

**2016 VBT****Membership Fees****Now Due**

The VBT Board has made the decision to raise the membership dues to \$100 for individual members (\$25 for students) starting 2016.

It is the first time the dues have been raised in many years, and reflects the naturally increasing costs of running the temple.

Please return the 2016 membership form and dues to the temple as soon as possible.

In Gassho,  
VBT Board of Directors.



# Bodhi Mind



## Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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### **“En 縁 (Interconnectedness / Interdependence)”**

We are all born into this world because of our connection to our parents. Likewise, our parents share a connection with their own parents. If we were to go back twenty generations, those ancestors would number one million forty-eight thousand five hundred seventy-four people. It is said that twenty generations is about six hundred years in total. Therefore, six hundred years ago, our ancestral forebearers numbered well over one million forty-eight thousand. If even one of those people had died in infancy, I would not be the person I am here today, or I may not have even been born into this world.



This is what Buddhism means when it encourages us to realize that our lives are not our own. It is for me to realize that my existence is not just mine alone.

From this point of view, we can see that being born into this world as a human being is indeed, a rare and difficult thing. Furthermore, encountering the Buddha-Dharma and attaining shinjin (the heart that entrusts to Amida Buddha), is even more difficult. Out of the joy that Shinran-shonin felt in encountering the teaching of Amida Buddha, he composed the following wasan (Hymns),



Honen-shonin

*Through countless kalpas and  
innumerable lives,  
We did not know the strong cause  
of liberation;  
Were it not for our teacher Genku,  
This present life also would pass in  
vain.*



Shinran-shonin

A translation of the above wasan is as follows; “No matter how many times I have traversed through the cycle of birth-and-death, I was not aware of Amida Buddha’s Primal Vow, which is the cause that would free me from the world of delusion. If I had not encountered Master Genku (another name for Honen-shonin), I would have lived my life in vain and remained in the world of delusion.”

Just as these verses infer, Shinran-shonin felt that it was highly unlikely that he should have met someone like Honen-shonin. Moreover, it was equally as unlikely that he would have come across the Nembutsu teaching. However, the underlying feeling that is also expressed, is his joy of having encountered them and having the path toward the Pure Land revealed to him.

Namo Amida Butsu

Tatsuya Aoki

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## Message from the VBT Board

In 2016, the month of February is longer by one day, since it is 'leap year'. Still, the month seems too short to fit in all of our temple events. In addition, we have moved our annual Spring Bazaar into this month, the precise day being Sunday, February 28. As usual, we call on all able members and friends to come out to help, whether you are called upon or not. The annual spring and fall bazaars are our major fund-raising events in the year. Our budget depends very heavily upon the revenue from the bazaars.

While it is the start of another year, annual membership renewal was due as of January 1, 2016. The due is now \$100 per adult member. Please submit your renewal due to our office secretaries, Hiroko and Gina.

As always, we seek your regular attendance to our Sunday services, whether they are monthly memorials or not. Also there are many opportunities to sign up for lecture series, borrow books on Buddhism and spirituality and engage in fellowship for experiential fulfillment. The Dharma lives, in its own unique way, within each and every one of us as fellow seekers on the Path. Come to the temple and engage!

Gassho, B. Akune



**Thursday, March 31 at 10:30 AM**  
**Vancouver Buddhist Temple**  
**(Social Hall)**



## Have you heard?!

Spring Bazaar is in  
**FEBRUARY** this  
year!!

Enjoy the best made-from-scratch Udon in Vancouver (for only \$5!) a whole month early this Spring!!

This means February will be packed with Bazaar preparation such as manju-making and vegetable cutting.

Please join us on the following days to help make another successful VBT fundraising event!

Sat. 6, 9:00 am—Manju-making

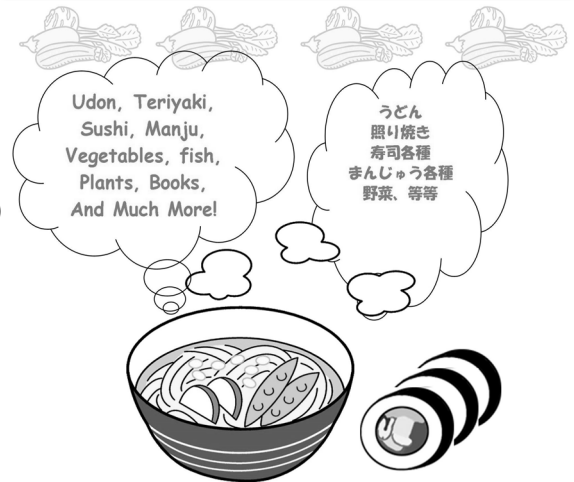
Sat. 20, 9:00 am—Manju-making

Fri. 26, & Sat. 27 9:00 am—General Bazaar Preparation

Sun. 28 6:00 am—Bazaar Day Preparation

## Vancouver Buddhist Temple Spring Food BAZAAR

Sunday, February 28 (Noon~2 PM)



## HATSUMAIRI Infant Presentation Ceremony



We cordially invite any families with newborns and toddlers up to one year of age to participate in our annual Hatsumairi Ceremony, which is to take place during our Hanamatsuri (Sakyamuni Buddha's Birthday) service on **Sunday, April 10, 2016**.

Hatsumairi literally means "first Buddhist service". Often translated as "Infant Presentation Service, Hatsumairi represents the first opportunity for families to bring infants who were born during the previous year to Temple. At the same time, it gives our Temple the opportunity to give expression to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, which embraces people of all ages, genders, races, and social strata.

If your family wishes to participate, please contact the temple office by the registration **deadline Wednesday, April 6**.

The notion of emptiness engenders Compassion. Compassion does away with the distinction between self and other. When one sees the illusory nature of all beings, there is born True Compassion. ~Donran



## Greetings and Happy New Year from the Valley!

Our January 9 Hoonko service was a resounding success as we enjoyed Rev. Mark Uno's wit and wisdom, drank a toast to the New Year (ginger ale of sake... your choice) and feasted on ozoni, sushi, chili, curry, chow mein, salmon, and all those good, not necessarily traditional, New Year's dishes. The weather was good, the gas was cheap, and everyone enjoyed seeing each other for the first time in the new year. A few new faces were seen and hopefully they will come again.

The video and study sessions, which started in December, will resume on January 31 at 2:00 pm. Please join us as Ben Shikaze presents this second session.

Looking to the future, the FVBT is planning a revisit to the "Dinner in the Country" silent auction, dance, fun, and dinner on May 14th. If you remember how to Line Dance or Zumba, please mark this date on your calendar and come join us. We will party like we did three years ago.

Our next service will be on February 6th, but this time we are back to the 2:00 pm afternoon services.

In Gassho,  
Fraser Valley  
Buddhist Temple



## Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

### Jan. 9, 2016 Ho-onko & Shotsuki

Teruko Ikuta, Mak Ikuta, Mitsuo Saito, Kim Miriah Conway, Chieko Takasaki, May Mukaida, Ron + Marilyn Fujita, Stanley + Tsuneko Takaki, Joe + Ryoko Tateyama, Irene Roher, Denise Cork, Jean Nakatsui, Lori North, Stan + Lucy Yoshioka, Jenny Fujita + Mike McSkimming, Byron Kagawa, Hiroshi + Ruth Honkawa, Amy Nagamatsu, Genevieve Iwata, Stanley + Masuko Fukawa, John + Masuko Kamimura, Ben + Florence Shikaze.

In memory of Masao Kawamoto -

Amy Kawamoto

In memory of mom Mrs. S. Yamagishi -

Irene Rohrer

Membership - Kim Conway, May Mukaida



## Toban Groups: Our Temple is Our Responsibility

The following activities are the responsibility of

### **Toban #4** (members listed below)

#### February

Sat. 6—9am Manju Making

Sun. 14—9am Shotsuki

Sat. 20—9am Manju Making

Fri.-Sun Bazaar weekend see pg 2

#### March

Sat. 5—10 am Toban & Board mtg

Sun. 13—9am Shotsuki

Thurs. 31—9am Band concert

Ms. Hisako Maruno  
Mr. Gentaro Shimizu  
Ms Kazuye Yoshida  
Mrs. Sandra Kawasaki-Chan  
Mrs. Jean Wakahara  
Mr. & Mrs Yasuhiko Bando  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mukai  
Ms. Yukiko Okano  
Mrs. Martha Banno  
Ms. Yvonne Nakano  
Mr. Minoru Oyama  
Mrs. Sachi Chiya  
Mrs. Yoshiye Nakata  
Ms. Jenny Pedersen  
Mr. & Mrs. F. Hamanishi

Mr. & Mrs. Y Nakatsu  
Mrs. Mitsuye Sakata  
Ms. Terrie Hamazaki  
Miss. Cathy Nishikawa  
Mr. & Mrs. S. Nishimura  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Soga  
Mr. & Mrs. Kinya Ikegami  
Mr. & Mrs. Shiro Nishimura  
Mrs. Toyoko Terada  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kajiwaru  
Mrs. Tomiko Noda  
Mrs. Sayomi Ueda  
Mrs. Tsuyako Noda  
Mrs. Yasuko Komori  
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Nomura

Mrs. Kiyoko Yada  
Mr. & Mrs. Min Koyanagi  
Mr. Robert Nomura  
Mrs. Keiko Yakumo  
Mr. & Mrs. Y. Maruno  
Ms. Sayo Nomura  
Mr. Mike Yamamoto  
Ms. Fujio Matsunaga  
Mr. & Mrs. Lance Nose  
Ms. Christine Yoshida  
Mr. & Mrs. G. Meugens  
Mrs. Leigh Oikawa

## Hanamatsuri Guest Speaker and Lecture

Rev. Miki Nakura, an independent Higashi Hongwanji minister serving a Buddhist community in New York, will be our guest minister for the Hanamatsuri weekend.

Please join us on Friday, April 8 from 7—9 pm, for his lecture titled: **"Living in Peace: The Way from Head to Lower Belly, Learning from Sakyamuni Buddha"**.

This lecture is by donation and open to everyone.



From lunches at our monthly Shotsuki services, to wiping down tables and cleaning the washrooms, 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's 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.



## Harrison Hot Springs April 3-5, 2016



The Vancouver Japanese Gardeners' Association is organizing the annual bus tour to Harris Hot Springs. Rates include 2 nights accommodation, a buffet breakfast each morning, one dinner in the Copper Room, an Afternoon Tea served upon arrival, and applicable taxes and gratuities.

Chartered bus schedule:

Depart Vancouver Apr. 3:

VBT @ 1:00 pm, Gardeners' Assoc. @ 1:30 pm

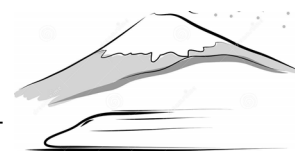
Return Vancouver Apr. 5:

Gardeners' Assoc. @2:00 pm, VBT @ 2:30 pm

Single rate \$370/person, Double rate \$238/person

To register, please contact Hiroko at VBT office (604-253-7033) before the **Friday, Feb. 19 deadline**.

## JSBTC Japan Tour 2016 October 10—23



The JSBTC is organizing a pilgrimage trip to Japan to coincide with the Accession Ceremony for Sennyō Monshū (Head Priest) being held on October 21 at the Nishi Hongwanji mother temple in Kyoto. This very unique service is being specifically designated for Shin followers from Overseas Districts. Sennyō Monshū is the 25th Head Priest, therefore 25th descendant of Shinran-shōnin, the founder of Shin Buddhism. As such, Steveston Buddhist Temple resident minister, Rev. Grant Ikuta has organized this pilgrimage to include specific sights centred around Tokyo and Kyoto associated with Shinran-shōnin. The tour is open to members across Canada, and space is limited. For more information, please refer to posters at VBT, or online at the tour organizer's (Kintetsu) website: <http://canada.kiecan.com/jsbtc2016/>



## Family Retreat @ Manning Park May : 21-23, 2016



This annual event is an opportunity for members of the Shin Buddhist community and their friends and family to enjoy a weekend of fellowship in the beautiful Manning Provincial Park, situated just 3 hours from Vancouver and 2 ½ hours from Kelowna.

Accommodations, meals, and activities (games, crafts, workshops) are coordinated by the organizing committee, and included in the registration fee. Groups who wish to stay together in shared cottages and hotel rooms should submit all names in the same registration. Organizers will try to accommodate your requests and use discretion being mindful of other guests. Accommodations filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

Throughout the weekend, registrants will sign up for community meal preparation, cooking and clean-up duties. Please let us know if any member of your group has food allergies. **Local guests are welcome to bring home-made desserts to share.**

On Saturday May 21, our Opening service is scheduled for 4:00pm, please plan to be at Manning Park Resort between 2:00-3:00pm for registration. Participants are responsible for their own travel to Manning Park.

### Rates-(per person for Chalets & Cabins)\*

Types	Age	Price*
Adult Member* (AM)	26+	\$135
Adult Non-Member (AN)	26+	\$150
Youth (Y)	14 to 25	\$80
Child (C)	6 to 13	\$40
Infant (I)	to 5	free
Pet Fee- must stay in pet friendly cabins \$25		

\*Hotel Room requests will be \$200 per room for the weekend + 50% of the per person rates above

### Accommodation Choices:

**Hotel Room – sleeps 4** (2 Dbl beds)

**Standard Cottage – sleeps 8** (1 Dbl & 2 sets bunkbeds + 1 Dbl sofa bed, sitting room w/TV & full kitchen)

**Deluxe Cottages – sleeps 10** (3 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets bunkbeds + 1 Dbl sofa bed, sitting room w/TV & full kitchen)

**Tri-Plex Chalets – sleeps 14** (adjoining rooms to sleeping units w/ separate bathrooms 2 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets bunkbeds +1 sofa bed, sitting room w/ TV & full kitchen)

Please make cheques payable to **“Vancouver Buddhist Temple”** and submit with registration form (available via VBT office) indicating cabin/room mate(s) and requests.

Final Registrations and payment must be received at **Vancouver Buddhist Temple 220 Jackson Avenue Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3 by Thursday March 31, 2016.**

## February Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The February Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 am**

### 1952

\*UEDA, Taneichi

### 1957

\*NOMURA, Kinu

### 1958

\*MUKAI, Matsujiro

\*TERASHITA, Matsuzo

### 1959

\*HORI, Ito

\*NISHIZAWA, Sadajiro

\*TAKAI, Koharu

### 1960

\*NISHII, Iyo

### 1962

\*NAKAGAWA, Kazuo

\*TSUJIMOTO, Tsuneno

### 1963

INOUE, Shigetaka

### 1965

\*HAGANE, Yoshijiro

\*NAKAMURA, Hirokichi

\*NAKANISHI, Tamejiro

### 1966

\*MARUMOTO, Junko

### 1967—50th Year

\*MORI, Zen

### 1968

KONDO, Satoshi

### 1969

OMORI, Takayuki

YOSHIZAWA, Ichio

### 1970

\*KIKUTA, Toshio

\*TSUMURA, Sumiye

\*UYEMURA, Akio

### 1971

\*KARIYA, Yasuyuki

NISHIMURA, Ryokan

### 1972

\*KONDO, Kenjiro

\*SUGIE, Masami

\*SUZUKI, Gennosuke

YADA, Kunie

### 1974

\*URATA, Teru

### 1975

\*IZUMI, Shimataro

\*KOYANAGI, Ino

\*NODA, Yoshie

\*SATO, Yoshi

\*TANAKA, Motoyoshi

### 1976

\*HIRAKIDA, Hagino

### 1977

\*ONOUYE, Zenzaburo

\*KARIYA, Jirohei

\*KINOSHITA, Kazuichi

\*MADOKORO, Jitsuji

\*TASAKA, Yukiyo

### 1978

MINATO, Keiji

NASU, Bunkichi

\*YAMASHITA, Bunkichi

### 1979

\*KIMURA, Kikuo

\*NAKASONE, Chie

### 1980

\*TANAKA, Manabu

### 1981

\*MAKINO, Toshimasa

TAGUCHI, Sataro

TANAKA, Tomijiro

### 1982

\*FURUGORI, Kikuyo

\*MASUHARA, Kishi

\*NISHI, Iwano

\*TAKENO, Takeiji

### 1983—33rd Year

\*OURA, Kome

### 1984

\*KAJIHARA, Tsuruyo

\*MOTOMOCHI, Tomekichi

### 1985

\*MAYENO, Kenichi

\*MOMOTANI, Yuriko

### 1986

\*MATSUDA, Mikino

### 1987

KOYANAGI, Taki

\*SATO, Kojiro

### 1988

\*AKASAKA, Mitsuko

TAKATA, Tadayuki

\*UCHIDA, Shiro

\*WAKABAYASHI, Genroku

### 1989

ASAOKA, Sotono

\*INOUE, Eiji

\*KUNIMOTO, Shinkatsu

\*TAMAKI, Komaye

### 1990

\*KONDO, Yoshiye

### 1991

\*TABATA, Fumie

### 1992—25th Year

\*MAYE, Meiko

\*SATO, Satoshi

\*YAMADA, Masayoshi

### 1993

\*TAGAMI, Frank

### 1994

\*IWAMOTO, Ryuichi

### 1995

KAMACHI, Shigekazu

SHIBATA, Tsuya

IKEDA, Toyohiko

### 1996

KOZAKA, Yoshinari

OYAMA, George

\*SHINYASHIKI, Kazuya

### 1997

WAKABAYASHI, Yasue

### 1998

BANNO, Haru

HIRAKIDA, Edward

MITSUI, Kazue

### 1999

HIRANO, Raishu

ONO, Butch

### 2000—17th Year

KITAMURA, Kichinosuke

NISHI, Masaharu

### 2001

FUKUHARA, Kisaburo

NODA, Kaoru

YAMASHITA, Kusuye

### 2003

HAMA Teruko

JOW Marie Rebecca

TAKEUCHI Seiji

### 2004—13th Year

KONDO, Hideo

URASAMI, Miyoko

YADA, Hideo

YONEDA, Yusuke

### 2005

MINATO, Umeko

### 2006

NAKATA, Dick Sadao

NAKATSU, Teruo

SAKAMOTO, Ito

SHIODA, Tetsuya

ONEYAMA, Pete

### 2007

KASUYA, June

### 2008

KITAGAWA, Nobuko

### 2009

IKEDA, Ayako

KONDO, Hatsu

SHIN, Yoshiko

YAMASHITA, Naoye

MOMOI, Minako

YAKURA, Florence

FUJINAMI, Shigeko

### 2010—7th year

ISHIGURO, Kiyoko

SHIMABUKURO, Seiji

MITSUI, Yoshitada

NAGAMATSU, Roy

### 2011

CHIYA, Hideo

UYEDA, Teruo

FUJIMOTO, Umeko

### 2012

WOODRUFF, Patrick

### 2013

SHINOHARA, Haruka

### 2014—3rd Year

ANGEL, Naomi

KOMORI, Yukino

### 2015—First Year

IMAI, Harry Kiyoshi

## **Passings**

Our deepest  
condolences go to the  
families and friends of

Mr. Kazuo Toriumi

86 years old

(Jan. 5)

and

Ms. Sanaye Helen Ikari

69 years old

(Jan. 13)

## March Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The March Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 am**

### 1953

UYEYAMA, Toyokichi

### 1958

\*NAKATANI, Tatsumatsu

### 1959

\*KONDO, Iwa

\*KAZAO, Heikuro

### 1960

\*KOTANI, Kumataro

\*SUGIE, Shosaku

\*YOSHIDA, Sei

### 1961

\*MAEDE, Yuji

SAIMOTO, Kiku

### 1962

OKANO, Kiyoko

\*SHINDE, Matsunosuke

\*YAMADA, Kiju

### 1963

\*NAKASHIMA,

NUKINA, Shorin

### 1964

\*FUJIOKA, Yashiro

\*NISHI, (baby)

\*OMORI, Hideko

### 1965

\*TANAKA, Hisao

\*YADA, Sutejiro

### 1966

\*SAKIYAMA, Genshiro

### 1968

\*ISHIDA, Matsugoro

### 1969

\*KAMEI, Tsurumatsu

\*KITAGAWA, Tsuneki

\*NISHI, Shigetaro

\*OKANO, Yoshihiro

### 1970

\*TERASHITA, Tsutomu

### 1971

\*ARAKAWA, Sukeyemon

\*HAMA, Yoshizo

\*MATSUMOTO, Saki

\*TAKAHARA, Kiyotada

\*URABE, Toyemon

### 1972

\*TATSUMOTO, Akino

UYEYAMA, Shina

\*YAMAMOTO, Haru

### 1974

\*HAGIHARA, Katao

\*IMAMURA, Mary

\*MIZUNO, Natsu

\*YAMASAKI, Kunizo

### 1975

\*OGAWA, Yoshihisa

\*JOWETT, Roy

### 1976

\*CHIBA, Koichi

\*MISHIMA, Mima

\*MOCHIZUKI, Tajiro

\*SUYEYOSHI, Yuzo

### 1977

UYEYAMA, Inosuke

### 1979

\*HAYASHI, Tamejiro

### 1980

\*NISHI, Chiyoye

### 1982

\*OMOTO, Minoru

\*SARUYAMA, Danjo

### 1983—33rd Year

\*KOBAYASHI, Masako

### 1984

KAWABATA, Yoshi

\*MATSUBARA, Tatsushiro

\*YOSHIDA, Kanichiro

### 1985

TANAKA, Kimi

### 1986

\*HANAZAWA, Haru

\*OTSUJI, Kihei

### 1987

\*HARADA, Masuhiro

\*NISHI, Nikichi

\*SOKUGAWA, Toji

\*TAKESHITA, Kazuo

\*TAKEUCHI, Naoki

\*YAMAKE, Hatsuye

\*YAMASHITA, Kozue

### 1988

\*MORISHITA, Masaru

\*YAMASHITA, Fumiye

### 1989

\*FURUGORI, Sumeko

\*KITANO, Kono

\*TERANISHI, Yoshiye

### 1991

\*MIZUYABU, Toshio

\*TAKAHASHI, Tamiyo

### 1993

\*HAGANE, Toshio

\*HAYASHI, Shomi

\*KONDO, Hideo

\*NODA, Jiroemon

\*OYA, Hitoshi

### 1994

\*KUROZUMI, Takuyo

OKADA, Shigeto

### 1993

\*HAGANE, Toshio

\*HAYASHI, Shomi

\*KONDO, Hideo

\*NODA, Jiroemon

\*OYA, Hitoshi

### 1994

\*KUROZUMI, Takuyo

OKADA, Shigeto

### 1995

MORRIS, Jeff

TAKEDA, Masaichi

TAKII, Ryuzo

TAKIMOTO, Shichiro

YABUNO, Taiichi

### 1996

HORII, Ryotaro

\*SHIMIZU, Tami (Jpn)

### 1997

HAYASHI, Yosaburo

MUKUDA, Yone

\*RICHARDSON, Sachiko

\*UI, Shigeyo

### 1998

ITO, Aki

\*KAITA, Sue

TOMIYE, Takashi

\*EJIMA, Frank

KATSUMOTO, Sato

### 1999

YAMAKAMI, Onobu

### 2000—17th Year

SOGA, Yoshiharu

CHIBANA, Hiroko

TANAKA, Matsu

OKANO, Chie

MIYASHITA, Archie

### 2002

KOBAYAKAWA,

Toshikazu

### 2004—13th Year

OKUBO, Haruye

TATSUMI, Miyako

### 2005

HIRAI, Fujiye

SHIMIZU, Toshio

MATSUBARA, Toshio

\*ASAOKA, Ryoko

### 2006

MAEKAWA, Yoshiko

### 2007

KAKINO, George

SHOJI, Misao

### 2008

HIKIDA, Sadako

### 2009

SAKAI, Iwao

NISHIMOTO, Kiyoshi

### 2010—7th year

OKAHASHI, Shizuko

UYESUGI, Emiko

YOSHIHARA, Lillian

Reiko

HAMADE, Roy Ryuzo

SHINKODA, Fusako

### 2011

MIZUYABU, Kayoko

### 2012

IWANAKA, Suyeko

### 2013

ISHIGURO, Florence

WATANABE, Hisako

### 2014—3rd Year

YAMAOKA, Robert

CHIJIWA, Shigenobu

MORITA, Tokiye

CHAKI, Kiyoshi

YUNOUE, Hiroki

KATO, Waka

### 2015—First Year

PEACOCK, Nobue

YAMADA, Yukio

### **Makura-gyo (Pillow-side) Service**


When families consider having a Pillow-side service, they are encouraged to notify Rev. Aoki with advance notice. This offers Rev. Aoki time to adjust his schedule accordingly. Depending on the wishes of the family, Rev. Aoki is quite prepared to conduct the service immediately following the passing away, wherever the location or hour. Providing information prior to a passing is important for Rev. Aoki, not only so that

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# February 2016



Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Cont'd from previous page he can adjust his schedule and prepare for the service, but is also an opportunity for him to offer information and address any questions the family may have.  Dr. Bob Akune VBT Funeral Committee Chair			<b>3</b> <b><u>7:00 pm</u></b> Dharma Circle Meditation	<b>4</b> <b><u>12:00 Noon</u></b> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b><u>9:00 am</u></b> Manju-making (VBT)  <b><u>2:00 pm</u></b> <b>FVBT</b> Nirvana Day & Shotsuki Monthly Memorial service (Rev. G. Ikuta)
<b>7</b> <b><u>10:30 am</u></b> VBT Dharma Service  <b><u>1:00 pm</u></b> <b>VBT AGM</b>	<b>8</b> BC Family Day (Office Closed)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b><u>12:00 Noon</u></b> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b><u>10:00 am</u></b> Board Meeting
<b>14</b> <b><u>10:30 am</u></b> Nirvana Day, Shotsuki Monthly Memorial, and New Year's Luncheon	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b><u>11:00 am</u></b> Nikkei Home Service (Rev. G. Ikuta)  <b><u>7:00 pm</u></b> Dharma Circle Meditation	<b>18</b> <b><u>12:00 Noon</u></b> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b><u>9:00 am</u></b> Manju-making (VBT)
<b>21</b> <b><u>10:30 am</u></b> VBT Dharma Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b><u>12:00 Noon</u></b> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>26</b> <b><u>9:00 am</u></b> Bazaar Preparation	<b>27</b> <b><u>9:00 am</u></b> Bazaar Preparation
<b>28</b> <b><u>6:00 am</u></b> Bazaar Preparation  <b><u>12:00 pm</u></b> Spring Bazaar Doors open to public  <b>*NO SERVICE @VBT</b>	<b>29</b>	<div>  <div> <b>Introduction to Buddhism</b> 5 week course            Wednesday evenings March 16 to April 13; 7:00—9:00 pm             All classes will be held in the Shrine room of the VBT. Fee: \$30 (+ \$2.79 booking fee) for all 5 courses. Students \$25, and reduced fee for VBT Members. Register online at <a href="http://vancouverbuddhisttemple.com/">http://vancouverbuddhisttemple.com/</a>             Who should attend? Anyone who would like a broad understanding of the spiritual and practical aspects of Buddhism. Course participants will be shown actual techniques and will practice under supervision by the following:         </div> </div>				
<b>Week 1</b> <b>Dr. Jessica Main</b>  General introduction to Buddhism and etiquette.	<b>Week 2</b> <b>Rev. Tatsuya Aoki</b>  Introduction to Shin Buddhism.	<b>Week 3</b> <b>Dr. Adrienne Ross</b>  Introduction to Insight Meditation	<b>Week 4</b> <b>Michael Newton Sensei</b>  History of Zen and meditation.	<b>Week 5</b> <b>Lama Rabten</b>  History of Tibetan Buddhism and introduction to practices.		



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Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <u><b>7:00 pm</b></u> Dharma Circle Meditation	<b>3</b> <u><b>12:00 Noon</b></u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <u><b>10:00 am</b></u> Toban and Board Meeting
<b>6</b> <u><b>10:30 am</b></u> VBT Dharma Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <u><b>12:00 Noon</b></u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <u><b>2:00 pm</b></u> FVBT Spring Hi- gan, Shotsuki Service, and AGM (Rev. G. Ikuta)
<b>13</b> <u><b>10:30 am</b></u> Spring Higan, Da- na, And Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <u><b>11:00 am</b></u> Nikkei Home Service (Rev. T. Aoki)	<b>17</b> <u><b>12:00 Noon</b></u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <u><b>10:30 am</b></u> VBT Dharma Service	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <u><b>12:00 Noon</b></u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>25</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>VBT Office</b> <b>Closed</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <u><b>10:30 am</b></u> VBT Dharma Service	<b>28</b> <b>Easter</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>VBT</b> <b>Office</b> <b>Closed</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <u><b>10:30 am</b></u> Hokkaido Asahikawa H.S. Band Concert	<i>Apr. 1</i>	<b>2</b> <u><b>10:00 am</b></u> Board Meeting
<b>3</b> <u><b>10:30 am</b></u> Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <u><b>12:00 Noon</b></u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>8</b> <u><b>7:00 pm</b></u> Public Lec- ture by Rev. Miki Nakura	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <u><b>10:30 am</b></u> Hanamatsuri, Hatsumairi, Keiroukai Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u><b>12:00 Noon</b></u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>