

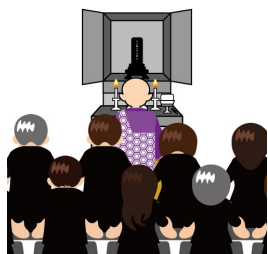
Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

Please contact Rev. Aoki at:
rev.aoki@gmail.com
to receive the Zoom link

(Service takes approximately 30
minutes - Meditation, Sutra Chanting,
and Dharma Talk)

Saturday, October 24th at
10:30AM

*if there is no signup, the service will be
cancelled without notice.



*The following services and
activities at VBT are*

cancelled

* Saturday, October 17th -
Manju Making

* Sunday, October 25th -
Fall Bazaar (no preparation on
October 23rd and 24th)

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Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Day



The first recorded assembly of Japanese Buddhists in Canada took place in Vancouver in 1904. Fourteen Buddhists met to request a minister from Nishi Hongwanji (our mother temple), in Kyoto, Japan. Rev. Senju Sasaki was appointed to be a Kaikyoshi (overseas minister) and with his wife, Tomie arrived in Vancouver on October 12th, 1905. With the minister's arrival, the Buddhists formed the Vancouver Nihon Bukkyo-kai (Japanese Buddhist Association), and our history began.

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

I once read the following passage, "Zen monks become depraved in the secular world" and "Shinshu ministers become depraved in the monastic world." I agreed when I read it, but I do not agree with it any longer. When I was in Kyoto, I once visited a Zen temple and asked if I could take a look inside. The reply from a young monk was, "We are occupied with other matters right now. Please come again on another occasion." It had the hidden message that the temple was not a place for sightseeing, and I was glad to hear it.

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple is a place where many activities are held. It is a place where people gather and have fun together. However, we are unable to do so now due to COVID-19, but we should not forget that it is a place where we can come together to listen to the Dharma.

In Passages on the Land of Happiness, written by master Tao-ch'o (562-645), it states:

Those who were been born first, guide those who come later, and those who were born later, follow those who were born before them, so that there is aspiration [of Tathagata] is continuous and uninterrupted. In this way, limitless numbers of persons who are wallowing in delusion may attain liberation.

On this occasion of Jodo Shinshu month, we should reflect and rediscover the lesson of those who were born before us, and thereby guide those who will come later. May we continue to discover joy by listening to the Dharma and together walk the path of the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu

Tatsuya Aoki



Message from the VBT Board

To date no public events or observances have been held since the pandemic lockdown. Aoki Sensei is available for small private family services, counselling and gatherings. Please call the temple to make arrangements with him.

We have scheduled a modified September monthly memorial service (Shotsuki) on Sunday, September 20th. While the maximum number of attendees will be 30, we are having a 10:30 AM service followed by a 12 noon service to avoid exceeding 30 people for each service. We ask that anyone planning to attend, to email or phone the temple a few days before, so we can plan the seating and other necessary protocols.

Some major changes are taking place around the temple. The city has now removed the homeless and the tent city in Oppenheimer Park and are re-establishing the park for what it was originally intended. The street in front of our temple is quieter and somewhat cleaner. Our immediate neighbour to the east on Powell Street, has secured a development permit from the city which means a major disruption next to our garage entrance. The new building will be 7 stories for general housing, social housing and store-front businesses. We expect to function fully without compromise during the construction.

The financial state of our temple during this difficult time has not been severely impacted, even with reduced revenue from tenants and no revenue from annual fund-raisers. And of course, thanks to our members generously donating to the temple to defray operating expenses we are presently not in difficulty.

On a sad note, we have lost Yasuko Komori, one of our hardest working, capable and dedicated long-time temple member. Our thoughts go out to her family for their loss at this time.

Namo Amida Butsu.

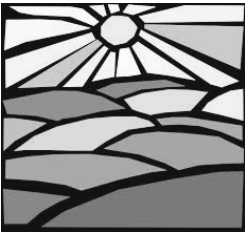
About our Tradition - Our Tradition-Offerings to our Temple

Buddhism was first introduced to Japan by Prince Shotoku (574-622). Prince Shotoku was the second son of Emperor Yomei. He was appointed Crown Prince in 593. Because of his deep knowledge and understanding of Buddhism he encouraged the promotion of Buddhism to all citizens of Japan. He studied Buddhism in Korea and became very knowledgeable about the doctrine. He is responsible for some wise statements such as “Avoid evil, undertake good”, and “This world is illusion, only the Buddha is truth.” Shinran regarded him as the Father of Buddhism in Japan. He was a very astute man and played a large part in shaping Japanese culture. His positive influence on the government and culture of the nation evolved from his understanding of the Buddha/Dharma. Unfortunately, Buddhism was much misunderstood during his time. However, he was able to show that the teaching allowed ordinary people of Japan to understand their true nature and it gave meaning to their lives. Prince Shotoku played a very important role in the development of Buddhism in Japan which eventually led to Shinran and the establishment of Jodo Shinshu as a distinct sect of Buddhism some 600 years later. In our naijin (altar) a scroll of his likeness appears on the far right.

Namo Amida Butsu

Greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Welcome to all from the Valley,



Well, spring is done and summer is almost at an end although some of the days are still very warm (breaking temperature records) the evenings seem to be signaling cooler times to come. As this season comes to an end, wild fires in the United States are sending up smoke so dense here in B.C. it almost appears as foggy as the wettest days in autumn. Between the COVID-19 pandemic and the dreadful fires decimating the western states we need to be grateful that at this time we only have the pandemic to deal with. Despite the uncertainty of rising COVID numbers, attempts to get children back to school, and people back to work, we at least do not have the physical threat of fire on our doorsteps. Gratitude comes at many levels.

Here in the valley, we have not had a full service since March and although some housekeeping activities have been taken care of - furnace, elevator and alarm company problems, it is sad that we have not been able to have a face to face Shotsuki service and missing the yearly Obon rituals was very disheartening. With gratitude we thank the senseis and various other Shinshu temples and organizations around the world who have helped fill the void with special events on line. Communicating with those who are not comfortable with technology is still a primary concern so please keep phoning those who do not feel that they can Zoom, FaceTime or Skype. In fact, those three words may be completely foreign to some of our senior sangha. The old stand by, the telephone, always works.

Although October is usually bazaar time, this year there will be no udon and bento sales at the temple and the white elephant is in hiding, so please save your donation items for next year's bazaar. The board will be meeting soon to decide how we will proceed until the end of the year.

We would like to thank all for the donations we have received this spring and summer to help us deal with our finances at the temple (insurance and upkeep still must be paid). If you have not paid your membership or if you have donations, either monetary or ideas on how we can have a safe social event, please contact us. Also since October is normally JSBTC appreciation service, any donations directed to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada can be made out to FVBT with a notation that the monies should go to JSBTC and our treasurer can direct those donations to the JSBTC.

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P.O. Box 1619
Aldergrove, B.C. V4W 2V1

By email: yoshioka_lucy@hotmail.com
or
lori.north@gmail.com

By telephone: 604 856 6492



Looking forward to communicating with you , if not, please keep smiling under your mask and stay positive.

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Day 2020



JSBTC Day is a special memorial service held by Canadian temples in October/November to remember and honour Jodo Shinshu Buddhism pioneers and followers in Canada. The month of October is important in Canada as it marks the historical beginning of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Canada: the first Jodo Shinshu minister arrived from Nishi Hongwanji (our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan) in Vancouver on October 12, 1905.

Traditionally, JSBTC Day has allowed us to gather at our local temples to collectively express our gratitude to all those who spread the Dharma Teachings before us. Unfortunately, this year, it is not likely that we will all be able to physically meet in October or November. Some temples may not yet have reopened while the others will be practising responsible social distancing and limiting the number of attendees. However, even if we are not actually in our temples, we can meet electronically to remember and honour those dedicated Jodo Shinshu followers and ministers and to honour those ministers who guide us today.

Last year, donations made on JSBTC Day went into the Ministers' Retirement Fund, recognizing the commitment of the JSBTC Board to ensure a sufficient fund to support our dedicated ministers as they take well earned retirement. This year's donations will be directed to the JSBTC Sustaining Fund.

Let us remember with gratitude those who have and those who continue to spread the Dharma. Please check with your local temple for the date of the JSBTC Day Memorial Service and let us all remember and honour with gratitude together as one common national sangha.

With Gratitude and in Gassho,

Laura Sugimoto
JSBTC President

*** Please note that due to the requirements of the Canada Revenue Agency and the Canada Not-For-Profit Act, we ask that any donations made by cheque should be payable to your local temple and marked "JSBTC Day". All donations made to JSBTC Day are gratefully accepted.

How To Make Donations to VBT Online

1. **e-transfer** to: temple.vbt@gmail.com



2. **Paypal** @ VBT Website
www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com



3. **"Canada Helps"** online donation site for charity groups
www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/vancouver-buddhist-temple/

Or simply go to www.canadahelps.org and search for "Vancouver Buddhist Church"



OCTOBER Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The October Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday,
October 4th at 10:30 am.

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

YAMASHITA, Shintaro

1971 (50th Year)

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, Kunihiro

1983

HORIO, Kunio

1985

HIRANO, Wataru

ISHIKAWA, Tomoe Pearl

AMANO, Teiichi

NISHIMURA, Masayoshi

1986

EDAMURA, Shige

URABE, Kiku

1987

KARIATSUMARI, Teru

IMADA, Ito

1988 (33rd Year)

HAMAGAMI, Natsu

UYENO, Sato

TAZAWA, Kazuo

1989

WRAY, Fred

KAMO, Yasuhiko

1990

UCHINAMI, Fujimi

SHIOZAKI, Kiyomi

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 (25th Year)

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

NOMURA, Daniel N.

SHIMOZAWA, Wataru W

2004 (17th Year)

HONKAWA, Fumiye

2005

NARITA, Noriaki

YOSHIMURA, Kazuhira

TSUJI, Mitsuye

2007

HARADA, Yae

TATEYAMA, Yukie

KUSAKA, Toyo

2008 (13th Year)

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

ONO, Tamotsu

2014 (7th Year)

SHONO, Kiyoshi

UYEDA, Yaeko

2015

SHIBATA, Kenji

KOBAYAKAWA, Sumi

2016

OMOTO, Tsutomu

MASUHARA, Akiyasu

2017

OMOTO, Reiko

NISHIMURA, Yasuko

2018 (3rd Year)

SHOJI, Akiko

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of

Mrs. Shizue Hamaguchi
(99) September 6

Mrs. Yasuko Komori
(94) September 12

**The 10:30AM Shotsuki
Service will also be
broadcasted on YouTube Live
via Rev. Aoki's Channel

The Temple is Reopening For Shotsuki Service

It has been a long time since the start of Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions. Some people have joined temple services through our YouTube presentations. Since this does not work for many people, the temple is starting special limited openings for live Shotsuki Memorial Services starting September 20th and weekly meditation starting in August in the Temple Hondo with consideration of Phase 3 provincial guidelines for physical distancing, self-screening and contact tracing.

Reservations RSVP Required

Due to a maximum of 30 attendees, those who want to attend must make a reservation and follow strict pandemic guidelines.

To make reservations for Shotsuki Memorial

Service, please contact the VBT office at either (604)253-7033 or temple.vbt@gmail.com. Only those who receive a confirmation for a specific time and date can attend.

To make reservations for Meditation, you must register on our temple website and receive an Eventbrite confirmation for the date of your event.



Additional Times for Shotsuki Memorial Service, if necessary

Depending upon the demand, the temple will make more time available for Shotsuki service. The service will be at 10:30 am. When requests for that service is filled, a second service at 12pm will be held. The service will continue to be broadcast live through the temple YouTube channel.

Pandemic Guidelines

Upon entry to the building:

- masks/face coverings must always be worn
- sanitize hands
- complete questionnaire/waiver/contact information sheet (see an example on the next page)
- follow direction arrows and go directly to your assigned seat
 - ◆ household members may sit together
 - ◆ please do not leave your assigned seat, and remember to stay socially distant (2 metres)
- large bags and backpacks are not permitted in the Hondo
 - ◆ a plastic bag will be supplied

During your visit:

- line up 2 metres between households/bubbles and use incense from the small cups for Oshoko
- one person at a time in washrooms
- the Social Hall and Kitchen are not available for use

Upon exiting the building:

- sanitize hands
- exit promptly and do not stay and mingle with others
- exit either onto Jackson Street (Hondo exit) or through the garage
 - ◆ follow the direction arrows

As requirements are constantly changing, please check our website:
vancouverbuddhisttemple.com for updates...

LET'S ALL BE CAREFUL, CALM and KIND



Vancouver Buddhist Temple COVID19 Questionnaire, Waiver, and Contact Tracing Information

Questionnaire

To prevent the spread of COVID19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our staff and members, we ask you to complete the following:

* Do you have any symptoms of illness such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell?

☐ yes ☐ no

* Have you or anyone in your household/'social bubble' traveled outside of British Columbia within the last 14 days?

☐ yes ☐ no

* Have you or anyone in your household/'social bubble' been in contact with someone who has visited or worked at an outbreak location in the last 14 days?

☐ yes ☐ no

* Have you had contact with anyone who has travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days?

☐ yes ☐ no

* Have you been in physical or close contact with or cared for anyone diagnosed with COVID19 within the last 14 days?

☐ yes ☐ no

* Do you live with anyone that is currently self-isolating?

☐ yes ☐ no

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, we ask that you do not enter the building at this time.

Waiver

I acknowledge the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and that the BCCDC and many other public health authorities still recommend practicing social distancing.

I further acknowledge that the Vancouver Buddhist Temple has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

I further acknowledge that the Vancouver Buddhist Temple cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with the Coronavirus/Covid-19.

I voluntarily attend activities, events, and services provided by the Vancouver Buddhist Temple and acknowledge that I am increasing my risk to exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

I acknowledge that I must comply with all set procedures to reduce the spread while attending.

I have read and understand the above waiver.

_____ initials

Contact Tracing Information

If we are informed of anyone who has attended our service/program and has been infected with the COVID19 virus, we would like to have your contact information, so that we may be able to contact anyone who may have been exposed. Please fill in your contact information.

Name: _____

Pew/Seat number: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

*** Please note: This information will only be used for contact tracing purposes.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Bento Box

Thank you to all who ordered our September bento box! 😊

We will continue to offer bentos on the last Sunday of each month.

To order, please return the order form, with payment to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple via mail, email (temple.vbt@gmail.com) or call (604 253-7033).

For October 25th, the bento will include:

Beef curry
Korokke
Shredded cabbage
Rice
Tsukemono (two types)



Cost: \$10.00

Also available:

*** Take-out Udon – serves 2 (chicken, scallions, and naruto)

Cost: \$11.00



*** Beef curry (no rice)

Cost: \$5.00



*** Manju packs

2 mushi manju and 4 yaki manju

Cost: \$8.00

Special: \$15.00 Bento and manju combo

Orders must be prepaid (cash, cheque, Paypal, or e-transfer). Last day to order is Tuesday, October 20th.

Pick-up: Between 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on October 25th at the Social Hall entrance.

October 25th Bento Order Form

Number of: Bento ___x \$10.00 Manju___x \$8.00 Combo ___x \$15.00

Udon___x \$11.00 Beef Curry___x \$5.00

Total cost: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____