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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Rev. Ouchi away in BC with Bishop						
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29 REGULAR SERVICE 11:00 am Service	30 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke 10:00 am Morning Chanting	Annual General Meetings of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (Board, Minister's and Women's Federation) will be held in Calgary hosted by the Calgary Buddhist Temple from April 25th to 29th, 2018 *** PLEASE NOTE: Rev. Ouchi will be away during this time ***				

Morning Chanting will be held on Mondays, 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

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Office of the Bishop Report

Depending on where you live, you may still be encountering winter like weather, where ever you read this I hope you are all doing well. The JSBTC Annual General Meeting will be taking place on April 27th and 28th in Calgary, Alberta.

Report from the Office of the Bishop

When I was still the chairperson of the Ministerial Association, the National Board of Directors used to meet twice a year, once in the springtime and another time during the fall. However, presently the National Board holds a teleconference meeting on the third Tuesday evening of every month. Along with the Ministerial Association Chairperson, the board spends about 1 to 2 hours discussing various items associated with the running of the National Body.

As the Socho (Bishop) of Canada, I have spent time visiting the temples across our country. Over the past year, I have visited the following temples:

November 24th to 26th, 2017: Visited the Kelowna and Vernon Buddhist Temples

December 14th to 17th, 2017: Visited the Manitoba Buddhist Temple

March 2nd – 4th, 2018: Visited the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

June 14th – 17th, 2018: Plans to visit the Toronto Buddhist Temple

During my term in office, the only temple I have yet to visit is the Kamloops Buddhist Temple. I am presently coordinating with the local minister to arrange a time that I can visit the Kamloops Temple.

I have been receiving regular correspondence from our mother temple, the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan. The most important correspondence has been the completion of Monshu Sennyō's Accession Ceremony, which originally began on October 1st, 2016. The final Accession Ceremony Service took place on May 31st, 2017. Representing our Kyodan, Rev. Grant Ikuta led a group of 18 members to participate in the Overseas District Special Accession Ceremony Service which took place at the Hongwanji on Oct. 21st, 2016. I, myself, participated during a special Accession Ceremony Service in March of last year when all the Overseas Bishops attended the service together. For the occasion, I took a \$5,000 donation on behalf of our National Organization. Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani is making an effort to visit all of the districts both within Japan and overseas. In 2015 he visited Calgary and took place in the World Buddhist Women's Convention which was hosted in Calgary. In September 2017, he visited the Hawaii Kyodan, and in March 2018, he made a visit to the district of Taiwan.

I have been receiving other correspondence, both on a regular basis and for special occasions. One such example is writing an official request for the annual New Year's Message from the Gomonsu. A formal request must be submitted six months in advance. Other correspondence includes the necessary paperwork for guest ministers sent from Japan, as well as registering the ministers in Canada according to their rank within the Hongwanji organization. This past year, I received a request from the Hongwanji monthly publication "*Shuho*" to have articles submitted introducing overseas temples. I asked Rev. Ikuta to write an article introducing the Steveston Buddhist Temple and Rev. Izumi to introduce the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta. The office of the Bishop was responsible for collecting the articles and submitting them to the Hongwanji.

In May 2017, the World Coordinating Council Meeting, also known as the Sochos Meeting, was held at the Hongwanji. Bishops from the Overseas District (BCA, Hawaii, South America, Canada) and representatives from the Hongwanji (Governor responsible for Overseas District and International Department Head) gathered to discuss issues regarding Overseas propagation and the roles of the ministers overseas.

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The main points of discussion for last year's meeting were as follows:

To review the procedure of Sarana Affirmation Ceremonies that the Bishops of the Overseas districts conduct.

The vestments of Kaikyoshi, to re-emphasize the usage of the Kaikyoshi Wagesa by Kaikyoshi ministers

The English translation of Gomonsu-sama's book and the selling of the book overseas.

The termination of support for propagational activity in Kenya. Due to the lack of evidence of any propagational activity being done.

Proposal to open a branch of the Hongwanji International Department in San Francisco.

Although it is not the direct responsibility of the Socho, another activity that I was involved with was leading the Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange trip from July 10th to 23rd of last year. From Canada there were 5 individuals (both male and female) who participated. We spent most of the time in Kyoto and Tokyo. Although it was extremely hot and humid, I was relieved that not one individual was affected by the heat and we all came home safely.

As the Socho, I am also responsible for presenting the Honorary Posthumous Title (*Ingo*) as well as commendation awards. Upon receiving the request from the local ministers, the office of the Bishop prepares and sends out these certificates. Another function of the Bishop is to periodically update the Provincial Governments with the Clergy Registration certifying the ministers across Canada to be able to conduct Buddhist weddings at their local temples.

The above is a summary of the administrative activity that is carried out by the Office of the Bishop. Looking to the future, the most pressing issues are the nurturing of new *Kaikyoshi* ministers and the ongoing support of the ministers working throughout Canada.

Regarding Kaikyoshi Ministers

Through observations at the local temples, it is very clear that all of the ministers across Canada are working tirelessly for the sake of the temple, for the members, and for the community at large. I'm sure you would all agree with me on this point. May I ask you for your continued support for our ministers.

In Eastern Canada, due to personal reasons, Rev. Christina Yanko submitted her resignation effective as of January 1st, 2018. With this resignation, the Toronto Buddhist Church has submitted a request to have a native English speaking minister be assigned to their temple.

In December 2015, the Manitoba Buddhist Temple was devastated with the sudden passing of Rev. Michael Hayashi due to cancer. Since then, the temple has been continuing on by having ministers from across Canada take turns going to Winnipeg to conduct services at least once a month. The Manitoba temple has submitted a formal request to find a part time resident minister.

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi has completed his one year orientation in Eastern Canada and has received official designation as a Kaikyoshi minister by the Hongwanji and has officially been appointed as the resident minister for Eastern Canada as of September 1st, 2017. Rev. Ouchi comes from the Oita Prefecture in Kyushu, Japan. He has received his certification as a specialist in the area of ritual and chanting, known as "Tokubetsu Homuin". In Canada, he is the only minister with this certification. While he was still a university student at Ryukoku University, Rev. Ouchi spent a year studying English in the States. He has a good understanding of English and is very skilled in communicating his messages. I am very happy that he chose to come to Canada.

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From Calgary, Robert Gubenco has expressed his desire to become a Kaikyoshi minister. Mr. Gubenco is a member of the Calgary Buddhist Temple, and has been supporting the temple as an assistant. In 2014, he received his Tokudo Ordination and has been helping as a Tokudo Minister Assistant since. His next step is to undergo the Kyoshi Ordination which he plans on receiving in November in Japan. For the past two years, Gubenco Sensei has been studying for his Kyoshi Ordination and will be coming to Vancouver in April to further his studies in the rituals and doctrinal teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Comparing Kaikyoshi Ministers from the Past and the Present

In the past, when a Kaikyoshi minister resigned from a temple, the Socho would contact Hongwanji to request a Japanese minister be sent over to replace the outgoing minister. However, today most of the services and temple meetings are done in English. Long gone are the days when it was considered okay for Japanese ministers to come to Canada and learn English while pursuing their career as an Overseas minister. Local temple members expect ministers to be able to communicate in English and to adapt to the changing culture. In such conditions, we must produce Kaikyoshi ministers who are born and raised in this country. Another development that we are witnessing is the increase in the number of those who are receiving Tokudo Ordination and becoming Minister Assistants. One cannot just become a Minister Assistant because they want to be. Presently a candidate must receive approval and support from the resident minister as well as the local temple board. Once the individual has completed the required studies to receive their Tokudo Ordination from the Hongwanji, they may serve as a Tokudo Minister Assistant under the guidance of the mentoring resident minister.

Unfortunately, the Minister Assistant Program as it currently stands has a number very high hurdles to overcome and must be reviewed further to enable more interested individuals to become Minister Assistants.

Regarding the World Buddhist Women's Association Representatives Meetings

From August 31st – September 2nd, 2017 the biannual World Buddhist Women's Association Representatives Meeting was held in San Francisco. From Canada, Lori North (Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple), Susan Huntley (Calgary Buddhist Temple) and myself (Overseas Bishops act in the role of advisor) attended on behalf of the JSBTC. Since there were a number of items that still need to be resolved, a special meeting will be held this April at the Hongwanji. Susan Huntley and myself will attend representing Canada. The next World Buddhist Women's Convention is scheduled to be held in San Francisco from August 31st to September 1st, 2019. At the present time, we still have only received confirmation of the dates and are still waiting on the registration packages

A Final Thought...

Recently, regardless of which temple I visit (not limited to just the Canadian temples), it seems everyone is worried about the rapidly declining membership. Even when those who come out regularly to the temple who have yet to sign up as a member are approached to join, we often hear comments such as, "What benefit is there in becoming a member?" The temple is not like a fitness club where membership gives the rights to members for the usage of the facility and equipment. In the case of the temple, even if one is not a member, one can read the newsletter online, attend Sunday services, or volunteer at various events such as cleanup, chow mein making or *manju* (Japanese pastry) making. Because of this people may question, "What's the point of paying a membership?"

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It's not as though these individuals are against supporting the temple, most who ask such questions donate regularly, it's just that we live in an age when people look for concrete benefits for paying things like a membership. The thinking towards donations versus membership is quite different. Donations are determined by the individual who is giving the donation, whereas membership is a set fee determined by the organization. Because of this, people have certain expectations of receiving some sort of special benefit from paying a membership fee.

The other day, I happened to be at the Sick Children's Hospital to give an introductory talk on Buddhism to the new medical staff. While I was waiting at the reception area to get instructions on which room the talk was to be held, a gentleman approached me. Seeing me in my robes, the man began asking me questions on Buddhism. During our conversation, I happened to ask him if his child was in the hospital, to which he replied, "No, no, my child is very healthy, and I am grateful that he has never needed to come here." What he said next was most interesting. He said, "It's exactly for that reason that I am donating to the hospital, to express my gratitude for the health of my child".

During our services at the temple, we often recite the **Homage and Three Treasures**. The first line of the Homage begins with "Hard is it to be born into human life, now we are living it. Difficult is it to hear the Teachings of the Buddha; now we hear them." To be born into this world as a human being goes beyond our simple conceptualization. On top of that to have had the opportunity to encounter the Buddha Dharma is truly a most significant occurrence. We shouldn't be asking what benefit I receive from becoming a member, instead we should want to become members out of gratitude for encountering the Buddha Dharma, and we should be encouraging others to share in the joy of receiving the teachings. This is known as benefitting the self, while benefitting others, or "Jiri Rita" in Japanese. Perhaps we can find the true meaning of becoming a member when we think of it as repaying our gratitude to the Buddha.

Gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki, Bishop

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Obon Odori 2018

Spring is almost here and with it, the start of Obon odori practices at the Toronto Buddhist Church. Come out and learn dances to both traditional and modern Japanese songs. Beginners are welcome as step-by-step instructions are given, and veterans will recognize dances from years past.

Practices will be held every Tuesday and Friday night, 8:00 – 9:30pm, beginning April 17, 2018 until Obon.

Obon is a significant Buddhist celebration and it would be wonderful to see more TBC members participating especially Kids Sangha and their parents.

Obon odori is for all ages, any gender, the young and the young at heart. So come out to the TBC to learn odori, see old friends, make new ones, and have some fun! The Obon festival will be held on the evening of July 14, 2018 at the JCCC following Natsu Matsuri.



THE U-TURN

There is a lawyer lurking inside many an otherwise normal person's brain. We can't escape all the legal stories in the news (even sports news) and TV dramas. The constant legal yammering has spawned a generation of armchair experts. Was it Perry Mason? Matlock? Law & Order? (Disclosure: I'm hooked on this show.) Suits?

According to the press, not too long ago a fellow went the distance in court to show that a three-point turn which he executed on a local street did not contravene a clearly visible "No U-turn" sign. He argued that a three-point turn was not a U-turn and therefore he could not have broken the law. He obviously gave this a lot of thought. Who knows if he hired a sharp advisor. A three-point turn, he reasoned, is a "series of manoeuvres", while a U-turn involves "one continuous motion". This defence had a familiar ring -If the U-turn don't fit, then you must acquit. Some might congratulate the accused for an inventive defence. The "little guy", as he characterized himself, stood up to another Big Brother cash grab. What do you think? The Justice of the Peace certainly took the case seriously. According to the news article, he wrote a whopping 42-page ruling. About a traffic ticket. Holy Empty Printer Cartridge, Batman. The verdict was guilty.

For those still interested in this story, the Highway Traffic Act states that a U-turn is a turn "so as to proceed in the opposite direction". So it would seem reasonable that a driver should not "proceed in the opposite direction" when he/she is faced with a no-U-turn sign.

Did this driver think that his rights were violated in some way? Did it occur to him that there might be a reason for the No U-turn sign? Did he REALLY think at the time that he would not be disobeying the No U-turn sign if he made a three-point turn? Did he think that the sign did not apply to him? (He apparently did because he thought the sign couldn't have been intended for someone as safety-conscious as him.) Or, did he just think that he would not be nabbed? He went on to say that he would have appealed the verdict if he had the time and the money.

It might be just me, but I sense a futile anger in his quest. I also sense a similar anger in many of our own attitudes. Every interest group seems so obsessed with the pursuit of "rights" which they complain have been trampled or taken away. Every interest group which now is readily identified by instant media with a tidy label is claiming some form of oppression or discrimination or deprivation or exploitation.

Now I'm not saying that we should not pursue our rights. That has been my business all my working life. Rights should be protected and enforced. But from day one, I have tried to remember that rights are a privilege and attached to every right is a corresponding responsibility, the duty to respect and honour the same right that every other member of our society or community is entitled to. When we think about rights within that context, we start travelling towards the "middle path". We can't talk about rights without talking about the duties we owe to our fellow citizens.

I think Paddington's Aunt Lucy would have been a great member of our Temple. Her advice to her beloved ursine nephew was meant for all of us: "If we are kind and polite, the world will be right."

Namo Amida Butsu

Dare Daro

**** NEW ** Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of May**

Our monthly memorial services (shotsuki) are usually held on the first Sunday of each month (please check our temple calendars to confirm the day of the monthly memorial service) to remember and honour those who have passed away in that month regardless of year.

Usually, mail reminders are sent out to the next of kin but due to changing circumstances we have not always been able to reach families and hope that by publishing the names of those who have passed, we can still reach and remind families and dear friends of the month of their loved ones honouring.

Below is our listing of our members and supporters who have passed away during the month of May. All are invited and welcome to attend.

AOKI, Matsuye	BANDO, Yoshio	DOI, Pauline
EBATA, Miyoko Merle	ENDO, Aiko	FUJIMOTO, Seki
FUJINO, Tsuta	FUJINO, Denzo	FUKUDA, Tsugiko
FUKUMA, Motoko	FURUKAWA, Ichi	GOTO Kay, Kinue
HASHIMOTO, Matasaku	HASHIMOTO, Miyoko	HAYASHI, Haruno
HAYASHI, Mitsuko Marge	HAYASHI, Yei	HIRAI, Tom Fukutaro
HISAKI, Kanekichi Jack	HOSAKI, Lena Teruko	ICHII, Chiyomatsu
ICHIYEN, Chiyoko	IDENOUE, Ichiro	IKEBATA, Hiroshi Roy
IMAI, Tomi	ISHIDA, Yuriko	ISOZAKI, Michiko
ITO, Cesar Massaro	KAGETSU, Toyo	KAWAI, Nobu
KISHITA, Gunso	KITAZAKI, Frank Masaki	KITAMURA, Zenichi
KIYONAGA, Kihei	KODAMA, Masa	KOMATSU, Nobuko Bessie
KOHARA, Akihei Joe	KOJIMA (ISHII), Shigeno	KONO, Nobu
KONDO, Torazo Bob	KONDO, Michie	KUMANO, Hatsue
KOZAI, Tatsu	KOZAI, William Toyonobu	MATSUBARA, Chonosuke
LABERGE, Kyoko	MARUYAMA, Fusako	KAZUMI, Carl Kazumi
MATSUMOTO, Misao	MITSUKI, Matsue Mary	MOTOMURA, Noboru
MORI, Diane Miyeko	MORI, Sute	MURAKAMI, Kikutaro
MUKAI, Fumiye	MURAKAMI, Hideo Bill	NAKAGAWA, Masao
MURATA, Eiko	MURATA, Tome	NAKAMOTO, Nisuke
NAKAHARA, YosANJI	NAKAI, Hisako	NAKAMURA, Yoshiyo
NAKAMURA, Kayo	NAKAMURA, Mineko	NISHI, Shizue
NAKANISHI, Asako	NEKODA, Tokuyo	NISHIMURA, Chiyeko Janet
NISHI, Shoichi	NISHIKAWA, Tomio	NISHIMURA, Haru
NISHIJIMA, Uhei	NISHIMURA, Genshichi	OHASHI, Kiyotaro
NODA, Genzo	NOZUYE, Teo	OHASHI, Yosuke
OHASHI, Takeo	OHASHI, Yosoya	OMORI, Toyokichi
OHATA, Eiji	OKUMA, Wai	OYAMA, Shokichi
ONISHI, Hatsuno	OYAMA, Fukujiro	

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*** * NEW * * Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of May, cont'd**

SAITO, Jennifer Naomi	SAKURA, Fusako	SANO, Senji
SATO, Tsui	SAWADA, Yoshiko	SHIMODA, Yasuko He
SHIRAIISHI, Kiwano	SHOJI, Tsunejiro	SUMIOKA, Tsuyako
SUZUKI, Setsu	TABATA, Tao	TAKAHASHI, Akiko
TAKAHASHI, Chozo	TAKAHASHI, Shigetoshi Michael	TAKEDA, Shun
TAKENO, Masao	TANIISHI, Tadayoshi Tad	TANINO, Chiyo
TERAKITA, Imae	TOHANA, Tamotsu Tony	TSUJI, George
TSUJIMOTO, Chieko Clare	TSUJIUCHI, Kay Kazue	TSUSHIMA, Iku
UCHIDA, John Tsutomu	USAMI, Mataichi	UYEDA, Miye Marie
UYEDA, Toyotaro	UYEYAMA, Kiyoshi	WAKABAYASHI, Shoichi
WAKABAYASHI, Yaye	WATANABE, Kana	YABU, Jitsukazu Jimmy
YAJIMA, Mieko	YAMASHIRO, Nagisa	YAMASHITA, Robert Ichiro
YAMASHITA, Sadako	YAMASHITA, Shintaro	

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>Mr. George Toshio Hayashi</i>	<i>82 yrs</i>	<i>March 7, 2018</i>
<i>Mr. Dick Ichizo Joe Nakamura</i>	<i>92 yrs</i>	<i>March 11, 2018</i>
<i>Mr. John Oliver Hirasawa, St. Mary's, ON</i>	<i>91 yrs</i>	<i>March 18, 2018</i>
<i>Mrs. Chiyo Seki</i>	<i>94 yrs</i>	<i>March 20, 2018</i>



SHIN FUJINKAI WINTER WARM UP

Shin Fujinkai would like to send out a very heart felt thank you to the congregation for your support at our Annual Winter Warm Up. Your support made our event the success it was.

A big thank you also goes out to all the Shin Fujinkai members who helped with the planning, prep, baked goods and execution of the Winter Warm Up. We couldn't have done it without your dedicated help and team work.

Thank you again to everyone

Myra/Darlene



TORONTO DANA**Membership Dues Reminder**

A reminder that the 2018 Dana membership fee of \$15 per member is now due.

Please mail a cheque for **\$15** made payable to the Toronto Buddhist Church to the church, give your fee to any members of the Dana executive or place it in the Dana mail slot in the church office.

Also, if you are turning 80 years of age in 2018, you will become an honorary member and will not be required to pay the membership fee.

Thank you for your continued support of the Dana and the TBC.

TBC COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTEERS (CCOV) UPDATE**JOIN A TEAM**

We have 5 teams of volunteers who with their family and friends on the same team are working well together along with others. Experience being on a team with opportunities to contribute, to learn and support our temple.

Here are events where Coordinating Committee of Volunteers (CCOV) teams helped out in 2017 and January 2018:

New Year's Social – January 15 --Team 4 (Jessie Ebata & Susan Ebisuzaki)

13 team members came out to help with the potluck event with a variety of foods as usual.

Sangha Day - February 19 --Team 1 (Cary Kataoka & Aki Ikebata)

Team members helped with the luncheon provided by Sangha.

Keiroikai - March 19 --Team 5 (Kathy Wani & Hamako Yoshida)

Members age 77, 88, 99 were honoured and luncheon went well.

Hanamatsuri Family Dinner – April 15 --Team 2 (Darlene Rieger & Diane Mark)

There was no difficulty getting volunteers for this Saturday night event. Team 2 helped out with the cleanup to support the Sangha and also helped in other areas where needed.

Hanamatsuri --April 16 --Team 3 (Dawn Anzai & Gayle Hayashi)

A light luncheon was served helped by Team 3.

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Annual General Meeting April 20-23 2017 All Teams

Thank you to the many volunteers from the 5 CCOV teams who provided support with transportation, refreshments, meals and other areas where needed. Delegates to the AGM expressed their thanks to all the volunteers who helped out wherever there was a need and for the warm hospitality.

Rev. Christina's Farewell Luncheon – December 17, 2017 – Team 4 (Jessie Ebata & Susan Ebisuzaki)

13 members from Team 4 worked together to organize the various foods for the potluck lunch as well as handling the cleanup.

New Year's Social – January 28, 2018 --Team 5 (Kathy Wani & Hamako Yoshida)

20 members of Team 5 volunteered and the event went very well. After the Potluck lunch, everyone enjoyed an entertainment program and games of bingo.

General impression of the teams is that they enjoyed helping out and worked well together.

Keirokai Sun. March 18 assigned to Team 1 (Cary Kataoka & Aki Ikebata)

(honouring members age 77, 88, 99)

Future events assigned to CCOV teams:

Hanamatsuri Family Luncheon Sun. April 15 assigned to Team 2 (Darlene Rieger & Diane Mark)

(Sat. Family Dinner changed to Sun. luncheon after the service)

Temple Cleanup Sat. June 2 assigned to all teams

Eastern Buddhist League Conference (August 30-September 3) assigned to all teams

(hosted by Toronto Buddhist Church)

Rally Sunday Sun. Sept. 9 assigned to Team 3 (Dawn Anzai & Gayle Hayashi)

To join or obtain more information contact Dawn Anzai at canzai@sympatico.ca or Darlene Rieger at Darlene.rieger28@gmail.com.

2018 Keirokai Celebration

Congratulations goes to all our Keirokai honorees. Individuals who reached the milestone ages of 77, 88 and 99 years of age were recognized during the Spring Higan service.

The honorees this year for (Kiju) - 77 yrs are:

Midori Fukuma, John Mac Rae, Kim Nakagawa, Yoko Nekoda, Joanne Nishikawa, Fumi Tabata, Minako Tsuji, & Tokinobu Tsuji

(Beiju) - 88 yrs

Tosh Hayashi, Ken Ishii, Isamu Iwagase, Eiko Iwagase, Fred Iwata, Shoji Michibata, Paul Nakagawa, Teruko Nishikawa, Edward Nishimura, May Takahashi & Kiyoshi Tsuyuki

(Hyakuju) - 99 yrs

Teruko Otani & Kikumi Yoshida

100 plus

Fusaye Hashimoto 101, Shozo Ishikawa 102, Fumiko Kumagawa 101, Tsuyo Kusano 103, Richard Nishino 102, Hisa Okihiro 102, Shigeo Seko 101, Tom Shimizu 100

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL HONOREES!

Many thanks goes to all our temple volunteers, the Dana ladies who made the floral corsages/boutonnieres, Pamela our photographer and ofcourse all our special guests. Thank You very much for making the day such an appreciable and very special celebration.



KIJU



BEIJU



HYAKUJU

Keirokai 2018

After the morning service commemorating our honorees, complimentary bentos were provided to them. They, along with their family members and the rest of the congregation, were invited to attend the afternoon festivities in the Social Hall. The bentos were prepared by Tori Ichii and from the comments received were delicious, as always.

Akiko Nishimura and Bob Nishikawa were the co-hosts for the afternoon with varied entertainment: Taiko from Isshin Daiko, Kids Sangha performed a poem, dancing from the TBC Buyo Goup, a magic show with George Horii assisted by Rev. Ouchi and karaoke songs from a few of our honorees.

Thank you to all our performers, special guests, Temple members, CCOV Team 1 and volunteers who helped make this day a special one and we hope to see you for our 2019 celebration.

TBC Special Projects



Hana Matsuri Service

Hana Matsuri or 'Flower Festival' will be held on April 15, 2018. Please join us at the celebration of the birth of Gautama Buddha at the 11am service.

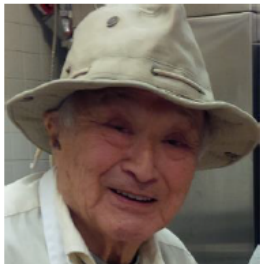
The Hanamido will be setup at the front of the Hondo for everyone to pour sweet tea over the Baby Buddha and the children from Kid's Sangha group will offer fresh flowers.





2018 Hanamatsuri Family Banquet

New Time: April 15th, 2018 at 12:30pm directly after the Hanamatsuri service in the Social Hall

Just \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for youth (17 and under), Kid's Sangha members – Free!

<p>Same Great Food</p>  <p>Chef Toku Suyama</p>	<p>Please join us to enjoy a selection of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Chef Toku Suyama's Famous Roast Beef Dinner ◆ Chef Randy Sakauye's Famous Salmon Dinner ◆ Chef Joanne Kataoka's Vegan Falafel Dinner <p>All meals include Chef Nobby Shiraishi's appetizers and fruit salad.</p>
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World Class Entertainment	
<p>Yuki Morita</p> 	<p>After studying music in university in Japan, Yuki Morita became a professional sax and piano performer and instructor. Yuki has travelled the world and has resided in Canada since 2015.</p> <p>https://www.instagram.com/snow_sax.ca</p>
<p>TRADITIONAL JAPANESE MUSIC ARTIST</p> <p>KOKICHI KUSANO</p> 	<p>Kokichi Kusano is a performer of Japanese traditional music based in Toronto, Ontario Canada.</p> <p>Kokichi performs on a variety of traditional instruments ranging from taiko drums to bamboo flutes.</p> <p>https://www.kusanokokichi.com</p>

Awesome Bingo Prizes including a \$100.00 grand prize.

Donations for Door Prizes are Appreciated

Tickets will be on sale Sunday March 25th, April 1st and April 8th in the lobby

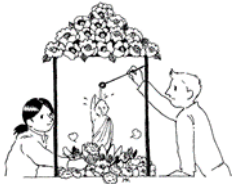
For more information, please contact Mr. Cary Kataoka (Cary@247Systems.ca)



CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

April's Theme: "Guidance"the act of providing direction.

April 15, 2018 – Hanamatsuri



Let's celebrate the birth of Gautama Buddha

Come take part in the special Sweet Tea Ceremony during the service.

Plant flowers

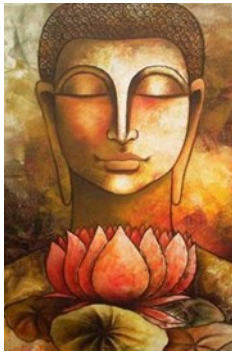
May's Theme: "Behaviour"the way in which you conduct yourself, especially towards others.

May 6, 2018 - Let's get creative.

Come and make a special Mother's Day craft.



May 20, 2018 - Watercolour workshop



Come and explore the beauty of watercolour painting. Keeping in mind, a Buddhist theme, let's create some wonderful masterpieces.

We hope to see you on "Kids Sangha Sundays". Everyone is welcome.

With gratitude, and in Gassho.

Yumi, Jessica, Abigail, Rachel, Koji, Denise and Naomi

Wasaga Beach Cottage Rental

Summer is just around the corner. Don't wait until the last minute to book a cottage.

There are three rental cottages. Each cottage has running water, a shower, flush toilet and a fully equipped kitchen.

What a great family vacation, just 1.5 hours drive from Toronto. Wasaga Beach is just a short two minute walk from the cottages. The surrounding area also offers convenient shopping and entertainment such as canoeing, kayaking, mini-golf, go carts and bowling.

The cottages are available from May 18 (Victoria Day Long Weekend). All pets are welcome.

Please contact the church office to book your cottage. 416-534-4302 Tbc@tbc.on.ca

Create Great Family memories that will last a lifetime.

NB Renter must be a registered Church Member.

TBC DANA SCHOLARSHIP INVITES APPLICATIONS

The Toronto Buddhist Church Dana Scholarship Committee invites all qualified, graduating students to apply for a scholarship.

Eligibility:

Students who are first time applicants and who are members or who are children or grandchildren of members of a temple/church in the Eastern District of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and who will be attending their first year of post-secondary education at a recognized institution such as a university, college, institute of technology, etc.

All applications must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a Letter of Reference. The amount of the scholarship is dependent on monies available each year end and is at the discretion of the Committee.

The selection criteria will be as follows:

Academic results	50%
Church activities	30%
School and Community Involvement	10%
Essay (min 300 words)	10%
Total	100%

If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please contact the office at tbc@tbc.on.ca or 416-534-4302 and an application form will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

**** DEADLINE for the scholarship application is Sunday, April 15, 2018 ****

All scholarship winners will be honoured at the scholarship presentation and luncheon which will take place on Sunday, June 3, 2018 (during the 11:00 am service).

Eshin-ni Day Service On Sunday April 8 at 11am

Please join us to thank Lady Eshinni, the wife of Shinran Shonin who was an outstanding woman in her time during 12th Century Japan. She provided great support to her husband to help further our Jodo Shinshu religion and nembutsu faith.

Eshinni's family were landowners in both the Echigo and the Kanto areas in Japan, which is most likely how Eshinni was able to financially support her husband and family of 6 children during Shinran's years of missionary work.

A 5 stone stupa or pagoda was built and dedicated in memory of Eshinni under a magnolia tree, in Yonemasu, Itakura. The JSBTCWF donated funds in 2005 to help restore the garden area where the Stupa is found.

Rev. Ryo Imamura will lead the service on this day.



INFANT PRESENTATION: SHOSANSHIKI**Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 11:00 am**

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, we present any infants and children up to the age of three to the sangha (community) and the Temple in a special presentation at the service on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Please register any children three years of age or under so they can be introduced to the Temple sangha (community) and to the Buddha.

We love children and we welcome them all to this special presentation.

Please complete the application form and submit it to the Temple office by Sunday May 13, 2018.

Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ **M** _____ **F** _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Prov: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Meditation and Mindfulness

When: Every Thursday Evening from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Where: Toronto Buddhist Church – Hondo.

The two-hour session will include:

- Guided Sitting Meditation
- Silent Walking Meditation
- Silent Sitting Meditation
- Dharma Talk



Please arrive at least 15 minutes early in order to allow time for “settling in” so the session can begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

If you have any questions please contact the Temple at 416-534-4302 or you can email Denise Crofton at dcrofton@rogers.com

MINDFUL MEDITATION WILL BE TAKING A TWO-WEEK BREAK!

MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS CLASSES CANCELLED ON THURSDAY MAY 10TH AND 17TH, 2018.

CLASSES WILL RESUME AGAIN ON THURSDAY MAY 24TH, 2018.

MINDFUL MEDITATION AND YIN YOGA WITH DENISE CROFTON



Join us on Thursday May 31, 2018 for a special Meditation Yin Yoga Class.

Class will begin at 7:00 pm with 30 minutes of Guided Seated Meditation and then and 75 minutes of Yin Yoga.

Come out and join us for a calm and peaceful experience, this class is for everyone, no previous experience in meditation or yoga is necessary!

What is Yin Yoga?

Most forms of yoga today are dynamic and active practices working our muscles ('yang' tissue). In these forms of practices we are only working half our body. Yin yoga allows us to work the other half, the deeper 'yin' tissues of our ligaments, joints, deep fascial network and even our bones.

It's important to work all of our tissues in order to maintain optimal health.

The sequence for this Yin yoga class will target areas of the body where we hold tension and stress, such as the lower back, hips and legs. It will incorporate mindfulness towards your body by enabling you to connect with the sensations you feel in the areas we are targeting.

It is a gentle traction to your connective tissues working out the stiffness you may feel in your body.

If you have your own yoga mat, blocks, bolsters or blankets you may want to bring those along. We do have a supply of blocks and mats for those who do not have their own.

If you have any questions please email Denise Crofton at dcrofton@rogers.com

Gassho,

Denise Crofton

SPRING IS HERE AND THE TEMPLE NEEDS YOUR HELP

MARK SATURDAY JUNE 2nd ON YOUR CALENDAR AND COME OUT TO HELP GIVE THE TEMPLE THAT FRESH AND CLEAN FEELING.

WE WILL START THE CLEAN UP AT 9:00 AM WITH COFFEE AND DONUTS AND ASSIGNING TEAMS TO ATTACK THE TASKS OF FRESHENING UP THE TEMPLE. BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A DAY OF SOCIALIZING AND CLEANING.

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE ON THIS DATE TO HELP OUT

PLEASE CONTACT :MICHAEL TAMAKI AT michael.m.tamaki@gmail.com

NAOMI TAMAKI AT ilovelucy3d@yahoo.com

DARLENE RIEGER AT darlene.rieger28@gmail.com



joyous **35** years

TBC シニアカラオケクラブ
35周年記念祝賀会 !!
TBC Senior Karaoke Club
35th Anniversary Celebration

celebration starts 12:00 noon
 at TBC social hall
 June 23, 2018

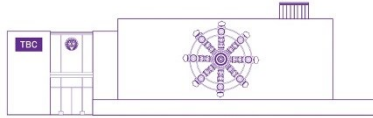
EVERYONE WELCOME !!
 Admission \$15.00 includes:
 Entertainment
 Enka songs
 Buyo Minyo odori
 Yaabusan dansu Hula dance
 Horini the great magician
 Oishii obento
 Good times and more

for tickets and information please call:
 Jessica Nakamura (416) 733-1894
 Setsuko Lambeau (416) 225-4747

TBC Senior Karaoke Club

入場料 .. 六月二十三日 (土) 正午開演
 35周年記念祝賀会 開催日時
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**Join or Renew
Online**



**MEMBERSHIP
Join/Renew**

IT'S TIME FOR YOUR 2018 MEMBERSHIP

We must now approach you and remind you to renew or apply for your membership for 2018. This past year our membership again climbed to over 300 and exceeded 2016's memberships. This is most encouraging and this steady upward trend bodes well for the future of our Temple. But we know there are still some who have not applied for membership or have forgotten to submit the membership application with your membership fee.

Needless to say the future of the Temple depends on our members so we need you to take the time or remember to submit your application and fee.

We continue trying to improve the benefits of being a member of the Temple, here are a few reasons why a membership is valuable:

1. Most importantly, as a member you will have the right to vote on all important matters affecting the Temple, such as the election of the President and the Directors, the approval of budgets and all significant matters affecting the future of the Temple.
2. As a member you are subscribing to the Jodo Shinshu values of the Temple.
3. As a member you are entitled to free notarial services offered by one of our Temple members.
4. As a member you are entitled to a discount on premium-level CAA memberships.
5. As a member you will be entitled to attend special Temple activities free of charge or at rates not available to non-members.

Regular memberships are valid from January 1 to December 31 each year, so we ask that those wishing to be recognized as a Temple member complete the application form as early as possible at the start of each year. Once you've signed and submitted your application and membership fee of \$130.00 per year or your promise to pay the total fee by May 31 have been received, your membership card will be sent to you.

Honorary Membership Cards will be issued to all members 77 years of age and over who sign up for the year 2018, or if already an Honorary Member, he or she confirms in each year his or her wish to continue Honorary Membership. Honorary Members do not need to pay any annual membership fees, although all donations are welcome. **Membership card will be issued once.**

As a member of Toronto Buddhist Church, I:

1. Recognize and accept that our Temple is based on the Jodo Shinshu Pure Land Teachings;
2. Vow to strive to live a life of gratitude and to do my best to care for the welfare of society; and
3. Vow to observe and uphold the Charter and By-laws of the Temple.



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

a Jodo Shinshu Temple

2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please note that this application is for membership from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. The Individual Membership Fee for 2018 is a minimum of \$130. However, the Temple welcomes and will be grateful for any amount over and above this minimum fee.

A tax receipt will be issued for the total Membership amount paid.

Please note that \$80 of your Individual Membership Fee is paid to Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) as an assessment for each member of our Temple.

Membership Fees may be paid in one lump sum or in monthly or quarterly installments. **Please do not use Offering envelopes to pay membership fees. Instead, please insert them in separate plain envelopes clearly marked "For Membership". Please make any cheques payable to Toronto Buddhist Church.**

In the case of couples, please complete information for each applicant individually.

Applicant #1 Renewal (<input type="checkbox"/>) New (<input type="checkbox"/>)		Mr. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Mrs. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Ms. (<input type="checkbox"/>)
Last Name: _____		Birthdate: dy/mm/year: _____
First Name: _____		Email: _____
Address: _____		Phone: _____
City: _____		Signature: _____
Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____ Regular Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member <input type="checkbox"/>		
I promise to pay \$ _____ as my Membership Fee for 2018 and am enclosing the amount of \$ _____ on account of such fee. I will pay the balance of my Membership Fee, if any, by May 31, 2018 . By signing this Membership Application I hereby adopt the vow printed on the reverse side of your membership card.		
I would like a Guiding Light mailed to me _____		

Applicant #2 Renewal (<input type="checkbox"/>) New (<input type="checkbox"/>)		Mr. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Mrs. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Ms. (<input type="checkbox"/>)
Last Name: _____		Birthdate: dy/mm/year: _____
First Name: _____		Email: _____
Address: _____		Phone: _____
City: _____		Signature: _____
Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____ Regular Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member <input type="checkbox"/>		
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REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018 IS \$130.00

SAVE THE DATE



2018 Eastern Buddhist League
Conference

Pursuit of **TRUE HAPPINESS...** **The Shin Buddhist Path**

August 31 - September 2, 2018

Toronto Buddhist Church

Toronto, ON - Canada

Featuring Guest Speakers

Reverends Bob and Patti Oshita

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

REMINDER:

Passports are required to cross the border.

16th World Buddhist Women's Convention

August 30 – September 1, 2019

**San Francisco Marriott Marquis
San Francisco, California**

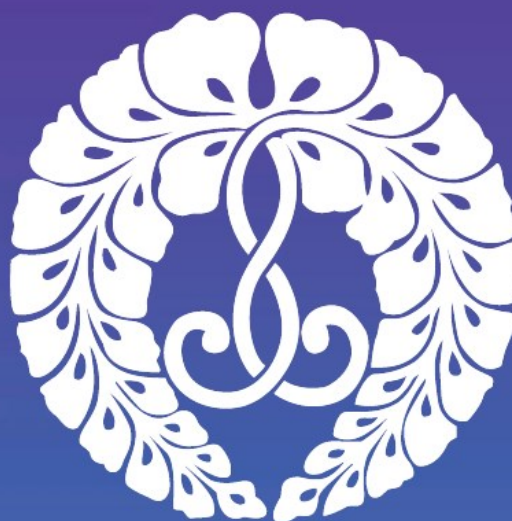
Keynote Speakers:

Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi

Minister, Buddhist Churches of America

Professor Keiko Toro

Independent Buddhist Scholar



Live the Nembutsu

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Registration: www.wbwconvention.org | info@wbwconvention.org

Presented by the Buddhist Churches of America | Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations

YOU ASKED FOR A RECIPE

Coffee Yokan

Ingredients:

4 packages knox gelatin

1 cup water

1 tbsp instant coffee

2 cups boiling water

2 tbsp. sugar

1 can condensed milk

1 package tsubu anko

How to:

Mix gelatin and water together in a bowl.

In a separate bowl, add sugar and instant coffee to boiling water.

Add coffee mixture to dissolved gelatin. Mix together.

Add condensed milk and anko. Mix together thoroughly, breaking up the anko.

Pour into 8x8 pan and refrigerate until it sets. As it sets, the anko will settle to the bottom.

Recipe by Hideo Matsumoto

