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Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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New Year's Greeting



Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Last year again, following the year before, Japan, as well as many other countries in the world, was struck with multiple natural disasters. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through those disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. In addition, we must 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.

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Last September I had an opportunity to make an official visit to the temples of the Buddhist Churches of America as Monshu for the first time. This allowed me to complete the first round of visitations to all of the overseas districts which include Canada, Hawaii, South America, and the US mainland.

Although every temple and district has its own history and background, many of the overseas Jodo Shinshu temples were established and have been cherished by the Japanese immigrants and their descendants. Reflecting on how sincerely our predecessors entrusted themselves to the Buddha Dharma and how importantly they thought of their temples while facing many difficulties such as World War II, I cannot help but feel grateful and even awe for their tremendous efforts as well as many other wondrous circumstances that have allowed the Jodo Shinshu teaching to be handed down to us today.

However, a considerable amount of time has passed since the Japanese emigrated overseas, and the lifestyle of their descendants, as well as the world situation have changed greatly. In accordance with these changes, quite a few people who are not of ethnically Japanese origin have also come to appreciate the teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, and attend our overseas temples.

What caused this is nothing but the universality of the Jodo Shinshu teaching that transcends time and space. In other words, Amida Buddha's compassion equally reaches and nondiscriminatively embraces everyone in the midst of all sorts of pain and agony.

In this year, let us continue to listen to the Dharma, considering it is directed to each one of us, and keep moving forward to share it with many other people as possible.

January 1, 2020

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

Family Retreat @ Manning Park May 16 – 18, 2020

****Early Bird Registration due: March 06, 2020***

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 16**, 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.

Types	Age	Price*	Before March 06
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

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

Please let us know if you would prefer hotel, cottage or chalet accommodations. Thank you.

Hotel Room – sleeps 4 – 2 Double beds

Standard Cottage – sleeps 8

1 double & 2 sets of bunks plus 1 double hide a bed, sitting room with TV & full kitchen

Deluxe Cottages – sleeps 10

3 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets of bunks plus 1 double hide a bed, sitting room with TV & kitchen

Tri-Plex Chalets – sleeps 14

– adjoining rooms to sleeping units with separate bathrooms

2 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets of bunks plus 1 hide a bed, sitting room with TV & full kitchen

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 12, 2020 at 10:30 AM (Guest: Rev. Grant Ikuta)

72nd Annual Northwest District Buddhist

Convention Feb 15-17, 2020

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

February 15-17, 2020 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

Banquet Only - \$75

Sunday Bento (optional) - \$10 USD

Registration for convention is available online through eventbrite.com only. Book your hotel room by February 1, 2020.

For questions email convention@WRBT.org

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 VBT activities in **January** are the responsibility of

Toban #2

Captains: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Akune

January

Wed. 1—10:30 AM New Year's Service

Sat. 4—10 AM Toban + Bazaar and Board Meeting

Sun. 12—9:00 AM Hōonkō and Shōtsuki

Sat. 18—9:00 AM Manju making

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Akune
Mr. Patrick Couling
Ms. Shirley Hanazawa
Mrs. Masako Hattori
Mrs. Tokiko Hayashi
Mr. Shinobu Homma
Mrs. Anjula Joshi
Mr. & Mrs. Narhari Joshi
Mr. Tom Kadota
Mr. & Mrs. Yasutoshi Kanegae
Mrs. Mary Kawamoto
Mr. & Mrs. Takehisa Kawasaki
Mr. Mits Kazuta
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kitamura
Mrs. Fujiko Kitano
Mr. Martin Kobayakawa
Ms. Fumie Kondo
Mr. Paul Kondo
Mr. Randy Kondo
Mrs. Yoshiko Koyanagi
Mrs. Kazue Kozaka
Mr. Takeshi Kumano
Mrs. Shu Ming Lai

Mr. Jason Lesage
Ms. Anny Lin
Mr. Neal Marshall
Mr. Doug Maruno
Mrs. Terumi Matsunaga
Mr. & Mrs. Sadao Minato
Mr. Kazuo Mori
Mr. John Nguyen
Mr. Ronald Nishimura
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nomura
Mr. Tom Okada
Mrs. Fusae Sameshima
Mr. Tetsuo Takemori
Ms. Joyce Takeshita
Ms. Marilyn Teramura
Mr. Eiji Tsuji
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukishima
Mrs. Toshiko Tsukishima
Ms. Kazue Tsurusaki
Mr. Dave Wong
Mrs. Masako Yada
Mrs. Kuniko Yuasa

Spring Lecture Series (Wednesday Evenings 7pm to 9pm)

February 26: Casey Collings "General Buddhism"
March 4: Michael Newton "Zen"
March 11: Tatsuya Aoki "Pure Land"
March 18: Sue Salter "Tibetan Buddhism"
March 25: Adrienne Ross "Mindfull Meditation"

\$50 for 5 Lectures

*Registration is available from temple website
or at VBT Office.*



HUMANITY

THROUGH A BUDDHIST EYE: AN EXPLORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS



June 12 - 14, 2020
Winnipeg, Manitoba

• KEYNOTE SPEAKER DUNCAN RYUKAN WILLIAMS

Williams is a Soto Zen priest and Director of the Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture at the University of Southern California. He is the author of "American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War"

• TOUR OF THE CANADIAN MUSEUM OF HUMAN RIGHTS

• PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

• DISCOVER THE RICH TRADITION, CULTURE AND DIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA

• JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST SERVICE MANITOBA BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Greetings from the valley



Thank you everyone for your generous support in donations of time and money over the past year. A spring fundraising dinner and education programs that included both discussion groups and cooking classes were just some of our activities in 2019. We also started some much needed repairs to our property by having the tree damage from the storm two years ago repaired. The trees look much better now. In 2020 we hope to have repairs to our roof gutters (damaged in the same storm) and replace our kitchen floor. Thank you to Aoki Sensei and Ikuta Sensei for looking after our Sangha. We feel very fortunate to have access to two ministers for our service and family matters. 2020 will start off with our Hoonko and January Shotsuki Memorial Service on Saturday, January 11th at 11:00am.

Please note that our service starts at 11am in January (not our usual start time of 2pm). Our guest minister for Hoonko will be our own Rev. Grant Ikuta. We have started sending out updates via email to members and friends of Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple. We will also be using email to alert people of any changes such as service cancellations due to weather. If you would like to be added to our update/alert email system, please email Lori North

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

December 7, 2019 Bodhi Day & December Shotsuki Memorial Service

Ben Shikaze, Ryoko Tateyama, Chieko Takasaki, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, John & Masuko Kamimura, Denise Cork, Ronald Nishimura, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Sam & Pat Yoshioka, Mrs. May Mukaida, Jean Nakatsui, Reiko Honkawa, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming, Lori North, Vivien Nishi, Marion Fujita, Amy Nagamatsu, Osaisen
In memory of mom Emiko Shikaze: Ben Shikaze

In memory of Ken Honkawa: Reiko Honkawa

In memory of dad & sister: Jenny Fujita

In memory of dad Kiyoshi & sister Eileen: Marion Fujita

In Gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Food Drive for 2020

Please bring in non-perishable food donations!

For example: dry pasta, canned goods (soup, fruits, veggies, and fish), tomato sauce, baby formula, rice, peanut butter, mac and cheese, etc.

Please check expiry dates on your donations.

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple is helping the Vancouver Food Bank by collecting food to support hungry families, children, and individuals who have difficulty and cannot afford to buy groceries.

Please bring donations to the temple at anytime.



January Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The January Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, January 12 at 10:30 am**.

1958

*IZUMI, Yoshiko
*NAKAGAWA, Minosuke
*TATEOKA, Hatsutarō

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, Kiyochi

1970

*HORITA, Kazuhide

1971 — 50th Year

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

YAMAMOTO, Yonetaro
*SHIMA, Brett
*HORI, Yonezo

1988 — 33rd Year

HAMAGUCHI, 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

YABUNO, Shio
TERAKITA, Kimiyo

1996 — 25th Year

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
*KUROKAWA, Nora H.
SAKAI, Yasuji Frank

2003

YAMAMOTO Kiyoko

2004 — 17th Year

TANI, Kenzo

2005

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

2006

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

2007

NATSUKOSHI, Sakae
OTSUKA-CAMPBELL
Kazuko

2008 — 13th Year

MATSUI, Ootiro

2009

IKEZAKI, Hitoshi

2010

OYE, Sumiye
MORI, Kinuye

2011

KITAMURA, Michiko

2012

SHIMA, Roy
NOMURA, Toshiharu
HAYASHI, Yoshiharu

2013

ALEXANDER, Hideko

2014 — 7th Year

OKADA, Raeso
NAKANE, Mitsuo

2015

OYAMA, Mitsu

2016

IKARI, Sanaye Helen
TORIUMI, Kazuo

2017

KIMOTO, Kaoru
NAKATSU, Yoshiharu
UYEYAMA, Kiyoshi

2018 — 3rd Year

TSURUMARU, Chizuko

2019 — 1st Year

KITASAKA, Hiroshi
NISHIMURA, Shigeru
KOMU, Ayuka
NOMURA, Asako
TAKEMOTO, Masami

Passing

Our deepest
condolences go to
the families and
friends of

**Mrs. Teru (Terry)
Hayashi**

(88 yrs old)

Dec. 1

January 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.
DEC 29	30	31 10:00 PM Temple Service 11:30 PM Bell Ringing @ UBC Asian Centre	JAN 1 10:30 AM New Year's Service	2	3	4 10:00 AM VBT Toban & Bazaar + Board Meeting
5 NO SERVICE	6	7	8	9 Noon Chanting "Shoshinge"	10 7:00 PM Public Lecture By Rev. Grant Ikuta	11 11:00 AM FVBT Hoonko & Shotsuki (Rev. T. Aoki) (Guest: Rev. Grant Ikuta)
12 10:30 AM VBT Hoonko & Shotsuki Memorial Service (Guest: Rev. Grant Ikuta)	13	14	15 11:00 AM Nikkei Home Service (Rev. T. Aoki)	16 Noon Chanting "Shoshinge"	17	18 9:00AM Manju Making
19 10:30AM Steveston Hoonko (NO SERVICE at VBT)	20	21	22	23 Noon Chanting "Shoshinge"	24	25
26 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	27	28	29	30 Noon Chanting "Shoshinge"	31	FEB 1ST
2 10:30 AM English Dharma Service 1:00 PM VBT Annual General Meeting	3	4	5	6 12Noon Howakai & Seniors Club 	7	8 10:00 AM Board Meeting
9 10:30 AM Nirvana Day / Shotsuki and New Year's Luncheon	10	11	12	13 12Noon Howakai & Seniors Club	14	15 9:00AM Manju Making
16 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	17	19	19	20 12Noon Howakai & Seniors Club	21	22

February 2020