

Guiding Light

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TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
a Jodo Shinshu Temple

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FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 MONTHLY MEMORIAL Service & FOOD FEST 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11 am English Service 12 noon Dana Mtg (Eko) 12:30 pm TBC 10th Anniversary Mtg.(LDC) 1 pm Japanese Service	2 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	3	4 7 pm Taiko	5 10 am Tai Chi 2:30 pm Buyo 7 pm Lecture Buddhism and War with Rev. Christina	6 8:00 pm Buyo	7 4:30 pm * Family Memorial Service
8 REGULAR SERVICE 9:30 am Bazaar Wrap Up Meeting (Eko) 11 am English Service 12:30 pm Shin Fujinkai Mtg (KSR) 12 pm WF Zumba Practice (Mezz.)	9 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke 7 pm Meditation Class with Rev. Endo	10 7:00 pm TBC Management Committee and Board of Directors Mtgs	11 7 pm Taiko	12 10 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Japanese Garden Club Mtg 2 pm Momiji Service 2:30 pm Buyo 4 pm Yee Hong Service	13 8:00 pm Buyo	14
15 NIRVANA DAY SERVICE & SANGHA DAY 9:30 am Keirokai Mtg (Eko) 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11 am English Service 1:30 pm Guest Speaker from Islam	16 Family Day <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">OFFICE CLOSED</div>	17	18 7 pm Taiko	19 10 am Tai Chi 2 pm Castlview 2:30 pm Buyo 7 pm Lecture Buddhism and Politics with Rev. Christina 7 pm Evening Svc	20 8:00 pm Buyo	21 11 am *Family Memorial Service
22 REGULAR SERVICE 9:30 am Dana Scholarship Mtg (Eko) 11 am English Service 12:30 pm JSBTC WF Workshop (SH) 12:30 PM Let's Talk Dharma (Mezz)	23 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke 7 pm Meditation Class with Rev. Endo	24	25 7 pm Taiko	26 10 am Tai Chi 2:30 pm Buyo 7 pm Evening Svc	27 8:00 pm Buyo	28 WF Workshop

Morning Services are held on the weekdays on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am –10:30 am when a minister is available. As emergencies do come up, last minute cancellations may occur. Thank You

MARCH 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE SHIN FUJINKAI WINTER WARM UP 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11am English Service 12:30 pm Dana Mtg (Eko) 1 pm Japanese Service	2 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	3	4 7 pm Taiko	5 10 am Tai Chi 2:30 pm Buyo	6 8 pm Buyo	7 *1 pm Shiga Kenjinkai Tsuito Hoyo
8 REGULAR SERVICE *Daylight Saving Time * 11am English Service 1 pm Japanese Service 12 pm WF Zumba practice (Mezz)	9 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	10 7 pm MC and BOD meeting (Mezz)	11 1 pm Ohara School 7 pm Taiko	12 10 am Tai Chi 2 pm Momiji 2:30 pm Buyo 4 pm Yee Hong	13 8 pm Buyo	14
15 HIGAN & KEIRO KAI 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11 am English Service	16 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	17	18 2 pm Castlevew 7 pm Taiko	19 10 am Tai Chi 2:30 pm Buyo 3 pm Ikebana	20 8 pm Buyo	21 *1 pm Wakayama Kenjinkai Tsuito Hoyo
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MESSAGE FROM REVEREND ENDO



Before I came to Canada, My family held a farewell party for me. My 91 year old grandmother worried about me so much and said " If I were 10 years younger, I would go to Canada with you." We met each other at least once a year, so she, whose body became pretty weak when she became 90, wanted to come with me and help me. She said " I will live up to 100. I don't want you to become a high class minister so please take care you are OK if you don't become a high class minister"

These words reminded me of a story. It is a story about Genshin who was important as one of seven masters in Jodo Shinshu. Genshin was a Tendai school minister during the Heian era. Genhin's mother had strong religious beliefs and she knew her son was so clever so she thought " If he studies Buddhism, it will be good for him and for my deceased husband. " She made her son climb Mt Hiei when he was 9 years old. His mother said to him " You must not come back until you become a noble minister. "Genshin kept his pledge with his mother and studied hard. Gradually his reputation became known. He became famous inside the Imperial Palace. The emperor at that time requested of Genshin who was at Mt. Hiei, " I want to have a lecture on the sutra from Genshin" . At that time Genshin was 15 years old, he gave a lecture to the emperor and ministers. The emperor was surprised how dignified a preaching young Genshin presented and he gave him rare treasures such as priest's robe and incense burner box etc. After such a big public praise, Genshin had his head in the clouds.
"Oh, if I tell it to my mother, she will be so delighted."

He wrote her a letter and sent some of his treasures he had received. But, soon all he sent was returned. And there are a letter included that said:

I think about you all the time. I cannot meet with you, even though I want to see you so badly. I wanted you to become a great minister. But because you became over joyed with being praised by people like the emperor, and pleased because of gaining status and property, I am ashamed. I am deeply disappointed that you became such a pseudo minister who preaches for the sake of fame and gain. You entered the mountain prepared to sleep on the rocks and biting the root of trees in order to seek the path of buddhism and solve the problem of birth and death. This world is so fragile that it is like a dream. Why does it matter if you are praised by people in a dream. You must solve the problem of birth and death and be praised by the Buddha. And I would like you to become the a precious minister that leads people down the path of solving the problem of birth and death for everybody.

From his mother and with that letter there was a poem.

I thought you would be the bridge that makes people cross to the afterlife
I am sad that you became a minister that crosses to the secular world.

Genshin read this letter and reflected on himself very much, and after this, he found the teaching of the primal vow and the Nembutsu as a way of solving the problem of birth and death and published a book of "oujouyoushuu" — The Essentials of Rebirth in the Pure Land— and spread the Dharma of nembutsu .

My grandmother , who said "You don't have to be the precious minister." didn't wish for me to become a precious minister with a secular status. And she didn't wish me to become a minister who finds the solution of the problem of birth and death. She only wished me to be fine, and in good health. Although I also want to solve the problem of birth and death and spread the Dharma like Genshin, I heard the voice of Amida Buddha's wish in the words of my grandmother. Amida Buddha wants me to awaken the religious truth beyond the meaning of birth and death; But I think that is also not the story beside happiness of reality. "Good luck and good health" I heard Amida Buddha's wish in my grandmother's voice.

Gassho



Thanks to the Organizers

Mochi Tsuki at TBC is a tradition that goes back decades. Hundreds of volunteers gather at the Temple to make mochi for the holiday season. Coming at the end of the calendar year it is an important part of our Temple.

Have you ever noticed how events like Mochi Tsuki rely on the organizing abilities of key members of our Temple? You know who you are and we thank you sincerely. Because of these key people, I call them “living treasures”, we come together for two glorious days to make mochi. Young and not so young, but young in spirit, new Temple members, friends of Temple members, Ken-jin Kai, it is an amazing gathering of people from different parts of the community. We all come to make mochi.

And after the mochi is made, then more friends of the Temple, some families make their annual pilgrimage to the Temple to buy mochi. Again, it is an amazing gathering of people from different parts of the community. This is a tradition to be treasured both by the mochi makers and the mochi consumers.

Talking about organizers, I have a friend named Rxx who also has this ability. He regularly gathers friends together for outings and dinners. We who gather are grateful to Rxx.

It seems that most of us know people like Rxx. Making things work, connecting people together, that is a talent that only a few people have. Again, I think of Rxx as a “living treasure”. Rxx is not Buddhist but he clearly has Buddha nature.

We all cannot be “organizers” like these people but we can show our appreciation by helping when asked.

“Realizing kindness,
respond in gratitude”

This is from day 16 of the 2014 Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK) calendar, which our Temple is given each year.

When we encounter people like the “organizers”, we can respond to their “kindness” in organizing by expressing our “gratitude” by helping where we can, or by simply saying “thank you”.

Topics like “kindness” and “gratitude” will be discussed in our first “Let’s Talk Dharma” group on Sunday February 22, 2015 @ 12:30 PM in the mezzanine. Thank you, Gassho, Dennis Madokoro, Minister Assistant.

Nirvana Day Service (Nehan-e) February 15, 2015

Nirvana Day is the day we commemorate the passing of the Historical Buddha Siddhartha Gautama. Nirvana means the cessation of suffering, and it is at this time that we say he reached ultimate enlightenment.

On this date we are reminded of the impermanence of all things, the beauty of change, and the strength of the Dharma (Buddhist teachings).

Please join us on February 15th to commemorate this historic occasion.



SANGHA LUNCHEON

Sunday February 15

The **TBC Sangha** (men's auxiliary) will host a free **luncheon** for the congregation at noon in the Social Hall. The luncheon is in celebration of Sangha Day at the Temple.

Everyone attending the morning service is welcome



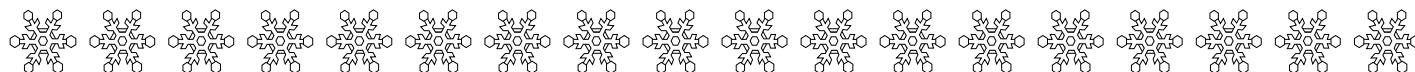
TORONTO DANA

2015 Membership Dues Reminder

This is a reminder that the 2015 Dana membership fee of \$15 per member is now due.

The assessment has been increased to defray some of the costs of the upcoming 2015 World Buddhist Women's Convention in Calgary.

Please send a cheque to the Temple for \$15 payable to the Toronto Buddhist Church Dana, or give it to any of the Dana executive or insert your membership in the Dana mail slot in the Temple office before **April 1st, 2015.**



Winter Warmup

Sunday, March 1, 2015

get a little warmth this winter!

Shin-Fujinkai will be holding its seventh annual Winter Warmup luncheon

Sunday, March 1, 2015 after the morning service

On the menu is **Sukiyaki Donburi**.

We look forward to seeing you!

For those wishing to take out, please bring two (2) containers with you

Thank you! Shin Fujin-kai



Toronto Buddhist Church Sangha 2015 List of Board of Directors

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President	Cary Kataoka
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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.

<i>Mrs. Toshiko Katsura</i>	<i>89 yrs January 5, 2015</i>
<i>Mr. George Masakazu Edamura</i>	<i>76 yrs January 6, 2015</i>
<i>Mrs. Emiko Amy Fukusaka</i>	<i>84 yrs January 12, 2015</i>
<i>Mr. Stewart Tomizo Kamada</i>	<i>49 yrs January 9, 2015</i>

Toronto Buddhist Church Keiro Kai and Spring Higan Sunday, March 15, 2015

Following a long tradition, our seniors who will reach **77 years (KIJU), 88 years (BEIJU) and 99 years (HAKUJU) or more** during this calendar year will be honoured during the Joint Higan Service starting at 11:00 a.m. During the service, each honoree will be recognized and presented with a gift from the temple. In order to participate in the service, each honoree **must** submit the application form (**below**) to the Temple by **March 5, 2015**.

After the service a special luncheon will be held for our honourees. **All honorees and all other seniors who have given their support to the Temple and are 77 years old or more this year will each receive a complimentary bento.** Everyone else may purchase a bento for \$10.00.

Bento tickets will be available for purchase in the lobby prior to the morning service. **Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Regretfully the number of bentos will be limited.**

Following lunch in the Social Hall, there will be an enjoyable entertainment programme. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thank you,
Special Projects Committee

KEIRO KAI “MILESTONE BIRTHDAY” APPLICATION FORM

Name:(English) Mr/Mrs/Miss _____

If you know the Japanese characters for your name, please write below:

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Please Circle: 77 88 99 100+

**To ensure that preparations for the special honorees are completed on a timely basis
please return this form to the Temple office by March 5, 2015 deadline.**

Membership 2015 Update

The Toronto Buddhist Church membership drive for 2015 is off to a good start with a promising burst of membership applications in January. We want to keep the momentum going over the next few months. It seems our readers are appreciating the changes in our membership rules. They are now aware that memberships begin in January and end on December 31, and therefore, applications should be completed and submitted at the start of the year, and payment of membership dues for regular members should be made or at least promised early in the year as well. We would appreciate if you could have your membership application and payment completed by May 31st.

It appears though that some readers are still unaware of the difference between membership dues and donations. Membership dues (minimum \$100) must be remitted in envelopes specially marked "Membership" and should not be inserted in the Offering envelopes in the Hondo. Cash or cheques inserted in the Offering envelopes, however marked, will be applied to donations and not to membership dues. We are seeking cooperation in this simple matter in order to reduce our administrative burden.

As we have stated before, the Temple itself is only bricks and mortar and the heart of the Temple is its members who provide physical, moral and financial support and take an active interest in the operation and future prospects of the Temple. We will be pleased to see you join us.

The Board of Directors

ODORIZOME 2015

On Sunday, January 11, 2015, all members of the TBC Buyo Group participated in Odorizome at Momiji Seniors Centre.

Odorizome is traditionally the first performance of the year for the students of the Kozakura Dance School and the TBC Buyo Group, and 2015 marks the 21st time the annual performance has been held to entertain the residents of Momiji.



Hoonko and New Year's Social



On the third weekend of every January our temple commemorates the passing of Shinran Shonin. On the evening of the 17th we had a special vegetarian potluck dinner, followed by a special service in the Hondo with Rev. Yanko and Rev. Endo. Every

Hoonko Eve the ministers try to introduce something new to the members so they have the opportunity to try things they do not always have the opportunity to participate in. This year we chanted Shoshinge in English. It was a little difficult to chant in English but many of the people in attendance commented on how much they enjoyed it. Following the chanting we had a 15 minute Nembutsu recitation. It was only intended to continue for 10 minutes, but it was so peaceful that before we realized it 15 minutes had passed. Rev. Yanko lit a candle from the candle in front of Shinran, from which each of the attendees lit their own candles to symbolize the light of the Dharma that was passed to us because of Shinran's efforts, and how it continues to shine in all of us. Following the service we all gathered in the Social Hall to share in some delicious zen'ai.



This year's New Year's Social began with a Potluck luncheon with a variety of delicious things to choose from. We participated in some preliminary games, and as always, were entertained by some fabulous talent. We enjoyed a few hands at Bingo, and raffled off some terrific prizes.



Thank you to everybody for your generous donations, hard work, and continued support. We value every person's contributions and are grateful to be walking in the light of the Dharma hand-in-hand with you.

Namo Amida Butsu





ZUMBA PRACTICE

Zumba practice for the Women's Federation 2015 Convention has begun every Tuesday morning at 10 am from January 20. We will also have practices on the second Sunday of every month for those who are not able to attend weekdays. Sunday practices will be held in the mezzanine following the service beginning February 8.

Please wear comfortable clothing and rubber soled shoes.
We must practice, practice, practice.

***** WF workshops will resume in February*****

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE UPCOMING WF 2015 CONVENTION

Dear Temple Members: The Women's Federation Convention is quickly approaching and we have one large project that we need your help with. The Temple will have an 8' table at the convention on which we have to represent the Temple.

If you have any expertise on designing this type of display or if you have any ideas as to how we should represent the Temple, the WF committee would appreciate your input. The display must be easily transportable via plane with minimal setup. There will not be any electrical access.

If you would like to help out or have any ideas please contact June Asano via email,
asanojune@gmail.com

KIDS SANGHA



Taiko with Isshin Daiko of Toronto!

Join us on February 15th for another year of Taiko. The kids are taught the basics of playing taiko which includes history, form and oral transmission of rhythms.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Gassho,
Denise & Yumi

UPCOMING LECTURES AND CLASSES

MEDITATION CLASS

Amida Buddha vowed for us to recite NAMO AMIDA BUTSU and be born to the Pure Land.

At this meditation class, Reverend Endo will lead us as we chant sutras written about Amida Buddha, then slowly parade three times around the Hondo loudly reciting NAMO AMIDA BUTSU. We will end the class with silent meditation. The whole session lasts about one hour.

Reverend Endo has so far led 2 sessions which had too-small a turnout but those who attended reported that the meditation class left them with a peaceful, refreshed and calm feeling which they thoroughly enjoyed. They recommend it as an effective way to put the stresses and tensions of the day behind them. We encourage you all to incorporate meditation into your everyday life. Please join us at the next sessions on Monday February 9th and 23rd at 7:00 pm and share the experience.

Lecture Series: Buddhism and Controversy

Join Rev. Christina Yanko for an evening of discussions on topics too controversial for the dinner table!

*Thursday February 5th @ 7pm
Buddhism and War*

*Thursday February 12th @ 7pm
Buddhism and Politics*



Evening Services

Not all of us work Monday—Friday from 9 to 5. Sometimes our jobs and commitments make coming to service on Sundays difficult or impossible.

In an attempt to reach out to our members who have a hard time coming to our Sunday services, we are offering evening services during the week.

On Thursday February 19th and 26th at 7pm Rev. Yanko will hold evening services to try and meet the needs of these members.



Guest Presentation Sunday February 15th at 1:30 PM

Learning about other traditions: What is Islam?

Many people have expressed a desire to learn about other religious traditions, so for some time now we have been working towards bringing in speakers from different faith traditions to visit and share their knowledge with us.

Mahammad Afzal Mirza has kindly agreed to come in and give our Temple Members an informative presentation on Islam. He is a learned scholar of world religions with a keen interest in youth welfare. He regularly hosts a live phone-in radio program explaining contemporary Islamic issues in Toronto. He graduated from the Islamic University in 1976, worked as an Islamic Missionary in various cities in Pakistan and the United States. He is a Missionary in Canada and represented Islam in the United Nations Habitat forum in British Columbia in 2005. He is currently the Vice President of the Institute of Islamic Studies in Mississauga and is Missionary appointed to the Peel region. Please join us in welcoming this esteemed

UPCOMING LECTURES AND CLASSES

Let's Talk Dharma

“As Buddhists, when we take refuge in the Buddha’s doctrine, the second (of the three treasures known as ‘Dharma’) we are actually taking refuge in both the prospect of an eventual state of freedom from suffering and in the path or method by which we attain such a state.”

This quote from “ An Open Heart “ by the Dali Lama is what “Let’s Talk Dharma” will explore the last Sunday of each month starting February 22 and ending May 31. Our discussion group will meet in the mezzanine at 12:30 PM after the service.

SEITENS FOR SALE

Many of our temple members and friends have been very happy with our new Seiten and have expressed an interest in purchasing a personal copy. We have decided to set aside approximately 100 copies for sale. A few members have already submitted pre-orders. The temple will take orders for the Seiten on a first come, first served basis. The sale of the Seiten will start Sunday, February 8th. The cost per Seiten will be \$15.00 Your order may be picked up at the Temple immediately after service on Sundays or if you wish to have your Seiten mailed to you there will be a shipping and handling charge of \$7.00 per Seiten. If we run out of Seiten for sale we will return your order and payment. Please submit your order with your payment as soon as possible if you wish a copy of the Seiten.

****Due to the short supply we have limited the number of copies per household to 2.**

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() SEITEN (MAXIMUM 2) X \$15.00 \$ _____

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TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
HAMILTON BUDDHIST TEMPLE, MONTREAL BUDDHIST CHURCH, OTTAWA FELLOWSHIP
2015 SCHEDULE

<u>JANUARY</u>	1	New Year's Day Service
	4	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki)
	11	Regular Service <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Hoonko Service</i>
	17	Vegetarian Pot Luck Dinner & Hoonko Eve Service
	18	Hoonko Founder's Memorial Service & Installation Ceremony
		New Year's Social (Shinnen kai)
	25	Regular Service <i>Montreal Buddhist Church: Hoonko Service</i>
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	1	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki)
	8	Regular Service <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Nirvana Day Service</i>
	15	Nirvana Day Service (Nehan-e) & Sangha Day
	22	Regular Service
<u>MARCH</u>	1	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki)
	8	Regular Service <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Spring Higan Service</i>
	15	Spring Equinox Service (Higan-e) & Keirokai
	22	Regular Service
	28	<i>Ottawa Fellowship: Spring Higan Service</i>
	29	Regular Service <i>Montreal Buddhist Church: Spring Higan Service</i>
<u>APRIL</u>	5	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki)
	12	Eshinni Day; Wife of Shinran Shonin Service <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Hanamatsuri Service</i>
	18	Hanamatsuri Family Banquet
	19	Celebration of Sakyamuni's birth Service (Hanamatsuri) <i>Montreal Buddhist Church: Hanamatsuri Service</i>
	26	Regular Service (No Ministers) <i>JSBTC AGM (hosted by Steveston Buddhist Temple)</i>
<u>MAY</u>	3	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki)
	10	Parents' Day Service <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Gotan-e Service</i>
	17	Celebration of Shinran's birth Service (Gotan-e) & Infant Presentation (Shosan shiki)
	24	Regular Service <i>Montreal Buddhist Church: Gotan-e Service</i>
	29-30	<i>World Buddhist Women's Convention in Calgary</i>
	31	Regular Service (Dennis Madokoro)
<u>JUNE</u>	7	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki) & TBC Dana Scholarship Presentation
	14	Picnic Open Air Service (No Service at the Temple) <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Regular Service</i>
	21	Regular Service
	28	Regular Service

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2015 SCHEDULE

<u>JULY</u>	4	<i>Ottawa Fellowship: Obon Service</i>
	5	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki)
		<i>Montreal Buddhist Church: Obon Service</i>
	11	Obon Cemetery Visit; Haka mairi
	12	Obon Service & Bon Odori Dance at JCCC
	19	Obon Service (Rev. Yuki Sugahara)
	26	Summer Services begin <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Obon Service</i> Summer Service
<u>AUGUST</u>	2	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki)
	9	Summer Service
	16	Summer Service
	23	Summer Service
	30	Summer Service
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	6	Summer Service
	13	Shotsuki Service and Rally Sunday <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Fall Higan Service</i>
	20	Fall Equinox Service (Higan-e)
	26	<i>Ottawa Fellowship: Fall Higan Service</i>
	27	Regular Service <i>Montreal Buddhist Church: Fall Higan Service</i>
<u>OCTOBER</u>	4	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki) & JSBTC Day
	11	Regular Service <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: JSBTC Day Service</i>
	18	Pet Memorial Service (Rev. Yasuo Izumi)
	25	Regular Service
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	1	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki)
	8	Regular Service <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Regular Service</i>
	14	Temple Bazaar
	15	Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)
	22	Regular Service <i>Montreal Buddhist Church: Eitaikyo Service</i>
	29	Regular Service
		TBC Annual General Meeting?
<u>DECEMBER</u>	6	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki)
	13	Regular Service <i>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Bodhi Day Service</i>
	20	Bodhi Day Service (Jodo-e)
	27	Regular Service
	31	Year-End Day Service (Joya-e)
		Year-End bell ringing at Ontario Place

A LOOK BACK AT THE *GUIDING LIGHT*

Excerpts from an article in our February 15, 1960 Guiding Light

(Only the underlined segments of the article are included)

BUDDHISM AND EDUCATION

Written by Dr. Richard Robinson

...It is really our responsibility to give our children a religious education. We must teach them at home ourselves, and we must send them to Sunday school. Furthermore, we must support the Sunday school and make sure that it does an adequate job. Most Sunday Schools, Buddhist or Christian, do a bad job. This is inevitable when the teachers are poorly trained and overworked, when the textbooks and study aids are inadequate, and when most parents fail to communicate the importance of Sunday School to their children...

...The most fundamental attitude that one needs to acquire wisdom is a sympathetic interest in other people, and a detached curiosity about the world around us. In Buddhist terms, we must look for the Buddha-Nature in everything before we can understand it. On the other hand, we must realize that all conditioned things are relative, impermanent, imperfect, and empty. We have to be tolerant, because no one is every wholly wrong. We have to be critical, because no one is ever entirely right. We have to be interested in others, because no man is an island. We should be independent minded because we can never wholly trust anyone else's judgement...

...Critical thinking is the hardest work known to man. But it is also the most satisfying as well as the most painful...

EDITOR'S NOTE

In the sermon, Dr. Robinson directed an arrow straight to the heart of a problem that has, and is still causing, untold anguish to many, many, Isseis, Nisseis, and Sanseis. We know that already, many Nisei Buddhist Parents and Sansei Buddhist children are running into the same 'rough weather' experienced by the previous generation. The Hakujuin generation of young Buddhist will undoubtedly have a more difficult task. They will come into a teen-age world that takes it for granted that people of European descent belong to Christianity, yet they and their parents will be persons who have chosen the Middle Path. The Hakujuin Buddhist Parent will be a grown-up person who has somehow negotiated the perils of rejecting the accepted religion of the masses and embracing newly a little understood 'foreign' teaching, but his young child will face the same perils and more, throughout the years of his or her immaturity. Moreover, the various Buddhist dogmas and practices which are so often diametrically contradictory, (at least on the surface!), will surely operate to bring more confusion to the teenager most of whom have a strong desire, - 'to belong', to be 'in', to be 'popular'. It is a problem which deserves much thinking, learning, discussion, planning and action, by all persons concerned.

Interested readers should keep articles such as this one on file. It might be of help to you, or someone else, some day. We have taken the liberty of underlining some sentences.

Miss May Nagami was 1960's Miss Valentine