



JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST TEMPLES OF CANADA

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Dear Temple members and Dharma Friends,

In October, 1974, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada was founded as the official organization to bring all Jodo Shinshu followers in Canada together in a national Buddhist community. It was also in October, in 1904, that the first overseas Jodo Shinshu minister arrived in Vancouver and began teaching the Dharma. October is therefore traditionally the month in which the Temples designate a special day in their temple calendars to celebrate JSBTC Day. This day marks the creation of the national organization and reminds us, with gratitude, of all those who have gone before us and who contributed to the propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist in Canada.

As this year has shown, the work of the Bishop and the national organization is very important in supporting the Canadian kyodan and our ministers, as we continue to work together through the pandemic. During this time, our ministers, ministers' assistants, lay leaders, and our JSBTC Board have worked tirelessly with the Bishop to ensure that our temples are on-line, active and accessible. The JSBTC Board is concerned about the stress that this has placed on everyone, particularly the Bishop and the ministers, and we are dedicated to ensuring the continued well-being of our ministers and our sanghas.

To that end, your donations to the JSBTC and all donations on JSBTC Day go towards the health and education of our ministers and to support the work of the Bishop. Your support of the JSBTC is both needed and greatly appreciated in this important effort.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the JSBTC, as the JSBTC continues to support our ministers and local temples.

Please note that cheques may now be made payable directly to the JSBTC.

In gassho,

Laura Sugimoto, President