

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, January 15 at 10AM
Saturday, January 22 at 10AM
Saturday, January 29 at 10AM
Saturday, February 5 at 10AM

Sunday, January 9th
@ 10:00 a.m.

Hoonko and Shotsuki/ Memorial

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

**The following service is
cancelled**

Friday, December 31st
- Bell ringing at UBC

Vancouver Buddhist Temple



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Vancouver Buddhist Temple

January 2022, Issue #456

A New Year's Message From Gomonsu sama:



Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Over these past couple of years, we have had to adjust our lives in accordance with the scale of the spread of COVID-19. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

This infectious disease has not only greatly affected the life of each one of us, but also revealed many issues that had been contained in our society. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear of the fact that we cannot see the truth because we are too attached to our own thought. Therefore, it is only natural that conflicts and divisions come about in a society in which those who like us, fundamentally self-centered beings, act in accordance based on one's own thought.

In the following wasan poem, Shinran Shonin deeply reflected on himself and described what we humans are like,

Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land way,
It is hard to have a true and sincere mind.
This self is false and insincere;
I completely lack a pure mind. (Hymns of the Dharma-ages)

As the wasan shows, we are basically incapable of accepting the reality of this world, such as, dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. And because of this we constantly suffer. Only through being aware of and appreciating Amida Buddha's compassionate and salvific working, are we enabled to accept our true self. Shinran Shonin clarified that such ignorance is the very reason why Amida Buddha's salvific working has reached every one of us. Keeping in mind that we are always embraced in Amida's compassionate Light, let us live each day to the fullest, even though we have yet to see the end of the tunnel.

I feel truly assured hearing that many of you have been making efforts to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching within the greater society through various and innovative ways despite the current situation. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2022

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



Happy New Year

Welcome to the year 2022! When I look back at the year 2021 with all its ups and downs, it has not been easy. I remember that one of our senior members said to me, “Aoki sensei, I just try to take it one day at a time; and be grateful for every day.” This also reflects the very essence of Buddhism. Within each day, let us try to take it a moment at a time, and be grateful for every moment. To live with such day-to-day, moment-to-moment appreciation, we call it a life of Nembutsu. I am looking forward to seeing you through either the Zoom on-line service or directly in-person at the temple!

Namo Amida Butsu.

Tatsuya Aoki



Message from the VBT Board

Welcome to the New Year! According to the Chinese zodiac, it is the year of the tiger. Those born under this sign, are said to be compassionate and strong. The hope is for all our temple and members to be endowed with these characteristics.

For two years, the board has been meeting monthly via the internet. Services have been conducted by Aoki Sensei both by internet and in smaller numbers by in-person gatherings at the temple. It is not the same as gathering in person, but it does work. We continue to survive! Hopefully, before too long, we can gather for all services and events in-person at the temple.

Much credit goes to our hard working directors and members coming through to repair and restore deficiencies inside and outside of our building. Rentals continue to provide much needed revenue. Of course, we are very dependent on our members for their donations throughout the year. Please remember that the annual membership is for the twelve month year starting in January 2022. It still remains at \$100.00 per adult member. Our treasurer continues to accept over-due 2021 membership dues.

The New Year's Day service is scheduled as an in-person service at the temple on January 1, 2022 at 10:00 am. It will be a nice way to kick start the new year with compassion and strength of will. Please plan to attend.

Yoro shiku onegai shimasu!

Namo Amida Butsu

Gassho,

The Board of Directors

Akemashite Omedeto, Happy New Year from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple...



With 2021 now a memory, we look forward to 2022 and hope the fires, floods and ever developing COVID variants will disappear. If not, we have gained increasing knowledge and experience to help overcome these challenges. It is said that “what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger”. Caring for all and doing what we can to help, by donating, by following the mandates for health and safety and even following the rules for limiting gasoline for our cars if necessary, we know that 2022 will be better!

The January Hoonko and Shotsuki service will again be held on Zoom at 2:00 pm with Reverend Aoki. The schedule for the new year has been set with all services held at 2:00 pm, except for the December 2022 service which will be at 11:00 in the morning to allow for the year end activities. The services will be on the second Saturday of each month. This schedule will be available online and paper copies will be at the temple for the first in-person service, hopefully on February 12th 2022.

We hope to see you on zoom on January 8th at 2:00 pm.

in gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

Fundraising & Dana Day

Stan & Lucy Yoshioka
Naomi Shikaze
Socho Tatsuya Aoki
Jeanne Ryan
Catherine Nishikawa
Reiko Cheryl Honkawa

Hanamatsuri & April Shotsuki Memorial Service

John Shoichiro & Masuko
Kamimura
Jeanne Ryan
Sam & Pat Yoshika
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka
Irene Ryoko Tateyama
Mrs. May Mukaida
Irene Roher
Chieko Takasaki
Amy Nagamatsu
Denise Cork
Barbara MacCarl
Lori North
Reiko Cheryl Honkawa
Ron Nishimura

Gotanye & May Shotsuki Memorial Service

Sam & Pat Yoshika
Denise Cork

June Shotsuki Memorial Service

Marion Fujita
Vivien Nishi
Mrs. May Mukaida

Obon & July and August Shotsuki Memorial Service

Hiroshi Ross & Ruth Honkawa
Gladys Ishikawa
Reiko Cheryl Honkawa
Sam & Pat Yoshika
Lori North
Mr. Mitsuo Saito
Chieko Takasaki
Mrs. May Mukaida
Mrs. Masami Miyagi
Naomi Shikaze
Ron & Marilyn Fujita
Byron Kiyokazu Kagawa
Greg & Lynn Smith
Irene Ryoko Tateyama
Marion Fujita
Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimmings
Toshi Dyck
Amy Nagamatsu
Carole Hamanishi
Irene Ryoko Tateyama
Marion Fujita
Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimmings
Toshi Dyck

Obon & July and August Shotsuki Memorial Service continued...

Amy Nagamatsu
Carole Hamanishi
Ron Nishimura
Denise Cork
Irene Roher
John (Shoichiro) & Masuko
Kamimura

Fall Higan & September Shotsuki Memorial Service

Mrs. May Mukaida
John (Shoichiro) & Masuko
Kamimura
Naomi Shikaze
Yoshimi & Gail Kariatsumari
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka

Eitaikyo & November Shotsuki Memorial Service

Jean Nakatsui

Bodhi Day & December Shotsuki Memorial Service

Reiko Cheryl Honkawa
Marion Fujita
Denise Cork

Upcoming Events	2022 Service and Meeting Dates			
Saturday, January 1 st - New Year's Day Service @ 10 am at VBT (RSVP) & on-line	Saturday, January 1 st	10:00 a.m.	New Year's Service	Toban 5
	Saturday, January 8 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban & Board Meeting	Toban 5
Sunday, January 9 th - January Shotsuki and Hoonko Service @ 10:00 VBT (RSVP) & on-line	Sunday, January 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Hoonko (Shinran's Memorial) and Shotsuki	Toban 5
	Sunday, February 6 th	1:00 p.m.	VBT AGM	Toban 1
Saturday, January 15 th - Dharma Service @ 10:00	Saturday, February 12 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Toban 1
	Sunday, February 13 th	10:00 a.m.	Nirvana Day and Shotsuki	Toban 1
Saturday, January 22 nd - Dharma Service @ 10:00	Sunday, March 6 th	10:00 a.m.	Spring Ohigan and Shotsuki	Toban 1
	Saturday, March 12 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 1
Saturday, January 29 th - Dharma Service @ 10:00	Saturday, April 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Toban 2
	Sunday, April 10 th	10:00 a.m.	Hanamatsuri / Keirokai / Shotsuki *Combined (we used to have separate Shotsuki service)	Toban 2
Saturday, February 5 th - Dharma Service @ 10:00	Sunday, May 8 th	10:00 a.m.	Gotane (Shinran's Birthday) and Shotsuki	Toban 2
	Saturday, May 14 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 2
Sunday, February 6 th - VBT AGM @ 1:00 pm at VBT (RSVP) & on-line	Saturday, June 11 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Toban 3
	Sunday, June 12 th	10:00 a.m.	Family Day and Shotsuki	Toban 3
*** All services, except where indicated, will be via Zoom.	Saturday, July 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 3
	Sunday, July 10 th	TBA	OBON / Shotsuki	Toban 3
The Zoom link is:	Sunday, August 7 th	10:00 a.m.	August Shotsuki & Japanese Canadian Memorial Service	Toban 4
	Saturday, August 13 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Toban 4
Meeting ID: 692 059 0986	Saturday, September 10 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 4
	Sunday, September 11 th	10:00 a.m.	Fall Ohigan and Shotsuki	Toban 4
Passcode: shinran	Sunday, October 2 nd	10:00 a.m.	JSBTC Day and Shotsuki	Toban 5
	Saturday, October 15 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Toban 5
	Sunday, November 6 th	10:00 a.m.	Eitaikyo and Shotsuki	Toban 5
	Saturday, November 12 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 5
	Sunday, December 4 th	10:00 a.m.	Bodhi Day and Shotsuki	Toban 1
	Saturday, December 10 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Toban 1
	Saturday, December 31 st	11:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Service & Bell Ringing at UBC	Toban 1
	Sunday, January 1 st	10:00 a.m.	New Year's Service	Toban 1

Memorial Years of 2022

1st Year - 2021
3rd Year - 2020

7th Year - 2016
13th Year - 2010

17th Year - 2006
25th Year - 1998

33rd Year - 1990
50th Year - 1973

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:

- ♦ Mayumi Dar for helping with the temple maintenance and for, tirelessly, painting over the graffiti on the outer walls and gates.
- ♦ Denny Enjo, Art Oyama, Edward Oyama, Zachary Oyama, and Brad Tak for fixing and replacing the back wall in the gym.
- ♦ November Bento - Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Masae Ishii, Keiko Oyama, Sumie Takahashi, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida
- ♦ Lorna Bishop, Patrick Couling, and Denny Enjo for supervising while a group was using the temple over several days.

Return to the Toban System

Ever so gradually, the temple is opening up, and with that, more needs to be done to help with the upkeep. As a result, the board would like to return to the Toban system starting in January 2022.

The temple would not be the warm and welcoming place for gathering if it were not for the dedicated hard work of our members. When people come to the temple—whether it is for the first time or the 100th time—the care we put in our temple expresses how precious we hold the Teachings of the Buddha. While we are not back to being fully open, we still need assistance with Shotsuki services, cleaning the washrooms, washing the floors...

To start off, Tobans will be look after Memorial/Shotsuki services. Some of the duties include: cleaning the Hondo, inside and outside the temple; a parking attendant will be needed; as well as a couple people to act as service receptionist and usher.

Toban 5 will be responsible for:

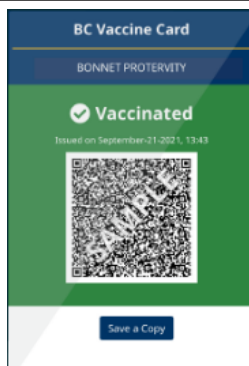
- January 1st @ 10:00 a.m. - New Year's Day Service
- January 9th @ 10:00 a.m. - Hoonko and Memorial/Shotsuki Service

Captain: Izumi Low

Ritsuko Akasaka
June Anzai
Joanna Mariye Bazeley
Joyce Chan
Preston Chan
Anthony Ryan Sam Chor
Mayumi Alice Dar
Michael Dar
John Yoshizo Harada
Kazuyo Hirai
Toshio Hirai
Masayuki Kitagawa
Leonard J. Komori
Masumi Komori
Jenny Ohori Le
Miyoko Polly Matsumoto
Akemi Mizuta
Haruji Mizuta
Emiko Morita
Haruko Nakamura

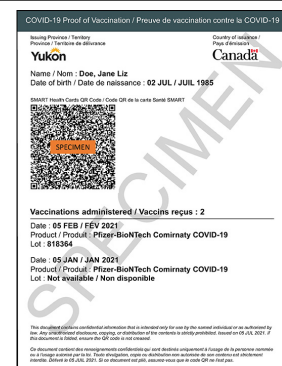


Devin Ohori
Sachiko Okamura
Keiko Oyama
Kiyoshi Shimizu
Takashi Shoji
Donald Takaki
Stanley Takaki
Tsuneko Takaki
Tadao Takata
Yutaka Takemoto
Yuki Tanaka
Mutsuko Tateyama
Michiyo Teranishi
Shigeko Urata
Nobuyo Uyeyama
Hiroaki George Uyeda
Rickey Yoshio Yada
Masayuki Yamakami
Sachiko Yamakami
Kimiko Yokogawa
Makoto Yokogawa
Yoshika Yoneda



Vaccine Passports Now Required at the VBT

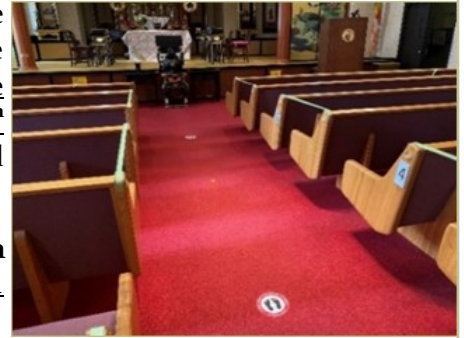
Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Vancouver Buddhist Temple will require all service attendees and volunteers to show their vaccine passport. ID may be asked to be presented.



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 January 2022 Memorial/Shotsuki Service will be on Sunday, January 9th @ 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 January Memorial/Shotsuki service** will be held **simultaneously (Sunday, January 9th @ 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, January 6th @ 12:00 p.m.**

To make reservations for the January 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:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986

Passcode: shinran

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
- **present vaccine passport (QR code) and picture ID *** NEW**
- 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

Donation to Vancouver Buddhist Temple

via CanadaHelps.org

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 for updates...

LET'S ALL BE CAREFUL, CALM and KIND

January Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The January Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, January 9th at 10:00 am.

1958

*IZUMI, Yoshiko
*NAKAGAWA, Minosuke
*TATEOKA, Hatsutarō

1960

*UYENO, Mantaro
*SATO, Jusaburo
*HAMAKAWA, Yosokichi

1961

*OZAWA, Shuzo

1962

*BABA, Shosuke

1963

*BANNO, Shizu

1964

HONMA, Seiji
*UYENO, Takezo

1965

*TERAKITA, Imae

1966

KUMANO, Kameo
*NAKAYAMA, Shichiro

1968

KOYANAGI, Kiyochi

1970

*HORITA, Kazuhide

1971

MUKAI, Tomiichi

1972

KAWAMOTO, Koto
*FUKUNAGA, Kunikichi

1973 — 50th Year

*KITASAKA, Hana
TANAMI, Ai

1974

ARAKI, Buyemon
*HASEBE, Sumiyo
*MURAO, Tameichi

1975

*NAKANO, Seiichi
SHIMOKURA, Mitsugu

1976

*MUKUDA, Naosaku

1977

USUI, Hiraye

1978

*HASHIMOTO, Tomo

1981

*UI, Shigeichi

1982

*SONODA, Tatsuhiko

1983

YADA, Genji
*OKABE, Taki
*ENDO, Moshichi
*NAKASHIMA, Masako

1984

*YAMASHITA, Kenichi
*ARAKI, Ichiro

1985

*YUMOTO, Tamaya
*HISANAGA, Kura
*SONODA, Tadasu

1986

OHORI, Genichi
*EISHIRO, Yoshiye

1987

YAMAMOTO, Yonetaro
*SHIMA, Brett
*HORI, Yonezo

1988

HAMAGCHI, Tsunekichi
*KINOSHITA, Tamiyo
*MARUYAMA, Shigeru

1989

*NAKANO, Jin
*ATAGI, Hanaye
*TAKEMOTO, Otogusu
SOKUGAWA, Yuki

1990 — 33rd Year

*FUJII, Chuichi
*MIURA, Yoshitaka
OYE, Misayo
*KOBUE, Motoye

1991

*YAMAMOTO, Risao
*KIKUCHI, Shozo
NAKANO, Kazuo

1992

*WAKAHARA, Betty
*HAMAZAKI, Shigeyoshi

1993

*NODA, Tsutomu
*MAEHARA, Jun

1994

*IMAOA, Hideo
*OIKAWA, Makie
*NAKATA, Seiichi

1995

YABUNO, Shio
TERAKITA, Kimiyo
1996
KONDO, Yojiro
NAKAHARA, Kazuko
NAKATANI, Betty
SAKAI, Sayuri

1997

TANAKA, Kazue
NISHIKAWA, Toshio
*SHIMIZU, Akemi

1998 — 25th Year

OGURA, Shunei
1999
UYEYAMA, Toshie
IWATA, Hisaye
TSUKAMOTO, Mayumi
NISHI, Haruko
SUGINOBU, Chizue

2000

KUROMI, Shigeru
YAMAMOTO, Eiji

2001

TAMOTO, Saichi

2002

ASO, Kazue
*BENDIG, Richard
*KUROKAWA, Nora H.
SAKAI, Yasuji Frank

2003

YAMAMOTO Kiyoko

2004

TANI, Kenzo

2005

FUKUMOTO, Kiyoshi
MIZUYABU, Tomiko
IKEDA, Tsutayo
TAKEDA, Michiko

2006 — 17th Year

GOTO, Shigeko
HANAZAWA, Fumiko
NISHIMURA, Masao
URASAMI, Seiji
NAKANO, Yoshiko

2007

NATSUKOSHI, Sakae
OTSUKA-CAMPBELL
Kazuko

2008

MATSUI, Othiro

2009

IKEZAKI, Hitoshi

2010 — 13th Year

OYE, Sumiye
MORI, Kinuye

2011

KITAMURA, Michiko

2012

SHIMA, Roy
NOMURA, Toshiharu
HAYASHI, Yoshiharu

2013

ALEXANDER, Hideko

2014

OKADA, Raeso
NAKANE, Mitsuo

2015

OYAMA, Mitsuo
2016 — 7th Year
IKARI, Sanaye Helen
TORIUMI, Kazuo

2017

KIMOTO, Kaoru
NAKATSU, Yoshiharu
UYEYAMA, Kiyoshi

2018

TSURUMARU, Chizuko

2019

KITASAKA, Hiroshi
NISHIMURA, Shigeru
KOMO, Ayuka
NOMURA, Asako
TAKEMOTO, Masami
2020 — 3rd Year
OYAMA, Minoru
NISHIMURA, Saburo

**The Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, January 9th at the temple (RSVP) & via Zoom @ 10 am.

The Zoom link is:

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Also, you can dial-in to the service.

Dial: 778-907-2071

In Gassho,

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