

Trevor Komori and Anthony Chor made a brief 5 minute introduction to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple. Learn what happens in the temple and what we do in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Tradition, how to get into the temple and get simple tips on etiquette that can be used at all Buddhist Temples.



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# Bodhi Mind



## Vancouver Buddhist Temple

April 2020, Issue #435

### Message from Reverend Aoki

#### COVID-19 and Two Is

In this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 virus, I hope this message finds everyone healthy, both physically and mentally. As every hour passes, things are changing in quite drastic ways. The coronavirus is rapidly affecting our lives one way or another. This certainly reminds us of two fundamental Buddhist teachings that---all things are Impermanent and all things are Interconnected.

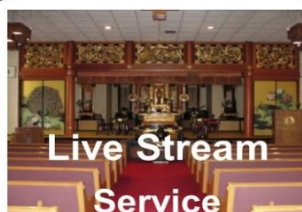
The temple is now closed and suspending all services and activities until further notice. However, if circumstances allow, I will be officiating funeral and memorial services for small limited gatherings. Please call the temple if you need any consultation.

If you are living by yourself and in need of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will try to help in any way we can.

While for now, weekly and monthly services are suspended until further notice, I am experimenting with online streaming to deliver Sunday and Shotsuki services. You may access our website and find the link to the appropriate YouTube channel.

Please take good care of yourselves. I look forward to seeing you back at the temple in the near future.

In gassho,  
Tatsuya Aoki



#### Livestream Shotsuki Service

Sunday, April 5 at 10:30AM

- Rev. Aoki will be chanting and giving Dharma talk via live streaming through VBT website.
- You can **donate** online at our website.
- **NO** Service will be held at the temple until further notice.

[www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com](http://www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com)

### Temple Cancellations Due to COVID-19

#### Thursday, April 2

- High school Band Concert

#### Sunday, April 5

- April Shotsuki Service \*Livestream ONLY
- No service at VBT

#### Sunday, April 12

- Hanamatsuri/Hatsumairi/Keiro-kai

#### Saturday, April 25

- Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada AGM in Lethbridge

#### May 18 - 20

- Manning Park Retreat

Visitation to Nikkei Home  
Karaoke Club/Shigin/Senior Gathering

## **Message from the Board**

In late January our temple was broken into. The garage door opener was re-wired to permit the opening of the garage door. This gave access to the parkade in the middle of the night. Many items such as tents, canopies, basic supplies, tools, including approximately 1500 recently-made manju for the Spring Food Fair were taken. Much of this activity was recorded on a security camera. This evidence was helpful to the police as they conducted their investigation. Fortunately, the individuals were not able to access the main floor.

Also in the months of January and February, incidents at Oppenheimer Park have occurred. While the city police have a thorough 24-hour presence, we ask that everyone use every precaution when coming to the temple.

The annual Spring Food Fair was very successful - which was a pleasant surprise to many of us. The turn-out was good; the udon was excellent; almost everything sold out; and we had caring, hard-working volunteers and dedicated members helping the whole weekend. Thank you, so much!

Due to the virus pandemic, our temple services and all events have now ceased. We will not have any public gatherings until further notice. In the case of an emergency or any extenuating circumstance, please phone Aoki Sensei at the temple or on his private mobile phone.

In the month of April, we will, sadly, be saying good-bye to Hiroko. Thank you, Hiroko, for your years of service and pleasant countenance at the temple. If members have an opportunity, please phone Hiroko, to thank her and say 'good-bye' - since personal contact is not possible at this time.

All the best to you, Hiroko, from all the members of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple!

With Gassho,

The Board of Directors

## **Congratulations!!!**

Sensei Joann Yuasa, who was our assistant minister, is officially commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Chaplain's Service and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Sensei Joanne is currently working towards a Master of Pastoral Studies Certificate in Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy at the Toronto School of Theology. Joanne started her studies in September 2018. She becomes the first Buddhist chaplain in the Royal Canadian Chaplain's Service.



## **Message from Hiroko Hara**

Dear Temple Members,

I hope everyone is doing well.

It has been a pleasure to work at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple. However, I will be leaving the temple on April 9th, and would like to say how grateful I am for the good relationship you have had with me during my time at the temple. It is greatly appreciated! The time at the temple has given me many wonderful experiences and lessons in life.

I regret that I have missed the opportunity to see people at the temple due to the current virus pandemic. However, please say "Hi", if you should see me somewhere.

Again, thank you very much for the kindness and courtesy you have shown me. I wish everyone and their families good health, happiness, well-being, and plenty of love! I hope to see you again someday, somewhere.

With much gratitude,

Hiroko Hara

## Greetings From the Valley

We were fortunate to have Rev. Aoki and guest Rev. Orai Fujikawa attend our March Ohigan/Shotsuki service. As part of our caution about looking after the health of our sangha, we did not have our usual pot-luck meal after the service. Instead we offered a quick cup of tea and Timbits and cookies.



Part of our reasoning for holding the service was that we also had our AGM scheduled for immediately afterwards. Sticking strictly to the requirements of the Society Act and our Bylaws we managed to complete the meeting in approximately 30 minutes! Our returning Board Members are Lucy Yoshioka, Lori North, Jenny Fujita, Amy Nagamatsu, Naomi Shikaze and Denise Cork. Marion Fujita has chosen to step down this year and we thank her for her many years of service to the Board.

We wish our Sangha to stay safe and healthy during these trying times so we will be cancelling the Hanamatsuri Service this year. Additional changes may be needed later this year so we will keep you informed through the Bodhi Mind newsletter and through our email communications.

If you have not already been receiving the monthly email updates and would like to be part of this email communication group, please email Lori at [lori.north@gmail.com](mailto:lori.north@gmail.com).

Wishing everyone good health,

Namo Amida Butsu

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 activities for the month of April are the responsibility of:

### **Tōban #4**

Ms. Kayoko Akagi	Mrs. Kazuyo Nakatsu
Mr. Norihiko Akagi	Ms. Catherine Nishikawa
Mr. & Mrs. Yasuhiko Bando	Mr. & Mrs. Shiro Nishimura
Mrs. Martha Banno	Mrs. Tomiko Noda
Mrs. Sachi Chiya	Mr. Robert Nomura
Mr. Cedric Gil	Mrs. & Mr. Jenny Pedersen
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hamanishi	Mrs. Mitsuye Sakata
Mrs. Kyoko Hinada	Mr. Gentaro Shimizu
Ms. Summer Hinada	Ms. Katherine Smith
Mrs. Mitsue Ikegami	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Soga
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kajiware	Mrs. Toyoko Terada
Mrs. Sandra Kawasaki	Mrs. Jean Wakahara
Mrs. Sharon Kawasaki-Chan	Mrs. Kiyoko Yada
Mrs. Yasuko Komori	Mrs. Keiko Yakumo
Mr. Yukito Maruno	Ms. Catherine Yamamoto
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mukai	Ms. Christine Yoshida
Ms. Yvonne Nakano	Ms. Kazuye Yoshida
Mrs. Yoshiye Nakata	

**PLEASE NOTE ALL TOBAN  
GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES  
HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

## Board of Directors for 2020

The VBT Board of Directors and the Executive Officers are serving their 2nd year of office. Thank you for your dedication and leadership in serving our temple. Below is the list of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors.

### **Executive:**

President - Dave Ohori  
 Vice-President - Frank Hamanishi  
 Secretary - Derek Iwanaka  
 Treasurer - Yvonne Nakano

### **Directors:**

Robert Akune	Tim Hirata
Martha Banno	Tom Kadota
Lorna Bishop	Mits Kazuta
Greg Chor	Paul Kitamura

**Resident Minister - Tatsuya Aoki**

## Vancouver Buddhist Temple Committees/Chairs for 2020

The assignment of chairpersons for the committees has been made. The committees represent all the activities, functions and events we undertake throughout the year. If there is anyone interested in helping the chairpersons listed please contact the committee chairs.

### **Spring/Fall Food Fair (Bazaar)**

- D. Ohori and Y. Nakano

### **BC Convention**

- R. Akune, D. Ohori, Y. Nakano, and Rev. Aoki

### **Bodhi Mind**

- Rev. Aoki, A. Rilko, and T. Keizer

### **Facility Rentals**

- G. Chor

### **Funeral**

- R. Akune and F. Hamanishi

### **Future Planning**

- D. Ohori and T. Kadota

### **Investments**

- G. Chor

### **Karaoke Club**

- Y. Kanegae (Wednesdays) & M. Teranishi (Sundays)

### **Lecture Series**

- P. Couling and Rev. Aoki

### **Manning Park Retreat**

- Gina Chor and G. Chor

### **Membership**

- I. Low

### **Minister's Affairs**

- L. Bishop, T. Kadota, and P. Kitamura

### **Minister's Residence**

- G. Chor

### **Mochitsuki**

- Y. Nakano

### **Naijin Flowers**

- Temple Secretary/Rev. Aoki

### **Naijin Preparation**

- R. Nomura and F. Hamanishi

### **Obon**

- Y. Nakano and D. Ohori

### **Operations/Maintenance**

- D. Ohori, G. Chor, M. Kazuta, and T. Hirata

### **Powell St. Festival**

- M. Kazuta, G. Chor, and L. Bishop

### **Religious Education**

- Rev. Aoki, R. Akune, and P. Couling

### **Seniors' Club**

- H. Minato

### **Shigin Club**

- T. Domitsu

### **Sunshine Committee**

- I. Low

### **Toban System**

- TBA

### **Website**

- G. Chor

### **Women's Representative**

- L. Bishop

## April Shotsuki (Memorial) List

### 1958

\*HIRAYAMA, Michiyo

### 1959

**NAMBA,**

### 1960

NOMURA, Yaozo

### 1961

\*HARA, Tadashi

### 1963

\*MATSUNO, Riu

\*TABUCHI, Kizo

### 1964

\*YONEMURA, Senzo

### 1967

\*KANEKO, Seki

\*SHIMIZU, Zenzo

### 1969

\*SUGIMOTO, Tome

### 1972

\*NAKASHIMA,  
Yasumatsu

\*SAKATA, Ryoza

\*YAMAMOTO, Isamu

\***YOSHIDA,**

\*YOSHIOKA, Teruo

### 1973

\*KOBAYASHI, Isuke

\*YAMAGUCHI, Kiyoko

### 1974

\*SHIRAHAMA, Tomomi

### 1975

\*HASEBE, Yukio

\*TERADA, Kentaro

### 1976

\*EDAMURA, Jujiro

### 1977

\*KOYANAGI, Toru

### 1978

\*KAMATA, Genzaburo

### 1980

\*IKEDA, Toyoharu

INOUE, Yoshinobu

KOMORI, Fujihiro

MARUNO, Michiko

### 1981

\*TATEYAMA,  
Shigeyoshi

\*WAKABAYASHI, Masa

\*TANAKA, Kiyo

### 1982

\*HASEBE, Noburo

\*IWABUCHI, Shimpei

MATSUI, Sadao

### 1983

NUKINA, Yoshiko

### 1984

\*HAMANISHI, Fusaye

\*HAYAM Yoshimatsu

\*KADA, Fude

\*MIDORIKAWA, Kono

NAKANO, Reizo

### 1985

\*HIROKADA, Shigeo

NASU, Chiyo

### 1986

KOMORI, Haru

\*NISHIKAWA, Hine

\*SOKUGAWA, Toshiro

### 1987

\*LEE, Kinju

\*OHIRA, Yu

\*TATEBE, Yonehiro

### 1988—33rd Year

\*MORIYAMA, Kenichi

\*WADA, Masaye

### 1990

\*ASANO, Matsue

\*MURATA, Miyano

### 1991

BANNO, Magohachi

\*DOI, Sumiko

\*GODO, Moichi

\*UTSUNOMIYA, Kinuye

### 1992

\*OSATO, Hiroko

TSUJI, Sumi

YADA, Katsutoshi

### 1993

\*CHIAI, Asae

KOYANAGI, Mitsuru

\*TANIYAMA, Shigeru

### 1994

\*FUKUHARA, Asano

\*SHISHIDO, Kiyoko

The April Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be  
Livestreamed on **Sunday, April 5th at 10:30 a.m.**

TANIZAWA, Mitsuyoshi

### 1995

MATSUNAGA, Shigekazu

### 1996—25th Year

KONDO, Masaru

TERAKITA, Hideo

### 1997

KITANO, Yaeno

TSUJI, Tadao

### 1998

NISHI, Kenichi

FUJIWARA, Akira

### 1999

MATSUSHITA, Naka

### 2000

EGAMI, Yukio

FORSYTH, Aiko Mary

KAWABATA, Eijiro

YOSHIOKA,

Matanojo George

MORIUCHI, Chie

### 2001

NISHI, Diane

TAKAI, Sumiko

TSUJI, Soto

### 2003

FUJII, Kiyosada

SHIMABUKURO, Toshio

### 2004-17th Year

BABA, Kohei

HAMAZAKI, Kazue

NAKASHIMA, Yasuharu

### 2005

MORISHITA, Sawa

### 2006

IKEGAMI, Sachiko

KIKUCHI, Toru

KOMORI, Tadahiro

### 2007

FUCHIHARA, Mike

KAZUTA, Matsuko

### 2008-13th year

NISHI, Masaru

TAKAKI, Yukio Frank

YAMASHITA,

Shunichi

### 2009

FUNATSU-MEYER,

Shohei

TAKAHARA, Kiyokazu

### 2010

NOMURA, Emily

### 2012

SATO, Sumiko

TAMAKI, Michiko

ABURAMOTO, Reiko

### 2013

YUZA, Jihei

NISHIZAWA, Chieko

TAKEUCHI, Akio

### 2014-7th Year

KURAHASHI, Akio

MORI, Akira

### 2015

NISHIMURA, Ayako

### 2017

NAKAGAWA, Shoko

NAKAGAWA, Fumie

### 2018—3rd Year

TERANISHI, Tamotsu

HIDEMI IMAI,

Jacqueline

KOYANAGI, Terry

### 2019—1st Year

NARUKE, Yasumasa

KASUYA, Ken

## Passing

Our deepest  
condolences go to  
the families and  
friends of


Mrs. Masako Yada  
(100 yrs) February 29

Mr. Noboru Hayashi  
(91 yrs) March 2

Mrs. Akiko Sakata  
(78 yrs) March 13

# April 2020

If you have emergency, you can phone  
Rev. Aoki's Cell Phone **(604)880-2654**.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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<b>5 10:30 AM</b> - Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service <b>(Livestream only)</b> NO Service at VBT 	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 NO Service at VBT until Further Notice - Easter	13 - Easter Monday	14	15	16	17	18
19 NO Service at VBT until Further Notice	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 NO Service at VBT until Further Notice	27	28	29	30	May 1	2

You can use your phone or iPad camera to read this QR code. It leads to the temple website where you can find a link to the on-line April Shotsuki Service. You can also make donations through our website.

## Cancellations

Thursday, April 2 - Asahikawa High School Band Concert

Saturday, April 4 - Board Meeting

Sunday, April 5 - April Shotsuki Memorial **\*Online Streaming Service** \*No service at VBT

Friday, April 10 - Public Lecture (Rev. Kodo Umezu)

Saturday, April 11 - Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Sunday, April 12 - Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi / Keiro-kai \*We will try to reschedule.

Wednesday, April 15 - Visitation to Nikkei Home

Saturday, April 25 - National JSBTC AGM (Lethbridge)