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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.



From October 1, 2016 until this past May 31, the Commemoration of the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition was conducted at Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan, with attendance of about 150,000 people from throughout Japan and our overseas sanghas. Since the days of our founder Shinran Shonin, for nearly 800 years, the Jodo Shinshu teaching has been cherished and carefully handed down to

us today by our predecessors. Reflecting on this, I am truly grateful to have been able to recite the Nembutsu together with many of you who took part in the services whether it be in person or through the internet.

Being enabled to hear the working of Amida Buddha's voice calling to us, we become aware of our true self, in which we have the difficulty of accepting things just as they are, and being caught up in our own selfish mind-set. That is why it becomes all the more important that we continue to listen to the teaching of Amida. As we appreciate the Buddha's great wisdom and compassion, we are naturally guided to care for and aspire to live together with one another.

In this New Year, let us continue to listen to the teaching while following the Nembutsu path together with everyone.

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

January 1, 2018



Hōonkō Service

The Hōonkō Service is the memorial service of the founder of Shin Buddhism, Shinran, who passed away on January 16, 1263, at the age of 90. For Shinran's 33rd memorial service, Kakunyō Shōnin, the 3rd Monshu (head priest) of Hongwanji mother temple decided on the system of the ceremony to praise Shinran's virtue. Since then, for over 700 years, Shin Buddhists have observed the Hōonkō service for Shinran, allowing us to recall and appreciate the Teachings. This service is the most important in the year for Shin Buddhists. **Please join us for VBT's Hōonkō Service on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 10:30 AM**



Happy New Year

As we enter 2018, and when I look back to the past year with all its ups and downs, we have many moments for which to be grateful.

Previously in a Dharma talk for a Shōtsuki memorial service, I spoke on the subject of “Everyday is a good day, no matter what!” We have to make it so!

The following month, a temple member told me before a service, “I found out that one of my family members has terminal cancer. Then I recalled your Dharma talk, and we just try to take it one day at a time; and I am so grateful for every day”.

This reflects the very essence of Buddhism. With each day, let us try to take it one moment at a time, and be grateful for each day and each moment. To live with appreciation day-to-day, and moment-to-moment is to live a life of Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu, Tatsuya Aoki

Message from the VBT Board

Happy New Year!

Now that we are already in the new year, we have a fresh new start on our personal agendas, as well as on temple programs. Please join us in the various activities our temple has to offer. If you know of any one who may be interested in joining our sangha, please invite them to participate in our services and events.

The VBT is required to revise our constitution to comply with the newly revised BC Societies Act. The decision to accept our revised constitution must come from all current members and voted on at our February 2018 annual general meeting, so we ask for your cooperation.

In order to make the most of our temple space as well as to make some extra revenue, VBT works with community organizations and businesses in renting parking, gym, and office space. In the coming months, we will be working with more potential renters.

As quickly as one year passes, another is upon us and so we already draw your attention to 2019 in which VBT will commemorate the 40th anniversary of our building, and the 115th anniversary of the founding of VBT. We invite everyone to participate in the planning and celebrating this special event. Let us Celebrate!

In Gassho, the VBT Board

Important information about Donations

When the VBT receives donations, our aim is always to receive them with care, and to make sure donors are recognized for their generosity. This is done through the temple newsletter, but also through issuing official donation receipts for Income Tax purposes.

- In the case of **cheque donations**, VBT is only able to issue the receipt in the name of the account holder of the cheque
- In the case of **cash donations**, VBT will issue the receipt in the name indicated on the envelope. Please make sure the **name of the donor is written clearly**.
- In both cases, please make sure the **mailing address is written clearly**.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity that allows our temple to function from day to day as a place for people to gather in the Dharma. Thank you for your co-operation.

VBT Mochi-tsuki Day

VBT's annual Mochi-tsuki (sweet rice pounding) day on Dec 10 was a great success! Almost 200 pounds of sweet rice was pounded and everyone got a taste of the freshly made mochi prepared in a few different ways, savoury and sweet—even pizza mochi! Thanks for all who helped organized as well as members, friends, family, and guests who made the event so successful and fun!





Intro to Buddhism. VBT became a Buddhist learning centre as people gathered every Wednesday evening in November to listen to teachers from different schools of Buddhism including: Michael Newton—Zen (above left), Casey Collins—general Buddhism (above right), and Adrienne Ross—Vipassana Meditation (seated, left). Thanks to VBT volunteers Patrick Couling (standing, left), Gina Chor, and Greg Chor for welcoming all of our guests.

Family Retreat @ Manning Park **Early Bird Registration due: February 28, 2018** May 19-21, 2018

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. Opening service on May 19th is scheduled for 4:30pm, please plan to register between 2:00-3:00pm. Participants are responsible for their own travel to Manning Park.

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)

Rates-(per person for Chalets & Cabins)*

Types	Age	Price* Before Feb 28	
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 \$247 per room for the weekend + 50% of the per person rates above			

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

Final registrations and payments must be received at **Vancouver Buddhist Temple 220 Jackson Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3** no later than **Friday, March 30, 2018**.

Tōban Groups

From lunches at our monthly Shōtsuki services, to wiping down tables and cleaning the washrooms, the temple would not be the warm and welcoming place for gathering if it 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.

The following activities in January are the responsibility of **Tōban #5**

January

Sat. 6—10:00 AM Toban, Bazaar, Board Meeting

Sun. 14—9:00 AM Hōonkō and Shōtsuki

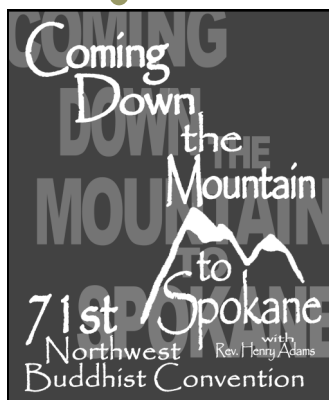
Sun. 28—9:00 AM Manju making

Mrs. Ritsuko Akasaka
Ms. June Anzai
Ms. Joanne Bazely
Mr. & Mrs. Preston Chan



Mr. Anthony Chor
Mr. John Harada
Mr. & Mrs. Toshio Hirai
Mr. Masayuki Kitagawa
Mr. & Mrs. Len Komori
Ms. Jenny Li
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Low
Mrs. Polly Matsumoto
Mrs. Yoshie Matsutani
Mr. & Mrs. Hiroaki Mikasa
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mizuta
Mr. Steven Nishi
Mrs. Eiko Nishikihama
Mr. Devin Ohori
Ms. Jean Okamura
Mrs. Yoshie Omura
Mrs. Keiko Oyama
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
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. Tamotsu Watanabe
Mr. Ricky Yada
Mr. & Mrs. Masayuki Yamakami
Mr. & Mrs. Makoto Yokogawa



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Henry Adams
Sponsored by the Spokane Buddhist Temple



Fri 2/16 - Registration & excursions

Sat 2/17 - 8:30 am - 8 pm - Service, Workshops & Banquet

Sun 2/18 - 9:30 am - Noon - Service

Registration Deadline - **January 13, 2018**

Register on line at: www.SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org

71st Northwest

Buddhist Convention

"Coming Down the Mountain"

Shinran's first steps towards
the Nembutsu way

February 16-18, 2018

at the Hotel RL Spokane

At The Park

Spokane, WA, USA

Adults \$125, Students \$90, Children \$40-\$50
Canadian at par.

Hotel Registration: Call 1-800-Red Lion or book
on line at www.Redlion.com/reservations
Use Group Code NORT0274.

Deadline for the hotel is **January 16, 2018**

Contact: Celeste Sterrett (dcsterrett@yahoo.com)
or Mari Haworth (quilt4mari@yahoo.com)

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Hōonkō Public Lecture

*"Introduction to
True Buddhism"*

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

(From Senshin Buddhist
Temple, Los Angeles)

**Friday, January 12
7:00-9:00 PM**

At the Vancouver
Buddhist Temple

(Admission by donation)

Greetings from the valley

Akemashite omedetō (Happy New Year) as we welcome 2018, the year of the dog.



First, a belated thank you to everyone who participated in the BCJSBTF annual general meeting and convention our temple hosted in September of 2017 and wishes for great success to Vernon temple which will be hosting the 2018 annual general meeting and convention.

Thank you also to our sangha for another successful temple bazaar in October. We count on the proceeds of this fundraiser to pay for the insurance for our temple for the year. Again, the citizens around the Fraser Valley came out to enjoy the udon and bentō lunches and find great bargains in our white elephant sale. Where else can you find a brand new electric frying pan for less than half the price it would cost in a store? And the home-made bread and cookies and cinnamon buns baked by a professional baker—so delicious.

Finally into December, our final service of the year was also marked by the usual ambitious lunch and of course, bingo.

The FVBT hōonkō service will be held on January 13, 2018 with guest speaker Reverend Ryuta Furumoto from Senshin Temple in California. Please join us and remember the service will be at 11:00 in the morning. In case of inclement weather for any of the winter services an automatic email system has been set up and a phone tree will be used for those who do not wish to be notified by email. Hopefully we will not have to use either in 2018.

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Donations

Received in Gratitude

Dec. 2, 2017

Bōdhi Day and Dec. Shōtsuki

Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa, Rosie Okada, Naomi Shikaze, Jean Nakatsui, Pat Yoshioka, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Amy Kawamoto, Lori North, May Mukaida, Irene Tateyama, Amy Nagamatsu, Shoichiro & Masuko Kamimura
In memory of Kenichi Honkawa: Greg & Lynn Smith, Reiko Honkawa

In memory of Ken & Fumi Honkawa: R.H. Nasu, Reiko Honkawa

In memory of Emiko Shikaze: Ben Shikaze

In memory of father & sister: Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Marion Fujita, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming

In Gassho, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



More Mochi-tsuki Day pics



Encountering The Buddha:

108 Teachings of Buddha

Continued from Dec 2017 Bodhi Mind Issue #413

“11. Created by Conditions, Changed by Conditions”

Everything in the world arises not only because of causes but also due to conditions. So under different conditions, everything ends up changing. In the Sutra of *Queen Srimālā* (Jpn. *Shōmangyō*), it is taught:

The rain falls, the wind blows, flowers bloom, and leaves fall. Everything arises, depending on conditions, and everything perishes depending on conditions. This body of mine was born through the conditions of my parents, it is sustained by the food I eat, and my mind is nurtured by my experiences and knowledge. Therefore, both my body and my mind arise depending on conditions, and, of course, they are transformed depending on conditions.

The sutra further clarifies this point by saying:

Just as a net is made of meshes connected together, all things are connected together.

It is mistaken to think that each mesh of the net exists independently.

(Taken from “*Encountering the Buddha—108 Teachings of Buddha*” by T. Numata. Published by Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (The Society for the Promotion of Buddhism))

January Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1958

*IZUMI, Yoshiko
*NAKAGAWA, Minosuke
*TATEOKA, Hatsutaro

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

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

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

1986 (33rd Year)

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

*NODA, Tsutomu
*MAEHARA, Jun

1994 (25th Year)

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

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

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

TAMOTO, Saichi

2002 (17th Year)

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

2003

YAMAMOTO Kiyoko

2004

TANI, Kenzo

2005

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

2006 (13th Year)

GOTO, Shigeo
HANAZAWA, 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

KITAMURA, Michiko

2012 (7th Year)

SHIMA, Roy
NOMURA, Toshiharu
HAYASHI, Yoshiharu

2013

ALEXANDER, Hideko

2014

OKADA, Raeso
NAKANE, Mitsuo

2015

OYAMA, Mitsu

2016 (3rd Year)

IKARI, Sanaye Helen
TORIUMI, Kazuo

2017 (1st Year)

KIMOTO, Kaoru
NAKATSU, Yoshiharu
UYEYAMA, Kiyoshi

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to
the families and
friends of

Mrs. Chizuko
Tsurumaru
(82 years)
Dec. 3



January 2018

Seniors' club will resume on

Thursday, February 8

Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.
	1 10:30 AM New Year's Day Service	2	3	4	5	6 10:00 AM VBT Toban, Bazaar + Board Meeting
7 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	8	9	10	11	12 7:00 PM Public Lecture (Guest: Rev. Ryuta Furumoto)	13 11:00 AM FVBT Hoonko (Guest: Rev. Ryuta Furumoto)
14 10:30 AM VBT Hoonko & Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service (Guest: Rev. Ryuta Furumoto)	15	16	17 11:00 AM Nikkei Home Service (Rev. T. Aoki)	18	19	20
21 10:30 AM Steveston Temple Hoonko (Guest: Rev. Brian Nagata) NO Service @ VBT	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 AM Manju Making 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	29	30	31	<u>Feb 1.</u>	2	3
4 10:30 AM English Dharma Service <u>1:00 PM</u> <u>VBT AGM</u>	5	6	7	8 12 PM Howakai & Seniors' club	9	10 9:00 AM Manju Making 2:00 PM FVBT Shotsuki (Rev. Ikuta)
11 10:30 AM Nirvana Day Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service & New Year's Luncheon	12 Family Day VBT Office Closed	13	14 11:00 AM Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Ikuta)	15 12 PM Howakai & Seniors' club	16	17 10:00 AM VBT Board Meeting
18 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	19	20	21	22 12 PM Howakai & Seniors' club	23 9:00 AM VBT Bazaar Preparation	23 9:00 AM VBT Bazaar Preparation
25 6:00 AM Bazaar Preparation 12 Noon Food Bazaar Open to the public	26	27	28			