



# *Guiding Light*

MAY 2018



Photo by Rev. Yoshi

Statue at Kokkakudo Temple where Shinran Shonin practiced

## **TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH** *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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# MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Events marked with an “*” are private and <b>NOT</b> open to the general public Thank You !						
		<b>1</b>  8:00 pm Bon Odori	<b>2</b> 1:00 pm Ohara 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo 3:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 pm Meditation	<b>4</b> 8:00 pm Bon Odori  8:00 pm Buyo	<b>5</b> 11:00 am * Family Service 2:00 pm <b>*Funeral Service</b>
<b>6 MONTHLY MEMORIAL SRVC</b> 9:30 am Obon Comm Mtg (LDC) Picnic Meeting (Eko) 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm Dana Mtg (Eko) 4:30 pm * Family Service	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke 10:00 am Morning Chanting	<b>8</b> 2:00 pm Funeral 8:00 pm Bon Odori	<b>9</b> 1:00 pm Ohara 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm* Momiji 3:00 pm Ikenobo 4:00 pm * Yee Hong 7:00 pm <b>NO Meditation</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00 pm Bon Odori  8:00 pm Buyo	<b>12</b>
<b>13 PARENT'S DAY SERVICE</b> 9:15 am * Management Committee Mtng (Mezz) 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm * Board of Director's Mtng (EKO) 12:30 pm Sangha Mtng (LDC) Service in Hamilton	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke  10:00 am Morning Chanting	<b>15</b> 8:00 pm Bon Odori	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 10:30 am *Japanese Garden Club Mtng 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm *Castleview 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm <b>NO Meditation</b>	<b>18</b> 8:00 pm <b>NO</b> Bon Odori  8:00 pm <b>NO</b> Buyo	<b>19</b>
<b>20 GOTANYE SERVICE &amp; SHOSANSHIKI</b> (Infant Presentation) 9:30 am * CCOV Mtng 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service	<b>21</b> <div>CHURCH CLOSED</div> <b>Victoria Day</b>	<b>22</b> 8:00 pm Bon Odori	<b>23</b> 1:00 pm Ohara 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation	<b>25</b> 8:00 pm Bon Odori  8:00 pm Buyo	<b>26</b> 11:00 am *Family Service 2:00 Funeral
<b>27 REGULAR SERVICE</b> 11:00 am Service	<b>28</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke 10:00 am Morning Chanting	<b>29</b> 8:00 pm Bon Odori	<b>30</b> 1:00 pm Ohara 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>31</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation & Yin Yoga		
<b>Morning Chanting</b> 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						

# JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>PLEASE NOTE</b> Events marked with an “*” are private and <b>NOT</b> open to the general public Thank You						
				<b>Kids Sangha Sleep Over June 2nd—3rd</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TEMPLE CLEAN UP</b>
<b>3 MONTHLY MEMORIAL</b> 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:00 pm *Dana Meeting (Eko) 12:30 pm *SF Mtg (LDC)	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke 10:00 am Morning Chanting	<b>5</b> 8:00 pm Bon Odori	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm Isshin	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo School 7:00 pm Meditation	<b>8</b> 7:30 pm Bon Odori 8:00 pm Buyo	<b>9</b> <b>Prep for Picnic</b>
<b>10 TBC PICNIC at Camp Green Acres</b> <div>TEMPLE CLOSED</div>	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke 10:00 am Morning Chanting	<b>12</b> 8:00 pm Bon Odori	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Isshin	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm *Momiji 3:00 pm Ikenobo School 4:00 pm *Yee Hong 7:00 pm Meditation <div>Bishop Aoki east coast visit June 14th -17th</div>	<b>15</b> 7:30 pm Bon Odori 8:00 pm Buyo	<b>16</b> 11:00 am *Family Srv 3:00 pm Sarana Affirmations
<b>17 REGULAR SERVICE</b> 9:15 am Mgmt Comm Mtg (Mezz) 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm * BoD Mtg (Eko) 12:30 pm EBL Presentation (SH) 3:30 pm Service in Hamilton	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke 10:00 am Morning Chanting	<b>19</b> 8:00 pm Bon Odori	<b>20</b> 11:30 am * Momiji Community Meeting 7:00 pm Isshin	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm * Castlevew 3:00 pm Ikenobo School 7:00 pm Meditation <div>BCA East District Ministers Meeting</div>	<b>22</b> 7:30 pm Bon Odori 8:00 pm Buyo	<b>23</b> * TBC Sr. Karaoke 35th Anniv Party
<b>24 REGULAR SERVICE</b> 11:00 am Service Guest Speaker” Rev. Hayashi of Ekoji Buddhist Temple 5:00 pm Family Memorial	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke 10:00 am Morning Chanting	<b>26</b> 8:00 pm Bon Odori	<b>27</b> 11:30 am * Momiji Committee Mtg 7:00 pm Isshin	<b>28</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo School 7:00 pm Meditation	<b>29</b> 7:30 pm <b>NO</b> Bon Odori 8:00 pm <b>NO</b> Buyo	<b>30</b>

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Thank you !

## The Visible World and The Invisible World

Recently I was invited to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple to coach the Minister's Assistants at their ritual classes and to do some translation work. Bishop Aoki also invited Rev. Mitsuda who teaches rituals to young Buddhist ministers at the Nishi-Hongwanji temple in Hiroshima prefecture. Rev. Matsuda was a sensei of mine. He taught me how to chant the Buddhism Sutras. My time in Vancouver was precious. Thank you so much to all my Senseis. Gassho.

When I visited Vancouver, the cherry blossoms were in full bloom. Many people posted the cherry blossoms on their Facebook and Instagram.

I always remember an old song when I see the cherry blossoms.

It is called "Haru ga Kita". It means Spring has come.

"Haru ga kita, Haru ga kita, Dokoni kita? Yama ni kita, Sato ni kita, Noni mo kita."

"Spring has come, Spring has come, Where is the spring? Spring is on the mountain, Spring season is in my hometown, Spring is everywhere."

The songwriter was born in northern Japan. He had to suffer hard winters all his life. But when he saw the flowers blossoming and heard the birds chirping, he felt the joy of Spring. But we cannot actually see this thing that we call Spring. (Spring is invisible to our eyes.) However, even if we cannot actually see Spring, we can feel the beauty of Spring when we feel the warmth of the sun, and see the flowers blossom and hear the birds chirping.

When I studied the teaching of the Buddha in Japan during the Spring season, one of my Senseis taught me that there are actually two worlds on this planet Earth. One of the worlds is a visible world and the other world is an invisible world.

We can easily see a human's face, style or appearance, but it is hard to see a human's mind, emotions or heart. Many people today seem to care about too much about the visible world. For example, why do people today spend so much money on anti-aging creams and cosmetic surgery? If someone seeks social status, he or she studies the business of money. Many people care so much about how other people see them.

I don't think that this is all bad. But I do think that if we spend too much time thinking about our appearance or our social status, we do not have time to think about the important things in our life. The important things are in the invisible world.

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## **The Visible World and The Invisible World, Cont'd from page 4**

There were over 20 Buddhist services this past March. I met many people who lost loved ones. After each service, no one talked to me about the loved one's appearance or social status. Everyone told me about their treasured memories of the love and warm affection they shared with their loved one.

Shakyamuni Buddha told us that everything in our life is suffering.

The basic sufferings are to be born, to get old, to fall sick and to pass away. It is difficult to accept these sufferings. But if we do accept the sufferings, we would know that invisible things are so very precious and we should appreciate everything in the invisible world. We would realize that all visible things are impermanent and will break down someday.

So we see and feel suffering if we attach only to the visible world. But invisible things, such as the mind, and feelings of love, trust and a loving heart live forever. Shakyamuni Buddha tells us that we should live in the invisible world.

Shinran Shonin who is the founder of our sect spent his life with the Nembutsu – “Namo Amida Butsu”. We cannot actually see the Nembutsu. But when we put our hands together, we can hear the voice of Nembutsu and we can feel Amida Buddha's compassion and wisdom within ourselves. And we behave in the way of Amida Buddha's Vows.

A wise Buddhist minister said that Amida Buddha became a voice of Nembutsu for all of us. We cannot see the voice of the Nembutsu, but the voice of Nembutsu lets us feel Buddha's existence. As the cherry blossoms let us see and feel the beauty of Spring, the voice of Nembutsu lets us appreciate Amida Buddha's Vows.

Gassho

Rev. Yoshi



**\*\* NEW \*\* Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of June**

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 June. All are invited and welcome to attend.

AIHOSHI, Hisaji John	AKADA, Sadajiro	KIYONAGA, Shokichi	AKADA, Sadajiro
AKIYAMA, Namiko	AMANO, Kikuye Kay	AOKI, Toichiro	EBATA, Izo
EBATA, Yoshiye	FUDEMOTO, Toshie	FUJII, Toji	FUKAKUSA, Lynn Joseph Joe
FURUYA, Tomegoro	HAMADE, Hisae	HAMASAKI, Sengame	HANABUSA, Hanako
HASHIZUME, Masujiro	HAYASHI, Genji	HIZAKA, Fujie	IDENOUE, Kimiko
IIDA, Yoneichi	KUMAGAI, Shizu	INAMOTO, Toshiko	INAMOTO, James Tsugio
INAMOTO, Kazuo	ISHIMURA, Akiko	ITO, Heizo	ITO, Yoshimi
IWASHITA, Yasuro	IZUKAWA, Teruo Ted	KADOHAMA, Torayo	KANAYA, Phyllis Miyoko
KATO, Shigeko	KATSURA, Hannah	KAWAGUCHI, Shigeo	KAWAGUCHI, Tsugino
KAWAGUCHI, Shizaburo	KAWAHARA, Noboru	KAWAI, Sachiko	KAWASAKI, Yoso
KIKUTA, Mitsuye	KISHIMOTO, Lidia	KITAGAWA, Yae	KITAMURA, George Ayao
KITAMURA, Misako	KITAZAKI, Chiyo	KIYONAGA, Shokichi	KOBAYASHI, Betty Kumiko
ONISHI, Otokichi	KONO, Hayato	KOJIMA, Fumio	KOYAMA, Kiri
KOZAI, Kiyoshi John	KUMAGAI, Hideko Helen	KUMAGAI, Shizu	KURAHASHI, Kenetaro
KUWAHARA, Tomeko Tomi	MAEDA, Kimie	MAKIMOTO, Takaharu	MARUBASHI, Hanshichi
MATSUI, Shinzo	MATSUMURA, Kazuo	MATSUSHITA, Jinmatsu	MINAKATA, Kiyoko
MITSUBATA, Yasuno	MIYAGAWA, George Kichiro	MIYAGAWA, Yoshiko	MORI, Dick Yoshiio
MORI, Hachizo	MORI, Matsuye	MORI, Sho	MURAKAMI, Itsushi
NAGAMATSU, Katsue	NAGATA, Kaneo	NAKAMURA, Genmatsu	NAKAMURA, Toichi
NAKATA, Takejiro	NARUSE, Tokiko	NEKODA, Nick Shunso	NISHIDA, Harry Eiji
NISHIHATA, Jesse Hideo	NISHIKAWA, Seitaro	NISHIJIMA, Aya Dorothy	NISHIKAWA, Seitaro
NISHIMURA, Yaeko Denise	NISHIMURA, Sannosuke	NOSE, Sato	NOZUYE, Hideharu
NOZUYE, Noboru	OHASHI, Fusae	OHASHI, Sumi	OIKAWA, Yoemon
OKAZAKI, Masatoshi	OIKAWA, Yoemon	OMOTO, Fumi	ONISHI, Otokichi
OTANI, Kikuko	RUEHLE, Giulia	SAITO, Lily Yuriko	SAKAMOTO, Shigeru
SATO, Hifumi Evelyn	TANAKA, Tsuruye	SHIGA, Mitsuzo	SHIMIZU, Jack Tsugio
SHIMIZU, Shizuko	SHIRAISHI, Shizue	SHIRAKAWA, Sakiye	SHITAMI, Entaro
SUGIMAN, Betty Kiyoye	TABUCHI, Aya	TAKAHASHI, George Genshichi	TAKAOKA, Joe masao
TAKASAKI, Miyuki	TAKENAKA, Nancy Ayako	TAKENAKA, Niichi	TAKENAKA, Haru
TAKEUCHI, Yuriko	TAMAKI, Albert Wataru	TANAKA, Nami Dorothy	TANAKA, Jitaro Charlie
TANAKA, Kitty Kinue	TANAKA, Shozaburo	TANAKA, Tatsuya	TANAKA, Tsuruye
TATEISHI, Seizo	TEHARA, Jack Gentaro	TERAMURA, Masa	TOHANA, Toshiko
TSUJI, Kitaro	TSUJI, Mabel Fusaye	UEDA, George Takeshi	UJIHARA, Miko Mike
UYEDA, Kathryn Kiyo	UYENO, Suyeki	WAKABAYASHI, Yokichi	WATADA, Hideki Dick
WAKIDA, Frank Tadashi	WATANABE, Hatsue	YAMAMOTO, Fukusaburo	YAMAMOTO, Harumi
YONEKURA, Harry Hiroshi	YOSHIDA, Kazuo Jake	YOSHIDA, Naoe Nellie	



# Zenzai wa Oishi ka ta Desu!



Following the March 25<sup>th</sup> service, Nobby Shiraishi treated us all to his amazing zenzai with toasted mochi. The TBC Sangha's past president, Nobby continues to grace the Temple community, volunteering with seemingly endless energy and thoughtfulness.

Thank you Nobby! Gochiso-sama deshita!

## 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.

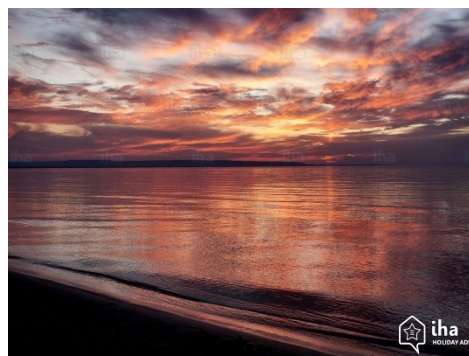
What a great family vacation, just 1.5 hours drive from Toronto. Wasaga Beach is just a short two minute walk from the cottages. The surrounding area also offers convenient shopping and entertainment such as canoeing, kayaking, mini-golf, go carts and bowling.

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](mailto:Tbc@tbc.on.ca)

Create Great Family memories that will last a lifetime.

NB Renter must be a registered Church Member.



## ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS 2018



Cary Kataoka

Dianne Ishida

Toivo Knude

## Obon Odori 2018

It seems that spring has finally arrived and so have 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 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 starting at 7:00 pm at the JCCC following Natsu Matsuri.





## Hanamatsuri Family Banquet 2018 was Cancelled

**Thousands remain without power across Ontario in wake of ice storm**



A fallen tree rests atop a house during an ice storm Sunday April 15, 2018. (Courtney Heels /CP24)

In the middle of April, all news outlets were all trumpeting similar headlines – Toronto was gripped by an ice storm!

On the morning of April 14<sup>th</sup>, I received a call from Dennis Madokoro (TBC Sangha Treasurer and Ministerial Assistant) urging me to cancel the Family Banquet. I initially resisted his sound advice as I did not want to disappoint anyone who had made plans to attend our event. However upon reflection and consultation with Temple president Larry Wakisaka who supported the idea of cancelling all Temple activities on the 15<sup>th</sup>, I decided that we should err on the side of caution and I did heed Dennis' advice. Over the course of that Saturday afternoon, with the help of many – especially Ron Shimizu, I was able to get word to almost all ticket holders.

The Family Banquet takes a significant amount of time to plan and given the Temple's packed calendar of events, I do not believe that there is sufficient time to reschedule the event this year. If you have purchased a ticket, full refunds will be available every Sunday after service.

There are many people who I have to thank for their planning and preparation for this event. First and foremost, I must thank my wife Joanne who put more work into setting up than anyone else. Thank you to Scott Kusano and Yuki Morita who had committed their time to provide us with world class entertainment. Thank you to the chefs Toku Suyama, Randy Sakauyue and Nobby Shiraishi. Thank you to all our TBC Sangha volunteers. Thank you to Darlene Rieger, Diane Mark and all the volunteers from CCOV Team Two who committed to supporting our event.

Finally, thank you to all who had planned to attend our event – my apologies for any inconvenience and I hope you will consider attending our event next year!

In Gassho,

Cary Kataoka

President, TBC Sangha

## **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.*

*We extend our sincerest apologies to the Seko Family on the error printed in the April newsletter.*

*Mrs. Chiyo Seki should have read Mrs. Chiyo Seko.*

<i>Mr. Michael Kamino</i>	<i>65 yrs</i>	<i>March 27, 2018</i>
<i>Mrs. Fusae Hashimoto</i>	<i>101 yrs</i>	<i>March 28, 2018</i>
<i>Mrs. Rosa Setsuko Teshima</i>	<i>85 yrs</i>	<i>April 5, 2018</i>
<i>Mrs. Toshiko Hayashi</i>	<i>87 yrs</i>	<i>April 17, 2018</i>
<i>Mrs. Kikumi Yoshida</i>	<i>99 yrs</i>	<i>April 23, 2018</i>
<i>Ms. Lynne Tsubouchi</i>		<i>April 26, 2018</i>



## **PREPARATIONS FOR OBON 2018**

The Religious and Obon Committees have begun preparations for Obon 2018. There is information in this issue with more information coming in the June and July issues of the "Guiding Light". Also check the temple website for the schedule for cemetery visitations which will be held on Saturday, July 14.

Obon services will be held on Sunday, July 15, and we are pleased to announce that Reverend Kazunori Takahashi from Lihue, Hawaii will be our guest speaker.

## *Thank you!*

The TBC Buyo Group would like to thank the Temple and its congregation for their support of our annual Food and Bento Sale that was held on April 1 2018. Thank you to our generous benefactors and special thanks for the donations of delicious food items.

**TBC Buyo Group**



**OBON 2018****SATURDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>****CEMETERY VISITATION SCHEDULE**

After a long and sometime difficult winter, it seems Spring is definitely on its way and that signals the preparation for the Obon weekend. The Obon committee respectfully submits this year's schedule along with the names of the choshos and times for each cemetery. For each of the Hatsubon, English and Japanese services on Sunday, July 15, we encourage members to bring homyos and Memory Lanterns and remind you that they will be returned immediately after each service.

There have been changes to this year's schedule. We are very pleased to have the attendance of guest speaker, Reverend Kazunori Takahashi who will conduct services at Prospect and Parklawn cemeteries.

**CEMETERIES RECEIVING CENTRAL SERVICES****Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi**

Toronto Necropolis 9:00 AM  
 St. James 9:30 AM  
 Mount Pleasant 10:30 AM

**Paul Aoki**

Glen Oaks 9:15 AM  
 Spring Creek 10:00 AM

**Rev. Kazunori Takahashi**

Prospect 9:30 AM  
 Park Lawn 10:30 AM

**Dennis Madokoro**

Highland Memorial Gdn 9:30 AM  
 Elgin Mills 11:00 AM

**Aki Ikebata**

Pine Hills 9:30 AM  
 Rest Haven 10:30 AM

**The following is a list of individual graveside services****Martin Cartledge**

York 9:30 AM

**John Nishikawa**

Glendale 9:30 AM

**Jessie Ebata**

Sanctuary, North 9:00 AM  
 Riverside and St. Philips 9:30 AM

**Pauline Knude**

Pine Ridge 1:00 PM  
 Salem 1:30 PM

**Mr. George Nakano**

Sanctuary, South 9:00 AM  
 Meadowvale 1:00 PM or to be arranged

The Obon committee is grateful for the continuing support of all volunteers. Together we ensure the success of this wonderful tradition. We ask all families for their patience while waiting for the arrival of Senseis and Choshos.

Namu Amida Butsu

Obon Committee



## SARANA AFFIRMATION CEREMONY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018**

Bishop Tatsuya Aoki will be visiting Eastern Canada in June and will be the guest speaker at our service on Sunday, June 17, 2018. During his visit to Toronto, Bishop will conduct a Sarana Affirmation Ceremony on Saturday, June 16, 2018. By participating in this ceremony, Jodo Shinshu Buddhists have the opportunity to affirm their aspirations to follow the Buddhist way of life and to enter onto the path of Shinran Shonin's teachings.

As part of the ceremony, participants will receive a Buddhist name (homyo). The word "Ho-myo" is made up of two Chinese characters. The first character (Ho) is the character used for the "Dharma," (Buddha's teachings or truth) and the second character (Myo) means "name."

So quite literally, "Homyo" means "Dharma Name." It is often referred to as "Buddhist Name," a unique Buddhist name given to an individual.

When a person receives a "Homyo," it indicates that he/she is determined to live according to the Buddha's teachings (Dharma) which will lead him/her to a life lived in full awareness or Enlightenment. In addition, when a person receives a Buddhist name or "Homyo," he/she becomes a disciple of Shakyamuni Buddha. That is why the Buddhist name is preceded by the word "Shaku" which represents that by becoming a follower of the Shakyamuni clan, a person wishes to live life as a student of the Buddha, living in accordance with the truth the Buddha teaches and sharing this harmoniously with others.

The service is open to all. There are no age requirements. If you would like to participate in the Sarana Affirmation Ceremony to receive a Buddhist name (homyo), please fill in the application form and send it to the Toronto Buddhist Church by May 31, 2018. \*The \$40 fee includes your official Dharma name and a small donation to our national organization. **Please make cheques payable to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.**

**JSBTC SARANA AFFIRMATION SERVICE APPLICATION**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: ☐ M ☐ F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Sarana Affirmation: \_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday, June 16, 2018**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant is under the age of twelve (12):

Parent or Guardian's Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for Affirmation Service is \$40. Please make cheques payable to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

Please give a brief description of your self, including information such as what are your likes and dislikes, what hobbies and/or interests you may have, what aspects of Buddhism appeal to you, and why you have chosen to take this Sarana Affirmation Ceremony. This information will be used in selection of your Dharma Name.

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# EASTERN BUDDHIST LEAGUE CONFERENCE

AUG 31<sup>ST</sup> - SEPT 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2018 | LECTURES & WORKSHOPS ON SEPT 1 & 2

## PURSUIT OF TRUE HAPPINESS... THE SHIN BUDDHIST PATH.

"Set your heart on doing good.  
Do it over and over again and  
you will be filled with joy."

- Buddha

Learn more about what it means to be  
happy everyday...join our lectures &  
workshops while meeting new people.

### Lecture & Workshops

- Introduction: Pursuit of True Happiness
- Moments of Reflection
- Actionable ways to achieve happiness
- Dealing with conflict
- Mindful meditation
- Ted Talks - Happiness & Buddhism
- Happiness game and so much more ...

*Saturday & Sunday Kids Program available*

### Guest Speakers



REVEREND  
Bob Oshita

REVEREND  
Patti Oshita

### Friday - Sunday

*Includes all Lectures & Workshops,  
2 Lunches & Sunday Dinner*

**\$125** CAD

### Sunday Only

*Includes Lectures & Workshops,  
Lunch & Dinner*

**\$50** CAD

Visit our website [www.tbc.on.ca/ebf](http://www.tbc.on.ca/ebf)

for more information on registration, hotel & conference activities.

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## THE 2018 EASTERN BUDDHIST LEAGUE CONFERENCE IS IN TORONTO!

COME JOIN US ON JUNE 17TH AFTER SERVICE IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR A  
SHORT PRESENTATION OF THE UPCOMING EBL CONFERENCE. SEE WHAT  
YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO, LEARN ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKERS,  
WORKSHOPS AND MUCH MORE.

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.



## CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

**“May’s Theme: “Behaviour”**

**May 20, 2018 – “Watercolour Workshop”**

Have you ever wanted to try watercolour painting?

Come and join us for a fun workshop where you’ll create beautiful pieces of art.



## June’s Theme: “End of Year Celebration”

June 2-3, 2018 – Kids Sangha Sleepover

Grab your sleeping bag and favourite pillow!

It’s the Kids Sangha Sleepover. Come and join us for an unforgettable night of games, crafts, movies and snacks.



## June 10, 2018 – Temple Picnic

Calling all Sangha Kids – The annual TBC Picnic.

Have you ever noticed how onigiri tastes so good

when eaten outdoors? We hope you’re all planning on going to the picnic. It’s a fantastic day of games, races and just fun in the sun with family and friends.

Looking ahead to the summer!

Camp Lumbini will be held:

July 29 – August 4, 2018. Camp registration forms are available at the office.



With Gratitude and in Gassho,

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

**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](mailto:dcrofton@rogers.com)

**MINDFUL MEDITATION WILL BE TAKING A TWO-WEEK BREAK!**

**MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS CLASSES CANCELLED ON THURSDAY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.**

**CLASSES WILL RESUME AGAIN ON THURSDAY MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto:michael.m.tamaki@gmail.com)**

**NAOMI TAMAKI AT [ilovelucy3d@yahoo.com](mailto:ilovelucy3d@yahoo.com)**

**DARLENE RIEGER AT [darlene.rieger28@gmail.com](mailto: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

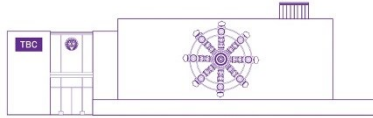
for tickets and information please call:  
 Jessica Nakamura (416) 733-1894  
 Setsuko Lambeau (416) 225-4747

**TBC Senior Karaoke Club**

入場料 六月二十三日 (土) 正午開演  
 .. 弁当付き十五ドル  
 35周年記念祝賀会 開催日時



**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.*

<b>Applicant #1</b> 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 _____ Honorary Member
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 <b>May 31, 2018</b> . 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 _____		
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<b>Applicant #2</b> 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: _____
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**REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018 IS \$130.00**



ANNUAL TBC

# PICNIC

JUNE 10 @ 10AM - 6:30 PM

Located at

## CAMP GREEN ACRES

11123 Kennedy Road, Markham

*(between Elgin Mills Road and 19th Avenue)*

### ADMISSION

Car and Driver	\$5	Seniors (65+)	Free
Adults (16+)	\$3	Children (15 and under)	Free

**LARGE ACREAGE!  
NUMEROUS  
FACILITIES!**

Among the amenities are:

- ▶ Picnic tables
- ▶ Baseball diamonds
- ▶ Volleyball areas
- ▶ Biking and hiking trails
- ▶ Large sheltered areas in case of inclement weather
- ▶ Basketball/Tennis courts
- ▶ Soccer fields
- ▶ Mini-golf
- ▶ Large number of bathroom facilities

As this is a Children's Day Camp, there are...

- ▶ NO PETS ALLOWED
- ▶ NO BARBECUES
- ▶ NO INSERTION OF STAKES OR POLES IN THE GROUND
- ▶ NO BALLOONS (FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FARM ANIMALS)
- ▶ NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL

*We look forward to seeing you at the Annual TBC Picnic!*

# 16<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention

**August 30 – September 1, 2019**

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

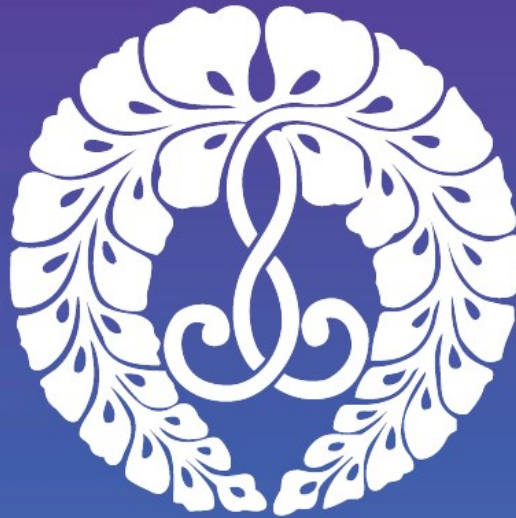
*Keynote Speakers:*

**Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi**

*Minister, Buddhist Churches of America*

**Professor Keiko Toro**

*Independent Buddhist Scholar*



***Live the Nembutsu***

*Vivemos no interior do Nembutsu*

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**Registration: [www.wbwconvention.org](http://www.wbwconvention.org) | [info@wbwconvention.org](mailto:info@wbwconvention.org)**

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