



Guiding Light

JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
a Jodo Shinshu Temple

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JANUARY 2019

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 11:00 am New Year's Day Srv (E) 1:00 pm New Year's Day Srv (J) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">OFFICE CLOSED</div> | 2 | 3 2:00 pm Buyo | 4 7:30 pm Buyo | 5 |
| 6 MONTHLY MEMORIAL SRVC 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm *Dana Mtng | 7 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke | 8 | 9 7:00 pm Taiko | 10 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation | 11 7:30 pm Buyo | 12 11:30 am *Family Srv 3:30 pm * Family Srv (offsite) |
| 13 REGULAR SRV 9:15 am Management Committee Mtg (Mezz) 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm *BoD Mtg (Eko) 12:30 pm *Sangha Mtg (LDC) | 14 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke | 15 | 16 7:00 pm Taiko | 17 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00pm *Castleview 7:00 pm Meditation | 18 7:30 pm Buyo | 19 5 pm Hoonko Vegetarian Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm Hoonko Eve Srv |
| 20 HOONKO SRV 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service 1:00 pm *TBC Annual General Mtg | 21 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke | 22 | 23 7:00 pm Taiko | 24 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation | 25 2:00 pm Momiji Srv 4:00 pm Yee Hong Svr 7:30 pm Buyo | 26 |
| 27 REGULAR SRV 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm New Year's Social (Shinnenkai) (Potluck) | 28 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke | 29 | 30 7:00 pm Taiko | 31 1:00 pm Buyo | | |

Morning Chanting: When available, Rev. Ouchi will lead chanting on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am. As last minute emergencies do come up, cancellations may occur. If you wish to join the chanting may we ask that you notify him ahead of your visit by email or phone.

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New Year's Greeting

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you all.

Last year, Japan was hit by frequent natural disasters like torrential rains, typhoons, and earthquakes. Other countries including Indonesia and the US were also visited by devastating earthquakes, tsunamis, and major hurricanes. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through the natural disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. We must also never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live and lives are being lost every day.

In my message entitled, *A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower* which I presented on October 1, 2016, the first day of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, I have stated, “by trying to live according to the Buddha Dharma, ...we can live to the best of our ability, aspiring to live up to the Buddha’s Wish.” In agreement with this proposal, beginning last April, our organization has launched a campaign against poverty under the slogan, “Dana for World Peace— overcoming poverty to nurture our children.”

Unable to part from our self-centered mentality, we are simply foolish beings, incapable of attaining supreme enlightenment through our own strength. It is all through the salvific working of Amida Tathagata that we are enabled to realize our selfishness. Furthermore, because of this self-awareness, with the hope of responding to the Buddha’s boundless compassion even just a little, we are enabled to aspire for everyone’s happiness and make a sincere effort in dealing with the many difficult problems of bitter reality in this world.

In this New Year, as we receive the Dharma and recite the Nembutsu, let us make every effort to acknowledge and cope with the reality we face.

January 1, 2019
OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



Gassho – More Than Just Putting Our Hands Together



Happy New Year to Everyone. On New Year's Eve, we held a Buddhist service at the Temple with the traditional bell ringing ceremony called "Joya no Kane". The next morning the Temple opened its doors to welcome the first day of the New Year. Over the two days, we had so many new visitors, many whose home was Japan. I look forward to this occasion every year. It is a wonderful opportunity to see so many new faces, and introduce them to the warmth of our members and the tranquility of our Temple. Each New Year brings to mind new experiences, new hopes and a fresh start. It makes us think as Buddhists that each day is brand new and fresh.

We have recently been very pleased to see many new visitors at our services. For their benefit, and as a refresher for our long-time members, I will write in a little more detail about some of the basic Jodo Shinshu teachings.

In this article I would like to talk about Gassho or putting our two hands together. It is such a simple act, yet it is the perhaps the most important rite in Buddhism. The word Gassho consists of two Kanji or Chinese characters. "Ga" means putting together and "sho" means palms. This posture is the most respectful way of paying homage to the Buddha and to his teachings. In most Southeast Asian countries, people use Gassho as their normal daily greeting. When they meet anyone, even a stranger, they place their hands together and bow down to each other. This gesture tells others that we sincerely respect and care for them.

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, when we do Gassho, we put two palms together completely, and both hands slightly touch our chest. Often a Nenju is placed around our hands, and our hands are at about a 45 degrees angle to our body. When we bow, our hands are parallel to the floor, and our face looks down at the floor; showing the top of our head.

There is an old Indian saying that "Putting our two hands together is more difficult than putting two mountains together." What this really means is that we are extremely fortunate to be born with the ability or conditions to be able to put our hands together in front of Buddha.

It is easy to forget why we put our hands together in Gassho. There are innumerable causes and circumstances which have brought us to the Temple to encounter the Dharma.

Putting our hands together in Gassho reminds us of the oneness of the universe and our connection to all other beings. When I place my hands together in Gassho, the Buddha and I are one and together. I am deeply grateful to Amida Buddha for bringing me to this realization, and that I am able to communicate this connection to others

In Gassho

Rev. Ouchi

Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Happy New Year!

I have always found the transition from the year just passed to the New Year ahead a special time when we can all reflect and reminisce about the 365 days which just passed and also the 365 days which lie ahead of us.

When I think about our Toronto Buddhist Church, I often think of a favourite corporate slogan which I love and admire. Dofasco, a leader in the production and innovation of steel has the following as its corporate slogan:

“Our Product is Steel. Our Strength is People”

Our faith is Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and not steel but our strength truly is our people. One of our strengths is certainly our young and energetic Resident Minister Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi who comes with a maturity which belies his actual age. Amazingly, he represents the 25th generation of Jodo Shinshu ministers in his family! Yes, that is not 25 years but rather an amazing 25 generations. This, to me, is almost unbelievable. It is no wonder that he carries with him many, many generations of knowledge and expertise. When I was at a funeral service in the recent past, I happened to introduce the Funeral Director to Rev. Yoshi. After the introduction, Rev. Yoshi went to change into his ministerial robes and the Funeral Director made a comment to me saying “I think that I should have asked him for his identification to ensure that he is at least the age of majority.” We just smiled at each other. We are so fortunate to have Rev. Yoshi with us!

We are also so fortunate to have three wonderfully talented Minister Assistants supporting Rev. Yoshi in Dr. Professor Jeff Wilson Sensei, Joanne Yuasa Sensei and Dennis Madokoro. Their dedication and concern for our temple is amazing. Our collective thanks are extended to these people who help to lead us in the spreading of the Dharma!

Our strength also lies in our two office administrative people: Dianne Ishida and Pamela Yoshida. They expertly keep the wheels in our temple office going and are huge positive benefits to our temple. I often talk to them early in the morning before they are to officially start their day and also well beyond their home time during the week. A couple of weeks ago, they were still voluntarily at the temple until 11:30pm when we experienced a problem with our alarm system.

Paul Aoki, one of our many valued and dependable volunteers, was also working on the problem for a good part of the day and night ensuring that a solution to our alarm problems was found so that our temple would be secure for all of us.

All too often, I am amazed at what our amazing corps of volunteers does for our otera. I have seen our people fighting through physical ailments like fractured backs and replaced hips to work on preparing for our annual bazaar. We have volunteers who are slight in stature punching way above their weight class. We also have dedicated and hard working people volunteering to sit on our Management Committee and Board of Directors ... and they all work so hard with the best interests of our temple always in mind. To these people and many, many more volunteers who are truly the real strength of our temple, I extend a huge thank you!

My better half Amy and I have had the pleasure and honour of having such strong and heartwarming support from so many volunteers and congregants during our current administration over the course of not just this last year but also for the past two years and for this we will always be most grateful. As we transition into a fresh and new temple administration this month, I can only ask that you offer your full support to our new temple team which will guide and lead our wonderful temple into the 2019 year and beyond.

My sincere wish for the new 2019 year remains for our Temple Members and Supporters to keep on caring for each other. If we can continue to show care and concern for each other then these simple acts of kindness can take our Otera a really long way.



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Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Happy New Year!, continued

Kotoshi mo yoroshiku onegaishimasu. Amy and I will continue to count and rely on all of you to do your part in always acting in the best interests of our temple and for each other. Many thanks, appreciation and gratitude beyond words are extended for all the positive and significant contributions which each of you have made to our Otera over the course of the last year and with hopes of another wonderful year ahead of us.

With Gratitude and in Gassho,

Larry Wakisaka
Toronto Buddhist Church
President

**Join or Renew
Online**

**MEMBERSHIP
Join/Renew**



IT'S TIME FOR YOUR 2019 MEMBERSHIP AND TO SUPPORT THE TEMPLE

We must now approach you and remind you to renew or apply for your membership for 2019. This past year our membership was slightly lower than 2017 memberships. We hope that this will not be a trend for future years. 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 membership 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.
6. As a member you are entitled to discounts from Arbour Alliances on your funeral arrangements

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 your signed application and membership fee (minimum of \$130.00) 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.**



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

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2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please note that this application is for membership from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. The Individual Membership Fee for 2019 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 () New () Mr. () Mrs. () Ms. ()

Last Name: _____ Birthdate: dy/mm/year: _____

First Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Signature: _____

Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

I promise to pay \$_____ as my Membership Fee for 2019 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, 2019**. 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 _____ English _____ English/Japanese _____

Applicant #2 Renewal () New () Mr. () Mrs. () Ms. ()

Last Name: _____ Birthdate: dy/mm/year: _____

First Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Signature: _____

Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____

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Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of February

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 **February**. All are invited and welcome to attend.

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| AMANO , Tojiro | MATSUSHITA , Tatsumi | SUYAMA , Tei |
| AMANO-O'SHEA , Karen Akemi | MENDE , Masuno | TABATA , Fumie |
| ARIZA , Riku | MIYAGAWA , Yoshiko | TAMAKI , Mitsuko |
| ARIZA , Takeru | MIYANISHI , Toyozo | TAKAOKA , Hideo Donald |
| DOI , Terrie Teruya | MIYASAKI , Harry Juichi | TANAKA , Itsuo |
| EDAMURA , Kane | MIYAUCHI , Yahei | TEHARA , Chiyo |
| DRYGAS , Ronald Walter | MIYAUCHI , Kumakichi | TEHARA , Genya |
| FUJITA , Kano | MIZUNO , Fumiyo | TEHARA , Suye |
| FUJITA , Shigeo | MIZUTANI , Harold Tsuneichi | TERAKITA , Mitsuo |
| FUJIWARA , Douglas Tetsumori | MIZUYABU , Yonekichi | TATEBE , Saemon |
| FUKUSHIMA , Hanae | MORI , Sumi | TSUCHIDA , Suejiro |
| FURUKAWA , George Goro | MURAKAMI , Yukimi | TSUJI , Edward Sadamu |
| FURUYA , Isamu | MURANAKA , James Kinsuke | TSUJI , Etsuko |
| HAMA , Hirokichi | NAGAO , Moyo | TSUJI , Toshiro Roy |
| HAO , Yoshitada | NAKAMURA , Genroku | TSUKAMOTO , Masato |
| HAYASHI , Fumikazu Frank | NAKAMURA , Sumi | TSURUDA , Misae |
| HAYASHI , Genichiro George | NAKATA , Kimi | TSURUOKA , Mas Masaaki |
| HAYASHI , Yoshi | NAKATSU , Kimiko | TSUKAMOTO , Masato |
| HAYASHI , Yoshio | NISHI , Hanae | URA , Tsutomu |
| HAYASHI , Yoshiye | NISHIKAWA , Shoji | UYEDA , Toshihiro |
| HIDAKA , Kathy Ling Fai | NISHIMURA , Harry Kanshiro | WATANABE , Haruno |
| HIDAKA , Tsuyoshi | NISHIMURA , Riyeko Frances | WATANABE , Sumiye |
| HIKIDA , Toyoko | NISHIMURA , Seitaro | YAHIRO , Kin |
| HIROSE , Masayuki | NISHIZAKI , Barry Jon Yoshio | YAMAMOTO , Yasue |
| HONKAWA , Kise | OGATA , Sakae | YAMASHITA , Yoshiko |
| HORI , Mrs. | OHASHI , Mitsuo William | YASUI , Toshie |
| HOSAKI , Takeko Eileen | OMORI , Isamu | YOSHIDA , Baby |
| HYUGA , Hisatoshi | OMOTO , Tatsuya | YOSHIDA , Chika |
| IGARASHI , Shigeru | RYUJIN , Isamu | YOSHIDA , Kanjiro |
| INATA , Ei | SAITO , Harry Hiromitsu | YOSHIDA , Natsu |
| IWAMOTO , Yuri | SAKAGUCHI , Shizue | |
| IWASAKI , Kiyoshi Henry | SARUYAMA , Lucy Masako | |
| KAMADA , Denroku | SASAKI , Tokubei | |
| KAMINO , Atsumu | SHIMIZU , Asato | |
| KASHINO , Wai | SHIMODA , Clara Shizue | |
| KATO , Saju | SHIOZAKI , Akira | |
| KAWABATA , Sayono | SHISHIDO , George Tetsuo | |
| KAWABATA , Tobei | SHOJI , Gin | |
| KAWAGUCHI , Hanaye | SUGIMOTO , Itsuno | |
| MATSUDA , Yoshimi | SUMIYA , Chikayoshi | |

NOVEMBER 25 SERVICE WITH GUEST SPEAKER JEFF WILSON SENSEI

ZERO-SUM GAME

In game theory and economic theory, a zero-sum game is a mathematical representation of a situation in which each participant's gain or loss of utility is exactly balanced by the losses or gains of the utility of the other participants. If the total gains of the participants are added up and the total losses are subtracted, they will sum to zero. Thus, cutting a cake, where taking a larger piece reduces the amount of cake available for others, is a zero-sum game if all participants value each unit of cake equally.



Volunteers Needed

to Arrange the Naijin/Altar Flowers
**(No Experience Necessary Training
Provided)**

Requirements

Available at least six Friday afternoons a year for 1.5-2 hours between 12:00pm-5:00pm

(We can arrange after work hours if you are only available after 5:00pm)

Job Description

Remove last weeks' flowers from a large vase and two small vases

Wash vases

Arrange new flowers in the vases

Please contact **Pamela Yoshida** at 416-534-4302 or tbc@tbc.on.ca if you are interested in volunteering.



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.

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| Mr. Fred Iwata | 89 yrs | December 3, 2018 |
| Mrs. Kiyoko Murata | 94 yrs | December 9, 2018 |
| Mr. Alfred Kenji Tamaki | 92 yrs | December 9, 2018 |
| Mr. Kunio Suyama | 90 yrs | December 17, 2018 |
| Mr. Fujio Mayede | 87 yrs | December 19, 2018 |
| Mr. Manabu Doi | 90 yrs | December 25, 2018 |



FOODFEST - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3RD, 2019

The Dana and Shin Fujinkai will be holding their Annual Foodfest on Sunday, February 3th, 2019, the proceeds from which will be used to support the JSBTC Women's Federation Outreach Program.

Donations of any food items, such as homemade preserves, jams, fukujinzuke, pickles, homemade senbei, makisushi, sekihan, inari sushi, chiraishi sushi, manju, pastries and of course, any items that can be used in our bento boxes would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring items for the Foodfest to the temple before 9 am on February 3th so that they can be packaged and sold following the service.

THANK YOU!

Toronto Buddhist Church Spring Higan and Keirokai

Sunday, March 17, 2019

On Sunday March 17th we will be observing our Spring Higan or Ohigan Service. "Higan" literally means "The other shore" and this term is used in our tradition to reflect and reaffirm our practice of the Buddhist teachings that lead us to "the other shore" of enlightenment on the equinox days when there is an equal amount of day and night. The balance of day and night is also a reminder to walk "the Middle Path" of Buddhism.

Keirokai is a Japanese term that we use for the event where we celebrate, honour and show our gratitude to our temple elders. Members who will reach **77 years (KIJU)**, **88 years (BEIJU)** and **99 years (HAKUJU)** or **older** during this calendar year, will be honoured during the Joint Higan Service at 11:00am. During the service, each honouree will be recognized and presented with a gift from the temple. In order to be included in the service, each honouree **must be a temple member** and **must submit the application form** (below) to the Temple office by **Sunday, March 3th, 2019.**

After the service a special luncheon will be held for our honourees. All honourees and other Temple members who are 77 years old or more this year will each receive a complimentary bento (lunch box). Everyone else may purchase a bento (price to be determined).

PLEASE NOTE: Honourees and honorary members must be on our list of Temple Members to receive their complimentary bento.

An entertainment programme will follow the luncheon in the Social Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,

Special Projects and Religious Committees



2019 KEIROKAI HONOREE APPLICATION FORM

Name (English): Mr./Mrs./Miss _____

Last Name in Kanji (if known): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Province: _____

Date of Birth: _____ *Please circle: 77 88 99 100+*

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE BY SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019 TO ENSURE INCLUSION IN THE CEREMONIES.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019

Dawn, Toshi, Crystal and Emi2 Anzai

All The Best for 2019

Dianne Ishida and Mochi

Best Wishes for 2019!

Larry and Amy Wakisaka

New Year Greetings to Everyone

Naomi Tsuji Tamaki

Harry and Helen Tetaka

Darlene Rieger

Tad Takeda

Diane Mark

Tin Goto

Pamela Yoshida

Mary, Aaron & Paul Aoki

Toivo & Pauline Knude

Wishing our dear Dharma family and friends
a peaceful, healthy and happy 2019!

Dennis, Sandy, Sean, Grant, Nicole &

Timothy Izukawa & David Azuma

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy & Pros-
perous 2019

George & Amy Nakano

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

AKEMASHITE OMEDETOU GOZAIMASU

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Pancake Day 2018 was a Lunch and Learn

On December 2nd, after Shotsuki service, we held our annual TBC Sangha Pancake lunch. Thanks to our head chefs Nobby Shiraishi and Joanne Kataoka, we were able to serve a traditional pancake lunch and as well as a gluten free vegan selection. Many thanks as always to our many volunteers who made this event successful.



Following the delicious lunch, there was a screening of *Swimming Upstream* – a powerful short film that details the systemic racism executed by the BC government against Japanese Canadians who were stripped of their belongings, interned in camps and then expelled from the province. The film was introduced by the film maker Judge Maryka Omatsu. Judge Omatsu was the first judge of East Asian heritage to be named to the Canadian judicial system when she was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice in 1983. Judge Omatsu was an integral part of the NAJC team that negotiated the Redress agreement for Japanese Canadians who were interned during WWII.

Swimming Upstream is available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjpgxOcdYzw>



This year is the 30th anniversary of a successful redress settlement with the Federal Government. However, while the BC Government has formally apologized to the JC community, they have yet to agree to a redress settlement. Judge Omatsu, at this very moment, is part of the team negotiating with the BC government to determine a settlement - a process that the BC Government refers to as Post Apology Measures. Judge Omatsu encouraged those in attendance to make their opinions known regarding an appropriate settlement.

During the Q&A session which Judge Omatsu graciously made time for, Hedy Yonekura shared her remembrances of her late husband Harry's involvement with the redress settlement negotiations.

History is a great teacher from which society can learn of past achievements and failures so that we may move positively in the future. Judge Omatsu's film illuminates one Canadian history's least proud moments that future generations need to learn of so that this great mistake of the past may never be repeated.

In Gassho,

Cary Kataoka (Cary@247Systems.ca)
President, TBC Sangha Group

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

Date: Sunday, January 20, 2019
 Time: 1:00 pm following the morning service and a light lunch
 Place: Temple Social Hall

The Board of Directors of Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to notify all members of the Annual General Meeting of Members which will be held at the time, date and place set out above, and cordially invites all members to attend and vote on the matters raised at the Meeting. The following matters will be raised at the Meeting:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, January 21, 2018;
2. Presentation of Financial Statements of the Temple for the year ended October 31, 2018.
3. Consideration and approval of the Budget for the year ending October 31, 2019;
4. Election of President and Director;
5. Election of Directors;

Such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

A second Notice of the Meeting with further details will be posted in the Guiding Light for January, 2019. Please note that while attendance at the Meeting is open to all friends of the Temple, **only members of the Temple will receive a package of reports and will be entitled to speak and vote on any matters coming before the meeting.** A member of the Temple is

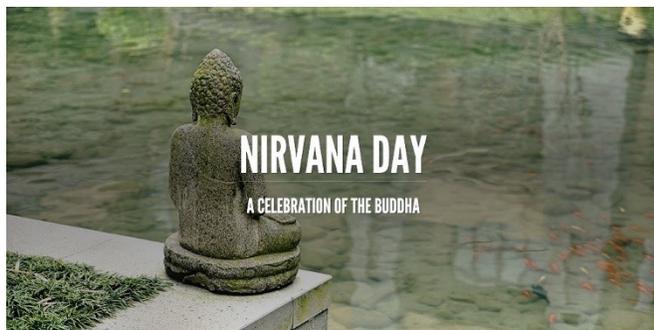
(a) one who has been designated by the Temple as an honorary member, or (b) an individual whose written application for membership has been accepted and who has paid his or her membership fee for 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Nirvana Day Service

Sunday February 17, 2019 at 11:00am

We are observing Nirvana Day or the commemoration of the passing of Shakyamuni Buddha into Parinirvana or the Final Enlightenment on Sunday February 18th at 11:00am. This is an opportunity to reflect upon the Buddha's teachings, to remind ourselves of the impermanence of life and to be grateful for the historical Shakyamuni Buddha. Please join us in gratitude to celebrate and pay homage to the transformation of Shakyamuni Buddha into the Buddha of Infinite Light and Infinite Compassion.



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Happy New Year from the Toronto Buddhist Church Office Staff.

For the past five years, since changing over to our current donation receipting programme, we have issued receipts on a quarterly basis. However, due to the ever-increasing cost of paper, envelopes and postage; we will, in 2019 begin issuing receipts semi-annually or twice a year. Therefore, you will receive a receipt for any donations made January to June, in early July 2019 and in early January, 2020 for donations made July to December, 2019.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that cheques must be made out to TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH. Please note that TBC or T.B.C is not acceptable. If you would like your donation to be directed to one of the church groups or funds, please indicate this information in the memo line of your cheque...ie: Dana, Sangha, Altar Flower Fund, etc.

We would like to thank everyone for their co-operation and understanding in these matters.

We wish you and your family good health and happiness in 2019!

Toronto Buddhist Church Office.



CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS HAPPY ☆ NEW ☆ YEAR

JANUARY 20, 2019 -



- LET'S GET COOKING

- LET'S TALK ABOUT NEW YEAR TRADITIONS.

- HOONKO IS A TIME TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO SHINRAN SHONIN. THE JAPANESE CHARACTERS "HOON" MEANS "RETURN OF GRATITUDE" AND "KO" MEANS A "GATHERING"SO HOONKO IS A GATHERING TO REPAY A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

- LET'S COOK SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT.

- WE WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE PLANS FOR KEIROKAI. WE NEED EVERYONE'S IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S KEIROKAI A SUCCESS

FEBRUARY'S THEME: FAMILY

FEBRUARY 3, 2019 – PLAY DAY



COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN. DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER, WE MAY PLAY IN THE SNOW, PARTICIPATE IN MARTIAL ARTS OR YOGA.

WE WILL CONTINUE WITH MAKING OUR PLANS FOR KEIROKAI ON MARCH 17.



PLEASE COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR KIDS SANGHA. EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME.

WITH GRATITUDE,

YUMI, JESSICA, ABAGAIL, RACHEL, KOJI, DENISE, LES AND NAOMI

Weekday Services

Weekday chanting services are generally conducted Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings around 10:00am, when Rev. Yoshi is available. If you are interested in participating in these short services, it is best if you call the office in advance to ask if Rev. Yoshi will be available on the day you would like to attend as Rev. Yoshi can be called away for emergencies and appointments.

We strongly suggest that you leave your name and contact information in the event that Rev. Yoshi becomes unexpectedly unavailable subsequent to your inquiry.



Founder's Memorial (Ho-Onko) Weekend

January 19th & 20th, 2019

Ho-Onko or Founder's Memorial is one of the most important occasions observed in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition where we observe and honour the memorial of the passing of our founder Shinran Shonin.

We celebrate throughout the weekend of January 19th and 20th.

On Saturday January 19th we have a vegetarian potluck dinner in which everyone brings a vegetarian dish to share. Please come for 4:30pm so we have time to set up your contribution for dinner at 5:00pm, followed by a special Ho-Onko Eve Service at 6:30pm and a celebratory bowl of zenzai (sweet red bean soup).

On Sunday January 20th at 11:00am we have the regular Ho-Onko or Founder's Memorial Service. Shinran was a rebel monk in the sense that he brought the Dharma (Buddha's Teachings) out of the monastery to the common people during a time of great political turmoil, social unrest and violence. He introduced Buddhism to everyone regardless of class or intellect as a way for all to attain peace and happiness. Please join us in honouring our Founder and his struggle to deliver Buddha's Teachings to all of us.

MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS

WHEN: Every Thursday Evening -7:00 -9:00 pm

WHERE: Toronto Buddhist Church—Hondo

The 2 hour session will include:

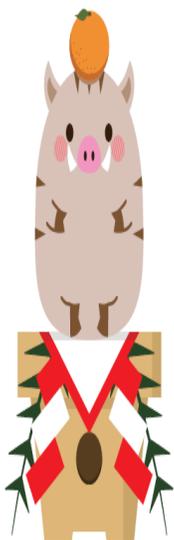
- ◇ Guided Sitting Meditation
- ◇ Silent Walking Meditation
- ◇ Silent Sitting Meditation
- ◇ Dharma Talk

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



NOTE: CLASSES WILL RESUME JANUARY 10, 2019



TBC NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL

Sunday, January 27, 2019
following the morning service



SHARE & DISCOVER NEW FLAVOURS!

BRING YOUR FAVOURITE DISH
FOR THE POTLUCK LUNCHEON.

FEELING LUCKY?

There will be
door prizes & bingo.



DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!



Live the Nembutsu

Vivemos no interior do Nembutsu

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Bring your heart to San Francisco!

August 30 — September 1, 2019

San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel

www.wbwcconvention.org

16th World Buddhist Women's Convention • San Francisco, California, USA

2019 16TH WBWC MONTO SHIKISHO

Going to the 2019 WBWC in San Francisco? BCA has sent us a photo of the FBWA Monto Shikisho for the 2019 convention. If you would like to order one in advance of the convention the cost is \$55.00 US\$ plus 8.5% tax. This would be \$78.55 CDN which includes tax. If you order through the JSBTCWF Committee now, you can purchase one for pick up at the convention and avoid shipping costs. The cost of the Monto Shikisho at the convention will be \$65.00 US\$ plus the 8.5% tax.

Not going to the convention but would like a souvenir, you can place your order with the JSBTCWF and Myra Takasaki will happily pick up the Monto Shikisho and bring it back to Toronto for you.

If you wish to order a Monto Shikisho please email Myra at takasaki@rogers.com for details on payment.

All proceeds from the sale of the Monto Shikisho and Wagesas will be directed toward the convention expenses



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2019 SCHEDULE

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| <u>JANUARY</u> | 1 | New Year's Day Service | |
| | 6 | Monthly Memorial Service | |
| | 13 | Regular Service <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Hoonko Service</u></i> | |
| | 19 | Vegetarian Pot Luck Dinner & Hoonko Eve Service | |
| | 20 | Hoonko Founder's Memorial Service TBC Annual General Meeting | |
| | 27 | Regular Service New Year's Social (Shinenkai) <i><u>Montreal Buddhist Church Hoonko Service</u></i> | |
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| | <u>FEBRUARY</u> | 3 | Monthly Memorial Service & BOD Installation |
| 10 | | Regular Service <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Nirvana Day Service</u></i> | |
| 17 | | Nirvana Day Service (Nehan-e) & Sangha Day | |
| 24 | | Regular Service | |
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| <u>MARCH</u> | 3 | Monthly Memorial Service | |
| | 10 | Regular Service <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Spring Higan Service</u></i> | |
| | 17 | Spring Equinox Service (Higan-e) & Keirokai | |
| | 24 | Regular Service | |
| | 30 | <i><u>Ottawa Fellowship: Spring Higan & Hanamatsuri Service</u></i> | |
| | 31 | Regular Service <i><u>Montreal Buddhist Church: Spring Higan Service & Hanamatsuri</u></i> | |
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| <u>APRIL</u> | 7 | Monthly Memorial Service | |
| | 14 | Eshinni Day; Wife of Shinran Shonin Service <i><u>Manitoba Buddhist Temple: Hanamatsuri Service</u></i> <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Hanamatsuri Service</u></i> | |
| | 21 | Hanamatsuri Service <i>Please note that scheduled events are subject to change</i> | |
| | 25-27 | JSBTC Ministerial Association, BOD, LDC meetings and AGM in Vancouver | |
| | 28 | Regular Service <i><u>Vancouver Buddhist Temple: 115th Anniversary Service</u></i> | |
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| <u>MAY</u> | 5 | Monthly Memorial Service | |
| | 12 | Parents' Day Service <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Gotan-e Service</u></i> | |
| | 19 | Goutan-e & Infant Presentation (Shosan shiki) Service | |
| | 26 | Regular Service | |
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| <u>JUNE</u> | 2 | Monthly Memorial Service & TBC Dana Scholarship Presentation |
| | 9 | Picnic Open Air Service |
| | 16 | Regular Service <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Regular Service</u></i> |
| | 23 | Regular Service |
| | 29 | <i><u>Ottawa Fellowship: Obon Service</u></i> |
| | 30 | Regular Service <i><u>Montreal Buddhist Church: Obon Service</u></i> |
| | <u>JULY</u> | 7 |
| 13 | | Obon Cemeteries Services Obon Service & Bon Odori Dance at JCCC |
| 14 | | Obon Services |
| 20 | | <i><u>Steveston Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Dance</u></i> |
| 21 | | Summer Services beginning <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Obon Service</u></i> <i><u>Steveston Buddhist Temple: Obon Service</u></i> |
| 28 | | Summer Service |
| <u>AUGUST</u> | | 4 |
| | 11 | Summer Service |
| | 18 | Summer Service |
| | 25 | Summer Service |
| | 30-Sep 1 | <i><u>WBWC 2019 (San Francisco)</u></i> (Please note that scheduled events are subject to change) |
| <u>SEPTEMBER</u> | 1 | Summer Service |
| | 8 | Monthly Memorial Service and Rally Sunday |
| | 15 | Fall Equinox "Higan-e" Service |
| | 22 | Regular Service <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Fall Higan Service</u></i> |
| | 28 | <i><u>Ottawa Buddhist Temple: Fall Higan Service</u></i> |
| | 29 | Regular Service <i><u>Montreal Buddhist Church: Fall Higan Service</u></i> |

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| <u>OCTOBER</u> | 6 | Monthly Memorial & JSBTC Day Service |
| | 11- 13 | <u>2019 EBL in MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL MINNESOTA</u> |
| | 13 | Regular Service |
| | 20 | Pet Appreciation Service |
| | 27 | Regular Service |
| <u>NOVEMBER</u> | 3 | Monthly Memorial Service |
| | 10 | Regular Service <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Regular Service</u></i> |
| | 17 | Eitaikyo Service |
| | 23 | <i><u>Ottawa Buddhist Temple: Eitaikyo Service</u></i> |
| | 24 | Regular Service <i><u>Montreal Buddhist Temple: Eitaikyo Service</u></i> |
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| <u>DECEMBER</u> | 1 | Monthly Memorial Service |
| | 8 | Regular Service <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Bodhi Day Service</u></i> |
| | 15 | Bodhi Day Service |
| | 22 | Regular Service |
| | 29 | Regular Service |
| | 31 | Year-End Day Service |
| | | Year-End bell ringing at TBC |
| | | <u>Please note that scheduled events are subject to change.</u> |