

## 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, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM



Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>  
@ 10:00 a.m.

## Spring Ohigan 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  
finding us at:

Facebook -

[https://www.facebook.com/  
VancouverBuddhistTemple2016/](https://www.facebook.com/VancouverBuddhistTemple2016/)

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# Bodhi Mind



## Vancouver Buddhist Temple

March 2021, Issue #446

### A Message from Rev. Aoki



We are already heading into March 2021. Where does the time go? We are still confronted with the challenges of having our temple remain closed. The pandemic has lasted much longer than I initially anticipated. Let us continue to be patient and practice social distancing, wear masks, and be mindful to the best of our abilities.

Although I am unable to have face to face services at the temple, I started to conduct online services on Saturdays. At first, I started to record my Dharma talks and sutra chantings, and then uploaded them onto YouTube. I also tried live-streaming monthly Shotsuki services. I have now shifted to Zoom, and it seems to be working quite well. I started with 5 - 8 people joining in the services, but I now have more than 15 - 30 people at each service. Many of them are new to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and had never attended our temple before. I changed the weekly service from Sundays to Saturdays because there are many other Senseis and temples in Canada and the USA who conduct online Sunday services. You can join or watch other services on Sunday, in addition to our Saturday service.

When I was studying to become a Buddhist minister at a Buddhist institute in Kyoto, one of my Senseis said that ministers were just an extension cord — you know, that inexpensive wire that plugs into the wall to “extend” the area into which we can plug our electrical devices and appliances. He said that an extension cord has no power of its own and is not of much value. However, electricity can move through it and make many wonderful things happen. Sensei said that he too was just an extension cord. He said that like an extension cord, he has no power of his own. However, if he is plugged into the Dharma, then, wherever he may be, he is extending the area that others may tap into the Dharma by plugging into him. I have always enjoyed that image of being just an extension cord, and I have kept that in mind throughout the years that I have been honored to share the Dharma with many people during this difficult time. As my Sensei might say, “It is not me that is doing anything. It is the Dharma that is needed and appreciated. We are just extension cords.”

When we are plugged into the Dharma, then we all become extension cords; allowing life, love, and truth to flow through us, reaching out to others.

Please continue to be safe and healthy.

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki



## **Message from the VBT Board**

After some recent house cleaning, the temple's Nokotsudo has a fresh look and feel about it. We very much encourage members and non-members to sign up for a space (niche) in our nokotsudo to place your family urns (ashes). During the wet and windy weather of the fall and winter, or in the very hot days of summer, it is nice to know a visit to your loved ones can be a simple drive to the temple. If a family wishes to visit or have a private service for a family member, a phone call to Aoki Sensei at the temple to make arrangements is all that is required. In addition to the nokotsudo, there is an adjoining family service room with a beautiful naijin (altar area) for private services. There are still available spaces for families so please contact Rev. Aoki for more information. The cost to members is \$500.00 per urn per niche - which will accommodate two urns. For non-members the cost is \$1000.00. If a non-member were to purchase a niche, by becoming a temple supporting member at a fee of \$100.00 per adult (or \$200.00 for two), a discount of \$100.00 can be made. The cost of placing an urn in a niche is a one-time charge. Whether a member or non-member, please contact the temple for more details.

The election of the temple board is held in March. The election ballot has already been mailed to every single member of our temple. Your vote is very important for the operation of our temple and also for decision-making for our future. Please cast your ballot and slip it into the enclosed envelope and mail it to, or drop it off at the temple. Your voice is most important.

From the Board,

Gassho

## **Bento Postponed Again**

Even though COVID-19 cases are decreasing, the provincial health order that restricts all social gatherings has been extended indefinitely. This means, unfortunately, we will have to postpone our Bento program until the health order is lifted).

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

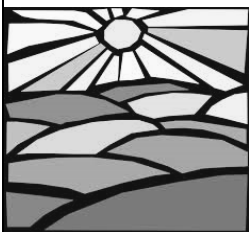
## **VBT AGM and Building Meeting**

To all temple members:

There will be a very important meeting via Zoom @ 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the location and future of the VBT. All members should have received a letter in their AGM/Election package outlining the rationale. The feedback from this meeting will assist the VBT board with any decision-making.

Please register for this meeting through the VBT website, email, or call the VBT @ 604 253-7033.

## Greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



### Greetings from the Valley

March should mean the start of spring and we do hope that the weather will improve so that we can open the windows, maybe take a walk outside, and shake off the kinks and cobwebs that have accumulated over this long winter. Not being able to join, in person, with family and friends has been tough on all of us.

We have been holding our monthly services via Zoom and thank you to everyone who have joined in. At our February Zoom service, we commented on the snow that we saw falling outside our windows and realized that, if we were still holding in-person services, the February service probably would have been cancelled due to bad weather! I guess there is a “silver lining” in that snow cloud.

2021 means that it is time to renew your membership. We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> immediately following our Zoom service. We urge all members to join this meeting as we review 2020 and make plans for 2021.

Fundraising for temples is difficult when we cannot get together. This year, our temple will be raising funds for our Dana Sale through sales of pens, flashlights, and greeting cards. The LED flashlights are \$10 each, pens are \$5 each, and cards are \$5 for a set of 5. We will be taking orders and mailing out the items. Proceeds of the sale will go towards the WF Dana Day charities. For more information, please email: [fvbtemple@gmail.com](mailto:fvbtemple@gmail.com) or call Lori at 604-351-7183.

Our next online service will be on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. To join the service please email: [fvbtemple@gmail.com](mailto:fvbtemple@gmail.com) to get the link.

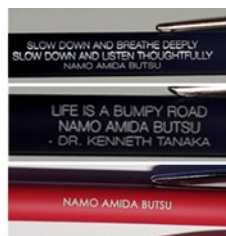
We are now able to receive payments via e-transfer to [fvbtemple@gmail.com](mailto:fvbtemple@gmail.com). Donations, membership fees, and purchases may now be made via e-transfer or by cheque. To send a cheque, please mail it to: PO Box 1619, Aldergrove, BC, V4W 2V1

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in the future.

### Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



6-LED lightbar - \$10.00



Pens - \$5.00



Cards - \$5.00/set of 5





## 2021 Service and Meeting Dates

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> -  
Shotsuki Service @ 10 am

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> -  
Meeting re: VBT @ 1 pm

Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> -  
VBT AGM @ 1:00 pm

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10 am

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

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

### Memorial Years of 2021

1 <sup>st</sup> Year - 2020	17 <sup>th</sup> Year - 2005
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year - 2019	25 <sup>th</sup> Year - 1997
7 <sup>th</sup> Year - 2015	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year - 1989
13 <sup>th</sup> Year - 2009	50 <sup>th</sup> 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 or a temple member may be able to deliver it. Email or call the temple if you are interested.



初心  
忘るべからず

Never forget the humble  
sincerity of the beginner's mind.



### 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](http://www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com)
3. "Canada Helps" online donation site for charity groups  
[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/vancouver-buddhist-temple/](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/vancouver-buddhist-temple/)



## March Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The March Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**1953**  
UYEYAMA, Toyokichi

**1957**  
NATSUHARA, Kamenosuke

**1958**  
\*NAKATANI, Tatsumatsu

**1959**  
\*KONDO, Iwa  
\*KAZAO, Heikuro

**1960**  
\*KOTANI, Kumataro  
\*SUGIE, Shosaku  
\*YOSHIDA, Sei

**1961**  
\*MAEDE, Yuji  
SAIMOTO, Kiku

**1962**  
OKANO, Kiyoko  
\*SHINDE, Matsunosuke  
\*YAMADA, Kiju

**1963**  
NUKINA, Shorin

**1964**  
\*FUJIOKA, Yashiro  
\*NISHI, (baby)  
\*OMORI, Hideko

**1965**  
\*TANAKA, Hisao  
\*YADA, Sutejiro

**1966**  
\*SAKIYAMA, Genshiro

**1968**  
\*ISHIDA, Matsugoro

**1969**  
\*KAMEI, Tsurumatsu  
\*KITAGAWA, Tsuneki  
\*NISHI, Shigetaro  
\*OKANO, Yoshihiro

**1970**  
\*TERASHITA, Tsutomu

**1971**  
\*ARAKAWA, Sukeyemon  
\*HAMA, Yoshizo  
\*MATSUMOTO, Saki  
\*TAKAHARA, Kiyotada  
\*URABE, Toyemon

**1972—50th Year**  
\*TATSUMOTO, Akino  
UYEYAMA, Shina  
\*YAMAMOTO, Haru  
\*YAMASAKI, Kunizo

**1974**  
\*HAGIHARA, Katao  
\*IMAMURA, Mary  
\*MIZUNO, Natsu

**1975**  
\*OGAWA, Yoshihisa  
\*JOWETT, Roy

**1976**  
\*CHIBA, Koichi  
\*MISHIMA, Mima  
\*MOCHIZUKI, Tajiro  
\*SUYEYOSHI, Yuzo

**1977**  
UYEYAMA, Inosuke

**1979**  
\*HAYASHI, Tamejiro

**1980**  
\*NISHI, Chiyoye

**1982**  
\*OMOTO, Minoru  
\*SARUYAMA, Danjo

**1983**  
\*KOBAYASHI, Masako

**1984**  
KAWABATA, Yoshi  
\*MATSUBARA, Tatsushiro  
\*YOSHIDA, Kanichiro

**1985**  
TANAKA, Kimi

**1986**  
\*HANAZAWA, Haru  
\*OTSUJI, Kihei

**1987**  
\*HARADA, Masuhiro  
\*NISHI, Nikichi  
\*SOKUGAWA, Toji  
\*TAKESHITA, Kazuo  
\*TAKEUCHI, Naoki  
\*YAMAHA, Hatsuye  
\*YAMASHITA, Kozue

**1988**  
\*MORISHITA, Masaru  
\*YAMASHITA, Fumiye

**1989—33rd Year**  
\*FURUGORI, Sumeko  
KITANO, Kono  
\*TERANISHI, Yoshiye

**1991**  
\*MIZUYABU, Toshio  
\*TAKAHASHI, Tamiyo

**1993**  
\*HAGANE, Toshio  
\*HAYASHI, Shomi  
\*KONDO, Hideo  
\*NODA, Jiroemon  
\*OYA, Hitoshi

**1994**  
\*KUROZUMI, Takuyo  
OKADA, Shigeto

**1995**  
MORRIS, Jeff  
TAKEDA, Masaichi  
TAKII, Ryuzo  
TAKIMOTO, Shichiro  
YABUNO, Taiichi

**1996**  
HORII, Ryotaro  
\*SHIMIZU, Tami (Jpn)

**1997—25th Year**  
HAYASHI, Yosaburo  
MUKUDA, Yone  
\*RICHARDSON, Sachiko  
\*UI, Shigeyo

**1998**  
ITO, Aki  
\*KAITA, Sue  
TOMIYE, Takashi  
\*EJIMA, Frank  
KATSUMOTO, Sato

**1999**  
YAMAKAMI, Onobu

**2000**  
SOGA, Yoshiharu  
CHIBANA, Hiroko  
TANAKA, Matsu  
OKANO, Chie  
MIYASHITA, Archie

**2002**  
KOBAYAKAWA, Toshikazu

**2004—17th Year**  
OKUBO, Haruye  
TATSUMI, Miyako

**2005**  
HIRAI, Fujiye  
SHIMIZU, Toshio  
MATSUBARA, Toshio  
\*ASAOKA, Ryoko

**2006**  
MAEKAWA, Yoshiko

**2007**  
KAKINO, George  
SHOJI, Misao

**2008**  
HIKIDA, Sadako

**2009—13th Year**  
SAKAI, Iwao  
NISHIMOTO, Kiyoshi

**2010**  
OKAHASHI, Shizuko  
UYESUGI, Emiko  
YOSHIHARA, Lillian  
Reiko  
HAMADE, Roy Ryuzo  
SHINKODA, Fusako

**2011**  
MIZUYABU, Kayoko

**2012**  
IWANAKA, Suyeko

**2013**  
ISHIGURO, Florence  
WATANABE, Hisako

**2014**  
YAMAOKA, Robert  
CHIJIWA, Shigenobu  
MORITA, Tokiye  
CHAKI, Kiyoshi  
YUNOUE, Hiroki  
KATO, Waka

**2015—7th year**  
PEACOCK, Nobue  
YAMADA, Yukio

**2016**  
OKAMURA, Yoshiyuki  
SAKAI, Kiyoe

**2017**  
LEONG, Nancy  
DAHL, Stan  
OKANO, Yukiko

**2018**  
HARADA, Toshiyo  
NAKAMURA, Ryoichi

**2019—3rd Year**  
IWANAKA, Robert

**2020—1st Year**  
HAYASHI, Noburo  
SAKATA, Akiko

### Passings

Our deepest  
condolences go to the  
families and friends of

Mr. Mitsuru (Miki) Tanaka  
(92 years old)  
February 11<sup>th</sup>

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

Please register on the VBT  
website to receive the link.

## **Joining a Zoom Meeting** **Made a Little Easier...**

### **How to join a Zoom meeting: What are the requirements?**

To join a Zoom meeting, a host first has to create a meeting and share the invite URL or meeting ID. You do not need a Zoom login to join a meeting, all you need is that meeting URL or ID (link).

### **How to join a Zoom meeting on desktop by downloading the app**

- Download the Zoom desktop app on your Mac or PC.
- Open the Zoom app.
- Click join a meeting.
- Enter the meeting ID and your name, and set audio/video permissions.

### **How to join a Zoom meeting on desktop via meeting invite link**

- Click on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or text.
- Open the Zoom app.
- Approve the request for permission to use your computer's audio and camera.
- Depending on the meeting's set-up, you may enter the meeting right away, you may need to wait for the host to arrive first or you may be placed into a waiting room that the host controls.

### **How to join a Zoom meeting through a web browser**

- You don't need to install any extra software to join or even host a Zoom meeting. You can do it all through a web browser.
- Click on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or text.
- A new tab will open on your preferred web browser. If you don't have the Zoom desktop app installed, the page will urge you to download the app.
- Ignore that and skip down to the small print: "If you cannot download or run the application, join from your browser."
- Click the highlighted text in "join from your browser".
- Sign in with your name to join the meeting.

### **How to join a Zoom meeting on mobile (iPhone, Android)**

- Download the Zoom app for iOS or for Android on Google Play, and set it up using your contact information — which the host can use to "call" you.
- Then, either:
  - Your app will ring when the host "calls" you (Accept the call)
 OR
  - Open the mobile app.
  - Tap on "Join a Meeting."
  - Enter the meeting ID and your name and set audio/video permissions.
 OR
  - Tap on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or text, which will open the Zoom app. The app may ask for permission to use your phone's camera.

Taken from: <https://www.tomsguide.com/news/how-to-join-a-zoom-meeting>

