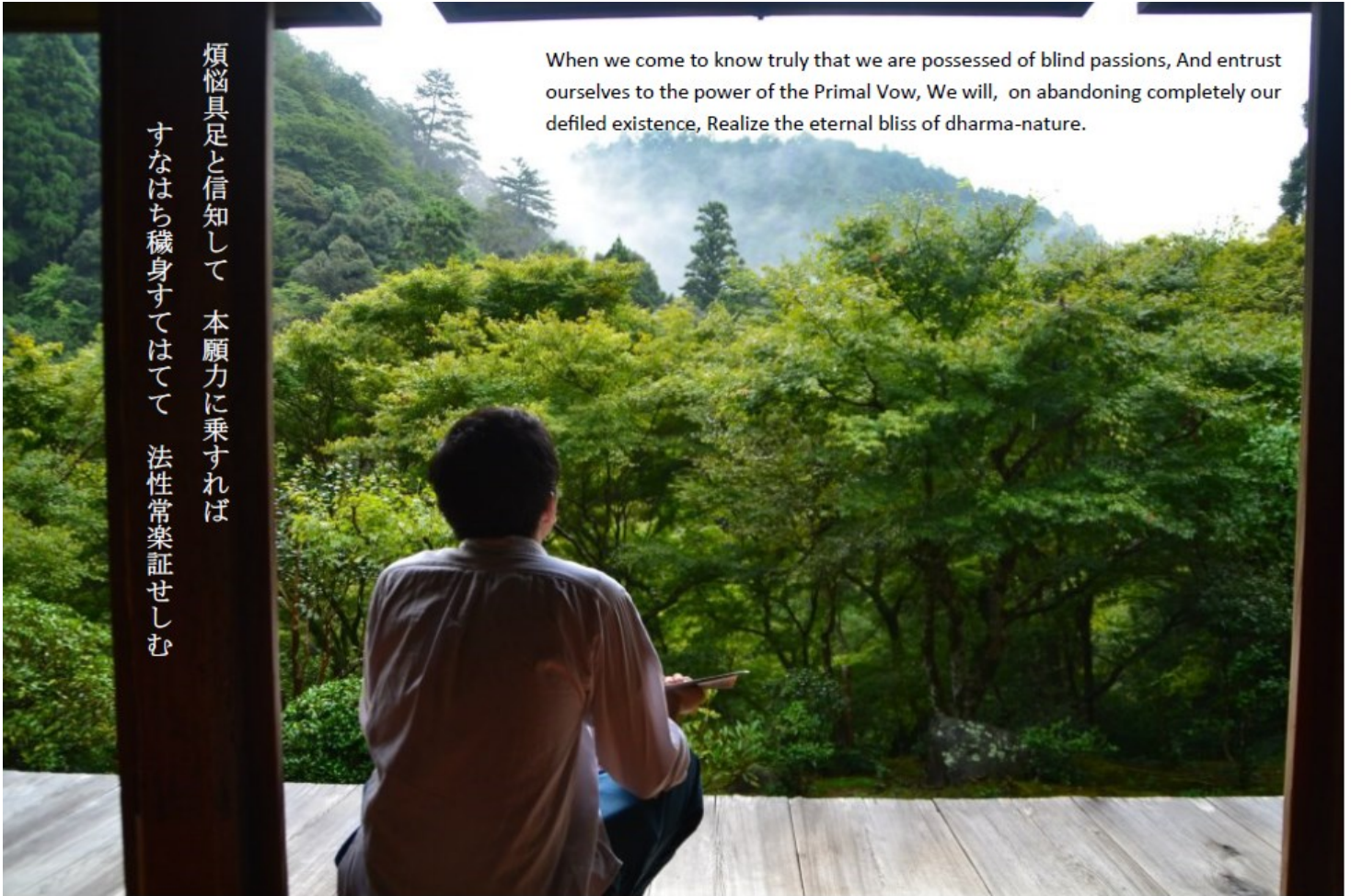




Guiding Light

APRIL 2019



煩惱具足と信知して 本願力に乗すれば
すなはち穢身すてはてて 法性常樂証せしむ

When we come to know truly that we are possessed of blind passions, And entrust ourselves to the power of the Primal Vow, We will, on abandoning completely our defiled existence, Realize the eternal bliss of dharma-nature.

Quote from Wasan

Photo by Rev. Yoshi

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please Note: Events marked with an * are private and <u>NOT</u> open to the general public Thank you						
	1 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	2	3 7:00 pm Taiko	4 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo - OFF 3:00 pm Ikebana 7:00 pm Meditation	5 * 7:30 pm Buyo	6
7 MONTHLY MEMORIAL SRV TBC Buyo Group Bento & Food Sale 10:30 am Kids' Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm *Dana Mtg (Eko) 12:30 pm SF Mtg (KS)	8 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	9 *10:00 am Family Memorial Sr 1:00 pm WF meeting 8:00 pm Minyo Teachers practice	10 7:00 pm Taiko	11 10:00 am Tai Chi 10:30 am *Japanese Garden Club Mtg 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm *Momiji 3:00 pm Ikebana 4:00 pm *Yee Hong 7:00 pm Meditation	12 * 7:30 pm Buyo <div>Rev. Ouchi guest speaker at Manitoba Buddhist Temple April 12th, 13th and 14th</div>	13 10:00 am * Temple Event
14 ESHINNI DAY SERVICE 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm *Sangha Mtg (LDC) *Service in Hamilton	15 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	16	17 1:00 pm School Visit 7:00 pm Taiko	18 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo OFF 2:00 pm * Castlevue 3:00 pm Ikebana 7:00 pm Meditation	19 <div>TEMPLE CLOSED</div>	20
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28 REGULAR SERVICE 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm Let's Talk Dharma	29 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	30 8:00 pm Bon Odori Practice				

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 ahead of your visit by email or phone.

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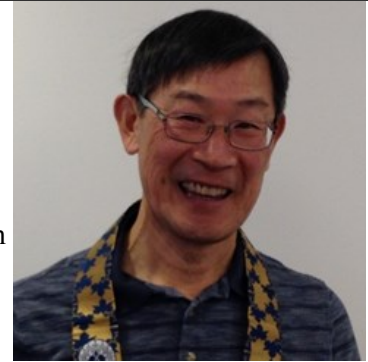
MAY 2019

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5 MONTHLY MEMORIAL SVC 9:00 am Obon Committee Mtng (Eko) 10:30 am Kids' Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm Dana Mtg (Eko)	6 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke 4:00 pm *Family Memorial Service	7 8:00 pm Bon Odori	8 7:00 pm Isshin	9 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm* Momiji 3:00 pm Ikebana 4:00 pm * Yee Hong 7:00 pm Meditation	10 7:30 pm Buyo 8:00 pm Bon Odori	11
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Thank You

Dharma Talk from January 2019 Mudita & Shinjin



Good morning, I would like to begin this Dharma Talk with a simple meditation from Thich Naht Han.

Let us do 7 repetitions of breathing in, think Calming.

Breathing out, think Smiling.

May I suggest that you close your eyes halfway and focus on a point just in front of you. Also, when you smile, just make a half smile, like the Buddha. It will relax your facial muscles.

There, how do you feel? A little better, a little calmer? Good! Are you able to have that calm and clear mind at every moment of every day? Probably not. I would like to delve into this a little later in my talk.

First, I would like to return to a term that was first introduced here by Dr. Jeff Wilson, a Tokudo Minister Assistant, just like Joanne Yuasa sensei. Mudita, or sympathetic joy, is the Buddhist practice of cultivating a heart that rejoices in the joys of others. Dr. Jeff Wilson also commented that while helping others means the accumulation of merit for the giver, it never decreases the merit of the giver. In fact, it increases the giver's merit by a multiple of times. Some examples would be the TBC Dana Scholarship fund which helps deserving students in their academic careers. It could be when you come to the assistance of a stranded motorist by the side of the road. It could be any act of kindness that you do in the course of your day, a kind word to a stressed out supermarket cashier. I could be anything. You all have that ability to practice "Mudita". This practice of "Mudita" is emphasized in Shoshinge, the last two lines of verse 18:

Yu bon no rin gen jin zu

Nyo sho ji on ji o ge.

In English this is: "Then sporting in the forests of blind passions, he manifest transcendent powers, entering the garden of birth and death he assumes various forms to guide others."

Did you hear that? Even when a person of Shinjin passes away and enters the Pure Land, she or he assumes various forms to guide others. They return as Bodhisattvas to help and guide others.

Now Shinjin, how is it described by Shinran? Quoting from the Complete Works of Shinran Shonin, volume 1: "True and real Shinjin is unfailingly accompanied by [saying] the Name. [Saying } the Name, however is not necessarily accompanied by Shinjin, that is the power of the Vow." "Shinran was the first to declare that practice is given by the Buddha: neither Honen nor any other Buddhist Teacher or Master had previously asserted this. In all other forms of Buddhism, which are based on realising the fruit (enlightenment) through the cause (practice), practice must be performed by the person."

Do you understand what this means? We, Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, are the ONLY Buddhists who seek the fruit of Enlightenment through the "true and real Shinjin that is unfailingly accompanied by [saying] of the Name. This Enlightenment does not happen in this world but only when we pass into the Pure Land. Also, just saying the Name without Shinjin is merely self power practice.

So, Shinjin, one day a dear Temple friend said, "I don't know anyone who has experienced Shinjin, do you?" So, in answer to that, let me refer to an essay that I wrote in the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence course in 2013. "In my previous essays, I discussed Shinjin and how this only occurs for me after a broken night's sleep, or sporadically during the day and how it never lasts for long. This, I believe is part of my struggles with entrusting completely. Shinran wrote" Know that "thinking" and "voicing" have the same meaning; no voicing exists separate from thinking, and no thinking separate from voicing".

"Shinran indicates the inseparableness of Shinjin and the Nembutsu: Shinjin is necessarily followed by the Nembutsu and the Nembutsu spontaneously comes to the person with Shinjin."

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Dharma Talk from January 2019, Mudita & Shinjin. Continued

For me, when it does occur, this warmth and overall feeling of great joy is overwhelming, but it does not last long. So, in 2013, my reader sensei, Reverend Ryu Furumoto wrote to me in response: “Your joy does not last long is not a problem. It is very usual. Jodo Shinshu teaches that we do not have to be holy person who is always smiling. We sometimes get angry, feel frustrated, sad, or depressed.

Shinran Shonin wrote in “Notes on Once Calling and Many Calling” “Foolish beings, as expressed in the parable of the two rivers of water and fire, we are full of ignorant and blind passions. Our desires are countless and anger, wrath, jealousy and envy are overwhelming, arising without pause: to the very last moment of life they do not cease, or disappear, or exhaust themselves.” (CWS p. 488) As Shinran Shonin stated, even though he received Shinjin, blind passions were not removed. Rather, he found he was the very person who was full of blind attachment. But because of it, Amida Buddha established the Vow to save him. Consider this, if we were always rejoicing and not getting angry, something must be wrong. We would no longer be foolish beings full of blind attachment.

It would mean that we became Buddhas in this world or we died and were born in the Pure Land. Jodo Shinshu teaches us that we are not able to attain enlightenment in the Pure Land until after our death. Hence the feeling of joy only sometimes is very normal and good. Further, there is a metaphor to explain our joy and Shinjin. Shinjin is likened to a water vein. Our mind is likened to a well. The flow of water in a water vein is perpetual, but the water from the well is intermittent. Similarly, Shinjin is Amida’s mind, so it is always filled with joy, but it does not always appear in our mind. Only sometimes it appears.”

Only sometimes? Wow, my dear Dharma friends that means we have all been experiencing Shinjin every now and then. When we experience a moment of profound joy at seeing an act of loving kindness anywhere, anytime and we put our hands together in Gassho and say the Nembutsu, that is Shinjin. Similarly, in moments of profound sadness when we say good bye to a dear Dharma friend who has passed to the Pure Land and say the Nembutsu. That is Shinjin.

So, to my dear Dharma friend who asked if I knew anyone who has experienced Shinjin, I say, my dear, we all have.

Please join me in Gassho,

Namo Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu

Dennis Madokoro

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 February and March.

*Ms. Tomoe Hamamoto 83 yrs February 15, 2019

*Mrs. Haruko Nakashima 94 yrs February 19, 2019

*Mr. Hugo Hama 86 yrs February 20, 2019

**We apologise for the omission of the above obituaries that were omitted from the March newsletter and for any inconveniences that we may have caused.*

Mr. Shozo Ishikawa 104 yrs March 5, 2019

Mr. Shigeo Sakaiye 90 yrs March 6, 2019

Mrs. Misa Kumagai 88 yrs March 11, 2019

Mrs. Hedy Iwata 90 yrs March 23, 2019



Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of May

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

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

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

AOKI, Matsuye	KODAMA, Masa	NAKANISHI, Asako	TAKAHASHI, Chozo
BANDO, Yoshio	KOHARA, Akihei Joe	NEKODA, Tokuyo	TAKAHASHI, Suga
DOI, Pauline	KOJIMA, Shigeno Ishii	NISHI, Shizue	TAKAHASHI, Shigetoshi Michael
EBATA, Miyoko Merle	KOMATSU, Nobuko Bessie	NISHI, Shoichi	TAKADA, Morio
ENDO, Aiko	KONDO, Torazo Bob	NISHIKAWA, Tomio	TAKEDA, Shun
FUJIMOTO, Seki	KONDO, Michie	NISHIMURA, Chiyeko Janet	TAKENO, Masao
FUJINO, Tsuta	KONO, Nobu	NISHIJIMA, Uhei	TANIISHI, Tadayoshi Tad
FUJINO, Denzo	KOZAI, Tatsu	NISHIMURA, Genshichi	TANINO, Chiyo
FUKUDA, Tsugiko	KOZAI, William Toyonobu	NISHIMURA, Haru	TERAKITA, Hiroshi
FUKUMA, Motoko	KUMANO, Hatsue	NOZUYE, Teo	TERAKITA, Imae
FURUKAWA, Ichi	LABERGE, Kyoko	OHASHI, Kiyotaro	TOHANA, Tamotsu Tony
GOTO, Kay Kinue	MARUYAMA, Fusako	OHASHI, Takeo	TSUJI, George
HASHIMOTO, Matasaku	MATSUBARA, Chonosuke	OHASHI, Yosoya	TSUJIMOTO, Chieko Clare
HAYASHI, Haruno	MATSUMOTO, Misao	OHASHI, Yosuke	TSUJIUCHI, Hiroshi
HAYASHI, Marge Mitsuko	MITSUKI, Matsue Mary	OHATA, Eiji	TSUJIUCHI, Kay Kazue
HAYASHI, Yei	MIZUYABU, Carl Kazumi	OKUMA, Wai	TSUSHIMA, Iku
HIRAI, Tom Fukutaro	MORI, Diane Miyeko	OMORI, Toyokichi	UCHIDA, John Tsutomu
HISAKI, Kanekichi Jack	MORI, Sute	ONISHI, Hatsuno	USAMI, Mataichi
HOSAKI, Lena Teruko	MOTOMURA, Noboru	OYAMA, Fukujiro	UYEDA, Miye Marie
ICHII, Chiyomatsu	MUKAI, Fumiye	OYAMA, Shokichi	UYEDA, Toyotaro
ICHIYEN, Chiyoko	MURAKAMI, Hideo Bill	SAITO, Jennifer Naomi	UYEYAMA, Kiyoshi
IDENOUYE, Ichiro	MURAKAMI, Kikutaro	SAKURA, Fusako	WAKABAYASHI, Shoichi
IKEBATA, Hiroshi Roy	MURATA, Eiko	SANO, Senji	WAKABAYASHI, Yaye
IMAI, Tomi	MURATA, Tome	SATO, Take	WATANABE, Kana
ISHIDA, Yuriko	NAKAGAWA, Masao	SAWADA, Yoshiko	YABU, Jitsukazu Jimmy
ISOZAKI, Michiko	NAKAGAWA, Sagen	SHIMODA, Yasuko Helen	YABU, Masako
ITO, Cesar Massaro	NAKAGAWA, Tsugio	SHIMODA, Yoshio Joe	YAJIMA, Mieko
KAGETSU, Toyo	NAKAHARA, YosANJI	SHIRAISHI, Kiwano	YAMASHIRO, Nagisa
KAWAI, Nobu	NAKAI, Hisako	SHOJI, Tsunejiro	YAMASHITA, Robert Ichizo
KISHITA, Gunso	NAKAMOTO, Nisuke	SUMIOKA, Tsuyako	YAMASHITA, Sadako
KITAZAKI, Frank Masaki	NAKAMURA, Kayo	SUZUKI, Setsu	YAMASHITA, Shintaro
KITAMURA, Zenichi	NAKAMURA, Mineko	TABATA, Tao	
KIYONAGA, Kihei	NAKAMURA, Yoshiyo	TAKAHASHI, Akiko	

TBC Board of Directors 2019



(l to r)

Rev Yoshimichi Ouchi: Resident Minister and Advisor to the Board of Directors

Directors (Portfolios and Positions):

Kevin Kawaguchi: Treasurer and Finance Chair, Donna Nakano: 3rd Vice President, Religious & Education Co-Chair, Jessie Ebata: Director, Community Support Chair, Dawn Anzai: President, Special Projects, Culture and Audio-Visual Chair, Dianne Ishida: 1st Vice President, Corporate Secretary, Administration Chair, Paul Aoki: 2nd Vice President, Religious & Education Co-Chair, Les Tanaka: Director, Outreach Chair, Kids Sangha and Youth Chair

On March 3, 2019, the above Temple members were officially installed as the 2019-2020 TBC Board of Directors. Please feel free to approach any of them with suggestions or comments.

Kiju – 77 Years

Mrs. Judy Nishi

Beiju - 88 Years

Mr. Isamu Koyata,
Mr. Isamu Mukai
Mrs. Sakae Ogaki
Mrs. Yoshiye Suyama

Hakuju—99 Years

Mr. Chuta Ebata
Mrs. Masako Yoshida

Hyakuju—100 Years

Mrs. Teruko Otani

Unable to Attend Service

Mr. George Fujita (88)	Mr. Richard Nishino (103)
Mrs. Hisa Okihiro (103)	
Mr. Nori Hayashi (88)	Mr. Shigeo Seko (102)
Mrs. Kuniko Tsuruda (88)	Mr. Tom Shimizu (101)
Mrs. Kazuko Wakabayashi (88)	



Keirokaï 2019

After the morning service commemorating our honorees, they enjoyed complimentary bentos prepared by Tori Ichû. They, along with their family members and the rest of the congregation, were invited to attend the afternoon festivities in the Social Hall.

Akiko Nishimura and Bob Nishikawa were the co-hosts for the entertainment provided by Isshin Daiko, Kids Sangha, TBC Buyo Group and Karaoke performers.

Thank you to all our performers, special guests, Temple members, CCOV Team 4 and volunteers who helped make this day a special one and we hope to see you for our 2020 celebration.

TBC Special Projects



Obon Odori 2019

As we await the arrival of spring after a cold, snowy winter, we can look forward to the start of Obon odori practices at the Toronto Buddhist Church. Come out and learn dances to both traditional and modern Japanese songs. Beginners are welcome as step-by-step instructions are given, and veterans will recognise dances from years past.

Practices will be held every Tuesday and Friday nights, 8:00 – 9:30pm, starting on Tuesday April 23, 2019 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 Saturday July 13, 2019 at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre following Natsu Matsuri.



DANA NEWS

2019 EXECUTIVE



L to R

Lily Motomura, Kay Asada, Jessie Ebata, Judy Nishi,
June Asano, Aja Shimizu

Missing

Mary Aoki, Hamako Yoshida, Kathy Wani, Marie Ba-
ba, Kay Uchida, Susan Takahashi, Akiko Nishimura

DANA MEMBERS HONORED AT KEIROKAI

We honored Mrs. Judy Nishi for Kiju and Mrs. Kuniko Tsuruda for Beiju, Mrs. Masako Yoshida (99 years) and Mrs. Teruko Otani (100 years) at Keirokai celebration on Sunday March 17.

Spring Cleaning??

Calling for Jewellery donations

The **JEWELLERY BOUTIQUE** returns to the Church Bazaar this year. Please bring any jewellery donations to the Temple office or contact June Asano. asanojune@gmail.com



FOREIGN COINS and USED STAMP COLLECTION

Please bring in any foreign coins from your travels and place them in the box provided in the Temple lobby. The Women's Federation collects for Air Canada charity. Also we still collect unwanted pennies.

Any collection of stamps will be sent to Save The Children. The stamps will be given to Women's Federation group at the end of April. If you have any stamps, a box is provided in the lobby of the Temple



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

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.

Toronto Buddhist Church Office.

THANK YOU FROM SHIN FUJINKAI

Shin Fujinkai would like to thank everyone who helped make our Winter Warmup such a success.

Thank you to all our Temple members who purchased our sukiyaki donburi lunch, to all the Shin Fujinkai members who came out to help set up, make the sukiyaki donburi, serve with smiling faces and clean up when it was all over. We could not have done it without all of you.

Looking forward to next year's Winter Warmup.



Hanamatsuri Service

April 21, 2019

In Japanese tradition, we celebrate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha in April. Many of the rites that are observed during Hanamatsuri are based on the events we are told happened at the time of Prince Siddhartha's birth. The Hanamido or miniature floral altar imagines the setting of Lumbini Garden where he was born. The statue of the baby Buddha with its arm extended illustrates the Amida Buddha reaching out to all beings and the pouring of sweet tea on the statue represents the gentle rain that fell and bathed the baby Buddha.

We look forward to seeing you at this service to celebrate and honour the Buddha. We will have the Hanamido set up and will pour the sweet tea over the Buddha re-enacting the cleansing of the Buddha.

Kids Sangha Service: 10:30am

Regular Service: 11:00am



INFANT OR FIRST VISIT PRESENTATION TO THE TEMPLE: SHOSANSHIKI

Sunday May 19, 2019 at 11:00am

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, we present any infants and children up to the age of three to the sangha (community) and the Buddha in a special presentation at the service on Sunday, May 19th, 2019 at 11:00am.

If your child has never filed their name and/or missed a previous presentation, it's not too late. Please register any child three years of age or under for this ceremony.

We welcome all to this special presentation.

*****Please complete the application form and submit it to the temple office by May 8th*****

Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yy) _____

M _____ F _____

Parent's

Name: _____

Parent's

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS



APRIL'S THEME: Hanamatsuri

April 21, 2019 – Hanamatsuri

Let's celebrate the birth of the Buddha

Spring time crafts

MAY'S THEME: Appreciation

May 4 -5, 2019 – Pack your sleeping bag, favourite pillow and pajamas for the annual Kids Sangha Sleepover. Saturday afternoon, after registration, the fun begins.....games, crafts, dinner and movie. Sunday morning....breakfast, morning service as usual and Kids Sangha activity in the classroom.



May 19, 2019 - Surprise craft day. Come and join us for a fun and creative hour after service.
Hatsumairi – infant presentation

We hope you will join us for Kids Sangha. We look forward to seeing you.
Everyone is welcome.

With Gratitude,

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

ATTENTION KIDS SANGHA

Looking ahead to the summer!

Camp Lumbini will be held: July 28 – August 3, 2019.

Camp registration forms are available at the office.



2019 Hanamatsuri Family Banquet

After a hiatus of one year due to a wild winter storm in the middle of April 2018, we are ready willing and able to cook and entertain you again.



Please join us for TBC Sangha's Hanamatsuri Family Banquet on Sunday April 21, 2019 directly after service at 12:30pm in the Social Hall.

Tickets are \$15.00 for Adults, \$7.50 for Youth (17 and under) Kids Sangha Free. Tickets will be on sale Sunday April 7th and April 14th in the lobby.

Enjoy your choice of a scrumptious Roast Beef, succulent Salmon, or fabulous Falafel full course meal.

Come join us with your family and friends for some fabulous food, a little entertainment and the always exciting Bingo!

Donations for Bingo and door prizes are welcome and appreciated.



GUIDING LIGHT

TRANSLATORS NEEDED

The Guiding Light is looking for volunteers to translate articles from English to Japanese for the newsletter. The Guiding Light is printed once a month; English articles are due on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, Japanese translations would be required by the following Wednesday.

If you are interested in translating for the Guiding Light please contact Darlene at: darlene.rieger28@gmail.com

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.

**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 2019, 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



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

*a Jodo Shinshu Temple***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: _____

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City: _____ Signature: _____

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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. (☐)

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Please join us for the Eshinni Day Service

On Sunday April 14th at 11:00am

Join us on Sunday April 14th to remember and honour Eshinni, the wife of the founder of Jodo Shinshu, Shinran Shonin.

We have learned that both Eshinni and Shinran saw each other as a Boddhisatva and that Eshinni's financial and material support allowed Shinran to further his efforts in bringing Jodo Shinshu to the masses in 12th century Japan.

Eshinni's letters indicate that she did not see her marriage to Shinran as an impediment to being a Buddhist nun and following her beliefs.

Please join us to help celebrate and thank Eshinni, an independent and outstanding woman, for helping to further Jodo Shinshu and its teachings.



PLEASE HELP SHIN FUJINKAI CELEBRATE ESHINNI

Shin Fujinkai is asking you to bring non-perishable items to celebrate Eshinni, a very special lady in Buddhism. You can bring the items on the 14th or drop them off anytime you are at the Temple in April. The items will be donated to the Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity

Shin Fujinkai



**** Donations should have valid expiry dates.**

There will be a box in the lobby for the month of April

Let's Talk Dharma-April 28, 2019

“We are just bits of energy temporarily inhabiting a human form”

Buddhism and science have often been linked, hand in hand, in the search for the “Truth”.

So, if you are interested in talking about this and other thoughts, please join us in the cozy armchairs up on the second floor mezzanine.

Our sessions start with a simple meditation suggested by Thich Nhat Hahn. We start the first of four monthly sessions April 28, 2019 **PROMPTLY** at 12:30 PM.

We hope to see you,

Dennis Madokoro,

Minister Assistant

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



OBON 2019
SATURDAY JULY 13

CEMETERY VISITATION SCHEDULE

After too much snow, ice and cold weather, spring is officially here and we can think ahead to summer and Obon. The following is the Cemetery Visitation Schedule and the assigned choshos. For each of the Hatsubon, English and Japanese services on Sunday July 14, we encourage members to bring homiyos and Memory Lanterns and remind you that they will be returned immediately after each service.

We are very pleased to have guest minister, Rev. Brian Nagata, conduct the services at Toronto Necropolis, St. James and Mount Pleasant Cemeteries.

There have been changes to this year's schedule. Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

CEMETERIES RECEIVING CENTRAL SERVICES

Rev. Brian Nagata and Joanne Yuasa

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

Paul Aoki

Glen Oaks	9:30 AM
Spring Creek	10:00 AM

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi

Prospect	9:30 AM
Park Lawn	10:30 AM

Dennis Madokoro

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

Aki Ikebata

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

Susan Ebisuzaki - NEW

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

CEMETERIES RECEIVING INDIVIDUAL GRAVESIDE SERVICES

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York	9:30 AM
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John Nishikawa

Glendale	9:30 AM
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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

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

TBC DANA SCHOLARSHIP INVITES APPLICATIONS

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

Eligibility:

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

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

The selection criteria will be as follows:

Academic Results	50%
Church Activities	30%
School and Community Involvement	10%
Essay (minimum 300 words)	10%
Total	100%

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

**** DEADLINE for the scholarship application is Sunday, April 14, 2019 ****

All scholarship winners will be honoured at the scholarship presentation and luncheon which will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2019 (during the 11:00 am service).



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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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If you do not wish to apply for membership but wish to continue to receive a copy of the Guiding Light by mail please submit your subscription form and fee to the Toronto Buddhist Church (indicating it's for the Guiding Light).

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