



Guiding Light

MAY 2019

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The person who attain Shinjin and joy is
taught to be equal to the Tathagatas. Great
Shinjin is itself Buddha-nature; Buddha-
nature is none other the Tathagata.



Quote from Wasan

Photo by Rev. Yoshi

TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			1	2 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikebana 6:00 pm *Temple Event 7:00 pm Meditation	3 7:30 pm Buyo 8:00 pm Bon Odori	4 Kids Sangha Sleepover
5 MONTHLY MEMORIAL SVC 9:00 am Obon Cemetery Committee Mtg (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 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	10 11:00 am *Ash internment 7:30 pm Buyo 8:00 pm Bon Odori	11
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JUNE 2019

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The Fall of Freddie The Leaf



We know that when ice melts, it becomes water. However one student said that after ice melts, it becomes spring season. If the student answered that in a science test, the answer is incorrect. But when I heard his idea, I thought he could think out of the box.

“Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.” - Albert Einstein

We many times judge something through our knowledge or experiences. Then we spot imagination. But as you know when we think of new idea or new story, it enriches our life.

Today, I want to introduce you to one story in this article.

I heard the story when I was an elementary school student. The story was made for children, but it let us know very important thing to us who has a lot of knowledge and experience.

The story name is “ The Fall of Freddie the Leaf ” by Leo F Buscaglia. I translated the story into English from Japanese and shortened the English story for this article.

There was a leaf. The leaf name was Freddie. Freddie was born with his friend Daniel. In the spring season, Freddie and Daniel danced and sang with the birds. In the summer season, they made a shadows on the ground of animals. In the fall season, they dressed up in very beautiful color.s. Freddie had a very special time with Daniel. However when the winter season came, he perceived some his friends had gone somewhere.

Freddie asked Daniel “What's happening?”

Daniel told him “It is what happens in the winter season. It is the time for leaves to change their home. Some people call it to die.”

Freddie asked “Will we all die?”

Daniel answered. “Yes, everything dies. No matter how big or small, how weak or strong. We learned to dance, to sing and to dress up in the spring, summer, and fall season. Then we die in the winter season.”

Freddie said. "I don't want to die! Will you, Daniel?"

Daniel answered “Yes, when it's my time, but no one knows when for sure That is the great mystery!”.

Freddie told Daniel “I'm afraid to die. I don't know what's down there.”

Daniel said “We all fear what we don't know, Freddie. It's natural. However, we were not afraid when spring became summer and when summer became fall even we didn't know what happen new season. They were natural changes. Why should you be afraid of the season of death?”

Daniel told Freddie that they didn't have to be afraid to change.

But Freddie could not stop asking to Daniel “Will we return in the spring season?”

*Daniels said “We may not, but **Life will**”, and he also said “Goodbye for now, Freddie”. He seemed to smile peacefully as he fell.*

Then, Freddie was alone. The first snow fell in the morning. It was soft, white, and gentle; but it was bitter cold. Freddie found himself losing his color, becoming brittle. At dawn the wind blew Freddie from his branch. It didn't hurt at all. He felt himself gently and softly on the snow. As he fell, he saw the whole tree for the first time.

The Fall of Freddie The Leaf, continued

Freddie thought "How strong this tree was!" He was sure that it would live for a long time and he knew that he had been part of its life and made him proud. Freddie was on the snow. It somehow felt soft and even warm. In this new position he was more comfortable than he had ever been. He closed his eyes and fell asleep. He did not know that spring season would follow winter season and that the snow would melt into water. He did not know that he would join with the water and serve to make the tree stronger. Most of all, he did not know that there, asleep in the tree and the ground, were already plans for new leaves in the spring.

I think if you or I were one of the leaves, the tree's branch could be compared to the teachings of the Buddha, and Amida Buddha's compassion was the big tree. For example, Toronto Buddhist Church moved here from Bathurst Street around 15 years ago. But, the first our Toronto home for the Temple was on Huron Street about 70 years ago.

If at that time, there was no member or group of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Toronto, we might not have a place the Toronto Buddhist Church today.

If the members didn't build the temple 70 years ago, we might not have any Jodo Shinshu Buddhist service today.

If there was not Jodo Shinshu service, it might difficult to meet or learn the teaching of the Buddha and teachings of Shinran today.

Why we are here today? Because their life has been continuing since 70 years ago. And the teachings of the Buddha connect us. So Life will.

When I think about the history and the present condition, I feel every thing is amazing. No one controlled but we are here today.

The teaching of the Buddha is teaching us that life is interdependent and life is impermanent. But life in this real world and in the Pure Land leads us there through the voice of Namo Amida Butsu.

In Gassho

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi

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 April .

<i>Mrs. Christina Chizuyo Shiozaki</i>	<i>86 yrs</i>	<i>April 12, 2019</i>
<i>Mrs. Haruko Kishimoto, St. Thomas</i>	<i>87 yrs</i>	<i>April 15, 2019</i>
<i>Mr. Harvey Hiiroyuki Hamazaki</i>	<i>59 yrs</i>	<i>Apr 25, 2019</i>
<i>Mr. Taketoshi Yoshizaki</i>	<i>88 yrs</i>	<i>April 26, 2019</i>

In Gassho

Toronto Buddhist Church



Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of June

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

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

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

Aihoshi, Hisaji John	Kawahara, Noboru	Nagamatsu, Katsue	Takasaki, Miyuki
Akada, Sadajiro	Kawai, Sachiko	Nagata, Kaneo	Takenaka, Haru
Akiyama, Namiko	Kawasaki, Yoso	Nakamura, Toichi	Takenaka, Nancy Ayako
Amano, Kikuye Kay	Kikuta, Mitsuye	Nakamura, Genmatsu	Takenaka, Niichi
Aoki, Toichiro	Kishimoto, Lidia	Nakata, Takejiro	Takeuchi, Yuriko
Bando, Haruko	Kitagawa, Yae	Naruse, Tokiko	Tamaki, Albert Wataru
Ebata, Izo	Kitamura, George Ayao	Nekoda, Nick Shunso	Tanaka, Jitaro Charlie
Ebata, Yoshiye	Kitamura, Misako	Nishida, Harry Eiji	Tanaka, Kitty Kinue
Fujii, Toji	Kitazaki, Chiyo	Nishihata, Jesse Hideo	Tanaka, Nami Dorothy
Fukakusa, Lynn Joseph "Joe"	Kiyonaga, Shokichi	Nishijima, Aya Dorothy	Tanaka, Shozaburo
Furuya, Tomegoro	Kobayashi, Betty Kumiko	Nishikawa, Seitaro	Tanaka, Tatsuya
Hamade, Hisae	Kojima, Fumio	Nishimura, Sannosuke	Tanaka, Tsuruye
Hamasaki, Sengame	Kono, Hayato	Nishimura, Yaeko Denise	Tateishi, Seizo
Hanabusa, Hanako	Koyama, Kiri	Nose, Sato	Tehara, Jack Gentaro
Hashizume, Masujiro	Kozai, Kiyoshi John	Nozuye, Hideharu	Teramura, Masa
Hayashi, Genji	Kumagai, Hideko Helen	Nozuye, Noboru	Tohana, Toshiko
Hizaka, Fujie	Kumagai, Shizu	Ohashi, Fusae	Tsuji, Kitaro
Idenouye, Miko	Kurahashi, Kenetaro	Oikawa, Yoemon	Tsuji, Mabel Fusaye
Iida, Yoneichi	Kuwahara, Tomeko Tomi	Okazaki, Masatoshi	Ueda, George Takeshi
Inamoto, James Tsugio	Maeda, Kimie	Onishi, Otokichi	Ujihara, Mike
Inamoto, Kazuo	Makimoto, Takaharu	Otani, Kikuko	Uyeda, Kathryn Kiyo
Inamoto, Toshiko	Marubashi, Hanshichi	Saito, Lily Yuriko	Uyeno, Suyeki
Ishimura, Akiko	Matsui, Shinzo	Sakamoto, Shigeru	Wakabayashi, Yokichi
Ito, Heizo	Matsumura, Kazuo	Sato, Hifumi Evelyn	Wakida, Frank Tadashi
Ito, Yoshimi	Matsushita, Jinmatsu	Shiga, Mitsuzo	Watada, Hideki Dick
Iwashita, Yasuro	Minakata, Kiyoko	Shimizu, Jack Tsugio	Watanabe, Hatsue
Izukawa, Teruo Ted	Mitsubata, Yasuno	Shimizu, Shizuko	Yamamoto, Fukusaburo
Kadohama, Torayo	Miyagawa, George Kiichiro	Shiraishi, Shizue	Yamamoto, Harumi
Kanaya, Phyllis Miyoko	Miyagawa, Yoshiko	Shirakawa, Sakiye	Yonekura, Harry Hiroshi
Kato, Shigeo	Mori, Dick Yoshio	Shitami, Entaro	Yoshida, Kazuo Jake
Katsura, Hannah	Mori, Hachizo	Sugiman, Betty Kiyoye	Yoshida, Naoe Nellie
Kawaguchi, Shigeo	Mori, Matsuye	Tabuchi, Aya	
Kawaguchi, Shizaburo	Mori, Sho	Takahashi, George Genshichi	
Kawaguchi, Tsugino	Murakami, Itsushi	Takaoka, Joe Masao	

ESHINNI DAY, APRIL 14, 2019

A wonderful service chaired by Fred Kotani and an informative Dharma Talk by Joanne Yuasa Sensei

**Vesak Day 2019**

Buddha's Birthday Celebration

Mississauga Celebration Square 300 City Centre Drive

Mississauga, ON

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Parade: 2pm

Program 3pm

This is a wonderful event that brings together many different sects of Buddhism from around the Greater Toronto Area and is an excellent opportunity to meet and interact with fellow Buddhists.

Toronto Buddhist Church has participated in this celebration for many years but we, unfortunately, are not able to take part this year.

For more information, check out:

Website: www.vesakcelebration.com



www.facebook.com/vesakcelebration



[@vesakfestival](https://twitter.com/vesakfestival)

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

**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



Obon Odori 2019

After a winter that lasted far too long, it appears that spring has finally arrived and Obon odori practices have begun at the TBC. 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.



Thank you!

The TBC Buyo Group would like to thank the Temple and its congregation for their support of our annual Food and Bento Sale that was held on April 7, 2019. Thank you to our generous benefactors and special thanks for the donations of delicious food items.

TBC Buyo Group



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



MAY'S THEME: "Appreciation"



May 19, 2019 – Surprise Craft. I'll give you a hint.... think about your family.

Infant Presentation "Hatsumairi"

JUNE'S THEME: "End of Year Celebration"

June 2, 2019 – Play Day

Father's Day Craft

Bracelet Making

Board Games and Puzzles



June 9, 2019 – Annual TBC Picnic at Camp Green Acres.



Get ready for a day filled with fun. There will be craft tables, children's races and activities all day.

This marks the end of Kids Sangha for the summer break. Kids Sangha will begin again for another exciting year on Rally Sunday, September 8th, 2019.

A very special "thank you" to Jessica and Yumi for planning and organizing a fun and interactive program for everyone at Kids Sangha.

Thank you also, to all of our volunteers. Without your help, our programs would not run as smoothly.

With gratitude,

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

KIDS SANGHA HANAMATSURI SERVICE, APRIL 21, 2019



Hanamatsuri Family Banquet 2019 – *Yatta!*

Thank you very much to everyone who attended the TBC Sangha Hanamatsuri Family Banquet on April 21, 2019.

Thanks also to everyone who donated Bingo and door prizes.

Special thanks to the lead chefs Martin Cartledge, Toku Suyama, Randy Sakauye, Joanne Kataoka and Nobby Shiraishi.

As always, this event could not have been successful without the legion of volunteers who so generously donated their time and energy to support this event.



Volunteers came in the day before to setup the Social Hall and prepare ingredients for the feast.



Many, many thanks to Sangha and CCOV volunteers who helped to make the 2019 Hanamatsuri Family Banquet a resounding success!



Everyone enjoyed singing along to Tinsagu nu Hana and Sukiyak!



...and of course there was Bingo!



Over a hundred friends and families were in attendance.

Hope to see you all next year!

In Gassho,
Cary Kataoka, President
TBC Sanga Group

TBC Annual Picnic

JUNE 9 @ 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

\$5 per person
(12 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!

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:

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 donations are welcome. **Membership card will be issued once.**



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: _____

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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CALLING ALL CAMPERS

Let's get ready for another great summer at Camp Lumbini. We would like to welcome back, all of our campers as well as invite and welcome new kids to join us this summer.

Are you thinking of joining us at Camp Lumbini this summer? Here are some questions and answers you may have about camp.

Q. Where is Camp Lumbini?

A. Wasaga Beach. 68 Mary Street.

Q. When is Camp Lumbini held?

A. July 28 – August 3

Please arrive by 1 p.m. on July 28.

Please pick up your child(ren) by noon on August 3.

Q. What about transportation?

A. You are responsible for dropping off and picking up your own child(ren).

Q. Can anybody go to camp? Do you have to be a temple member?

A. No, you do not have to be a temple member. If you are 8 years of age or older, you may attend the camp. Also, if you are 7 years of age and have an older sibling or relative who is a camper, you may attend the camp.

Q. Can I bring a friend?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you have to register?

A. Yes. Registration forms can be obtained from the office as

well as the Kids Sangha bulletin board. The deadline is Saturday July 14, 2019.

Q. What do you do at Camp Lumbini?

A. There are highlighted activities throughout the day. For example, a typical day includes a short service, exercise, fun at the beach swimming, mini golf, games and bon fire.

Q. Who supervises the campers?

A. The campers are supervised at all times by experienced camp counsellors. They all have first aid certification and are certified life guards.

Q. Where do the kids sleep?

A. We ask all campers to bring their own sleeping bag. There are bunk beds in the boy's room as well as in the girl's room.

Q. Are there showers?

A. Yes. All 3 cabins have showers.

Q. Are cell phones allowed?

A. No electronics are allowed.

Q. Do I have to bring my own meals?

A. No. All of the delicious food is prepared by our wonderful camp chef Joanne Kataoka and vegetable peeler/chopper Grace. Food allergies and restrictions are carefully considered for all meals and snacks.

If you have any additional questions or concerns and for information on the cost for the week, please get in touch with the office 416-534-4302 or Naomi at

ilovelucy3d@yahoo.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.

BUKKYO DENDO KYOKAI VISITS TBC

Monday April 29, 2019

Toronto Buddhist Church and Reverend Ouchi were pleased to receive a visit from several preeminent officers of Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK) Japan, America and Canada. Our visitors included Dr. Shoryu Katsura, Harumi Aoki and Naoyuki Ogi from BDK Japan, and Dr. George Tanabe, Mikio Yamashita and Brian Nagata from BDK America. Representing BDK Canada were Yasuo Honjo and Ron Shimizu. Reverend Yoshi led the distinguished guests on a tour of the Temple and conducted a short service before they convened for a business meeting. Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai is a non-sectarian Charitable Foundation actively promoting the Teaching of Buddha throughout the world. Our Temple is extremely grateful to BDK for its very generous encouragement and support.



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

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

Joanne Yuasa

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