

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 40
minutes - Meditation, Sutra Chanting,
and Dharma Talk



In-person service only @ 10:00 am:

Sunday, March 31st
Sunday, April 21st

Zoom Service @ 10:00 am:

Saturday, April 6th
Saturday, April 20th
Saturday, May 4th

Sunday, April 14th

@ 11:00 a.m.

**Hanamatsuri/Keirokai/
Hatsumairi &
Shotsuki/Memorial
Service (& lunch)**

Masks are now optional

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986

Passcode: shinran

Vancouver Buddhist Temple



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Vancouver Buddhist Temple

April 2024, Issue #480

2024 Bishop's Report

by Rev. Tatsuya Aoki



I would like to express my most sincere appreciation to all the Jodo Shinshu Temples of Canada (JSBTC), ministers, national board of directors, and all temples and members for keeping our organization active and accessible. All the ministers and national board of directors across Canada are working tirelessly for the sake of our temples, for all their members, and for the community at large.

When we attend temple services, we have short meditation, chanting, and a Dharma talk. While we are meditating, we are exercising "self-reflection." Knowing ourselves is a constant and lifelong process, for we are also constantly changing. Most often, we feel that we are pretty much the same as we were yesterday. However, in Buddhism, we are taught that this is not so. I've often asked people to consider looking at our lives in five-year increments. We are different at 5 than we are at 10, 15 or 20. And if we are fortunate, we will be very different at 60 or 80. It is not just physically that we grow and change, but also our knowledge and experience, and our awareness of what is of value. They will also change and grow. As I reflect on the JSBTC, there are some changes I would like to share. This year's JSBTC AGM will be held on Saturday, April 27. Only Senseis and the national board of directors will meet in Lethbridge, and the rest of the delegates will join the meeting on Zoom.

Ministers and JSBTC

Ministerial Well-Being:

Some ministers are serving two or more temples in Canada. Post-COVID concerns continue to add to the workload of all of our ministers; preparing Dharma Talks, attending numerous in-person and zoom meetings, and conducting funerals and memorial services. I have been working with the national board on addressing the matter of the physical and mental health of our ministers before it becomes a very real concern. Please continue to be understanding and mindful of your Senseis.

- (1) Rev. Yasuo Izumi in Lethbridge retired as of October 31, 2023. I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to Rev. Izumi for 51 years of his dedicated service in Canada.
- (2) Rev. Dr. Roland Ikuta in Lethbridge has become the resident Kaikyoshi minister for the Buddhist Temples of Southern Alberta as of November 1, 2023.
- (3) Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi in Toronto has resigned from the JSBTC and eastern district as of January 31, 2024. He returned to Japan on February 25, 2024.
- (4) Rev. Kensho Hashimoto, of Japan, will arrive in Toronto on April 1, 2024 and will become the resident minister for the eastern district. Rev. Hashimoto will have graduated from Ryukoku University's Master's program in March 2023.

* Senior Kaikyoshi ministers in Canada will be asked to help train Rev. Hashimoto until he is familiarized with the ministerial duties in Canada. Your understanding and support are very much appreciated.

- (5) Rev. Joanne Yuasa received Kyoshi certification in May 2023. She also successfully completed the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) officers' training in December 2023 and is working as a CAF Buddhist chaplain in CFB Kingston, as of January 2024. She is the first Buddhist chaplain in the CAF.

- (6) The Ministers' Retirement Supplementary fund is currently benefitting Rev. Fujikawa, Rev. Izumi, Rev. Miyakawa, Rev. Ulrich, Rev. Martin and the family of Rev. Michael Hayashi. On behalf of all the ministers, your ongoing support to the fund is greatly appreciated.



Message from the VBT Board

Spring has arrived! The cherry blossoms are everywhere and adds to the beauty of the Lower Mainland.

Please join us on Sunday, April 14th at our Hanamatsuri/Keirokai/Hatsumairi/Shotsuki service @ 11:00 a.m. After an absence of many years, we will also have an Ochigo (children’s processional). It will be nice to hear and see young ones at the temple again.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks and gratitude to the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society for the \$11 000.00 grant to help support our 120th/45th Anniversary luncheon on Saturday, June 8th at Nikkei Place. We also applied for another grant to help fund a day trip, for our seniors and families, to Tashme in August to join in their Obon celebrations. We recently received news that we will receive the funds to help with those costs. We will provide more details soon and hope many of you can join us.

Lastly, a reminder that we will be having a Spring Bazaar on Sunday, May 26th @ 12:00 p.m. We need many hands to put on this event. If you are able to volunteer with food preparation or serving, even for an hour or two. Please let us know.

In gassho,
the Board

Hatsumairi - Infant Presentation Ceremony

We cordially invite all families with infants up to one year of age to participate in our annual Hatsumairi Ceremony, which will take place during our Hanamatsuri (Sakyamuni Buddha’s Birthday) service on **Sunday, April 14th 2024**. Hatsumairi literally means “first Buddhist service”. Often translated as “Infant Presentation Service”, Hatsumairi represents the first opportunity for families to bring infants who were born during the previous year to Temple. At the same time, it gives our Temple the opportunity to give expression to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, which embraces people of all ages, genders, races, and social strata.



If your family wishes to participate, please contact the temple office by **Thursday, April 4th**.

Hanamatsuri and Keirokai Luncheon

RSVP - 2024 Hanamatsuri/Keirokai/Shotsuki/Memorial Service

SERVICE: Sunday, April 14th @ **11:00 am** & luncheon

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

CONTACT: 604 253-7033 or temple.vbt@gmail.com **DEADLINE:** April 4th @ 12:00 p.m.



Name (first name last name): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ or Cell #: _____

Number of people attending (including yourself): _____

Please indicate if you born in: 1947 (77 years old) _____ 1936 (88 years old) _____ 1925 _____ (99 years old)

Greetings from the Valley...



Greetings from the Valley,

Our temple was a hub of activity at our Monthly Service on March 2nd with Bishop Aoki officiating our Ohigan/Shotsuki service. After tea, our Annual General Meeting was held in the Hondo. The previous Board members have agreed to continue: Lucy Yoshioka, Lori North, Jenny Fujita, Denise Cork, Ron Nishimura, Vivien Nishi & Naomi Shikaze.

At the same time, two Outreach Workers from the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund met downstairs with survivors to assist in filling out grant applications. We were pleasantly surprised to have 43 Survivors from the area attend; it was a very busy afternoon!

Please join us for our Hanamatsuri Service & full lunch on Sat. April 13 at 2 pm with Bishop Aoki officiating.

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations received in:

December 2023:

J Nakatsui

January:

Keirokai – H/S Ikeda, R Tateyama, T/S Matsuno

Hoonko – R Tateyama

February:

C Hamanishi, B Kagawa, M Miyagi, S/L Yoshioka,

A Nagamatsu, R Tateyama, R/G Kariatsumari, I

Rohrer,

L North, J Fujita/M McSkimming

March:

J Nakatsui, J Fujita/M McSkimming, T/Y Matsuno, Y Kariatsumari, C Hamanishi, R/M Fujita, S/L Yoshioka, R Honkawa, H/S Ikeda, A Nagamatsu, D Cork

Ohigan – R Tateyama, L North

Memory of Sam Yoshioka – P Yoshioka

Memory of Hiroshi Honkawa – R Honkawa, G/L Smith

Memory of Masuko Kamimura – Kamimura & Kon families

Memory of Roland Kamimura – Kamimura & Kon families

JC Survivors Grant Info & Registration Event – Sarah Kato, B/E Miyazaki, Tonari Gumi

Ochigo - Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

(10:00 am in the 3rd floor classroom for participants)

“Chigo” refers to children ages three to twelve. (“o” is an honorific prefix.) According to tradition, noble households in Japan sent their children to temples for their education. While attending, children participated in the temple festivals and ceremonies, often dressing up to represent celestial beings.

Both boys and girls wear a robe with long, wide sleeves over a hakama or loose trousers, and the ancient make-up of the nobility which consists of two black dots just above the space between the eyebrows. The costume is differentiated between boys and girls by a stiff hat for boys and a crown of the phoenix bird for girls.

The VBT will provide an opportunity for children to participate in this ceremonial procession at its anniversary ceremony to be held on April 14th, 2024 at the VBT. *** Please bring a Yukata or white shirt to be worn under the costume.

Priority registration for members’ children by March 15th. After, March 15th, registration will open to temple non-members. Please signup at the VBT Office.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 6th -
Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 13th -
Fraser Valley Service with
Rev. Aoki @ 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 14th -
120th/45th Anniversary/
Ochigo Procession/
Hanamatsuri/Hatsumairi/
Keiro-kai/April Shotsuki
Service & Lunch @ 11:00 am

Saturday, April 20th -
Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 21st -
In-person Service @ 10:00

Saturday, May 4th -
Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

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

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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, the Social Hall, inside and outside the temple; a parking attendant is needed; as well as a couple people may be needed to act as service receptionist and usher. Help will also be needed for lunch prep for various monthly activities.

The following activities in April are the responsibility of **Toban #4**

- **Manju making** (yaki) - Sunday, April 7th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Hanamatsuri/Keirokai/Hatsumairi & Shotsuki/Memorial Service** - Sunday, April 14th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Manju making** (yaki) - Sunday, April 21st @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Bento** - Saturday, April 27th @ 9:00 am and Sunday, April 28th @ 8:00 a.m.
- **Gotan-e & Shotsuki/Memorial Service** - Sunday, May 5th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Manju making** (mushi) - Saturday, May 18th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Seniors' Luncheon** - Sunday, May 19th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Spring Bazaar** - Saturday, May 25th @ 9:00 am and Sunday, May 26th @ 7:00 a.m.



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

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:

- ♦ **February Bento** - Molly Akune, Takiko Kawasaki, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Frances Minato, Karen & Tatsu Mizushima, Akemi Mizuta, Nancy Yamazaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida
- ♦ **Saturday, March 16th Manju making** - JoAnna Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Satsu Kanegae, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Sam Kobayashi, Alamy Liu, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Bob Soga, Michiyo Teranishi, Ed & Emi Yamazaki, Nancy Yamazaki, Sadayo Yamazaki, Christine and Kaz Yoshida

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar...

- ◇ **Hanamatsuri, Keirokai, and Hatsumairi** - Sunday, April 14th @ 11:00 a.m.
- ◇ **Spring Bazaar** - Sunday, May 26th @ 12:00 p.m.
- ◇ **VBT 120th & 45th Anniversary Luncheon** - Saturday, June 8th @ 11:30 a.m. at Nikkei Place
- ◇ **Obon Service** - July 14th @ 2:00 p.m.
Bon Odori - July 14th @ 4:00 p.m.
- ◇ **Powell Street Festival** - August 3rd & 4th
- ◇ **VBT Barbecue/Picnic** - Sunday, September 8th @ 11:00 a.m.
- ◇ **Mochitsuki** - Sunday, December 8th @ 9:00 a.m.



Memorial Years of 2024

1st Year - 2023
3rd Year - 2022

7th Year - 2018
13th Year - 2012

17th Year - 2008
25th Year - 2000

33rd Year - 1992
50th Year - 1975

April Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The April Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, April 14th at 11:00 a.m.

1958

*HIRAYAMA, Michiyo

1960

NOMURA, Yaozo

1961

*HARA, Tadashi

1963

*MATSUNO, Riu

*TABUCHI, Kizo

1964

*YONEMURA, Senzo

1967

*KANEKO, Seki

*SHIMIZU, Zenzo

1969

*SUGIMOTO, Tome

1972

*NAKASHIMA, Yasumatsu

*SAKATA, Ryoza

*YAMAMOTO, Isamu

*YOSHIDA, Keijiro

*YOSHIOKA, Teruo

1973

*KOBAYASHI, Isuke

*YAMAGUCHI, Kiyoko

1974

*SHIRAHAMA, Tomomi

1975 - 50th Year

*HASEBE, Yukio

*TERADA, Kentaro

1976

*EDAMURA, Jujiro

1977

*KOYANAGI, Toru

1978

*KAMATA, Genzaburo

1980

*IKEDA, Toyoharu

INOUE, Yoshinobu

KOMORI, Fujihiro

MARUNO, Michiko

1981

*TATEYAMA, Shigeyoshi

*WAKABAYASHI, Masa

*TANAKA, Kiyo

1982

*HASEBE, Noburo

*IWABUCHI, Shimpei

MATSUI, Sadao

1983

NUKINA, Yoshiko

1984

*HAMANISHI, Fusaye

*HAYAM Yoshimatsu

*KADA, Fude

*MIDORIKAWA, Kono

NAKANO, Reizo

1985

*HIROKADA, Shigeo

NASU, Chiyo

1986

KOMORI, Haru

*NISHIKAWA, Hine

*SOKUGAWA, Toshiro

1987

*LEE, Kinju

*OHIRA, Yu

*TATEBE, Yonehiro

1988

*MORIYAMA, Kenichi

*WADA, Masaye

1990

*ASANO, Matsue

*MURATA, Miyano

1991

BANNO, Magohachi

*DOI, Sumiko

*GODO, Moichi

*UTSUNOMIYA, Kinuye

1992 - 33rd Year

*OSATO, Hiroko

TSUJI, Sumi

YADA, Katsutoshi

1993

*CHIAI, Asae

KOYANAGI, Mitsuru

*TANIYAMA, Shigeru

1994

*FUKUHARA, Asano

*SHISHIDO, Kiyoko

TANIZAWA, Mitsuyoshi

1995

MATSUNAGA, Shigekazu

1996

KONDO, Masaru

TERAKITA, Hideo

1997

KITANO, Yaeno

TSUJI, Tadao

1998

NISHI, Kenichi

FUJIWARA, Akira

1999

MATSUSHITA, Naka

2000 - 25th Year

EGAMI, Yukio

FORSYTH, Aiko Mary

KAWABATA, Eijiro

YOSHIOKA, George

MATANOJO, George

MORIUCHI, Chie

2001

NISHI, Diane

TAKAI, Sumiko

TSUJI, Soto

2003

FUJII, Kiyosada

SHIMABUKURO,

Toshio

2004

BABA, Kohei

HAMAZAKI, Kazue

NAKASHIMA, Yasuharu

2005

MORISHITA, Sawa

2006

IKEGAMI, Sachiko

KIKUCHI, Toru

KOMORI, Tadahiro

2007

FUCHIHARA, Mike

KAZUTA, Matsuko

2008 - 17th Year

NISHI, Masaru

TAKAKI, Yukio Frank

YAMASHITA, Shunichi

2009

FUNATSU-MEYER,

Shohei

TAKAHARA, Kiyokazu

2010

NOMURA, Emily

2012 - 13th Year

SATO, Sumiko

TAMAKI, Michiko

ABURAMOTO, Reiko

2013

YUZA, Jihei

NISHIZAWA, Chieko

TAKEUCHI, Akio

2014

KURAHASHI, Akio

MORI, Akira

2015

NISHIMURA, Ayako

2017

NAKAGAWA, Shoko

NAKAGAWA, Fumie

2018 - 7th Year

TERANISHI, Tamotsu

HIDEMI IMAI, Jacqueline

KOYANAGI, Terry

2019

NARUKE, Yasumasa

KASUYA, Ken

2020

MATSUI, Otokazu

2021

ARATAKE, Tsuki

MATSUTANI, Yoshie

2022 - 3rd Year

NISHIMURA, Shiro

2023 - 1st Year

KIMOTO, Percy Miyoshi



**The Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, April 14th at the temple & via Zoom @ 11:00 a.m.

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Also, you can dial-in to the service.

Dial: 778-907-2071

Press Meeting ID#: 692 059 0986 & #



VBT Spring Bazaar - Sunday, May 26th @ 12:00 p.m.

After a long absence due to COVID, we are bringing back our popular Spring Bazaar. We will have a scaled-back version, but will still offer many favourite food items. So that we can plan and serve you better, please complete the order form below with payment. This will guarantee you receive the items you want. We will have some of these items for sale on the day of the bazaar, but they will be first come, first served. We look forward to

seeing everyone enjoying our delicious udon in the Social Hall once again!

Spring Bazaar Order Form

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>	# Requested	<u>Total \$</u>
Eat-in udon	\$6.00		
Take-home udon	\$8.00		
Futomaki (8 pieces)	\$10.00		
California Roll (hosomaki)	\$5.00		
Hosomaki combo (4 pcs. Kappa maki, 4 pcs. Oshinko maki, & 4 pcs. California roll)	\$7.00		
Inari (6 pieces)	\$5.00		
Chicken karaage (4 pieces)	\$5.00		
Shio saba (per piece)	\$5.00		
Korokke (check which one(s)) - regular ___ yasai ___ curry ___	\$2.00		
Chow mein	\$5.00		
Ohagi (6 pieces)	\$5.00		
Manju (6 pieces - mix of mushi, yaki, mikasa, & mochi)	\$10.00		
Manju (10 pieces - mix of mushi, yaki, mikasa, & mochi)	\$15.00		
Furikake snack mix (small bag - mix of pretzels, corn chips, nuts...)	\$5.00		
Furikake snack mix (medium bag - mix of pretzels, corn chips, nuts...)	\$10.00		
Frozen tuna (\$20 and up; as marked)			
Total:			\$

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). **Deadline to order is: Tuesday, May 21st.**

Spring Bazaar Order Form

Total cost: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Bento Box

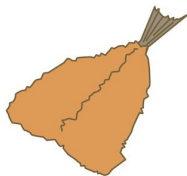
They're back! 😊

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).

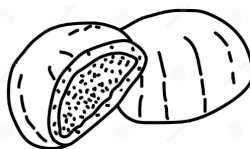
For **April 28th**, the bento will include:

- ◆ Aji fry
- ◆ Green bean goma-ae
- ◆ Potato 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, Paypal, or e-transfer). **Last day to order the April Bento is Tuesday, April 23rd.**

Pick-up: Between 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on April 28th at the Social Hall entrance.

April 28th Bento Order Form

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

Total cost: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____


2024 Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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120th / 45th Anniversary

Special Services 法要


Sunday, **January 14th** at 11:00 a.m.

Anniversary Service 
 Hoonko / Shotsuki Memorial Service
 Lunch and Bingo


Sunday, **April 14th** at 11:00 a.m.

 Anniversary Service
 Hanamatsuri / Keiro-Kai / Hatsumairi /
 Shotsuki Memorial Service
 Ochigo Procession (Registration starts in March)
 Lunch and Bingo


Sunday, **July 14th** at 2:00 p.m.

Anniversary Commemorative 
 Hatsubon / Obon / Shotsuki
 Nikkei Memorial Service
 Bon Dance

Sunday, **October 6th** at 11:00 a.m.

 Anniversary Service
 JSBTC Day and Shotsuki Memorial Service
 Lunch and Bingo

Sunday, **December 1st** at 11:00 a.m.

Anniversary Service 
 Bodhi Day and Shotsuki Memorial Service
 Lunch and Bingo

Theme

OKAGESAMA

“Thanks to the many causes
 and conditions
 known and unknown,
 I have the privilege of
 coming to this moment”

おかげさま



Special Gatherings 行事

Saturday, **June 8th** at 11:30 a.m.

Anniversary **Lunch** at Nikkei Place
 (6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby)
 \$5 Registration Fee (non-members \$35) & RSVP by **May 15th**
 Please contact us if you need a ride! 



Sunday, **September 8th** at 11:00 a.m.

Picnic at Central Park (Burnaby) 



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