

2019 OBON Cemetery & Temple Services**Wednesday, July 3**

10:00 AM	Maple Ridge
10:30 AM	Whonnock
11:00 AM	Hatzic (Mission)

Sunday, July 7

9:30 AM	Forest Lawn
10:00 AM	Ocean View
10:30 AM	Mountain View
	@ North
10:45 AM	@South by the crematorium

Sunday, July 7

4:00 PM	Valley View
4:40 PM	New Westminster
5:00 PM	Coquitlam

Saturday, July 13

2:00 PM	Aldergrove Cemetery
3:00 PM	FVBT Obon Service & Bon Dance

Sunday, July 14

2:00 PM	VVBT Obon & Shotsuki Service
4:00 PM	Bon Dance

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**Vancouver Buddhist Temple**

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On the Eight hundred fiftieth Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and
Eight hundredth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching



The year 2023 will mark the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth and 2024 will be the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. To commemorate these occasions, we will be having the joint celebratory ob-servance in 2023.

Shinran Shonin was born in 1173 and entered the priesthood at the age of nine. However, after devoting many years to monastic Buddhist practices on Mt. Hiei, he decided to descend the mountain at the age of 29. Following the guidance from his new mentor Honen Shonin, who introduced him to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, Shinran Shonin came to entrust himself to the Nembutsu teaching preached by his master. Several years later, their Nembutsu teaching was banned and Shinran Shonin was exiled to Echigo, present Niigata. Following his pardon, Shinran Shonin moved to the Kanto region where he engaged in propagation of the Nembutsu teaching of Other Power, namely the working of Amida's great wisdom and compassion. It is believed to be then when he began writing his main literary work, The True Teaching, Practice and Realization of the Pure Land Way, known as Kyōgyōshinshō. Since the essence of his teaching that emphasizes entrusting oneself to the Buddha's working of Other Power and recitation of the Nembutsu was clarified in the composition, the Kyōgyōshinshō is also referred to as gohonden, or the most foundational scripture of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. Based on Shinran Shonin's own inscription in the writing stating that he was 52 years of age at the time, the year 1224 became designated as the year when the Jodo Shinshu teaching was established.

Buddhism began approximately 2500 years ago when Śākyamuni became a Buddha, awakening to the true reality of this world, such as, the principles of dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. However, ordinary people like us are neither able to realize the truth of enlightenment nor practice a life of nonattachment. To the contrary, we see things from our ego-centric viewpoint and because of that we constantly suffer, encounter hardship, and fight with one another. That is why Śākyamuni Buddha informs us of the existence of Amida Buddha who had vowed to save all ordinary and foolish beings like us, by guiding us to supreme enlightenment. Furthermore, Shinran Shonin clarifies that we, as the recipient of Amida's working, have already received the Buddha's wish in the form of the Name, Namo Amida Butsu.

As the manifestation of the ultimate wisdom and compassion that accepts everything as it is, Amida Buddha's working equally embraces every living being, never to abandon us no matter how egoistic and filled with blind passions we may be.

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Message from the VBT Board

This is a brief history of the founding of our temple 115 years ago

Fourteen local buddhist leaders met on October 10, 1904 and made a decision to establish a *bukkyokai* (buddhist organization) in Vancouver. In the following year, Rev. Senju Sasaki from Japan arrived in Vancouver to commence his assignment. Through Sasaki Sensei's encouragement three adjoining lots were purchased at 32 Alexander St. The existing house on the property was then renovated into what was to become the first Buddhist temple in Canada. In April of 1909 the BC government legislated a bill to make Buddhism an official religion. In the same year the Gomonscho Komyo Ohtani, the head priest of Nishi Hongwanji paid a visit to Vancouver and conducted a dedication service for the newly-established temple. Encouraged by these two events, temple leaders decided to build a larger and more appropriate building to accommodate the sangha. In January of 1910, the old temple was sold and a property on 1603 Franklin St. was acquired. Construction of a new temple building was completed in February, 1911. Under very suitable conditions the membership flourished.

(to be continued)

In Gassho, the VBT Board

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 **Tōban #4**

June

9 Sun. 9:00 am—Parents' Day and Shōtsuki service
22 Sat. 9:00 am—Manju-making

July

6 Sat. 10:00 am—Tōban & Board meeting
13 Sat. 9:00 am—Obon preparations
14 Sun. 9:00 am—outdoor preparations,
10:30 am—Kitchen Prep Obon, Hatsubon & July Shōtsuki
20 Sat. 9:00 am—Manju-making

Ms. Kayoko Akagi
Mr. Norihiko Akagi
Mr. & Mrs. Yasuhiko Bando
Mrs. Martha Banno
Mrs. Sachi Chiya
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hamanishi
Mrs. Kyoko Hinada
Ms. Summer Hinada
Mrs. Mitsue Ikegami
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kajiwaru
Mrs. Sandra Kawasaki
Mrs. Sharon Kawasaki-Chan
Mrs. Yasuko Komori
Mr. & Mrs. Yukito Maruno
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Meugens
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mukai
Ms. Yvonne Nakano
Mrs. Yoshiye Nakata

Mrs. Kazuyo Nakatsu
Ms. Catherine Nishikawa
Mr. Saburo Nishimura
Mr. & Mrs. Shiro Nishimura
Mrs. Tomiko Noda
Mr. Robert Nomura
Mr. Minoru Oyama
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pedersen
Mrs. Mitsuye Sakata
Mr. Gentaro Shimizu
Ms. Katherine Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Soga
Mrs. Toyoko Terada
Mrs. Jean Wakahara
Mrs. Kiyoko Yada
Mrs. Keiko Yakumo
Ms. Catherine Yamamoto
Ms. Christine Yoshida
Ms. Kazuye Yoshida

When truly realizing how vast the Buddha's compassion is, we cannot help but feel ashamed of our way of living that is a far cry from Amida Buddha's wish. That is why Shinran Shonin laments, "How ugly it is! How wretched!" in referring to himself. However, this feeling of shamefulness could motivate us to endeavor to lessen the Buddha's sorrow even if only limited results were expected. Furthermore, that sentiment should synchronize with our efforts of sharing the Buddha's Vow with as many people as possible and feeling others' grief and joy as our own, because these acts are in accord with the wishes of Amida Buddha, and also Shinran Shonin who aspires for peace and tranquility and the Buddha's teaching to spread throughout the world.

Let us appreciate the Dharma and Nembutsu teaching even more deeply, and together strive to realize a society in which everyone can live in peace and harmony, resonating in the hearts and minds of all. As the first step of this movement, I would like to ask for everyone's cooperation in continuing our organizational plans for the future and successfully conducting the joint celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching.

SHAKU SENNYO OHTANI, Kojun Monshu, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

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Hello and greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple, We enjoyed some beautiful weather for our monthly memorial service. Thank you to Sensei Roy Akune for conducting this service. It is always nice to see Steveston members come to our temple in the country. We greatly appreciated Roy's Dharma talk-listening to stories about childhood experiences. Thank you very much for sharing with us. The temple has been busy getting ready for our fundraising dinner. Thank you to all for the generous donations. Just as important, is the donation of time by so many people to help organize a successfully run event. Our Dinner in the Country appreciates the contributions. Ben Shikaze will continue to host two more DVD sessions. The topic continues to center on Ken Tanaka's "Buddhism on Air". Dates and times are changing, so if you would like to attend please contact

Naomi Shikaze at 604 636 1095. Odori practices will begin at the end of June in preparation for Obon on July 13 th at 3pm. Our next service will be on Saturday, June 1 at 2pm. We look forward to seeing many more faces in the future.

In gassho,
The Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received In Gratitude



May 11, 2019 Gotan-e & Monthly Memorial Service

Lori North, Roy & Itoko Akune, Denise Cork, Ryoko Tateyama, Pat Yoshioka, May Mukaida, Jean Nakatsui, Amy Nagamatsu, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming

In memory of Mitsuo Araki: John & Masuko Kamimura
Hanamatsuri: John & Masuko Kamimura Membership: Kim Conway

In Gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



2019 Post Secondary Scholarships

These scholarships are **open to any resident of BC** who:

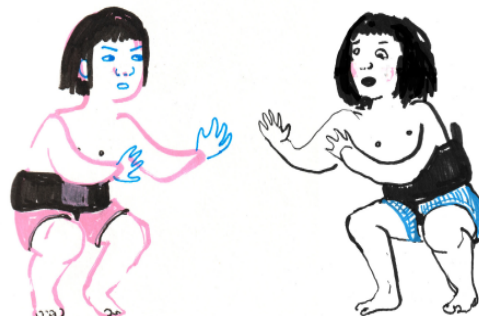
- Is a full-time student attending a recognized post-secondary institution and enrolled for this coming fall semester in a program leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate; and
- Participates in religious/spiritual events and activities through a church, temple, or other recognized religious group.

For more information, or to have an application emailed to you, please contact Lori at
lori.north@gmail.com

Deadline for applications is August 30, 2019

Sponsored by the BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation

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children's sumo workshop

ちびっこ相撲ワークショップ

Sunday, July 7 1 to 3 pm
7月7日(日) 午後1時~3時
Vancouver Buddhist Temple
220 Jackson Street
(バンクーバー仏教会)

Ages: 2-14
対象年齢: 2歳~14歳
Admission: Free
参加費: 無料

Activities include warm-up exercises, practice matches and a mini-tournament.

準備運動、練習試合とミニ大会を行います!

*The gymnasium is on the second floor. Enter from the alley door. Elevator available upon request. Phone PSFS Production Office at (604) 808-0054 and someone will come down to help you.

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powell street festival society

info [at] powellstreetfestival.com #powellstfest @powellstfest Admin Office: 604.739.9388, Prod Office at VBT: 604.808.0054

April 25-27 National Annual General Meeting at VBT



April 27 Dharma Workshop "Engaging Social Issues"

Lecture by Dr. Jessica Main (UBC Professor)



**Sun, April 28-115th Anniversary Service-
Guest Speaker: Rev. Yasuo Izumi**



Performed by Temple Shigin Group

VBT Bon Odori (Dance) Practice Dates

Bon Odori Dance Practice at Vancouver Buddhist Temple: June 18 - July 11 @ 7:00 pm

Practice dates: @ 7:00 pm ~ 8:30 pm

Tuesday June 18 Thursday June 20

Tuesday June 25 Thursday June 27

Tuesday July 02 Thursday July 04

Wednesday July 10 Thursday July 11

Obon Service is on Sunday, July 14
at 2:00 pm with Bon Odori dances
to follow at 4:00 pm.

65th Annual BC Buddhist Temples Federation Convention and AGM

"Our differences make us strong"

September 27-29, 2019 in Kamloops, BC

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Tanaka (Renowned Buddhist Speaker & Author)

Registration: Adult (Convention \$70 Sat Dinner \$30 Sun Bento Lunch \$10) \$110

* Registration is available at the temple office and website.

Hotel Reservations, please call directly

The Holiday Inn & Suites

675 Tranquille Rd, Kamloops
(1-877-517-6508)

*Mention "BC Buddhist Convention"
for group rate of \$129 per night + Tax.



June Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The June Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, June 9 at 10:30 am.**

1959

*YAMAMOTO, Koshichi

1961

*HIRAKIDA, Chiyoko

MUKUYAMA, Sueko

1962

*KAWAGUCHI, Yoshigoro

1963

*UI, Kenny

*YAMASHITA, Manjiro

1964

*TAKEUCHI, Tomiye

1965

*HUDSON, Irene

1967

*INOUE, Kazuo

NAKAMURA, Rie

1968

*FURUKAWA, Kumakichi

KASUYA, Toyonari

*NODA, Sueno

YADA, Kamen

1969

*HIKIDA, Yazaemon

1970 (50th Year)

KANEKO, Shojiro

*MIYAGAWA, Ume

*ONO, Yosojiro

1971

*TABATA, Heizo

1972

*KONO, Nobue

*MAYEDA, Miyuki

*OHARA, Jo

1973

TAGUCHI, Sowa

1974

SAKAI, Tokuzo

*YAMAKE, Junzo

KASHIYAMA, Sumi

1975

*MORITA, Hiroshi

*SUGIYAMA, Yusaku

*WADA, Tsuneko

1976

KOBAYASHI, Kanzaburo

1977

*DOI, Yojiro

*HIRAYAMA, Shigeru

*YUDA, Chiwako

1978

*LEE, Shion

*MITSUI, Miyako

*NAGANO, Kazuichi

*SHINTANI, Kuni

1979

HARA, Shinichi

*KOZAI, Kiri

1981

*HORI, Tadao

WAKAHARA, Haru

1982

*MAYEDA, Hatsu

1983

*TANII, Kichiji

TERANISHI, Masuye

1985

*IWANAKA, Motoi

KARAKI, Hideaki

*KUMAMOTO, Jun

NISHIGUCHI, Waku

1986

NAKAMURA, Kamen

*TANIGUCHI, Juntaro

*TANIZAWA, Shige

UYENO, Yukio

SHIKAZE, Yoshio

1987 (33rd Year)

FUJIWARA, Katsu

KURAHASHI, Setsuko

MATSUTANI, Itono

1988

*SHIMIZU, Kaneyoshi

1990

*FUJII, Kauzuko

1991

*SATO, Hideo

*MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko

*YOSHIDA, Teiichi

1992

EGAMI, Kimiye

*HAMANISHI, Takeo

*KAWAMOTO, Itoye

KUMANO, Asae

*KURAHASHI, Hisako

*NARIWA, Masahiro

*TANAKA, Mizuo

1993

MORISHITA, Teiji

MURATA, Yoshikazu

*YOSHIDA, Alvin

1994

*TAKUBO, Hisao

*FUJITA, Yasuyoshi

1995 (25th Year)

INOUE, Tsutomu

ITO, Misao

WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuye

YAKURA, Yukinobu

YANO, Matsuyo

YANASE, Katsuhiko

KOBAYASHI, Hiroko

1996

SHIMIZU, Aiko

1997

*KANAYAMA, Shoichi

UYEDA, Miki

UYENO, Sumio

SHIKAZE, Eda

1998

HAMAZAKI, Kazuko

ODA, Masato

TANAKA, Yoshi

1999

MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi

NAKAGAWA, Yoshio

2000

KAZUTA, Kiyozo

2001

KOJIMA, Marge

SHIMABUKURO, Nellie

IWATA, Robert

2002

*ASAOA, George

NAKAHARA, Ryosuke

2003 (17th Year)

FUJITA, Chizuko

SOGA, Tsuneko

GOMYO, Yoshiaki

2004

SAKAMOTO,

Shigeo, Helen

HIRAKIDA, Margaret

2005

FUKUMOTO, Toshiyuki

HAMA, Shizue

*FUKUDA, Yoshiko

MATSUNAGA, Toshiko

HIQUEBRAN, Harumi

HIQUEBRAN, Jimmy

James Hiroshi

MATSUNAGA, Masami

2006

BANDO, Hatsu

ISHINO, Masahiko

2007 (13th Year)

WADA, Osamu

2008

SHIMIZU, Chiyomi

KISHIDA, Akira

2009

MATSUMOTO, Yoshiaki

SUGA, Kanji

SUZUKI, Yukiko

2010

URATA, Michiho

2011

TAMURA, Misao

KIKUCHI, Megumi

2012

TODA, Miyo

KUBO, Yoshiko

MORI, Takao

2013 (7th Year)

OKUYAMA, Yasuo

UYEDA, Fumiaki

SAKAMOTO, Fujie

2015

OTAKI, Hiromi

TSUJI, Nobuo

2016

HOTTA, Shigeo

YAMAMOTO, Yoshino

MIYASHITA, Tsugi

ONO, Misao

TATEYAMA, Joe

2017 (3rd Year)


TOMITA, Hozumi

WATANABE, Kyoko

2018 (1st Year)

UTSUNOMIYA, Seiichi



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
June 2019						1 2pm Fraser Valley Temple (Rev. Ikuta)
2 9:00 AM BC Children's Hospital Fundraising Run No Service at VBT	3	4	5 7 PM Meditation Workshop/Session	6 12 Noon Seniors' gathering	7	8 10:00 AM VBT Board Meeting
9 10:30 AM Parents' Day & Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service	10	11	12 7 PM Meditation Workshop/Session	13 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering	14	15 <u>Anniversary Dinner is cancelled at VBT</u>
16 10:30 AM Family Dharma Service	17	18 7 PM <i>Bon Odori Practice</i>	19 11 AM Service at Nikkei Home (Rev. Ikuta) 7 PM Meditation Workshop/Session	20 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering 7 PM <i>Bon Odori Practice</i>	21	22 9AM Manju Making
23 10:30 AM Family Dharma Service	24	25 7 PM <i>Bon Odori Practice</i>	26	27 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering 7 PM <i>Bon Odori Practice</i>	28	29
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
30 10:30 AM Family Dharma Service	JULY 1  Canada Day Office Closed	2 7 PM <i>Bon Odori Practice</i>	3	4 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering 7 PM <i>Bon Odori Practice</i>	5	6 10 AM Toban and Board Meeting
7 No Service at VBT	8	9	10 7 PM <i>Bon Odori Practice</i>	11 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering 7 PM <i>Bon Odori Practice</i>	12 7pm Public Lecture	13 3 PM FVBT Obon, July & August Shotsuki, Bon Dance
14 2 PM VBT Obon, Hatsu-bon, July Shotsuki 4 PM Bon Odori Dance	15	16	17 11 AM Service at Nikkei Home (Rev. Aoki)	18 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering	19	20 9 AM VBT Manju-Making
21 No Service at VBT	22	23	24	25 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering	26	27
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