

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, January 21st at 10AM

Saturday, January 28th at 10AM

Saturday, February 4th at 10AM

Sunday, January 8th
@ 10:00 a.m.

Hoonko & 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



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Vancouver Buddhist Temple

January 2023, Issue #467

New Year's Greeting From Gomonsu sama:



Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, as Nembutsu followers who have deeply inscribed in our hearts and minds Shinran Shonin's message of "May there be peace in the world," we firmly stand against the military infringement of the other nation's sovereignty, and also aspire for immediate return of peace in Ukraine.

Over the last year, COVID-19 continues to be a global pandemic. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and other frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

The pandemic has forced us to learn firsthand that we will continue to be confronted by unexpected situations even in modern times despite technologies both in science and medical fields being highly developed. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear that there is no life nor entity in this world that lasts forever. This truth, the principle of impermanence, has never changed even in this time and age approximately 2500 years since his time. Another fact that does not change is our inability to accept this truth as it is, and because of this, we continue struggling.

This is the very reason why, regardless of the pandemic, we can rely on the Jodo Shinshu teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, which guides us as a spiritual foundation that enables us to move forward even when being overwhelmed with difficulties. A gathering at the temple with Amida Buddha as its center provides a great opportunity to receive the Dharma as well as an occasion in which people can support and reassure one another as fellow practitioners who follow the same teaching.

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather and find comfort in its activities. I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

2023 New Year's Greeting from Office of the Bishop



On behalf of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC), I wish to thank all of you for your support and understanding throughout the past year.

Looking back on 2022, we can reflect on the many changes that have affected our lives in subtle ways, some for the better and others for the worse. We give gifts to loved ones not truly knowing what it is they wish to receive. By the same token we receive whether it is that which we desire or not. It is not in our control. What is most important as a Shinshu follower is to know that the giving and receiving is done with a heartfelt sense of appreciation and gratitude.

During the first few weeks of the New Year, we greet everyone with a "Happy New Year!" It's a wonderful expression that has such a feeling of "freshness." As we begin a fresh start of the new year, I would like to suggest a theme of "Healthy Sangha". Let us continue to nurture and sustain our sangha in health and wellness.

This past year we have welcomed two fresh and new ministers to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada. Rev. Naoki Hirano was assigned to Kelowna, Vernon, and Kamloops Buddhist temples in BC's interior and has now completed his one-year Kaikyoshi (overseas minister) training and has been granted Kaikyoshi status by Nishi Hongwanji our mother temple in Kyoto as of July 1, 2022. Rev. Dr. Roland Ikuta was assigned to the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta in Lethbridge as of November 1, 2022 to begin his one-year Kaikyoshi training.

To all members and friends of the JSBTC, thank you for your kindness and support throughout the last year. We look forward to another wonderful year together. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Holiday Season!

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki

Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada





Message from the VBT Board

Happy New Year to Everyone!

As we start a fresh new year, we have much to be thankful for. In fact, there are so many things we take for granted not thinking about them until we are without them. They include such things as the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food that we eat, and the good health we are able to keep.

Our temple is faced with some major issues we must deal with. Our immediate neighbour, next door to our garage, has begun the process of demolishing and constructing a multi-level building. The matter of encroachment of the property line is at issue. Other matters need to be resolved as well. If anyone knows a temple member or friend who works in development or general construction please contact our temple office, if they are willing to offer their expertise.

The election of the board of directors (temple leaders) is one of the tasks we must deal with. Our future depends on our membership and the view of what our future as a Jodo Shinshu temple shall be. We need the views of our members in order to plan a course for our future. Please keep this in mind when voicing your opinion.

Best wishes for a happy and meaningful 2023!

Gassho,

The Board of Directors

Greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Shinen Omedetoo... Happy New Year to all from the valley!

With 2022 done and 2023 ready to go, let's look at all we have to look forward to. Despite recurring problems with COVID, we have learned to live with it and trust our medical scientists to keep it in check. Like poliomyelitis in the 1950's, if we follow our safety precautions, hopefully COVID will become less and less frightening. The war instigated by Russia, despite fears that it would begin to involve more countries, may be showing signs that the power displayed by the Russian leader is lessening. Here at home, inflation appears to be a huge problem, but this is a 'money' problem which must be handled by government and financial organizations as well as by us.

All of the above has to do with things that happen to us... but what we can control is.. how we live, how we accept and make the best of our lives, to use our talents to help others and keep positive.

2023 is the Year of the Rabbit and starts on January 23. We have just moved out of the Year of the Tiger and the Year of the Rabbit is said to be more patient and gentle. The Rabbit is described as a harbinger of more tranquil times ahead. So... Welcome the Year of the Rabbit!!

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 31st -
New Year's Eve & Bell
ringing service @ 11:30
pm at UBC

Sunday, January 1st -
New Year's Day Service
@ 11 am at VBT &
on-line

Saturday, January 7th -
Fraser Valley - January
Shotsuki and Hoonko
Service @ 11:00 am

Sunday, January 8th -
January Shotsuki and
Hoonko Service @ 10:00
at VBT & on-line

Sunday, January 15th -
Seniors' Luncheon @
11:30 am

Saturday, January 21st -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Saturday, January 28th -
Manju making @ 9:00

Saturday, January 28th -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

***All services, except where
indicated, will be via Zoom.

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2023 Service and Meeting Dates

Sunday, January 1 st , 2023	11:00 am	New Year's Service	Toban 1
Sunday, January 8 th	10:00 am	Hoonko (Shinran's Memorial) & Shotsuki	Toban 2
Saturday, January 14 th	10:00 am	Toban & Board Meeting	Toban 2
Sunday, February 5 th	1:00 pm	VBT AGM	Toban 2
Saturday, February 11 th	10:00 am	Board Meeting	Toban 2
Sunday, February 12 th	10:00 am	Nirvana Day and Shotsuki	Toban 2
Sunday, March 5 th	10:00 am	Spring Ohigan and Shotsuki	Toban 2
Saturday, March 11 th	10:00 am	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 2
Saturday, April 8 th	10:00 am	Board Meeting	Toban 3
Sun, April 9 th	10:00 am	Hanamatsuri/Keirokai/Shotsuki *Combined	Toban 3
Saturday, May 6 th	10:00 am	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 3
Sunday, May 7 th	10:00 am	Gotane (Shinran's Birthday) and Shotsuki	Toban 3
Saturday, June 10 th	10:00 am	Board Meeting	Toban 4
Sunday, June 11 th	10:00 am	Family Day and Shotsuki	Toban 4
Sunday, July 9 th	2:00 pm	OBON / Shotsuki	Toban 4
Saturday, July 15 th	10:00 am	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 4
Saturday, August 12 th	10:00 am	Board Meeting	Toban 5
Sunday, August 13 th	10:00 am	August Shotsuki & Japanese Canadian Memorial Service	Toban 5
Saturday, September 9 th	10:00 am	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 5
Sunday, September 10 th	10:00 am	Fall Ohigan and Shotsuki	Toban 5
Saturday, October 14 th	10:00 am	Board Meeting	Toban 1
Sunday, October 15 th	10:00 am	JSBTC Day and Shotsuki	Toban 1
Saturday, November 4 th	10:00 am	Toban and Board Meeting	Toban 1
Sunday, November 5 th	10 AM	Eitaikyo and Shotsuki	Toban 1
Sunday, December 3 rd	10 AM	Bodhi Day and Shotsuki	Toban 2
Saturday, December 9 th	10 AM	Board Meeting	Toban 2
Sunday, December 31 st	11:30pm	New Year's Eve Service and Bell Ringing at <u>UBC</u>	Toban 2
Monday, January 1, 2024	11 AM	New Year's Service	Toban 2

Memorial Years of 2023

1st Year - 2022
3rd Year - 2021

7th Year - 2017
13th Year - 2011

17th Year - 2007
25th Year - 1999

33rd Year - 1991
50th Year - 1974

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:

- ◆ November Bento - Molly Akune, Eddie Au, Joanna Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Mayumi Dar, Kathy Homma, Taki Kawasaki, Mas Kitagawa, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Len & Masumi Komori, Henry & Izumi Low, Megumi McGrath, Karen & Tatsu Mizushima, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Sumie Takahashi, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida
- ◆ Kevin Kroeker and Edward Oyama for repairs around the temple
- ◆ All the volunteers who came out to our Mochitsuki Day. A special thanks to Mr. Y. Fujimoto, Mr. J. Harada, Mr. R. Nomura, and Mr. R. Tatsumi for the mochi rice preparation and steaming

Toban 1 Will Be Responsible For the Month of January



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 January are the responsibility of: **Toban #1**

- ♦ New Year's Day Service - Sunday, January 1st
- ♦ Hoonko and Shotsuki/Memorial Service - Sunday, January 8th
- ♦ Manju making - Saturday, January 28th



Captains:
Lorna Bishop
Greg Chor

Michiko Asaoka
Minoru Asaoka
Herbert Bradly Bishop
Carolyn Naoe Bradley
Alison Chadwick
Haruyo Chiba
Gina Chor
Dana Dardis
Denny Enjo
Kimiko Enjo



Yoshio Fujimoto
Nancy Hamanishi
Yutaka Harada
Toshi Haraguchi
Akemi Hirai
Shigeru Hirai
Karen Hirakida
Timothy K. Hirata
Akemi Komori
Kazu Komori
Kikuye Komori
Kazuko Koyanagi
Robert Nakagawa
Kyle Otori



Paul Shuichi Okada
Colton Oyama
Edward Oyama
Marie Oyama
Zachary Oyama
Emiko Shirahama
Tsutomu Shirahama
Allen Yukihiro Shoji
Kazuko Shoji
Roy Tatsumi
Dan Uyesugi
Yaeko Uyesugi
Karen Wong
Frances Xu

2023 Annual General Meeting

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple will have its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 5th @ 1:00 pm. The meeting will be hybrid (in person and via Zoom). The input from all of our members is needed to help give direction to the temple's board of directors.

Information regarding the AGM will be mailed out in early January.

Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

How To Make Online Donations to the VBT

1. **e-transfer** to: temple.vbt@gmail.com (this is our preferred on-line method of payment)



2. **Paypal @ VBT Website**

www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com

PayPal



3. **"Canada Helps"** online donation site for charity groups
www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/vancouver-buddhist-temple/



Family Retreat @ Manning Park

May 20 – 23

Registration due: February 28, 2023

Enjoy a weekend designed to promote fellowship between the various age groups within the families attending. Participate in activities, lectures and workshops. The event is open to anyone who is curious about or interested in the teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism or is just a friend or family of someone who is.

Accommodations will be community style with shared cottages and hotel rooms. When requesting your group to stay together, please submit all names. Organizers will try to accommodate your requests and use discretion, being mindful of other guests. Accommodations filled on a first come first served basis.

All meals will be provided as planned by the organizing committee. All guests will sign up for meal preparation, cooking and cleanup duties. Please let us know if any member of your group has food allergies. **Local guests are welcome to bring desserts to share.**

Manning Park is just 3 hours from Vancouver and 2 ½ hours from Kelowna. Participants are responsible for their own travel to Manning Park.

On Saturday **May 20**, our **Opening service is scheduled for 4:30 pm**, please pick up registration packages and room keys at **Windy Joe's**.

Final Registrations must be received with payment by **Tuesday February 28, 2023**.

etransfer (temple.vbt@gmail.com), credit card(on website) or cheque (Vancouver Buddhist Temple)

Vancouver Buddhist Temple 220 Jackson Avenue Vancouver, BC V6A 3B3

Please email or mail/drop off registration including list of names, children's age & accommodation request

Rates-(per person for Chalets & Cabins)

<u>Types</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Price</u>
Adult Member* (AM)	26+	\$160
Adult Non-Member (AN)	26+	\$180
Youth (Y)	14 to 25	\$100
Child (C)	6 to 13	\$50
Infant (I)	to 5	free
Pet Fee	- must stay in pet friendly cabins	

**Discounted rates apply for adult members of the JSBTC (Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada), BCA (Buddhist Churches of America), Hawaii Kyodan and members of any affiliate of the Nishi Hongwanji.*

Please let us know if you would prefer hotel, cottage or chalet accommodations. Thank you.

Hotel Room – sleeps 4 – 2 Double beds

Standard Cottage – sleeps 8

1 double & 2 sets of bunks +1 double hide a bed in sitting room with TV & full kitchen

Deluxe Cottages – sleeps 10

3 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets of bunks +1 double hide a bed in sitting room with TV & kitchen

Tri-Plex Chalets – sleeps 14

– adjoining rooms to sleeping units with separate bathrooms

2 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets of bunks + 1 hide a bed, sitting room with TV & full kitchen

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If you have any questions, please contact: VBT at **604-253-7033** or Email: **temple.vbt@gmail.com**

January Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1958

*IZUMI, Yoshiko
*NAKAGAWA, Minosuke
*TATEOKA, Hatsutarō

1960

*UYENO, Mantaro
*SATO, Jusaburo
*HAMAKAWA, Yosokichi

1961

*OZAWA, Shuzo

1962

*BABA, Shosuke

1963

*BANNO, Shizu

1964

HONMA, Seiji
*UYENO, Takezo

1965

*TERAKITA, Imaey

1966

KUMANO, Kameo
*NAKAYAMA, Shichiro

1968

KOYANAGI, Kiyochi

1970

*HORITA, Kazuhide

1971

MUKAI, Tomiichi

1972

KAWAMOTO, Koto
*FUKUNAGA, Kunikichi

1973

*KITASAKA, Hana
TANAMI, Ai

1974 — 50th Year

ARAKI, Buyemon
*HASEBE, Sumiyo
*MURAO, Tameichi

1975

*NAKANO, Seiichi
SHIMOKURA, Mitsugu

1976

*MUKUDA, Naosaku

1977

USUI, Hiraye

1978

*HASHIMOTO, Tomo

1981

*UI, Shigeichi

1982

*SONODA, Tatsuhiko

1983

YADA, Genji
*OKABE, Taki
*ENDO, Moshichi
*NAKASHIMA, Masako

1984

*YAMASHITA, Kenichi
*ARAKI, Ichiro

1985

*YUMOTO, Tamaya
*HISANAGA, Kura
*SONODA, Tadasu

1986

OHORI, Genichi
*EISHIRO, Yoshiye

1987

YAMAMOTO, Yonetaro
*SHIMA, Brett
*HORI, Yonezo

1988

HAMAGACHI, Tsunekichi
*KINOSHITA, Tamiyo
*MARUYAMA, Shigeru

1989

*NAKANO, Jin
*ATAGI, Hanaye
*TAKEMOTO, Otogusu
SOKUGAWA, Yuki

1990

*FUJII, Chuichi
*MIURA, Yoshitaka
OYE, Misayo

*KOBUE, Motoye

1991 — 33rd Year

*YAMAMOTO, Risao
*KIKUCHI, Shozo
NAKANO, Kazuo

1992

*WAKAHARA, Betty
*HAMAZAKI, Shigeyoshi

1993

*NODA, Tsutomu
*MAEHARA, Jun

1994

*IMAOKA, Hideo
*OIKAWA, Makie
*NAKATA, Seiichi

1995

YABUNO, Shio
TERAKITA, Kimiyo

1996

KONDO, Yojiro
NAKAHARA, Kazuko
NAKATANI, Betty
SAKAI, Sayuri

1997

TANAKA, Kazue
NISHIKAWA, Toshio
*SHIMIZU, Akemi

1998

OGURA, Shunei

The January Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, January 8th at 10:00 am.

1999 — 25th Year

UYEYAMA, Toshie
IWATA, Hisaye
TSUKAMOTO, Mayumi
NISHI, Haruko
SUGINOBU, Chizue

2000

KUROMI, Shigeru
YAMAMOTO, Eiji

2001

TAMOTO, Saichi

2002

ASO, Kazue
*BENDIG, Richard
*KUROKAWA, Nora H.
SAKAI, Yasuji Frank

2003

YAMAMOTO Kiyoko

2004

TANI, Kenzo

2005

FUKUMOTO, Kiyoshi
MIZUYABU, Tomiko
IKEDA, Tsutayo
TAKEDA, Michiko

2006

GOTO, Shigeko
HANAZAWA, Fumiko
NISHIMURA, Masao
URASAMI, Seiji
NAKANO, Yoshiko

2007 — 17th Year

NATSUKOSHI, Sakae
OTSUKA-CAMPBELL
Kazuko

2008

MATSUI, Otohiro

2009

IKEZAKI, Hitoshi

2010

OYE, Sumiye
MORI, Kinuye

2011 — 13th Year

KITAMURA, Michiko
2012
SHIMA, Roy
NOMURA, Toshiharu
HAYASHI, Yoshiharu

2013

ALEXANDER, Hideko

2014

OKADA, Raeso
NAKANE, Mitsuo

2015

OYAMA, Mitsuo

IKARI, Sanaye Helen
TORIUMI, Kazuo

2017 — 7th Year

KIMOTO, Kaoru
NAKATSU, Yoshiharu
UYEYAMA, Kiyoshi

2018

TSURUMARU, Chizuko

2019

KITASAKA, Hiroshi
NISHIMURA, Shigeru
KOMO, Ayuka
NOMURA, Asako
TAKEMOTO, Masami

2020

OYAMA, Minoru
NISHIMURA, Saburo

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of

Mrs. Kiyoko Yada

102 years
December 4th

Mr. Gentaro Shimizu

93 years old
December 12th

**December Bodhi Mind:
Correction**

Mr. Stanley Takaki
80 years
November 5th

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be held on Sunday,
January 8th at the temple &
via Zoom @ 10 am.

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Also, you can dial-in to the
service.

Dial: 778-907-2071
Press Meeting ID#:

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2023 Membership Form



From the Membership Committee:

This year, we will continue to keep our membership fees at \$100 per member and \$25 per student.

At your earliest convenience, please return this **Membership Form** and **Dues** to the temple.

Cheque payable to: **Vancouver Buddhist Temple**. E-transfers to: temple.vbt@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact our Temple at (604) 253-7033. Thank you for your dedication and continued support.

In Gassho,

VBT Board of Directors.

2023 Vancouver Buddhist Temple Membership Form

Toban # _____ New Member? (Circle): yes no

1st Person: (Mr./Mrs./Miss./Ms.) _____ Birthdate: _____ \$100.00
Month Day Year

2nd Person: (Mr./Mrs./Miss./Ms.) _____ Birthdate: _____ \$100.00
Month Day Year

Student's Full Name: _____ School ID #: _____ \$25.00

Student's Full Name: _____ School ID #: _____ \$25.00

Cash: _____ Cheque #: _____ E-transfer: _____ Total: \$ _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone#: _____

To receive the Bodhi Mind, please choose either e-mail or Canada Post. Email: _____ Canada Post: _____

To receive by Canada Post, please choose from: English _____ Japanese _____ Both _____

Return completed form to: Vancouver Buddhist Temple
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Vancouver, BC V6A 3B3

Or email to: temple.vbt@gmail.com