

Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

Please contact Rev. Aoki:
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)

Zoom Service @ 10:00 am:
Saturday, February 1st
Saturday, February 15th

In-person service @ 10:00 am:
Sunday, February 2nd
Sunday, February 16th

Sunday, February 9th

@ 11:00 a.m.

Nirvana Day & Shotsuki / Memorial Service (& lunch)

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

Vancouver Buddhist Temple



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Shikataganai



Welcome to the month of February! I tore my Achilles tendon last November, and I am recovering well. I have come to understand how elderly people feel by experiencing limited mobility.

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple is hosting the 71st BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Convention on September 20th and 21st 2025. At last year's convention, in Harrison Hot Springs, we learned about three expressions that were often used by the Japanese Canadians during the war-time interment experience. They are:

1. Ganbatte (do your best)
2. Okagedama (because of others)
3. Shikataganai

We have decided that the theme of the convention is "Shikataganai." Shikataganai means, "There is no other way of dealing with it" or "It cannot be helped." In Jodo Shinshu terms, Shikataganai reads, "omakase" or "leaving such matters to the Buddha." It is the moment of realizing that all our attempts to seize, reason out, and intuit enlightenment are simply self-centred conceits. It is the moment of experiencing that the True and Real are not constructions of the mind.

I will continue to write about "Shikataganai" in the next issue.

Shikataganai...Okagedamade...Arigatai...Gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki

仕方がない

[重要] 英語と日本語の 菩提心 を合併します。理由は日本語の菩提心の購読者が英語の半分以下であること。両方を受け取っている方への切手代の高騰 片方だけだと普通郵便内で送れますどうしても日本語発行を望む方が多くいる場合は、日本語での発行再開を検討する予定です ご理解をお願い致します。

早くも2月になりました。 昨年11月にアキレス腱を断裂しましたが、順調に回復しています。歩行の不便を経験して初めて高齢者の気持ちができるようになりました。気づきがあります。ありがとうございます。

バンクーバー仏教会は、2025年9月20日と21日に第71回BC浄土真宗仏教大会を主催します。

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大会のテーマは「しかたがない としました。「しかたがない」とは、「他に対処する方法がない」「どうにもならない」という意味です。浄土真宗としての理解では、「しかたがない」は「おまかせ」または「仏様にお任せする」という意味に変えられます。それは、私たちの執着(とらわれる心)はからい(かんがえ) それは自己中心的なうぬぼれ・自力であることに気づく瞬間です。真実と現実は心のが作り上げるものであると言えます また来月号に続けて説明します。



Message from the VBT Board

Happy New Year everyone!! It's sure nice to be home, now. During my travels, one of my main goals on this trip was to visit our mother temple in Kyoto - Tsukiji Hongwanji. This temple is the mother temple of Jodo Shinshu. This is basically the same as visiting the Vatican if you are a Catholic. My last visit to the temple was back in 1986. Rev. Aoki was kind enough to make arrangements for Monica and I to meet my old friend Rev. Fuji, the former minister of the Toronto Buddhist Temple. He took us on a private tour of the temple, which was amazing. I wish all of our members could have a chance to visit our mother temple. The experience of coming to our mother temple was a pilgrimage for me. I was talking to a temple member who asked about setting up a tour to visit Kyoto. I agree that this would be a great opportunity for all our members to share in this amazing experience I had, and would like to see if this could be possible.

This year is we will hold elections for our Temple's Board of Directors. The term is for two years. The temple needs strong leadership and support from our members to insure a future vision and support needed for the coming years. Our temple is looking for energetic, dedicated members to join our board or assist in volunteering in helping our temple with all the fund raising events, programs and maintenance of temple. On behalf of the temple, our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Rev. Aoki, the Board of Directors and the membership for all of their support of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple.

In Gassho,

Dave Ohori

VBT President



<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>2025 VBT Calendar of Events</u>
<p>Saturday, February 1st - Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday, February 2nd - Sunday Service (in-person) @ 10 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday, February 2nd - VBT AGM @ 1:00 p.m. In-person and via Zoom</p> <p>Saturday, February 8th - Fraser Valley Service with Rev. Grant Ikuta @ 2 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, February 9th - Nirvana Day/February Shotsuki Service & Lunch @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday, February 15th - Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday, February 16th - Seniors' Luncheon @ 11 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday, March 2nd - Spring Ohigan/March Shotsuki & Lunch @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>***All services, except where indicated, will be via Zoom.</p> <p>The Zoom link is: Meeting ID: 692 059 0986 Passcode: shinran</p>	<p>Sunday, FEBRUARY 2nd @ 1 pm - VBT AGM</p> <p>Sunday, FEBRUARY 9th @ 11 am - Nirvana Day & Shotsuki</p> <p>Sunday, MARCH 2nd @ 11 am - Spring Ohigan & Shotsuki</p> <p>Sunday, APRIL 13th @ 11 am - Hanamatsuri/Keiro-Kai/Hatsumairi/Shotsuki (Guest speaker: Rev. Brian Nagata - BDK, America)</p> <p>Sunday, MAY 4th @ 11 am - Gotan-E/Shotsuki/BC Buddhist Day (1st Sunday in May)</p> <p>Sunday, MAY 25th @ Noon - Bazaar</p> <p>Sunday, JUNE 8th @ 11 am - Shotsuki</p> <p>Saturday, JUNE 21st noon VBT Luncheon (details to be announced)</p> <p>Sunday, JULY 6th - Obon Cemetery Sites Services (Burnaby/Vancouver)</p> <p>Sunday, JULY 13th @ 2 pm - Obon/Hatsubon/Shotsuki, @ 4 pm Bon Odori</p> <p>AUGUST 2nd - 3rd - Powell Street Festival</p> <p>Sunday, AUGUST 10th @ 11 am - Shotsuki</p> <p>Sunday, SEPTEMBER 7th - VBT Picnic (Central Park)</p> <p>Sunday, SEPTEMBER 21st @ 11 am - BC Federation Convention Memorial Service/Fall Ohigan/Shotsuki</p> <p>Sunday, OCTOBER 5th @ 11 am - JSBTC Day/Shotsuki</p> <p>Sunday, NOVEMBER 9th @ 11 am - Eitaikyo/Shotsuki</p> <p>Sunday, DECEMBER 7th @ 11 am - Bodhi day/Bonenkai & Shotsuki</p> <p>Sunday, DECEMBER 14th - Mochitsuki</p>

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:

- ◆ **New Year's Eve Bell Ringing Service** - Eddie Au, Greg Chor, Neil Marshall, Art Oyama, and Rev. Aoki's children for their help.
- ◆ Many thanks to the members of Toban 3 who were able to give time to help at the various events during December and January. Special thanks to the members of the other Tobans and non-members who were able to help out. Many hands make light work.

Change to the Bodhi Mind

Due to the increase in postage and printing costs, **the VBT Board of Directors would like to combine the English and Japanese Bodhi Minds into one.** This will be a trial for a few months and then we will re-evaluate. Your understanding and feedback is greatly appreciated.

<p><u>Memorial Years</u> <u>of 2025</u></p>	<p>1st Year - 2024 3rd Year - 2023</p>	<p>7th Year - 2019 13th Year - 2013</p>	<p>17th Year - 2009 25th Year - 2001</p>	<p>33rd Year - 1993 50th Year - 1976</p>
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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 **February** and **March** are the responsibility of **Toban #4**

- **Nirvana Day & February Shotsuki/Memorial Service** - Sunday, February 9th @ 9:00 am
- **Manju making (yaki & mikasa)** - Saturday, February 15th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Seniors' Luncheon** - Sunday, February 16th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Spring Ohigan & March Shotsuki/Memorial Service** - Sunday, March 2nd @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Seniors' Luncheon** - Sunday, March 16th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Manju making (mushi)** - Saturday, March 22nd @ 9:00 a.m.



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

VBT Toban Groups

Toban 1:

Lorna Noriko Bishop
Greg Chor

Michiko Asaoka
Courtney Bishop
Bradly Bishop
Stephanie Bishop
Carolyn Bradley
Alison Chadwick
Haruyo Chiba
Gina Chor
Christopher Emory-
Moore
Denny Enjo
Kimiko Enjo
Yoshio Fujimoto
Yutaka Harada
Toshi Haraguchi
Shigeru Hirai
Karen Hirakida
Timothy K. Hirata
Susan Inouye
Akemi Komori
Kazu Komori
Kikuye Komori
Kazuko Koyanagi
Robert Nakagawa
Kyle Ohori
Paul Shuichi Okada
Linda Oxbo
Colton Oyama
Edward Oyama
Marie Oyama
Zachary Oyama
Emiko Shirahama
Tsutomu Shirahama
Allen Yukihiko Shoji
Kazuko Shoji
Karen Wong
Frances Xu

Toban 2:

Molly Akune
Robert Akune
Patrick Alan Couling
Karl Franger
Judy Hanazawa
Shirley M. Hanazawa
Tokiko Hayashi
Anjula Joshi
Narhari Joshi
Suresh Joshi
Satsu Kanegae
Yasutoshi Kanegae
Mary F. Kawamoto
Takehisa Kawasaki
Takiko Kawasaki
Mits Kazuta
Eileen Kitamura
Teruo Kitamura
Fujiko Kitano
Martin Kobayakawa
Paul H. Kondo
Kazue Kozaka
Masako Hattori Naki
Kuhn
Shu Ming Lai
Shannon MacKenzie
Doug Mitsugi Maruno
Terumi Matsunaga
Sadao Minato
Toshiko Minato
Kazuo Mori
John Nguyen
Kathy Shimizu
Chiyoko Joyce
Takeshita
Marilyn Teramura
Becky Tsukishima
Keith Tsukishima

Toban 3:

Trish Keizer
David Ohori
Noriko Chijiwa
Tei Domitsu
Kazue Egami
Maureen Ing
Derek Iwanaka
Lorene A. MacDonald
Jack S. Matsuda
Takayo Matsuda
Yasuko Masuhara
Barry Matsumoto
Carol Matsumoto
Myra McDonald
Ray B. McDonald
Colin McGrath
Megumi McGrath
Akiko Minato
Frances Harumi Minato
Harry Haruo Minato
Karen Mizushima
Tatsutoki Mizushima
Orrin Morishita
Hiroyuki Morimoto
Tomiye Morimoto
Kazumi Nakano
Yachiyo Nishi
Tomiko Niwatsukino
Junko Ohori
Monica Ohori
Sachiko Omoto
Thomas Renovich
Sandy Tanaka
Michiko Tanizawa
Kaoru Tataru
Tomiko Uyeyama
Nancy Yamazaki
Sadayo Yamazaki
Tatsuya F. Yamazaki
Joanne Yuasa

Toban 4:

Frank F. Hamanishi
Yvonne Nakano
Norihiko Akagi
Yasuhiko Ted Bando
Yuko Bando
Michael Elliott
Hitomi Gomyo
Patricia Hamanishi
Richard Hayashi
Kyoko Hinada
Summer Ayumi
Hinada
Mitsue Ikegami
Bill Hideo Kajiwara
Sharon Kawasaki-Chan
May Mukai
Tom Mukai
Kazuyo Nakatsu
Catherine Nishikawa
Yaeko Jean Nishimura
Tomiko Noda
Robert Nomura
Gary Okada
Jenny Y. Pedersen
Robert Pedersen
Mitsuye Sakata
Barbara Shimizu
Bob Mamoru Soga
Michiko Soga
Masako St. James
Chizuko Jean Wakahara
Margaret Yada
Keiko Yakumo
Catherine Yamamoto
Kazuye Yoshida

Toban 5:

Izumi Low
Mayumi Dar
June Anzai
JoAnna Mariye
Bazeley
Joyce Chan
Preston Chan
Anthony Ryan Sam
Chor
Kazuyo Hirai
Masayuki Kitagawa
Leonard J. Komori
Masumi Komori
Jenny Ohori Le
Hiromi Mikasa
Akemi Mizuta
Haruji Mizuta
Emiko Morita
Haruko Nakamura
Steven Nishi
Devin Ohori
Sachiko Okamura
Keiko Oyama
Takashi Shoji
Donald Takaki
Tadao Takata
Yutaka Takemoto
Yuki Tanaka
Michiyo Teranishi
Hiroaki George Uyeda
Rickey Yoshio Yada
Masayuki Yamakami
Sachiko Yamakami
Kimiko Yokogawa
Makoto Yokogawa
Yoshika Yoneda

Movie and lunch

Start Date: Saturday, February 22nd at 10:30 a.m.

'99 Years of Love' (5 episode NHK series) This is a story of Japanese immigrants who endured the horror and tragedy of war, overcame deep prejudice, and attained their dreams in a new land through love and courage. The movie will start at 10:30 a.m. with a light lunch to follow.

Cost:

- Members \$5
- Non-members \$10



Please register at the office by calling 604-253-7033, or complete and submit the form below.

The next four episodes of **'99 Years of Love'** will screen on the last Saturday of the next four months.



RSVP - VBT Movie and Lunch

WHEN: Start date is Saturday, February 22nd @ 10:30 a.m. Followed by the last Saturday of the next 4 months.

COST: Members \$5 Non-members \$10

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

DEADLINE: 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 18th

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

Name (first name last name): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ **or Cell #:** _____

Number of people attending (including yourself): _____

2025 VBT Annual General Meeting

Time: Sunday, February 2nd, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m. at the VBT OR

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86087887689?pwd=SGI5elZBdXBBAkIxdE9GblJocUJDUT09>

Meeting ID: 841 4607 9210 **Passcode:** agm

SCAN ME



February Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1952
*UEDA, Taneichi

1957
*NOMURA, Kinu

1958
*MUKAI, Matsujiro
*TERASHITA, Matsuzo

1959
*HORI, Ito
*NISHIZAWA, Sadajiro
*TAKAI, Koharu

1960
*NISHII, Iyo

1962
*NAKAGAWA, Kazuo
*TSUJIMOTO, Tsuneno

1963
INOUE, Shigetaka

1965
*HAGANE, Yoshijiro
*NAKAMURA, Hirokichi
*NAKANISHI, Tamejiro

1966
*MARUMOTO, Junko

1967
*MORI, Zen

1968
KONDO, Satoshi

1969
OMORI, Takayuki
YOSHIZAWA, Ichiou

1970
*KIKUTA, Toshio
*TSUMURA, Sumiye
*UYEMURA, Akio

1971
*KARIYA, Yasuyuki
NISHIMURA, Ryokan

1972
*KONDO, Kenjiro
*SUGIE, Masami
*SUZUKI, Gennosuke
YADA, Kunie

1974
*URATA, Teru

1975
*IZUMI, Shimataro
*KOYANAGI, Ino
*NODA, Yoshie
*TANAKA, Motoyoshi
SATO, Yoshi

1976 - 50th Year
*HIRAKIDA, Hagino

1977
*ONOUYE, Zenzaburo
*KARIYA, Jirohei
*KINOSHITA, Kazuichi
*MADOKORO, Jitsuji

*TASAKA, Yukiyo

1978
MINATO, Keiji
NASU, Bunkichi
*YAMASHITA, Bunkichi

1979
*KIMURA, Kikuo
*NAKASONE, Chie

1980
*TANAKA, Manabu

1981
*MAKINO, Toshimasa
TAGUCHI, Sataro
TANAKA, Tomijiro

1982
*FURUGORI, Kikuyo
*MASUHARA, Kishi
*NISHI, Iwano
*TAKENO, Takeiji

1983
*OURA, Kome

1984
*KAJIHARA, Tsuruyo
*MOTOMOCHI, Tomekichi

1985
*MAYENO, Kenichi
*MOMOTANI, Yuriko

1986
*MATSUDA, Mikino

1987
KOYANAGI, Taki
*SATO, Kojiro

1988
*AKASAKA, Mitsuko
TAKATA, Tadayuki
*UCHIDA, Shiro
*WAKABAYASHI, Genroku

1989
ASAOKA, Sotono
*INOUE, Eiji
*KUNIMOTO, Shinkatsu
*TAMAKI, Komaye

1990
*KONDO, Yoshiye

1991
*TABATA, Fumie

1992
*MAYE, Meiko
*SATO, Satoshi
*YAMADA, Masayoshi

1993 - 33rd Year
*TAGAMI, Frank

1994
*IWAMOTO, Ryuichi

1995
KAMACHI, Shigekazu
SHIBATA, Tsuya
IKEDA, Toyohiko

The February Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, February 9th at 11:00 a.m.

1996
KOZAKA, Yoshinari
OYAMA, George
*SHINYASHIKI, Kazuya

1997
WAKABAYASHI, Yasue

1998
BANNO, Haru
HIRAKIDA, Edward
MITSUI, Kazue

1999
HIRANO, Raishu
ONO, Butch

2000
KITAMURA, Kichinosuke
NISHI, Masaharu

2001 - 25th Year
FUKUHARA, Kisaburo
NODA, Kaoru
YAMASHITA, Kusuye
SUZUKI, Masao

2003
HAMA Teruko
JOW Marie Rebecca
TAKEUCHI Seiji

2004
KONDO, Hideo
URAIKAMI, Miyoko
YADA, Hideo
YONEDA, Yusuke

2005
MINATO, Umeko

2006
NAKATA, Dick Sadao
NAKATSU, Teruo
SAKAMOTO, Ito
SHIODA, Tetsuya
ONEYAMA, Pete

2007
KASUYA, June

2008
KITAGAWA, Nobuko

2009 - 17th Year
IKEDA, Ayako
KONDO, Hatsu
SHIN, Yoshiko
YAMASHITA, Naoye
MOMOI, Minako
YAKURA, Florence
FUJINAMI, Shigeko

2010
ISHIGURO, Kiyoko
SHIMABUKURO, Seiji
MITSUI, Yoshitada
NAGAMATSU, Roy

2011
CHIYA, Hideo
UYEDA, Teruo

FUJIMOTO, Umeko

2012
WOODRUFF, Patrick

2013 - 13th Year
SHINOHARA, Haruka

2014
ANGEL, Naomi
KOMORI, Yukino

2015
IMAI, Harry Kiyoshi

2017
TAKAHARA, Mitsuyo
TAMAKI, Fumie

2019 - 7th Year
ARAKI, Takeru
TANAKA, Roy

2020
UYEYAMA, Yvonne
YADA, Masako

2021
TANAKA, Mitsuru (Miki)
TOKI, Takashi

2022
ARAKI, Masato 'Marv'

2023 - 3rd Year
TAKEMOTO, Wendy Masako
TANAKA, Akemi Jean

2024 - 1st Year
YOSHIHARA, George
SUZUKI, Yoshiko

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of:
Mr. Sadayuki Wada (75)
December 18th



**The Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, February 9th at the temple & via Zoom @ 11:00 a.m.

The Zoom link is:
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Also, you can dial-in to the service.
Dial: 778-907-2071

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692 059 0986 & #



2024 Mochitsuki
Sunday, December 8th

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