

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, February 5 at 10AM
Saturday, February 19 at 10AM
Saturday, February 26 at 10AM
Saturday, March 5 at 10AM

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

Nirvana Day 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

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Bodhi Mind



Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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Living Life to its Fullest

Those who reach the Pure Land of Happiness
Return to the evil world of the five defilements,
Where like Buddha Sakyamuni
They benefit sentient beings without limit.
(Jodo Wasan, Collected Works of Shinran, Vol. I, p. 329)



The following story is an excerpt taken from a book
which I read some time ago, but am unable to recall the
source..

As the story goes, a group of fishermen were out
fishing, when they suddenly realized that it was
nightfall and becoming very dark. In all the confusion,
the current had changed, and the fishermen lost all
sense of direction. To make matters worse, the moon wasn't out that night,
so they frantically built their own light, trying to find their way back to land.
Soon, a wise old fisherman said, "Put out the light!" Following his orders,
the light was quickly put out, and everything became pitch black. However,
as their eyes adjusted to the darkness, they were soon able to see a light
from the shoreline, allowing them to make their way safely back to land.

In this and many other similar stories, we are often reminded that we
become bewildered with what we see directly in front of us. We forget
what is important. Are we being too optimistic, desiring only what is
enjoyable? If life can always be enjoyable by being optimistic all the time,
then there really is no problem. However, being too optimistic all of the
time, might make life somewhat empty and meaningless when everything
does not go our way.

For example, a photograph is developed by various lighting textures
filtered through the lens of a camera. If there are bright hues, there are dark
hues, as well. It is the balance of these lighting textures that creates a
photo. It is in the bright hue that the dark hue is visible and adds depth and
texture to the photograph. I feel that life is quite similar to the basic
principles that make up a beautiful photograph.

When life is "bright," in other words, filled only with enjoyment, it has no
depth. Life gains meaning and depth when we are aware of the "shadows."

Every one please continue to take good care of yourself.

Namo Amida Butsu,

Rev. Tatsuya Aoki



Message from the VBT Board

Our important and required annual general meeting takes place on February 6th at 1pm. All current members are invited to attend online via Zoom. We need the input of younger and new members to chart our course for the short-term as well as our long-term future.

Rev. Aoki continues to have regular and special observances both online and in-person. Whether one is a member or not, the 'Zoom' services via the internet has connected us with people from all over BC and including participants from Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario. Please email our temple address to obtain the Zoom link in order to connect with our Vancouver Buddhist Temple online services.

We have survived the extreme weather of these past few months. We are looking forward to more temple gatherings for religious, social and fund-raising events. There is a glimmer of light at the end of the 'tunnel'. Look for the "All-Welcome" notice before too long. The temple members' toban system has been reactivated. Each toban is assigned to keep the temple clean and orderly. The assignment covers two consecutive months. A list of all members and the toban to which they are assigned are shown on our monthly Bodhi Mind. Please come to help without even being asked. For more detailed information please contact your toban captain. Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.

Please be reminded that the membership fee for 2022 is now requested. Also, we are still accepting over-due membership dues for 2021.

Gassho,
The Board

Shin Buddhism Online Course - February - December 2022 with Dr. Ken Tanaka

Title: "Ocean 2: Further Introduction to Shin Buddhism in the West and Beyond. (The Seven Phases of the Pure Land Way)"



In this once a month ten-part course, Dr. Tanaka hopes to build on the original Ocean book to present a deeper and fuller dimension of this tradition. This course offers a "birds eye view" through the lens of the story of the "Sailor and the Ocean." This approach makes it easier to understand the uniqueness of Shin Buddhism, which many find difficult to grasp when it is described as "a form of Buddhism in which a person is saved merely by reciting the Name."

This course is for those who want to learn more about 1) Shinran (the founder of Shin Buddhism), 2) the deeper meaning of Amida, Pure Land, Shinjin, Nembutsu, practice, social engagement, and other main teachings, and 3) tips to deal more effectively with the ups and downs of ordinary lives: family, work, school, and human relations. It is also meant for those who 1) experience the challenges and difficulties of living, 2) have become more aware of their personal imperfections, and 3) are in a sincere search for greater meaning and fulfillment in their lives.

If you are interested, please join others with similar aspirations as we share our stories and support each other in our struggles and hopes in order that "we may all attain perfect peace"!

For more information and to register, please go to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple website or to:
<http://www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com/content/shin-buddhism-online-course-february-thru-december-2022-dr-ken-tanaka-sign-information-here>

Greetings from the Valley...



We will “play it safe” over the next while as we watch Covid-19 continue to be active in BC. Our February service will be via Zoom on Saturday, February 12th starting at 2:00pm. We will send the link to those on our email list. If you have not received links in the past please email lori.north@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Our 2022 membership year has now started. If you would like to join the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple or renew your membership please contact Lucy at 604-856-6492 for a paper form or email Lori at lori.north@gmail.com to receive a copy by email. Our Annual General

Meeting is scheduled to be held immediately following the March service on March 12th.

We are happy to announce that our temple has been approved for grant funding from the JC Wellness Fund for two projects. One project will provide healthy Japanese meal service to our survivors. The other project will be to hold monthly Family Movie Afternoons. Seniors and their families are invited to join us to view Japanese movies (with English subtitles). We are now starting the work of building our movie library. If you have any suggestions, please email lori.north@gmail.com. We hope to hold our first movie event in March or when it is safe for us to gather.

Stay safe and healthy.

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

JSBTC Japan Tour in 2023

Sunday, February 6th, 2022 at 12pm Pacific; 1pm Mountain; 2pm Central; 3pm Eastern

Everyone is welcome to attend this online presentation on the **JSBTC (Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada) Japan Tour in 2023** hosted by the Calgary Buddhist Temple Sangha Engagement. The tour will be from May 7-12, 2023 and the occasion is to commemorate Shinran Shonin's 850th Birth Anniversary as well as the Jodo Shinshu 800th Foundation Anniversary Kyosan Hoyo in addition to the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention – all in Kyoto, Japan!

We are honored to have Rev Yoshimichi Ouchi give a brief overview of the service and the convention as well as we are pleased to have Mr. Akihito Takemoto of KINTETSU INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS (CANADA) INC. Toronto Branch, give a presentation regarding travel for the Canadians. For planning purposes, Honwanji/Japan is needing to know the number of Canadians who have a strong interest in attending and our deadline is Monday, Feb 21/22. Attend this informative presentation to help you make your decision and have an opportunity to ask questions about the tour. Your attendance and input will be valued.

Please register for this free, 90 minute online Japan Tour presentation which will include time for questions and answers. Register at: <https://bit.ly/JSBTC-Japan2023>



Visit <http://canada.kiecan.com/jsbtc/> for more information on the tour but note that some details are still being finalized and are subject to change.

Upcoming Events	2022 Service and Meeting Dates			
Saturday, February 5 th - Dharma Service @ 10:00	Sunday, February 6 th	1:00 p.m.	VBT AGM	Toban 1
	Saturday, February 12 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Toban 1
Sunday, February 6 th - VBT AGM @ 1:00 pm	Sunday, February 13 th	10:00 a.m.	Nirvana Day and Shotsuki	Toban 1
	Sunday, March 6 th	10:00 a.m.	Spring Ohigan and Shotsuki	Toban 1
Sunday, February 13 th - Nirvana Day & Shotsuki Memorial Service @ 10:00 am VBT (RSVP) & on-line	Saturday, March 12 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 1
	Saturday, April 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Toban 2
Saturday, February 19 th - Dharma Service @ 10:00	Sunday, April 10 th	10:00 a.m.	Hanamatsuri / Keirokai / Shotsuki *Combined (we used to have separate Shotsuki service)	Toban 2
	Sunday, May 8 th	10:00 a.m.	Gotane (Shinran's Birthday) and Shotsuki	Toban 2
Saturday, February 26 th - Dharma Service @ 10:00	Saturday, May 14 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 2
	Saturday, June 11 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Toban 3
Saturday, March 5 th - Dharma Service @ 10:00	Sunday, June 12 th	10:00 a.m.	Family Day and Shotsuki	Toban 3
	Saturday, July 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 3
*** All services, except where indicated, will be via Zoom.	Sunday, July 10 th	TBA	OBON / Shotsuki	Toban 3
	Sunday, August 7 th	10:00 a.m.	August Shotsuki & Japanese Canadian Memorial Service	Toban 4
The Zoom link is: Meeting ID: 692 059 0986 Passcode: shinran	Saturday, August 13 th	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Toban 4
	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
	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.	Eitai-kyo 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 painting the east wall of the gym and painting over the graffiti on the outer walls and gates.
- ♦ Yvonne Nakano and Trish Keizer for making the Kagami Mochi for the temple shrine
- ♦ Dave Otori, Greg Chor, and Brad Tak for snow removal around the temple



VBT AGM Time Correction Notice

By now, all VBT members should have received an agenda for the upcoming AGM. Please note there was an error with the Zoom link. The correct date and time should be: Sunday, February 6th @ 1:00 p.m. Our apologies for any confusion.

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 decided to return to the Toban system.

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 1 will be responsible for:

- Sunday, February 13th - Nirvana Day & Shotsuki/Memorial Service @ 10:00 am
- Sunday, March 6th - Spring Higan & Shotsuki/Memorial Service @ 10:00 am

Captains: Lorna Bishop
Greg Chor

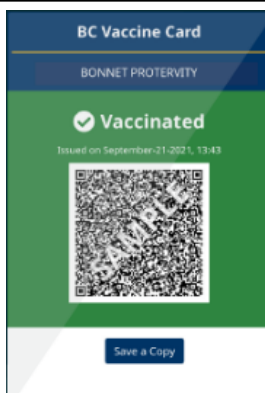
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Alison Chadwick
Haruyo Chiba
Gina Chor
Catherine DeRobert
Denny Enjo
Kimiko Enjo
Yoshio Fujimoto
Nancy Hamanishi
Yutaka Harada
Toshi Haraguchi
Akemi Hirai
Shigeru Hirai
Karen Hirakida
Timothy K. Hirata
Susan Inouye



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Kazuko Koyanagi
Robert Nakagawa
Kyle Otori
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Marie Oyama
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Emiko Shirahama
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Allen Yukihiro Shoji
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Roy Tatsumi
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Dan Uyesugi
Roy Susumu Uyesugi
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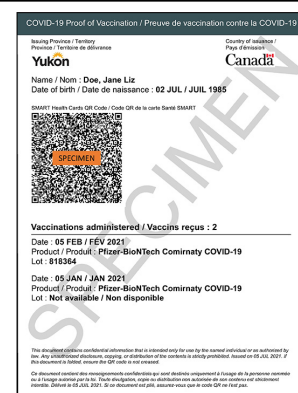
2022 Calendars Are Available

The 2022 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 may be able to deliver it. Please email the temple if you would like one.



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.



February Shotsuki (Memorial) List

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

1952

*UEDA, Taneichi

1957

*NOMURA, Kinu

1958

*MUKAI, Matsujiro

*TERASHITA, Matsuzo

1959

*HORI, Ito

*NISHIZAWA, Sadajiro

*TAKAI, Koharu

1960

*NISHII, Iyo

1962

*NAKAGAWA, Kazuo

*TSUJIMOTO, Tsuneno

1963

INOUE, Shigetaka

1965

*HAGANE, Yoshijiro

*NAKAMURA, Hirokichi

*NAKANISHI, Tamejiro

1966

*MARUMOTO, Junko

1967

*MORI, Zen

1968

KONDO, Satoshi

1969

OMORI, Takayuki

YOSHIZAWA, Ichiou

1970

*KIKUTA, Toshio

*TSUMURA, Sumiye

*UYEMURA, Akio

1971

*KARIYA, Yasuyuki

NISHIMURA, Ryokan

1972

*KONDO, Kenjiro

*SUGIE, Masami

*SUZUKI, Gennosuke

YADA, Kunie

1974

*URATA, Teru

1975

*IZUMI, Shimataro

*KOYANAGI, Ino

*NODA, Yoshie

*TANAKA, Motoyoshi

SATO, Yoshi

1976

*HIRAKIDA, Hagino

1977

*ONOUYE, Zenzaburo

*KARIYA, Jirohei

*KINOSHITA, Kazuichi

*MADOKORO, Jitsui

*TASAKA, Yukiyo

1978

MINATO, Keiji

NASU, Bunkichi

*YAMASHITA, Bunkichi

1979

*KIMURA, Kikuo

*NAKASONE, Chie

1980

*TANAKA, Manabu

1981

*MAKINO, Toshimasa

TAGUCHI, Sataro

TANAKA, Tomijiro

1982

*FURUGORI, Kikuyo

*MASUHARA, Kishi

*NISHI, Iwano

*TAKENO, Takeiji

1983

*OURA, Kome

1984

*KAJIHARA, Tsuruyo

*MOTOMOCHI, Tomekichi

1985

*MAYENO, Kenichi

*MOMOTANI, Yuriko

1986

*MATSUDA, Mikino

1987

KOYANAGI, Taki

*SATO, Kojiro

1988

*AKASAKA, Mitsuko

TAKATA, Tadayuki

*UCHIDA, Shiro

*WAKABAYASHI, Genroku

1989

ASAOKA, Sotono

*INOUE, Eiji

*KUNIMOTO, Shinkatsu

*TAMAKI, Komaye

1990—33rd Year

*KONDO, Yoshiye

1991

*TABATA, Fumie

1992

*MAYE, Meiko

*SATO, Satoshi

*YAMADA, Masayoshi

1993

*TAGAMI, Frank

1994

*IWAMOTO, Ryuichi

1995

KAMACHI, Shigekazu

SHIBATA, Tsuya

IKEDA, Toyohiko

1996

KOZAKA, Yoshinari

OYAMA, George

*SHINYASHIKI, Kazuya

1997

WAKABAYASHI, Yasue

1998—25th Year

BANNO, Haru

HIRAKIDA, Edward

MITSUI, Kazue

1999

HIRANO, Raishu

ONO, Butch

2000

KITAMURA, Kichinosuke

NISHI, Masaharu

2001

FUKUHARA, Kisaburo

NODA, Kaoru

YAMASHITA, Kusuye

SUZUKI, Masao

2003

HAMA Teruko

JOW Marie Rebecca

TAKEUCHI Seiji

2004

KONDO, Hideo

URASAMI, Miyoko

YADA, Hideo

YONEDA, Yusuke

2005

MINATO, Umeko

2006—17th Year

NAKATA, Dick Sadao

NAKATSU, Teruo

SAKAMOTO, Ito

SHIODA, Tetsuya

ONEYAMA, Pete

2007

KASUYA, June

2008

KITAGAWA, Nobuko

2009

IKEDA, Ayako

KONDO, Hatsuo

SHIN, Yoshiko

YAMASHITA, Naoye

MOMOI, Minako

YAKURA, Florence

FUJINAMI, Shigeko

2010—13th Year

ISHIGURO, Kiyoko

SHIMABUKURO, Seiji

MITSUI, Yoshitada

NAGAMATSU, Roy

2011

CHIYA, Hideo

UYEDA, Teruo

FUJIMOTO, Umeko

2012

WOODRUFF, Patrick

2013

SHINOHARA, Haruka

2014

ANGEL, Naomi

KOMORI, Yukino

2015

IMAI, Harry Kiyoshi

2017

TAKAHARA, Mitsuyo

TAMAKI, Fumie

2019

ARAKI, Takeru

TANAKA, Roy

2020—3rd Year

UYEYAMA, Yvonne

YADA, Masako

2021—1st Year

TANAKA, Mitsuru (Miki)

TOKI, Takashi

**The Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, February 13th at the temple (RSVP) & via Zoom @ 10 am.

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
Passcode: shinran

Also, you can dial-in to the service.

Dial: 778-907-2071

Press Meeting ID#:

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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 February 2022 Memorial/Shotsuki Service will be on Sunday, February 13th @ 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 February Memorial/Shotsuki service will be held simultaneously (Sunday, February 13th @ 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, February 10th @ 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

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 February 27th, the bento will include:

- Pork katsu curry
- Shira-ae
- Green salad
- Fukujinzuke
- 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, February 22nd**.

Pick-up: **Between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on February 27th** at the Social Hall entrance.

February 27th Bento Order Form

Number of: Bento ____x \$15.00 Manju ____x \$8.00 Combo ____x \$20.00

Total cost: ____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____