

Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

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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, June 7th
Saturday, June 28th

In-person Service @ 10:00 am:

Sunday, June 1st
Sunday, June 15th
Sunday, June 22nd

Sunday, June 8th

@ 11:00 a.m.

Shotsuki/Memorial Service (& lunch)

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986

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"How joyous I am, Gutoku Shinran, disciple of Sakyamuni! Rare is it to come upon take sacred scriptures from the westward land of India and the commentaries of the masters of China and Japan, but now I have been able to encounter them."

[Collected Works of Shinran-Preface]



As we welcome the warmth of June, we are reminded of the ever-changing nature of life and the seasons. When we reflect on ourselves in the mirror of the Dharma, we find guidance to meet each moment with mindfulness and gratitude. Do we embrace our lives with clear awareness that life is fleeting? However, we are easily caught up in our busyness and forget the actual value of what we have. Then we start to complain.

I watched a documentary about a woman who regained her eyesight through an experimental procedure. In an interview, she said, "There is nothing ugly in this world, just because I can see it. The dust in the corner, the graffiti painted on walls... everything is beautiful, just because I can see it." I thought, "Wow, she has enlightened eyes!" It was truly remarkable.

In the writings of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu, we find a humble expression of gratitude. Shinran Shonin teaches that joy arises not from self-power—our own efforts to attain enlightenment—but from awakening to the boundless compassion of Amida Buddha, who embraces us just as we are. Let's try to open our wisdom eyes and find joy in our everyday lives.

Namo Amida Butsu,

Rev. Tatsuya Aoki

2025 BCJSBTF Convention

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple is hosting the 2025 British Columbia Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation convention and AGM during the week-end of September 19th - 21st. The theme of the convention is "Shikata Ga Nai" (It cannot be helped) しかたがない. Registration and detailed information will be included in next month's newsletter.

よろこびとは？

ここに愚禿釈の親鸞は、よろこばしいことに、インド・西域の経典、中国・日本の仏祖方の解釈に、会うことが難しいのに、今会うことができ、聞きたいのにすでに聞くことができた。

出拠『教行信証』（序）親鸞著
6月で暖かさを感じます。季節の移り変わり、人生も常に変化していくことを感じています。仏法の鏡を通して自分自身を見つめた時、私たちは日々を感謝の気持ちで生きていくように努めます。私たちは、人生は早く、はかなく過ぎ去ることを知りつつも、実際は毎日をどのように生きているのでしょうか。私たちはついつい日々の忙しさに追われ、あることが有難いことを忘れ、つい当たり前のように受け取ってしまいます。そして、つい愚痴もこぼす日々となってしまいます。

テレビでこのようなドキュメンタリーを見ました。実験的な治療により、視力を取り戻した女性のドキュメンタリーです。彼女は目が見えるようになった時のインタビューでこのように言います。「目が見えるようになった今、嬉しさのあまりこの世に醜いものは何もありません。部屋の隅っこの埃でさえも、壁に描かれた落書きも、すべてが美しく見えるのです。ただ、目が見えるということ！」私は「すごい！智慧の目を開いたようだ。」と思いました。

浄土真宗の開祖である親鸞聖人は著作の最初の序に、謙虚な感謝の気持ちが書かれています。親鸞聖人は、喜びは自力という自らの努力からではなく、ありのままの私たちを受け入れてくださる阿弥陀仏の限りない慈悲を感じ、普通の日々生きられることに目覚めることから生まれると説かれています。私たちも仏法に照らされ、日々の生活の中に喜びを感じ、感謝の日々を過ごせるように努めたいものです。

合掌 青木龍也

6月7日（土）11:00 AM 映画観賞会とランチ

6月8日（日）11:00AM 6月祥月法要

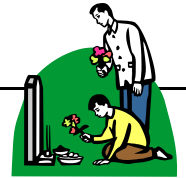
2025 OBON Services

Wednesday, June 25th

9:30 AM	Surrey Valley View サレー
10:20 AM	New Westminster ニューウェストミンスター
10:50 AM	Coquitlam コキットラム

Sunday, June 29th

9:30 AM	Forest Lawn (Burnaby) フォレストローン
10:00 AM	Ocean View (Burnaby) オーシャンビュー
10:30 AM	Mt. View - North (Vancouver) マウンテンビュー
10:40 AM	Mt. View - South (Vancouver) マウンテンビュー

Saturday, July 12th

1:00 PM	Aldergrove Cemetery アルダーグローブ
2:00 PM	FVBT Obon Service & Bon Dance フレイザーバレー仏教会 お盆 盆踊り

Sunday, July 13th

2:00 PM	VBT Hatsubon, Obon & Shotsuki Service バンクーバー仏教会 お盆
4:00 PM	Vancouver Bon Dance 盆踊り

Thursday, August 14th

9:00 AM	Maple Ridge メープルリッジ
9:30 AM	Whonnock ウォーノク
10:00 AM	Hatzic (Mission) ミッション

Obon Memorial Lanterns

お盆メモリアル提灯 \$ 10

The 2025 Obon memorial lanterns are now for sale at the temple for \$10.00 per lantern. Please contact the office if you are interested.





Message from the VBT Board

Last month, I had the honour and privilege of attending the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Annual General Meeting (AGM), held this year at the Toronto Buddhist Temple (TBC). It was fascinating to experience another Canadian temple, especially to see their Hondo, and I found TBC to have a very modern and welcoming facility.

I'm pleased to share that the Vancouver Buddhist Temple (VBT) was well represented at this important national event. VBT President Dave Ohori, Director Mayumi Dar, and I were all in attendance, eager to learn more about the current state of our national organization and the activities of fellow Jodo Shinshu temples across Canada. The meeting agenda was handled efficiently, with all items passing relatively smoothly. That said, one piece of difficult news was shared: temple assessments will increase from \$100 to \$120 per member starting in 2026. As a result, we may need to consider adjusting our membership fees next year to accommodate this change.

As this was my first time meeting representatives from other temples, I found the experience both educational and deeply inspiring. The two-day AGM was incredibly enlightening, and I felt immense pride in Reverend Aoki, who, in his role as the Jodo Shinshu Bishop of Canada, did a remarkable job coordinating the ministers and guiding the meeting from start to finish.

A particular highlight for me was learning about the history of Jodo Shinshu in Canada. We explored how the teachings of Shinran Shonin journeyed from Japan to Vancouver and eventually spread to temples across British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and even Quebec.

We were warmly welcomed by the Toronto Buddhist Temple, whose hospitality was outstanding. I encourage my fellow Directors to consider attending future AGMs—it's a rewarding experience that fosters connection and strengthens our shared understanding of Jodo Shinshu in Canada.

In gassho,

Derek Iwanaka

VBT Secretary and Director

2025 VBT Bon Odori (Dance) Practice 盆踊り練習日

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 23rd
 Wednesday, June 25th
 (no practice on June 30th)
 Wednesday, July 2nd
 Monday, July 7th
 Wednesday July 9th



Upcoming Services

Sunday, June 1st -
In-person Service @ 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 7th -
Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 8th -
Shotsuki Memorial Service
& Lunch @ 11:00 am

Sunday, June 15th -
In-person Service @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 15th -
Seniors' Luncheon @ 11 am

Sunday, June 22nd -
In-person Service @ 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 28th -
Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 29th -
Cemetery Visits:
9:30 am Surrey Valley View
10:20 am New Westminster
10:50 am Coquitlam

Sunday, July 12th -
@ 1:00 p.m.
Aldergrove Cemetery
@ 2:00 p.m.
Fraser Valley Temple
Obon/Hatsubon/July and
August Shotsuki Bon Odori

Sunday, July 13th -
@ 2:00 p.m.
VBT Obon/Hatsubon/
Shotsuki/Memorial
Service
@ 4:00 p.m. Bon Odori

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

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Memorial Years of 2025

1st Year - 2024
3rd Year - 2023

7th Year - 2019
13th Year - 2013

17th Year - 2009
25th Year - 2001

33rd Year - 1993
50th Year - 1976

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar...

- ◇ Obon Service - July 13th @ 2:00 p.m. お盆法要
- Bon Odori - July 13th @ 4:00 p.m. 盆踊り
- ◇ Powell Street Festival - August 2nd & 3rd パウエル祭
- ◇ VBT Barbecue/Picnic - Sunday, August 31st @ 11:00 a.m. ピクニック
- ◇ BCJSBTF Convention - Saturday, September 20th & Sunday, September 21st コン



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 **June & July** are the responsibility of **Toban #1**

- **Movie & Lunch** - Saturday, June 7th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Shotsuki/Memorial Service Lunch Prep** - Sunday, June 8th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Seniors' Luncheon Prep** - Sunday, June 15th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Manju making** (yaki & mikasa) - Saturday, June 21st @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Seniors' Luncheon Prep** - Sunday, June 23rd @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Movie & Lunch** - Saturday, June 28th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Obon Prep** - Saturday, July 12th @ 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, July 13th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Seniors' Luncheon Prep** - Sunday, July 20th @ 9:00 a.m.



Please contact Toban 1's captains, **Lorna Noriko Bishop** and/or **Megumi McGrath** 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:

◆ **May Manju making** - Molly Akune, JoAnna Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Haruyo Chiba, Frank & Pat Hamanishi, Kazuyo Hirai, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Sam Kobayashi, Len & Masumi Komori, Alamy Liu, Henry & Izumi Low, Akemi Mizuta, Ayla Ngyuen, Kazumi Nakano, Keiko Oyama, Kazue Tsurusaki, Nancy Yamazaki, Sadayo Yamazaki, Kimiko Yokogawa, Christine, Kaz and Margaret Yoshida

◆ **Sunday, May 25th Spring Bazaar** - The Spring Bazaar was a great success and we were able to sell out most of the items we had to offer. Thank you to all the many people who came out and supported us by purchasing the many items we had for sale. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who came out to prepare food (some started as early as the Wednesday before), set-up the Social Hall, and cleaned up after the event.

June Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The June Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, June 8th at 11:00 a.m.

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 (50th Year)
*KONO, Nobue
*MAYEDA, Miyuki
*OHARA, Jo

1973
TAGUCHI, Sowa

1974
SAKAI, Tokuzo
*YAMAKE, Junzo
KASHIYAMA, Sumi

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

1976 - 50th Year
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, Kauzuko

1991
*SATO, Hideo
*MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko
*YOSHIDA, Teiichi

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

1993 - 33rd Year
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
MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi
NAKAGAWA, Yoshio

2000
KAZUTA, Kiyozo
2001 - 25th Year
KOJIMA, Marge
SHIMABUKURO, Nellie
IWATA, Robert

2002
*ASAOA, George
NAKAHARA, Ryosuke

2003
FUJITA, Chizuko
SOGA, Tsuneko
GOMYO, Yoshiaki

2004
SAKAMOTO,
SHIGEKO, 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
WADA, Osamu

2008
SHIMIZU, Chiyomi
KISHIDA, Akira
2009 - 17th Year
MATSUMOTO, Yoshiaki
SUGA, Kanji
SUZUKI, Yukiko

2010
URATA, Michiho

2011
TAMURA, Misao
KIKUCHI, Megumi

2012
TODA, Miyo
KUBO, Yoshiko
MORI, Takao
2013 - 13th Year
OKUYAMA, Yasuo
UEDA, Fumiaki
SAKAMOTO, Fujie

2015
OTAKI, Hiromi
TSUJI, Nobuo

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

2017
TOMITA, Hozumi
WATANABE, Kyoko

2018
UTSUNOMIYA, Seiichi
2019 - 7th Year
HAMAGUCHI, Yuji
NOSE, Miyoko

2020
TANAKA, Shizuo
YOSHIOKA, Hideko

2021
SAMESHIMA, Fusae
TORIUMI, Yoshikio



**The Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, June 8th 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

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RSVP - 2025 Obon Service at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple お盆参拝申し込み

SERVICE: Sunday, July 13th @ 2:00 p.m. & Bon Dance @ 4:00 pm (approximately)

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

DEADLINE: 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 8th 締め切り

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

Name (first name last name): _____

Email: _____

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

Number of people attending (including yourself): _____

VBT Summer Barbeque and Picnic - Sunday, August 31st ピクニック(バーナビーセントラル公園)



With our return to 'normal', we would like to invite our members to join us at Burnaby's Central Park (Picnic Site #1) on Sunday, August 31st starting @ 11:00 a.m. Please let the temple know if you and your family would like to join us for fun, food, and old-fashioned family time. Details will be forthcoming in our next month's Bodhi Mind.



Vancouver Buddhist Temple Scholarship Award 大学進学奨学金

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple is offering a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to a qualified BC high school student graduating in June 2025.

Eligibility:

- Complete all Grade 12 graduation requirements by June 2025.
- Be a member of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple or have a parent who is a current member.
- Received an official letter of acceptance to a certified B.C. university, college, or technical institute for the Fall 2025 term.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2025

Contact for Application & Inquiries:

Email: temple.vbt@gmail.com

Subject: Scholarship Committee