

## Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

Please contact Rev. Aoki at:  
[rev.aoki@gmail.com](mailto: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)



Zoom: Sat, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM  
Zoom: Sat, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10AM  
Zoom: Sat, June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM  
*Sun, June 18 @ 10am @ VBT*

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

@ 11:00 a.m.

## Shotsuki Memorial



Please join us for lunch after the service.

**Masks are now optional**

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

Vancouver Buddhist Temple



220 Jackson Avenue  
Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3

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604-253-7033

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[temple.vbt@gmail.com](mailto:temple.vbt@gmail.com)

Website:  
[vancouverbuddhisttemple.com](http://vancouverbuddhisttemple.com)



# Bodhi Mind



Vancouver Buddhist Temple

June 2023, Issue #471

## "As It Is"



Already half of the year of 2023 is about to pass. I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the summer. While I am writing this article, the temperature has dropped to around 20 degrees. I wish to have warm weather return, but when it gets too hot, I would like the temperature to cool down a little bit. That reveals to me my self centeredness. I would like to see things as I wish. I would like to share a story that is a good lesson for us to reflect on.

In Kyoto, there was a very famous pine tree called Very Tortuous (or spiral) Pine (Nana magari no matsu). A famous Zen monk, Ikkyu, put up a sign just in front of the pine tree which announced: "I am going to give a great sum of gold to the person who can see this pine tree straight".

Everybody pondered how such a twisted tree could be seen straight. Some people thought that from some angle the tree could be seen straight. After some time, someone told Jodo Shinshu (Pure Land) Buddhist minister, Rennyo, about the sign.

Rennyo, without seeing the tree, said that he knew the answer and asked for the gold. Ikkyu said that on the reverse side of the board there was a warning: "This is not valid for Rennyo".

However, when they asked Rennyo for the answer, he replied: "The answer is very simple. The way to see this tree straight is to recognize that it is twisted."

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki





## Message from the VBT Board

While it has been a long and cold spring, we are finally seeing some mild to hot weather. On our west coast, there is a saying, “no matter what the weather is at this moment, just wait five minutes and it will change”.

The construction of the multi-story building next door has slowed somewhat. Meanwhile, there have been no interruptions in temple activities, so that is a good thing. We will be applying for a City of Vancouver grant to offset our costs to repair damage to our exterior east wall caused by the demolition. We are also pursuing the possibility of getting funding from the Japanese Legacy Foundation to provide additional monies for restoration expenses.

Next year, in 2024, our temple will be celebrating its 45th Anniversary since replacing the old temple with our present one. It was in November of 1979 that a dedication of our new temple was held.

With the summer season looming, plans for our annual Obon Festival are underway. They include street odori dancing and refreshment sales. In addition, the temple plans to be a participant in the annual Powell Street Festival held in Oppenheimer Park. We are in need of people to assist us in moving tables, chairs, etc. Please contact our temple if you are able to help for even a few hours.

The AGM of the JSBTC was held recently at Steveston Buddhist Temple. In recent years, due to Covid, assessments to temples had been reduced from the usual \$80 per member. Now that things are more or less back to normal, the assessments for 2023 and 2024 will be increased to \$100 per member.

Gassho,

The Board



## RSVP - 2023 Obon Service at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple

**SERVICE:** Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm & Bon Dance @ 3:30 pm (approximately)

**EVENT ADDRESS:** Vancouver Buddhist Temple (220 Jackson Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3)

**CONTACT:** 604 253-7033 or [temple.vbt@gmail.com](mailto:temple.vbt@gmail.com)

**Name (first name last name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ or **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of people attending (including yourself):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of visit:** Hatsubon \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Obon Memorial \_\_\_\_\_ July Shotsuki Memorial \_\_\_\_\_





## Greetings from the Valley...

On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, our temple commemorated Gotan-e, Shinran's birthday as well as our monthly May Shotsuki service with Bishop Aoki officiating and Rev. Grant Ikuta and Sensei Roy Akune assisting. We were so fortunate to have all three Sensei's in attendance for this very special occasion.

After the service we moved to the Bradner Hall for our Spring Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser. It was the first time to hold this event since COVID and turned out to be a wonderful evening! Although we had initially decided to make it a fairly low-key gathering, everyone went all out... to make it into an awesome event. 75 people enjoyed a fun-filled evening starting with Bingo and a buffet dinner. Two special guests were Barbara Tanaka and Ryan Hirakida; respectively the daughter-in-law and great grandson of Kazuo and Chie Imamura who donated the property for our temple in 1955. Ryan gave a heartfelt thank you for inviting him & his grandmother and gave a short history of his grandfather; a moving account of his daffodil farm being taken from him during the war that many in our Japanese Canadian community can relate to and understand well.

His speech was followed with a performance by Leslie Komori & Noriko Kobayashi playing taiko, shamisen as well as shigin, incorporating traditional Japanese music with more contemporary sounds. They ended their set playing tanko bushi and encouraged everyone to join in. We made a big circle around the hall and slowly more and more people joined in adding to the merriment.

Throughout the evening we had an opportunity to bid on an impressive array of silent auction items and many people went home very happy with their purchases. A big thank you to the many donors for items from pressure washer, fashionable clothing, wine & sake, books, gift baskets, gift certificates, dishware, pictures and many more items. As well there was a picture display of our temple's past history to the present and a board for people to write suggestions for the future of our temple.

There are too many people to thank for helping put on this event but one person who stands out is Carole Hamanishi. Although she isn't on our Board, she joined our planning committee from the start and put in an exceptional amount of time and energy to make it a success! Also thank you to members of Vancouver and Steveston temples for coming out to support us.

Our next service will be on Saturday, June 10 @ 2 pm with Rev. Grant Ikuta. Please join us, the Dharma keeps us strong.

In gassho,  
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

## 2023 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 the following dates @ 7:00 p.m.

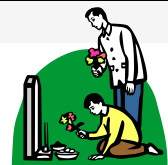
Monday, June 26  
Wednesday, June 28  
Wednesday, July 5



## 2023 OBON Cemetery & Temple Services

### Sunday, June 25

9:30 AM Surrey - Valley View  
10:20 AM New Westminster  
10:50 AM Coquitlam



### Wednesday, June 28

10:00 AM Maple Ridge  
10:30 AM Whonnock  
11:00 AM Hatzic (Mission)

### Saturday, July 8

1:00 PM Aldergrove Cemetery  
2:00 PM FVBT Obon Service & Bon Dance

### Sunday, July 9

2:00 PM Vancouver Obon & Shotsuki Service  
4:00 PM Vancouver Bon Dance

## Upcoming Events

Sat, June 3<sup>rd</sup>—Zoom  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @  
Seniors' Luncheon @  
11:30 am

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> -  
Family Day & Shotsuki/  
Memorial Service @  
11:00 am VBT & on-line

Sat, June 17<sup>th</sup> - Zoom  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

SUN, June 18<sup>th</sup> @ Temple  
Sunday Service @ 10 am

Sat, June 24<sup>th</sup>—Zoom  
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> -  
Obon/Hatsubon Service  
@ 2:00  
Bon Odori @ 4:00 pm

August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> -  
Powell Street Festival

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

The Zoom link is:

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## 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 #4**

**Manju making** (mushi & mikasa) - Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 am

**Family Day & Shotsuki/Memorial Service & lunch prep.** - Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

**Manju making** (yaki) - Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

**Obon Prep** - Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.

**Obon, Hatsubon, & Shotsuki/Memorial Service**—Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

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

### Toban 4 Captains:

Frank F. Hamanishi  
Yvonne Yoshiko Nakano

Norihiko Akagi  
Yasuhiko Ted Bando  
Yuko Bando  
Martha Masako Banno  
Sachi Chiya  
Michael Elliott  
Patricia Hamanishi  
Kyoko Hinada  
Summer Ayumi Hinada  
Mitsue Ikegami

Maureen Iwanaka  
Richard Iwanaka  
Bill Hideo Kajiwar  
Sandra Midori Kawasaki  
Sharon Kawasaki-Chan  
Julian Lim  
Carmeilya Lim  
May Mukai  
Tom Mukai  
Yoshiye Nakata  
Kazuyo Nakatsu  
Catherine Nishikawa  
Yaeko Jean Nishimura

Tomiko Noda  
Robert Nomura  
Gary Okada  
Jenny Y. Pedersen  
Robert Pedersen  
Heidi Hanazawa Root  
Mitsue Sakata  
Bob Mamoru Soga  
Michiko Soga  
Masako St. James  
Chizuko Jean Wakahara  
Hiroko Watanabe  
Catherine Yamamoto  
Kazuye Yoshida

## 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 Bento making: Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Kathy Homma, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Mas Kitagawa, Megumi & Ryder McGrath, Tatsu & Karen Mizushima, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Nancy Yamazaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.

♦ May 13<sup>th</sup> Manju making: Molly Akune, JoAnne Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Haruyo Chiba, Masae Ishii, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Sam Kobayashi, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Alamy Liu, Tatsuo & Karen Mizushima, Akemi Mizuta, Kazumi Nakano, Keiko Oyama, Sumie Takahashi, Yohei Tarutani, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Sadayo & Nancy Yamazaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.

## Memorial Years of 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Year - 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> Year - 2021

7<sup>th</sup> Year - 2017

13<sup>th</sup> Year - 2011

17<sup>th</sup> Year - 2007

25<sup>th</sup> Year - 1999

33<sup>rd</sup> Year - 1991

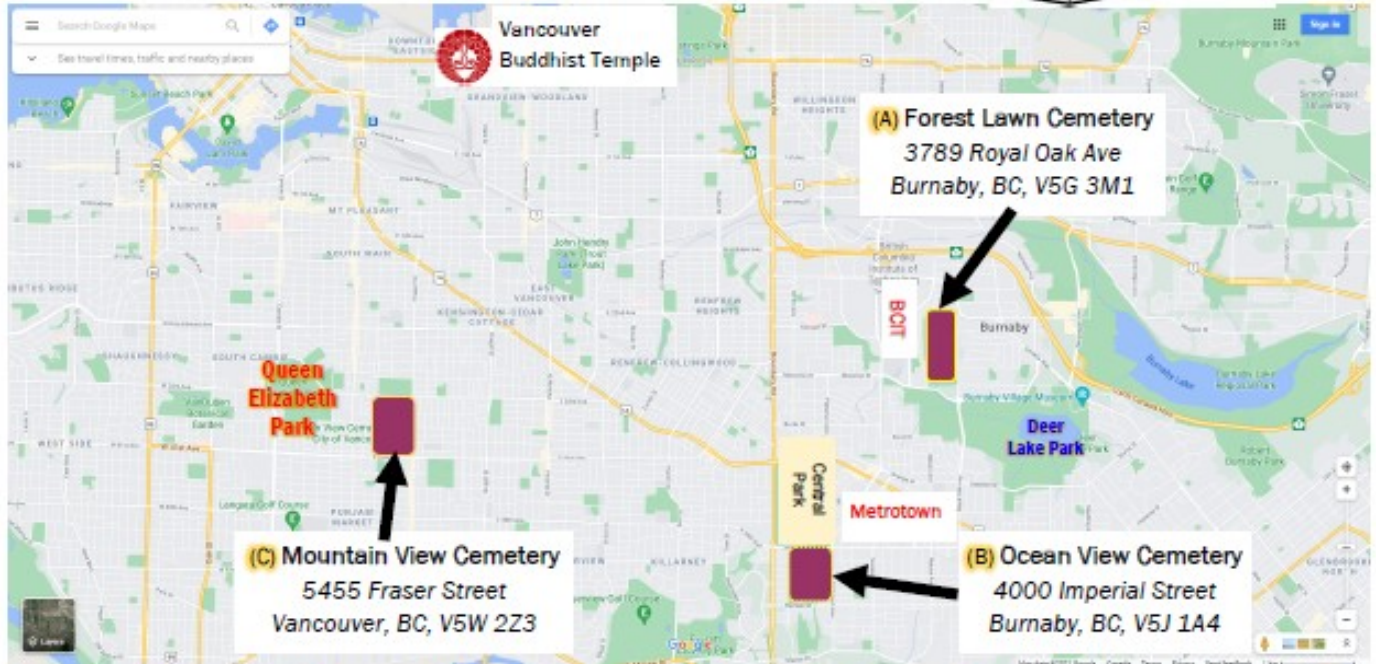
50<sup>th</sup> Year - 1974

## No Bentos for July—September

With Obon and the Powell Street Festival coming up, we will be taking a short hiatus from our Bento program. We hope to see you again in the fall. Thank you to all who supported our fund-raising program.

# Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 OBON

## Cemetery Sites' Services by Rev. Aoki



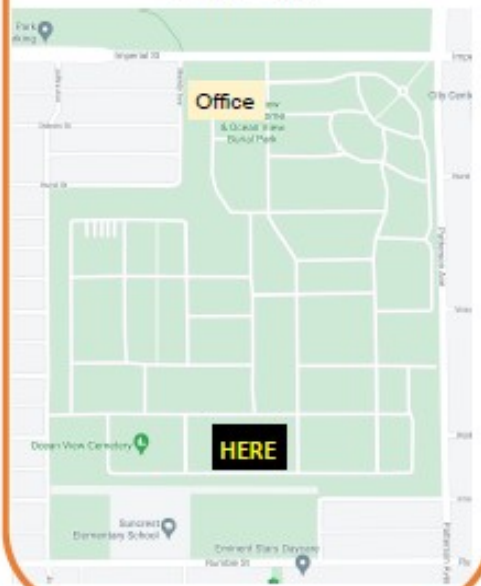
### (A) Forest Lawn

Sun, July 2  
9:30 am



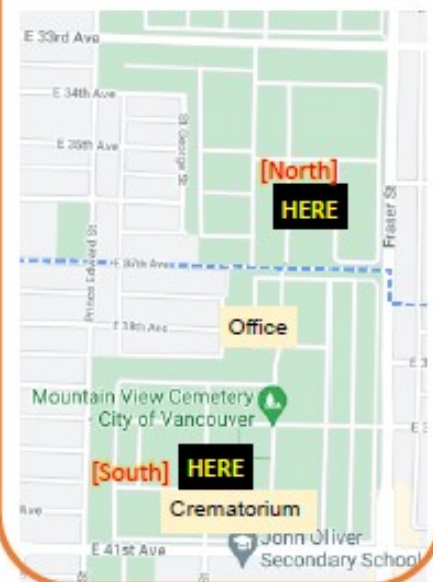
### (B) Ocean View

Sun, July 2  
10:10 am



### (C) Mountain View

Sun, July 2  
[North] 11:00 am  
[South] 11:30 am





## **2023 BCJSBTF Convention: The Dharma of Pie: Many Ingredients make ONE**

Please join us in Vernon B.C. for the B.C. Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Convention on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We are planning a week-end of Dharma, fellowship and fun! James Martin Sensei, who is retired from the Calgary Buddhist Temple, is our thought-provoking Guest Speaker. We will approach our Theme from the Buddhist perspective as well as social and community views.

Our Breakout sessions feature some other Ingredients to Flavour Life and will have you singing, dancing, exercising or learning.

We also want you to have a good time in Vernon and have optional activities to choose from such as a visits to Davidson's Orchards, Planet Bee and Meadery, Cambium Cidery, drive to the Rise Golf Course to see the views and a walk on the Okanagan Rail Trail along the beautiful Kalamalka Lake.

So plan to come to enjoy the week-end. We are looking forward to hosting you in the beautiful North Okanagan this fall.

The B.C. Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation is hiring a bus to bring people from the lower mainland to Vernon. Please contact [tedakune@gmail.com](mailto:tedakune@gmail.com) for bus information.

Please contact the Vernon Buddhist Temple at [vernonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com](mailto:vernonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com) for more information and registration forms.

**REGISTRATION:** Please register by one of the following methods by August 31, 2023

1. Email: [humaric37@gmail.com](mailto:humaric37@gmail.com) (to send or obtain a fillable registration form)
2. Mail: complete the information below & mail to H. Cameron, 5600 Hartnell Rd. Vernon, BC, Canada V1B 3J5  
*Attention : Convention Registration.*
3. Phone: 250-542-5633

**PAYMENT:** Cheques payable to: Vernon Buddhist Temple  
Or E-transfer to [vernonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com](mailto:vernonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com)

Please include note with e-transfer indicating your name & stating "convention registration".

Type of registration	Fee
Adult- convention including all meals and wine tasting	\$ 100
Lectures only	No charge. (coffee breaks/lunch by donation)
Saturday Dinner Banquet only	\$ 40.00

**Accommodation:** for **Hotel Reservations** please contact hotel directly:

Quality Inn & Suites, Vernon. 4204 32 Street, Vernon, BC. V1T 5P4.

Phone 250-542-4434. (Toll free 877-424-6423)

\* Mention "BC Buddhist Convention" for group rate of \$ 129.00 per night + tax (based on 2 adults per room).

\* Rates effective until Aug 15, 2023

Website: <https://www.choicehotels.com/british-columbia/vernon/quality-inn-hotels/cn661>

**ENQUIRIES:** phone - (250) 542-5633. Email – [humaric37@gmail.com](mailto:humaric37@gmail.com)



\_\_\_\_\_ If mailing please cut off here & send in mail \_\_\_\_\_



Please send this portion to: Vernon Buddhist Temple c/o H. Cameron, 5600 Hartnell Rd, Vernon, BC, Canada V1B 3J5

Attn: Convention Registration

Persons name(s):	Adult (check)	Child age	Banquet only	Any special dietary needs? Please specify

Please fill in one registration form per family.

(please check type of registration)

Please enter your contact information (phone # & email):

## June Shotsuki (Memorial) List

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

**1959**  
\*YAMAMOTO, Koshichi

**1961**  
\*HIRAKIDA, Chiyoko  
MUKUYAMA, Sueko

**1962**  
\*KAWAGUCHI, Yoshigoro

**1963**  
\*UI, Kenny  
\*YAMASHITA, Manjiro

**1964**  
\*TAKEUCHI, Tomiye

**1965**  
\*HUDSON, Irene

**1967**  
\*INOUE, Kazuo  
NAKAMURA, Rie

**1968**  
\*FURUKAWA, Kumakichi  
KASUYA, Toyonari  
\*NODA, Sueno  
YADA, Kamenno

**1969**  
\*HIKIDA, Yazaemon

**1970**  
KANEKO, Shojiro  
\*MIYAGAWA, Ume  
\*ONO, Yosojiro

**1971**  
\*TABATA, Hyozo  
1972 (50<sup>th</sup> Year)  
\*KONO, Nobue  
\*MAYEDA, Miyuki  
\*OHARA, Jo

**1973**  
TAGUCHI, Sowa

**1974 - 50<sup>th</sup> Year**  
SAKAI, Tokuzo  
\*YAMAKE, Junzo  
KASHIYAMA, Sumi

**1975**  
\*MORITA, Hiroshi  
\*SUGIYAMA, Yusaku  
\*WADA, Tsuneko

**1976**  
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

**1982**  
\*MAYEDA, Hatsu

**1983**  
\*TANII, Kichiji  
TERANISHI, Masuye

**1985**  
\*IWANAKA, Motoi  
KARAKI, Hideaki  
\*KUMAMOTO, Jun  
NISHIGUCHI, Waku

**1986**  
NAKAMURA, Kamenno  
\*TANIGUCHI, Juntaro  
\*TANIZAWA, Shige  
UYENO, Yukio  
SHIKAZE, Yoshio

**1987**  
FUJIWARA, Katsu  
KURAHASHI, Setsuko  
MATSUTANI, Itono

**1988**  
\*SHIMIZU, Kaneyoshi

**1990**  
\*FUJII, Kazuko

**1991 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Year**  
\*SATO, Hideo  
\*MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko  
\*YOSHIDA, Teiichi

**1992**  
EGAMI, Kimiye  
\*HAMANISHI, Takeo  
\*KAWAMOTO, Itoye  
KUMANO, Asae  
\*KURAHASHI, Hisako  
\*NARIWA, Masahiro  
\*TANAKA, Mizuo

**1993**  
MORISHITA, Teiji  
MURATA, Yoshikazu  
\*YOSHIDA, Alvin

**1994**  
\*TAKUBO, Hisao  
\*FUJITA, Yasuyoshi

**1995**  
INOUE, Tsutomu  
ITO, Misao  
WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuye  
YAKURA, Yukinobu  
YANO, Matsuyo

YANASE, Katsuhiko  
KOBAYASHI, Hiroko

**1996**  
SHIMIZU, Aiko

**1997**  
\*KANAYAMA, Shoichi  
UYEDA, Miki  
UYENO, Sumio  
SHIKAZE, Eda

**1998**  
HAMAZAKI, Kazuko  
ODA, Masato  
TANAKA, Yoshi

**1999 - 25<sup>th</sup> Year**  
MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi  
NAKAGAWA, Yoshio

**2000**  
KAZUTA, Kiyozo

**2001**  
KOJIMA, Marge  
SHIMABUKURO, Nellie  
IWATA, Robert

**2002**  
\*ASAOKA, George  
NAKAHARA, Ryosuke

**2003**  
FUJITA, Chizuko  
SOGA, Tsuneko  
GOMYO, Yoshiaki

**2004**  
SAKAMOTO,  
SHIGEKI, Helen  
HIRAKIDA, Margaret

**2005**  
FUKUMOTO, Toshiyuki  
HAMA, Shizue  
\*FUKUDA, Yoshiko  
MATSUNAGA, Toshiko  
HIQUEBRAN, Harumi  
HIQUEBRAN, Jimmy  
HIROSHI, James  
MATSUNAGA, Masami

**2006**  
BANDO, Hatsu  
ISHINO, Masahiko

**2007 - 17<sup>th</sup> Year**  
WADA, Osamu

**2008**  
SHIMIZU, Chiyomi  
KISHIDA, Akira

**2009**  
MATSUMOTO, Yoshiaki  
SUGA, Kanji  
SUZUKI, Yukiko

**2010**  
URATA, Michiho

**2011 - 13<sup>th</sup> Year**  
TAMURA, Misao  
KIKUCHI, Megumi

**2012**  
TODA, Miyo  
KUBO, Yoshiko  
MORI, Takao

**2013**  
OKUYAMA, Yasuo  
UEDA, Fumiaki  
SAKAMOTO, Fujie

**2015**  
OTAKI, Hiromi  
TSUJI, Nobuo

**2016**  
HOTTA, Shigeo  
YAMAMOTO, Yoshino  
MIYASHITA, Tsugi  
ONO, Misao  
TATEYAMA, Joe

**2017 - 7<sup>th</sup> Year**  
TOMITA, Hozumi  
WATANABE, Kyoko

**2018**  
UTSUNOMIYA, Seiichi

**2019**  
HAMAGUCHI, Yuji  
NOSE, Miyoko

**2020**  
TANAKA, Shizuo  
YOSHIOKA, Hideko

**2021 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year**  
SAMESHIMA, Fusae  
TORIUMI, Yoshikio



### Passings

Our deepest  
condolences go to the  
families and friends of

Mr. Miyoshi Kimoto  
(106)  
April 20<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Dan Uyesugi  
(98)  
May 13<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Tsugio Yoshida  
(91)  
May 17<sup>th</sup>

# 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) or call (604 253-7033).

For June 25<sup>th</sup>, the bento will include:

- Shiozake (salted salmon)
- Gyoza (2)
- Broccoli salad
- Rice
- Tsukemono



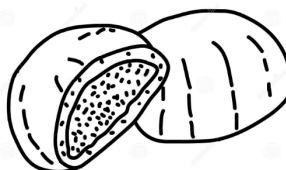
**Cost:** \$15.00

We will also be offering manju (2 kinds)

**Cost:** 6 for \$8.00

Combo (bento and 6 manju)

**Cost:** \$20.00



Orders must be prepaid (cash, cheque, or e-transfer). Last day to order is Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Pick-up:** Between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Social Hall entrance.

## June 25<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:** \_\_\_\_\_