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# Bodhi Mind



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## 2019 Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Day - Socho's Message



*Those who are born first, guide those who come later, and those who are born later, join those who were born before them. This is so that the Boundless Ocean of birth-and-death may be exhausted.*

*(In "Passages on the Land of Happiness", by master Tao-ch'o [562-645])*

*I would like to express my most sincere appreciation to all the Jodo Shinshu Temples of Canada (JSBTC), ministers, ministers' assistants, national board of directors, and all temple members and non-members for keeping our organization active and accessible. Through observations at the local temples and the national organization, it is very clear that all of the ministers and national board of directors across Canada are working tirelessly for the sake of our temples, for all the members, and for the community at large. May I ask you for your continued support for our ministers and directors.*

*We had three candidates from Canada, Dr. Roland Ikuta (Lethbridge), Jeff Hains (Lethbridge), and Tanis Morre (Winnipeg), successfully completed their Tokudo ordination at Nishi Hongwanji on July 15th, 2019. They will be assisting their sensei and the temples to propagate Jodo Shinshu in Canada.*

*On this annual observance of the Jodo Shinshu Day, I would like to share a story of the famous physicist Albert Einstein, who was invited to Japan in the fall of 1922. He was interested in Buddhism, and paid a visit to Reverend Jokan Chikazumi, a Jodo Shinshu minister. Einstein asked him about the Buddha Dharma, especially the heart of the Buddha ("Buddha-mind"). It is said that Rev. Chikazumi told him the story of Ubasuteyama (the old custom of abandoning old people, usually women, deep in the mountains). A young man was hurrying along a mountain path carrying his aged mother on his back. Along the trail deep in the mountains, the mother was breaking off tree twigs and dropping them on the path. She was marking the path with a trail of twigs. The young man thought that his mother was leaving a trail of twigs so that she could later make her way out of the mountains. When they arrived at their destination, the son, bidding his mother farewell, was about to leave when*

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## Message from the VBT

### Board

Our year of celebration is now half over. We observed and participated in our annual Obon and Dance Festival made special by acknowledging the founding of our temple back in 1904. At the service we brought to mind the vision and dedication of our pioneers who showed deep conviction in the meaning of the Buddha-Dharma for themselves and for the future generations of followers. We are today enjoying their fruits of toil and hardship.

The recently concluded Powell Street Festival once again proved to be successful for our temple. Our hard-working members out did themselves in meeting the challenge of serving hundreds of festival-goers, preparing buttered corn, sushi, curry, manju ,etc. Thank you, members and volunteers

Our board is presently dealing with the issue of having to restore the elevator back to safe working order. The City of Vancouver has stepped forward and has given us a generous grant to cover some of the cost to deal with this expensive undertaking. We are consulting with several elevator companies for cost estimates. We hope to resolve the problem as soon as possible We continue to strive to increase our membership base by various promotional tools including lectures, open-houses, and internet information. Let us all work and dedicate ourselves to the prime purpose of our being, which is the understanding of the Three Treasures, - the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha, as it relates to our demanding modern lives.

In Gassho,

VBT Board



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*she said, "Since I didn't want you to become lost, I left a trail of twigs for you. Follow it as you make your way back home." It is said that when the young man heard this, he didn't have the heart to leave her there and so once again put her on his back and carried her home down the mountain.*

*For whom is the trail of broken twigs? It is for my child who is hurrying on his way to abandon his parent. This fable reflects the feelings that the aged mother held in her heart. We can clearly see that they were not meant to reproach him for taking her deep into the mountains to abandon her; but rather it was her own abandoning of her "self", and that as a mother, her sole concern was the safety of her child. Although her son was intending to abandon her, she was receptive and accepting of him, completely as he was. Rev. Chikazumi told Einstein that this commiseration is likened to the Buddha's compassion. Einstein, when he came to know that according to the Buddha- Dharma, the heart of the Buddha does not pass judgment on whether something is good or evil, he was elated to have encountered this kind of religion for the first time, and said that in order for us to realize true peace that is free of conflict, we must learn from this. I feel that Jodo Shinshu will continue to provide important religious values, not to mention relevance, to society in general.*

*In gassho,*

*Tatsuya Aoki*

*Office of the Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada*

## Young Buddhist International Cultural Study

### Exchange Reports



Sora Aoki and Summer Hinada will make a presentation about their participation to Hongwanji Youth Tour to Japan during Shotsuki Service on **Sunday, September 8!**

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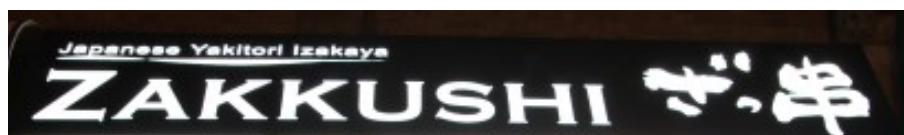
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**Murata** 和



**VBT 115<sup>th</sup> / 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary****Eitaikyo / Nov Shotsuki Service****Guest Speaker: Rev. Orai Fujikawa****Sunday, November 10, 2019 10:30 am***9:30am in the 3rd Floor class room for participants**\* Please bring Yukata or white shirt to be worn under the costume.*

“Chigo” refers to children ages three to twelve. (“o” is an honorific prefix.) According to tradition, noble households in Japan sent their children to temples for their education. While attending, children participated in the temple festivals and ceremonies, often dressing up to represent celestial beings.

Both boys and girls wear a robe with long, wide sleeves over a hakama or loose trousers, and the ancient make-up of the nobility which consists of two black dots just above the space between the eyebrows. The costume is differentiated between boys and girls by a stiff hat for boys and a crown of the phoenix bird for girls.

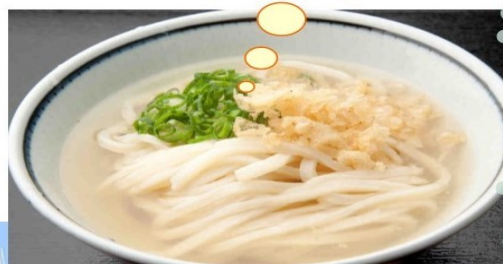
The VBT will provide an opportunity for children to participate in this ceremonial procession at its anniversary ceremony to be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the VBT. Priority registration for member's child by September 15<sup>th</sup> and it opens up to everyone. Please signup at the VBT Office.

## Vancouver Buddhist Temple **Japan Food Fair**

(a.k.a Fall Bazaar)

**Sunday, October 27****12 Noon ~ 2:00 PM****GREAT FOOD!****Maki (Roll) Sushi Saba****(Mackerel) Sushi****Chicken Teriyaki****Ohagi** (Sweet Sticky Rice Balls)**Manju** (Japanese Steamed Cake)**& Many More!**

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## Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received In Gratitude

July 13, 2019 July Monthly Memorial Service and Obon

Ben Shikaze, Byron Kiyokazu Kagawa, Chieko Takasaki, Denise Cork, Genevieve Iwata, Greg & Lynn Smith, Henry & Sadako Ikeda, Hideko Yoshioka, Irene Rohrer, Jean Nakatsui, Jeanne Ryan, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming, Kimino Nishi, Lester Tateyama, Lori North, Mitsuo Saito, Mrs. Masami Miyagi, Mrs. May Mukaida, Naomi Shikaze, Reiko Honkawa, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Ronald M. Nishimura, Roy & Itoko Akune, Ryoko Tateyama, Sam & Pat Yoshioka, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Steveston Buddhist Temple, Tony Tateyama, Yoshimi & Gail Kariatsumari, Osaisen

In memory of Asao & Kenny Yoshioka:  
Hideko Yoshioka

In memory of Asao & Kenny  
Yoshioka: Sam & Pat Yoshioka

In Memory of Saburo Nishi  
(father) & Bonnie Masaho  
Nishi (daughter): Kimino Nishi

In Memory of father Steve Yoshio Shikaze: Ben Shikaze

In memory of Bachan Eda Shikaze: Ben Shikaze

In Memory of Fumi & Ken Honkawa:  
Reiko Honkawa

In Gassho,  
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



## Greetings from the Valley.

This summer we have experienced pleasant weather so far with no heat waves or wildfires like last year... however, it makes us realize how we all have to pay more attention to climate change!

Our Obon service was held on July 13 with Rev. Henry Adams as the guest minister. It was a joyful gathering of family and friends and although a small group of dancers, always fun with many people joining in. Thank you to Yoko Matsuno for continuing to teach us the Bon Odori dances for many years.

During an Obon dance practice, we noticed that someone had thrown a rock in our kitchen window which caused some concern but there was not much damage and it was quickly fixed. We will also be doing other work on the building such as repair and cleaning of the gutters and trimming some trees that were damaged during a wind storm last year. There is always maintenance work that needs to be taken care of.

For the past 7 months Ben Shikaze has been presenting a DVD series of talks given by Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka and the last one was held on July 21 at Irene Rohrer's home. About 6 people have been attending the 2 hour sessions and it's been great to learn more about Buddhism from various perspectives in addition to Jodo Shinshu. Thank you to Ben for putting together these sessions and to Irene for inviting us to her home for the last 3 sessions when we started experiencing technical difficulties.

After a long break, our next service will be on Saturday, September 14 at 2 pm with Rev. Grant Ikuta.

There is still time to sign up for the Kamloops Convention from Sept. 27 - 29! We already have 10 members registered from our temple which is a fairly good turnout considering our small membership. We encourage more to join us! And please remember to return all lottery books (sold and unsold) at our Sept. 14 service.

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



## 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 #5**

#### **September**

Sun. 8—9:00 am Fall Higan/ Shotsuki Service

Sat. 14—10:00 am Toban + Board meeting

Sat. 28—9:00 am Manju making

Mrs. Ritsuko Akasaka  
Ms. June Anzai  
Ms. Joanne Bazely  
Mr. & Mrs. Preston Chan  
Mr. Anthony Chor  
Mrs. & Mr. Mayumi Dar  
Mr. John Harada  
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Mrs. Haruko Nakamura  
Mr. Steven Nishi  
Mr. & Mrs. Devin Ohori  
Ms. Jean Okamura  
Mrs. Yoshie Omura  
Mrs. Keiko Oyama  
Mrs. Akiko Sakata  
Mr. Kiyoshi Shimizu  
Mr. Takashi Shoji  
Mr. Yoshiro Shoji  
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Mr. Don Takaki  
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Takaki  
Mrs. Masako Takata  
Mr. & Mrs. Tadao Takata  
Mr. Hisatoshi Takeda  
Mr. Yutaka Takemoto

Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuru Tanaka  
Ms. Mutsuko Tateyama  
Mrs. Michiyo Teranishi  
Mrs. Shigeko Urata  
Mr. George Uyeda  
Mrs. Nobuyo Uyeyama  
Mr. Ricky Yada  
Mr. & Mrs. Masayuki Yamakami  
Mrs. & Mr. Kimiko Yokogawa  
Mrs. Yoshika Yoneda



## Introduction to Buddhism

**5 Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm -**

**October 9 to November 6**

**\$50**



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 (October 9) 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.

### **Zen Tradition (October 16) 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.

### **Shin Pure Land Tradition (October 23) 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.

### **Tibetan Tradition (October 30) with Lama Sue Salter**

Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism. Lama Sue 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.

### **Theravada Tradition and Meditation (November 6) 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.



## September Shotsuki (Memorial) List

### 1958

KARIYA, Tsune  
Baby Okamoto  
SATO, Saburo

### 1960

IINUMA, Chusaburo  
KOHARA, Maju

### 1961

KAWASHIMA, Masaki  
Baby Yamamoto

### 1963

UCHINAMI, Kazumi

### 1964

KAGETSU, Tsurutaro

### 1965

KASUYA, Kenzo  
TANAKA, Tei  
IWASAKI, Kinnosuke  
SHIOZAKI, Minoru

### 1966

ITO, Yukie

### 1967

OKANO, Moritaro

### 1968

HAYASHI, Eikichi

### 1969

NAKASHIMA, Asa

### 1970 (50th Year)

MIYANO, Tetsuro  
OMOTO, Kanshiro

### 1971

IKEGAMI, Matajiro

### 1972

KOMINAMI, Jiroichi  
MIMOTO, Torasu

### 1973

KAWASAKI, Tokusuke

### 1974

TAZAWA, Haru  
YANO, Minoru

### 1976

NAKANO, Heiroke  
HAYASHI, Tatsuo  
TAKAHASHI, Genza

### 1977

RYUJIN, Shinaye  
YADA, Takao

### 1979

TOMITA, Mariko

### 1980

KITAGAWA, Yosokichi

### 1981

IDA, Tsunejiro

FUJII, Tetsuo

YOSHIDA, Hari

### 1982

UYESUGI, Ryu

TANAKA, Yoshie

### 1984

INAMASU, Yoshio  
YOSHIZAWA, Shizuyo

### 1985

MINESHIBA, Ichiro

### 1986

OYE, Yakichi

SHIMIZU, Kimiteru

UYESUGI, Naosada

### 1987 (33rd Year)

EBATA, Masukichi  
HAYASHI, Matsujiro  
HAMANISHI, Shizuka  
ISHIDA, Tomiye

KITAGAWA, Shosuke

### 1988

MATSUTANI, Hidehiro

### 1989

UYESUGI, Bunshichi  
HAMA, Seitaro  
TAKEUCHI, Itsu

### 1992

HAMANISHI, Katsuji  
KURAMOTO, Roy  
NAGASHIMA, Ishi

### 1994

YAGISAWA, Yuri  
KAWAGOE, Kiyoshi  
TAKEUCHI, Chisato  
YAMASHITA, Akira

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

### 1995 (25th Year)

NISHIMURA, Emiko  
SUGIMOTO, Kanao

### 1996

TAN, Misao  
OKAHORI, Yoshie

KADOTA, Kunio

CHOI, Jong Hee

### 1997

MURATA, Miyako

### 1998

YAMASHITA, Iwataro  
HAMADA, Hideichi

### 1999

MASUDA, Maria Masako  
YAGISAWA, Christopher  
Akira

TERAI, Shige

AYUKAWA, Funi

### 2000

ANDO, Eiichi

AMANO, Emi

OHASHI, Hatsuko

### 2001

MINATO, Toshimi

YADA, Yoshiko

### 2002

OMOTO, Teruko

INOUE, Hisaye

KADO, Shizuo

TSURUGA, Masataro

SHINKODA, Mitsuo

### 2003 (17th Year)

HAMA, Shigeo

### 2004

NAKATA, Toyoko

### 2005

NAKAMURA, Kimi  
KOMORI, Haruo

### 2006

KOBAYASHI, Toyoko  
TSURUSAKI, Nobuya

### 2007 (13th year)

TANABE, Lily Sachiko  
KAGAWA, Ayaka

### 2008

NASU, Katsumi  
UYEYAMA, Toshio

### 2009

UYENO, Kenneth Akira

### 2010

MORISHITA, Kimiye

### 2011

MURACHI, Matsuri

### 2012

MATSUBARA, Teruko

KOYAMA, Keiko

KOGAWA, Natsumi

### 2014

GOMYO, Yoshie

OBARA, George

SHIKAZE, Hisako

### 2015

UYEDA, Sayomi

MATSUI, Kikuye

### 2016

YAMAMOTO, Michiyo

Mike

OYA, Osamu

KOGAWA, Natsumi

### 2018 (1st year)

Asakura, Mieko

Uyeyama, Kimie

### Passings

Mrs. Alice Tanaka (86)  
July 1

Mrs. Sayo Hattori (105)  
July 14

Mr. Seiichi Imaizumi (71)  
July 19

Mr. Hikaru Yoshikawa (89)  
Jul 26

Mrs. Miyoshi Tanaka (92)  
Aug 3

Mrs. Hisako Maruno (77)  
Aug 15

Sun.	Mon.	Tu	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b> No Service @ VBT	<b>2 Labour Day</b> VBT Office closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 12:00 Noon</b> Japanese Service and Seniors' Club	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 10:30 am</b> <b>Fall Higan and Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 12:00 Noon</b> Japanese Service and Seniors' Club	<b>13</b>	<b>14 10:00 am</b> VBT Toban/Bazaar + Monthly Board Meeting <b>2:00 pm</b> FVBT Shotsuki Service (Rev. G. Ikuta)
<b>15 10:30 am</b> English Dharma Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 11:00 am</b> Nikkei Place Service (Rev. G. Ikuta)	<b>19 12:00 Noon</b> Japanese Service and Seniors' Club	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 10:30 am</b> English Dharma Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26 12:00 Noon</b> Japanese Service and Seniors' Club	<b>27</b>	<b>28 9:00 am</b> Manju Making
<b>29 10:30 am</b> English Dharma Service	<b>30</b>	<div>BCJSBYF Convention</div> <h1>September 2019</h1>				
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