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Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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Gomonshu sama's message



I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on this occasion of the 115th anniversary of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple and the 40th anniversary of the completion of the temple hall reconstruction. Despite a number of difficulties, such as the closure of the temple due to World War II, since its inception in 1904, the Nembutsu teaching has been passed down through the generations thanks to the devotion and efforts of the ministers, members, and all others who contributed to the temple and its activities, and for this, I would like to express to them all my deepest respect and appreciation.

The founder of the Jodo Shinshu teaching, Shinran Shonin, clarified the existence of Amida Buddha's salvific working that is extended to every one of us. Only through that working are we able to see our true self who could never be free of our ego, namely, our blind passions. Due to this restriction, we are incapable of accepting the true reality of this world that everything is constantly changing and therefore there is no permanent existence. As a result, we suffer and fight with one another when things do not go as we expect.

Amida is the Buddha who wishes to embrace and guide every one of us to the Pure Land, the world of perfection, and established the Primal Vow to make this wish come true. The Name, Namo Amida Butsu is none other than Amida Buddha's Vow, which has already reached us and is unceasingly working for our benefit. Let us reflect on this dynamic activity of Amida Buddha's working and live every day with the feeling of gratitude, reciting the Nembutsu.

With this anniversary as a great opportunity, I hope that Vancouver Buddhist Temple will continue to develop and prosper.

April 28, 2019

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

Message from Board

We must be thankful for where we live when you consider raging forest fires, hurricanes, floods, tsunamis and earthquakes happening in so many regions around the globe, some close to home, some more distant. We are truly fortunate to live where we live. Let us be thankful for the clean air we breathe, the water in plentiful supply and the food supply in no shortage.

While summer is now officially over, we must turn our attention to fall temple events and observances. We continue to appeal to members and temple friends for volunteer help. Let us not rely on just a 'few' to do 'so' much. It is your house, 'otera', so let us keep it warm and welcoming. Our fast approaching Fall Food fair will be held on Oct 27th. Please join us for fun, fellowship and most importantly for extending a lending hand in our preparations.

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple has available a university scholarship for students graduating from Grade twelve and seeking to enter university. The applicant must be a member or is a son or daughter of a current temple member. There are other conditions such as high school graduation in 2020 and being accepted for the 2020 fall term to a higher institution of learning, eg, college, university or technical institute. Please contact the temple office for detailed application information.



The Board

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Day 2019



JSBTC or Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Day is a special memorial service which is traditionally held by local temples across Canada in the months of October or November to observe, remember and honour our pioneers of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and all who were followers in Canada. Our first Jodo Shinshu minister arrived from Nishi Hongwanji (our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan) to Vancouver on October 12, 1905 and thus the month of October is important in Canada to mark our historical beginnings.

JSBTC Day allows us all to gather together at our local temples to collectively express our gratitude to all those who spread the Dharma Teachings before us.

As is often the case, we can think of things in relation to the past, the present and the future. We can think of the past in terms of all those dedicated Jodo Shinshu followers and ministers who have preceded us and remember them for all that they have done to get us where we are now. Our present thoughts can be centred on our current ministers who guide us in our daily lives now. For the future, let us remember to provide for our dedicated retired ministers as well as those ministers who may be considering retirement in the future.

This year, our National Board of Directors want to ensure that a part of any donations kindly made towards JSBTC Day goes directly to our Ministers' Retirement Fund. Let us all remember with gratitude those who have passed before us and share in these quiet moments of JSBTC Day services together and also remember those in our present and future who we can help to secure a decent and well deserved retirement. Please kindly check with your local temple for the date of the JSBTC Day Memorial Service and let us all observe, remember and honour with gratitude together as one common national sangha.

With Gratitude and in Gassho,

Larry Wakisaka
JSBTC President

*** Please note that due to Canada Revenue Agency and the Canada Not-For-Profit Act, we ask that if donations are made by cheque, kindly make the payee your local temple and write in the memo area of the cheque "JSBTC Day". Any and all donations made to JSBTC Day are gratefully accepted.



VBT 115th / 40th Anniversary Eitaikyo / Nov Shotsuki Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Orai Fujikawa

Sunday, November 10, 2019 10:30 am

LAST Call for Ochigo Procession!

- Please bring Yukata or white shirt to be worn under the costume.
- 9:30am in the 3rd Floor class room for participants

“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 10th, 2019 at the VBT. Please signup at the VBT Office.

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 are the responsibility of

Toban #1

October

Sun. 6—9:00 am JSBTC Day/ Shotsuski Service

Sat. 19—9:00 am Manju making

Fri. 25, Sat. 26—9:00 am Bazaar Preparation

Sun. 27—6:00 am Fall Food Bazaar



Mrs. Tsuki Aratake

Mr. & Mrs. Minoru Asaoka

Mr. & Mrs. Bradly Bishop

Ms. Nicole Bishop

Mrs. Naoe Bradley

Mrs. Haruyo Chiba

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Chor

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Mr. Toshi Haraguchi

Mr. & Mrs. Noboru

Hayashi

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Mrs. Kikuye Komori

Mrs. Kazuko Koyanagi

Ms. Susan Inouye

Dr. Jessica Main

Mr. Robert Nakagawa

Mr. Kyle Ohori

Mr. Paul Okada

Mr. Colton Oyama

Mr. Edward Oyama

Ms. Marie Oyama

Mr. Zachary Oyama

Mr. Alvin Ramos

Mr. & Mrs. Tsutomu Shira-

hama

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



Introduction to Buddhism

5 Wednesdays 7 pm to 9 pm -

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.

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

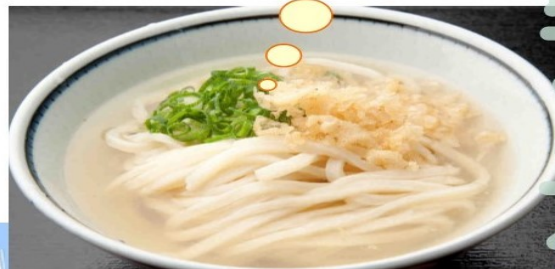
Chicken Teriyaki

Ohagi (Sweet Sticky Rice Balls)

Manju (Japanese Steamed Cake)

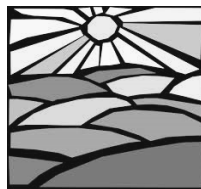
& Many More!

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Noodle
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お寺のバザー
日本食フェア

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Re- ceived in Gratitude



September 14, 2019 September
Monthly Memorial Ser-
vice and Fall Higan

Naomi Shikaze, James Fujita, Ryoko Tateya-
ma, Marion Fujita, Byron Kagawa, Ronald
Nishimura, Denise Cork, Stan & Lucy Yoshi-
oka, Tony Tateyama, Mrs. May Mukaida,
Chieko Takasaki, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Jean
Nakatsui, Crystal Fujita, Greg & Lynn Smith,
Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa, Pat Yoshioka, Amy
Nagamatsu, Vivien Nishi, Osaisen

In memory of Mom: Byron Kagawa

In memory of Amy Kawamoto: Byron Kagawa

In memory of Mom: Denise Cork

In Gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Help Needed for preparation for the VBT 2019 Fall Bazaar

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

- Sat. Oct. 19 — 9:00 am Bazaar Manju-making
- Fri. Oct. 25 — 9:00 am Bazaar Preparations
- Sat. Oct. 26 — 9:00 am Bazaar Preparations
- Sun. Oct. 27 — 6:00 am Bazaar Day

This Fall's Bazaar is on **Sunday,**
October 27th.

The doors will be open to the public
at Noon.



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

NISHI, Tetsuo

WAKITA, Uno

ARAKI, Toku

1970 (50th Year)

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

EDAMURA, Shige

URABE, Kiku

1987 (33rd Year)

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 6 at 10:30 am.**

1991

EBATA, Tayo

1992

TANAKA, Tokutaro

MORITA, Yukio

HAGANE, Sumiko

1993

KOYANAGI, Haruko

SASAKI, Toshi

HOMMA, Shingo

1994

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

HAMAGUCHI, Tamae

ITO, Sokichi

IHARA, Masako

IMAMURA, Kojiro

STEVENS, Howard

2003 (17th Year)

NOMURA, Daniel N.

SHIMOZAWA, Wataru W

2004

HONKAWA, Fumiye

2005

NARITA, Noriaki

YOSHIMURA, Kazuhira

TSUJI, Mitsuye

2007 (13rd Year)

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

KADOTA, Misuko

TANAKA, Robert

2013 (7th Year)

ONO, Tamotsu

2014

SHONO, Kiyoshi

UYEDA, Yaeko

2015

SHIBATA, Kenji

KOBAYAKAWA, Sumi

2016

OMOTO, Tsutomu

MASUHARA, Akiyasu

2017 (3rd Year)

OMOTO, Reiko

NISHIMURA, Yasuko

2018 (1st Year)

SHOJI, Akiko



October 2019

Please note: Oct 12 (Sat) 10:00 AM
Toban Meeting & Board Meeting
(Sep. Toban & Board Meeting was cancelled.)

Sun.	Mon.	Tue	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 12:00 Noon Japanese Service and Seniors' Club	4	5
6 10:30 AM Jodo Shinshu Day + Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service	7	8	9 7-9 PM Intro. Buddhism	10 12:00 Noon Japanese Service and Seniors' Club	11	12 10:00 AM VBT Toban & Board Meeting 2:00 pm FVBT (Rev. Aoki)
13 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	14 Thanks giving VBT Office closed	15	16 7-9 PM Intro. Buddhism	17 12:00 Noon Seniors' Club	18	19 9:00 AM Manju Making
20 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	21	22	23 7-9 PM Intro. Buddhism	24 12:00 Noon Japanese Service and Seniors' Club	25 9:00 AM Bazaar Prep	26 9:00 AM Bazaar Prep
27 6:00 AM Bazaar Prep 12:00 Noon Japan Food Fair (Bazaar)	28	29	30 7-9 PM Intro. Buddhism	31 12:00 Noon Seniors' Club	Nov. 1	2
3 10:30 AM Pet Memorial Service (Sensei Bob)	4	5	6 7-9 PM Intro. Buddhism	7 12:00 Noon Seniors' Club	8	9 10:00 AM Toban and Board Meeting 2:00 PM FVBT (Rev. Grant)
10 10:30 AM Ochigo Procession, Anniversary Service, Eitaikyo, Eshinni, Shotsuki Service Anniversary Special Luncheon	11 Re-membrance Day VBT Office closed	12	13	<h2>November</h2>		

End of Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour.

Rev. Aoki is on holiday from **October 28 to November 7.**

Please contact Rev. Aoki if you have some concern about your family member's condition. If you require urgent ministerial service, please call Rev. Grant Ikuta (604-908-4140).

