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, June 4th at 10AM Saturday, June 11th at 10AM Saturday, June 18th at 10AM Saturday, June 25th @ 10AM

> Sunday, June 12th @ 10:00 a.m.

Family Day and Shotsuki/Memorial

Reservations are no longer needed.

Masks are still required.

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

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How Do We Live Every Day?



Now that the restrictions due to the Covid pandemic have been lifted, the Vancouver Buddhist Temple has slowly begun to resume many temple activities. The Shigin club has restarted their sessions, and I have more requests to officiate long-deferred services. Our lives are becoming filled with activities and appointments.

When our lives become so very busy, I am reminded of one of the stories which took place between Ikkyu and Rennyo. Ikkyu was a famous but eccentric Japanese Zen monk-poet (1394-1481). Rennyo was the 8th head priest of Jodo Shinshu (1415-1499). Rennyo and Ikkyu were bosom buddies.

One day Ikkyu sent a letter to Rennyo. When Rennyo read the letter, there were the same words in repetition on each page, "do this, do that, do this, do this, do that, do this, do that, do this, do thi

In reply, Rennyo wrote, "eat, sleep, eat, sleep, eat,

After Ikkyu read this letter, he just smiled because Rennyo had answered his koan (Zen question). The words reflect the way we live every day. Sometimes, I feel we have too many things to do, and too many agendas so that 24 hours are not enough hours in a day to deal with them. We are so busy, and yet we will all die someday. Let us try to truly live each day, not take it for granted, and live each day in appreciation and peace.

Do This. Do That. Eat. Sleep. Namo Amida Butsu!

Tatsuya Aoki

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar...

Obon Service - July 10th @ 2:00 pm (please pre-register) **Bon Odori** - July 10th @ 3:30 pm

Bon Odori - July 10th @ 3:30 pm **Powell Street Festival** - July 30th & 31st

Japanese Canadian Memorial Service & Luncheon - Sunday. August 7th @ 10:00 am (please pre-register)

BC Jodo Shinshu Federation Vancouver Island Obon Tour - August 12th - 14th



Message from the VBT Board

Now that we are more or less resuming our usual temple schedule, the month of June means planning for our major annual summer events of Obon and the Powell Street Festivals. We shall follow our usual Obon procedures as we have in past years. For anyone interested in volunteering, please call our temple. There is much work to be done.

If members would like to arrange memorials, services or other special family observances, please contact Aoki Sensei at Vancouver Buddhist Temple. Currently, the only COVID protocols required are that everyone attending services in-person must wear proper face-masks inside and minimize social contact with others as much as possible.

We continue renting unused space within our building to offset operating expenses. More efficient cameras have been added to improve the security of the building. Some grants from the city of Vancouver has helped to offset repairs and improvements.

Our election method, which has been used for many years, has become ineffective in electing the most suitable members to the board of directors. A committee to study the election process has made recommendations. A more effective method to elect the board of directors has been approved by the Board. More details will follow so that all members may have a say in adopting the new method or not. Stay tuned!

A one-time University Entrance Scholarship of \$1000, offered by the temple, is available to a graduating high school student who is a member or who's parent or grandparent is a current member of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple. Information is available through the scholarship committee of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple. The scholarship application deadline is June 30, 2022.

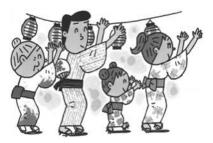
Namo Amida Butsu,

The Board

2022 VBT Bon Odori (Dance) Practice Dates

We welcome everyone back and extend an invitation to new dancers joining the dances to remember our ancestors. In preparation for Obon, the odori (dance) practices led by Sensei Akemi Komori will be held at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at **7:00 pm**, June 21st.

Tuesday, June 21 Tuesday, June 28 Tuesday, July 5 Thursday, June 23 Thursday, June 30 Thursday, July 7



2022 OBON Cemetery & Temple Services Wednesday, June 29 10:00 AM Maple Ridge 10:30 AM Whonnock 11:00 AM Hatzic (Mission) Wednesday, July 6 10:00 AM Valley View (Surrey) 10:30 AM **New Westminster** Coquitlam 11:00 AM Saturday, July 9 1:00 PM Aldergrove Cemetery 2:00 PM **FVBT Obon Service & Bon Dance** Sunday, July 10 2:00 PM Vancouver Obon & Shotsuki Service 3:30 PM Vancouver Bon Dance

Greetings from the Valley...



If the pandemic has taught us anything over the past two years, it has been how to be resilient. When we were told that Rev. Grant Ikuta was in Winnipeg on the weekend that we were to hold our May service, we said, "Ok, we will hold our service via Zoom". Our phone tree went into action and we had our service online and were happy to see Sensei Tanis Moore with Rev Grant in front of the Manitoba naijin.

We are trying a new fundraising project this year... **Mochi in July** (thank you Rev. Aoki for mentioning that you would love to eat mochi at any time of the year)! We are looking for members to step up and help make mochi in July

and the sale will take place on Saturday July 9th after our Obon Service. The price for a package of 12 pieces is, \$10.00 and orders must be placed in advance. Please email <u>fvbtemple@gmail.com</u> or call Lucy at 604-856-6492 to place your order or to get information on how you may help at our summer mochitsuki.

Our June service will be at the temple on Saturday, June 11th starting at 2 pm and our next Movie Afternoon will be on Saturday, June 25th starting at 1 pm. We look forward to seeing you in June.

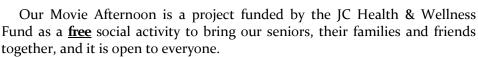
Stay safe and healthy.

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

<u>Japanese Movie Afternoons</u>

On Saturday, June 25th at 1:00 pm come join us to watch Japanese movies (with English subtitles) at the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple. Those attending the session will be able to choose from *Departures* or *Shoplifters*.





For more information on our Movie Afternoons, you may email Lori at: lori.north@gmail.com (English)

or call Lucy Yoshioka at: (604) 856-6492 (Japanese).

Mochi In July Sale!

When: Saturday, July 9th after the FVBT Obon Service

Cost: \$10/dozen

Where: Fraser Valley Buddhist

Temple



Please order in advance by emailing:

fvbtemple@gmail.com or phoning

Lucy at: 604 856-6492

<u>Japanese Canadian Memorial Service</u>

Luncheon and Entertainment (Free)

Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM

<u>Vancouver Buddhist Temple</u> 220 Jackson Avenue Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3

RSVP by July 25, 2022

www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com VBT (604) 253-7033 temple.vbt@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Japanese Canadian Wellness Fund

参拝には事前連絡が必要です。仏教会へご連絡くださ



<u>Ukraine</u> <u>Fundraiser:</u> A Success

Thank you to all who ordered bentos and donated to our Ukraine fundraiser.

We were able to raise \$2500.00. The funds will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross—Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.



<u>Upcoming</u> <u>Events</u>

Saturday, June 4th -Dharma Service @ 10:00

Saturday, June 11th @ Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, June 12th -Family Day & Shotsuki/ Memorial Service @ 10:00 VBT (**masks required**) & on-line

Saturday, June 18th -Dharma Service @ 10:00

Saturday, June 25th -Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, July 10th -Obon/Hatsubon Service @ 2:00 Bon Odori @ 3:30

July 30th & 31st -Powell Street Festival

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

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986

Passcode: shinran

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 100th time—the care we put in our temple expresses how precious we hold the Teachings of the Buddha.

The 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. Help will also be needed for lunch prep for various monthly activities.

The following activities in June are the responsibility of **Toban #3**

June Shotsuki/Memorial Service - Sunday, June 12th

Manju making—Saturday, June 18th

Please contact Toban 3's captains, Dave Ohori and/or Trish Keizer if you are able to help.

Toban 3 Captains:

Dave Ohori Trish Keizer

Tatsuya Aoki
Yukari Aoki
Noriko Chijiwa
Tei Domitsu
Kazue Egami
Derek Iwanaka
Sayaka Iwanaka
Lorene A. MacDonald
Barbara MacCarl
Kent MacCarl

Jack S. Matsuda

Takavo Matsuda

Yasuko Masuhara



Emiko Matsui Barry Matsumoto Carol Matsumoto Myra McDonald Ray B. McDonald Colin McGrath Megumi McGrath Akiko Minato Frances Harumi Minato Harry Haruo Minato Karen Mizushima Tatsutoki Mizushima Orrin Morishita Yukie Morishita Hiroyuki Morimoto Tomiye Morimoto



Kazumi Nakano Yachiyo Nishi Tomiko Niwatsukino Junko Ohori Monica Ohori Sachiko Renovich Mikio Takeda Kazuko Takahara Akemi Tanaka Sandy Tanaka Michiko Tanizawa Kaoru Tatara Tomiko Uyeyama Sadayo Yamazaki Tatsuya F. Yamazaki Joanne Yuasa

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:

- ♦ April 2nd Manju making: Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Kaoru Kikuchi, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Akemi & Sandy Tanaka, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.
- ♦ April Bento Molly Akune, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Akemi Mizuta, Richard & Sandra Nomura, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine & Kaz Yoshida.
- ♦ May 7th Manju making: Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Haruyo Chiba, Masae Ishii, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Sam Kobayashi, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Tatsuo & Karen Mizushima, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Bob Soga, Akemi & Sandy Tanaka, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine & Kaz Yoshida.
- ♦ May 21st Manju making: Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Haruyo Chiba, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida.

Memorial Years of 2022

33rd Year - 1990 50th Year - 1973

Thank You Angel Seafoods!

Many thanks to Angel Seafoods for their generous donation on anko and their continuous support to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple. We have been able to make quite a bit of manju to support our bento and temple programs.



No Bentos for June and July

With Obon and the Powell Street Festival coming up, we will be taking a short hiatus from our Bento program.



BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation 2022 Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Tour August 11 -14, 2022



'A journey of the Heart'

The BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation is proud to announce the 2022 Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Tour from Aug. 11 to 14th. 2022 is a significant year because it marks 80 years since the internment of Japanese Canadians. The forcible removal of Canadian citizens from Vancouver Island was the direct cause for many cemeteries being destroyed and desecrated. Following WWII, in 1967, as an act of reconciliation, the BCJSBTF along with the NAJC and other local organizations gathered the headstones strewn about at the Cumberland Japanese Canadian Cemetery site and brought them all together to form a central memorial monument. Cemeteries in other towns such as Chemainus, and Port Alberni would follow suit.

On May 5th, 2021, the BC Provincial Government acknowledged their part in the wrongdoing of the unlawful relocation of 22,000 Canadians of Japanese ancestry from the west coast in the early 1940's. As part of the reconciliation process, the government set aside \$2 million dollars towards programs for the health and welfare of survivors of the forcible relocation. From this fund, the BCJSBTF received a grant for \$9,500 to be used for the Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Visitation. From it's beginning, the Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Visitation has been a way for us to honor, not only those who were left behind in the cemeteries, but their families who were removed from the island and never had the opportunity to move back. We are grateful for receiving the grant for this cause.

Highlights from the trip include visiting sites in Campbell River, along with Cemetery services in Cumberland, Nanaimo, Chemainus, Duncan and Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria. We will also participate this year in a Bon Odori and fellowship dinner in Nanaimo with the Seven Potatoes Nikkei Society as well as having a fellowship gathering with members of the Cumberland Village Council and the Comox Valley Nikkei Society.

Registration Form

Registration Fee: \$750 per person for Nikkei Internment Survivors and \$800 for others (based on double occupancy and 48 people registration. Price may fluctuate slightly depending on final number of participants)

- Included in the fee: Return Bus Fare from Steveston Temple, Ferry Fees, 3 nights hotel accommodations, all meals, and entrance fees at the museums.
- Maximum number of participants will be 48 people and priority will be given to BCJSBTF members and to Nikkei Internment Survivors.
- · Proof of vaccination will be requested prior to boarding the bus.
- Detailed schedule for the weekend is printed on the second page of this application form.
- · Vehicles may be left over the weekend in our gated parkade at Wisteria Place.

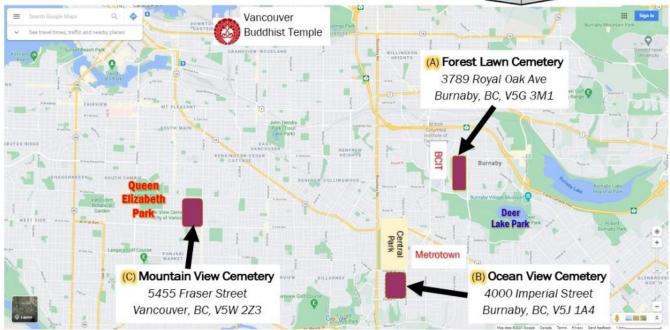
Registrants (Names):	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Temple:	

Deadline for receiving applications will be June 30, 2022. Please send form to Steveston Buddhist Temple, Attn: Rev. Grant Ikuta (604) 273-0313) or email: rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca. Cheque payable to Steveston Buddhist Temple, 4360 Garry Street, Richmond, BC, V7E 2V2, Tel: (604) 277-2323 by June 30, 2022.

Sunday, July 3rd, 2022

Cemetery Sites' Services by Rev. Aoki



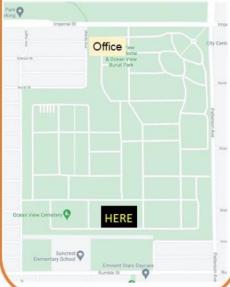


(A) Forest Lawn Sun, July 3 9:30 am



(B) Ocean View

Sun, July 3 10:10 am



(C) Mountain View Sun, July 3

[North] 11:00 am [South] 11:30 am







Scan with your phone or ipad

Obon Registration: (604) 253-7033 or temple.vbt@gmail.com



RSVP - 2022 Obon Service at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple

SERVICE: Sunday, July 10th @ 2:00 pm & Bon Dance @ 3:30 pm (approximately)

Name (first name last name):		
Email:		
Phone #:	or Cell #:	
Number of people attending (inc	luding yourself):	
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Email:		
Phone #:	or Cell #:	
Names of people attending (incl	uding yourself):	
Are any of the members of your ₁	oarty INTERNEES? Yes N	
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June Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1959 *YAMAMOTO, Koshichi *HIRAKIDA, Chiyoko MUKUYAMA, Sueko *KAWAGUCHI, Yoshigoro 1963 *UI, Kenny *YAMASHITA, Manjiro *TAKEUCHI, Tomiye 1965 *HUDSON, Irene 1967 *INOUYE, Kazuo NAKAMURA, Rie 1968 *FURUKAWA, Kumakichi KASUYA, Toyonari *NODA, Sueno YADA, Kameno 1969 *HIKIDA, Yazaemon 1970 KANEKO, Shojiro *MIYAGAWA, Ume *ONO, Yosojiro 1971 *TABATA, Hyozo 1972 (50th Year) *KONO, Nobue *MAYEDA, Miyuki *OHARA, Jo <u>1973 - 50th Year</u> TAGUCHI, Sowa 1974 SAKAI, Tokuzo *YAMAKE, Junzo KASHIYAMA, Sumi *MORITA, Hiroshi *SUGIYAMA, Yusaku *WADA, Tsuneko KOBAYASHI, Kanzaburo 1977 *DOI, Yojiro *HIRAYAMA, Shigeru *YUDA, Chiwako 1978 *LEE, Shion *MITSUI, Miyako *NAGANO, Kazuichi

*SHINTANI, Kuni

1979 HARA, Shinichi *KOZAI, Kiri 1981 *HORI, Tadao WAKAHARA, Haru *MAYEDA, Hatsu *TANII, Kichiji TERANISHI, Masuye *IWANAKA, Motoi KARAKI, Hideaki *KUMAMOTO, Jun NISHIGUCHI, Waku NAKAMURA, Kameno *TANIGUCHI, Juntaro *TANIZAWA, Shige UYENO, Yukio SHIKAZE, Yoshio 1987 FUJIWARA, Katsu KURAHASHI, Setsuko MATSUTANI, Itono 1988 *SHIMIZU, Kaneyoshi 1990 - 33rd Year *FUIII, Kauzuko 1991 *SATO, Hideo *MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko *YOSHIDA, Teiichi 1002 EGAMI, Kimiye *HAMANISHI, Takeo *KAWAMOTO, Itoye KUMANO, Asae *KURAHASHI, Hisako *NARIWA, Masahiro *TANAKA, Mizuo MORISHITA, Teiji

MURATA, Yoshikazu

*YOSHIDA, Alvin

*TAKUBO, Hisao

INOUE, Tsutomu

YAKURA, Yukinobu

YANO, Matsuyo

WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuye

ITO, Misao

*FUJITA, Yasuyoshi

YANASE, Katsuhiko KOBAYASHI, Hiroko 1996 SHIMIZU, Aiko 1997 *KANAYAMA, Shoichi UYEDA, Miki UYENO, Sumio SHIKAZE, Eda 1998 - 25th Year HAMAZAKI, Kazuko ODA, Masato TANAKA, Yoshi MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi NAKAGAWA, Yoshio KAZUTA, Kiyozo KOJIMA, Marge SHIMABUKURO, Nellie IWATA, Robert 2002 *ASAOKA, George NAKAHARA, Ryosuke FUIITA, Chizuko SOGA, Tsuneko GOMYO, Yoshiaki 2004 SAKAMOTO, SHIGEKO, Helen HIRAKIDA, Margaret FUKUMOTO, Toshiyuki HAMA, Shizue *FUKUDA, Yoshiko MATSUNAGA, Toshiko HIQUEBRAN, Harumi HIQUEBRAN, Jimmy HIROSHI, James MATSUNAGA, Masami <u> 2006 - 17th Year</u> BANDO, Hatsu ISHINO, Masahiko WADA, Osamu SHIMIZU, Chiyomi KISHIDA, Akira MATSUMOTO, Yoshiaki SUGA, Kanji SUZUKI, Yukiko <u> 2010 - 13th Year</u>

The June Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, June 12th at 10:00 am. 2011 TAMURA, Misao KIKUCHI, Megumi TODA, Miyo KUBO, Yoshiko MORI, Takao 2013 OKUYAMA, Yasuo UEDA, Fumiaki SAKAMOTO, Fujie 2015 OTAKI, Hiromi TSUJI, Nobuo 2016 - 7th Year HOTTA, Shigeo YAMAMOTO, Yoshino MIYASHITA, Tsugi ONO, Misao TATEYAMA, Joe TOMITA, Hozumi WATANABE, Kyoko UTSUNOMIYA, Seiichi HAMAGUCHI, Yuji NOSE, Miyoko 2020 - 3rd Year TANAKA, Shizuo

Passings

YOSHIOKA, Hideko

SAMESHIMA, Fusae

<u> 2021 - 1st Year</u>

Our deepest condolences go to the families and friends of

Mr. Tadanori Masuda (75 years) April 30th 2022

**The Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, June 12th at the temple & 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#: 692 059 0986 & #

URATA, Michiho