



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH  
*a Jodo Shinshu Temple*



# *Guiding Light*

July & August  
2014



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**JULY 2014**

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# AUGUST 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 11:00 am Monthly Memorial Service 1:00 pm Monthly Memorial Service (Japanese)	<b>4</b> Civic Day <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<b>5</b> 7 pm Isshin	<b>6</b> 7 pm Isshin	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 am TBC Buyo Group Workshop
	Rev. Yanko will on vacation from August 3rd until 13th					
<b>10</b> 11:00 am Summer Service	<b>11</b> 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7 pm Isshin	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 11:00 am Summer Service	<b>18</b> 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7 pm Isshin	<b>21</b> 10:30 am Japanese Garden Club Mtg	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 11:00 am Summer Service	<b>25</b> 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7 pm Isshin	<b>28</b> 10:30 am Momiji Seniors Group	<b>29</b> <div>EBL Convention in Washington, DC</div>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 11:00 am Summer Service	<b>1 SEPT</b> Labour Day <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7 pm Isshin	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 11:00 am Summer Service	<b>8</b> 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>9</b> 7 pm MC Mtg & BoD Mtg	<b>10</b> 7 pm Isshin	<b>11</b> 2 pm Momiji 3 pm Ikebana 4 pm Yee Hong	<b>12</b> <div>JSBTC Ministerial Association Fall Meeting</div>	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm Public Lecture by Dr. Ken Tanaka
<b>14</b> MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICES & RALLY SUNDAY 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Morning 1:00 pm Afternoon						

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 As emergencies do come up, last minute cancellations may occur  
 Thank you !



## Hear It Before We Listen To It

Finally, it has been warm enough to go swimming. Definitely summer is here!

Last month, I caught a pretty bad cold (I think it was just a cold) and stayed in bed for a couple days. I didn't have an upset stomach so I still had a good appetite, but I had a slight fever with a very bad dry cough. Eventually, I completely lost my voice. The next morning was Shotsuki Sunday Service at the temple, and it was shamefully the first time that I couldn't chant. Luckily Rev. Yanko did such an excellent job chanting that my absence was barely noticeable.

After four weeks I am feeling better, but I bet my wife misses the peace and quiet of not hearing me talk.

During sutra chanting at this Sunday Service, I had a very funny yet wonderful moment. Normally, the minister leads the chanting, so I tried to chant out loud as much as I could, but eventually just mouthed the words. While I was pretending to chant I could hear everyone's voices. Normally, I am so busy concentrating on leading the chanting that I barely hear everyone else, but this particular time I was able to hear everyone and it actually sounded beautiful. It filled the Temple with a wonderful vibrance.

It reminded me of what the most important daily practice is in Jodo Shinshu.

At our temple, we chant, recite the Nembutsu, study the sutras and commentaries, sit quietly during Seiza. However, in Jodo Shinshu, the most important practice is listening to the Dharma.

Often, I find that while talking with others I want to express my opinion and speak first before I listening to their opinions. Even while someone is speaking, my mind is fully occupied with what I am going to say next.

If our minds are unsettled, how can we possibly listen to other's opinions? As Jodo Shinshu followers, it is very important to listen to the teachings carefully in order to understand them well.

However, the wonderful thing about Amida's working is even when we don't pay attention to his guidance, he is always delivering his teachings to us. We all receive the Dharma, regardless of our capabilities and conditions. Everyone is equally embraced by his Wisdom and Compassion.

We are very fortunate to hear Amida's teachings each and every day with peace and joy.

Namo Amida Butsu

## *New Service Book Soon!*



For the past long while our members have repeatedly approached us asking that we consider finding a new Service Book. Some of the pasted in sheets were wrong, the translations were dated, and we were all VERY tired of the same three Gathas (after a while nobody even cares if they see the Golden Sun, as long as they don't have to sing about it). Well we are finally able to give good news! New Service Books have been located, complete with updated translations and new Gathas, and are currently on order!! Our old Gathas are still in there, but the new ones are certainly a welcome addition. They are the product of 10 years of research and hard work from Orange County Buddhist Church. It will undoubtedly be a learning curve getting used to the new books, but a welcome one that will hopefully enrich our minds and services alike.



## The Buddha's Embrace

As you might have seen in the news, last month I was invited to participate as one of the officiants for a mass wedding where around 120 same-sex couples from around the world got married. It was a historic even at the beautiful Casa Loma. I was happy to have been asked, and thought it would be a lovely time, which it was. It started out with one big interfaith service, where various faith traditions contributed, followed by private services for each individual couple.

Prior to the day each officiant was given a list of the couples they would marry so we could get to know them a little. I wanted to ensure each of the couples had an opportunity to say their own vows in the hope it would make things feel more personal. This was something I was concerned about...I wanted them to feel like this special day was especially theirs. I did not find it remarkable that a Buddhist organization would be involved. I would bet that every one of our ministers has, at some point, officiated at least one same-sex marriage. Sexual preference and/or identity is not something we concern ourselves with. It has nothing to do with the Buddhist teachings and in Jodo Shinshu we understand all beings are equal. Therefore every person should be treated the same.

Because this was the line of thinking I went to the wedding with, I was totally unprepared for the impact it had on all of us...officiants, assistants, couples, and guests. I was moved to tears several times that day, and each because of the beauty. The beauty of the circumstance was overwhelming.

We officiants quickly bonded with each other; it was as though we were already acquainted. I guess in some respects we did know each other. We had all heard of the other traditions and learned basic information, we all know what it is like to be a religious leader, and each of us had been working on this wedding for a while by this point. We were laughing and joking in no time, and I remember speaking to the gentleman representing Sikhism what a motley crew we must look like. Some kind of a strange religious mosaic of ministers all gathering to share in one of the most basic, yet confusing aspects of human interaction: love.

Now I will be the first to admit that I can be a bit electronic about romantic things. I rarely watch romantic movies and when I do I am the first to roll my eyes, and I think roses stink. But during these ceremonies watching the love being exchanged between all of these couples, the way they looked at each other, the depth of their closeness, I was truly overcome. And to think some of these couples would be returning to their countries where their relationship would not be recognized

remains unfathomable.

Almost every one of my couples had been together over 10 years and one from Australia have been together for 37. I felt ashamed while going through the ceremony with them. Here is me, only together with my husband for 3 years, telling them about love. Certainly in that category I should be listening and learning instead of talking. Another couple were so sweet and gentle to each other that I had to bite my cheek so I would not cry during their vows. After the ceremony they called some family in Korea to tell them she was married, knowing full well she might be disowned. That was the empowerment this ceremony and having all of these people around and supporting her, all of these couples sharing in the same moment, gave her.



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The next day when I was exhausted but still overwhelmed by the gravity of the occasion I watched a news clip on the internet. A man who had just gotten married stated “I am not religious, but seeing all of the religious traditions here and doing this together makes me feel that for the first time they are accepting me instead of persecuting or ignoring me.” That really touched me, and was reminiscent of something city counsellor Kristyn Wong-Tam said to me before the ceremony. She expressed her gratitude at our participation and representing Buddhism. As a Buddhist herself, she is often struck by our lack of presence.

As Buddhists we talk about being “embraced by oneness,” interconnectedness, and the importance of community (sangha). Then we lock the deadbolt and stay safely inside our temple. It is hard to identify where we belong in the community when we aren’t participating in it; not living in the world but on it. I think it is time to go outside and reach for people who need us instead of waiting for them to knock on the door.

If you don’t speak you have no voice.

I would like to give an especially big THANK YOU to Susan Ebisuzaki for helping me at the ceremony!

Namo Amida Butsu  
Rev. Christina Yanko

## Obon Guest Speaker

Brian Kensho Nagata is a fourth generation Californian born and raised in Fresno, California. After assignments in Mitutoyo Corporation’s Los Angeles, New Jersey and Chicago branches he was assigned to the Numata Center in Berkeley, California to oversee the BDK English Tripitaka Project which is translating the Buddhist Canon (the teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha) from classical Chinese into English (this project will probably take several hundred years to complete) and the Numata Program in Buddhist Studies which works with ten major North American universities (including Toronto, McGill and Calgary in Canada) to enhance their Buddhist Studies programs. Brian serves as an advisor to the American Buddhist Study Center in New York City and to the Washington DC Ekoji Buddhist Temple. He also volunteers at the Buddhist Churches of America’s Center for Buddhist Education (CBE) where he co-founded the “Technobuddha” program for young adults which has attracted some young members from several British Columbia temples and leads CBE Study Tours to Japan. Brian knows nothing of scholarly Buddhism and will only be able to share his life experiences and the many blessings and lessons he receives from the Buddha every day of his life.



## OBITUARIES

*The Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the families, relatives and friends of the following individuals who have passed away during the past month.*

Mrs. Hideko Helen Kumagai

87 yrs

June 4, 2014

Mrs. Kinue Kitty Tanaka

90 yrs

June 13, 2014





## 2014 Annual TBC Picnic

### June 15, 2014 at Camp Green Acres

We awoke to blue skies and sunshine with no rain in the forecast. It was a perfect day to hold the annual picnic. This year's gatha, rendered by Rev. Christina and Ray Nakano, "When We See the Golden Sun", sealed the forecast for the day.

This was our second year holding the picnic at Camp Green Acres, a private children's outdoor and educational facility in Markham. Numerous picnic tables were arranged for us under a canopy of trees with a sheltered building not too far away.



Traditional activities such as the open air service, free hot dogs, races for children and adults, bingo, "Share the Wealth" (for the 2015 World Buddhist Women's Convention) and fukubiki prizes (door prizes) were all part of the day's events. Picnickers visited the farm animal area, took a tractor wagon ride and enjoyed the supervised heated swimming pool. The grounds at Camp Green Acres are extensive and many sports activities are available.

Kudos go out to the members of the Picnic Committee, volunteers, Eddy (owner of Camp Green Acres) and his excellent staff!

The Toronto Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following donations which helped to make our picnic a success:

Mr. Taro Akiyama, Taro's Fish Inc.  
 Mr. Stanley Chiu, Sea Hi Restaurant  
 Mr. Hibino, Heisei Mart  
 Mr. David Garvie, Ogden Funeral Homes  
 Mr. Tosh Hamaguchi, Pacific Coast Seafood (div. of Nippon Video)  
 Mr. Aki Ikebata  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ikebata, Dr. Sushi/Ikebata Nursery Centre  
 Mr. Steve Ishii, Ashley Bay Catering  
 Mr. Mits Ito  
 Mr. and Mrs. Cary Kataoka  
 Ms. Rachel Kataoka  
 Mr. Shigeru Kimura, Ginko Restaurant  
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kotani  
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve McAnsh  
 Mr. Dale Kiyonaga, Main Auto Body

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 Mr. and Mrs. David Saxby  
 Mr. and Mrs. Kunio Suyama  
 Mr. Tokugi Suyama  
 Ms. Elaine Takahashi, Fisherman's Plaice Fish & Chips  
 Mr. and Mrs. Glen Takasaki  
 Mr. Bob Tanaka  
 Mr. Gary Tanaka, Cooksville Automotive  
 Mr. James Tetaka and Mr. Cary Kataoka, 24/7 Systems and Networks Inc.



Congratulations to the winners of the \$100 Jackpot Bingo. The \$100 prize was shared by Jessica Rootes and Morgan Allen.

Susan Takahashi was the lucky winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$110 in the Women's Federation Share the Wealth draw. Susan also won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$70 while Toke Suyama won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$40. (say didn't Susan win last year and her mother the year before??)

The big winners in the Fukubiki draw were Mr. George Nakano who won the 50 lb bag of rice and Mr. Richard Goto who won a 40 lb bag of rice.

Once again, thank you to our donors and congratulations to all our winners.

2014 TBC Picnic Committee

## OBON 2014 SATURDAY, JULY 12

We find ourselves at the beginning of July, which signals the approaching Obon weekend. As I mentioned in last month's Guiding Light, some changes have occurred.

*Please note the following:*

For PINE HILLS CEMETERY, families will gather at PLOT #7 for the central service, a location that is familiar to all of you from previous years.

At MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY, please gather at the SUNDIAL.

TORONTO NECROPOLIS CEMETERY was omitted from the June schedule. Services there will begin at 8:30am

JEFF WILSON SENSEI will be the new chosho at GLEN OAKS in OAKVILLE (9AM) and at SPRING CREEK in MISSISSAUGA(9:30) Jeff Wilson Sensei will conduct the "new" central services at these locations.

MR. DENNIS MADOKORO will conduct the central services at HIGHLAND MEMORY GARDENS at 9:30am AND PROSPECT CEMETERY at 11am

CHRISTINA YANKO SENSEI will go to PINE HILLS 9:30am, RESTHAVEN CEMETERIES, 11am, and ELGIN MILLS at 1pm.

TOMOFUMI FUJII SENSEI will conduct services at YORK (9:30am) GLENDALE (10:30am) AND MEADOWVALE CEMETERY at 1pm

Guest speaker, BRIAN NAGATA SENSEI WILL BE AT MOUNT PLEASANT at 9:30am AND PARK LAWN CEMETERY at 11am

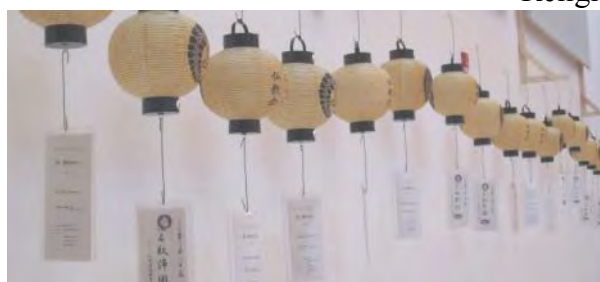
MR. MARTIN CARTLEDGE has agreed to perform a central service at ST. JAMES CEMETERY this year at 8:45am

SANCTUARY	9 AM
RIVERSIDE	9 AM
SALEM	1 PM
ST. PHILIPS	9:30 AM



Please come out to enjoy Natsu Matsuri at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre on Saturday. A short service precedes a wonderful programme of odori and taiko at 7pm.

Obon committee  
Religious committee





## TBC DANA SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations Abigail Kataoka for being the 2014 TBC Dana Scholarship Recipient!

Abigail is actively involved at the TBC and is the daughter of Cary and Joanne Kataoka and granddaughter of Aki and the late Gloria Ikebata. In the fall, she will be attending Humber College's School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism in their Baking and Pastry Management program (we're looking forward to her yummy treats in the future).

The TBC Dana Scholarship Committee would like to thank the Shin Fujinkai for preparing the wonderful Graduates luncheon. In addition, the Committee would also like to thank the Dana, Sangha and Shin Fujinkai for their continued support.

The Committee would also like to thank Hoult-Hellewell Trophies for the donating this year's plaque and updating the annual plates which lists all previous scholarship recipients.

Almost Time to Party!!!

It's been almost 50 years since the first TBC Dana Scholarship awards were presented in 1967. Past and future recipients, watch for more information on this golden anniversary.



### Dana News . . .

The Graduates Tea Ceremony and luncheon was held on June 1, 2014. Congratulations to Abigail Kataoka, the 2014 recipient of the Dana Scholarship Award. The Dana would like to thank the Shin Fujinkai for preparing a delicious luncheon and the Sangha for setting up the social hall.

### Special Thanks . . .

The Toronto Buddhist Church would like to thank the volunteers for their commitment and participation in the clean up of the temple and its property, as well as, the opening of Camp Lumbini.

Their active participation ensures we have a Temple we can all cherish and a venue like Camp Lumbini for our members to enjoy.

## Camp Lumbini

### Sunday July 27th to Saturday August 2, 2014

It's almost that time of year again! Camp Lumbini is the Temple's Annual Summer Camp for children and youth aged 8-14. Held at the Wasaga Beach cottages, the overnight camp provides campers with a full day schedule of games and team building activities.

Every day starts with exercises and morning service. Campers can then expect a day filled with visits to the beach, arts and crafts, and games. Evening activities include mini-golf, the drive-in theatre, campfires, and bowling.

In addition, the camp always has one big outing planned for the week. In the past, we have gone rock climbing, kayaked, and explored caves. It is always a memorable experience.

Please contact the office for an application as soon as possible.



## We Want *YOU* as a New Recruit! Volunteer Opportunities



### ***URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED***

**COFFEE TOBAN - 1st and 4th Sundays every month starting September**

We REALLY REALLY REALLY need some people to volunteer to make coffee and tea, as well as run the dishwasher afterwards for Sunday Services. You don't have to devote yourself every single time. If you can only make one of these dates, that is ok too. If you can only do part of the job, that is better than nothing.

Also on September 14th we have an especially busy day. Hongwanji is sending us a guest speaker and we would like to offer him coffee or tea afterwards but sadly, nobody has volunteered.

(If the direct approach does not work I will try passive aggressive. It is not beneath me)

We will show you how to do everything, and it is really easy. I promise.



Don't think about it. Don't weigh the pros and cons. Just contact Kay Uchida: [kay\\_uchida@hotmail.com](mailto:kay_uchida@hotmail.com) or Rev. Christina (416) 534-4302, [rev.yanko@tbc.on.ca](mailto:rev.yanko@tbc.on.ca)

## EBL CONFERENCE LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

August 29-September 1, 2014

The Eastern Buddhist League is again having their Labour Day Conference! This year it is hosted by Ekoji Buddhist Temple in Fairfax Station, Virginia. The Toronto Buddhist Church is chartering a bus leaving Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and returning Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have a chance to explore Crystal City right outside of our hotel, Marriott Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia with shops and popular restaurants all around it. The conference is at the Marriot where we will stay for 3 nights.

Those *not* participating in the EBL conference will have many options such as taking the Metro one stop to Pentagon City to go shopping at the Pentagon City Mall or take a short Metro ride into Washington DC and visit monuments, explore the free Smithsonian museums, the National Zoo, walk on the National Mall from the Lincoln Memorial to the Capital and much more. Pick up the Washington DC visitor's Guide and sign up for the 3 hour Washington, DC bus tour.

Tickets are limited for \$35 per person, on a first come, first serve basis. Please indicate your intention to participate on the conference registration form.

There will be an optional Nen Daiko Benefit Concert, 20<sup>th</sup> year celebration at the Synetic Theatre on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. General admission \$25.

The theme of the conference is : **Buddhism: Flourishing Through Difference.**

**COSTS:** Bus (return): CAD \$160. (includes gratuities), payable to **Toronto Buddhist Church**

***NB:*** *Conference attendees will receive preference in bus bookings. Registration form available*

Conference Registration: **includes all conference workshops, the Sunday banquet, and transport to and from Ekoji for Sunday service.**

<b>Adults USD\$135</b>	<b>Students (12-18) \$115</b>	<b>Youth (under 11)</b>
<b>USD\$50.</b>		

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*Early registration must be payable and sent directly to Ekoji Buddhist Temple 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station, VA 22039 by August 8<sup>th</sup> or online by using credit card.*

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Mark on registration form for: **Banquet only :\$55.00    Sunday Box Lunch: \$12.00**

**Hotel in Washington – Marriot Crystal City Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, August**

**31** Please call directly to make your reservations through Marriott 1-800-228-9290 or 703-413-5500  
The group code is: EASTERN BUDDHIST LEAGUE CONFERENCE

**Room Rate: \$99.USD plus tax**

**King or 2 Queens**

**Deadline for reduced rates is August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please fill in bus Registration by Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

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**Schedule for Toronto Participants (subject to change):**

**Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:15 – 6:30 am Gathering of bus riders at TBC parking lot

7am Bus departs TBC parking lot for Arlington, Virginia with several rest stops along the way

7pm (est) Arrive at Marriott Crystal City for 3 nights. In the evening registration and Fireside chat-Meet the Ministers

**Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> Marriott Hotel**

Morning breakfast on your own, Registration followed by opening service.

Morning Session: 1A Naikan Workshop

1B Sangha for the larger Community – Jodo Shinshu in Service of the Community

Afternoon Session: 2A Mindfulness and Meditation

2B Multifaith Families – There's a Buddhist in My House

Evening:

Dinner on your own

Nen Daiko Benefit Concert at Syntetic Theatre (optional)

**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> Ekoji Buddhist Temple**

Morning Session: Joint session: District in Dukha

Sunday Service

Afternoon: Optional Washington Bus Tour (1<sup>st</sup> 55 people registering) each \$35.00

Closing Dinner Banquet at Marriott Hotel

Keynote Speaker Reverend Earl Ikeda of New York Buddhist temple

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**Monthly Workshops**

Thank you to everyone helping at the fundraising workshops. The 4th Sunday of the month workshops have been cancelled for the summer. They will resume Sunday, September 28.

**WBWC Update**

A recent revision to the "General Information for Canadians" package and the latest information on the World Buddhist Women's Convention can be found on the website.

[www.wbwconvention.com](http://www.wbwconvention.com)

A Public Lecture Coming Soon...

# DR. KENNETH K. TANAKA

Professor and Dean at Musashino University in Tokyo

Author of *"Ocean": Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America*  
*The Dawn of Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Doctrine*  
*Amerika Bukkyo (American Buddhism) (In Japanese)*



**TOPIC:** The Distinct Qualities and Strengths of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism: With an emphasis on humour

**Saturday September 13, 2014**

1:00pm at the Toronto Buddhist Church

*\*This presentation is sent to us courtesy of Nishi Hongwanji in Japan, for which we are very grateful.*



### Congratulations Mrs. Kusano

On Saturday June 28th, Rev. Fujii and I visited Mrs. Tsuyo Kusano. During our visit we presented her with her Keirokai Certificate, and showed her where we recently put her name and the name of her late husband.



(Eitaikyo Book is one the ministers keep in the back. It is the “perpetual memorial” book, in that we perform daily service on behalf of all who wish to enter their name or the name of their loved ones...live or deceased. If you would like your name or the name of a loved one put into the book, please speak with Rev. Fujii or Rev. Yanko).

### Visit from Mark Adler

On Sunday August 3rd, York Centre MP Mark Adler will be visiting our temple and attending service.

His office has informed us they will kindly provide refreshments for that day.

*Please join us in welcoming him that day.*



Please bring in whatever clean, good quality winter coats you are no longer in need of so we can donate to this worthy cause.



This past winter has been extremely difficult for all of us, especially for the children of the Children's Breakfast Club. The adverse weather has had a great impact on the health of the children, particularly as many of them do not have suitable winter jackets for the frigid weather conditions.

This year, the Children's Breakfast Club hopes to collect 1,000 clean, good quality coats.



For more informaton, please contact:

The Children's Breakfast Club, 101 McNabb Street, Toronto, ON L3R 4H8 - (905) 474-8054





☆ デイキャンプ@ルンビーニコテージ ☆  
8月1日(金)

ワサガビーチにありますルンビーニコテージで  
 デイキャンプを行ないます  
 キンダーガーデン・小学生のお子さんは  
 ぜひともお気軽にご参加下さい  
 サンドキャッスル、ビーチタイムなど  
 楽しいアクティビティが一杯です！！

夏休みの間キッズサンガはお休みですが  
9月14日のラリーサンデーから  
新しいシーズンが始まります。  
楽しく安全な夏休みを過ごしましょう

夏季日曜法座

夏季(七月二十日〜九月七日)の日曜法座はすべて午前十一時より英語のみのお勤めとなりますので時間を間違えの無いようにお参り下さい

なお夏季期間中も事務所は通常通り開いております  
ご用の際はお気軽にお立ち寄り下さい

また月・水曜・金曜の午前十時のお朝事も行ないます  
祥月法要は

八月三日 午前十一時(英語)

午後一時(日本語)

九月十四日 午前十一時(英語)

午後一時(日本語)

にお勤めさせていただきます



# 第15回世界仏教婦人会大会



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第15回世界仏婦大会が来年の5月30～31日カルガリーにて開催されます  
11月29日が参加受付の最終締切ですのでぜひお申し込み下さい

本大会は年齢、国籍、人種を越えて、国際規模で浄土真宗婦人会の交流を深める事を目的とした大会です。北米・日本・南米の仏教徒が一緒になって、経験を共有し合い、ともに学び、仏様のみ教えを聴聞し、さらにお念仏の輪を広げる素晴らしい機会になる事でしょう。

英語基調講演  
宇宿 パトリシア師



大会ウェブサイトより参加申し込みが可能です

[www.wbwconvention.com](http://www.wbwconvention.com)

日本語基調講演  
やなせ なな師





# お盆のご案内

お盆とは先にお浄土へと還って往かれた方々を偲び  
そのお導きによって私が今、お念仏する身へと  
お育ていただいた事に感謝する大切なご縁です  
ぜひともご家族おそろいでお参りになって下さい



## 7月12日（土）お墓参り

スケジュールが変更になっている墓地が多くありますのでご確認ください

### セントラルサービス

Necropolis	8:15 AM	St. James	8:45 AM
Riverside	9:00 AM	Glen Oaks	9:00 AM
Sanctuary	9:00 AM	Mount Pleasant	9:30 AM
St. Philips	9:30 AM	Pine Hills	9:30 AM
York	9:30 AM	Highland	9:30 AM
Glendale	10:30 AM	Spring Creek	9:30 AM
Elgin Mills	1:00 PM	Prospect	11:00 AM
Selam	1:00 PM	Parklawn	11:00 AM
Meadowvale	1:00 PM	Resthaven	11:00 AM

※本年度より、St. James, Glen Oaks, Spring Creekの3つの墓地でも、1ヶ所で  
合同のセントラルサービスの形式をとらせていただくこととなりました。

※Westminster、Beechwoodは過去数年間お参りになられる方がどなたも  
おられなかったため、今年よりリストから外させていただきます

13日（日）午前9時	初盆会（日英合同）
午前11時	英語盂蘭盆会
午後1時	日本語盂蘭盆会



ご講師：永田ブライアン師  
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## 信心獲得章の大意

信心を得るというのは、第十八願を心得るということであり、それはとりもなおさず、南無阿彌陀仏のいわれを心得るということです。

私たちが、南無と阿彌陀仏に帰命する心は、私たちをお救いくださる阿彌陀仏の本願のはたらきなのです。これがすなわち、如来が凡夫に如来の徳を回向されるということなのです。

それを『大經』には、「令諸衆生功德成就」と説かれています。はかりしれない昔からつくり続けてきた罪が、本願のはたらきによって消滅するわけがあるので、浄土に往生することに定まって決して退かない位につくということです。「煩惱を断ぜずして涅槃をう」というのはこのことです。

この教えは、浄土真宗だけが説くものですから、他の宗派の人に対していうべきことではありません。十分心得るべきことです。

帰命…梵語ナマスの漢訳。南無と音写する。心から信じうやまう意。浄土真宗では、本願に帰せよとの阿彌陀如来の勅命の意とし、またその勅命に帰順する(信じ順う)意とする。また帰命には礼拝の意味もある。

あびばち

不退…阿毘跋致ともいい、退かないの意。すでに得たさとりや功德、地位を決して失わないこと。浄土真宗では他力信心を得たものはこの世において正定衆不退の位につき、必ず仏果に至ることに定まることをいう。『浄土真宗聖典(註釈版)』

## 敬 弔

次の方が御往生されました

生前のおもかげを偲び、謹んで敬弔の意を表します

河合 幸子様 九十三歳 六月二日往生

田中 キヌエ様 九十歳 六月十三日往生



## 年忌(年回)法要

次の年にご往生された方は年忌法要が回ってまいります  
個別での法事をご希望の場合はお寺までご連絡下さい

一周忌(二〇一三年) 三回忌(二〇一二年)

七回忌(二〇〇八年) 十三回忌(二〇〇二年)

十七回忌(一九九八年) 二十三回忌(一九九二年)

二十五回忌(一九九〇年) 二十七回忌(一九八八年)

三十三回忌(一九八二年) 五十回忌(一九六五年)



# 佛心

二〇一四年  
七月・八月合併号  
浄土真宗  
トロント本願寺

## 聴く前に聞こえて下さるお念仏



トロント周辺もようやく夏らしい気候になってきました。小さな子供を持つ親としては、ビーチにプール、キャンプにと、忙しいシーズンの始まりでもあります。

ところが先月頭はひどい風邪をひいてしまい、3〜4日ほどベッドで寝込んでしまった事がありました。微熱が続き、とにかく体がだるく、ひどい咳で夜中もろくに眠れないほどでした。周りでも同じような症状の方をたくさん見かけたので、ちょうど同じような型のウィルスが蔓延していたのかもしれない。

また他にもノドの痛みがひどく、まったく声が出なくなっていました。日もありました。しかも運の悪い事に、次の日は日曜のお参りがあり、こればかりはどうしようもないので、調声はクリスティーナ先生にお願いし、私はお経を称えているふりだけして、お内陣に座って口をパクパクさせていました。

いつもであれば私自身が大きな声を出してお経を称えているので、集中と緊張のあまり、皆さんの声を聞くほどの余裕はないのですが、この度は皆さんが一生懸命お経を読んでもらえる声が、よく耳元まで届きました。

そこでふと気が付かされたのが、浄土真宗でもっとも大切な、阿彌陀さまのみ教えを聴く、「聴聞」ということについて、おざなりになってはいなかったかということです。またご門徒の皆さんの声をしっかりと

聴けていたかということ、あらためて考えさせられました。また毎日あれこれと忙しくしているあまり、仏さまのみ教えにしっかりと耳を傾ける時間を作れていたでしょうか。

しかし浄土真宗では「聴聞」という字で表されていますように、私がおのれのみ教えを聴こうと思う心のおこるずっと以前より、もうすでに南無阿彌陀仏の声となって私のもとまで届き、聞こえて下さっているのです。私が阿彌陀さまのことをすっかり忘れていようと、仏さまは決して我々のことを忘れる事無く、また途切れる事無く、そのみ教えをいつでも届け続けてくださっているのです。

これからもお聴聞のご縁を大切に、ご一緒に喜び、聴かせていただきますように。

駐在開教使 藤井 朋文

## 本願寺特派講師のご案内



田中ケネス師  
(武蔵野大学教授)

9月13日(土) 午後1時  
公開仏教講座(英語)  
「真宗の独自性と強さ  
“ユーモアを通して”」

9月14日(日)  
午前11時 英語祥月法要  
午後1時 日本語祥月法要

田中ケネス先生は現在武蔵野大学にてご活躍中です。『OCEAN 真宗入門』の著者でもあります。ぜひこの機会にご一緒にお聴聞させていただきます。