

## 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, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10AM  
Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10AM  
Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

@ 10:00 a.m. at the VBT

### November Shotsuki/Memorial & Eitaikyo 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:  
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# Bodhi Mind



## Vancouver Buddhist Temple

November 2021, Issue #454

### Wherever we are...



The leaves of autumn are changing their colours and falling to the ground. We are also experiencing more rainy days than usual. Before long, the arrival of winter will be upon us. I do like the distinctive nature of seasonal transition in Vancouver, and I certainly enjoy all the different seasons.

October 16<sup>th</sup> was my father's memorial day, and this year was also his 17<sup>th</sup> year memorial service. I was unable to join my family in Japan to observe the service. When I was conducting and observing the October Shotsuki service, I shared this Dharma message.

When my dad was in the hospital for a few months, I was able to take four days off from the temple to visit him in September of 2005. I was able to see him for two days at the hospital, and I also, briefly, visited him prior to my departure from Chitose airport in Hokkaido - not knowing that the visit would be the last time we would see each other. What I recall the most of the visit was that he seemed to be choosing the right words to say, as if he knew it would be the last time we would be together physically. Just before I bid good-bye, he asked me a question.

Dad: "What do you remember the most about our family?" (It took a moment for me to answer the question because I had so many good memories to choose from.)

Tatsuya: "I remember summer camping the most, Dad."

Dad: "Why is that?"

Tatsuya: "We were able to see and visit places we had never been to as a whole family."

[few silent moments]

Dad: "Is that the reason why you were able to enjoy the family camping trips?"

Tatsuya: "Yes, I think so, besides that I didn't have to do any summer school assignments during the camping."

[We both laughed.]

Dad: "I enjoyed and remember the family camping trips very well."

[Silence]

Dad: "I think I was able to enjoy each trip because... because we had a place to come back to, that was our home."

[Silence]

Dad: "Wherever we are or will be, it is always good to know you have a place to go back to, a home, whether you are in Vancouver or I am in Sapporo."

I didn't need to ask any more questions as my dad's message was very clear to me. He meant home to Amida's Pure Land. Pure Land is not a physical or existing Land. It is a Land of Bliss or the land of Enlightenment - free from all suffering, and we are able to become Buddha in that Land. At this time, we cannot go on a lengthy trip due to COVID. Just imagine thinking, especially in the middle of your next trip, "Oh, I have no home to go back to." then the trip would not be enjoyable at all - creating worries such as, "Where am I going to be staying when I return to Vancouver?"

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## **Message from the VBT Board**

Two high school graduates, who are members of our temple, recently received the Vancouver Buddhist Temple Scholarship award of \$1000.00 each. Sora Aoki, daughter of our temple minister, Rev. Tatsuya & Mrs. Yukari Aoki, and Summer Hinada, daughter of Mr. Wayne & Mrs. Kyoko Hinada had achieved high academic standing, participated in temple activities and contributed to community causes. Both former Dharma School students are now attending the University of BC to seek degrees in the Faculty of Arts. Congratulations and best wishes for success in their studies! The award presentation to the deserving young ladies took place at our temple during the October (Shotsuki) memorial.

At the board meeting of October 9th, it was decided that the temple will cancel the regular New Year's Eve service at UBC, as well as the New Year's Day service at the temple. Due to reduced temple activities and services, the operating revenue for the temple has declined. Therefore, we have been renting space and rooms within our temple to generate much-needed revenue to cover basic operating expenses. Rentals include the gym, parking spaces in the garage, the kitchen, the Social Hall, and some classrooms. Fortunately, we remain buoyant during this difficult Covid pandemic.

For some time, the board has been discussing our future as a viable temple organization. For that reason, we have hired a consulting firm. The members of the board and a few general members will be meeting with the firm this month. The results and outcome of the meeting will be shared at a later date.

Namu Amida Butsu



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How do we live our life's journey? Where are we heading? We all prepare before going on a trip. If we go to Hawaii, we bring our bathing suits, sunscreen, sandals, and so on. When we go skiing, we bring necessary ski equipment and extra warm clothing. We prepare before our departure. Before I go to other temples, as a guest speaker, I check all my lecture materials, Dharma Talk documents, appropriate clothes, robes, medications, etc... that I will need. How do we prepare for our inevitable end of life's journey - that we call death? Writing a will, thinking of our estate, and purchasing a cemetery site are only part of the preparations. How we live everyday and every moment with the awareness of life's impermanence is an important part of our preparation. Buddha Dharma doesn't give you an answer to how you must live. However, if we are able to receive the true meaning of the Teaching, we are made to realize and think how we should live. When we are able to understand this, we begin to appreciate what we have, while we have them.

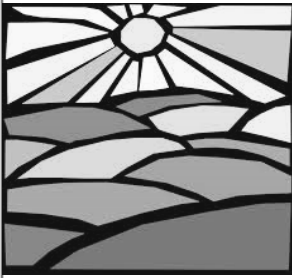
By these life experiences, we come to realize that everyone who has passed away before us, including my father, were Bodhisattvas. They all share the Buddha Dharma in this world and return home to the Pure Land. We are also Bodhisattvas and will eventually pass the Teachings on to others.

Namo Amida Butsu

Tatsuya Aoki



## Greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Welcome to the valley in the fall... orange leaves and slightly chilly nights. October shotsuki was held virtually and although the numbers were small these services are a great time to see each other and just talk after the service. November service will also be on Zoom but we are hoping to have the December shotsuki in person. If it can be arranged as an in person service the date will be earlier, December 4th at 11:00 in the morning. If the service continues as Zoom, it will be held on the regular date and time - December 11 at 2:00 in the afternoon. We hope that COVID numbers continue to go down and we are able to meet on December 4th.

Our November service will be on November 13th at 2:00 with Reverend Grant Ikuta. Please join us. We can talk after about holding the in person December service.

This week has been busy for the JSBTC organization. The fall interim meetings were held with the Ministerial Association meeting on Thursday October 14th, the JSBTC board meeting on Saturday, October 16th and the JSBTC Womens Federation meeting on October 17th. Despite COVID making restrictions, our lives go on and it is truly inspiring to see all these groups get together to keep our JSBTC alive and meaningful. There is so much to look forward to in 2022 and 2023. Services will be at our temple, and the Spring Dinner possibly in May. Perhaps getting together for an in person Annual General Meeting in Steveston in April 2022 and a trip to Japan in 2023 for the joint celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth, the 800th Anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching and the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention. In addition to all this, the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention will be held in Hawaii in 2029.

Our next service will be held via Zoom on Saturday, November 13th at 2:00 pm.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81064488518?pwd=WEt1V2luTU1lN3BJQzg5b2UrL2RTQT09>

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](mailto:fvbtemple@gmail.com) at least 3 days before the service.

Our fundraising efforts this year are through 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](mailto:fvbtemple@gmail.com) or call Lori at 604-351-7183.

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

Remember, we should live each day for today!

See you on the screen on November 13th.

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



## How to Donate to the VBT

1. e-transfer (our preferred method)

[temple.vbt@gmail.com](mailto:temple.vbt@gmail.com)



2. PayPal @ VBT Website

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PayPal



3. Canada Helps: [www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/vancouver-buddhist-temple/](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/vancouver-buddhist-temple/)



## 2021 Service, Activities, and Meeting Dates

### Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> -  
Shotsuki/Memorial &  
Eitaikyo Service  
@ 10 am at VBT (RSVP)  
& on-line

Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> -  
Remembrance Day

Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10 am

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

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

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> -  
Bento Day

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

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Also, you can dial-in to the  
service.

Dial: 778-907-2071  
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### 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:

- ♦ **September 26<sup>th</sup> Bento** - Joyce Chan, Fujiko Kitano, Sumie Takahashi, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida
- ♦ **October 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial/Shotsuki Service** - Yukari Aoki & Paul Kitamura
- ♦ **October 16<sup>th</sup> Manju Making** - Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Frank & Pat Hamanishi, Masae Ishii, Setsu Kanegae, Taki Kawasaki, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Fujiko Kitano, Sam Kobayashi, Alamy Liu, Frances Minato, Cathy Nishikawa, Sumie Takahashi, Kazue Tsurasaki, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida
- ♦ **October 23<sup>rd</sup> Manju Making** - Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Haruyo Chiba, Masae Ishii, Setsu Kanegae, Taki Kawasaki, Mayayo Kikuchi, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Fujiko Kitano, Alamy Liu, Kazumi Nakano, Keiko Oyama, Sumie Takahashi, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurasaki, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida

### Memorial Years of 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Year - 2020

7<sup>th</sup> Year - 2015

33<sup>rd</sup> Year - 1989

17<sup>th</sup> Year - 2005

3<sup>rd</sup> Year - 2019

13<sup>th</sup> Year - 2009

50<sup>th</sup> Year - 1972

25<sup>th</sup> Year - 1997

### 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, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Upon entry to the temple, we ask that all volunteers provide proof of vaccination (vaccine passport). Volunteers will only need to do this once. Proof of vaccination is not necessary for services held in the Hondo.

At our October 10<sup>th</sup> service, a presentation of thanks and appreciation was made to Mr. & Mrs. Joe Uchinami of Baxter-Kobe Florists. We wish them many happy years in retirement.



**Joint Celebration**  
**850th Anniversary of**  
**Shinran Shonin's Birth**  
**&**  
**800th Anniversary of**  
**Establishment of Jodo Shinshu Teaching**

**2023**

Session 1 March 29 - April 3  
Session 2 April 10 - 15  
Session 3 April 24 - 29  
Session 4 May 6 - 11  
Session 5 May 16 - 21



JSBTC JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST TEMPLES OF CANADA

# JSBTC Japan Tour 2023

Shinran Shonin 850th Birth Anniversary  
Jodoshinshu 800th Foundation Anniversary Kyosan Hoyo  
&  
17th World Buddhist Women's Convention

**Year of 2023**

- May 07 Leave Canada for Japan
- May 08 Arrive in Japan, free at leisure
- May 09 Full day Kyoto and Otsu tour (TBD)
- May 10 **Celebration memorial service**  
at Nishi Hongwanji Temple
- May 11 **WBW Convention at Kyoto ICC**
- May 12 **WBW Convention at Kyoto ICC**

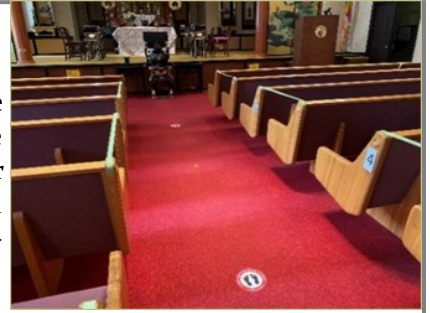
*"Life of Nembutsu enables us to appreciate every encounter"*

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## **The Temple is Gradually Reopening for Shotsuki Service**

It has been a long time since the start of Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions. The province has not moved to Phase 4, at this point. The temple will continue to have limited openings for in-person Shotsuki Memorial Services. The **November Memorial/Shotsuki Service will be on Sunday, November 7th @ 10:00 a.m.** in the temple's Hondo with adherence to provincial guidelines for physical distancing, self-screening and contact tracing.



The temple will add sessions, if more are required, so please RSVP well in advance.

**The on-line November Memorial/Shotsuki service will be held simultaneously** (Sunday, November 7th @ 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, November 4th @ 12:00 p.m.**

To make reservations for the October Memorial/Shotsuki service, please contact the VBT office at either (604) 253-7033 or [temple.vbt@gmail.com](mailto: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 the time being and until further notice, 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 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: [vancouverbuddhisttemple.com](http://vancouverbuddhisttemple.com) for updates...

**LET'S ALL BE CAREFUL, CALM and KIND**

## November Shotsuki (Memorial) List

**1951**  
 ARAKI, Satoshi  
**1959**  
 NAGANO, Saburo  
 HASEBE, Aizo  
 KAKUTANI, Genichi  
 FURUKAWA, Shinnosuke  
**1960**  
 AOKI, Ichiji  
 IWASE, Yoshi  
 SAKAI, Susumu  
**1961**  
 KATAYAMA, Isao  
**1962**  
 YANAGIMOTO, Katsujiro  
**1963**  
 TAKEBAYASHI, Tadasuke  
**1964**  
 OTSUJI, Yaeko  
 IMADA, Mitsugu  
 EDAMURA, Sowa  
**1967**  
 ANDO, Yoshi  
 HAMAGUCHI, Masu  
**1968**  
 SHINTANI, Sadasuke  
**1969**  
 MATSUTANI, Inosuke  
 HINATSU, Ito  
 KAWASHIMA, Fumiko  
**1970**  
 KURAMITSU, Yoshiko  
**1971**  
 YAMAMOTO, Fujino  
**1972 - (50th Year)**  
 ISHIGURO, Shigesaburo  
 IWATA, Kinichi  
 UCHIYAMA, Kenroku  
**1973**  
 FUKAWA, Toki  
 KAJIRO, Fumio  
 NAKAGAWA, Shio  
**1974**  
 MORITA, Emi  
 SHIMIZU, Yoshiharu  
**1975**  
 SAKAI, Fuji  
 TANAKA, Hatsuye  
**1976**  
 YAMADA, Shohei  
**1977**  
 EBATA, Shinkichi  
 MINAGAWA, Katsuo

MURATA, Tadao  
**1978**  
 KASUYA, Moto  
 NAKATANI, Tomiye  
**1979**  
 ARATAKE, Shigeru  
**1980**  
 ENJO, Denzo  
 TAKASAKI, Sakiye  
**1981**  
 HIRAI, Heishiro  
 TABATA, Shizu  
**1982**  
 OKABE, Sueko  
**1983**  
 YAMANOUCI, Sada  
**1984**  
 MITSUI, Masao  
 SHIKAZE, Noriko  
**1985**  
 SHINTANI, Kohatsu  
**1986**  
 DEGUCHI, Haruye  
**1988**  
 NAKATA, Chiyo  
 HAMAKAWA, Yosaburo  
 OIKAWA, Kengo  
 HIGUCHI, Kiyokazu  
 KIMURA, Mitsuo  
 MAEDA, Genzo  
**1989 - (33rd year)**  
 OHARA, Tsuru  
 TANAKA, Zenno  
**1990**  
 FURUKAWA, Matsu  
 WAKABAYASHI, Gentaro  
**1991**  
 KURAMOTO, Masaaki  
**1992**  
 IKEDA, Teruhiko  
 MIZUYABU, Tokuchi  
**1993**  
 HAMAKAWA, Yoshio  
 KOYANAGI, Tad  
 MURAMOTO, Emiko  
**1994**  
 BANNO, Masakazu  
 KUMAMOTO, Toshiko  
 TANOUYE, Kokichi K.  
**1995**  
 SAKATA, Ayame  
 MIYASHITA, Ichiji  
 MURAO, Jean Nobuko

The November Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Please RSVP if you would like to attend in person.

FUJINO, Yoshio  
**1996**  
 NITSUI, Yoshio Roy  
 HAMAZAKI, Hiroshi  
 KAZUTA, Kathy Noriko  
**1997 - (25th Year)**  
 SHOJI, Inosuke  
 SAKAI, Yaeko  
 LEE, Shirley Michiko  
 SAWADA, Katsuko  
**1999**  
 CHIBA, Fukuyo  
 WAKABAYASHI, Hikoichi  
**2000**  
 SAKAMOTO, Hideo W.  
 IKARI, Chiyoko  
**2001**  
 YADA, Genichiro Frank  
 MIZUTA, Tane  
**2002**  
 HAMAGUCHI, Tatsuko  
 YOSHIDA, Umeyo  
 TANAKA, Sonoko  
**2003**  
 MOCHIZUKI, Fumiye  
 HAYASHI, Hisae  
 TAKIMOTO, Takie  
 NISHIKIHAMA, Teruo  
**2004**  
 YOSHIDA, Yoshiye  
 SHIBATA, Takeo  
**2005 - (17th Year)**  
 ARITA, Hajime  
 KUROYAMA, Tsutomu  
**2006**  
 OKAMURA, Yukio  
 SAITO, Fuyuko  
**2007**  
 MORI, Fumi  
**2008**  
 TAMURA, Naoharu  
 NAKATSU Kimiyo  
**2009 - (13th Year)**  
 HIRATA, Emmie  
**2010**  
 KAWAHIRA, Masanobu  
 YOSHIDA, Sue  
 ATAGI, Suetsugu  
**2011**  
 WEBB, Michael David  
 SUGIYAMA, Yukiko  
 TERASHITA, Keiko  
 FUCHIHARA, Tsumae

**2012**  
 MEYER-FUNATSU, Miho  
 NISHIMURA, Fusae  
**2014**  
 DAR, Emi Isla  
**2015 - (7th year)**  
 FUJII, Chiyoko  
 SAKAI, Naomi  
**2016**  
 MOCHIZUKI, Ichiya  
 KAWASHIMA, Kazuo  
 MANIWA, Reiko  
**2017**  
 MASUHARA, Takayasu F.  
**2018 JANG**, Lawrence  
 TAMOTO, Miyoko  
**2019 - (3rd year)**  
 TSURU, Shibata  
**2020 - (1st year)**  
 OTAKI, Akemi

### Passings

Our deepest  
condolences go to the  
families and friends of

Mr. Yukito Maruno  
(81 years)  
October 16<sup>th</sup>



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# Bento Box

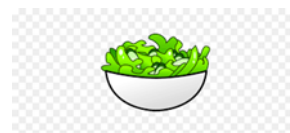
On the last Sunday of each month, we will be selling bento. A delicious way to support the temple.



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 November 28<sup>th</sup>, the bento will include:

Shiosaba  
Yakisoba  
Green bean gomaе  
Green salad  
Rice



**Cost:** \$15.00

We will also be offering manju (2 kinds)

**Cost:** \$8.00 for 6

Combo (bento and 6 manju)

**Cost:** \$20.00

Orders must be prepaid (cash, cheque, or e-transfer). Last day to order is Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Pick-up:** Between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Social Hall entrance.

## November 28<sup>th</sup> Bento Order Form

Number of: Bento \_\_\_\_ x \$15.00

Manju \_\_\_\_ x \$8.00

Combo \_\_\_\_ x \$20.00

**Total cost:** \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_