

### 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, April 2 at 10AM  
Saturday, April 16 at 10AM  
Saturday, April 30 at 10AM

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
@ 10:00 a.m.

**Hanamatsuri/  
and Shotsuki/Memorial**

Reservations are no longer needed.  
Masks are still required.

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



# Bodhi Mind



## Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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### Statement for Peace



*"All tremble at violence; life is dear to all.  
Putting oneself in the place of another,  
one should not kill nor cause another to kill."*

(*"Dhammapada"* Chapter 10 verse 30)

We are deeply concerned and heartbroken by the armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Jodo Shinshu Buddhism values and strives for peace and tranquility for all sentient beings throughout the world. One of the basic teachings of Buddhism is the interconnectedness of all things. Conflict between the two countries has affected the entire world. Impermanence is another central tenet underlying all Buddhist teachings. It teaches us that everything is constantly changing. It is our hope that the conflict will end soon and peace will be restored.

With palms together in gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki  
Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

### Statement on Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

On February 24, 2022, Russia aggressively began its invasion of Ukraine through military force.

It has been reported that in cities across Ukraine, many civilians including children have become victims in addition to the well over one million Ukrainian citizens forced to flee becoming refugees.

We, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist organization, strongly condemn taking human life lightly as well as using military force to unilaterally try to change reality through violent actions for no matter what reason.

In addition to the invasion of Ukraine, the reality is that terrorist attacks and military warfare continue across the world. Reiterating our stance against violence, it is our fervent hope that a peaceful resolution may be realized as soon as possible and that there be a safe return to peace for the people of Ukraine.

Overcoming conflict that arises through mutual exclusion and differences in thinking and values, I firmly believe that through joint efforts, the path to perpetual peace will open up to a life of spiritual richness.

March 8, 2022

IWAGAMI Chiko  
Governor General, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

Vancouver Buddhist Temple



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## 2022 JSBTC Tsuito Hoyo Annual Memorial Service

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

(10 am BC / 11 am AB / 12 pm MB / 1 pm ON)

Kansho Opening Bell  
Vandana & Ti-Sarana  
Sutra Chanting "*Sambujo*" "*Sanbutsuge*"  
Installation of Officers  
Dharma Talk  
"Three Treasures"  
Gatha "*Ondokusan*"  
Words of Appreciation: JSBTC President  
Closing Remarks



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### JSBTC Tsuito Hoyo Annual Memorial Service

Time: Sunday, April 24, 2022 10 AM Pacific Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6920590986?pwd=YTdUbXkx6MocxeUhpNXA4YWVvRW5WZz09>

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986  
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## HATSUMAIRI Infant Presentation Ceremony



We cordially invite any family with infants, up to one year of age to participate in our

Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation) Ceremony on **Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 10 am**. Hatsumairi, literally means "first Buddhist service". Often translated as "Infant Presentation Service". Hatsumairi represents the first opportunity for families to bring infants who were born during the previous year to the temple. At the same time, it gives our temple the opportunity to give expression to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, which embraces people of all ages, genders, races, and social strata.

If your family wishes to participate, please contact the temple office by the registration **deadline, Wednesday, May 4**.

## Getting Back to 'Normal'

BINGO!, the sound of laughter, and animated conversation could be heard in the temple on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. After a two year break, the Seniors' Club members got together for a service, bento luncheon, and games of Bingo. It was nice for members to see familiar faces - some not seen since the pandemic began.

Thank you to all who attended (including drivers), to Lorna Bishop and Yvonne Nakano for making and serving the luncheon, and Bingo caller, Rev. Aoki.

It is hoped that the seniors can do this on a regular basis. Dates will be announced soon.



Toronto Buddhist Church  
Online Speakers Series

## "BUDDHISM AND..."



## MENTAL HEALTH



### Dr. Jennifer Bright

RP (Qualifying),  
SCP (CASC)  
MA, MPS, PhD  
Adjunct Professor,  
MPS (Buddhist Stream),  
Emmanuel College (UofT)

**4 April, 2022  
and  
2 May, 2022**

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM EST

Registration is FREE  
@ TBC website  
Or via this QR code



Toronto Buddhist Church  
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## Greetings from the Valley...



It was wonderful to see so many familiar smiling faces showed up to our March in-person service. Although masks are no longer mandatory, everyone showed up with masks on, but the eyes were familiar and recognizable. It was wonderful to hear Rev. Aoki lead us and voices follow in the chanting of the sutra and recitation of the nembutsu. It felt comforting to come before the shrine, once again, to put hands together and offer oshoko.

Following our service we held our members' Annual General Meeting. As with 2020, we had not held many activities this past year so there was not a lot to report except that, with the generosity of our donors we were able to stay afloat again with only minor financial losses. Thank you everyone who supported us. Our elections are held annually and we did not have any changes to our Board of Directors. Our Directors for 2022 are Lucy Yoshioka, Lori North, Jenny Fujita, Denise Cork, Naomi Shikaze, and Ron Nishimura.

Our Hanamatsuri and April Shotsuki service will be in-person at our temple on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm with Rev. Aoki officiating. Afterwards, during our social time downstairs, we will be celebrating our seniors with our Keirokai.

Our first Family Movie Afternoons will be held on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at our temple. Japanese movies (with English subtitles) will be shown and each session will offer a choice of two movies for the attendees to choose from. The choices for March are Hula Girls or Every Day a Good Day. Our Movie Afternoons is a project funded by the JC Health & Wellness Fund as a social activity to bring our seniors and their families together, and it is open to everyone. For more information on our Movie Afternoons you may email Lori at [lori.north@gmail.com](mailto:lori.north@gmail.com) (English) or call Lucy Yoshioka at (604) 856-6492 (Japanese). Stay safe and healthy.

In gassho,  
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

## **Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude**

### December Shotsuki Memorial Service

Chieko Takasaki – In memory of Tak Takasaki  
Ryoko Irene Tateyama

### Ho-onko & January Shotsuki Memorial Service

Ryoko Irene Tateyama / Mrs. May Mukaida  
John Shoichiro & Masuko Kamimura

### Nirvana Day & February Shotsuki Memorial Service

Amy Nagamatsu – Roy's Shotsuki  
Sam & Pat Yoshioka / Ronald Nishimura  
Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming  
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka / Carole Hamanishi  
John Shoichiro & Masuko Kamimura – In memory of  
Akio Kamimura

### **Shin Buddhist course taught by Dr. Kenneth Tanaka**

Denise Cork / Naomi Shikaze / Ben Shikaze

### **Spring Higan-e & March Shotsuki Memorial Service**

Lori North / Chieko Takasaki / Yoshimi & Gail  
Kariatsumari / Ryoko Irene Tateyama /  
Ron & Marilyn Fujita / Ronald Nishimura  
Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming / Marion Fujita  
Reiko Cheryl Honkawa / Denise Cork / Ben Shikaze

## Message from the VBT Board

April is the month that we celebrate Hanamatsuri, the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha (Siddhartha). It is the month where spring brings longer and warmer days, new life and growth to our much-loved gardens and nature in general. The dreaded COVID virus is declining, and a slow and calculated return to normal conditions is taking place. Now, we wonder where the Russian invasion of Ukraine will take us. Life is certainly a "bumpy road!"

We will be announcing when we can gather as we had before the COVID pandemic. Already plans are in place for restarting weekly Karaoke and Shigin club sessions.

The Seniors' Club will no longer meet weekly, as a group, since their numbers have declined, and getting to the temple is becoming harder. However, a few, thoughtful, younger members have volunteered their time to organize a few bingo sessions for our senior members. Keiro-kai in April is postponed for now.

Through grants from the City of Vancouver, we have been able to improve our security system, repair the elevator, do repairs to the gym, etc... With or without a pandemic, the work never stops at the temple.

Namo Amida Butsu,  
From the VBT Board

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> -  
Hanamatsuri/ &  
Shotsuki Memorial  
Service @ 10:00 VBT  
(masks required) &  
on-line

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> -  
JSBTC Tsuito Hoyo @  
10:00

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> -  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

\*\*\* All services start @ 10:00  
am and will be via Zoom,  
except where indicated.

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## 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 has 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 100<sup>th</sup> time—the care we put in our temple expresses how precious we hold the Teachings of the Buddha.

To start off, Tobans will 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 2 Captains:**

Molly Akune  
Bob Akune

Patrick Alan Couling  
Michael Elliott  
Karl Franger  
Shirley M. Hanazawa  
Judy Hanazawa  
Masako Hattori Naki Kuhn  
Tokiko Hayashi  
Shinobu Homma  
Anjula Joshi  
Narhari Joshi  
Satsu Kanegae  
Yasutoshi Kanegae



Takehisa Kawasaki  
F. Mary Kawamoto  
Takiko Kawasaki  
Mits Kazuta  
Eileen Kitamura  
Teruo Kitamura  
Fujiko Kitano  
Martin Kobayakawa  
Paul H. Kondo  
Kazue Kozaka  
Jason Lesage  
Shannon MacKenzie  
Doug Mitsugi Maruno  
Terumi Matsunaga  
Sadao Minato  
Toshiko Minato



Kazuo Mori  
Braxton Nomura  
Richard Nomura  
Sandra Nomura  
Taylor Nomura  
Kathy Shimizu  
Chiyoko Joyce Takeshita  
Marilyn Teramura  
Eiji Tsuji  
Becky Tsukishima  
Keith Tsukishima  
Toshiko Tsukishima  
Kazue Tsurusaki  
Davies Wong  
Kuniko Yuasa

## Toban 2 will be responsible for...

- Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Yaki manju making @ 9:00 am
- Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - Hanamatsuri / Shotsuki/Memorial Service @ 10:00 am
- Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Bento prep @ 9:00 am

## 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:

- ♦ February Bento: Molly Akune, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Sumie Takahashi, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.
- ♦ Greg Chor, Tim Hirata, and Ed Oyama for the maintenance work on the furnace & other areas of the temple.
- ♦ Manju making: Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Haruyo Chiba, Frank & Pat Hamanishi, Masae Ishii, Sam Kobayashi, Satsu Kanegae, Taki Kawasaki, Kaoru & Masayo Kikuchi, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Alamy Liu, Karen & Tatsu Mizushima, Akemi Mizuta, Kazumi Nakano, Ed Oyama, Keiko Oyama, Bob Soga, Sumie Takahashi, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.



## Volunteers Needed

If you are available the temple will need help for the following events. Please call or email the temple if you can help.

- Bento making preparation - Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00 am

## Memorial Years of 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Year - 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year - 2020

7<sup>th</sup> Year - 2016  
13<sup>th</sup> Year - 2010

17<sup>th</sup> Year - 2006  
25<sup>th</sup> Year - 1998

33<sup>rd</sup> Year - 1990  
50<sup>th</sup> Year - 1973

## April Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The April Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

### 1958

\*HIRAYAMA, Michiyo

### 1960

NOMURA, Yaozo

### 1961

\*HARA, Tadashi

### 1963

\*MATSUNO, Riu

\*TABUCHI, Kizo

### 1964

\*YONEMURA, Senzo

### 1967

\*KANEKO, Seki

\*SHIMIZU, Zenzo

### 1969

\*SUGIMOTO, Tome

### 1972

\*NAKASHIMA, Yasumatsu

\*SAKATA, Ryoza

\*YAMAMOTO, Isamu

\*YOSHIDA, Keijiro

\*YOSHIOKA, Teruo

### 1973—50<sup>th</sup> Year

\*KOBAYASHI, Isuke

\*YAMAGUCHI, Kiyoko

### 1974

\*SHIRAHAMA, Tomomi

### 1975

\*HASEBE, Yukio

\*TERADA, Kentaro

### 1976

\*EDAMURA, Jujiro

### 1977

\*KOYANAGI, Toru

### 1978

\*KAMATA, Genzaburo

### 1980

\*IKEDA, Toyoharu

INOUE, Yoshinobu

KOMORI, Fujihiko

MARUNO, Michiko

### 1981

\*TATEYAMA, Shigeyoshi

\*WAKABAYASHI, Masa

\*TANAKA, Kiyo

### 1982

\*HASEBE, Noburo

\*IWABUCHI, Shimpei

MATSUI, Sadao

### 1983

NUKINA, Yoshiko

### 1984

\*HAMANISHI, Fusaye

\*HAYAM Yoshimatsu

\*KADA, Fude

\*MIDORIKAWA, Kono

NAKANO, Reizo

### 1985

\*HIROKADA, Shigeo

NASU, Chiyo

### 1986

KOMORI, Haru

\*NISHIKAWA, Hine

\*SOKUGAWA, Toshiro

### 1987

\*LEE, Kinju

\*OHIRA, Yu

\*TATEBE, Yonehiro

### 1988

\*MORIYAMA, Kenichi

\*WADA, Masaye

### 1990—33<sup>rd</sup> Year

\*ASANO, Matsue

\*MURATA, Miyano

### 1991

BANNO, Magohachi

\*DOI, Sumiko

\*GODO, Moichi

\*UTSUNOMIYA, Kinuye

### 1992

\*OSATO, Hiroko

TSUJI, Sumi

YADA, Katsutoshi

### 1993

\*CHIAI, Asae

KOYANAGI, Mitsuru

\*TANIYAMA, Shigeru

### 1994

\*FUKUHARA, Asano

\*SHISHIDO, Kiyoko

TANIZAWA, Mitsuyoshi

### 1995

MATSUNAGA, Shigekazu

### 1996

KONDO, Masaru

TERAKITA, Hideo

### 1997

KITANO, Yaeno

TSUJI, Tadao

### 1998—25<sup>th</sup> Year

NISHI, Kenichi

FUJIWARA, Akira

### 1999

MATSUSHITA, Naka

### 2000

EGAMI, Yukio

FORSYTH, Aiko Mary

KAWABATA, Eijiro

YOSHIOKA, George

MATANOJO, George

MORIUCHI, Chie

### 2001

NISHI, Diane

TAKAI, Sumiko

TSUJI, Soto

### 2003

FUJII, Kiyosada

SHIMABUKURO, Toshio

### 2004

BABA, Kohei

HAMAZAKI, Kazue

NAKASHIMA, Yasuharu

### 2005

MORISHITA, Sawa

### 2006—17<sup>th</sup> Year

IKEGAMI, Sachiko

KIKUCHI, Toru

KOMORI, Tadahiro

### 2007

FUCHIHARA, Mike

KAZUTA, Matsuko

### 2008

NISHI, Masaru

TAKAKI, Yukio Frank

YAMASHITA, Shunichi

### 2009

FUNATSU-MEYER,

Shohei

TAKAHARA, Kiyokazu

### 2010—13<sup>th</sup> year

NOMURA, Emily

### 2012

SATO, Sumiko

TAMAKI, Michiko

ABURAMOTO, Reiko

### 2013

YUZA, Jihei

NISHIZAWA, Chieko

TAKEUCHI, Akio

### 2014

KURAHASHI, Akio

MORI, Akira

### 2015

NISHIMURA, Ayako

### 2017

NAKAGAWA, Shoko

NAKAGAWA, Fumie

### 2018

TERANISHI, Tamotsu

HIDEMI IMAI,

Jacqueline

KOYANAGI, Terry

### 2019

NARUKE, Yasumasa

KASUYA, Ken

### 2020—3<sup>rd</sup> Year

MATSUI, Otokazu

### 2021—1<sup>st</sup> Year

ARATAKE, Tsuki

MATSUTANI, Yoshie



## Passings

Our deepest  
condolences go to the  
families and friends of

Mr. Masato 'Marv' Araki  
(93 yrs)

February 24, 2022

\*\*The Shotsuki Service will  
be held on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
at the temple & via Zoom @  
10 am.

The Zoom link is:

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Also, you can dial-in to the  
service.

Dial: 778-907-2071

Press Meeting ID#:

692 059 0986 & #

# 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](mailto:temple.vbt@gmail.com)) or call (604 253-7033).

For April 24<sup>th</sup>, the bento will include:

- Spaghetti with meat sauce
- Caesar salad
- Garlic toast
- Chocolate brownie



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, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Pick-up: Between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Social Hall entrance.

\*\*\* **All profits** from the April bento sale will go towards:  
The Canadian Red Cross's – Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. \*\*\*

## April 24<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: \_\_\_\_\_