA, Masako	
1972 TANAKA, Shirosuke	IMADA, Ito	IMAMURA, Kojiro	
HAYASHI, Yu	1988 HAMAGAMI, Natsu	STEVENS, Howard	
MOTOKADO, Kichijiro	UYENO, Sato	2003 NOMURA, Daniel N.	
1973 YOSHIDA, Toyozo	TAZAWA, Kazuo	SHIMOZAWA, Wataru W	
TAMAI, Hideo	1989 WRAY, Fred	2004 HONKAWA, Fumiye	
<u>1974 - 50th year</u>	KAMO, Yasuhiko	2005 NARITA, Noriaki	
KOHARA, Yokio	1990 - 33rd year	YOSHIMURA, Kazuhira	
1975 HAYASHI, Rinnosuke	UCHINAMI, Fujimi	TSUJI, Mitsuye	
HANAZAWA, Takezo	SHIOZAKI, Kiyomi	<u>2007 - 17th year</u>	
1976 TAKAOKA, Shoji	<u>1991 - 33rd year</u>	HARADA, Yae	
1977 SUGIE, Yoshi	EBATA, Tayo	TATEYAMA, Yukie	
TAKAI, Nobukichi	1992 TANAKA, Tokutaro	KUSAKA, Toyo	
1978 TOKITO, Takeo	MORITA, Yukio	2008 WAKABAYASHI, Aiko	
1979 NODA, Fukuya	HAGANE, Sumiko	AnneSAKATA, Hiroshi	
	1993 KOYANAGI, Haruko	2009 KAWAGOYE, Frances Fusae	
	SASAKI, Toshi	2010 YAKURA, Masae	
	HOMMA, Shingo	SAIMOTO, Cy Hisao	
	1994 YAMAMOTO, Kenkichi	JOWETT, Tomiko	
	TAHARA, Hiroyoshi Tex	<u>2011 - 13th year</u>	
	INOUE, Juichiro	NAKAGAWA, Tsuyako	
		OGAWA, Fumikado	

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of:

Mrs. Lorraine Kaoru
Tompkins
(74) July 12th

Mr. Hiroshi Honkawa
(96) July 25th

Mr. Shigekiyo Mizuyabu
(92) August 6th

**The Shotsuki Service will be
held on Sunday, October 15th at
the temple & via Zoom @ 11:00
a.m.

The Zoom link is:
Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
Passcode: shinran
Also, you can dial-in to the
service.

Dial: 778-907-2071
Press Meeting ID#:
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Bento Box Order Form – Lahaina Fund-raiser

They're back! The Vancouver Buddhist Temple will once again offer bento lunches. 😊

To order, please return the order form, with payment to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple via mail, email (temple.vbt@gmail.com) or call (604 253-7033).

For **October 29th**, the bento will include:

- ♦ Huli huli chicken
- ♦ Macaroni salad
- ♦ Rice
- ♦ Tsukemono
- ♦ Butter mochi

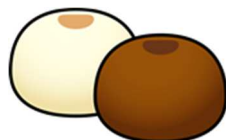


Cost: \$15.00

Also available:

*** Manju packs

Cost: \$8.00



*** Fukujinzuke (made at the temple)

Cost: \$10.00



Special: \$20.00 Bento and manju combo

Orders must be prepaid (cash, cheque, or e-transfer). Last day to order the October Bento is Tuesday, October 24th.

Pick-up: Between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on October 29th at the Social Hall entrance.

*** All proceeds from the October bento sale will go towards
the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission's relief efforts ***

October Bento Order Form

Bento: ____x \$15.00 **Manju** ____x \$8.00 **Combo** ____x \$20.00 **Fukujinzuke** ____x \$10.00

Total cost: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____