

## Ho-onko Service

The Ho-onko service is the memorial service of our founder, Shinran Shonin, who passed away on January 16, 1263 at the age of 90. For Shinran's 33rd memorial service, Kakunyo Shonin, the 3rd Monshu (head priest) of Hongwanji (the mother temple) decided on the system of the ceremony to praise Shinran's virtue. For approximately 700 years since, Jodo Shinshu followers have observed the Ho-onko service for Shinran. This service allows us to recall and appreciate Shinran Shonin, and listen to the Teachings. This service is the most important service for Jodo Shinshu followers.

**VBT's Ho-onko Service is on Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 AM.**



# Bodhi Mind



## Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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### New Year's Greeting

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you.

This past year, we have been observing the ceremony known as The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition since last October. This service will be continuing until the end of May over 10 sessions and a total of 80 days. The participation of the many delegates from both domestic and overseas districts has revitalized the atmosphere of all of our temple activities, and for that I am truly happy and grateful to each and every one of you.

Through holding the service together with you fellow Nembutsu followers, I am able to personally experience how the Jodo Shinshu teaching has not only been passed down to us over the span of nearly 800 years, but also how it has been delivered to many regions of the world beyond national borders. I believe that we have the Jodo Shinshu teaching today precisely because it served as the spiritual foundation for all of the preceding Nembutsu followers.

Shinran Shonin revealed his understanding of the Dharma known today as Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. It is a teaching for those of us who constantly struggle with various worries and hardships in life. Let us continue to listen to the teaching and share our own appreciation of the Dharma with family and friends in the hope that we can follow the Nembutsu path together with them.

OHTANI Kojun  
Monshu  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



## Encountering The Buddha

### **"2. Blue Flowers Shine Blue, Red Flowers Shine Red"**

In the Buddhist denominations that enshrine Amida Buddha as the central object of worship, the *Smaller Sukhavativyuha Sutra* (Jpn. *Amidakyo*) is the most frequently chanted sutra. In the first half of the sutra, the adornments of the Pure Land where Amida Buddha resides are described. The pond in the Pure Land is described as follows:

Lotus flowers in the pond are as wagon wheels.  
Blue flowers whine blue, yellow ones shine yellow,  
Red ones shine red, and white ones shine

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## Message from the VBT Board

Happy New Year!

Thank you to all our members and temple friends for making 2016 another successful year. In truth we are doing all we can to sustain our temple organization. It cannot function with the effort of only a handful of volunteers. In order that we can provide essential services and a comfortable setting to enjoy religious, cultural and social activities we require the efforts of everyone. It is not available without organizers and helpers.

This year is our election year to select board members to give direction for our temple and we ask that as a member, everyone who is healthy and able to come forward and give a helping hand in the running of our temple. The more, the merrier, and surprisingly more enjoyable! This attitude underlines the Buddhist adage of fulfillment through knowing the Buddha, learning the Dharma and engaging with the Sangha. Welcome to the Year of the Rooster!

Gassho,  
VBT Board of Directors



## Happy New Year

Welcome to the year 2017! Looking back to the past year, with all its ups and downs, we have many moments for which to be grateful. With gratitude for the year past, I look forward to the new year ahead. In the past two monthly Shotsuki services, I have shared Dharma talks on a subject of "Every day is a good day, no matter what!" We have to make it so! One of the Fraser Valley Buddhist temple members talked to me after the December Shotsuki service and said, "Aoki Sensei, I had a heart attack two weeks ago. My heart stopped twice during the surgery. I just try to take it one day at a time; and I am so grateful for every day." This also reflects the very essence of Buddhism. With each day, let us try to take it a moment at a time, and be grateful for each moment. To live with such day-to-day, moment-to-moment appreciation, is to live a life of Nembutsu. Namo Amida Butsu.

Tatsuya Aoki



## Public Lecture

### Guest Minister Rev. Marvin Harada



Our guest minister for 2017 Ho-onko is Rev. Marvin Harada, the resident minister at the Orange County Buddhist Church in Anaheim, California, as well as the co-director of the Buddhist Churches of America's Center for Buddhist Education.

He will present a lecture titled "**Resolving Life's Problems Through Buddhism**" to start off our 2017 Ho-onko weekend on **Friday, January 6 starting at 7:00PM. This lecture is by donation, and open to the public.**

We are grateful to have him speak on the occasion of Ho-

## 2017 NW Buddhist Convention — "Wake Up!"

Tacoma Buddhist Temple will be hosting the 2017 Northwest Convention from **February 17-19** at the DoubleTree Suites, in Tukwila, Washington. Guest speaker Rev. Marvin Harada (Orange County Buddhist Church), as well as ministers and other facilitators from BCA's Northwest District will lead workshops and talks based on the convention theme: Wake Up!

Questions: Convention Chair: June

### Registration Fees

Adults \$125  
Students (Gr.6 through Uni.) \$90  
Children (K through Gr.5) \$50  
Preschool (Age 3 to 4) \$40  
Banquet only (Sat. evening) \$65  
Bento Box (Sun.) \$12  
Purchase Ukulele \$25

Registration info: Lynne Tanino  
taninos@msn.com

### Ukulele Workshop for Grade 6 through college) (Friday evening)

A ukulele workshop is planned for Friday evening and performance at Saturday's Banquet. If you would like to participate, the workshop is free for those who bring their own ukulele. For those without, there is a fee of \$25 that covers the cost of a ukulele for you to keep.

Hotel Reservations: contact Doubletree Suites **Southcenter** (NOT to be confused with Doubletree Seattle Airport) Group room rates for the Double Tree Suites are (in USD): \$119 for single/double occupancy, \$129 for triple, \$139 for quad. These rates will apply 3 days before and after the conference for those who would like to extend their stay.

## Encountering The Buddha Con't from pg 1

Some people may think that it is simply natural for blue flowers to shine blue, yellow ones to shine yellow, red ones red, and white ones white. However, it is not a simple matter at all. There are so many people who do not recognize the unique talents that have been given them and go about complaining.

If we could just let our own unique colours shine, that is now “life” will shine brightest.

### **“3. Be Thankful to People Who Tell Us Our Faults”**

We like people who praise us, even if they are lying. We are so easily taken in by people who cleverly praise us, and sometimes we pay dearly for our carelessness. On the topic of “The good and the bad, the

wise and the ignorant”, Sakyamuni teaches us:

Good (people) and bad (people) differ from each other in their natures. Bad (people) do not recognize a sinful act as sinful; if its sinfulness is brought to their attention, they do not cease doing it and do not like to have anyone inform them of their sinful acts. Wise (people) are sensitive to right and wrong; they cease doing something as soon as they see that it is wrong; they are grateful to anyone who calls their attention to such wrong acts. Thus good (people) and bad (people) differ radically.

Foolish (people) never appreciate kindness shown them but wise (people) appreciate it and are grateful.

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## Family Retreat @

### **Manning Park, May 20-22, 2017**

**Earlybird Registration due: January 31, 2017**

**Final Registration due March 31, 2017**



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 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.**

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

Types	Age	Price*	Before Jan, 31
Adult Member* (AM)	26+	\$135	\$120
Adult Non-Member (AN)	26+	\$150	\$135
Youth (Y)	14 to 25	\$80	\$80
Child (C)	6 to 13	\$40	\$40
Infant (I)	to 5	free	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)

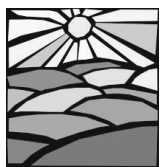
**Standard Cottage – sleeps 8** (1 Dbl & 2 sets bunkbeds + 1 Dbl sofabed, sitting room w/TV & full kitchen)

**Deluxe Cottages – sleeps 10** (3 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets bunkbeds + 1 Dbl sofabed, 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 sofabed, 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 Friday March 31, 2017.**



## Greetings from the Valley

We are having lots of snow and cold weather in the Valley this winter but for those of us who grew up there it was quite common "in the good old days". Lucky for us these winter conditions came after our December 3 service but with the heater not working it was still pretty chilly. In addition to that we were notified of major water usage so there are ongoing building maintenance issues. Both the heating and water problems were repaired quickly thanks to Lucy and Stan Yoshioka who live close-by.

Bishop Aoki conducted our year end service on December 3 which was followed with our potluck lunch and bingo. Everyone warmed up quickly even without the heat and enjoyed bingo with many gift prizes won by almost all participants.

We plan to have Mochi Tsuki at the temple before New Year's but this is dependent on the weather and road conditions. If you would like information regarding this please contact Board members.

Our Hoonko service will be on Saturday, January 7 at 11:00 am with guest minister Rev. Marvin Harada from Orange County, California. It will be a special service with up to 17 guests attending, many from other temples and provinces as part of a lay leaders training program; a significant way to start the New Year. We will be serving ozoni in addition to our potluck lunch. Please note that 2017 memberships of \$90 will be due in the new year.

Our temple will be hosting the 2017 Convention September 15 - 17. Our Board is very excited by this first time endeavor and we will keep you informed of details as time goes on. Guest minister and speaker will be Rev. James Martin of the Calgary Buddhist Temple and the venue will be the Langley Coast Hotel. Please mark it on your calendar!

As we welcome 2017 let us be grateful for the teachings that continue to keep us on track and help us along the way.

In gassho,  
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

## Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

### **Dec. 3, 2016 Bodhi Day, and Dec. Memorial Service**

May Mukaida,  
Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa,  
Jean Nakatsui, Irene Tateyama,  
Naomi Shikaze, Rosie Okada,  
Amy Nagamatsu, Anonymous,  
Chieko Takasaki, Ron Nishimura,  
John & Masuko Kamimura

In memory of Ken Honkawa:  
Reiko Honkawa

In memory of my dad Masao Kawamoto:  
Amy Kawamoto

In memory of Emiko Shikaze:  
Ben Shikaze

In memory of Kiyoshi & Eileen Fujita:  
Ron & Marilyn Fujita,  
Marion Fujita,  
Jenny Fujita

Nov. Shotsuki: John & Masuko Kamimura

In gassho,  
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



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## Toban Groups

The following VBT activities in **January** are the responsibility of

### **Toban #4**

#### January

- Sun. 8th—9AM  
Ho-onko & Shotsuki
- Sat. 14th—9AM  
Toban & Bazaar & Board Meeting
- Sun. 29th—9AM  
Manju Making

Mr. & Mrs. Yasuhiko Bando  
Mrs. Martha Banno  
Mrs. Sachi Chiya  
Miss Jenni Chor  
Mr. & Mrs. F. Hamanishi  
Mrs. Mitsue Ikegami  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kajiwara  
Mrs. Sandra Kawasaki-Chan  
Mrs. Yasuko Komori  
Mr. Rick MacDonald  
Mr. & Mrs. Yukito Maruno  
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Meugens  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mukai  
Ms. Yvonne Nakano

Mrs. Yoshiye Nakata  
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiharu Nakatsu  
Ms. Cathy Nishikawa  
Mr. & Mrs. Saburo Nishimura  
Mr. & Mrs. Shiro Nishimura  
Mrs. Tomiko Noda  
Mr. Robert Nomura  
Mrs. Leigh Oikawa  
Mr. Minoru Oyama  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pedersen  
Mrs. Mitsuye Sakata  
Mr. Gentaro Shimizu

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Soga  
Mrs. Toyoko Terada  
Mrs. Jean Wakahara  
Mrs. Kiyoko Yada  
Mrs. Keiko Yakumo  
Ms. Christine Yoshida  
Ms. Kazuye Yoshida





## January Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The January Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 am**

### 1958

\*IZUMI, Yoshiko  
\*NAKAGAWA, Minosuke  
\*TATEOKA, Hatsutarō

### 1960

\*UYENO, Mantaro  
\*SATO, Jusaburo  
\*HAMAKAWA, Yosokichi

### 1961

\*OZAWA, Shuzo

### 1962

\*BABA, Shosuke

### 1963

\*BANNO, Shizu

### 1964

HONMA, Seiji  
\*UYENO, Takezo

### 1965

\*TERAKITA, Imae

### 1966

KUMANO, Kameo  
\*NAKAYAMA, Shichiro

### 1968 (50th Year)

KOYANAGI, Kiyochi

### 1970

\*HORITA, Kazuhide

### 1971

MUKAI, Tomiichi

### 1972

KAWAMOTO, Koto  
\*FUKUNAGA, Kunikichi

### 1973

\*KITASAKA, Hana  
TANAMI, Ai

### 1974

ARAKI, Buyemon  
\*HASEBE, Sumiyo  
\*MURAO, Tameichi

### 1975

\*NAKANO, Seiichi  
SHIMOKURA, Mitsugu

### 1976

\*MUKUDA, Naosaku

### 1977

USUI, Hiraye

### 1978

\*HASHIMOTO, Tomo

### 1981

\*UI, Shigeichi

### 1982

\*SONODA, Tatsuhiko

### 1983

YADA, Genji  
\*OKABE, Taki  
\*ENDO, Moshichi  
\*NAKASHIMA, Masako

### 1984

\*YAMASHITA, Kenichi  
\*ARAKI, Ichiro

### 1985 (33rd Year)

\*YUMOTO, Tamaya  
\*HISANAGA, Kura  
\*SONODA, Tadasu

### 1986

OHORI, Genichi  
\*EISHIRO, Yoshiye

### 1987

YAMAMOTO, Yonetaro  
\*SHIMA, Brett  
\*HORI, Yonezo

### 1988

HAMAGCHI, Tsunekichi  
\*KINOSHITA, Tamiyo  
\*MARUYAMA, Shigeru

### 1989

\*NAKANO, Jin  
\*ATAGI, Hanaye  
\*TAKEMOTO, Otogusu  
SOKUGAWA, Yuki

### 1990

\*FUJII, Chuichi  
\*MIURA, Yoshitaka  
OYE, Misayo  
\*KOBUE, Motoye

### 1991

\*YAMAMOTO, Risao  
\*KIKUCHI, Shozo  
NAKANO, Kazuo

### 1992

\*WAKAHARA, Betty  
\*HAMAZAKI, Shigeyoshi

### 1993 (25th Year)

\*NODA, Tsutomu  
\*MAEHARA, Jun

### 1994

\*IMAOKA, Hideo  
\*OIKAWA, Makie  
\*NAKATA, Seiichi

### 1995

YABUNO, Shio  
TERAKITA, Kimiyo

### 1996

KONDO, Yojiro  
NAKAHARA, Kazuko  
NAKATANI, Betty  
SAKAI, Sayuri

### 1997

TANAKA, Kazue  
NISHIKAWA, Toshio  
\*SHIMIZU, Akemi

### 1998

\*OGURA, Shunei

### 1999

UYEYAMA, Toshie  
IWATA, Hisaye  
TSUKAMOTO, Mayumi  
NISHI, Haruko  
SUGINOBU, Chizue

### 2000

KUROMI, Shigeru  
YAMAMOTO, Eiji

### 2001 (17th Year)

TAMOTO, Saichi

### 2002

ASO, Kazue  
\*BENDIG, Richard  
\*KUROKAWA, Nora H.  
SAKAI, Yasuji Frank

### 2003

YAMAMOTO Kiyoko

### 2004

TANI, Kenzo

### 2005 (13th Year)

FUKUMOTO, Kiyoshi  
MIZUYABU, Tomiko  
IKEDA, Tsutayo  
TAKEDA, Michiko

### 2006

GOTO, Shigeo  
HANAOKA, Fumiko  
NISHIMURA, Masao  
URASAMI, Seiji  
NAKANO, Yoshiko

### 2007

NATSUKOSHI, Sakae  
OTSUKA-CAMPBELL  
Kazuko

### 2008

MATSUI, Otohiro

### 2009

IKEZAKI, Hitoshi

### 2010

OYE, Sumiye  
MORI, Kinuye

### 2011 (7th Year)

KITAMURA, Michiko

### 2012

SHIMA, Roy  
NOMURA, Toshiharu  
HAYASHI, Yoshiharu

### 2013

ALEXANDER, Hideko

### 2014

OKADA, Raeso  
NAKANE, Mitsuo

### 2015 (3rd Year)

OYAMA, Mitsu

### 2016 (1st Year)

IKARI, Sanaye Helen  
TORIUMI, Kazuo



## Passings

Our deepest  
condolences go to the  
families and friends of

**Mr. Kazuo Kawashima**

(91 yrs) Nov. 15

**Mrs. Reiko Maniwa**

(73 yrs) Nov. 30

**Mrs. Jean Takaki**

(100 yrs) Dec. 9



# January 2017



Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 10:30AM New Year's Service	2	3	4	5	6 7-9PM Public Lecture @VBT	7 11:00 AM FVBT Ho-on-ko Service (Guest: Rev. M. Harada)
8 10:30AM VBT Ho-onko and monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service (Guest: Rev. M. Harada)	9	10	11	12 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	13	14 10:00AM  VBT Toban + Bazaar + Board Meeting
15 10:30AM VBT English Dharma Service	16	17	18 11:00 AM Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Ikuta)	19 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	20	21
22 10:30AM Steveston Hoonko Service ** NO SERVICE @ VBT **	23	24	25	26 12:00 PM Noon Seniors' Club	27	28
29 9:00AM Manju Making 10:30AM VBT English Dharma Service	30	31	<u>FEB. 1</u>	2 12:00 PM Noon Howakai & Seniors' Club	3	4 2:00 PM FVBT Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service (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

## Encountering The Buddha Con't from pg 3

Wise (people) try to express their appreciation and gratitude by some return of kindness, not only to their benefactor, but to everyone else. (The Teaching of the Buddha)

Taken from "Encountering the Buddha - 108 Teachings of Buddha" by Toshihide Numata. Published by Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (The Society for the Promotion of Buddhism).

