

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, November 5th at 10 AM
Saturday, November 19th at 10 AM
Saturday, November 26th at 10 AM
Saturday, December 3rd at 10 AM

Sunday, November 6^h

@ 10:00 a.m.

Eitaikyo & Shotsuki/ Memorial Service

Masks are still required when in the temple

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986

Passcode: shinran

Vancouver Buddhist Temple

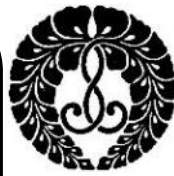


220 Jackson Avenue
Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3

Phone:
604-253-7033

Email:
temple.vbt@gmail.com

Website:
vancouverbuddhisttemple.com



Bodhi Mind



Vancouver Buddhist Temple

November 2022, Issue #465

Shimaji Mokurai



Shimaji Mokurai was born in 1838, the fourth son of a Jodo Shinshu priest of Senshoji Temple in the province of Suo (present day Yamaguchi prefecture). He lived in a period of unrest and generations of dissatisfaction with feudal government authority. Samurai clans with ability and strength were gaining power and the winds of change was in the air. Mokurai, even from a young age, stood out as a brilliant student, with maturity beyond his age. As a young man studying for the priest-hood, he could sense a change was taking place at the Hongwanji.

There is an anecdote which became well-known, at the temple involving Mokurai, where he was studying. In the dark of evening, when everyone went to sleep, a figure would steal into the sanctuary and could be seen standing tall and straight for hours reading under the altar lamps. Wearing white robes, the figure turned out to be Mokurai showing his diligence to his studies.

During that period, the government of the day wanted to reduce the influence of the temples on the citizens of the nation. Systems of governance varied from district to district and this influence carried over to Hongwanji affairs. Brilliant in scholarship, Mokurai rose rapidly in Hongwanji affairs. District temple organizations were in conflict for power. Mokurai felt that, 'what was good for Buddhism, was good for the country'. He was 28. He was adopted by the family of the head priest of Myoseiji Temple and soon after, became the 16th head priest of the temple. Soon after, his wife presented him with the birth of a baby boy.

At the age of thirty, he left his wife and child and moved to Kyoto to involve himself in reform movements developing at Hongwanji. This included a movement to oppose the government's wish to give Shinto the prominent position in the country. The loyalist group, of which he was one, sought unity in the sect's administration. This new direction of the sect was supported by Kyonyo ShuShu, head priest of Hongwanji. Mokurai was soon wielding power and influence at Hongwanji, supported by other Choshu priests. A strong anti-Buddhist movement was building and Mokurai was seen to be the leader standing against the oppressive policies of the new government. The government wanted to reduce the strong influence of Buddhism on its citizens by declaring Shinto as the state religion. The government and influential scholars promoted an extreme anti-Buddhism stance and pronounced statements saying, 'Abandon the Buddha and destroy Buddhism.' By this time, great expectations were placed on the skills of Mokurai, who now found himself the key representative of all the sects of Buddhism in the country. Buddhism strongly resisted the oppressive policy of the new government.

In 1873 he was asked to join a group of Japan's leaders to study the role and

Continued on page 2...

...Continued from page 1

relationship between state and the church in various European countries. He returned, convinced that state and religion should be separate and felt strongly, that Buddhism had much to offer to the global community.

In his later years he devoted himself to religious education teaching throughout the country and was much sought after for speaking to Buddhist followers and the public in general. He was regarded as one of the greatest and most eloquent of Hongwanji's intellectuals. Mokurai died in February, 1911.

Namo Amida Butsu

Robert Akune

Vancouver Buddhist Temple 2023 Election Process

The process for electing directors to the temple board has not changed for many years. For the 2023 AGM, the election of directors will follow a new format. Any Vancouver Buddhist Temple member, in good standing, can and/or have someone submit their name as a potential candidate to serve as a VBT board of director (up to 15 directors) to serve a two year term, to the nomination committee. After reviewing all potential candidates, the nomination committee will contact the potential candidate and see if they will allow their name to stand. The nomination committee candidates and any other names brought forward will be put on the election ballot, which will be sent out to all members at least 30 days prior to the AGM. After ballots are counted, the top 15 vote getters will be duly elected to the VBT board of directors.

Board Member Role Description:

We are looking for a group of diverse, driven and skilled professionals who can provide strong leadership and both challenge and support our goals and initiatives.

- Inspired by Jodo Shinshu Buddhist teachings
- Attend and contribute to monthly board meetings (about 12 a year) and an annual general meeting
- Understand the legal and financial responsibilities of board members and to carry out these responsibilities of monitoring and decision-making
- Advise on the devising and implementation of a strategy to raise the public and privately sourced funding required to support goals and initiatives
- Support the Vancouver Buddhist Temple's vision, and to provide critical oversight with regard to the practical and financial implications of the Temple
- Read documents in advance of Board meetings and be required to contribute to fundraising activities or the work of specific sub-committees and/or task groups

Legal & Financial Duties

- Act with honesty and good faith in the best interests of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple
- Ensure that the temple acts at all times within the aims set out in the constitution and in accordance with the conditions laid down by any provider of funds or grants
- Ensure that there is no misapplication of any company property and that all assets of Vancouver Buddhist Temple are used for the benefit of the temple
- Avoid a conflict of interest. A board member is under a duty to disclose the nature of any interest which he or she has in any contract to which Vancouver Buddhist Temple is a party
- Ensure that the organization operates within the limits of its financial resources, actual and expected.
- Ensure that Vancouver Buddhist Temple complies with the requirements of the Charity Directorate, Canada Revenue Agency and other relevant legislation, e.g. Health and Safety Regulations.

How to Apply:

All interested applicants should submit:

- CV
- Brief statement of interest detailing why you are interested in joining the VBT board, along with a brief description of what skills you feel you can contribute
- Board of Directors application form

Please contact the VBT to receive an application form. Application deadline is December 15th.



Message from the VBT Board

We have much to be thankful for the hard work and dedication shown by the board of directors over the past two years. An election will take place in early 2023 to choose a new board. We should all take our turn to serve the temple. If there are current members willing and able to serve on the board please come forward. We need all the help we can get to more effectively sustain and grow our temple.

Our annual Mochitsuki is planned for early December. We encourage all our members and immediate family members to sign up for the fun occasion. Lunch will be served with mochi featured in various ways.

Our neighbour next door, on Powell Street, is now into demolition of their old building, thus exposing the east wall of our building. Some deficiencies have become apparent but can be restored. Otherwise please be careful around the temple building.

Before long the new year will be upon us. We will have the UBC bell-ringing on December 31st @ 11:30 p.m. and New Year's Service on January 1st @ 11:00 a.m.

Namo Amida Butsu

Greetings from the Valley...



Greetings from the valley,

Although it is now the middle of October, summer seems to be hanging on as Thanksgiving and maybe even Halloween have become slightly warmer than we usually enjoy. The downside to this is the lack of rain, causing drought conditions. So unlike previous autumn years we are actually hoping for life giving water to fall from the skies. The valley is warm but dry, so different from our spring .

The FVBT has decided to not have the fall bazaar this year. Our mochi making fundraiser was very successful although not as profitable as a bazaar. We may plan some other fundraising events this winter. Although the Wellness Itadakimasu project has finished, our movie project is still going on. We invite you to join us for the next movies on October 30th and November 27th.

Our November service will be on November 12th at 2:00 with Reverend Grant Ikuta officiating. We should have our Women's Fed card packages ready as well. Hope to see you at the temple.

In gassho

FVBT

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

Sept. 10 Ohigan & Shotsuki Service

Mr. & Mrs. John Kamimura, Susan Ikeda, Irene Tateyama,
Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming,
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Dana Dardis, Amy Nagamatsu,
Lori North, Vivien Nishi

May Mukaida - in memory of Mrs. Crystal Fujita

Byron Kagawa - Mom's Shotsuki & Grandmother's 50th Year

Chieko Takasaki - in memory of Rikimatsu Takasaki

Naomi Shikaze - in memory of mom Hisako

Marion Fujita - in memory of Crystal Fujita

Everyone who supported our mochi sale fundraiser

Oct. 1 JSBTC Day & October Shotsuki Service

Dana Dardis, R.I. Tateyama, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka,
Lori North, Vivien Nishi, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Marion
Fujita

Roberta Nasu - in memory of Fumi & Ken Honkawa

Byron Kagawa - Obon & dad's shotsuki

Denise Cork - in memory of mom & Henri

Reiko Honkawa - in memory of Fumi Honkawa

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 5th -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, November 6th -
Eitaikyo & Shotsuki/
Memorial Service @ 10:00
VBT (masks required) &
on-line (no lunch)

Friday, November 11th -
Remembrance Day -
Japanese Canadian Service
@ 10:40 at Stanley Park

Saturday, November 12th -
Fraser Valley Service
@ 2:00 pm (Rev. G. Ikuta)

Sunday, November 13th -
Seniors' Lunch @ 11:30

Saturday, November 19th -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Saturday, November 26th -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Saturday, December 3rd -
Fraser valley Service
@ 11:00 am (Rev. Aoki)

Sunday, December 4th -
Bodhi Day and Shotsuki
Memorial Service @ 10:00
VBT (masks required) &
on-line (no lunch)

*** 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 November are the responsibility of **Toban #5**

Eitaikyo & November Shotsuki/Memorial Service - Sunday, November 6th
@ 10:00 a.m.



Manju making: Sunday, November 6th and Saturday, November 19th @ 9:00 a.m.

November Bento - Saturday, November 26th @ 9:00 a.m. (prep) and Sunday, November 27th @ 8:00 a.m.

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

Volunteers Needed

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

- ♦ **November manju making** (yaki) - Sunday, November 6th @ 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Senior's Luncheon** - Sunday, November 13th @ 11:00 a.m.
- ♦ **November manju making** (mushi & Mikasa) - Saturday, November 19th @ 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **November Bento prep** - Saturday, November 26th @ 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **November Bento** - Sunday, November 27th @ 8:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Mochitsuki** - December 11th @ 9:00 a.m.

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:

- ♦ Greg Chor, Derek Iwanaka, and Dave Otori for dealing with the repair to the eastern wall of the temple.
- ♦ September Bento - Molly Akune, Masae Ishii, Taki Kawasaki, Paul and Eileen Kitamura, Karen and Tatsu Mizushima, Akemi Mizuta, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida
- ♦ October 1st manju making - Molly Akune, Taki Kawasaki, Akemi Mizuta, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida
- ♦ October 23rd manju making - Molly Akune, Joyce Chen, Frank & Pat Hamanishi, Masae Ishii, Taki Kawasaki, Paul Kitamura, Alamy Liu, Akemi Mizuta, Kazumi Nakano, Cathy Nishikawa, Keiko Oyama, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida

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

November Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The November Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, November 6th at 10:00 am.

1951 ARAKI, Satoshi	1977 EBATA, Shinkichi	1994 KUMAMOTO, Toshiko	2009 HIRATA, Emmie
1959 NAGANO, Saburo	MINAGAWA, Katsuo	TANOUE, Kokichi K.	2010 - 13th year KAWAHIRA, Masanobu
HASEBE, Aizo	1978 KASUYA, Moto	1995 SAKATA, Ayame	YOSHIDA, Sue
KAKUTANI, Genichi	NAKATANI, Tomiye	MIYASHITA, Ichiji	ATAGI, Suetsugu
FURUKAWA, Shinnosuke	1979 ARATAKE, Shigeru	MURAO, Jean Nobuko	2011 SUGIYAMA, Yukiko
1960 AOKI, Ichiji	1980 ENJO, Denzo	FUJINO, Yoshio	TERASHITA, Keiko
IWASE, Yoshi	TAKASAKI, Sakiye	1996 NITSUI, Yoshio Roy	FUCHIHARA, Tsumae
SAKAI, Susumu	1981 HIRAI, Heishiro	HAMAZAKI, Hiroshi	2012 NISHIMURA, Fusae
1961 KATAYAMA, Isao	TABATA, Shizu	KAZUTA, Kathy Noriko	2014 DAR, Emi Isla
1962 YANAGIMOTO, Katsujiro	1982 OKABE, Sueko	1997 SHOJI, Inosuke	2015 FUJII, Chiyoko
1963 TAKEBAYASHI, Tadasuke	1983 YAMANOUCHI, Sada	SAKAI, Yaeko	SAKAI, Naomi
1964 OTSUJI, Yaeko	1984 MITSUI, Masao	LEE, Shirley Michiko	2016 - 7th year MOCHIZUKI, Ichiya
IMADA, Mitsugu	SHIKAZE, Noriko	SAWADA, Katsuko	KAWASHIMA, Kazuo
EDAMURA, Sowa	1985 SHINTANI, Kohatsu	1999 CHIBA, Fukuyo	MANIWA, Reiko
1967 ANDO, Yoshi	1986 DEGUCHI, Haruye	WAKABAYASHI, Hikoichi	2017 MASUHARA, Takayasu F.
HAMAGUCHI, Masu	1988 NAKATA, Chiyo	2000 SAKAMOTO, Hideo W.	2018 JANG, Lawrence
1968 SHINTANI, Sadasuke	HAMAKAWA, Yosaburo	IKARI, Chiyoko	TAMOTO, Miyoko
1969 MATSUTANI, Inosuke	OIKAWA, Kengo	2001 YADA, Genichiro Frank	2019 TSURU, Shibata
HINATSU, Ito	HIGUCHI, Kiyokazu	MIZUTA, Tane	2020 - 3rd year OTAKI, Akemi
KAWASHIMA, Fumiko	KIMURA, Mitsuo	2002 HAMAGUCHI, Tatsuko	2021 - 1st year KISHIDA, Yoshie
1970 KURAMITSU, Yoshiko	MAEDA, Genzo	YOSHIDA, Umeyo	
1971 YAMAMOTO, Fujino	1989 OHARA, Tsuru	TANAKA, Sonoko	
1972 ISHIGURO, Shigesaburo	TANAKA, Zenno	2003 MOCHIZUKI, Fumiye	
IWATA, Kinichi	1990 - 33rd year FURUKAWA, Matsu	HAYASHI, Hisae	
UCHIYAMA, Kenroku	WAKABAYASHI, Gentaro	TAKIMOTO, Takie	
1973 - 50th year FUKAWA, Toki	1991 KURAMOTO, Masaaki	NISHIKIHAMA, Teruo	
KAJIRO, Fumio	1992 IKEDA, Teruhiko	2004 YOSHIDA, Yoshiye	
NAKAGAWA, Shio	MIZUYABU, Tokuichi	SHIBATA, Takeo	
1974 MORITA, Emi	1993 HAMAKAWA, Yoshio	2005 ARITA, Hajime	
SHIMIZU, Yoshiharu	KOYANAGI, Tad	KUROYAMA, Tsutomu	
1975 SAKAI, Fuji	MURAMOTO, Emiko	2006 - 17th year OKAMURA, Yukio	
TANAKA, Hatsuye	BANNO, Masakazu	SAITO, Fuyuko	
1976 YAMADA, Shohei		2007 MORI, Fumi	
		2008 TAMURA, Naoharu	
		NAKATSU Kimiyo	

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of
Mrs. Midori Chijiwa
(72) September 19

**The Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, November 6th at the temple & via Zoom @ 10:00 am.

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
Passcode: shinran



November Bento

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 **November 27th**, the bento will include:

- Salted salmon (shiozake)
- Gyoza
- Shira-ae
- Rice
- Tsukemono



Cost: \$15.00

Also available:

*** Manju packs

Cost: \$8.00

*** Frozen tuna (cost varies due to weight) will be available on pick-up day.

Special: \$20.00 Bento and manju combo

Orders must be prepaid (cash, cheque, or e-transfer). Last day to order the November Bento is Tuesday, November 22nd.

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

***In December we will not have Bento sales, but for current members, mochi sets and kagami mochi will be available. Please let the temple know if you are able to help. More details will be in the December Bodhi Mind. ***

November Bento Order Form

Bento: ____x \$15.00 **Manju**____x \$8.00 **Combo** ____x \$20.00

Total cost: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____