

Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

Please contact Rev. Aoki at:
rev.aoki@gmail.com
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, September 4th at 10AM
Saturday, September 25th at 10AM
Saturday, October 2nd at 10AM

Sunday, September 12th

@ 10:00 a.m. at the VBT

September Shotsuki/Memorial & Fall Ohigan Service

If you would like to attend the service,
please call 604 253-7033
or email temple.vbt@gmail.com
to RSVP. There will be limited seating.

The Zoom link is:
Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
Passcode: shinran

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Vancouver Buddhist Temple

September 2021, Issue #452



The Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching

This will be a great opportunity to express our appreciation for Shinran Shonin, who founded the Jodo Shinshu Tradition. Thanks to this universal teaching that excludes no one, we are enabled to live with peace of mind entrusting ourselves to Amida Buddha's salvific working. We look forward to welcoming as many fellow Nembutsu followers as possible from the overseas sanghas to this only once in fifty-year occasion.

With the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention scheduled for May 11 and 12, 2023, many seats have been secured for the overseas delegation during the following dates:

May 10, 2023 Morning Observance

May 10, 2023 Afternoon Observance

Of course, we gladly welcome you to attend during the other dates and sessions as well. Please notify your resident minister of your plans by Monday, November 15th, 2021. Only when the service of your group's first choice happens to be significantly overcrowded, might you be asked to reschedule to another date/session. Registrations following the first application period will be accepted, but please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate your requested date/session. Contact HIC for seat availability.

In gassho,

Hongwanji International Center



Message from the VBT Board

It is now a year and a half since our members have been able to use our facilities. During that time, as all homeowners know, there is always maintenance and upkeep necessary. The garage door, elevator, kitchen plumbing, heating system, security system, are but a few of the repairs and replacements that our operations and maintenance committee and members have had to deal with. We are truly thankful to the committee for their dedication and self-sacrifice.

Hopefully, the month of September will be the last month we will be compromised by COVID. The month of October has been targeted for the resumption of regular events. The September shotsuki therefore, will be still constrained by the COVID restrictions, with attendance limited to a maximum of 50 people.

Our temple recently participated in the annual Powell Street Festival - held on the BC Day weekend. We made two special bento lunch boxes for food sales - prepared by our very able members. It was a successful fund-raiser.

The neighbourhood has seen some changes recently. Oppenheimer Park is restored to its original condition for public use and there is less loitering around the immediate neighbourhood. The Outlook Health and Housing Society, owner of the building to the east and next to our garage entrance, has received a building permit to demolish their present building and construct a new multi-level building. Construction will probably last approximately two to three years. Please be very mindful and careful of construction activity on Powell Street.

The BC Buddhist Federation annual convention in September is being hosted by our temple. The event will feature Rev. Henry Adams of San Mateo Buddhist Temple (California) as our guest speaker. More details can be found in this publication.

From the Board

Thank You to...

A lot of work is required to keep the temple in working order. From time to time things break-down or we need assistance in the kitchen. As well as the board of directors, we are very fortunate to have volunteers answer the call for help.

A huge shout-out and thanks to:

- ◆ Ed Oyama and Ernie Taguchi for sealing the leak in the sump.
- ◆ Bob Nomura and Roy Tatsumi for repairing/replacing the gym stairs broken tiles.
- ◆ Bob Nomura for repairing the bottom of the gym stairs and door frame.
- ◆ Molly Akune, Fujiko Kitano, Sumie Takahashi, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine Yoshida, Kaz Yoshida, and Margaret Yoshida for helping to prepare and package bentos for the Powell Street Festival.
- ◆ Art Oyama for tending to the locks and providing keys,

Volunteers Needed...

With the temple slowly opening up, we will be resuming some of our activities. We will need volunteers to help with the preparation of bentos on Sunday, September 26th.

We are also looking for about 15 volunteers to help with manju-making on Saturdays October 9th and 23rd.

If you are available to help with any of these events, please call the temple at: 604 253-7033 or email at: temple.vbt@gmail.com

Greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Greetings everyone,

Thank you to our Board members and volunteers who gathered in mid-July to open our doors to air out the building and clean the dust and dirt that had piled up in the past year and take steps to make things safe for those who registered for our August service.

On August 7th we welcomed 39 sangha members to hear the dharma, join in a bento lunch, and follow Miyoko as she led our sangha in two Bon-Odori dances. There were many smiles all around.

Recent news stories are mentioning that the Covid-19 case numbers are again starting to rise in our province so we have decided to postpone our return to "full services as usual" and will hold an on-line service for September. That service will be on Saturday, September 11th at 2:00pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81064488518?pwd=WEt1V2luTU1IN3BJQzG5b2UrL2RTQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 6448 8518

Passcode: 325947

If you would like the link and a reminder email sent to you, please email fvbtemple@gmail.com at least 3 days before the service.

Our fundraising efforts this year are through donations and our Digital Marketplace where you may purchase pens (\$5.00), lights (\$10.00), and cards (\$5.00/set). For more information on our Marketplace please email fvbtemple@gmail.com or call Lori at 604-351-7183.

We are now able to receive payments via e-transfer to 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

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple FUNDRAISING MARKETPLACE 2021

Please support our temple and our charitable projects.



6-LED Light Bar

\$10.00



Pens

\$5.00

Choice of
inscriptions



Blank Greeting
Cards \$5.00/pkg

A small postage charge will be added to your order. Please contact Lori at 604-351-7183 or email fvbtemple@gmail.com for more information. Thank you for your support.

How to Donate to the VBT

1. e-transfer (our preferred method)

temple.vbt@gmail.com



2. PayPal @ VBT Website

www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com

PayPal™



3. Canada Helps: www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/vancouver-buddhist-temple/



Letter to all BC Jodo Shinshu Temples

The BCJSBTF [the Federation] like so many, has been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. All programs and activities have been cancelled in the last 18 months resulting in many challenges.

Here is a brief history of the BCJSBTF (BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation). The Federation had its beginnings in 1954 when Sunday School Teacher's met in Kelowna to form a BC Sunday School Teacher's League. The Teacher's League subsequently held annual conventions, the first of which started in Vancouver in 1955. Kamloops, Kelowna, Fraser Valley, Steveston and Vancouver attended the first convention. The convention had a variety of speakers, programs and social events. These events proved to be very popular and continued for many conventions.

By the 1970's, the Temple membership demographics began to change as more parents became involved and the Women's Association started food preparations. The Teachers' League took a less active role and in 1977 the convention became known as the BC Buddhist Convention.

Temple memberships started to decline in the 90's and Kelowna Buddhist Temple ceased to be a member of the Federation in 2010. Despite this setback, some of the smaller Temples have become more active and conventions have been hosted by Kamloops, Fraser Valley and Vernon Buddhist Temples as well as Steveston and Vancouver.

In the last decade or so, the Federation has sponsored the following activities/programs:

- 1- Annual Convention and Lottery Fund held in September.
- 2- Manning Park Retreat organized by Vancouver Temple for the last 8-10 years.
- 3- Scholarship for Post Secondary students.
- 4- Vancouver Island Obon Tour.
- 5- Student Tour of Japan and Hongwanji.

Because of the Pandemic, the Federation suspended Temple fees to lessen financial hardship for Temples.

As we resume programs and activities sponsored through the Federation, we are gratefully accepting donations.

Donations by cheque:

Payable To: *Your Temple*

Memo line: **BC Federation**

Those who will be attending the 2021 Virtual Convention on September 18 and 19 2021 may make a donation at that time.

In Gassho,

Ted Akune
President,
BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist
Temples Federation



Saturday, September 18th, 2021

(10 am) British Columbia (11 am) Alberta (Noon) Manitoba (1 pm) Ontario



Click here to donate to the VBT via
Canada Helps.Org

Registration is **free**, but a donation to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple would be greatly appreciated. Please **indicate "BC Fed Convention"** so that the Vancouver Buddhist Temple can forward your donation to the BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation.

Donations can also be made
by e-transfer to:
temple.vbt@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact: rev.aoki@gmail.com

Topic: BC Buddhist Convention
Time: Saturday, September 18, 2021 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6920590986?pwd=YTdtbkx6M0cxUHpPNXA4YWVWdVRSW5Zz09>
Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
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2021 Service and Meeting Dates

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 4th -
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Sunday, September 12th -
Shotsuki/Memorial & Fall
Ohigan Service
@ 10 am at VBT (RSVP)
& on-line

Saturday, September 18th -
BCJSTF Convention
(hosted by the VBT)
@ 10 am

Sunday, September 19th -
BCJSTF Tsuito Hoyo
@ 10 am

Saturday, September 25th -
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Saturday, October 2nd -
Dharma Service @ 10 am

*** All services, except where
indicated, will be via Zoom.

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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

A Few Words From Joanne Yuasa

As many of you know, I have been in Toronto for the past 3 years, completing a masters degree in Pastoral Studies with a focus on Buddhist Psychotherapy and Spiritual Care (which used to be called “chaplaincy”), at the University of Toronto and the Toronto School of Theology.

In my school work, I came to a deep appreciation for having encountered the Nembutsu path at VBT and how much influence it has had in my personal formation.

I only encountered Jodo Shinshu and VBT through the guidance of a former therapist whom I was seeing for my own mental illness. VBT played a major role in my learning how to live with depression and social anxiety disorder, and I consider VBT the community in which I grew into spiritual maturity so that I could live authentically and with purpose, as a productive person in society - I think of VBT as my spiritual home.

I was invited to the online VBT Obon service in July and was presented (with considerable organization by Aoki Sensei and help from the Fujii Sensei at the Hongwanji International Centre [Kyoto] and Ouchi Sensei [Toronto Buddhist Church]) with a one-of-a-kind, custom made (in Kyoto), Vancouver Canucks-themed o-nenju to mark my graduation from my masters program. Not only was it a tremendous surprise, but I am deeply touched to have been recognized by VBT. The words “thank you” are not enough!

The o-nenju was gifted to me with the sentiment that “I always have something to remind me of VBT”. This was never going to be a problem for me, but it is particularly meaningful for me in my next steps of my career. While I was in my masters program, I was recruited to be a Buddhist minister/chaplain in the Royal Canadian Chaplains Service of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). With the support of Aoki Sensei that Jodo Shinshu ministry is aligned with military chaplaincy, I was enrolled as a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Immediately after graduation in May, I started a ministerial internship at Toronto Buddhist Church as part of my overall training required by the CAF. Eventually, I will be serving all the members of the CAF to support their spiritual needs.

As I advance in my training and in this career, I will carry my special o-nenju and continue to look to VBT for personal spiritual support and guidance. There is absolutely nothing I can do to fully express my gratitude for having such a supportive spiritual home like VBT.

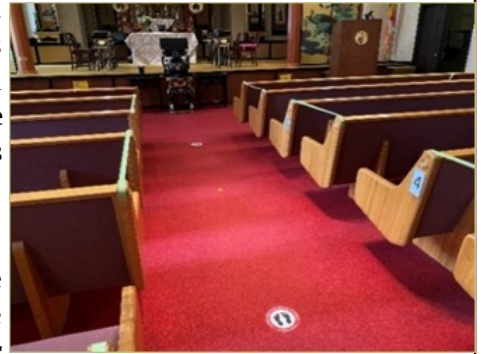
Namo Amida Butsu.

~JMY



The Temple is Gradually 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 Zoom. Since this does not work for everyone, the temple will have limited openings for in-person Shotsuki Memorial Services. The **September Memorial/Shotsuki Service will be on Sunday, September 12th @ 10:00 a.m. in the temple's Hondo** with adherence to provincial guidelines for physical distancing, self-screening and contact tracing.



Depending upon the demand, the temple may be able to accommodate a second serviced @ 11:30 a.m. The temple will add sessions, if more are required, so **please RSVP well in advance**. The **on-line September Memorial/Shotsuki service will be held simultaneously (Sunday, September 12 @ 10:00 a.m.)**.

Reservations (RSVP) Required

Due to a maximum of 50 attendees (taking into consideration the health and safety of all attendees, the VBT has set 50 as the maximum for an indoor service), those who want to attend must make a reservation and follow the temple's pandemic guidelines. Anyone is welcomed to attend the service. The final **day to reserve a seat is Thursday, September 7th @ 12:00 p.m.**

To make reservations for the September Memorial/Shotsuki 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. For those who would like to join the service on-line. Please use this Zoom link:

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Pandemic Guidelines

As restrictions ease, the VBT prefers to take a cautious approach. For September, at least, there will be socially distant and limited seating in the Hondo.

Upon entry to the building:

- masks/face coverings must always be worn
- sanitize hands
- complete questionnaire and contact information sheet (one per household)
- follow the 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)

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 for updates:

vancouverbuddhisttemple.com

LET'S ALL BE CAREFUL, CALM and KIND

September Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The September Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 12th at 10:00 am. Please RSVP if you would like to attend in person.

1958

KARIYA, Tsune
Baby Okamoto
SATO, Saburo

1960

IINUMA, Chusaburo
KOHARA, Maju

1961

KAWASHIMA, Masaki
Baby Yamamoto

1963

UCHINAMI, Kazumi

1964

KAGETSU, Tsurutaro

1965

KASUYA, Kenzo
TANAKA, Tei
IWASAKI, Kinnosuke
SHIOZAKI, Minoru

1966

ITO, Yukie

1967

OKANO, Moritaro

1968

HAYASHI, Eikichi

1969

NAKASHIMA, Asa

1970

MIYANO, Tetsuro
OMOTO, Kanshiro

1971

IKEGAMI, Matajiro

1972 - 50th year

KOMINAMI, Jiroichi
MIMOTO, Torasu

1973

KAWASAKI, Tokusuke

1974

TAZAWA, Haru
YANO, Minoru

1976

NAKANO, Heiroku
HAYASHI, Tatsuo
TAKAHASHI, Genza

1977

RYUJIN, Shinaye
YADA, Takao

1979

TOMITA, Mariko

1980

KITAGAWA, Yosokichi

1981

IDA, Tsunejiro

FUJII, Tetsuo

YOSHIDA, Hari

1982

UYESUGI, Ryu
TANAKA, Yoshie

1984

INAMASU, Yoshio
YOSHIZAWA, Shizuyo

1985

MINESHI, Ichiro

1986

OYE, Yakichi
SHIMIZU, Kimiteru
UYESUGI, Naosada

1987

EBATA, Masukichi
HAYASHI, Matsujiro
HAMANISHI, Shizuka
ISHIDA, Tomiye

KITAGAWA, Shosuke

1988

MATSUTANI, Hidehiro

1989 - 33rd year

UYESUGI, Bunshichi
HAMA, Seitaro
TAKEUCHI, Itsu

1992

HAMANISHI, Katsuji
KURAMOTO, Roy
NAGASHIMA, Ishi

1994

YAGISAWA, Yuri
KAWAGOE, Kiyoshi
TAKEUCHI, Chisato
YAMASHITA, Akira

1995

NISHIMURA, Emiko
SUGIMOTO, Kanao

1996

TAN, Misao
OKAHORI, Yoshie
KADOTA, Kunio
CHOI, Jong Hee

1997 - 25th year

MURATA, Miyako

1998

YAMASHITA, Iwataro
HAMADA, Hideichi

1999

MASUDA, Maria Masako
YAGISAWA, Christopher
Akira

TERAI, Shige

AYUKAWA, Funi

2000

ANDO, Eiichi
AMANO, Emi
OHASHI, Hatsuko

2001

MINATO, Toshimi
YADA, Yoshiko

2002

OMOTO, Teruko
INOUE, Hisaye
KADO, Shizuo
TSURUGA, Masataro
SHINKODA, Mitsuo

2003

HAMA, Shigeo

2004

NAKATA, Toyoko

2005 - 17th year

NAKAMURA, Kimi
KOMORI, Haruo

2006

KOBAYASHI, Toyoko
TSURUSAKI, Nobuya

2007

TANABE, Lily Sachiko
KAGAWA, Ayaka

2008

NASU, Katsumi
UYEYAMA, Toshio
2009 - 13th year
UYENO, Kenneth Akira

2010

MORISHITA, Kimiye

2011

MURACHI, Matsuri

2012

MATSUBARA, Teruko
KOYAMA, Keiko
KOGAWA, Natsumi

2014

GOMYO, Yoshie
OBARA, George
SHIKAZE, Hisako

2015 - 7th year

UEDA, Sayomi
MATSUI, Kikuye

2016

YAMAMOTO, Michiyo
Mike

OYA, Osamu
KOGAWA, Natsumi

2018

ASAKURA, Mieko
UYEYAMA, Kimie

2020 - 1st year

HAMAGUCHI, Shizue
KOMORI, Yasuko
OKADA, Tom Shigeso
UYEDA, Eiji

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of

Mr. Yoshiro Shoji
(82 yrs) July 22nd

&

Mrs. Masako Takata
(96 yrs) August 18th

**The Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, September 12th at the temple (RSVP) & via Zoom @ 10 am.

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Bento Box

We will start up our bento program again in September. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we weathered through COVID-19. We have a record of those who paid for bentos last fall. If you are not sure if you paid or not, please contact the temple.

Once again, on the last Sunday of each month, we will be selling bento. A delicious way to support the temple. 😊

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 September 26th, the bento will include:

- ◆ Spring salmon teriyaki
- ◆ Gyoza (3)
- ◆ Broccoli salad
- ◆ Shiraae
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Tsukemono (2 kinds)



Cost: \$15.00

Orders must be prepaid (cash, cheque, or e-transfer). **Last day to order is Tuesday, September 21st.**

Pick-up: Between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on September 26th at the Social Hall entrance.

September 26th Bento Order Form

Number of: Bento ____x \$15.00

Total cost: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____