

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, September 3rd at 10 AM
Saturday, October 1st at 10 AM
Saturday, October 8th at 10 AM
Saturday, October 29th at 10 AM

Sunday, September 11th
@ 10:00 a.m.

Fall Ohigan & Shotsuki/ Memorial Service

Sunday, October 2nd
@ 10:00 a.m.

JSBTC Day & Shotsuki/ Memorial Service

Masks are still required when in the temple

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
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No Matter Which Way I Turn, the Buddha Embraces Me



It has been a very hot summer and I am glad that we are finally able to have major services and gatherings at the temple. We observed Obon service on, July 10th, followed by the Bon Odori. Our first special memorial service for surviving internees was combined with our annual Keiro-kai on August 7th. As we paid our respect and deep feeling of gratitude to people who passed away before us and respecting the dedication of our current seniors, I was reminded

of the following story.

When physicist Albert Einstein was invited to Japan, he paid a visit to Reverend Jōkan Chikazumi, a Higashi Hongwanji minister and asked him about the Buddha Dharma, especially the heart of the Buddha ("Buddha-mind"). It is said that Rev. Chikazumi told him the story of Ubasuteyama (the old custom of abandoning old people, usually women, deep in the mountains).

The story goes like this... A young man was trodding up a mountain path carrying his aged mother on his back. Along the way, the mother was breaking off tiny tree branches and dropping them on the path. She was marking the path with a trail of twigs. Seeing this, the young man thought that his mother was leaving a trail of twigs so that later, when he abandoned her, she could find her way out of the mountains.

When they arrived at their destination, the son, bidding his mother farewell, was about to leave when she said, "Since I don't want you to become lost, I left a trail of twigs for you. Follow them as you make your way back home."

It is said that when the young man heard this, he didn't have the heart to leave her there and so once again put her on his back and carried her home. So, for whom is the trail of broken twigs? It is for the child who is hurrying on his way to abandon his parent. This story reflects the feelings that the aged mother held in her heart.

We can clearly see that they were not meant to reproach him for taking her deep into the mountains to abandon her, but rather it was her own abandoning of her "self", and that as a mother, her sole concern was for the safety of her child. Although her son's intention was to abandon her, she was receptive and accepting of him completely as he was. Rev. Chikazumi explained to Einstein that this commiserative expression is likened to the Buddha's compassion. Einstein, when he came to know that according to the

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Buddha Dharma, the heart of the Buddha does not pass judgment on whether something is good or evil, he was elated to have encountered this kind of teaching for the first time, and said that in order for us to realize true peace that is free of conflict, we must learn from this truth.

I feel that the gassho of the Buddha is an expression of commiseration and compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu

Tatsuya Aoki



Message from the VBT Board

A memorial service was held recently at our temple in recognition of the life and struggles endured by the survivors of the internment. However, not to be forgotten was the strength and endurance of the parents and grandparents during this difficult period in the history of Canada. We were reminded of the hardships experienced by parents and grandparents - most of whom are no longer with us. This special service was followed by the Keirokai bento lunch, which included gifts for the seniors and bingo. For those who attended, it was a happy and very special occasion - after two years of COVID restrictions. The Powell Street Festival was very successful in terms of sales for our temple. Even with environmental restrictions on non-recyclable materials (causing increased expenses), gross sales were surprisingly good. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help. The one negative incident was the theft of our social hall speakers and microphones. Hopefully the police will recover them for us.

Even though we are starting to get back to 'normal', the board has decided to cancel our Fall Bazaar. While disappointing, the health and safety of our members, volunteers, and guests is paramount.

Discussions following proposals for the future of our temple has been ongoing. At our recent board meeting, another proposal was brought forward. The board is considering all the various proposals. If there are any views regarding our future in terms of staying at our present location, relocating or changing how we function as a Shinshu temple, the board would like to hear from you. After all, the temple belongs to each one of us. We are the stakeholders.

Namo Amida Butsu,

The Board



Powell Street Festival



Greetings from the Valley...



Where did the summer go?

We will be starting up our fall with our Fall Higan and monthly Shotsuki service on Saturday, September 10th at 2:00pm. Rev. Grant Ikuta will be leading the service. JSBTC Day and October Shotsuki is on Saturday, October 1st at 2:00pm (not October 8) led by Rev. Aoki.

Some people have asked if we will be holding a Fall Bazaar this year. We have not made our decision yet, but feel free to contact one of our Board members with your thoughts on this topic, especially if you are in support of

it and are willing to help out.
Stay safe and healthy.

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

May Mukaida - Obon

Sam & Pat Yoshioka - Obon & In Memory of Hideko, Jack & Kenny Yoshioka

July 24, 2022 Memorial Service for Crystal Fujita

Ron (Jr.) Fujita - in memory of Crystal Fujita

Ron & Marilyn Fujita - in memory of Crystal

James Fujita - in memory of Crystal

Lori North - Memory of Crystal Fujita

Byron Kagawa - in memory of Crystal Fujita



VBT's Japanese Canadian
Memorial Service and
Luncheon
August 7th



Chairperson: Derek Iwanaka



Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 3rd -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Saturday, September 10th -
Fraser Valley Service
@ 2:00 p.m w/Rev. Ikuta

Sunday, September 11th -
Fall Ohigan & Shotsuki/
Memorial Service @ 10:00
VBT (masks required) &
on-line (no lunch)

September 17th - 18th -
BCJSBF Convention
hosted by SBT

Saturday, October 1st -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Saturday, October 1st -
Fraser Valley Service
@ 2:00 p.m w/Rev. Aoki

Sunday, October 2nd -
JSBTC Day & Shotsuki/
Memorial Service @ 10:00
VBT (masks required) &
on-line (no lunch)

Saturday, October 8th -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, October 16th -
Service @ 10:00 a.m.
In-person only at VBT

Saturday, October 29th -
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 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 September are the responsibility of **Toban #4**

Fall Ohigan & September Shotsuki/Memorial Service - Sunday, September 11th
@ 10:00 a.m.

September Bento - Saturday, September 24th @ 9:00 a.m. (prep) and Sunday,
September 25th @ 8:00 a.m.

Please contact the VBT, or Toban 4's captains, Frank Hamanishi and/or Yvonne Nakano if you are able to help.

The following activities in October are the responsibility of **Toban #5**

JSBTC Day & October Shotsuki/Memorial Service - Sunday, October 2nd
@ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Service - Sunday, October 16th @ 10:00 a.m.

October Bento - Saturday, October 29th @ 9:00 a.m. (prep) and Sunday, October 30th
@ 8:00 a.m.

Please contact the VBT, or Toban 5's captain, Izumi Lo if you are able to help.

Toban 5:

Captain: Izumi Lo
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
Hiromi Mikasa
Akemi Mizuta
Haruji Mizuta
Emiko Morita
Haruko Nakamura

Steven Nishi
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
Hiroaki George Uyeda
Nobuyo Uyeyama
Rickey Yoshio Yada
Masayuki Yamakami
Sachiko Yamakami
Kimiko Yokogawa
Makoto Yokogawa
Yoshika Yoneda



Volunteers Needed

If you are available, please come and help at any of the following events:

- **September Bento** - Saturday, September 24th @ 9:00 a.m. (prep) and Sunday, September 25th @ 8:00 a.m.
- **Senior's Luncheon** - Sunday, October 16th @ 10:00 a.m.
- **October Bento** - Saturday, October 29th @ 9:00 a.m. (prep) and Sunday, October 30th @ 8:00 a.m.

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

September Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The September Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, September 11th at 10:00 am.

1958

KARIYA, Tsune
Baby Okamoto
SATO, Saburo

1960

IINUMA, Chusaburo
KOHARA, Maju

1961

KAWASHIMA, Masaki
Baby Yamamoto

1963

UCHINAMI, Kazumi

1964

KAGETSU, Tsurutaro

1965

KASUYA, Kenzo
TANAKA, Tei
IWASAKI, Kinnosuke
SHIOZAKI, Minoru

1966

ITO, Yukie

1967

OKANO, Moritaro

1968

HAYASHI, Eikichi

1969

NAKASHIMA, Asa

1970

MIYANO, Tetsuro
OMOTO, Kanshiro

1971

IKEGAMI, Matajiro

1972

KOMINAMI, Jiroichi
MIMOTO, Torasu

1973 - 50th year

KAWASAKI, Tokusuke

1974

TAZAWA, Haru
YANO, Minoru

1976

NAKANO, Heiroke
HAYASHI, Tatsuo
TAKAHASHI, Genza

1977

RYUJIN, Shinaye
YADA, Takao

1979

TOMITA, Mariko

1980

KITAGAWA, Yosokichi

1981

IDA, Tsunejiro
FUJII, Tetsuo
YOSHIDA, Hari

1982

UYESUGI, Ryu
TANAKA, Yoshie

1984

INAMASU, Yoshio
YOSHIZAWA, Shizuyo

1985

MINESHI, Ichiro

1986

OYE, Yakichi
SHIMIZU, Kimiteru
UYESUGI, Naosada

1987

EBATA, Masukichi
HAYASHI, Matsujiro
HAMANISHI, Shizuka
ISHIDA, Tomiye
KITAGAWA, Shosuke

1988

MATSUTANI, Hidehiro

1989

UYESUGI, Bunshichi
HAMA, Seitaro
TAKEUCHI, Itsu

1992

HAMANISHI, Katsuji
KURAMOTO, Roy
NAGASHIMA, Ishi

1994

YAGISAWA, Yuri
KAWAGOE, Kiyoshi
TAKEUCHI, Chisato
YAMASHITA, Akira

1995

NISHIMURA, Emiko
SUGIMOTO, Kanao

1996

TAN, Misao
OKAHORI, Yoshie
KADOTA, Kunio

CHOI, Jong Hee

1997

MURATA, Miyako

1998 - 25th year

YAMASHITA, Iwataro
HAMADA, Hideichi

1999

MASUDA, Maria Masako
YAGISAWA, Christopher
Akira

TERAI, Shige

AYUKAWA, Funi

2000

ANDO, Eiichi
AMANO, Emi
OHASHI, Hatsuko

2001

MINATO, Toshimi
YADA, Yoshiko

2002

OMOTO, Teruko
INOUE, Hisaye
KADO, Shizuo
TSURUGA, Masataro
SHINKODA, Mitsuo

2003

HAMA, Shigeo

2004

NAKATA, Toyoko

2005

NAKAMURA, Kimi
KOMORI, Haruo

2006 - 17th year

KOBAYASHI, Toyoko
TSURUSAKI, Nobuya

2007

TANABE, Lily Sachiko
KAGAWA, Ayaka

2008

NASU, Katsumi
UYEYAMA, Toshio

2009

UYENO, Kenneth Akira

2010 - 13th year

MORISHITA, Kimiye

2011

MURACHI, Matsuri

2012

MATSUBARA, Teruko
KOYAMA, Keiko
KOGAWA, Natsumi

2014

GOMYO, Yoshie
OBARA, George
SHIKAZE, Hisako

2015

UEDA, Sayomi
MATSUI, Kikuye

2016 - 7th year

YAMAMOTO, Michiyo
Mike

OYA, Osamu
KOGAWA, Natsumi

2018

ASAKURA, Mieko
UYEYAMA, Kimie

2020 - 3rd year

HAMAGUCHI, Shizue
KOMORI, Yasuko
OKADA, Tom Shigeso
UYEDA, Eiji

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of

Mrs. Toshiko Kajiwara
(96)
August 4th

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1928
SUZUKI, Genichi

1958
TSUMURA, Chonosuke

1959
KISHIUCHI, Shigeichi

1961
HAMAGUCHI, Minoru

1963
NISHIMURA, Masao

1964
CHIBA, Zenshichi

1965
OCHIAI, Ikushi

1966
HAMAGISHI, Fujie
TAKATA, Minoru

1967
HAMAGUCHI, Takeshi

1968
NAGANO, Hideo
FUKUHARA, Takakazu
MORI, Yasomatsu
HOMMA, Joe

1969
NISHI, Tetsuo
WAKITA, Uno
ARAKI, Toki

1970
YAMASHITA, Shintaro

1971
MIZUNO, Shinichiro

1972
TANAKA, Shirosuke
HAYASHI, Yu
MOTOKADO, Kichijiro

1973 - 50th year
YOSHIDA, Toyozo
TAMAI, Hideo

1974
KOHARA, Yokio

1975
HAYASHI, Rinnosuke
HANAZAWA, Takezo

1976
TAKAOKA, Shoji

1977
SUGIE, Yoshi
TAKAI, Nobukichi

1978
TOKITO, Takeo

1979
NODA, Fukuya
ASANO, Kyosuke
ITAYA, Wakaichi
KOBAYASHI, Ryoichi

1980
TSUJI, Tokichi
TANAKA, Eiichi

1981
USUI, Kohei
SAKIYAMA, Fujino
SHISHIDO, Ginichi

1982
NISHI, Tora
HIKIDA, Shio
NISHIMURA, Gengo
OMOTO, Kunijiro

1983
HORIO, Kunio

1985
HIRANO, Wataru
ISHIKAWA, Tomoe Pearl
AMANO, Teiichi
NISHIMURA, Masayoshi

1986
EDAMURA, Shige
URABE, Kiku

1987
KARIATSUMARI, Teru
IMADA, Ito

1988
HAMAGAMI, Natsu
UYENO, Sato
TAZAWA, Kazuo

1989
WRAY, Fred
KAMO, Yasuhiko

1990 - 33rd year
UCHINAMI, Fujimi
SHIOZAKI, Kiyomi

1991
EBATA, Tayo

1992
TANAKA, Tokutaro
MORITA, Yukio
HAGANE, Sumiko

1993
KOYANAGI, Haruko

SASAKI, Toshi
HOMMA, Shingo

1994
YAMAMOTO, Kenkichi
TAHARA, Hiroyoshi Tex
INOUE, Juichiro

1996
KAWABATA, Kazuyo

1997
MIYASAKI, Mitsuye
TERASHITA, Satoru Sam
TAKASAKI, Yoshino

1998 - 25th year
MIYASHITA, Keiji Joe
NOMURA, Akio
OYE, Freddie Shigeyuki
NAGAMATSU, Sakuo

1999
NISHI, Toshiko Margaret
TAMAKI, Yoshio
IKARI, Masao
KAGAWA, Masayeki

2000
SHIGEMATSU, Kiyoko
KARIYA, Masue

2001
MORI, Isamu Sam
TAMAI, Isamu

2002
HAMAGUCHI, Tamae
ITO, Sokichi
IHARA, Masako
IMAMURA, Kojiro
STEVENS, Howard

2003
NOMURA, Daniel N.
SHIMOZAWA, Wataru W

2004
HONKAWA, Fumiye

2005
NARITA, Noriaki
YOSHIMURA, Kazuhira
TSUJI, Mitsuye

2007
HARADA, Yae
TATEYAMA, Yukie
KUSAKA, Toyo

2008
WAKABAYASHI, Aiko
Anne

SAKATA, Hiroshi

2009
KAWAGOYE, Frances Fusae

2010 - 13th year
YAKURA, Masae
SAIMOTO, Cy Hisao
JOWETT, Tomiko

2011
NAKAGAWA, Tsuyako
OGAWA, Fumikado
ARAKI, Aiko

2012
KADOTA, Misuko
TANAKA, Robert

2013
ONO, Tamotsu

2014
SHONO, Kiyoshi
UYEDA, Yaeko

2015
SHIBATA, Kenji
KOBAYAKAWA, Sumi

2016 - 7th year
OMOTO, Tsutomu
MASUHARA, Akiyasu

2017
OMOTO, Reiko
NISHIMURA, Yasuko

2018
SHOJI, Akiko

2020 - 3rd year
OKAMURA, Dean
SHIMABUKURO, Kimi

2021 - 1st year
MARUNO, Yukito



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September Bento

They're back! The Vancouver Buddhist Temple will once again offer bentos on the last Sunday of each month. 😊

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 **September 25th**, the bento will include:

Korokke
Shredded cabbage
Yakitori
Nimono
Broccoli salad
Rice
Tsukemono



Cost: \$15.00

Also available:

*** Manju packs

Cost: \$8.00

*** Fukujinzuke

Cost: \$7.00

Special: \$20.00 Bento and manju combo

Orders must be prepaid (cash, cheque, Paypal, or e-transfer). **Last day to order the September Bento is Tuesday, September 20th.**

Pick-up: Between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on September 25th at the Social Hall entrance.

September 25th Bento Order Form

Number of: Bento ___ x \$15.00 Manju ___ x \$8.00 Combo ___ x \$20.00
Fukujinzuke ___ x \$7.00

Total cost: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

October Bento Box



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 **October 30th**, the bento will include:

- ♦ Take-out Udon (chicken, scallions, and naruto)

Cost: \$6.00



- ♦ Beef curry (with rice)

Cost: \$10.00



Also available:

*** Manju packs

Cost: \$8.00

Orders must be prepaid (cash, cheque, Paypal, or e-transfer). **Last day to order the October Bento is Tuesday, October 25th.**

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

October 30th Bento Order Form

Number of: Udon___x \$6.00 Beef Curry___x \$10.00 Manju___x \$8.00

Total cost: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____