



Guiding Light

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JUNE 2019

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2 MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE 10:30 am Kids Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm Dana Mtg 2:30 pm * Wedding	3 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	4 7:00 pm Minyo Taiko 8:00 pm Bon Odori	5 7:00 pm Isshin	6 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo School 7:00 pm Meditation	7 7:00 pm Minyo Taiko 7:30 pm Buyo 8:00 pm Bon Odori	8 11:00 am *Ash Interment 3:00 pm *Family Memorial Service
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14 OBON SERVICES 9:00 am Hatsubon- Family Service 11:00 am Obon Service (E) 2:00 pm Obon Svc (J) Guest Speaker: Rev. Brian Nagata	15 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	16	17 7:00 pm Isshin	18 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm * Castleview Service	19 7:30 pm Buyo	20 11:00 am * Family Memorial Service
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	KIDS	SANGHA	SUMMER	CAMP	AT LUMBINI	

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On the Eight hundred fiftieth Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth

and

Eight hundredth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching

The year 2023 will mark the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth and 2024 will be the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. To commemorate these occasions, we will be having the joint celebratory observance in 2023.

Shinran Shonin was born in 1173 and entered the priesthood at the age of nine. However, after devoting many years to monastic Buddhist practices on Mt. Hiei, he decided to descend the mountain at the age of 29. Following the guidance from his new mentor Honen Shonin, who introduced him to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, Shinran Shonin came to entrust himself to the Nembutsu teaching preached by his master. Several years later, their Nembutsu teaching was banned and Shinran Shonin was exiled to Echigo, present Niigata. Following his pardon, Shinran Shonin moved to the Kanto region where he engaged in propagation of the Nembutsu teaching of Other Power, namely the working of Amida's great wisdom and compassion. It is believed to be then when he began writing his main literary work, *The True Teaching, Practice and Realization of the Pure Land Way*, known as *Kyōgyōshinshō*. Since the essence of his teaching that emphasizes entrusting oneself to the Buddha's working of Other Power and recitation of the Nembutsu was clarified in the composition, the *Kyōgyōshinshō* is also referred to as *gohonden*, or the most foundational scripture of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. Based on Shinran Shonin's own inscription in the writing stating that he was 52 years of age at the time, the year 1224 became designated as the year when the Jodo Shinshu teaching was established.

Buddhism began approximately 2500 years ago when Śākyamuni became a Buddha, awakening to the true reality of this world, such as, the principles of dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. However, ordinary people like us are neither able to realize the truth of enlightenment nor practice a life of nonattachment. To the contrary, we see things from our egocentric viewpoint and because of that we constantly suffer, encounter hardship, and fight with one another. That is why Śākyamuni Buddha informs us of the existence of Amida Buddha who had vowed to save all ordinary and foolish beings like us, by guiding us to supreme enlightenment. Furthermore, Shinran Shonin clarifies that we, as the recipient of Amida's working, have already received the Buddha's wish in the form of the Name, *Namo Amida Butsu*.

As the manifestation of the ultimate wisdom and compassion that accepts everything as it is, Amida Buddha's working equally embraces every living being, never to abandon us no matter how egoistic and filled with blind passions we may be. When truly realizing how vast the Buddha's compassion is, we cannot help but feel ashamed of our way of living that is a far cry from Amida Buddha's wish. That is why Shinran Shonin laments, "How ugly it is! How wretched!" in referring to himself. However, this feeling of shamefulness could motivate us to endeavor to lessen the Buddha's sorrow even if only limited results were expected. Furthermore, that sentiment should synchronize with our efforts of sharing the Buddha's Vow with as many people as possible and feeling others' grief and joy as our own, because these acts are in accord with the wishes of Amida Buddha, and also Shinran Shonin who aspires for peace and tranquility and the Buddha's teaching to spread throughout the world.

Let us appreciate the Dharma and Nembutsu teaching even more deeply, and together strive to realize a society in which everyone can live in peace and harmony, resonating in the hearts and minds of all. As the first step of this movement, I would like to ask for everyone's cooperation in continuing our organizational plans for the future and successfully conducting the joint celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching.



January 9, 2019

SHAKU SENNYO

OHTANI Kojun Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

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Service Schedule

Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth

and

the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching

At the conclusion of the annual commemorative ceremony of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching on April 15, 2019, Sennyo Monshu unveiled the schedule of the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching, which will be conducted in 2023 as follows:

March 29 to May 21, 2023

(5 sessions / 6 days per session)

1st session March 29 (Wed) – April 3 (Mon)

2nd session April 10 (Mon) – April 15 (Sat)

3rd session April 24 (Mon) – April 29 (Sat)

4th session May 6 (Sat) – May 11 (Thu)

5th session May 16 (Tue) – May 21 (Sun)

Everyone is Golden

If, when I attain Buddhahood, the humans and devas in my land should not all be the colour of genuine gold, may I not attain the perfect Enlightenment.

If, when I attain Buddhahood, the humans and devas in my land should not all be of the same appearance and should be either beautiful or ugly, may I not attain the perfect Enlightenment.



(Vows 3 & 4 of the 48 Vows of Amida Buddha from [The Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life](#))

Just when we thought spring was coming with the arrival of March, the snow that we have experienced over the last couple of days is a reminder that winter is still very much here. Living in the Lower Mainland, we are spoiled when it comes to the weather. Here we are at the end of February and this is our first major snow storm for this winter. Compared to the amount of snow that the rest of the country has received, we should feel really lucky.

Speaking of the snow, for the last couple of weeks the winter Olympic has been going on in Pyeong Chang, Korea. Being an avid sports fan, I have been following the games cheering on our Canadian athletes. A few interesting facts that you may not have known: there are 2,914 athletes competing from 92 countries in a total of 102 events. If each event provides a gold, silver, and bronze medals, that means there will be a total of 306 medals awarded throughout the games or roughly 10.5 % of the athletes will receive a medal and about 3.5 % receive a gold medal. When we consider that each of the athletes making it to the Olympic games had to go through some preliminary selection process within their own countries it really is a tremendous feat that these athletes go through to make it on the podium at the Olympic games.

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Everyone is Golden, continued

This is also perhaps why the games are so compelling; we inject our hopes and wishes of national pride onto the athletes that represent our countries. But this same feeling of pride for our athletes, can also change to disappointment when unrealistic expectancies are not met by them. A prime example of this can be seen with the men's and women's curling teams representing Canada this year. Prior to the Olympics, those who follow curling assumed that our teams were favored to at least be battling for a gold medal. Even though we are just spectators watching the events, I'm sure many of us were feeling a sense of disappointment when both our men's and women's teams came away empty handed. The feeling of disappointment I was feeling has absolutely nothing to do with the actual performance of the athletes. It comes about from a completely unfounded expectation that I create based on past experiences of watching Canadians move onto the medal rounds in curling. Even though it is a completely different circumstance and different teams representing Canada, I assume they will due just as good as previous Canadian teams.

In a sense, the Olympics are a microcosm of life itself where we project our hopes and desires on others and get upset when such wishes are not fulfilled. It is precisely, such a world that Sakyamuni said was the root of our sufferings. This is also the reason that in the Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life, the Buddha talks about the humans and devas in the Pure Land all shining the colour of genuine gold and all being equal in appearance. It is the ultimate statement of equality for all beings. There is no need to fight over who is going to get the gold medal, if everyone is already shining the colour of genuine gold. Nor is there a need for us to project our hopes and desires on others if we are all equal. It is through the working of the Nembutsu that we begin to appreciate that each life is already shining brilliantly just as it is.

Despite the wonderful teachings pointing to the equality of all beings, yet I still root for my team and still get upset when they don't fulfill my selfish wish of winning their competition. Perhaps this is why Shinran Shonin called us "foolish beings full of blind passions".

In Gassho,

Grant Ikuta

THE FOOLISH MONKEYS

Once upon a time a tribe of monkeys lived in the king's pleasure garden. The monkeys played and chattered all day long, swinging from the branches of the trees and eating the fresh fruits and flowers.

One day the king's gardener thought, "There will soon be a big celebration in the city. If I can get the monkeys to do the simple task of watering for me, I can go to the celebration and enjoy myself along with everyone else. Surely the monkeys can do no harm by watering the trees." So the gardener went to the king of the monkeys to try to get his help.

The gardener began his request by pointing out to the monkey king the benefits he and his subjects enjoyed while living in the garden, where they could eat all the flowers, fruit, and young shoots they desired. The gardener ended by saying, "Today there is a great holiday in the city. I would like to go and enjoy the festivities. Will you water the young trees for me while I'm away?"

"Oh yes," said the monkey king eagerly.

The gardener gave the monkeys his waterskins and wooden watering pots to use. Then, saying, "Be sure that you do as you have promised," he left for the city.

The monkeys took the waterskins and watering pots and began running from tree to tree, sprinkling each in turn. As he watched the monkeys at their work, the king of the monkeys became worried that they would run out of water before they were done. It was a long way to the river to get more water, and so he devised a plan.

"We must not waste water," he said to his followers, "for when it is all gone it will be hard to get more." Then he carefully instructed his loyal subjects to first pull up each young tree and look at the size of the roots, then give plenty of water to those with deep roots but only a little to those with shallow roots.



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

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

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

ALLEN, Thomas	KODAMA, Tsuyoshi	SAITO, Mary Yasue
AMANO, Noriharu Ness	KOSHIDA, Koto	SARUYAMA, Dan Kono
AMEMORI, Kikue	KOYANAGI, Namiye	SARUYAMA, Natsu
AYUKAWA, Shizuo	KOYATA, Hikoza Hik	SASAKI, Tadao
BESSHO, Etsuko	KUBOTA, Yahachiro	SHIMIZU, Shizue Suzie
EBIHARA, Kesajiro	KUMAGAI, Matsu	SHIMIZU, Suzu
FUJINAMI, Haya	KURAHASHI, Sumi	SUGIMAN, Ross Tatsuro
FUJIOKA, Sueko	MATSUMOTO, Masanori Moza	SUGIMAN, Toshihiko
FUKUMOTO, Fujio	MATSUSHIGE, Toshie	SUMIYA, Odai
GOTO, Miyoshi	MINAMIDE, Bunkichi	TAGUCHI, Takemi
HAKKAKU, Vernon Tsutomu	MINAMIDE, Tomiko	TAKAHASHI, Sada
HAKODA, Yuki	MISUMI, Toyoko	TAKAHASHI, Tokiemon
HAMAMOTO, Fusako	MITSUBATA, Chutaro	TAKASAKI, Susan
HASHIMOTO, Yoshikazu Frank	MIYANISHI, Shozo	TAKEMURA, Chiyoko
HAYASHI, Hachijiro	MIZUYABU, Yuriko	TANI, Hatsue Jane
HAYASHI, Kinu	MIZUYABU, Kenneth Mitsuo	TAKENAKA, Maisie Alice
HUANG, Huan Tang	MORI, Denya	TAKENO, Ryu
IKEDA, Hatsue	MORIKAWA, Suna	TANAKA, Kazuko Kay
IMAI, Usakichi	MURATA, Kazuo	TANAKA, Shoko
INOUE, Iwao	NAGANO, Yaye	TATEISHI, Ai
IRIZAWA, Sawaichi	NAKAGAWA, Niki	TERAKAWA, Tadaji
JIKEMURA, Shizu	NAKANISHI, Tsuneharu	TSUCHIDA, Taichi
KADOHAMA, Toranosuke	NAKATSU, Kunijiro	TSUJI, Tojiro
KAMADA, Shinjiro	NEKODA, Mineto	TSUYUKI, Nobuko
KAMINO, Toshiye	NISHI, Kura	UI, Hideo
KAMIYAMA, Hajime	NISHIMURA, Michio	UYEDA, Senjiro
KARATSU, Sen	NISHINO, Kimi	UYENO, Kuye
KASHINO, Kenichi Robert	NOBUTO, Rosie	UYENO, Tashichi George
KATSURA, Tome	OGINO, George Ryuzo	WAKABAYASHI, Hatsue
KISHIMOTO, Masao	OHARA, Thomas Minoru	UYESUGI, Sueko
KISHIMOTO, Walter	OHASHI, Fusako Elsie	WAKABAYASHI, Barron Chuzo
KISHIMOTO, Sachiko	OHASHI, Hanae Hannah	WANI, Tsuyo
KITAMURA, George Mitsuji	OHASHI, Takiko	WATANABE, Hideyoshi Harry
KITAMURA, Shigeru	OMORI, Sawa	YAMADA, Mitsuo Mike
KITAZAKI, Kiyohiro	OMOTO, Yosoya	YAMAMOTO, Bob Masao
KIYONAGA, Toshiko Kathleen	OMOTO, Yutaro	YAMASHITA, Kumiko
KOBAYASHI, Fumie	ONO, Eizo William	YASUI, Sueo

**Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada
Women's Federation Annual Membership Meeting
April 26 – 28, 2019, Vancouver Buddhist Temple**

The JSBTC WF AMM was held at the Vancouver Temple with meetings Friday evening and all day Saturday. The Annual Membership Meetings were attended by 11 voting members and 2 observers. An overview of the meetings cover the following:

Terms of Reference: The New ToR V3 was thoroughly discussed for greater understanding by all present. Amendments were made and V3 will be accepted until V4 with all the amendments are voted on at the next AMM 2020.

Policies and Procedures: A new 3 member committee has agreed to work on this document over the next year.

WF Dana Day Funds: Funds raised on this day are used for social welfare in the greater community by Temples across Canada. This year \$2,000 will go to “Indspire”, which helps Indigenous students in Canada complete their post-secondary education for a successful future. Blankets for Canada, who provide blankets for people who need warmth will also receive \$2,000. Canadians have knitted, crocheted, sewn and quilted blankets that go to agencies who provide support to those without homes.

Stamps: Used stamps collected in 2018 raised \$255 for the International Save the Children’s fund. It provided a child with a uniform, text books and stationary for a year. It also provided stock for a medical clinic, clean drinking water and fruit trees to provide food for a family and a crop to sell. Please continue to save used stamps.

Coins: Last year 12 pounds of coins were given to Air Canada for their charity program.

Youth Sponsorship: Funds are available from the WF to youth who would like to attend Buddhist youth related activities like the Japan Youth Tour or classes in Buddhist studies.

16th WBWC: Currently 30 people are registered to attend the World Buddhist Women’s Convention in San Francisco over the Labour Day weekend. 4 Canadian ministers will attend. Canadian delegates will practice a song and dance routine for the Saturday banquet entertainment.

Submitted by,

WF Leadership Committee

SHOSANSHIKI or INFANT PRESENTATION

On May 19, 2019 we held our annual ceremony to present and welcome the arrival of new infants and children to our temple community. This year *Bobbi Elizabeth Nakano Peddle*, born on January 27, 2019, was presented. We are grateful to her parents, Jessica and Matt Peddle for giving us the opportunity to grow in the Dharma as they affirmed their intention to raise her with Buddhist values.



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 May .

<i>Mrs. Teruyo Kitamura</i>	<i>91 yrs</i>	<i>May 1, 2019</i>
<i>Mr. Tetsuo Kawai , Montreal</i>	<i>95 yrs</i>	<i>May 10, 2019</i>
<i>Mrs. Teruko Kitamura</i>	<i>93 yrs</i>	<i>May 20, 2019</i>

In Gassho
Toronto Buddhist Church



Please join us on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 11:00AM to meet and greet our Guest Speaker



Professor Dr. Susie Andrews

Prof. Andrews is an Associate Professor of East Asian Religions at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick and an Executive Editor for Studies in Chinese Religions. In 2004, Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai Canada awarded Prof Andrews the BDK Canada Graduate Scholarship which helped fund her 2005-2006 research fellowship at the Institute for Comprehensive Buddhist Studies at Taisho University in Tokyo, Japan. Her research interests and articles explore how retelling past narratives played a role in the religious communities in Medieval China and Japan. She has an avid interest in the success and general welfare of her undergraduate students as expressed on RateMyProfessors.com. Her dedication to hands-on teaching continues with her main “goal of promoting junior scholars and providing them with opportunities to network with academics from across Canada and the world” (Numata Reading Group, Toronto, 2019). To quote our former TBC President Roy Kusano, “Her enthusiasm is infectious” and “She will knock your socks off!”

OBON GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Rev. Brian Kensho Nagata is a fourth generation Californian born and raised in Fowler, California near Fresno. He attended the Buddhist Church of Fowler, which is one of the original Buddhist Churches of America's temples. He was active in Dharma School, Boy Scouts and Western Youth Buddhist League California.

After working in several offices for Mitutoyo Corporation, he was assigned to the Numata Center in Berkeley, California to oversee the BDK English Tripitaka Project which is translating the Buddhist Canon (the teaching of Shakyamuni Buddha) from Classical Chinese into English (this project will probably take several hundred years to complete) and the Numata Program in Buddhist Studies which works with several North American Universities--including the University of Toronto/McMaster University, McGill University and the University of Calgary--to enhance their Buddhist Studies programs. Brian serves as an advisor to the American Buddhist Study Center in New York City and the Ekoji Buddhist Temple in Washington, DC. He also volunteers for the Hongwanji IMOP program, at the Buddhist Churches of America's Center for Buddhist Education (CBE) where he cofounded the "TechnoBuddha" program for young adults, which has attracted some young members from several British Columbia temples, and he leads CBE Study Tours to Japan.

He has worked for Mitutoyo Corporation for 30 years and is currently serving as a director of both Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai America and Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai Canada. He last gave an Obon Dharma Talk at TBC in 2014.



Mindful Meditation Summer Break!

Please Note: Mindful Meditation classes with Ray Nakano will be taking a break for the summer (July and August). Thursday June 20th will be our last class, we will resume again on Thursday September 5, 2019.

In the meantime, please join us every Thursday night for the month of June at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Upcoming Mindful Events

A Day of Mindful Medita-tion:

Saturday August 3rd, 2019
from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sangha Hike on July 27th –
Location to be determined

For more information on both events please visit our

website <http://tbc.on.ca/events/meditation-classes/>

or email mindfulnesspracticesangha@hotmail.com



THE FOOLISH MONKEYS, cont'd

What a clever idea!" said the other monkeys, and they did as their leader told them, thinking only of how much water they were saving.

At this point a wise man entered the garden. Seeing the monkeys, he asked them why they pulled up tree after tree and then gave them various amounts of water.

"Because these are our king's commands," answered the monkeys. "We are pulling the trees up to see how big their roots are and giving them just enough water so that none is wasted.

Their reply moved the wise man to reflect how even when they desire to do good, those who have not developed wisdom often succeed only in doing harm. And he recited this verse to the monkeys:

"Knowledge crowns endeavor with success, while ignorance turns us toward foolishness. Witness the monkeys that tend the garden trees: they unknowingly do harm even as they try to please." With this rebuke to the king of the monkeys, the wise man left the pleasure garden.

From {A Treasury of Wise Action}

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.

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.



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



2019 SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

The Summer Service schedule will start from Sunday **July 21st** to Sunday **September 1st**. All services will be held at 11:00 am.

The **August Monthly Memorial Service** will be held on Sunday, **August 4th**.

The regular service schedule resumes on **September 8th** with the **September Monthly Memorial Service and Rally Sunday Service**.



Please consult the website and the Guiding Light calendar for more detail.

Wasaga Beach Cottage Rental

Summer is just around the corner. Don't wait until the last minute to book a cottage.

There are three rental cottages. Each cottage has running water, a shower, flush toilet and a fully equipped kitchen.

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

The cottages are available from May 18 (Victoria Day Long Weekend). All pets are welcome.

Please contact the church office to book your cottage.
416-534-4302

Tbc@tbc.on.ca

Create Great Family memories that will last a lifetime.

Note: Renter(s) of the cabin(s) must be a member of Toronto Buddhist Church.

TBC Annual Picnic

JUNE 9 @ 10AM - 6:30PM

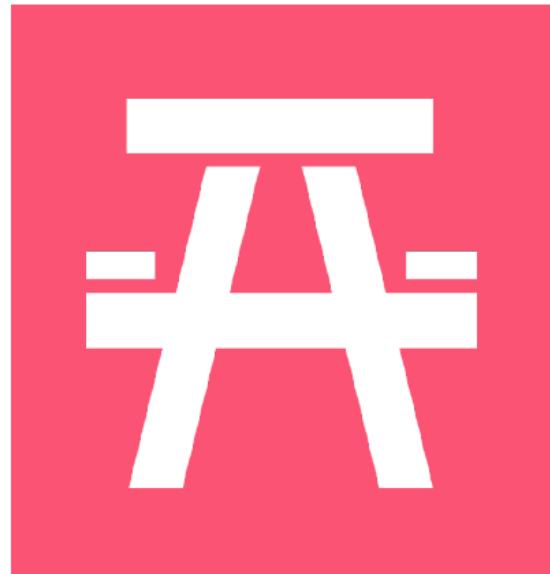
CAMP GREEN ACRES

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!



ADMISSION
\$5 per person
(12 and under - Free)

BINGO!

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

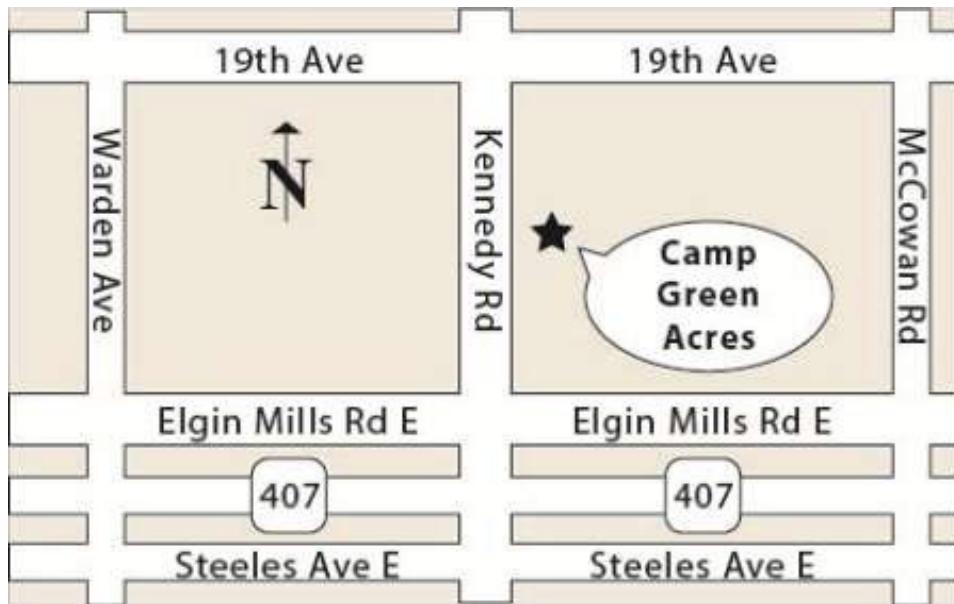
- NO PETS ALLOWED
- NO BARBECUES
- NO INSERTION OF STAKES OR POLES IN THE GROUND
- NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL
- NO BALLOONS (FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FARM ANIMALS)

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

**TBC Annual Picnic
Sunday, June 9, 2019
at Camp Green Acres
11123 Kennedy Road, Markham, ON**

Admission fee: Adults and teens (13 yrs and up) \$5.00
Children (12 yrs and under) free

10.00am	Gates open
10.30am – 11.30am	Yoga session with Denise Crofton or Kids Sangha Activity
11.45am – 12 noon	Open Air Service
12 noon – 12.30pm	Free hot dogs
12 noon – 1.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Races and games
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Free time
3.15pm – 4.15pm	Bingo
4.15pm	Fukubiki
5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Supper
6.30pm	Clean up and load truck



HELP WANTED FOLLOWING THE PICNIC

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

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
Thank you

**Join or Renew
Online**

MEMBERSHIP
Join/Renew



HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR OR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO SUPPORT THE TEMPLE

The year is half way through, have you renewed or applied for your membership for 2019. This past year our membership was slightly lower than 2017 membership. 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 able to rent Camp Lumbini.
7. As a member your children are able to attend Camp Lumbini at a Temple member rate
8. 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: _____

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.

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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.

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

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



The annual picnic is the last KIDS



SANGHA day. At the picnic, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., there will be an organized craft activity for the kids. This will be followed by a service, lunch and the rest of the day's events.

Get ready for a day filled with fun.

We hope to see you all there.

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



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.



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 homyos 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	Glendale	9:30 AM
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John Nishikawa

Sanctuary, North	9:00 AM	Pine Ridge	1:00 PM
Riverside and St. Philips	9:30 AM	Salem	1:30 PM

Pauline Knude

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