

Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

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

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

Saturday, February 6 at 10AM
Saturday, February 20 at 10AM
Saturday, March 6 at 10AM



Sunday, February 14th
@ 10:00 a.m.

Nirvana Day and Shotsuki/ Memorial

via Zoom

Please register on the VBT website to
receive a link to the service.

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message us and each other by
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Bodhi Mind



Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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A Message from Rev. Aoki



When Sakyamuni was about to enter nirvana, he said to the bhiksus, *"From this day on, rely on the dharma, not on people who teach it. Rely on the meaning, not on the words. Rely on wisdom, not on the working of the mind...."* For example, a person instructing us by pointing to the moon with his finger is like looking at the finger only and not at the moon. The person would say, *"I am pointing with my finger to the moon in order to show it to you. Why do you look at my finger and not at the moon?"*

Since we are still unable to gather at the temple, I have now started to provide services via Zoom on Saturdays at 10 am. There are many senseis and temples that offer Sunday services online, so I have decided to conduct services on Saturday mornings. In this way, if people are not free on Sunday mornings, they can join a Saturday service. Likewise, if people cannot attend on Saturday, they can attend or watch other temple services on Sunday. I have noticed through the online services, new individuals across the country showing interest in our Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition.

"It is like the finger pointing to the moon," said Bruce Lee in the movie *"Enter the Dragon"*. This is one of my favorite phrases, which I use often to describe the essence of Buddhism. Where did this phrase originally come from? It comes from the Shurangama Sutra, a core text for Zen Buddhist training.

In this "finger to the moon" analogy, the Buddha explained that by imagining someone is trying to show you the moon by pointing to it, your True Mind is the Moon (naturally bright, which represents the teachings of the Dharma) and the finger (which represents darkness, lacking enlightenment).

If someone points to the moon, don't just look at the finger, because you will miss seeing the moon (thinking that the finger is, in fact, the moon). This is a fundamental point of Buddhist training.

The finger is the guide to the moon. If we get stuck looking just at the finger, we cannot see the moon. The finger is not the moon. However, without the light from the moon, we cannot see the finger.

We will be observing Nirvana Day (Buddha's Passing) and February's Shotsuki Memorial Service via Zoom on Sunday, February 14th at 10 am. Let us open our wisdom eyes and see the moon (Dharma).

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki



Message from the VBT Board

The temple offers a \$1000.00 scholarship to a 2021 graduating high school student seeking post-secondary education. To qualify, the applicant or his/her parent must be a current member of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple, and must complete an application form which will be adjudicated by a selection committee. For detailed information, contact the temple Scholarship Committee at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple, 604-253-7033. The completed application must be submitted to the committee no later than June 30 2021.

A special committee has been struck to study the future of the temple at our present location. Much change in the neighbourhood has taken place in the last ten or so years. The current demand for property in our area is high and our temple must seriously consider the wisdom of relocating if we are to have a future for our temple. We are hoping that a thorough discussion on the issue be had so all our members may have a say in their views on this matter. The annual general meeting of our members has been changed from February to March to gather information regarding prospects of sale seeking a suitable location.

Our elevator is now fully restored for daily use. An emergency telephone is now installed in the elevator which requires monitoring and monthly service charges. The temple is accepting donations to keep the elevator safe for everyday use.

The web online services through Zoom have been arranged by Aoki Sensei and we have now held successful services which include monthly memorials (shotsuki). On our temple website (Youtube) there are Dharma messages from Aoki Sensei. On Zoom, we have had services for New Years, Hoonko and monthly Shotsuki. Upcoming Dharma talks (special lectures) will include Rev. Takashi Miyaji, Rev. Ryuken Williams, and Rev. Jeff Wilson. See elsewhere in this publication for details.

Mr. Robert Nomura has kindly offered a quantity of special teas. They seem to be popular with the young people. Thank you and Domo Arigato Gozai Mashita

Namo Amida Butsu

Bento Postponed Again

As many of you are aware, the provincial health order that restricts all social gatherings has been extended to February 6th. This means, unfortunately, we will have to postpone our Bento program until the end of February (or until the health order has been lifted).

We appreciate your understanding during these uncertain times, and we look forward to serving you soon.

Bodhi Mind Newsletter

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Vancouver Buddhist Temple has been publishing the Bodhi Mind monthly. As a result, there has been an increase in the cost of producing the newsletter. The costs include postage (more if readers receive both the English and Japanese editions), stationery, and printing fees.

Any donations, to help with the added expenses, are greatly appreciated.

Greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Greetings from the Valley

Well, 2021 is one month old and as the buddhist teachings tell us, impermanence is ever present. We have been fortunate to be able to observe our January shotsuki service and Hoonko service in a different way, not at the temple on Haverman Road, but in our own homes by Zoom. This does not mean that the temple has disappeared, but that we have found a different way to appreciate a service. In this way, we must try to appreciate all who have gone before us, not necessarily in physical form, but in memories forever in our hearts, their actions which resulted in physical results, and their spirits and personalities left behind after they have passed.

With Covid 19 still haunting us, and so much friction and stress in the world, sometimes it is difficult to feel optimistic about the future. A reading from Dhammapada may help -

“The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, not to worry about the future, and not to anticipate troubles, but to live wisely and earnestly for the present.”

The Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple would like to thank Reverend Yasuhiro Miyakawa for his years of service and we will miss his smiling face. Have a happy retirement and “live earnestly for the present.” Hopefully, we will see him again when we can meet in person.

Again, thank you to all for the donations sent to the temple. Our February service will be held by Zoom on February 13th at 2:00 with Reverend Grant Ikuta officiating. Please join us.

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

Living Dharma Centre Lecture Series



Rainbow Dharma

Shin Buddhism and LGBTQ+ Issues in Canada and America

Saturday, February 27th



Dr. Jeff Wilson
(Professor of Religion, University of Waterloo)

10 am BC
11 am AB
Noon MB
1 pm ON

SCAN ME





Description: Join us as we explore LGBTQ+ issues in light of Amida Buddha's great compassion. Topics of discussion will include: what is the history of LGBTQ+ treatment in Buddhism? How can Shinran be understood as a queer Buddhist icon? What resources does Buddhism provide for understanding LGBTQ+ identities and issues in a positive manner? Why does Jodo Shinshu have the best Buddhist record on LGBTQ+ concerns?

Advanced registration is required at

www.jsbtc.ca

[NEXT] SAT, APR 17th

“Jodo Shinshu in the West”

Seminar with 3 Bishops



BC Hawaii Canada

Registration link available on
the VBT website

OR

www.jsbtc.ca

2021 Service and Meeting Dates

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 30th -
Buddhist Service @ 10 am

Saturday, February 6th -
Buddhist Service @ 10 am

Sunday, February 14th -
Shotsuki Service @ 10 am

Saturday, February 20th -
Buddhist Service @ 10 am

Saturday, February 27th -
Rainbow Dharma @ 10 am

Sunday, March 7th -
Shotsuki Service @ 10 am

Sunday, March 7th -
Meeting re: VBT @ 1 pm

*** All services will be via Zoom. Please register on the Vancouver Buddhist Temple website to receive the link.

Saturday, February 13 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
Sunday, February 14 th	10:00 a.m.	Nirvana Day and Shotsuki
Saturday, March 6 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting
Sunday, March 7 th	10:00 a.m.	Spring Ohigan and Shotsuki
Sunday, March 7 th	1:00 p.m.	Meeting to Discuss the VBT Building & the Future
Sunday, March 21 st	1:00 p.m.	VBT AGM
Saturday, April 10 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
Sunday, April 11 th	10:00 a.m.	Hanamatsuri / Keirokai / Shotsuki *Combined (we used to have separate Shotsuki service)
Saturday, May 8 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting
Sunday, May 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Gotane (Shinran's Birthday) and Shotsuki
Saturday, June 12 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
Sunday, June 13 th	10:00 a.m.	Parent's Day and Shotsuki
Saturday, July 10 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting
Sunday, July 11 th	TBA	OBON / Shotsuki
Saturday, August 7 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
Sunday, August 8 th	10:00 a.m.	August Shotsuki
Saturday, September 11 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting
Sunday, September 12 th	10:00 a.m.	Fall Ohigan and Shotsuki
Saturday, October 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
Sunday, October 10 th	10:00 a.m.	JSBTC Day and Shotsuki
Saturday, November 6 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting
Sunday, November 7 th	10:00 a.m.	Eitaikyo and Shotsuki
Saturday, December 4 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
Sunday, December 5 th	10:00 a.m.	Bodhi Day and Shotsuki
Friday, December 31 st	10:00 p.m.	Bell Ringing at UBC

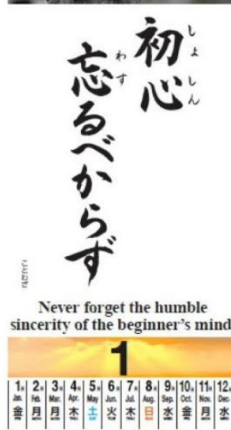
Memorial Years of 2021

1st Year - 2020
3rd Year - 2019
7th Year - 2015
13th Year - 2009

17th Year - 2005
25th Year - 1997
33rd Year - 1989
50th Year - 1972

2021 Calendars Are Available

The 2021 Buddhist calendars are available for pick up from the temple. If you are unable to pick it up and you live in the Vancouver Metro area, Rev. Aoki may be able to deliver it. Email the temple if you are interested.



How To Make Donations to VBT Online

1. **e-transfer** to: temple.vbt@gmail.com
(this is our preferred on-line method of payment)
2. Paypal @ VBT Website
www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com
3. "Canada Helps" online donation site for charity groups
www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/
vancouver-buddhist-temple/



February Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The February Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, February 14th at 10:00 am.

1952
*UEDA, Taneichi

1957
*NOMURA, Kinu

1958
*MUKAI, Matsujiro
*TERASHITA, Matsuzo

1959
*HORI, Ito
*NISHIZAWA, Sadajiro
*TAKAI, Koharu

1960
*NISHII, Iyo

1962
*NAKAGAWA, Kazuo
*TSUJIMOTO, Tsuneno

1963
INOUE, Shigetaka

1965
*HAGANE, Yoshiji
*NAKAMURA, Hirokichi
*NAKANISHI, Tamejiro

1966
*MARUMOTO, Junko

1967
*MORI, Zen

1968
KONDO, Satoshi

1969
OMORI, Takayuki
YOSHIZAWA, Ichio

1970
*KIKUTA, Toshio
*TSUMURA, Sumiye
*UYEMURA, Akio

1971
*KARIYA, Yasuyuki
NISHIMURA, Ryokan

1972—50th Year
*KONDO, Kenjiro
*SUGIE, Masami
*SUZUKI, Gennosuke
YADA, Kunie

1974
*URATA, Teru

1975
*IZUMI, Shimataro
*KOYANAGI, Ino
*NODA, Yoshie
*TANAKA, Motoyoshi
SATO, Yoshi

1976
*HIRAKIDA, Hagino

1977
*ONOUYE, Zenzaburo
*KARIYA, Jirohei

*KINOSHITA, Kazuichi
*MADOKORO, Jitsuji
*TASAKA, Yukiyo

1978
MINATO, Keiji
NASU, Bunkichi
*YAMASHITA, Bunkichi

1979
*KIMURA, Kikuo
*NAKASONE, Chie

1980
*TANAKA, Manabu

1981
*MAKINO, Toshimasa
TAGUCHI, Sataro
TANAKA, Tomijiro

1982
*FURUGORI, Kikuyo
*MASUHARA, Kishi
*NISHI, Iwano
*TAKENO, Takeiji

1983
*OURA, Kome

1984
*KAJIHARA, Tsuruyo
*MOTOMOCHI, Tomekichi

1985
*MAYENO, Kenichi
*MOMOTANI, Yuriko

1986
*MATSUDA, Mikino

1987
KOYANAGI, Taki
*SATO, Kojiro

1988
*AKASAKA, Mitsuko
TAKATA, Tadayuki
*UCHIDA, Shiro
*WAKABAYASHI, Genroku

1989—33rd Year
ASAOKA, Sotono
*INOUE, Eiji
*KUNIMOTO, Shinkatsu
*TAMAKI, Komaye

1990
*KONDO, Yoshiye

1991
*TABATA, Fumie

1992
*MAYE, Meiko
*SATO, Satoshi
*YAMADA, Masayoshi

1993
*TAGAMI, Frank

1994
*IWAMOTO, Ryuichi

1995
KAMACHI, Shigekazu
SHIBATA, Tsuya
IKEDA, Toyohiko

1996
KOZAKA, Yoshinari
OYAMA, George
*SHINYASHIKI, Kazuya

1997—25th Year
WAKABAYASHI, Yasue

1998
BANNO, Haru
HIRAKIDA, Edward
MITSUI, Kazue

1999
HIRANO, Raishu
ONO, Butch

2000
KITAMURA, Kichinosuke
NISHI, Masaharu

2001
FUKUHARA, Kisaburo
NODA, Kaoru
YAMASHITA, Kusuye
SUZUKI, Masao

2003
HAMA Teruko
JOW Marie Rebecca
TAKEUCHI Seiji

2004
KONDO, Hideo
URAIKAMI, Miyoko
YADA, Hideo
YONEDA, Yusuke

2005—17th Year
MINATO, Umeko

2006
NAKATA, Dick Sadao
NAKATSU, Teruo
SAKAMOTO, Ito
SHIODA, Tetsuya
ONEYAMA, Pete

2007
KASUYA, June

2008
KITAGAWA, Nobuko

2009—13th Year
IKEDA, Ayako
KONDO, Hatsu
SHIN, Yoshiko
YAMASHITA, Naoye
MOMOI, Minako
YAKURA, Florence
FUJINAMI, Shigeko

2010
ISHIGURO, Kiyoko
SHIMABUKURO, Seiji
MITSUI, Yoshitada
NAGAMATSU, Roy

2011
CHIYA, Hideo
UYEDA, Teruo
FUJIMOTO, Umeko

2012
WOODRUFF, Patrick

2013
SHINOHARA, Haruka

2014
ANGEL, Naomi
KOMORI, Yukino

2015—7th Year
IMAI, Harry Kiyoshi

2017
TAKAHARA, Mitsuyo
TAMAKI, Fumie

2019—3rd Year
ARAKI, Takeru
TANAKA, Roy

2020—1st Year
UYEYAMA, Yvonne
YADA, Masako

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of

Mrs. Kuniko Joshi
(77 years old)
December 10th

Mr. Herbert Nakashima
(73 years old)
December 20th



**The 10:00 a.m. Shotsuki
Service will be held via
Zoom.

Please register on the VBT
website to receive the link.

It's that time of year...

2021 Membership Renewal

Happy New Year from the Membership Committee.

As we start the New Year 2021, we would like to thank you for your dedication and support to our Temple as each one of you provides the strength to our organization. This year we will continue to keep our membership fees at \$100 per member or \$200 for two and \$25 for a student.

Please return this **Membership Renewal Form** and **Dues** to the temple: please make a cheque payable to the **Vancouver Buddhist Temple** at your earliest convenience.

In Gassho, VBT Board of Directors.

2021 Vancouver Buddhist Temple Membership Renewal Form			
Full Name: _____	Membership # _____	Toban # _____	
Address: _____		City: _____	
Province: _____	Postal Code: _____	Phone: _____	
Email Address: _____			
1 st Person: _____	Birthdate: _____		\$100.00
	month date year		
2 nd Person: _____	Birthdate: _____		\$100.00
	month date year		
Student Full Name: _____	School ID # _____		\$25.00
Cash _____	Cheque # _____	E-transfer _____	Total: \$ _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____		Phone #: _____	

Bodhi Mind/菩提心:			
To receive Bodhi Mind, please choose either E-mail or Canada Post.			
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	To receive through Canada Post, please chose below.	
Email	Canada Post - 郵送		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		English	Japanese
			Both
If you have any questions, please contact our Temple at 604-253-7033. Thank you for your dedication and continued support. Namo Amida Butsu.			
In gassho, Izumi Low – Membership Committee			
<u>2021年度メンバーシップ (会費) 更新</u>			
謹んで初春のお慶びを申し上げます。			
昨年同様、本年度も皆様からの護寺、サポートを心よりよろしくお願い申し上げます。			
さて、新年を迎え、メンバーシップ更新時期となりました。			
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