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),

"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."

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
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 fundraising 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 memorial 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

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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

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HATSUMAIIRI 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.

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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 Unno’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
In memory of Masao Kawamoto - Amy Kawamoto
In memory of mom Mrs. S. Yamagishi - Irene Rohrer
Membership - Kim Conway, May Mukaida

Hanamatsuri Guest Speaker and Lecture

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This lecture is by donation and open to everyone.

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Toban Groups: Our Temple is Our Responsibility

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**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 2½ 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 cleanup 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 4:00 pm, please plan to be at Manning Park Resort between 2:00-3:00 pm for registration. Participants are responsible for their own travel to Manning Park.

**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 Sennyo Monshu (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. Sennyo Monshu is the 25th Head Priest, therefore 25th descendant of Shinran-shonin, 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-shonin. 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/
February Shotsuki (Memorial) List

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1957  
*NOMURA, Kinu  
1958  
*MUKAI, Matsuijiro  
*TERASHITA, Matsuzo  
1959  
*HORI, Ito  
*NISHIZAWA, Sadajiro  
*TAKAI, Koharu  
1960  
*NISHII, Iyo  
1962  
*NAGAWA, Kazuo  
*TSUJIMOTO, Tsuneno  
1963  
*INOUGE, Shigetaka  
1965  
*HAGANE, Yoshihiro  
*NAKAMURA, Hirokichi  
*NAKANISHI, Tamejiro  
1966  
*MARUMOTO, Junko  
1967—50th Year  
*MORI, Zen  
1968  
*KONDO, Satoshi  
1969  
*OMORI, Takayuki  
*YOSHIHARA, Ichio  
1970  
*KIKUTA, Toshiro  
*TSUMURA, Sumiya  
*UYEMURA, Akio  
1971  
*KARIYA, Yasuyuki  
*NISHIMURA, Ryokan  
1972  
*KONDO, Kenjiro  
*SUGIE, Masami  
*SUZUKI, Gennosuke  
1974  
*URATA, Teru  
1975  
*IZUMI, Shimataro  
*KOYANAGI, Ino  
*NODA, Yoshie  
*SATO, Yoshi  
1976  
*TANAKA, Motoyoshi  
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*HIRAKIDA, Hagino  
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*ONOUGE, Zenzaburo  
*KARIYA, Jirohei  
*KINOSHITA, Kazuichi  
*MADOKORO, Jitsushi  
*TASAKA, Yukiko  
1979  
*KIMURA, Kikuo  
*NAKASONE, Chie  
1980  
*TANAKA, Manabu  
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*MAKINO, Toshimasa  
*TAGUCHI, Sataro  
*TANAKA, Tomijiro  
1982  
*FURUGORI, Kikuyo  
*MASUHARA, Kishi  
*NISHI, Iwano  
*TAKENO, Takeji  
1983—33rd Year  
*OURA, Kome  
1984  
*KAJIHARA, Tsuruyo  
*MOTOMOCHI, Tomekichi  
1985  
*OYENO, Kenichi  
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*MATSUDA, Mikino  
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*KOYANAGI, Taki  
*SATO, Kojiro  
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*AKASAKA, Mitsuko  
*TAKATA, Tadayuki  
*UCHIDA, Shiro  
*WAKABAYASHI, Genroku  
1989  
*SAOÄKA, Sotono  
*INOUGE, Eiji  
*KUNIMOTO, Shinkatsu  
*TAMAKI, Komaye  
1990  
*KONDO, Yoshiye  
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*TABATA, Fumie  
1992—25th Year  
*MAYE, Meiko  
*SATO, Satoshi  
*YAMADA, Masayoshi  
1993  
*TAGAMI, Frank  
1994  
*IWAMOTO, Ryuichi  
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*KAMACHI, Shigekazu  
*SHIBATA, Tsuya  
*IKEDA, Toyohiko  
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*KOZAKA, Yoshinari  
*OYAMA, George  
*SHINYASHIKI, Kazuya  
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*WAKABAYASHI, Yasue  
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*BANNO, Haru  
*HIRAKIDA, Edward  
*MITSUI, Kazue  
1999  
*HIRANO, Raishu  
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2000—17th Year  
*KITAMURA, Kichinosuke  
*NISHI, Masaharu  
2001  
*FUKUWARA, Kisaburo  
*NODA, Kaoru  
*YAMASHITA, Kusuyi  
2003  
*HAMA Teruko  
*JOW Marie Rebecca  
*TAKUECHI Seiji  
2004—13th Year  
*KONDO, Hideo  
*UHAISAM, Miyo  
*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  
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*IKEDA, Ayako  
*KONDO, Hatsu  
*SHIN, Yoshiko  
*YAMASHITA, Noaie  
*MOMOI, Minako  
*YAKURA, Florence  
*FUJIMOTO, Umeko  
2010—7th year  
*ISHIGURO, Kiyoko  
*SHIMABUKURO, Seiji  
*MITSUI, Yoshitada  
*NAGAMATSU, Roy  
2011  
*CHIYA, Hideo  
*UYEDA, Teruo  
2012  
*WOODRUFF, Patrick  
2013  
*SHINOHARA, Haruka  
2014—3rd Year  
*ANGEL, Naomi  
*KOMORI, Yukio  
2015—First Year  
*IMAI, Harry Kiyoshi  

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

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)
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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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**Introduction to Buddhism**

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 http://vancouverbuddhisttemple.com/

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:

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