

Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

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rev.aoki@gmail.com
to receive the Zoom link
or check the temple website



(The Services take approximately 40 minutes
- Meditation, Sutra Chanting, and Dharma
Talk)

Zoom Service @ 10:00 am:

Saturday, October 12th
Saturday, October 19th
Saturday, November 2nd

In-Person Service @ 10:00 am:

Sunday, October 13th
Sunday, October 20th

Sunday, October 6th

@ 11:00 a.m.

**JSBTC Day/Anniversary/
Shotsuki/Memorial Service
(plus lunch and Bingo)**

Sunday, November 10th

@ 11:00 a.m.

**Eitaikyo/Shotsuki/
Memorial Service (& lunch)**

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
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2024 Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Day Message from the Office of the Bishop



“Those who are born first, guide those who come later, and those who are born later, join those who were born before them. This is so that the Boundless Ocean of birth-and-death may be exhausted.”

(In “Passages on the Land of Happiness”, by master Tao-ch’o [562-645])

On October 12, 1905, Rev. and Mrs. Senju Sasaki arrived in Vancouver as the first Kaikyoshi (overseas minister) for Canada. With the minister’s arrival, the local Buddhists formed the Vancouver Nihon Bukkyo-kai (Japanese Buddhist Association), and thus began our history. Although we are proud to be acknowledging that Jodo Shinshu is the school of Buddhism first established in Canada, it was not easy to continue and settle down in Canada.

I visited the Tashme internment site in B.C. along with thirty-four Vancouver Buddhist Temple members on August 24th. It was a day trip to visit the site and museum, which was funded by the VBT and the JCLS (Japanese Canadian Legacy Society). Tashme was established in 1942, by the Canadian federal government, as one of several sites to incarcerate Japanese Canadians during World War Two. At its peak, Tashme was home to 2,644 Japanese people. At the museum, we watched a short documentary film about life in BC interment camps, as well as in Tashme. I cannot imagine the difficulty and worries that Japanese Canadians must have experienced. It is too easy for us to take for granted that we are able to attend services or make manju (pastries) for fundraisers. We should not forget that we are able to continue gathering at our temples, and listen to the Buddha-Dharma because of the efforts and sacrifices of these early pioneers.



Photo: Service at Tashme

Next year, 2025, marks our 120th anniversary. On this significant occasion, we should reflect and rediscover the lessons of those who were born before us, so that they may guide those who will come later. May we continue to discover joy by listening to the Dharma and together walk the path of the Nembutsu. Namo Amida Butsu.

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki,
Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada



Message from the VBT Board

Some of VBT’s biggest annual events such as O-bon and Powell Street Festival take place in the Summer. This year, there were the added events of a group day-trip to Tashme, a temple family BBQ and picnic, as well as a Summer Dharma Retreat. All of these events took place in addition to weekly and private services such as memorials and funerals, and temple maintenance. We give thanks for you, the members who give life to our temple and make these events possible.

As we will mark in October, for 120 years, people have strived to make VBT a place where Amida Buddha can be encountered. Every generation faced challenges and had to adapt to the causes and conditions of their times. We are no different! We are facing a building that needs constant maintenance in a neighbourhood we may feel we no longer belong. Our membership is declining and its demographics are shifting. We are living the truth that the Buddha made clear to us - everything changes all of the time. We look forward to working with our sangha members to come up with innovative ways to make the VBT relevant, safe, and accessible.

The closing months of this anniversary year will see more annual services such as Eitaikyo and Bodhi Day. We hope you join us on these occasions - and beyond - to continue to make VBT a place of encountering the Buddha Dharma.

In gassho,
JM Yuasa

Day Trip to Tashme - Saturday, August 24th

It was a wet start to the day, but that did not curb the excitement and enthusiasm of the 35 people who joined us. We left the temple at approximately 9:00 a.m. and arrived at Tashme at 11:15 a.m. We watched a short video and toured the museum. It was interesting to see pictures of past and present members. We had a short, impromptu service at the museum lead by Rev. Aoki, and then had our bento lunches in the buses. We left Tashme just before 2:00 p.m. and made a short stop in Hope. We returned to the temple just before 5:00 p.m. It was a long, but fun day. Many thanks to the Tashme Museum curator and guides, and to our excellent bus drivers. Many were asking when our next trip will be....



VBT Summer Picnic at Central Park - Sunday, September 8th



Greetings from the Valley...



Welcome to the Valley... with the Fall Ohigan service now done, it should feel like fall... but as the leaves start turning colour and falling to the ground, we are finding that harvesting time for some vegetables is still going strong... tomatoes, anyone!!!

The FVBT Ohigan service was held on September 14th and the day mirrored the way our seasons have been this year. First... so much rain and car accidents everywhere even on the way to temple but then beautiful sunshine when we finished our tea after service. Finally a warm/cool evening to finish the day. We are so lucky to live in an exciting province. Reverend Grant officiated the service and some of his Dharma talk resonated with many of us... starting to feel our age. He is

still so young even if he feels crossing the 60th year marker was a sign (of wisdom, yes?).

We in the Valley are so grateful to have two Senseis who alternate and take the time to come to our monthly services. September is the Ministers' Appreciation month and with great strength and determination our six ministers and 5 assistant ministers serve our sanghas across Canada. This makes for a great deal of travel and effort on the part of them and their families.

Now the slightly disappointing news. The FVBT has decided to cancel the planned October 12th Twenty Year Rebuilding Anniversary Dinner. We have instead planned to celebrate the full Seventy Year Anniversary of the Temple next year and will include all the plans we had hoped to use for the Twenty Year Celebration.

The October Shotuski Service will be held on October 12th as planned at 2:00 p.m., our normal time.

In gassho

FVBT

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations and apologize for any mistakes or omissions.

July/August (not previously published) – E Okawa

September – M Miyagi, J Fujita/M McSkimming, A Nagamatsu, R Tateyama, S/L Yoshioka, P Perry, N Shikaze, M Fujita, L North

In memory of mother – B Kagawa

In memory of May Mukaida – the family of May and her family in California, Y Kurita

Fireside Chats – I Rohrer

Come Join Us for Seniors' Luncheon and Bingo!

Usually on the third Sunday of each month, we have a short service followed by a luncheon for our senior members. We have 5 games of Bingo, afterwards. If you would like to attend, please let the office know so that we can prepare accordingly. Please check the 'Upcoming Events' section for the next luncheon date.

October 5th Dinner in Honour of Reverend Kodo Umezu



When: Saturday, October 6th @ 6:00 p.m.

Where: Burnaby Palace Restaurant - 3110 Boundary Road, Burnaby, BC

Cost: \$25.00 per person. Deadline to register is Tuesday, October 1st

Please join us as we welcome our guest speaker, Reverend Kodo Umezu (Former Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America).

Yes, I/we would like to join Reverend Kodo Umezu for dinner on Saturday, October 5th @ Burnaby Palace Restaurant.

Name: _____ **Number of people attending:** _____

Phone # and/or Email: _____

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 6th - JSBTC Day & Shotsuki/Memorial Service with guest speaker, Rev. Kodo Umezū (Former Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America) @ 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 12th - Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

Saturday, October 12th - Fraser Valley Service / Rev. Aoki @ 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 13th - In-person Service @ 10

Saturday, October 19th - Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, October 20th - In-person Service @ 10

Sunday, October 20th - Seniors' Luncheon @ 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 2nd - Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

Saturday, November 9th - Fraser Valley Service / Rev. Ikuta @ 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 10th - Eitaikyo & Shotsuki/Memorial Service @ 11

Monday, November 11th - Remembrance Day Service at the Stanley Park Japanese Canadian Cenotaph @ 10:40 a.m.

Sunday, November 17th - Seniors' Luncheon @ 11:00 a.m.

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

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 and garbage removal.

The following activities in **October and November** are the responsibility of **Toban #2**

- **JSBTC Day & Shotsuki/Memorial Service Lunch Prep** - Sunday, October 6th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Manju making** - Saturday, October 19th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Seniors' Luncheon** - Sunday, October 20th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Bento** - Saturday, October 26th @ 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, October 27th @ 8:00 a.m.
- **Manju Making** - Sunday, November 3rd @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Eitaikyo & Shotsuki/Memorial Service Lunch Prep** - Sunday, November 10th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Seniors' Luncheon** - Sunday, November 17th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Bento** - Saturday, November 23rd @ 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, November 24th @ 8:00 a.m.



Please contact Toban 2's captains, Robert and/or Molly Akune 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:

- ◆ **Saturday, September 7th Manju Making** - Molly Akune, JoAnna Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Kathy Homma, Mas Kitagawa, Paul Kitamura, Sam Kobayashi, Alamy Liu, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Bob Soga, Yohei Tarutani, Nancy Yamazaki, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida
- ◆ **Sunday, September 8th VBT Summer Picnic** - Lorna Bishop, Greg Chor, Mayumi Dar, Yvonne Nakano, and Dave Ohori for all the activities planning, organizing setting up/take-down, and food preparation. We had great weather, a good turn-out and a fun time had by all.
- ◆ **Saturday, September 14th - 17th Fukujinzuke Making** - Joanna Bazeley, Takiko Kawasaki, Frances Minato, Akemi Mizuta, Cathy Nishikawa, Kazue Tsurusaki, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida

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

October Shotsuki (Memorial) List

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1928
 SUZUKI, Genichi
1958
 TSUMURA, Chonosuke
1959
 KISHIUCHI, Shigeichi
1961
 HAMAGUCHI, Minoru
1963
 NISHIMURA, Masao
1964
 CHIBA, Zenshichi
1965
 OCHIAI, Ikushi
1966
 HAMAGISHI, Fujie
 TAKATA, Minoru
1967
 HAMAGUCHI, Takeshi
1968
 NAGANO, Hideo
 FUKUHARA, Takakazu
 MORI, Yasomatsu
 HOMMA, Joe
1969
 NISHI, Tetsuo
 WAKITA, Uno
 ARAKI, Toku
1970
 YAMASHITA, Shintaro
1971
 MIZUNO, Shinichiro
1972
 TANAKA, Shirosuke
 HAYASHI, Yu
 MOTOKADO, Kichijiro
1973
 YOSHIDA, Toyozo
 TAMAI, Hideo
1974
 KOHARA, Yokio
1975 - 50th year
 HAYASHI, Rinnosuke
 HANAZAWA, Takezo
1976
 TAKAOKA, Shoji
1977
 SUGIE, Yoshi
 TAKAI, Nobukichi
1978
 TOKITO, Takeo
1979
 NODA, Fukuya
 ASANO, Kyosuke
 ITAYA, Wakaichi
 KOBAYASHI, Ryoichi
1980
 TSUJI, Tokichi
 TANAKA, Eiichi
1981
 USUI, Kohei
 SAKIYAMA, Fujino
 SHISHIDO, Ginichi
1982
 NISHI, Tora
 HIKIDA, Shio
 NISHIMURA, Gengo
 OMOTO, Kunijiro
1983
 HORIO, Kunio
1985
 HIRANO, Wataru
 ISHIKAWA, Tomoe
 Pearl
 AMANO, Teiichi
 NISHIMURA, Masayoshi
1986
 EDAMURA, Shige
 URABE, Kiku
1987
 KARIATSUMARI, Teru
 IMADA, Ito
1988
 HAMAGAMI, Natsu
 UYENO, Sato
 TAZAWA, Kazuo
1989
 WRAY, Fred
 KAMO, Yasuhiko
1990
 UCHINAMI, Fujimi
 SHIOZAKI, Kiyomi
1991
 EBATA, Tayo
1992 - 33rd year
 TANAKA, Tokutaro
 MORITA, Yukio
 HAGANE, Sumiko
1993
 KOYANAGI, Haruko
 SASAKI, Toshi
 HOMMA, Shingo
1994
 YAMAMOTO, Kenkichi
 TAHARA, Hiroyoshi
 INOUE, Juichiro

1996
 KAWABATA, Kazuyo
1997
 MIYASAKI, Mitsuye
 TERASHITA, Satoru Sam
 TAKASAKI, Yoshino
1998
 MIYASHITA, Keiji Joe
 NOMURA, Akio
 OYE, Freddie Shigeyuki
 NAGAMATSU, Sakuo
1999
 NISHI, Toshiko Margaret
 TAMAKI, Yoshio
 IKARI, Masao
 KAGAWA, Masayeki
2000 - 25th year
 SHIGEMATSU, Kiyoko
 KARIYA, Masue
2001
 MORI, Isamu Sam
 TAMAI, Isamu
2002
 HAMAGUCHI, Tamae
 ITO, Sokichi
 IHARA, Masako
 IMAMURA, Kojiro
 STEVENS, Howard
2003
 NOMURA, Daniel N.
 SHIMOZAWA, Wataru W
2004
 HONKAWA, Fumiye
2005
 NARITA, Noriaki
 YOSHIMURA, Kazuhira
 TSUJI, Mitsuye
2007
 HARADA, Yae
 TATEYAMA, Yukie
 KUSAKA, Toyo
2008 - 17th year
 WAKABAYASHI, Aiko Anne
 SAKATA, Hiroshi
2009
 KAWAGOYE, Frances Fusae
2010
 YAKURA, Masae
 SAIMOTO, Cy Hisao
 JOWETT, Tomiko
2011
 NAKAGAWA, Tsuyako
 OGAWA, Fumikado

ARAKI, Aiko
2012 - 13th year
 KADOTA, Misuko
 TANAKA, Robert
2013
 ONO, Tamotsu
2014
 SHONO, Kiyoshi
 UYEDA, Yaeko
2015
 SHIBATA, Kenji
 KOBAYAKAWA, Sumi
2016
 OMOTO, Tsutomu
 MASUHARA, Akiyasu
2017
 OMOTO, Reiko
 NISHIMURA, Yasuko
2018 - 7th year
 SHOJI, Akiko
2020
 OKAMURA, Dean
 SHIMABUKURO, Kimi
2021
 MARUNO, Yukito
2023 - 1st year
 ASAOKA, Minoru

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the families
and friends of:

Mrs. Emiko Matsui (96)
August 21st

Mrs. Nancy Hamanishi (82)
August 15th



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1951
 ARAKI, Satoshi
1959
 NAGANO, Saburo
 HASEBE, Aizo
 KAKUTANI, Genichi
 FURUKAWA, Shinnosuke
1960
 AOKI, Ichiji
 IWASE, Yoshi
 SAKAI, Susumu
1961
 KATAYAMA, Isao
1962
 YANAGIMOTO, Katsujiro
1963
 TAKEBAYASHI, Tadasuke
1964
 OTSUJI, Yaeko
 IMADA, Mitsugu
 EDAMURA, Sowa
1967
 ANDO, Yoshi
 HAMAGUCHI, Masu
1968
 SHINTANI, Sadasuke
1969
 MATSUTANI, Inosuke
 HINATSU, Ito
 KAWASHIMA, Fumiko
1970
 KURAMITSU, Yoshiko
1971
 YAMAMOTO, Fujino
1972
 ISHIGURO, Shigesaburo
 IWATA, Kinichi
 UCHIYAMA, Kenroku
1973
 FUKAWA, Toki
 KAJIRO, Fumio
 NAKAGAWA, Shio
1974
 MORITA, Emi
 SHIMIZU, Yoshiharu
1975 - 50th year
 SAKAI, Fuji
 TANAKA, Hatsuye
1976
 YAMADA, Shohei
1977
 EBATA, Shinkichi
 MINAGAWA, Katsuo
 MURATA, Tadao
1978
 KASUYA, Moto
 NAKATANI, Tomiye
1979
 ARATAKE, Shigeru
1980
 ENJO, Denzo
 TAKASAKI, Sakiye
1981
 HIRAI, Heishiro
 TABATA, Shizu
1982
 OKABE, Sueko
1983
 YAMANOUCI, Sada
1984
 MITSUI, Masao
 SHIKAZE, Noriko
1985
 SHINTANI, Kohatsu
1986
 DEGUCHI, Haruye
1988
 NAKATA, Chiyo
 HAMAKAWA, Yosaburo
 OIKAWA, Kengo
 HIGUCHI, Kiyokazu
 KIMURA, Mitsuo
 MAEDA, Genzo
1989
 OHARA, Tsuru
 TANAKA, Zenno
1990
 FURUKAWA, Matsu
 WAKABAYASHI, Gentaro
1991
 KURAMOTO, Masaaki
1992 - 33rd year
 IKEDA, Teruhiko
 MIZUYABU, Tokuichi
1993
 HAMAKAWA, Yoshio
 KOYANAGI, Tad
 MURAMOTO, Emiko
 BANNO, Masakazu
1994
 KUMAMOTO, Toshiko
 TANOUYE, Kokichi K.
1995
 SAKATA, Ayame

MIYASHITA, Ichiji
 MURAO, Jean Nobuko
 FUJINO, Yoshio
1996
 NITSUI, Yoshio Roy
 HAMAZAKI, Hiroshi
 KAZUTA, Kathy Noriko
1997
 SHOJI, Inosuke
 SAKAI, Yaeko
 LEE, Shirley Michiko
 SAWADA, Katsuko
1999
 CHIBA, Fukuyo
 WAKABAYASHI, Hikoichi
2000 - 25th year
 SAKAMOTO, Hideo W.
 IKARI, Chiyoko
2001
 YADA, Genichiro Frank
 MIZUTA, Tane
2002
 HAMAGUCHI, Tatsuko
 YOSHIDA, Umeyo
 TANAKA, Sonoko
2003
 MOCHIZUKI, Fumiye
 HAYASHI, Hisae
 TAKIMOTO, Takie
 NISHIKIHAMA, Teruo
2004
 YOSHIDA, Yoshiye
 SHIBATA, Takeo
2005
 ARITA, Hajime
 KUROYAMA, Tsutomu
2006
 OKAMURA, Yukio
 SAITO, Fuyuko
2007
 MORI, Fumi
2008 - 17th year
 TAMURA, Naoharu
 NAKATSU Kimiyo
2009
 HIRATA, Emmie
2010
 KAWAHIRA, Masanobu
 YOSHIDA, Sue
 ATAGI, Suetsugu
2011
 SUGIYAMA, Yukiko

TERASHITA, Keiko
 FUCHIHARA, Tsumae
2012 - 13th year
 NISHIMURA, Fusae
2014
 DAR, Emi Isla
2015
 FUJII, Chiyoko
 SAKAI, Naomi
2016
 MOCHIZUKI, Ichiya
 KAWASHIMA, Kazuo
 MANIWA, Reiko
2017
 MASUHARA, Takayasu F.
2018 - 7th year
 JANG, Lawrence
 TAMOTO, Miyoko
2019
 TSURU, Shibata
2020
 OTAKI, Akemi
2021
 KISHIDA, Yoshie
2022 - 3rd year
 MATSUDA, Chusei
 TAKAKI, Stanley
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 MATSUMOTO, Polly
 TATSUMI, Roy

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Bento Box

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For **October 27th**, the bento will include:

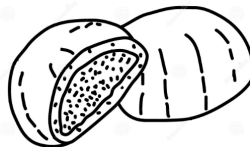
- ◆ Pork tonkatsu
- ◆ Potato salad
- ◆ Nimono
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Tsukemono



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 October Bento is Tuesday, October 22nd.**

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

October 27th Bento Order Form

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

Total cost: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

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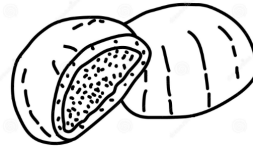
- ◆ Miso salmon
- ◆ Chow mein
- ◆ Green salad
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Tsukemono



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