

UPCOMING SERVICES



Regular
Dharma
Services
Sundays, at
10:30 am

October Shotsuki Memorial in
conjunction with Jodo
Shinshu Buddhist Temples of
Canada Day Service
**Sunday, October 14 at
10:30 am**

November Shotsuki Memorial
in conjunction with Eitaikyo
and Eshinni Memorial
**Sunday, November 4 at
10:30 am**

Please note:

Rev. Aoki will be attending
to family matters in Japan
from October 1-11.

In case of urgent
ministerial assistance,
namely Makura-gyo
(pillow-side services),
please contact Rev. Grant
Ikuta of the Steveston
Buddhist Temple at 604-
908-4140.

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Vancouver, BC,
V6A 3B3

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Vancouver Buddhist Temple

Oct & Nov 2018, Issue #421

2018 JSBTC Day Message from the Office of the Bishop

The first recorded assembly of Japanese Buddhists in Canada took place in Vancouver in 1904. Fourteen Buddhists met to request a minister from Nishi Hongwanji (our mother temple), in Kyoto, Japan. Rev. Senju Sasaki was appointed to be a *Kaikyoshi* (overseas minister) to Canada in 1905. With the minister's arrival, the Buddhists formed the Vancouver Nihon Bukkyo-kai (Japanese Buddhist Association), and our history began.

The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada celebrated its centennial in 2005. Over the course of this more than a hundred years of history, there have been many changes to our lives and within the organization. Technological advancements have made it so we can fly to virtually anywhere in the world in a very short time. Cell phones and the internet have made our communications more instant. Medical advancements have made our ability to sustain our lives longer and longer and have made them considerably healthier also. Within our school as well, the name of the national organization has been changed from the "Buddhist Churches of Canada" to the "Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada". In the future, there will certainly be other changes within our school.

All in all, in spite of the many changes from when we began, there have been no significant changes in the practice of what we do. The chanting and Nembutsu; saying the Name of Amida Buddha (Namo Amida Butsu), have remained essentially unchanged from the time we first began in Canada 114 years ago, and from Shinran Shonin's era 800 years ago. In particular, with regards to chanting, although we have tried to introduce a few new things over time at many of our temples, the form of the chant has remained remarkably consistent. There is a reason for this.

When Shinran Shonin says, "Take refuge in Pure Music", we realize that chanting brings us as close as it gets. Each person becomes "pure sound", his or her own sound, like no other. When each voice is true to itself, it chants out loud; without embarrassment, without self-pride, and without calculation. Then each uniquely individual sound adds layer upon layer to the total sound. This is the sound of "oneness"; a tonal representation of our interconnected reliance on and responsibility to each other.

Rev. Masao Kodani, the retired minister of Senshin Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles, California, once said, like Bon Odori (Obon Dance), the point is to, "just dance", the trick here is to, "just chant". When we do our

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traditional chanting over and over, it is the sound that is important, not the meaning of the sounds. In many ways, knowing the meaning behind the sounds is a hindrance to it becoming a "pure sound", because this is where our own calculating nature can slip in. Chanting in most Buddhist countries is done in a dead language, or at least, a highly unintelligible one. The sound of Buddhist chanting is remarkably similar, even when the chanting of it is in an unintelligible language. Singing texts in English is more an activity of the objectifying mind rather than a meditative activity of the body.

Before I was assigned to the Vancouver temple, the Japanese service (*Howakai*) on Thursdays included the chanting of Shoshinge in the modern Japanese language form which is called *Shinjin no Uta*. Although I preferred the Shoshinge chanted in *kanbun* (Chinese characters), I dutifully chanted the modern Japanese version for several months. After about a half a year though, the Japanese-speaking members asked me to return to the original chanting style of the Shoshinge as written in Chinese. They said that although the older Chinese style was much more difficult to understand, as chanting, it was much more meaningful to them. It was meaningful because it was allowed to simply exist as "Pure Music".

One studies the sutras in translation or in its

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Message from JSBTC President Larry Wakisaka

On behalf of the JSBTC Board of Directors, I would like to extend my personal greetings to all JSBTC Member Temples, their congregants, supporters and friends of the JSBTC. Many parts of our Kyodan across Canada experienced very hot temperatures which hopefully will bring out the full spectrum of autumn colours in their full glory for all to enjoy.

The autumn season also typically signifies that JSBTC Day is soon upon us. This is a day when we all do our best to pay our respects and to commemorate all those who have preceded us in spreading the Dharma. Each Temple in our Kyodan normally selects a day either in October or in early November to celebrate JSBTC Day.

I would encourage everyone to consider attending their local Temples to honour all those pioneers of our faith so that they will be honoured and remembered for many more years to come to all of their significant contributions.

Our JSBTC Board continues to work hard to provide the most benefits possible in support of the local temples, their respective memberships, to support the Office of the Bishop and our hard working Bishop Aoki, with our Ministerial Chair Rev. Grant Ikuta and, of course, all our dedicated Ministers who all work hard to share the Dharma Teachings with all of us.

Our National Board sees Bishop Aoki, Rev. Grant and all our wonderful ministers working incessantly to walk the path of the Dharma with all of us so it is incumbent upon us to ensure that they receive benefits to allow them to also live gratifying lives. Please consider making a donation on JSBTC Day to help enable us to deliver important health and insurance benefits to all of our ministers, to provide educational opportunities for them and to also enable us to assist local Temples in their challenge and quest to continue to share the Dharma to our greater communities.

Our elected National Directors look forward to your attendance and support at the upcoming JSBTC Day at your local temple.

With Gratitude and in Gassho,

Larry Wakisaka

President (on behalf of the JSBTC Board)



Year-end Party—Bonenkai

The VBT Seniors' Club will be hosting a year-end Luncheon on **Thursday, November 8 starting at 12:00pm**

The luncheon is open to everyone, whether you are a member of the Seniors' club or not.

Please contact the VBT office to RSVP, and the lunch fee will be collected at the party.

"2018 JSBTC Day Cont'd from pg 2 original language for intellectual understanding. One chants the sutras for body understanding. One is theory, the other is practice. Just like a bird, both wings need to flap in balance, to fly. Our ego makes us control freaks; we want to understand things from our own point of view, in our own way, in our own time, and in circumstances under our control. Chanting is learning to join the flow, not control it. In that flow there is nothing to do but to "just appreciate", to "just enjoy"! I wish to see our Jodo Shinshu Temples continue to be a place of joy and appreciation.

Although we each belong to a temple near where we live, it is very important to recognize that each one of us is a member of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada. On this occasion of our Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Day, may we rediscover our joy by listening to the Dharma and walking the path of the Nembutsu together!

Namo Amida Butsu,

Rev. Tatsuya Aoki

Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist
Temple of Canada



Eshinni Day

On Sunday, November 4, in conjunction with the November Shotsuki service, VBT will remember Eshinni, the wife of Shinran. She was a great support to Shinran, but an independent and devout Buddhist in her own right. We remember

her as the first of many women in our tradition who have worked to spread the Shin Buddhist Teachings.

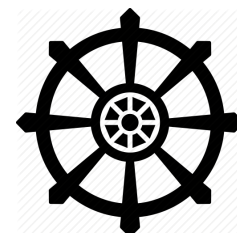


Eitaikyo:

Perpetual Memorial Service

The Eitaikyo Service is a memorial service for people who have handed down the teaching of the Nembutsu to us. In the glossary in our temple's service book, "Eitaikyo" is defined as a "perpetual memorial service." This is a general memorial service for all departed members of the temple. In particular, we honour those names which have been placed in our temple's Eitaikyo Register.

The word Eitaikyo actually means "perpetual sutra." Eitai means "perpetual" and Kyo means "sutra," or "teaching of Buddha."



Please join us for Vancouver Buddhist Temple's Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 10:30 AM.

Help Needed for preparation for the VBT 2018 Fall Bazaar

Please keep the following dates in mind; we need all the help we can get!

- Sat. Oct. 20—9:00am—Bazaar Manju-making
- Fri. Oct 26—9:00 am—Bazaar Preparations
- Sat. Oct. 27—9:00am—Bazaar Preparations
- Sun. Oct 28—6:00am—Bazaar Day



This Fall's Bazaar is on **Sunday, October 28th.**

The doors will be open to the public at Noon.

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 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.

The following activities are the responsibility of

Toban #5

October

Sun. 14—9:00 am JSBTC Day/ Shotsuski Service

Sat. 20—9:00 am Manju making

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

Sun. 28—6:00 am Fall Food Bazaar

November

Sun. 4—9:00 am Eitaikyo/ Eshinni/Shotsuski Service

Sat. 10—9:00 am Toban & Board Meeting

Sat. 17—9:00 am Yearend Temple Cleanup

Ms. Kayoko Akagi

Mr. & Mrs. Yasuhiko Bando

Mr. & Mrs. Shiro Nishimura

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hamanishi

Mr. & Mrs. Yukito Maruno

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Meugens

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pedersen

Mrs. Martha Banno

Mrs. Sachi Chiya

Ms. Jenni Chor

Mrs. Mitsue Ikegami

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kajiware

Mrs. Sandra Kawasaki

Mrs. Yasuko Komori

Mr. Rick MacDonald

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mukai

Ms. Yvonne Nakano

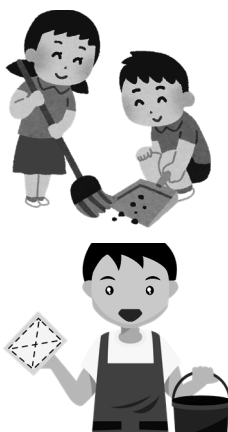
Mrs. Yoshiye Nakata

Mrs. Kazuyo Nakatsu

Ms. Cathy Nishikawa

Mr. Saburo Nishimura

Mrs. Tomiko Noda



Mr. Robert Nomura

Mr. Minoru Oyama

Mrs. Mitsuye Sakata

Mr. Gentaro Shimizu

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Soga

Mrs. Toyoko Terada

Mrs. Jean Wakahara

Mrs. Kiyoko Yada

Mrs. Keiko Yakumo

Ms. Cathy Yamamoto

Ms. Christine Yoshida

Ms. Kazuye Yoshida

Introduction to Buddhism

5 Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm -

October 17 to November 14

\$40



Who should attend? Anyone who would like a broad understanding of the spiritual and practical aspects of Buddhism. Most important – Course participants will be shown actual techniques and will practice under supervision. The series host Patrick Couling, will introduce each speaker.

General Buddhism (Oct. 17) with Casey Collins (PhD Candidate in Asian Studies at UBC)

A general introduction to Buddhism. This will include Dharma Centre Etiquette, a short history of Buddhism and the 4 Noble Truths. This evening will form the foundation for the evenings to follow.

Shin Pure Land Tradition (Oct. 24) with Tatsuya Aoki Sensei

An introduction to Shin – Pure Land Buddhism. Aoki Sensei will discuss the history of Shin Buddhism and how it came to Vancouver. He will also discuss the Nembutsu, its benefits and how to do it. He will then lead participants through a Shin Buddhism practice session.

Zen Tradition (Oct. 31) with Michael Newton Sensei

An introduction to Zen Buddhism. Michael Sensei will discuss the history of Zen Buddhism and how it came to North America. He will provide Zen meditation instructions. Participants will then practice under supervision.

Theravada Tradition and Meditation (Nov. 7) with Dr. Adrienne Ross

An introduction to Vipassana or Insight Meditation. Dr. Ross will discuss the benefits of mindfulness and insight. She will provide instructions and then lead participants into active meditation. Of particular note, she will also lead participants in “Loving Kindness Meditation”, which is healing and calming.

Tibetan Tradition (Nov. 14) with Lama Bev Komori

Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism. Lama Bev will talk about some of the iconic symbols and concepts used in Tibetan Buddhism as a focus for meditation, and as a path to spiritual transformation. Participants will be introduced to the Extraordinary Shamata practice, a special meditation practice taught by the previous Kalu Rinpoche.

Greetings from the Valley

After a hot and smoky Summer, Autumn has suddenly arrived bringing cooler weather and much needed rain in the Valley.



12 members from our temple attended the Vernon Convention September 7-9 for an inspiring weekend with guest speaker Dr. Ken Tanaka. He took us on a journey teaching us the basics of Buddhism and what it means to be a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist through his own amusing and heartwarming stories. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear the Teachings with our Sangha. Last year we hosted the BC Convention so we know how much work is involved in putting it on; much appreciation to Vernon for hosting this year!

We are saddened by the passing of Amy Kawamoto on August 27. She was always a bright presence helping us out at our annual bazaar and we will miss her.

Our September service was held on Saturday, September 15 with Rev. Grant Ikuta and our next monthly service will be on October 13 at 2 PM with Bishop Aoki. After the service we will hold a general meeting to approve the new constitution and bylaws.

Please mark your calendar for our bazaar on Sunday, October 28 from noon to 3 PM. Preparation day is on October 27 and any help will be much appreciated.

In Gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

Sept. 15, 2018 Fall Higan and

September Monthly Memorial Service

May Mukaida, Marion Fujita, Ryoko Tateyama, Denise Cork, Pat Yoshioka, Teruko Ikuta, Makoto Ikuta, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Carole Hamanishi, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming

In memory of mom: Byron Kagawa, JoAnne McAllister

In memory of mom: Naomi Shikaze

In Gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist

Temples Federation Annual Raffle

The BCJSBTF held their annual raffle (BC Gaming Licence #105547) in Vernon, BC, on September 8, 2018. Congratulations to the following winners!

1st prize—\$1,500 #0015 Satoshi Hamada, Richmond

2nd prize—\$1,000 #0694 Yoshiko Sakurada, Port Coquitlam

3rd prize—\$500 #1464 Mayumi Takasaki, Vancouver

4th prize—\$300 #4641 Kenji Amor, Vancouver

5th prize—\$300 #3105 Tomi Niwatsukino, Richmond

6th prize—\$200 #3860 Christine Yoshida, Vancouver

7th prize—\$200 #0330 Tsutomu Hoshi, Richmond

8th prize—\$200 #0945 Tsuyoshi Nakatsu, Richmond

Thank you to everyone who supported the Federation and its member temples; Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple, Kamloops Buddhist Temple, Steveston Buddhist Temple, Vancouver Buddhist Temple, and Vernon Buddhist Temple. The money raised will be used to support the Federation scholarship and other projects.

Remembrance Day Service at the

Japanese-Canadian War

Memorial Cenotaph, Stanley Park

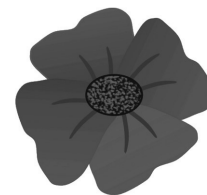
Sunday, November 11, 2018

at 10:40 am

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple's presence today is founded on the resolution, accomplishments, and struggles of many Canadians of

Japanese descent. Whether one is Japanese-Canadian or not, whether the soldiers were Buddhist or not, it is with deep gratitude that we gather at the Cenotaph to show our respect.

Please note, as the Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday this year, there will be no service at Vancouver Temple.



October Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1928

SUZUKI, Genichi

1958

TSUMURA, Chonosuke

1959

KISHIUCHI, Shigeichi

1961

HAMAGUCHI, Minoru

1963

NISHIMURA, Masao

1964

CHIBA, Zenshichi

1965

OCHIAI, Ikushi

1966

HAMAGISHI, Fujie

TAKATA, Minoru

1967

HAMAGUCHI, Takeshi

1968

NAGANO, Hideo

FUKUHARA, Takakazu

MORI, Yasomatsu

HOMMA, Joe

1969 (50th Year)

NISHI, Tetsuo

WAKITA, Uno

ARAKI, Toki

1970

YAMASHITA, Shintaro

1971

MIZUNO, Shinichiro

1972

TANAKA, Shirosuke

HAYASHI, Yu

MOTOKADO, Kichijiro

1973

YOSHIDA, Toyozo

TAMAI, Hideo

1974

KOHARA, Yokio

1975

HAYASHI, Rinnosuke

HANAZAWA, Takezo

1976

TAKAOKA, Shoji

1977

SUGIE, Yoshi

TAKAI, Nobukichi

1978

TOKITO, Takeo

1979

NODA, Fukuya

ASANO, Kyosuke

ITAYA, Wakaichi

KOBAYASHI, Ryoichi

1980

TSUJI, Tokichi

TANAKA, Eiichi

1981

USUI, Kohei

SAKIYAMA, Fujino

SHISHIDO, Ginichi

1982

NISHI, Tora

HIKIDA, Shio

NISHIMURA, Gengo

OMOTO, Kunijiro

1983

HORIO, Kunio

1985

HIRANO, Wataru

ISHIKAWA, Tomoe Pearl

AMANO, Teiichi

NISHIMURA, Masayoshi

1986 (33rd Year)

EDAMURA, Shige

URABE, Kiku

1987

KARIATSUMARI, Teru

IMADA, Ito

1988

HAMAGAMI, Natsu

UYENO, Sato

TAZAWA, Kazuo

1989

WRAY, Fred

KAMO, Yasuhiko

1990

UCHINAMI, Fujimi

SHIOZAKI, Kiyomi

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

1991

EBATA, Tayo

1992

TANAKA, Tokutaro

MORITA, Yukio

HAGANE, Sumiko

1993

KOYANAGI, Haruko

SASAKI, Toshi

HOMMA, Shingo

1994 (25th Year)

YAMAMOTO, Kenkichi

TAHARA, Hiroyoshi Tex

INOUE, Juichiro

1996

KAWABATA, Kazuyo

1997

MIYASAKI, Mitsuye

TERASHITA, Satoru Sam

TAKASAKI, Yoshino

1998

MIYASHITA, Keiji Joe

NOMURA, Akio

OYE, Freddie Shigeyuki

NAGAMATSU, Sakuo

1999

NISHI, Toshiko Margaret

TAMAKI, Yoshio

IKARI, Masao

KAGAWA, Masayeki

2000

SHIGEMATSU, Kiyoko

KARIYA, Masue

2001

MORI, Isamu Sam

TAMAI, Isamu

2002 (17th Year)

HAMAGUCHI, Tamae

ITO, Sokichi

IHARA, Masako

IMAMURA, Kojiro

STEVENS, Howard

2003

NOMURA, Daniel N.

SHIMOZAWA, Wataru W

2004

HONKAWA, Fumiye

2005

NARITA, Noriaki

YOSHIMURA, Kazuhira

TSUJI, Mitsuye

2007

HARADA, Yae

TATEYAMA, Yukie

KUSAKA, Toyo

2008

WAKABAYASHI, Aiko

Anne

SAKATA, Hiroshi

2009

KAWAGOYE, Frances

Fusae

2010

YAKURA, Masae

SAIMOTO, Cy Hisao

JOWETT, Tomiko

2011

NAKAGAWA, Tsuyako

OGAWA, Fumikado

ARAKI, Aiko

2012 (7th Year)

KADOTA, Misuko

TANAKA, Robert

2013

ONO, Tamotsu

2014

SHONO, Kiyoshi

UYEDA, Yaeko

2015

SHIBATA, Kenji

KOBAYAKAWA, Sumi

2016 (3rd Year)

OMOTO, Tsutomu

MASUHARA, Akiyasu

2017 (1st Year)

OMOTO, Reiko

NISHIMURA, Yasuko



November Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1951

ARAKI, Satoshi

1959

NAGANO, Saburo

HASEBE, Aizo

KAKUTANI, Genichi

FURUKAWA, Shinnosuke

1960

AOKI, Ichiji

IWASE, Yoshi

SAKAI, Susumu

1961

KATAYAMA, Isao

1962

YANAGIMOTO, Katsujiro

1963

TAKEBAYASHI, Tadasuke

1964

OTSUJI, Yaeko

IMADA, Mitsugu

EDAMURA, Sowa

1967

ANDO, Yoshi

HAMAGUCHI, Masu

1968

SHINTANI, Sadasuke

1969 (50th Year)

MATSUTANI, Inosuke

HINATSU, Ito

KAWASHIMA, Fumiko

1970

KURAMITSU, Yoshiko

1971

YAMAMOTO, Fujino

1972

ISHIGURO, Shigesaburo

IWATA, Kinichi

UCHIYAMA, Kenroku

1973

FUKAWA, Toki

KAJIRO, Fumio

NAKAGAWA, Shio

1974

MORITA, Emi

SHIMIZU, Yoshiharu

1975

SAKAI, Fuji

TANAKA, Hatsuye

1976

YAMADA, Shohei

1977

EBATA, Shinkichi

MINAGAWA, Katsuo

MURATA, Tadao

1978

KASUYA, Moto

NAKATANI, Tomiye

1979

ARATAKE, Shigeru

1980

ENJO, Denzo

TAKASAKI, Sakiye

1981

HIRAI, Heishiro

TABATA, Shizu

1982

OKABE, Sueko

1983

YAMANOUCHI, Sada

1984

MITSUMI, Masao

SHIKAZE, Noriko

1985

SHINTANI, Kohatsu

1986 (33rd Year)

DEGUCHI, Haruye

1988

NAKATA, Chiyo

HAMAKAWA, Yosaburo

OIKAWA, Kengo

HIGUCHI, Kiyokazu

KIMURA, Mitsuo

MAEDA, Genzo

1989

OHARA, Tsuru

TANAKA, Zenno

1990

FURUKAWA, Matsu

WAKABAYASHI, Gentaro

1991

KURAMOTO, Masaaki

The November Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, November 4 at 10:30 am.**

1992

IKEDA, Teruhiko

MIZUYABU, Tokuichi

1993

HAMAKAWA, Yoshio

KOYANAGI, Tad

MURAMOTO, Emiko

1994 (25th Year)

BANNO, Masakazu

KUMAMOTO, Toshiko

TANOUE, Kokichi K.

1995

SAKATA, Ayame

MIYASHITA, Ichiji

MURAO, Jean Nobuko

FUJINO, Yoshio

1996

NITSUI, Yoshio Roy

HAMAZAKI, Hiroshi

KAZUTA, Kathy Noriko

1997

SHOJI, Inosuke

SAKAI, Yaeko

LEE, Shirley Michiko

SAWADA, Katsuko

1999

CHIBA, Fukuyo

WAKABAYASHI,
Hikoichi

2000

SAKAMOTO, Hideo W.

IKARI, Chiyoko

2001

YADA, Genichiro Frank

MIZUTA, Tane

2002 (17th Year)

HAMAGUCHI, Tatsuko

YOSHIDA, Umeyo

TANAKA, Sonoko

2003

MOCHIZUKI, Fumiye

HAYASHI, Hisae

TAKIMOTO, Takie

NISHIKIHAMA, Teruo

2004

YOSHIDA, Yoshiye

SHIBATA, Takeo

2005

ARITA, Hajime

KUROYAMA, Tsutomu

2006 (13th Year)

OKAMURA, Yukio

SAITO, Fuyuko

2007

MORI, Fumi

2008

TAMURA, Naoharu

NAKATSU Kimiyo

2009

HIRATA, Emmie

2010

KAWAHIRA, Masanobu

YOSHIDA, Sue

ATAGI, Suetsugu

2011

WEBB, Michael David

SUGIYAMA, Yukiko

TERASHITA, Keiko

FUCHIHARA, Tsumae

2012 (7th Year)

MEYER-FUNATSU, Miho

NISHIMURA, Fusae

2014

DAR, Emi Isla

2015

FUJII, Chiyoko

2016 (3rd Year)

MOCHIZUKI, Ichiya

KAWASHIMA, Kazuo

MANIWA, Reiko

2017 (1st Year)

MASUHARA, Takayasu F.

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of
Ms. Amy Kawamoto
(73)
August 27

Sun.	Mon.	Tue	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Oct/Nov 2018				4 12:00 Noon Seniors' Club	5	6
7 10:30 am English Dharma Service	8 Thanksgiving VBT Office closed	9	10	11 12:00 Noon Seniors' Club	12	13 10:00 AM Board Meeting 2:00 pm FVBT Shotsuki / JSBTC Day Service (Rev. Aoki)
14 10:30 AM Jodo Shinshu Day + Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service (Guest: Rev. Orai Fujikawa)	15	16	17 11:00 am Nikkei Place Service (Rev. Aoki)	18 12:00 Noon Japanese Service and Seniors' Club	19	20 9:00 am Manju Making
21 10:30 am Steveston Buddhist Temple 90th Anniversary (NO service at VBT)	22	23	24	25 12:00 Noon Japanese Service and Seniors' Club	26 9:00 am Bazaar Prep	27 9:00 am Bazaar Prep
28 6:00 am Bazaar Prep 12:00 Noon	29	30	31	November 1 12:00 Noon Seniors' Club	2	3

Sun.	Mon.	Tue	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
4 10:30 AM Eitaikyo / Eshinni / Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service	5 6 7 <i>End of Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour</i>			8 12:00 Noon Japanese Service and Seniors' Club	9	10 10:00 AM VBT Toban + Board Meeting 2:00 pm FVBT Eitaikyo & Shotsuki Service (Rev. Ikuta)
11 10:40 AM Service at Japanese Canadian Cenotaph (Stanley Park) (NO service at VBT)	12	13	14	15 12:00 Noon Japanese Service and Seniors' Club and Bonenkai (Year-end party)	16	17 9:00 AM VBT Year-end Temple clean-up
18 10:30 am English Dharma Service	19	20	21 11:00 am Nikkei Place Service (Rev. Grant)	22	23	VOLUNTEERS WANTED
25 10:30 am English Dharma Service	26	27	28	29 Noon Sutra Chanting "Shoshinge"	30	
2 10:30 AM Bodhi Day + Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service	3	4	5	6 Noon Sutra Chanting "Shoshinge"	7	8 10:00 AM VBT Board Meeting
9 9:00 AM <i>Mochitsuki</i> 10:30 AM Year-end service	10	11	12	13 Noon Sutra Chanting "Shoshinge"	14	15