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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 all.

Last year, Japan was hit by frequent natural disasters like torrential rains, typhoons, and earthquakes. Other countries including Indonesia and the US were also visited by devastating earthquakes, tsunamis, and major hurricanes. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through the natural disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. We must also never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live and lives are being lost every day.

In my message entitled, A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower which I presented on October 1, 2016, the first day of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, I have stated, "by trying to live according to the Buddha Dharma, ...we can live to the best of our ability, aspiring to live up to the Buddha's Wish." In agreement with this proposal, beginning last April, our organization has launched a campaign against poverty under the slogan, "Dana for World Peace— overcoming poverty to nurture our children."

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Hoonko Service



The Hoonko Service is the memorial service of the founder of Shin Buddhism, Shinran Shonin, who passed away on January 16, 1263, at the age of 90. For over 700 years, Shin Buddhists have observed the Hoonko 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 Hoonko Service on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 10:30 AM with guest minister Reverend Umitami.

Happy New Year

"Your suffering is my suffering. Your happiness is my happiness."

Welcome to the year 2019! This year marks Vancouver Buddhist Temple's 115th year anniversary and also 40th year anniversary of our temple building. We are celebrating these anniversaries this year, and hope to share our happiness with others.

The words above are an expression of an important concept of Buddhist teachings which is interdependence. Interdependence means that everything occurs as a result of causes and conditions, and, just as importantly, that anything can change or disappear as causes and conditions change or pass on.



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Message from the VBT Board

Message from the Board- *"Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedeto!"*

2019 is a year of great significance for a number of reasons. It is our 115th founding anniversary and our 40th anniversary of our temple building. We have plans to commemorate the anniversaries with special services, observances, events and projects throughout the year. Look to your temple calendar of events so you do not miss a single date.

This year is the election year to vote for a new board of directors. Please express your votes through the mail election process which all current members shall be receiving. It is vitally important to vote for those who will lead our sangha in a positive direction so that we may continue to listen to the Buddha-Dharma and to open our hearts and minds to the compassionate calling voice of Amida Buddha in a setting of warmth and comfort.

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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.

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Unable to part from our self-centered mentality, we are simply foolish beings, incapable of attaining supreme enlightenment through our own strength. It is all through the salvific working of Amida Tathagata that we are enabled to realize our selfishness. Furthermore, because of this self-awareness, with the hope of responding to the Buddha's boundless compassion even just a little, we are enabled to aspire for everyone's happiness and make a sincere effort in dealing with the many difficult problems of bitter reality in this world.

In this New Year, as we receive the Dharma and recite the Nembutsu, let us make every effort to acknowledge and cope with the reality we face.

January 1, 2019

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu



Family Retreat @ Manning Park

May 18 – 20, 2019

****Early Bird Registration due: March 01, 2019****

Enjoy a weekend designed to promote fellowship between the various age groups within the families attending. Participate in activities, lectures and workshops. The event is open to anyone who is curious about or interested in the teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism or is just a friend or family of someone who is. Accommodations will be community style with shared cottages and hotel rooms. When requesting your group to stay together, please submit all names. Organizers will try to accommodate your requests and use discretion being mindful of other guests. Accommodations filled on a first come first served basis. All meals will be provided as planned by the organizing committee. All guests will sign up for 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.**

Manning Park is just 3 hours from Vancouver and 2 ½ hours from Kelowna. Participants are responsible for their own travel to Manning Park. On Saturday **May 18**, our **Opening service** is scheduled for **4:30pm** in **Windy Joe's**, please pick up registration packages and room keys in **Windy Joe's** from 3:30pm.

Final Registrations must be received with payment by Friday April 01, 2019. Thank You.

All cheques payable to "Vancouver Buddhist Temple"

Mail to: Vancouver Buddhist Temple 220 Jackson Avenue Vancouver, BC V6A 3B3

Rates-(per person for Chalets & Cabins)*

Types	Age	Price*	Before March 01
Adult Member* (AM)	26+	\$140	\$130
Adult Non-Member (AN)	26+	\$150	\$140
Youth (Y)	14 to 25	\$80	\$80
Child (C)	6 to 13	\$40	\$40
Infant (I)	to 5	free	free
Pet Fee		\$25- must stay in pet friendly cabins	



*Hotel Room requests will be \$210 per room for the weekend + 50% of the per person rates above

**Discounted rates apply for adult members of the JSBTC (Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada), BCA (Buddhist Churches of America), Hawaii Kyodan and members of any affiliate of the Nishi Hongwanji.*

More information to be mailed to VBT members in the coming months.

If you have any questions, please contact: VBT at 604-253-7033 or Email: temple.vbt@gmail.com

Tōban Groups

From lunches at our monthly Shōtsuki services, to wiping down tables and cleaning the wash-rooms, 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 in January

Tue. 1—10:30 AM New Year's Service

Sat. 5—10:00 AM Toban + Bazaar and Board Meeting

Sun. 13—9:00 AM Hōonkō and Shōtsuki

#1 Toban Captains

Lorna Bishop

Greg Chor

Mrs. Tsuki Aratake
Mr. & Mrs. Minoru Asaoka
Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Bishop
Ms. Nicole Bishop
Mrs. Naoe Bradley
Mrs. Haruyo Chiba
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Chor
Ms. Catherine DeRobert
Mr. & Mrs. Denny Enjo
Mr. Yoshio Fujimoto
Mrs. Nancy Hamanishi
Mr. Yutaka Harada
Mr. Toshi Haraguchi
Mrs. Sayo Hattori
Mr. & Mrs. Noboru Hayashi
Mr. & Mrs. Shigeru Hirai
Mr. Tim Hirata
Mr. & Mrs. Kazu Komori
Mrs. Kikuye Komori
Mrs. Kazuko Koyanagi
Dr. Jessica Main
Mrs. Miyoko Nose
Mr. Kyle Ohori

Mr. Colton Oyama
Mr. Edward Oyama
Ms. Marie Oyama
Mrs. Fumiyo Saruya
Mr. & Mrs. Tsutomu Shirahama
Mr. & Mrs. Yukihiro Shoji
Mrs. Chieko Suzuki
Mr. Roy Tatsumi
Mrs. Etsuko Tsuji
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Uyesugi
Mr. & Mrs. Susumu Uyesugi
Mr. & Mrs. John Wong
Mrs. Frances Xu



72nd Annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention Feb 15-17, 2019

"Compassion, Gratitude, Community" Doubletree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport - Southcenter 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA 98188

February 15-17, 2019 Guest Speaker Rev. Matthew Hamasaki of Sacramento Betsuin

Adult (Includes Saturday Lunch & Banquet Dinner): \$125

YBA (Includes Saturday Lunch & Banquet Dinner): \$100

Dharma School (Includes Saturday Lunch & Banquet Dinner): \$75

Registration for convention is available online through eventbrite.com only. Book your hotel room by February 1, 2019. Participants will register and pay using the website.

For questions email convention@WRBT.org

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As your out-going board of directors, we deeply appreciate and thank all our members and friends who are always there when called upon for help. And especial gratitude to our temple minister, Tatsuya Aoki Sensei and his family. Domo arigato gozai mashita. Your unselfish contributions are greatly appreciated.

From the board

Greetings from the valley



Akemashite omedeto,

Happy New Year everyone from the valley. As this is being written, rain is falling, but no snow... wind is blowing, but no freezing hail, so gratitude abounds!!

Hope the 2019 year brings everyone peace and health. And please keep May 25th

2019 open for our

next Spring Dinner and Silent Auction at Bradner Hall!

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

Dec. 1, 2018 Bodhi Day, Shotsuki, Bonenkai
Chieko Takasaki, Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa, Perry Family,
May Mukaida, Kent & Barbara MacCarl, Jean Nakatsui,
Sam & Pat Yoshioka, Ryoko Tateyama, Amy Nagamatsu,
Byron Kagawa, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, John & Masuko Kamimura

Osaisen

In Appreciation of Service for Akune parents, Yuichi & Shizuka:
Roy & Itoko Akune,

Robert & Molly Akune, Bob & Misaye Hamaura, Merv & Daisy Araki, Ted & Rose Akune

In memory of Fumiye Honkawa: Lynn & Greg Smith

In memory of Amy Kawamoto: Sam & Pat Yoshioka

In memory of Ken Honkawa: Reiko Honkawa

In memory of dad Kiyoshi and sister Eileen: Ron & Marilyn Fujita,

Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming, Marion Fujita

Membership: Ron Nishimura

In Gassho,
FVBT



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A well known metaphor of interdependence is Indra's Net, which originated in Hindu mythology and used in Buddhist teachings. Indra's Net is a vast web of connections in which each knot in the net is a multi-faceted jewel reflecting all other jewels. We are like those jewels. We are who we are, only because of everyone and everything in the web of life. This metaphor reminds us how we are all connected in both direct and unseen ways, and how, through our own thoughts and actions, we can change the world. This being said, the Vancouver Buddhist Temple board would like to invite you to participate in a food and clothing drive for those in need.

Vancouver Buddhist Temple Food and Clothing Drive

December 15 – January 31

The Food Bank supports over 100 meal-providing agencies and creates over 16,000 meals each week. Up to 9,000 individuals receive 3- to 4-day food supplies from the Food Bank's distribution depots weekly. Many of the needy recipients are children and families.

Vancouver Buddhist Temple is a convenient location for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. Please drop off any non-perishable food items in the marked bin, located in the social hall. We will be monitoring, collecting, and hand delivering the food items to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank and clothing to the Living Room Centre next to the temple at the conclusion of the drive!

Most Needed Food Items

1. Hearty stew or chili
2. Canned black beans, kidney beans, and chick-peas
3. Brown rice, barley, and oats
4. Whole wheat pasta or couscous
5. Canned chicken, turkey, and fish
6. Canned vegetables and fruit

In gassho,
Tatsuya Aoki

January Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The January Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, January 13 at 10:30 am**.

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, Kiyoichi

1970 — 50th Year

*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

OHORI, Genichi
*EISHIRO, Yoshiye

1987 — 33rd Year

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

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

1995 — 25th Year

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

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

2003 — 17th Year

YAMAMOTO Kiyoko

2004

TANI, Kenzo

2005

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

2006

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

2007 — 13th Year

NATSUKOSHI, Sakae
OTSUKA-CAMPBELL
Kazuko

2008

MATSUI, Otohiro

2009

IKEZAKI, Hitoshi

2010

OYE, Sumiye
MORI, Kinuye

2011

KITAMURA, Michiko

2012

SHIMA, Roy
NOMURA, Toshiharu
HAYASHI, Yoshiharu

2013 — 7th Year

ALEXANDER, Hideko

2014

OKADA, Raeso
NAKANE, Mitsuo

2015

OYAMA, Mitsu

2016

IKARI, Sanaye Helen
TORIUMI, Kazuo

2017 — 3rd Year

KIMOTO, Kaoru
NAKATSU, Yoshiharu
UYEYAMA, Kiyoshi

2018 - 1st Year

TSURUMARU, Chizuko



January 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.
		1 10:30 AM New Year's Day Ser- vice	2	3	4	5 10:00 AM VBT Toban, Bazaar + Board Meeting
6 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	7	8	9	10 12:00 PM Noon Howakai	11 7:00 PM Public Lecture (Guest: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani)	12 11:00 AM FVBT Hoonko (Rev. T. Aoki) (Guest: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani)
13 10:30 AM VBT Hoonko & Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service (Guest: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani)	14	15	16 11:00 AM Nikkei Home Service (Rev. T. Aoki)	17 12:00 PM Noon Howakai Seniors Club	18	19
20 10:30 AM Steveston Temple Hoonko (Guest: Dr. Ryo Imamura) NO Service @ VBT	21	22	23	24 12:00 PM Noon Seniors Club	25	26
27 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	28	29	30	31 12:00 PM Noon Howakai Seniors Club	<u>FEB 1ST</u>	2 9:00 AM Manju Making
3 10:30 AM English Dharma Service <u>1:00 PM</u> <u>VBT Annual</u> <u>General Meeting</u>	4	5	6	7 12:00 PM Noon Howakai Seniors Club	8	9 10:30 AM Board Meeting 2:00 PM FVBT Shotsuki (Rev. Ikuta)
10 10:30 AM Nirvana Day/ Shotsuki and New Year's Luncheon	11	12	13	14 12:00 PM Noon Howakai Seniors Club	15	16 9:00 AM Manju Making
17 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	18	19	20 11:00 AM Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Ikuta)	21 12:00 PM Noon Howakai Seniors Club	22	23