

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)



Zoom: Sat, August 5th at 10 AM

Sunday, August 13th
@ 11:00 a.m.

Shotsuki/Memorial Service

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

Fall Ohigan & Shotsuki/ Memorial Service

Masks are now optional

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2023 Obon Service and Bon Odori (Dance)



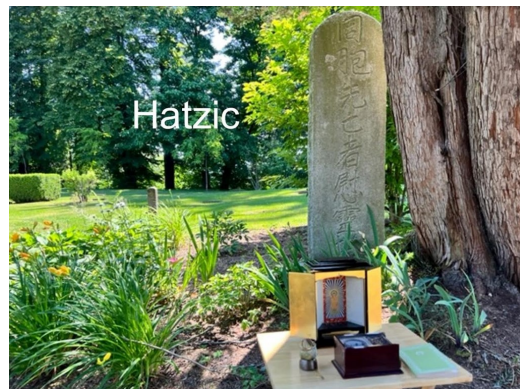
It was very gratifying to see so many of our Sangha members and friends attend our annual Obon service and Bon Odori (Dance) in person. I started this year's cemetery visitations in Surrey, New Westminster, and Coquitlam on June 25th. Days later, I traveled to cemeteries in Maple Ridge, Whonnock, and Hatzic - where there is a Japanese Canadian Memorial Monument. In past years, a handful of family members would attend these services, but now no one is making the effort. The date for the city

cemetery visitations generally falls on the July Canada Day long weekend. Due to the Canada Day long weekend, attendance was down at Forest Lawn, Ocean View, and Mountain View cemeteries. The last of the annual cemetery services is in Aldergrove, preceding the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple's Obon service and Odori. At each cemetery, I chant a sutra and burn incense (if weather permits). My feelings about conducting Obon services has been changing, especially in the past few years. I used to visit and conduct Obon and cemetery services out of obligation. However, I now feel very grateful that I am able to conduct the services this year, too.

In 2024, we are celebrating our rich history of 120 years and the 45th anniversary of our temple building. We are planning anniversary services and fun gatherings! Please continue to support our temple and help our history to continue.

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki





Message from the VBT Board

In October 1904, fourteen Buddhist leaders met and agreed to establish a Buddhist organization in Vancouver. Plans included a request to the mother temple, Nishi Hongwanji, to send a minister to serve the local community of Buddhist families. A year later, on October 12, 1905, Rev. Senju Sasaki and his wife arrived in Vancouver. With his energy and strong leadership skills, he soon initiated a fund-raising drive to purchase property upon which to build a temple. After a vigorous fund-raising campaign, a significant sum of money was committed by families to purchase three adjoining lots on 32 Alexander Street. After renovations of the existing buildings were completed, followers gathered for services, funerals and Sunday school for the children. It became a bustling center of activities and social gatherings.

Today, over a century later, our temple organization (Bukkyo kai) continues to serve the community. Next year 2024, will be 120 years since its founding. The current building will be 45 years since it was built. For these reasons, the board has decided that we should celebrate these two major events in the history of Jodo Shinshu here in Canada. Plans are now under way to make 2024 a year of gratitude to our past members and celebrate the dedication of our past and current membership. Anyone interested in participating in the planning for next year please contact our temple office.

Gassho,

The Board

Makuragyō (Pillow-side) Service

When families consider having a Pillow-side service (Makuragyō), they are encouraged to notify Rev. Aoki with advance notice. This offers Rev. Aoki time to adjust his schedule accordingly. Depending on the wishes of the family, Rev. Aoki is quite prepared to conduct the service immediately following the passing away, wherever the location or whenever the hour. In fact, the family may prefer to have the service at an earlier time so that more family members can attend the service. Providing information, prior to a passing away, is important for Rev. Aoki too, not only to adjust his schedule, but to prepare for the service. The early contact with Rev. Aoki also provides an opportunity for him to offer information and answer questions the family may have.

Dr. Bob Akune

VBT Funeral Committee Chair

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 23rd and 24th. 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 for bus information.

Please contact the Vernon Buddhist Temple at vernonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com for more information and registration forms.

Greetings from the Valley...



Welcome to the hot valley... hope you are all keeping as cool and safe as possible.

With Obon season now almost finished this year the Obon services were as close to normal as possible after the long COVID hiatus. Attendance at our temple was wonderful, although the fact that so many were Hatsubon guests, was sad. We were able to enjoy our guest minister, Reverend Grant Ikuta's dharma talk which helped us feel the joy of having Obon to celebrate. We actually had to add chairs to the Hondo for our service, which made us very happy. Thank you again to Roy Akune sensei for joining us for the service and Yoko Matsuno sensei for leading us in our Obon odori after our Otoki. Our gratitude to Aoki sensei for doing the Ohaka Mairi at all the cemeteries where many of our elders and friends are resting. Thank you to everyone who attended and made our Obon so successful.

August will be a quiet month with no service at the temple, but get ready for our September service on September 9th at 2:00 and the BCJSBTF Convention and AGM in Vernon on September 23rd weekend. Please register or contact someone on the FVBT board to get the registration forms and the hotel room information. There will be a bus picking us up at the Mt. Lehman interchange by the 401 freeway. Let's all go to the Dharma of Pie.

We are also planning to do our Fall Bazaar so get ready to donate white elephants, sell cookies and baking, make udon and chow mein dinners at the temple in October.

Rest now and get ready for an exciting and busy fall.

In gassho

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

Our apologies to those who have supported our temple but we did not have our July donations list prepared at the time this article was written. We thank you for your support and will publish the list with the next newsletter.

Correction

April Shotsuki Memorial Service

Pat Yoshioka - In memory of Jack Yoshioka & Kenny Yoshioka

RSVP - 2023 VBT Barbecue & Picnic

WHEN: Saturday, August 12th @ 11:00 am

WHERE: Burnaby Central Park (Picnic Site #1)

Enter off Kingsway (see map)

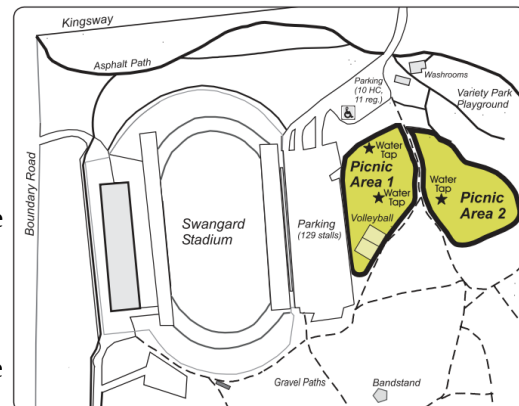
COST: \$5.00/member \$10.00/non-member

The VBT will supply the main course, participants provide their own side dishes and beverages.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, August 8th @ 4:00 p.m.

CONTACT: 604 253-7033 or temple.vbt@gmail.com

Join us for good food, good times, and good company. There will be activities, games, and door prizes. We hope to see many of you there!



Name (first name last name): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ or Cell #: _____

Number of people attending (including yourself): _____

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 5th -
Dharma Service @
10:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 5th &
Sunday, August 6th -
Powell Street Festival

Saturday, August 12th -
VBT Barbecue/Picnic
@ 11:00 a.m. at Burnaby
Central Park

Sunday, August 13th -
Shotsuki/Memorial
Service & lunch @ 11:00
a.m. at VBT and on-line

Saturday, September 9th -
Fraser Valley Service
with Rev. Grant @ 2:00
p.m.

Sunday, September 10th -
Fall Ohigan & Shotsuki/
Memorial Service @
11:00 @ VBT and on-line

Saturday, September
23rd & Sunday,
September 24th -
BCJSBTF Convention
and AGM hosted by
Vernon

*** All Zoom services
start @ 10:00 am, except
where indicated.

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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 August and September are the responsibility of **Toban #5**

- **Powell Street Festival Prep** - Friday, August 4th @ 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 5th and Sunday, August 6th @ 8:00 a.m.
- **August Shotsuki/Memorial Service**—Sunday, August 13th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Ohigan & September Shotsuki/Memorial Service** - Sunday, September 10th @ 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:

- ♦ Robert Nomura for his donation of two dusting mops for cleaning the naijin
- ♦ Derek Iwanaka for emceeing the Obon service and the Obon Odori
- ♦ June Bento & Manju making: Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Kathy Homma, Masae Ishii, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.
- ♦ Obon: Thank you to the MANY volunteers who came to help clean the temple, set up tables, chairs and lanterns, washed the sidewalks outside the temple, managed the garage, prepared all the food, and helped with bento distribution & food sales after the service. It was wonderful to see people we had not seen in a few years!
- ♦ July 15th Manju making: JoAnna Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Pat Hamanishi, Sam Kobayashi, Alamy Liu, Tatsu & Karen Mizushima, Cathy Nishikawa, Keiko Oyama, Kanta Sekimoto, Bob Soga, Yohei Tarutani, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.
- ♦ Correction - Our sincerest apology for omitting Frank & Pat Hamanishi from the May bento and yaki manju making, June 3rd and June 17th manju making.



2023 Bon Odori



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

August Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The August Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, August 13th at 11:00 am.

1943
SUZUKI, Kou

1960
*KONDO, Shigeru

1961
*SAKAMOTO, Sadakichi
*ODAMURA, Mine

1962
*ONO, Ihei

1963
HAMAKAWA, Koto
*KONISHI, Hanayo

1965
*ODAMURA, Magoichi
RYUJIN, Eiko

1966
ARAKI, Nui
HAYA, Kumae

1967
*SHIMIZU, Ichiro

1968
*NAKASHIMA, Otoyoe
MIZUYABU, Toshio

1969
MIO, Tomekichi
UYEYAMA, Yasumatsu

1970
*KITAGAWA, Kenzo
HANADA, Kinuye

1972
AMANO, Katsuyo
*SHIGEOKA, Heishiro

1973
*MATSUMOTO, Kingo
*UYEDA, Tane

1974 - 50th Year
SHINTANI, Niichi

1975
ASAOKA, Toichiro
*NISHI, Yoshizo
TERANISHI, Yasukichi
*HAMA, Yasumatsu

1977
*HASHIMOTO, Shusuke

1978
*HONMA, Chizuye
*SEKIYA, Tashichi

1980
MITSUI, Wakako

1981
*UYEDA, Mika

1982
*ISHIKAWA, Isamu

1982
*TATEOKA, Den

1983
*SAKAI, Sadao

1984
*SATO, Tadashi
*HANAZAWA, Genichi

1985
TERANISHI, Sayo
*NISHIKIHAMA, Torasaburo
ENJO, Masa
*WAKAHARA, Hidemi

1986
*NII, Shizuko

1987
AMANO, Shizuye
NISHI, Akiko
NOMURA, Tom
*YAMAMOTO, Matsuye

1988
*NOMURA, Reiko

1989
TATSUMI, Eiichi
*ONO, Fumiye

1990
HONMA, Shizuye

1991 - 33rd Year
IWATA, Motomaru

1992
*TANAKA, Kimiyo
MOTOKADO, Kiku

1994
*TAMAKI, Natsuno

1995
KITAGAWA, Kuri
TANAKA, Yukiko
YAMASAKI, Keiichiro
NASU, Hideo
SAKATA, Tatsuzo

1996
HAYASHI, Yasue

1997
FURUGORI, Shuji
TAMOTO, Satoru

1998
YOKOME, Haruka

1999 - 25th Year
NAKANO, Ryoshichi

2001
OKANO, Yoshio
NAKASHIMA, Miyuki

2002
YAMAMOTO, Sumiko
FUKUI, John Yaichi
FUKUI, Chiyoko
YAMADA, Frank Jinsho
SUZUKI, Fred Shoichi

2003
KENNO, Jane Yaye
TAJIRI, Kazuaki
KITANO, Roy Shozo
*YOSHIOKA, Harue

2004
OKAHASHI, George

2005
KOYANAGI, Emiko
NISHIHAMA, Kino
OHORI, Tadayuki
SUZUKI, Kazunobu
WATANABE, Tokiko

2006
KAWASAKI, Shizue
KONDO, Emiko

2007 - 17th Year
KUNO, Takao

2008
YAMASHITA, Kenji
SAWAMOTO, Miyuki
SUGIYAMA, Hiromi

2009
NAKANO, Matsue
OISHI, Ishie
TAKESHITA, Tamiye

2010
NAKANO, Tsuyako
AMANO, Sadao

2011 - 13th Year
TANIZAWA, Ryoji

2012
MIZUNO, Michika

2013
MOCHIZUKI, Toshi

2014
TAMAKI, Shinkichi

2015
KASUYA, Miwako

2016
YAMAGUCHI, Ryo
HASEBE, Hideo
ATAGI, Misaye

2017 - 7th Year
MAEKAWA, Saburo

2018
YOSHIKAWA, Sayoko
KAWAHIRA, James
KAWAMOTO, Amy

2019
TANAKA, Miyoshi
MARUNO, Hisako
MIMOTO, Michiho

2020
TABATA, Shoji

2021 - 3rd Year
TAKATA, Masako

2022 - 1st Year
KAJIWARA, Toshiko



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September Shotsuki (Memorial) List

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| | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| 1958 KARIYA, Tsune Baby Okamoto SATO, Saburo | 1980 KITAGAWA, Yosokichi | 1998 YAMASHITA, Iwataro HAMADA, Hideichi | 2014 GOMYO, Yoshie OBARA, George SHIKAZE, Hisako |
| 1960 IINUMA, Chusaburo KOHARA, Maju | 1981 IDA, Tsunejiro FUJII, Tetsuo YOSHIDA, Hari | 1999 - 25th Year MASUDA, Maria Masako YAGISAWA, Christopher Akira | 2015 UEDA, Sayomi MATSUI, Kikuye |
| 1961 KAWASHIMA, Masaki Baby Yamamoto | 1982 UYESUGI, Ryu TANAKA, Yoshie | TERAI, Shige AYUKAWA, Funi | 2016 YAMAMOTO, Michiyo Mike |
| 1963 UCHINAMI, Kazumi | 1984 INAMASU, Yoshio YOSHIZAWA, Shizuyo | 2000 ANDO, Eiichi AMANO, Emi OHASHI, Hatsuko | OYA, Osamu KOGAWA, Natsumi |
| 1964 KAGETSU, Tsurutaro | 1985 MINESHIWA, Ichiro | 2001 MINATO, Toshimi YADA, Yoshiko | 2018 ASAKURA, Mieke UYEYAMA, Kimie |
| 1965 KASUYA, Kenzo TANAKA, Tei IWASAKI, Kinnosuke SHIOZAKI, Minoru | 1986 OYE, Yakichi SHIMIZU, Kimiteru UYESUGI, Naosada | 2002 OMOTO, Teruko INOUE, Hisaye KADO, Shizuo TSURUGA, Masataro SHINKODA, Mitsuo | 2020 HAMAGUCHI, Shizue KOMORI, Yasuko OKADA, Tom Shigeso UYEDA, Eiji |
| 1966 ITO, Yukie | 1987 EBATA, Masukichi HAYASHI, Matsujiro HAMANISHI, Shizuka ISHIDA, Tomiye KITAGAWA, Shosuke | 2003 HAMA, Shigeo | 2022 - 1st Year CHIJIWA, Midori HIRAI, Toshio |
| 1967 OKANO, Moritaro | 1988 MATSUTANI, Hidehiro | 2004 NAKATA, Toyoko | |
| 1968 HAYASHI, Eikichi | 1989 UYESUGI, Bunshichi HAMA, Seitaro TAKEUCHI, Itsu | 2005 NAKAMURA, Kimi KOMORI, Haruo | |
| 1969 NAKASHIMA, Asa | 1992 HAMANISHI, Katsuji KURAMOTO, Roy NAGASHIMA, Ishi | 2006 KOBAYASHI, Toyoko TSURUSAKI, Nobuya | |
| 1970 MIYANO, Tetsuro OMOTO, Kanshiro | 1994 YAGISAWA, Yuri KAWAGOE, Kiyoshi TAKEUCHI, Chisato YAMASHITA, Akira | 2007 - 17th Year TANABE, Lily Sachiko KAGAWA, Ayaka | |
| 1971 IKEGAMI, Matajiro | 1995 NISHIMURA, Emiko SUGIMOTO, Kanao | 2008 NASU, Katsumi UYEYAMA, Toshio | |
| 1972 KOMINAMI, Jiroichi MIMOTO, Torasu | 1996 TAN, Misao OKAHORI, Yoshie KADOTA, Kunio CHOI, Jong Hee | 2009 UYENO, Kenneth Akira | |
| 1973 KAWASAKI, Tokusuke | 1997 MURATA, Miyako | 2010 MORISHITA, Kimiye 2011 - 13th Year MURACHI, Matsuri | |
| 1974 - 50th Year TAZAWA, Haru YANO, Minoru | | 2012 MATSUBARA, Teruko KOYAMA, Keiko KOGAWA, Natsumi | |
| 1976 NAKANO, Heiroku HAYASHI, Tatsuo TAKAHASHI, Genza | | | |
| 1977 RYUJIN, Shinaye YADA, Takao | | | |
| 1979 TOMITA, Mariko | | | |



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