



# *Guiding Light*

JUNE 2018



Photo by Rev. Yoshi

Statue at Kokkakudo Temple where Shinran Shonin practiced

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

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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> 7:30 pm Bon Odori	<b>2</b> <b>TEMPLE CLEAN UP</b>
<b>3 MONTHLY MEMORIAL</b> 10:30 am Kids Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:00 pm *Dana Mtg(Eko) 12:30 pm *Shin Fujinkai 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 10:00 am JSBTCWF Mtng 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo 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 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 Presn (SH) 3:30 pm Service in Hamilton (O & BA)	<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 Comm Mtg 7:00 pm Isshin	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm * Castlevievw 3:00 pm Ikenobo 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 Anniver sary Party
<b>24 REGULAR SERVICE</b> 11:00 am Service Guest Speaker” Rev. Hayashi of Ekoji Buddhist Temple 5:00 pm * Family Srv	<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 Comm Mtng 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>

Morning Chanting is held on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am - 10:30 am when a Minister is available. As emergencies do come up, last minute cancellations may occur

Thank you !

# JULY 2018

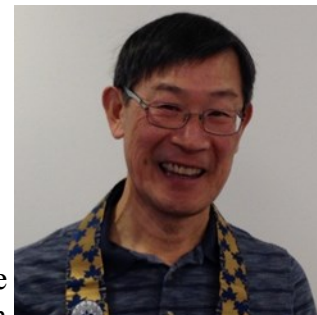
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<b>1</b>  <b>HAPPY CANADA DAY</b> <b>CHURCH CLOSED</b> OBON Service in Montreal	<b>2</b> <b>CHURCH</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Isshin	<b>5</b> 3:00pm Ikebana	<b>6</b> 8:00 pm Buyo	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Monthly Memorial</b> <b>(Shotsuki) Service</b>  11:00 am English Service 12:30 pm Sangha Exec Bd Mtg (Eko)	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Isshin	<b>12</b> 10:30 am Japanese Garden Club Mtng 3:00pm Ikebana 8:00 pm Last Bon Odori	<b>13</b> 8:00 pm Buyo	<b>14</b> <b>Cemetery</b> <b>Visitations</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Bon Odori at JCCC and Natsumatsuri</b>
<b>15 OBON SERVICES</b> 9:00 am <b>HATSUBON</b> Families Service 11:00 am Obon Service (E) 2:00 pm Obon Service (J) <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>Rev. Kazunori Takahashi</b> <b>Executive Assistant to the</b> <b>Bishop Matsumoto (HI)</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Isshin	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00 pm Buyo	<b>21</b> 11:00 am * Family Memorial Service
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<b>29 SUMMER SERVICE</b> 9:30 am CCOV Mtg 11:00 am Service	<b>30</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>31</b>				
<div>KID'S CAMP AT LUMBINI JULY 29 - AUGUST 4</div>						

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Thank you !

## Shinjin, Re-incarnation and Karma



Got your attention with this title, didn't I?

These are concepts that I spoke about in my dharma talks at the end of April.

I would like to revisit these concepts and offer a few more thoughts. Feel free to agree or disagree. This is a fundamental principle of Buddhism. Question, question, question and only when you are clear in your mind, should you accept these concepts.

First shinjin, what is it? I think the easiest description of shinjin is that one thought moment of entrusting without any doubt whatsoever where we encounter even for a moment the mind of Amida Buddha.

Without any doubt whatsoever, what is the problem with doubt obstructing our possible experience of shinjin? From "The Complete Works of Shinran Shonin, volume 1. " I quote:

" Ah, hard to encounter even in many lifetimes, is the decisive cause of birth, Amida's universal Vow! Hard to realise in myriads of kalpas pure shinjin that is true and real. If you should come to realise this practice and Shinjin, rejoice at the conditions from the distant past that have brought it about. But if in this lifetime still you are entangled in a net of doubt, then unavoidably you must pass once more in the stream of birth-and-death through myriads of kalpas. : End of quote.

So, this most difficult of difficulties, it is the doubt in our mind that is the greatest of all obstacles preventing us experiencing shinjin. With doubt in our mind we are destined to endless cycles of birth and death.

Which leads us to our next concept. re-incarnation. We Buddhists borrowed this concept from Hinduism. After all, Buddhism was conceived in the land of India approximately 2,600 years ago.

So, re-incarnation, do you believe in it? Most of us do not. We are sceptical of this concept. Our analytical scientific minds reject this concept, but it is a fundamental of Buddhism. The sutras that we chant weekly make reference to the cycle of endless birth and deaths. We, in this modern age, this digital age do not talk about re-incarnation but all of our seven patriarchs and Shinran Shonin talked about this cycle of endless births and deaths.

So that brings us to karma. Karma is widely accepted in today's society. It links bad behaviour in this lifetime to bad experiences in this life. But if we believe in re-incarnation then it follows that karma from previous lifetimes can and will follow us in this lifetime. And further, any karma that we accumulate in this lifetime will follow us in future lifetimes. And so on and so on.

I found this wonderful description of karma from an introduction to the book "Entering The Stream". The introduction was written by Bernardo Bertolucci who directed the film " Little Buddha" starring Keanu Reeves.

He wrote" Karma is a Sanskrit word meaning 'action.'"The teaching about karma is that actions we take now will have consequences later. For the most part, this is the everyday idea of cause-and-effect that most people take for granted. If you kick a ball it goes. If you lose your airline ticket, you have hassles. This karma, action and its action, or effect.

But according to the Buddha, action's actions sometimes happen on a more subtle level. Sometime the conditions necessary for action's effect to happen are not present, let's say you murder someone in the woods. There was no one present around and no evidence. Nobody suspected you at all. Yet there was a horrible moment of raw aggression, unforgettably vivid. Does that just go away? Of course we have the memory of it. But what is memory anyway?

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## Shinjin, Re-incarnation and Karma, continued

According to the Buddha, action's action does not tend to dissipate. The effect will tend to happen some time, whenever suitable conditions are present. That moment of horrible aggression is likely to have its backlash some time. But will that backlash happen to you?

This question connects the idea of karma to that of rebirth, or re-incarnation. In the India of the Buddha's time, in the first millenium BCE (as to a great extent in the India of today), the notion of rebirth was taken for granted by almost everybody.

According to the popular Indian idea of re-incarnation, you get reborn again and again in different forms, sometimes as a god, sometimes in hell, in all kinds of better or worse circumstances. What you do now, it is thought, will effect your future rebirth. If you're greedy and mean, you might be reborn as a dung beetle. If you're a splendid person, you might be reborn as a god or a king or queen. A murderer will suffer a hideous situation somewhere along in the series of his rebirths. Other karma might come to fruition first, but sometime or other the backlash of his aggression will strike him—with a corresponding force and character, of course, because it is the action of his earlier action." So said Bernardo Bertolucci.

Shinran Shonin offers to those of us who will listen an opportunity to escape from this cycle of endless births and deaths. This opportunity is when we can open our hearts and minds to the Nembutsu teaching and experience shinjin. We just have to let go of all our doubts and entrust ourselves to Amida Buddha through the power of the Nembutsu. It is simple and yet it is also this most difficult of difficulties.

I would like to close with Shinran Shonin's words :

“ How joyous I am, Gutoku Shinran, disciple of Sakyamuni! Rare is it to come across the sacred scriptures from the westward land of India and the commentaries of the masters of China and Japan, but now I have been able to encounter them. Rare is it to hear them, but already I have been able to hear. Reverently entrusting myself to the teaching, practice and realisation that are the true essence of the Pure Land way I am especially aware of the profundity of the Tathagatha's benevolence. Here I rejoice in what I have heard and extol what I have attained. “

Let us follow our founder Shinran Shonin by entrusting ourselves to the Nembutsu Teaching and perhaps in this lifetime we will experience the joy of shinjin so that we may be reborn in the Pure Land.

Rebirth and karma will be no more.

Namo Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu Namu Amida Butsu

## 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.*

Mr. Joe Yoshio Shimoda

96 yrs

May 3, 2018



My parents were members of the Hamilton Buddhist Temple; but as a child I did not attend the temple regularly.

I and my brother started attending the Temple when my mother was first diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2001. My mother passed away on October 3, 2003. I continued going to the Temple. The underlining principles of the Buddha dharma helped me with my mother's passing.

I became secretary of the Temple. My husband became the maintenance person at the Temple. As the years passed we felt that it was inevitable that if we needed a major repair to the Temple, we would not be able to afford it.

Our Board and Temple members made a decision to move to the Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre of Hamilton at 45 Hempstead Drive.

The move to the CJCC of Hamilton would be beneficial to CJCC and our Temple. We would have exposure to people with interest in our Japanese culture. Our membership at the Temple has grown.

We sold the Temple and made the move to the cultural centre in 2013. I became President of the Hamilton Buddhist Temple superseding my brother.

When making the decision to move, I was worried how our move would affect how I would feel about going to the Temple. I soon realized that it is the minister, the sangha and the dharma; not the building that is important.

In the beginning I was very anxious when leading service. With practice I am now comfortable. I have even led a funeral service.

For a while I was not very vocal in chanting; now I enjoy the chanting it seems very natural and calming.

Through the years, I felt that coming to our Temple once a month didn't seem to be a lot to offer to new members. In 2015 our Temple started having Mindfulness Meditation twice a month. I find the mindfulness practice very helpful in living day to day. When I am mindful, I am grateful and can be more compassionate to others.

I have led a Mindfulness Meditation when needed.

I am secretary to our Koyukai Seniors group at the cultural centre. The Koyukai Seniors group meets once a month.

I have attended the annual general meetings all across Canada; world conventions in Hawaii, Japan and Calgary. I have attended Eastern Buddhist Leagues conferences in Washington, Chicago, Cleveland and Seabrook.

I have attended services in Tacoma, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Phoenix, Montreal and Ottawa.

I am very grateful for the Jodo Shinshu teachings.

I continue to grow and change.

In Gassho

Marlene Frazer

President, Hamilton Buddhist Temple





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

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 July. All are invited and welcome to attend.

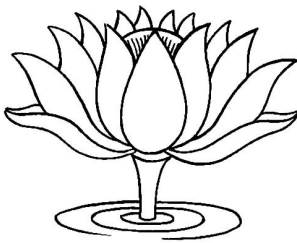
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<b>EBIHARA</b> , Kesajiro	<b>FUJINAMI</b> , Haya	<b>FUJIOKA</b> , Sueno
<b>FUKUMOTO</b> , Fujio	<b>GOTO</b> , Miyoshi	<b>HAKKAKU</b> , Vernon Tsutomu
<b>HAKODA</b> , Yuki	<b>HAMAMOTO</b> , Fusako	<b>HASHIMOTO</b> , Yoshikazu Frank
<b>HASHIMOTO</b> , Thomas Hajime	<b>HAYASHI</b> , Hachijiro	<b>HAYASHI</b> , Kinu
<b>HUANG</b> , Huan Tang	<b>IKEDA</b> , Hatsue	<b>IMAI</b> , Usakichi
<b>INOUE</b> , Iwao	<b>IRIZAWA</b> , Sawaichi	<b>IKEMURA</b> , Shizu
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<b>KASHINO</b> , Kenichi Robert	<b>KATSURA</b> , Tome	<b>KAYAMA</b> , Toyo
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<b>KOYATA</b> , Hikoza Hik	<b>KUBOTA</b> , Yahachiro	<b>KUMAGAI</b> , Matsu
<b>KURAHASHI</b> , Sumi	<b>MATSUMOTO</b> , Masanori Moza	<b>MATSUSHIGE</b> , Toshie
<b>MINAMIDE</b> , Bunkichi	<b>MINAMIDE</b> , Tomiko	<b>MISUMI</b> , Toyoko
<b>MITSUBATA</b> , Chutaro	<b>MIYANISHI</b> , Shozo	<b>MIZUYABU</b> , Yuriko
<b>MIZUYABU</b> , Kenneth Mitsuo	<b>MORI</b> , Denya	<b>MORIKAWA</b> , Suna
<b>MURATA</b> , Kazuo	<b>NAGANO</b> , Yaye	<b>NAKAGAWA</b> , Miki
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<b>TAKASAKI</b> , Susan	<b>TAKEMURA</b> , Chiyoko	
<b>TANI</b> , Hatsue Jane	<b>TEKENAKA</b> , Maisie Alice	<b>TAKENO</b> , Ryu
<b>TANAKA</b> , Kazuko Kay	<b>TANAKA</b> , Shoko	<b>TATEISHI</b> , Ai
<b>TERAKAWA</b> , Tadaji	<b>TSUCHIDA</b> , Taichi	<b>TSUJI</b> , Tojiro
<b>TSUYUKI</b> , Nobuko	<b>UI</b> , Hideo	<b>UYEDA</b> , Senjiro
<b>UYENO</b> , Kuye	<b>UYENO</b> , Tashichi George	<b>WAKABAYASHI</b> , Hatsue
<b>UYESUGI</b> , Sueko	<b>WAKABAYASHI</b> , <a href="#">Barron Chuzo</a>	<b>WANI</b> , Tsuyo
<b>WATANABE</b> , Hideyoshi Harry	<b>YAMADA</b> , Mitsuo Mike	<b>YAMAMOTO</b> , Bob Masao
<b>YAMASHITA</b> , Kumiko	<b>YASUDA</b> , Fumiko Eileen	<b>YASUI</b> , Sueo

## MAY 6TH SHOTSUKI



REMEMBERING THE  
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APRIL 23, 2018



## 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.





On Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Toronto Buddhist Church hosted a luncheon in recognition of those people who have supported the church throughout the years. A Hawaiian theme was chosen and this theme was carried throughout the afternoon – from Hawaiian music wafting throughout the parking lot and in the Social Hall, the wonderful BBQ provided by Liko's Hawaiian BBQ, decorations and photo booths created by our very talented Naomi Tsuji-Tamaki and desserts prepared by Dawn Anzai and Joanne Omori. Our MC for the event, Susan Takahashi, incorporated this theme into the afternoon festivities from the use of Hawaiian words, a Hawaiian quiz, scavenger hunt, "hula" hoop challenge, a hula performance from the Moana Group of the Ohana Hula Club from the JCCC and Heads & Tails games. Susan's husband, Ken Phan, was our photographer for the event. It was great seeing everyone participate in the activities and enjoying themselves!

Thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication in keeping the Temple viable and we look forward to seeing you at our events in the future.

Special Projects Committee



## Obon Odori 2018

Obon odori practices have begun 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 recognise dances from years past.

Practices will be held every Tuesday and Fridays 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 odori festival will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre starting at 7:00pm. The dancers will be dressed in colourful yukata as they perform minyo, Japanese folk dances, in unison around the taiko drums. There will also be performances of taiko and classical Japanese dancing. The audience is encouraged to join in for the traditional Tanko Bushi and the more modern Dancing Hero and others.



Please come out to celebrate Obon with us!

## **SHOSANSHIKI or INFANT PRESENTATION 2018**

We held our “Infant Presentation Service” on May 20, 2018 to celebrate and welcome the arrival of our newest members to the temple community.

In the special ceremony we are pleased to show gratitude to the parents of the new infants as they affirm their intention to raise their child with Buddhist values.

We happily introduce the new kids on the block

1. Willa Bree Sachiko Attfield born April 23, 2017 - Parents: Julia Drennan and Matthew Attfield

2. Kai Naosuke Tetaka born May 24, 2017 - Parent: Cynthia Tetaka

A big shoutout of Congratulations to the families.



## **Mindful Meditation Summer Break!**

**Please Note:** Mindful Meditation classes with Ray Nakano will be taking a break for the summer (July and August). Classes will resume again on September 6, 2018. In the meantime, please join us every Thursday night for the month of June at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

### **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)



## Our Guest Minister Rev. Nariaki Hayashi, Ekoji Buddhist Temple

Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

Please join us in welcoming our guest minister, Rev. Nariaki Hayashi from the Ekoji Buddhist Temple just outside Washington, D.C.. The Ekoji Buddhist Temple was founded in 1981 by our founding minister, Rev. Kenryu Tsuji and the BDK.

Rev. Hayashi's biography, taken from his temple's website explains a little about him, "*I was born in Hawaii, so I guess that makes me a Nisei; the second generation. I moved back to Japan when I was 12.*"



*I come from a temple family with roots in Kagoshima, Japan.*

*After my graduation of Kansai International Language University, my first job was working in the hotel business as a salesman for over 5 years. The hotel business was a wonderful job, and proved to be a challenging career. However, while working so hard to achieve good results at sales, there was always a feeling of emptiness in my personal time. The more I succeeded, the more I sacrificed, spending more and more time at work. I quickly found out that, yes, the Japanese do work too hard.*

*Reflecting on this experience and what I was going through, I came to realize that the teaching of Shin Buddhism gave me an opportunity to pause and consider what life is. At the same time, it helped to fill the emptiness in my heart. Thus, from this experience, I believe that the teaching will guide me, and hopefully all of you who has not still encounter to our tradition, to a greater journey and meaningful life."*

Please come out and listen to our guest minister and his interpretation of the Dharma and what it means to him. It is a great way to meet another minister of the Buddhist Churches of America Eastern District who will be participating at the Eastern Buddhist League Conference over the Labour Day Weekend in Toronto (Aug. 31 – Sep. 2).

## OBON 2018 GUEST SPEAKER

### REVEREND KAZUNORI TAKAHASHI

Obon services will be held on Sunday, July 15, 2018, and we are pleased to announce that Reverend Kazunori Takahashi from Lihue, Hawaii will be our guest speaker.

Born in Nagato City, Japan, Reverend Takahashi completed his Masters degree in Buddhist Studies at Ryukoku University in Kyoto in 2007 and then participated in an orientation programme at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He has been a minister at several Hawaiian temples: Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, Kapaa Hongwanji Mission and currently at the Lihue Hongwanji Mission.



As of July 1, 2018, he will be assigned to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii headquarters as Executive Assistant to the Bishop.

Reverend Takahashi has been very active in the propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism through his Dharma talks for Hawaiian radio and appearances as guest speaker at many temples and workshops. He is also involved in the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course as one of the ministers for the district of Hawaii.

If you would like to read some of Reverend Takahashi's Dharma talks and messages, please go to the Lihue Hongwanji Mission's newsletter, "Dharma Wheel", which can be found on their website: [www.lihuehongwanjimission.com](http://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com).

In his spare time, Reverend Takahashi enjoys traveling, photography, reading and running.

We look forward to welcoming him to our temple for Obon 2018.

**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 homiyos 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







## CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE TEMPLE PICNIC

June 10, 2018 – Kids..... grab your mom, dad, jichan, bachan, cousins, aunts, uncles, friends and head to Green Acres for the annual TBC picnic. There will be kids races, bingo, odori and something for everyone.

## CALLING ALL CAMPERS

Ahhhh, the lazy days of summer.....

### Camp Lumbini at Wasaga Beach

July 29 – August 4, 2018



If you're looking for some fun this summer, plan to join us at Camp Lumbini. Your camping fee includes all off site activities such as mini golf, canoeing, three healthy meals and snacks each day and planned activities throughout the day which are guided and supervised by our experienced camp counsellors.

Registration forms are available at the temple office, as well as attached to the Kids Sangha bulletin board outside the classroom.

We wish everyone a fun and safe summer  
and we look forward to seeing you  
Sunday September 9, 2018 for Rally Sunday.  
With gratitude and in Gassho,  
Yumi, Jessica, Denise, Abigail, Rachel, Koji,  
Stephen, Adam and Naomi







# 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.

TORONTO BUDDHIST TEMPLE | 1011 SHEPPARD AVE. W. TORONTO, ON M3H 2T7, CANADA | P: 416.534.4302

## THE 2018 EASTERN BUDDHIST LEAGUE CONFERENCE PRESENTATION, JUNE 17 AFTER SERVICE

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.

# TBC Annual Picnic

**JUNE 10 @ 10AM - 6:30PM**

**CAMP GREEN ACRES**

**11123 Kennedy Road, Markham**  
(between Elgin Mills Road and 19th Avenue)



## LARGE ACREAGE!

- Picnic tables
- Basketball/Tennis courts
- Baseball diamonds
- Soccer fields
- Volleyball areas
- Mini-golf
- Biking and hiking trails



## NUMEROUS FACILITIES!

- Large number of bathroom facilities
- Large sheltered areas in case of inclement weather



## ADMISSION

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



## BINGO!

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

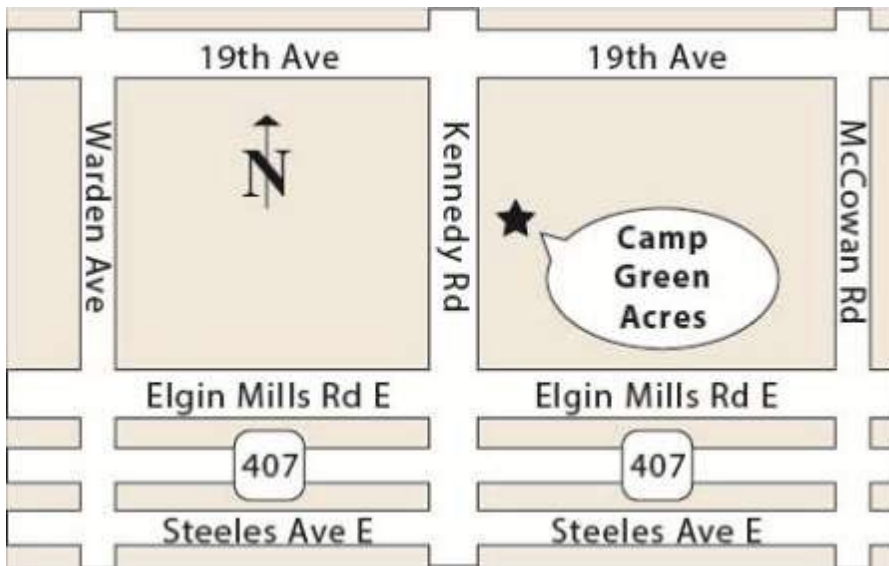
- NO PETS ALLOWED
- NO BARBECUES
- NO INSERTION OF STAKES OR POLES IN THE GROUND
- NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL
- NO BALLOONS (FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FARM ANIMALS)

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

TBC Annual Picnic  
 Sunday, June 10, 2018  
 at Camp Green Acres  
 11123 Kennedy Road, Markham, ON

Admission fee:	Car and driver	\$5.00
	Adults (16 yrs+)	\$3.00
	Seniors (65 yrs+)	free
	Children (15 yrs and under)	free

10.00am	Gates open
10.30am – 11.30am	Free Time
11.45am – 12 noon	Open Air Service
12 noon – 12.30pm	Free hot dogs
12 noon – 1.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Races and games
1.00pm - 4.00pm	Supervised swimming
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Free Time
3.15pm – 4.15pm	Bingo
4.15pm	Fukubiki
5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Supper
6.30pm	Clean up and load truck



## HELP WANTED

Following the picnic, around 7.30pm, the Picnic Committee is seeking volunteers to help unload the van and put everything away at the Temple.

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  
 弁当付き十五ドル





# TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE TEMPLE



### REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

- Valid from January 1 to December 31 each year
- Those wishing to be recognized as a Temple member please complete the application form as early as possible at the start of each year
- Membership card will be sent once your signed application and membership fee or your promise to pay the total fee by May 31 have been received
- Please note membership this year is a minimum of \$130.00

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- Issued to all members 77 years of age & over
- If already an Honorary member simply fill out a membership form each year to confirm your wish to continue Honorary Membership
- Honorary Members do not need to pay any annual membership fees, although all donations are always welcome

*Can't make it to the Temple?  
You can submit your application and membership fee online at [tbc.on.ca](http://tbc.on.ca)*





# 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 ( ) New ( )		Mr. ( ) Mrs. ( ) Ms. ( )
Last Name: _____		Birthdate: dy/mm/year: _____
First Name: _____		Email: _____
Address: _____		Phone: _____
City: _____		Signature: _____
Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____		_____ Regular Member _____ Honorary Member
<p>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.</p> <p>I would like a Guiding Light mailed to me _____</p>		
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<b>Applicant #2</b> Renewal ( ) New ( )		Mr. ( ) Mrs. ( ) Ms. ( )
Last Name: _____		Birthdate: dy/mm/year: _____
First Name: _____		Email: _____
Address: _____		Phone: _____
City: _____		Signature: _____
Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____		_____ Regular Member _____ Honorary Member
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**REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018 IS \$130.00**

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

**August 30 – September 1, 2019**

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

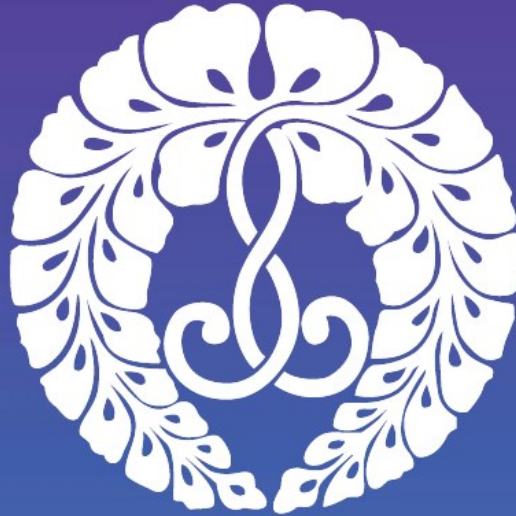
*Keynote Speakers:*

**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)**

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

# REVEREND YOSHI HELPING OUT AT HAMILTON BUDDHIST TEMPLE MAY 13, 2018

