

## VBT Nirvana Day

Nirvana Day, which comes on February 15, is one of the major Buddhist observances. The Sanskrit term “Nirvana” literally means “extinction—the extinction of the worldly illusions and passions”. Wherever the extinction of illusions and passions is being achieved, there will be a calm and peaceful Nirvana, but the term which applies to this particular day means the death of the Sakya-muni Buddha.

Since the Buddha had attained his enlightenment on this earth, he was a living Buddha and his Buddhahood would never die; but as the Buddha appeared from Dharma (Truth) onto this earth in the form of man in order to save man, his manhood had been a subject of earthly restrictions. He passed away at the age of 80 and entered into Mahaparinirvana, or the absolute free state of Enlightenment. Nirvana Day, in short therefore, is the Memorial Day of Sakyamuni Buddha, the great founder of Buddhism.



# Bodhi Mind



## Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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## Happy New Year and welcome to 2017!!!

The first few weeks of the New Year, we greet everyone with a “Happy New Year!” It’s a wonderful expression that has such a feeling of “freshness.”

I remember during the long and hot days of my summer in Japan when I was student, a professor began greeting us all with a hearty “Happy New Year Everyone!” Needless to say, being greeted with that expression in July seemed most unusual. No one else in the class said anything, so I also just kept quiet, but thought, “This is very strange.”

After a few days, the professor finally responded to the puzzled look on the many faces around him whenever he spoke his un-seasonal greeting. After his joyful greeting of “Happy New Year Everyone!” he added, “Remember . . . Everyday is Happy New year!”

And so it is. To a Buddhist, everyday . . . every moment is a new beginning. Every heartbeat, every breath is an ending . . . and a new beginning. We are taught that life is a series of meetings and partings . . . endings and beginnings. And with such clear awareness of life’s nature, we are encouraged to live each year, each day, each moment not taking for granted the gift of this time we have together. Such is a life of Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu

Tatsuya Aoki

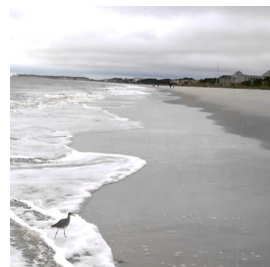
## VBT Spring Higan Service Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 10:30 AM

Higan is observed in Japan for a period of one week in the Spring from March 18 or 19 and again in the Autumn from September 20 or 21.

Higan-e is one of the few religious holidays which does not originate with Sakyamuni Buddha or a founder. It appears to be a distinct Japanese holiday originating in the early Heian Period (794-1190) and was presumably observed from the time of Prince Shotoku.

The word Higan comes from the Sanskrit word Paramita, which is translated as “other shore.” It is an abbreviation of Tohigan (“to arrive”). Tohigan means “to arrive at the Other Shore.” The “Other Shore” is Enlightenment or Nirvana, that is, the Pure Land. We are able to arrive at or reach the Other Shore when we transcend the life of birth-and-death, crossing over the sea of worldly passions arising from illusion.

How can we cross this wide sea and arrive at the Other Shore of Nirvana? The Six Paramita serve as a bridge spanning across this wide sea, and by practicing Charity, Morality, Patience, Right Effort, Right Meditation, and Right Wisdom, we can reach the Other Shore.



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## Message from the VBT Board

The new year is quickly upon us. No sooner have we put 2016 behind us, we are faced with new challenges in the early days of 2017. This is our election year and the voice of the membership shall choose the new board of directors. Please vote; your vote is so important to provide direction for our temple.

With the new city street market directly across the street on Powell St., we have increased security problems, more litter and garbage around our temple, more homeless people bringing drug and drinking issues with it. Parking for temple services and events has become increasingly difficult. We have complained to City Hall about our Issues and they are trying to do their best. As citizens of the community, we ask individual members to contact the city on behalf of the temple to voice concerns about the safety and well-being of our members and friends. Every little bit helps.

The calendar of events for 2017 have now been circulated to all our members. Please mark significant service and event dates and join the sangha for fellowship and personal enrichment.

Our membership dues for the year covers the 12 months starting in January. Please be reminded, before you forget, to drop your dues to our temple office.

Thank you for your continued support. Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.

Gassho,  
VBT Board of Directors



## Hanamatsuri Guest Speaker and Lecture Friday, April 7, 7:00—9:00 PM at VBT

Patricia Kanaya Usuki was born in Toronto, Canada, to an Anglican father and a Buddhist mother. Her parents brought her up in the United Church of Canada. As an adult, she began a process of reflection on her life. "I've had my ups and downs," she thought, "but mostly I've had a wonderful life. Why am I able to enjoy such a life as this?" This question led her to explore the Buddhist tradition more closely.

A popular speaker, Rev. Usuki was the English language keynote speaker at the 2015 World Buddhist Women's conference held in Calgary by the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Women's Federation. She spoke in front of almost 2,000 Buddhists from across Canada, the United States, Brazil, and Japan.



## 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 9, 2017**

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 5.**

## Harrison Hot Springs April 2-4, 2017

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

Tour organisers were unable to confirm exact rates at time of printing but were told the figures will be very similar to LAST YEAR's rates and chartered bus schedule as listed:

**Depart: VBT @ 1:00 pm, Gardeners' Assoc. @ 1:30 pm**  
**Return: Gardeners' Assoc. @ 2:00 pm, VBT @ 2:30 pm**  
**Single rate \$370/person, Double rate \$238/person**

For more information and to register, please contact Hiroko at the VBT office (604-253-7033) before the **Friday, Feb. 17 deadline.**



Best wishes and much happiness to newlywed couples:

**Eric and Mayumi**

(January 3 at Vancouver Buddhist Temple)

And

**Alnoor and Yukari**

(January 7 at the  
Pan Pacific Hotel)

**Congratulations!**



## Spring Bazaar is in FEBRUARY!!

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

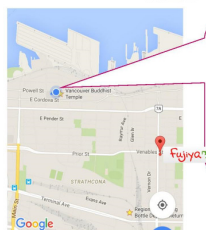
- Sat. Feb. 11 @ 9:00 am—Manju-making
- Fri. Feb. 24 @ 9:00 am—Bazaar Preparation
- Sat. Feb. 25 @ 9:00 am—Bazaar Preparation
- Sun. Feb 26 @ 6:00 am—Bazaar Day Preparation

**Sunday February 26 @ NOON**

**Doors open to the public**

## Vancouver Buddhist Temple Spring Food BAZAAR

Sunday, February 26 (Noon~2 PM)



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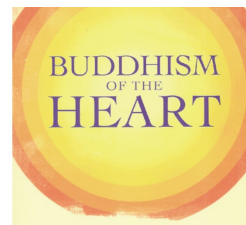
[www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com](http://www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com)

## Living Dharma Centre Virtual Book Club

The next book that we will be reading beginning the last week of January is:

### Buddhism of the Heart: Reflections on Shin Buddhism and Inner Togetherness

by Jeff Wilson,  
Foreword by Taitetsu Unno



JEFF WILSON  
Reflections on Shin Buddhism  
and Inner Togetherness

"A major new voice in Western Buddhism, Wilson evokes the warmth of Robert Fulghum and the nonjudgmental spiritual struggling of Anne Lamott in this accessible, affirming work for the modern seeker

This is a very easy to read book filled with humour and thought provoking stories. Having read this book in a group setting, the stories always led to wonderful discussions that were applicable to everyday life. Although many of you may have already read it, we would encourage you to take another look at it through many different viewpoints. Anyone, at any level of understanding will enjoy." Barb MacCarl.

Jeff Wilson is an associate professor of Religious and East Asian Studies and the Chair of the department of Culture and Languages for Renison University College, at the University of Waterloo. Jeff is also a Shin Buddhist and has attained the 'monk' or Tokudo level in the Jodo Shinshu tradition. Jeff is the author of many books including Dixie Dharma: Inside a Buddhist Temple in the American South and Mindful America: The Mutual Transformation of Buddhist Meditation and American Culture as well as many papers and articles.

Buddhism of the Heart is available from Wisdom Publications, Chapters-Indigo, Amazon and from some temple bookstores.

Those of you who are already in the book club will receive an email asking you if you would like to partake again. For those of you who are new to the club and would like to sign up, please send your request to:

[bemaccarl@gmail.com](mailto:bemaccarl@gmail.com)

with a copy to

[dorothy.gigliotti@gmail.com](mailto:dorothy.gigliotti@gmail.com)

Together in the Dharma,

Amy Wakisaka, LDC Program Director

Brenda Ikuta, Dharma School

Barb MacCarl, Books and Education



## Greetings from the Valley

Akemashite omedeto,

Well, winter certainly came in full force, as we braved snow and freezing cold weather before Christmas but not before our December shotsky and end of the year bingo party on December 10th.

Our 2017 Ho-onko service will be on January 7th at 11:00 in the morning. The guest minister is Reverend Marvin Harada from Anaheim, California. This service is the memorial service for Shinran Shonin. We will also celebrate with ozoni to welcome in the New Year so please come join us.



In gassho, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

## Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

Jan. 7, 2017

### Ho-on-ko & Jan. Memorial Service

Chieko Takasaki, May Mukaida, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa, James Fujita, Amy Wakisaka, Mari Cameron, Denise Cork, Rosie Okada, Tony Tateyama, Lester Tateyama, Byron Kagawa, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Kim Conway, Irene Rohrer, Irene Tateyama, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming, Roland Ikuta, Amy Nagamatsu, Greg Chor, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Living Dharma Centre,  
In memory of my mother Shizue Yamagishi:  
Irene Rohrer  
Membership: Ron Nishimura

In gassho, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

**Spring Higan** [cont'd from page 1] These Six Paramita teach us the essential Buddhist way of life which every Buddhist should follow everyday. Applying the Six Paramita in our daily lives is the Shinshu way of expressing our gratitude and thanksgiving for our unconditional salvation. It is not necessary for us to wait until Higan to practice the Six Paramita; rather, let us proceed to do so from today, for tomorrow may never come. Higan is a time for us to simply express our gratitude to Amida Buddha for awakening us to his boundless Compassion-Wisdom.

“Higan” means “the other shore.” It is an abbreviation for “to higan” meaning “reaching the other shore (of nirvana).” Conducted during the vernal and autumnal equinoxes when days and nights are of equal length, it is a service of reflection when practitioners should meditate on the harmony of nature and devote themselves to the realization of this harmony in our inner lives. During the week-long observances, emphasis is placed on observance of the Six Paramitas (precepts) which lead to “the other shore.” Paramita is the Sanskrit for “gone to other shore.”

From Jodo Shinshu, A Guide

## Toban Groups

The following VBT activities in **February and March** are the responsibility of **Toban #5**



### February

- Sun. 5th—1PM VBT AGM
- Sat. 11th—9AM Manju Making

- Sun. 12th—9AM Nirvana Day/Shtosuki
- Fri. 24th & Sat. 25th—both 9AM Bazaar Prep
- Sun. 26th-6AM Bazaar Prep & Bazaar

### March

- Sat. 4th—10AM Toban and Board Mtg
- Sun. 12th—9AM Spring Higan & Shotsuki

Mrs. Ritsuko Akasaka  
Ms. June Anzai  
Ms. Joanne Bazeley  
Mr. & Mrs. Preston Chan  
Mr. Anthony Chor  
Mr. John Harada  
Mr. & Mrs. Toshio Hirai  
Mr. Masayuki Kitagawa

Mr. & Mrs. Len Komori  
Miss Jenny Li  
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Low  
Mrs. Polly Matsumoto  
Mrs. Yoshie Matsutani  
Mr. & Mrs. Hiroaki Mikasa  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mizuta  
Mrs. Chieko Nishi  
Mr. Steven Nishi  
Mrs. Eiko Nishikihama  
Mr. Devin Ohori  
Ms. Jean Okamura  
Mrs. Yoshie Omura  
Mrs. Keiko Oyama  
Mrs. Toshie Sekiya  
Mr. Kiyoshi Shimizu  
Mr. Takashi Shoji  
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiro Shoji  
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Tak  
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Takaki  
Mrs. Masako Takata  
Mr. & Mrs. Tadao Takata  
Mr. Don Takaki

Mr. Yutaka Takemoto  
Mrs. Dena Tanaka  
Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuru Tanaka  
Ms. Mutsuko Tateyama  
Mr. & Mrs.  
Tamotsu Teranishi  
Mrs. Kazue Tsurusaki  
Mrs. Shigeko Urata  
Ms. Brenda Uyeda  
Mr. George Uyeda  
Mrs. Nobuyo Uyeyama  
Mr. Ricky Yada  
Mr. & Mrs. Masayuki Yamakami  
Mr. & Mrs. M. akoro Yokogawa  
Mrs. Yoshika Yoneda



## February Shotsuki (Memorial) List

### 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

\*MORI, Zen

### 1968—50th Year

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

\*OURA, Kome

### 1984

\*KAJIHARA, Tsuruyo

\*MOTOMOCHI,

Tomekichi

### 1985—33rd Year

\*MAYENO, Kenichi

\*MOMOTANI, Yuriko

### 1986

\*MATSUDA, Mikino

### 1987

KOYANAGI, Taki

\*SATO, Kojiro

### 1988

\*AKASAKA, Mitsuko

TAKATA, Tadayuki

\*UCHIDA, Shiro

\*WAKABAYASHI, Gen-

roku

### 1989

ASAOKA, Sotono

\*INOUE, Eiji

\*KUNIMOTO, Shinkatsu

\*TAMAKI, Komaye

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### 1990

\*KONDO, Yoshiye

### 1991

\*TABATA, Fumie

### 1992

\*MAYE, Meiko

\*SATO, Satoshi

\*YAMADA, Masayoshi

### 1993—25th Year

\*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

KITAMURA, Kichino-

suke

NISHI, Masaharu

### 2001 —17th Year

FUKUHARA, Kisaburo

NODA, Kaoru

YAMASHITA, Kusuye

### 2003

HAMA Teruko

JOW Marie Rebecca

TAKEUCHI Seiji

### 2004

KONDO, Hideo

URASAMI, Miyoko

YADA, Hideo

YONEDA, Yusuke

### 2005—13th Year

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

ISHIGURO, Kiyoko

SHIMABUKURO, Seiji

MITSUI, Yoshitada

NAGAMATSU, Roy

### 2011—7th year

CHIYA, Hideo

UYEDA, Teruo

FUJIMOTO, Umeko

### 2012

WOODRUFF, Patrick

### 2013

SHINOHARA, Haruka

### 2014

ANGEL, Naomi

KOMORI, Yukino

### 2015—3rd Year

IMAI, Harry Kiyoshi

## Passings

Our deepest  
condolences go to the  
families and friends of

**Mr. Mike Tanaka**

(89 yrs) Dec. 23

**Mr. Makoto Fukui**

(90 yrs) Dec. 24

**Mr. Kiyoshi Uyeyama**

(90 yrs) Jan. 1

**Mr. Yoshiharu Nakatsu**

(93 yrs) Jan. 10

## March Shotsuki (Memorial) List

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### 1953

UYEYAMA, Toyokichi

### 1957

NATSUHARA, Kamenosuke

### 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—50th Year

\*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

\*KOBAYASHI, Masako

### 1984

KAWABATA, Yoshi

\*MATSUBARA,

Tatsushiro

\*YOSHIDA, Kanichiro

### 1985—33rd Year

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

### 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

SOGA, Yoshiharu

CHIBANA, Hiroko

TANAKA, Matsu

OKANO, Chie

MIYASHITA, Archie

### 2002

KOBAYAKAWA,  
Toshikazu

### 2004

OKUBO, Haruye

TATSUMI, Miyako

### 2005—13th Year

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

OKAHASHI, Shizuko

UYESUGI, Emiko

YOSHIHARA, Lillian

Reiko

HAMADE, Roy Ryuzo

SHINKODA, Fusako

### 2011—7th year

MIZUYABU, Kayoko

### 2012

IWANAKA, Suyeko

### 2013

ISHIGURO, Florence

WATANABE, Hisako

### 2014

YAMAOKA, Robert

CHIJIWA, Shigenobu

MORITA, Tokiye

CHAKI, Kiyoshi

YUNOUE, Hiroki

KATO, Waka

### 2015—3rd Year

PEACOCK, Nobue

YAMADA, Yukio

### 2016—1st Year

OKAMURA, Yoshiyuki

SAKAI, Kiyoe





# February 2017



Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	3	4 2:00 PM FVBT Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Ser- vice (Rev. Aoki)
5 10:30AM VBT English Dharma Service  1:00 PM VBT AGM	6	7	8	9 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	10	11 9:00AM Manju Making
12 10:30AM Nirvana Day and Shotsuki monthly memorial service  New Year's Luncheon	13 BC Family Day  VBT Office Closed	14	15 11:00 AM Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Aoki)	16 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	17	18 10:00 AM VBT Board Meeting
19 10:30AM VBT English Dharma Service	20	21	22	23 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	24 9:00 AM Bazaar Preparation	25 9:00 AM Bazaar Preparation
26 6:00 AM Bazaar Preparation  12:00 PM Doors Open to the Public	27	28	<b><u>Encountering The Buddha</u></b> <b>"4. Cultivate the Mind of Compassion and Always Have Right Views"</b> The three poisons that ruin our life are the blind pas- sions of greed, anger, and ignorance. The blind passion of greed grows endlessly whenever			



life goes just as we think it should.

The blind passion of anger explodes whenever things don't go as we think they should.

The blind passion of ignorance prevents us from seeing our situation because of our attachment to the small "self."

What is the antidote for these three poisons?

Sakyamuni teaches:

*People should quench these fires whenever and wherever they appear by correctly judging as to what can give true satisfaction, by strictly controlling the mind in the face of the unsatisfactory things of life, and by ever recalling Buddha's teachings of goodwill and kindness. If the mind is filled with wise and pure and unselfish thoughts, there will be no place for worldly passions to take root. (The Teaching of Buddha)*

The true problem lies in our attachment to the small "self," which makes us always try to have our own way. (Taken from "Encountering the Buddha—108 Teachings of Buddha" by T. Numata. Published by Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (The Society for the Promotion of Buddhism))



# March 2017



Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<p><b>Please note:</b> Spring Higan and March monthly memorial Shotsuki Service has been changed to <b><u>MARCH 12</u></b></p> <p>Previously distributed VBT calendar stated it would be on the 5th. This would have been in conflict with the Japanese Language School's Spring Bazaar. We hope in this way to encourage our members to support JLS's bazaar.</p>						<p><b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> VBT Toban and Board Meeting</p>
<p><b>5</b> <b>10:30AM</b> VBT English Dharma Service</p>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<p><b>9</b> <b>12:00 PM Noon</b> Howakai &amp; Seniors' Club</p>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>11</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> FVBT Spring Higan &amp; Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service (Rev. Ikuta)</p>
<p><b>12</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Spring Equinox Higan and Shotsuki monthly memorial service</p>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<p><b>15</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Ikuta)</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>12:00 PM Noon</b> Howakai &amp; Seniors' Club</p>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<p><b>19</b> <b>10:30AM</b> VBT English Dharma Service</p>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<p><b>23</b> <b>12:00 PM Noon</b> Howakai &amp; Seniors' Club</p>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<p><b>26</b> <b>10:30AM</b> VBT English Dharma Service</p>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 *</b>	<b>30*</b>	<b>31 *</b>	<b>APR 1 *</b>
<p><b>2 *</b> <b>10:30AM</b> VBT English Dharma Service</p>	<b>3 *</b>	<b>4 *</b>	<b>5 *</b>	<p><b>6</b> <b>12:00 PM Noon</b> Howakai &amp; Seniors' Club</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>7-9:00 PM</b> Public Lecture by Rev. Patricia Usuki</p>	<b>8</b>
<p><b>9</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Hanamatsuri, Infant Presentation, &amp; keirokai Luncheon</p>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<p><b>13</b> <b>12:00 PM Noon</b> Howakai &amp; Seniors' Club</p>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>

\* Rev. Aoki will be in Kyoto to attend the Commemoration of the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition at the mother temple, Nishi Hongwanji from **March 29 to April 5**.

Should you require emergency ministerial (funeral) services during this time, please contact Rev. Grant Ikuta of the Steveston Buddhist Temple at 604-908-4140.