

Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

Please contact Rev. Aoki at:
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to receive the Zoom link
or email the temple

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



Online (Zoom)
May Shotsuki
Gotane
Service
Saturday, June 5th at 10AM
Saturday, June 19th at 10AM
Saturday, June 26th at 10AM
Saturday, July 3rd at 10AM

Sunday, June 13th
@ 10:00 a.m.

**Parents' Day and
Shotsuki/Memorial**
via Zoom

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A Reflection on Anti-Asian Violence



In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, the increase in hate crimes and incidents against Asian-Canadians, Asian-Americans, and Pacific Island communities has risen significantly because of 'reports' that the virus originated in Asia. This is intimately connected to systemic, historic, and state-sanctioned discrimination against Asians in national and international relations. We support and stand in solidarity with the Asian communities in Canada. As a Buddhist organization, we need to be part of the solution. "The Golden Chain of Love", a simple, but popular Buddhist reading at Dharma services, goes as follows:

*I am a link in Amida's golden chain of love that stretches around
the world. I will keep my link bright and strong.*

*May I be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all
who are weaker than myself.*

*May I think pure and beautiful thoughts, say pure and beautiful
words, and do pure and beautiful deeds.*

*May every link in Amida's golden chain of love be bright and
strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.*

"The Golden Chain" is written in a simple style explaining the ethical teaching of Buddhism, especially to our children. It encourages and nurtures kindness and love for all beings. It is our hope that children become aware of their inner strength to protect the lives of other people and animals. This short saying inspires not only children, but adults, to pursue the goodness of human life, through the teachings of the interdependence of all things and all living things. It reminds us of the responsibility of helping one another regardless of ethnicity or colour of our skin.

With palms together,

Tatsuya Aoki, Bishop
Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada



Message from the VBT Board

With Covid protocols still in place, the temple, thankfully, is able to function using new ways and protocols as required by health authorities. Trish (Tanaka) Keizer has graciously offered her time several days every week to help at the temple to handle day-to-day office duties such as answering mail, telephone, and email correspondence. We continue to limit any public gatherings at the temple by allowing only a maximum of ten people. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. Donations from members, including revenue from rentals, have been most helpful in covering operating expenses.

We have finally confirmed the new directors of the board for the next two years (see page 5). Meanwhile, we extend deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation to the past board for their commitment over the last two years. We would especially like to acknowledge out-going board members Martha Banno and Tom Kadota, and Izumi Low (membership/Toban) for their years of dedication and service to the board and the temple. Domo arigato gozaimashita.

Thank you to all our members for your responses to our recent survey. It was very helpful as we consider where our future lies. The committee will be meeting further to find some answers to the issues at hand. The next few years are very vital in regards to our future.

Namo Amida Butsu,

The Board

Masters of Shinshu Buddhism -Vasubandhu(Tenjin)



Vasubandhu was considered by Shinran to be the second great Master of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. He was born in Gandhara, Northern India in approximately 320CE (Common Era) and about two hundred years after Nagarjuna, the first Master. He became ordained as a monk of the Sarvastivada school of the Hinayana path. He was a prolific writer of many commentaries and produced many great works on Buddhist philosophy. At first, while he became a highly respected scholar of Yogacara philosophy, he had no direct contact with Mahayana teachings. He was introduced to Mahayana by his brother and finally converted to Mahayana philosophy. He could see the similarity of Yogacara philosophy and the meditative process of the Pure Land path. Over time, wherever he traveled, he began to see so much suffering of his fellow man and wanted desperately to bring some measure of peace to the peoples of his world. In the midst of his studies and experiences, he heard the compassionate calling voice of Amida Buddha. Overflowing with joy, he called out----"Namo Amida Butsu!"

Vasubandhu saw that people are never alone, nor forgotten, for the love of Amida is in our hearts at all times. While much of the world was in turmoil, his unwavering focus was on Amida with faith and humility. He exclaimed:

"I take refuge with a single heart in the Tathagata of Unimpeded Light pervading in the Ten Quarters and pray to be born in his Land of Bliss."

Greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Welcome to the valley June 2021,

We were able to hold our May shotsuki and Gotane-e service on zoom with Reverend Aoki presiding and Reverend Naoki Hirano as guest speaker. May 21st is celebrated as the birth of Shinran Shonin so the May service is especially important to Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. One of Shinran Shonin's quotations found in our Shin Buddhist Service book is very appropriate for us at this time.

He said, "May your spiritual journey allow you to accept whatever is happening in your life. This gift of life is your practice. Life itself is your teaching."

When we look back at the 2020 June Bodhi Mind FVBT article, there was much sadness and worry about the state of our lives at that time, only one year ago. This year, one year later, there is more hope and optimism ...vaccinations to soften the effects of the COVID-19 illness, some semblance of returning to a little more human contact, and of course a new minister, Reverend Hirano, to serve the Canadian kyodan. We have lived through fear of not getting vaccinated, losing loved ones and not being able to be with them, and again wondering what other losses we may suffer. But we have gained. As Shinran Shonin said, if we accept what is happening, life will teach us. Our gains.... We have learned to communicate virtually, often across many hundreds of kilometres, we even see some of our senior seniors able to get onto Zoom for our monthly services. We learn to DO for ourselves instead of getting help, and we try to be patient when difficulties arise.

Obon 2021 may be a hybrid of virtual and actual. We know that we probably can't have service as we did before with obon odori and delicious food, and if we can meet, it will probably be later in the summer. At this time, we are looking at early August even for the virtual obon service.

Thank you to those sangha members who have helped with donations to the temple. Although we have not been able to hold services for a long time, we still had to pay such expenses as the elevator checkups, heating (not very warm, but still on) telephone (security alarm) and the very expensive insurance we are required to maintain. And even though we don't have to park at the temple, we must still keep the grass and dandelions down so that we don't have a hayfield to deal with when we can go back. So, please consider the items for sale, the family shotsuki services on Zoom, and of course your memberships (if you have forgotten).

In gassho

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



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2. PayPal @ VBT Website

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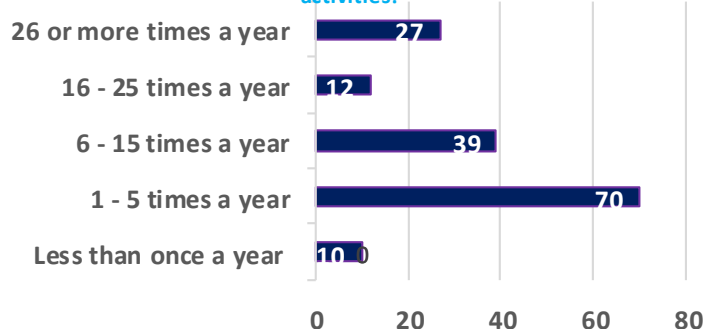
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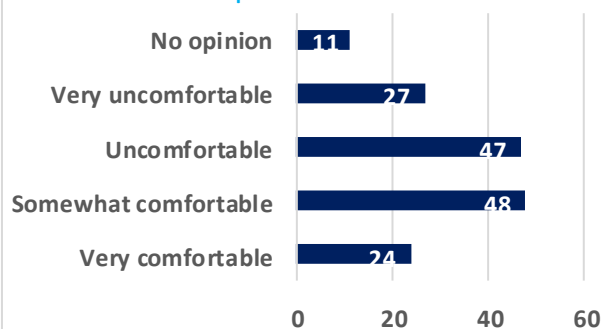
The Future of the VBT Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned their surveys. We had a good return rate ~67% (158/235). The results of the survey will not definitively determine the future of the VBT, but will help guide the board and committee members look at various options. The feedback and comments were very useful and will be considered in any decision-making. The VBT would also like to thank those people who have offered to help and work with the committee look at the different options for the temple's future.

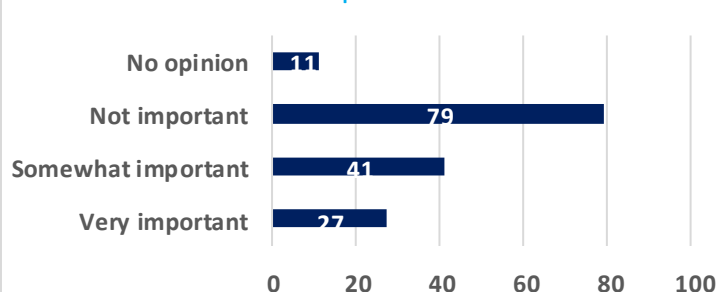
Q. 1 How many times a year do you visit the VBT for services and activities?



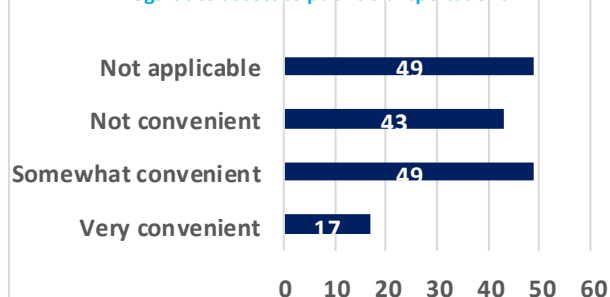
Q. 2 How comfortable are you to continue attending activities at the temple at its current location?



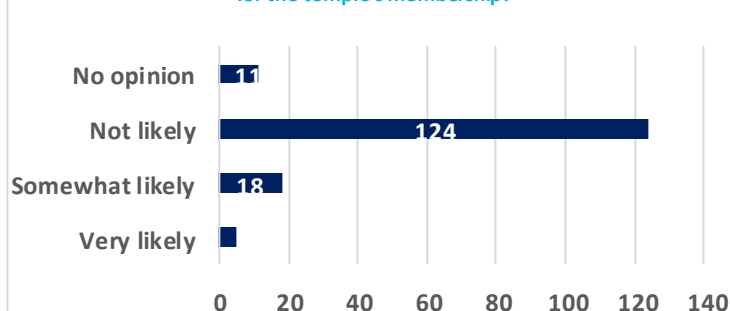
Q. 3 How important is the historical aspects of the temple's location in old Japantown?



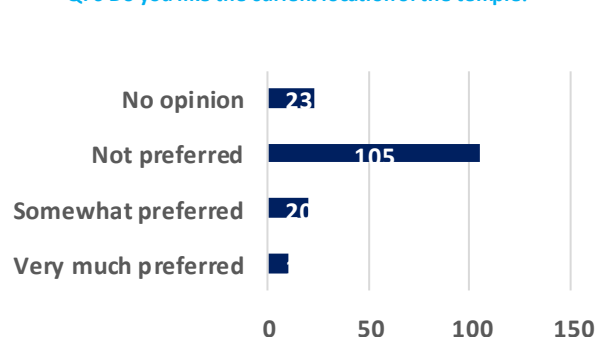
Q. 4 How would you rate the temple's current location with regards to access to public transportation?



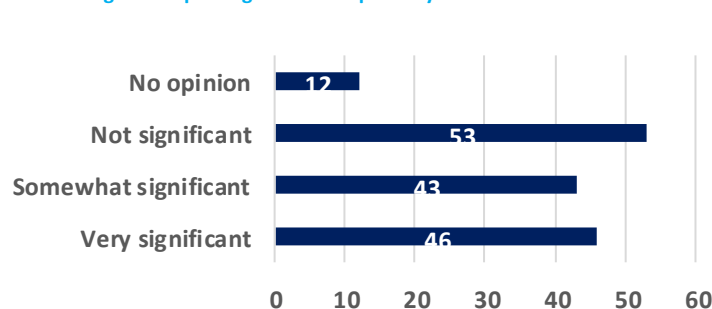
Q. 5 In regards to the temple's current location, do you see potential growth for the temple's membership?



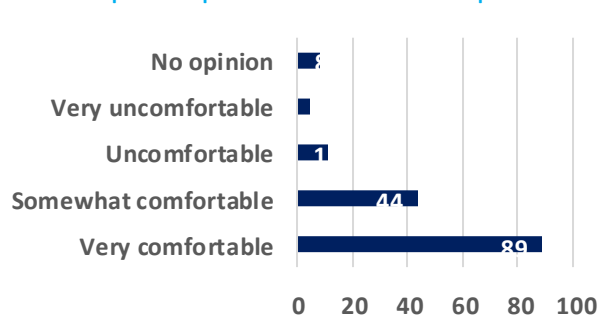
Q. 6 Do you like the current location of the temple?



Q. 7 How significant are the parking conditions outside the temple's underground parking lot with respect to your attendance at events?



Q. 8 How comfortable would you be with the VBT's Board to explore the potential relocation of the temple?



2021 Service and Meeting Dates

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 5th -
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Sunday, June 13th -
Shotsuki Service @ 10 am

Saturday, June 19th -
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Sunday, - June 26th -
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Sunday, June 27th -
Dharma Café @ 10 am

Saturday, July 3rd -
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Sunday, July 11th -
Obon/Hatsubon/Shotsuki

*** All services will be via Zoom. Please email the VBT to receive the link, or use the QR code:



June 2021



[Meeting ID] 692 059 0986

[Passcode] shinran

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 10AM Dharma Service
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Meeting *No Service
13 10AM June Shotsuki Memorial Service	14	15	16	17	18	19 10AM Dharma Service
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 10AM Dharma Service
27 10AM Dharma Café Casual dialogue with Sensei	28	29	30	July 1 Canada Day 	2	3 10AM Dharma Service

Obon

An Obon service is scheduled for Sunday, July 11th at 10am via Zoom. Due to possible changes to the current health restrictions, we may be able to have an in-person service at the temple, as well. If there is an in-house service, we will take every precaution to welcome & accommodate everyone attending the service.

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

The VBT's 2021 - 2023 Executive and Board of Directors

Shortly after the VBT's annual general meeting, the election results were tabulated and all elected board members were contacted. A new executive was formed at the May board meeting.

The 2021-23 VBT Executive is:

Dave Ohori - President
Trish Keizer - Vice president
Yvonne Nakano - Treasurer
Derek Iwanaka - Secretary

The members of the 2021 -23 VBT Board of Directors are:

Robert Akune	Mits Kazuta
Lorna Bishop	Eileen Kitamura
Greg Chor	Paul Kitamura
Patrick Couling	Jason Lesage
Frank Hamanishi	Joanne Yuasa
Tim Hirata	

There are many committees that help keep the temple running smoothly. Some of the committee chairs are:

Obon: Yvonne Nakano/Dave Ohori

Powell Street Festival: Lorna Bishop/Greg Chor

Bazaars: Yvonne Nakano/Dave Ohori

Mochitsuki: Yvonne Nakano/Dave Ohori

Bodhi Mind: Rev. Aoki/Trish Keizer

Najin Care/Najin Flowers: Frank Hamanishi/Bob Nomura

Najin Flowers: Rev. Aoki

Funerals: Frank Hamanishi/Bob Nomura

Women's Rep: Lorna Bishop

Toban System: Trish Keizer

Membership: Trish Keizer

Investments: Greg Chor/Yvonne Nakano

Facility Rentals: Greg Chor

Elections Process: Trish Keizer/Yvonne Nakano

Scholarships: Bob Akune

Website: Greg Chor

Social Media/PR: Jason Lesage

Community Outreach: Jason Lesage

Manning Park: Greg Chor/Dave Ohori

Minister's Affairs: Lorna Bishop/Patrick Couling/Paul Kitamura

Building Maintenance/Operations: Greg Chor/Mayumi Dar/
Tim Hirata/Dave Ohori

VBT Future: Lorna Bishop/Greg Chor/Derek Iwanaka/
Trish Keizer/Yvonne Nakano/Dave Ohori/

Religious Education/Affairs: Patrick Couling

June Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1959

*YAMAMOTO, Koshichi

1961

*HIRAKIDA, Chiyoko

MUKUYAMA, Sueko

1962

*KAWAGUCHI, Yoshigoro

1963

*UI, Kenny

*YAMASHITA, Manjiro

1964

*TAKEUCHI, Tomiye

1965

*HUDSON, Irene

1967

*INOUE, Kazuo

NAKAMURA, Rie

1968

*FURUKAWA, Kumakichi

KASUYA, Toyonari

*NODA, Sueno

YADA, Kamenno

1969

*HIKIDA, Yazaemon

1970

KANEKO, Shojiro

*MIYAGAWA, Ume

*ONO, Yosojiro

1971

*TABATA, Heizo

1972 (50th Year)

*KONO, Nobue

*MAYEDA, Miyuki

*OHARA, Jo

1973

TAGUCHI, Sowa

1974

SAKAI, Tokuzo

*YAMAKE, Junzo

KASHIYAMA, Sumi

1975

*MORITA, Hiroshi

*SUGIYAMA, Yusaku

*WADA, Tsuneko

1976

KOBAYASHI, Kanzaburo

1977

*DOI, Yojiro

*HIRAYAMA, Shigeru

*YUDA, Chiwako

1978

*LEE, Shion

*MITSUI, Miyako

*NAGANO, Kazuichi

*SHINTANI, Kuni

1979

HARA, Shinichi

*KOZAI, Kiri

1981

*HORI, Tadao

WAKAHARA, Haru

1982

*MAYEDA, Hatsu

1983

*TANII, Kichiji

TERANISHI, Masuye

1985

*IWANAKA, Motoi

KARAKI, Hideaki

*KUMAMOTO, Jun

NISHIGUCHI, Waku

1986

NAKAMURA, Kamenno

*TANIGUCHI, Juntaro

*TANIZAWA, Shige

UYENO, Yukio

SHIKAZE, Yoshio

1987

FUJIWARA, Katsu

KURAHASHI, Setsuko

MATSUTANI, Itono

1988

*SHIMIZU, Kaneyoshi

1990

*FUJII, Kazuko

1991

*SATO, Hideo

*MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko

*YOSHIDA, Teiichi

1992

EGAMI, Kimiye

*HAMANISHI, Takeo

*KAWAMOTO, Itoye

KUMANO, Asae

*KURAHASHI, Hisako

*NARIWA, Masahiro

*TANAKA, Mizuo

1993

MORISHITA, Teiji

MURATA, Yoshikazu

*YOSHIDA, Alvin

1994

*TAKUBO, Hisao

*FUJITA, Yasuyoshi

1995

INOUE, Tsutomu

ITO, Misao

WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuye

YAKURA, Yukinobu

YANO, Matsuyo

YANASE, Katsuhiko

KOBAYASHI, Hiroko

1996

SHIMIZU, Aiko

The June Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, June 13th at 10:00 am.

1997 (25th Year)

*KANAYAMA, Shoichi

UYEDA, Miki

UYENO, Sumio

SHIKAZE, Eda

1998

HAMAZAKI, Kazuko

ODA, Masato

TANAKA, Yoshi

1999

MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi

NAKAGAWA, Yoshio

2000

KAZUTA, Kiyozo

2001

KOJIMA, Marge

SHIMABUKURO, Nellie

IWATA, Robert

2002

*ASAOA, George

NAKAHARA, Ryosuke

2003

FUJITA, Chizuko

SOGA, Tsuneko

GOMYO, Yoshiaki

2004

SAKAMOTO,

SHIGEKU, Helen

HIRAKIDA, Margaret

2005 (17th Year)

FUKUMOTO, Toshiyuki

HAMA, Shizue

*FUKUDA, Yoshiko

MATSUNAGA, Toshiko

HIQUEBRAN, Harumi

HIQUEBRAN, Jimmy

HIROSHI, James

MATSUNAGA, Masami

2006

BANDO, Hatsu

ISHINO, Masahiko

2007

WADA, Osamu

2008

SHIMIZU, Chiyomi

KISHIDA, Akira

2009 (13th Year)

MATSUMOTO, Yoshiaki

SUGA, Kanji

SUZUKI, Yukiko

2010

URATA, Michiho

2011

TAMURA, Misao

KIKUCHI, Megumi

2012

TODA, Miyo

KUBO, Yoshiko

MORI, Takao

2013

OKUYAMA, Yasuo

UEDA, Fumiaki

SAKAMOTO, Fujie

2015 (7th Year)

OTAKI, Hiromi

TSUJI, Nobuo

2016

HOTTA, Shigeo

YAMAMOTO, Yoshino

MIYASHITA, Tsugi

ONO, Misao

TATEYAMA, Joe

2017

TOMITA, Hozumi

WATANABE, Kyoko

2018

UTSUNOMIYA, Seiichi

2019 (3rd Year)

HAMAGUCHI, Yuji

NOSE, Miyoko

2020 (1st Year)

TANAKA, Shizuo

YOSHIOKA, Hideko



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

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Also, you can dial-in to the service.

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