



# *Guiding Light*

October 2019



*Ikebana arrangement by Temple member Ann Kotani*

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

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# OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUR-
<b>Please Note:</b> Events marked with an asterisk * are private and are <b>not</b> open to the general public Thank						
		1	2	3 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation	4 7:30 pm Buyo	5
<b>6 Monthly Memorial Service</b> 10:30 am Kids' Sangha *11:00 am Service (E) 12:00 pm Dana Meeting *1:00 pm Service (J) *Guest Speaker: <b>Rev. Mitsuda</b> <b>Nishi Hongwanji</b> <b>SF Rice Sale</b>	7 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	8	9 7:00 Isshin	10 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm *Momiji Service 3:00 pm Ikenobo 4:00 pm * Yee Hong Service 7:00 pm Meditation	11 <b>NO BUYO</b>	12
Rev. Ouchi away in BC						
<b>13 Regular Service</b> 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm Sangha Mtg	<b>14 Happy Thanksgiving</b> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	15	16 7:00 Isshin	17 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm * Castleview 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation	18 7:30 pm Buyo	19 9:00 am Sr. Karaoke Club Party *11:00 am Family Svc
<b>20 Pet Appreciation Service</b> 9:30 am *MC Mtg 10:30 am Kids Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm * BoD Mtg 3:00 pm *Family Service	21 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	22	23 10:30 am Momiji Group 7:00 Isshin	24 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation	25 7:30 pm Buyo	26
<b>27 Regular Service</b> 11:00 am Service <b>TBC Dana 60th Anniversary Celebration</b> 5:00 pm *Private Group Event	28 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	29	30 7:00 Isshin	31 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation		

**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.

Thank You !

# NOVEMBER 2019

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					1 7:30 pm Buyo	2
					BAZAAR PREP	
3 <b>MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE &amp; JSBTC Day</b> 10:30 am Kids Sangha 11:00 am Service (E) 12:30 pm *Dana Mtg 12:30 pm *Shin Fujinkai Mtg 1:00 pm Service (J)	4	5	6	7	8	9  <b>TBC BAZAAR</b>  12:30– 4:30 pm
BAZAAR PREPARATIONS						
10 <b>REGULAR SERVICE</b> 11:00 am Service  Service in Hamilton	11 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	12	13  7:00pm Isshin	14 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm * Momiji 3:00 pm Ikenobo 4:00 pm *Yee Hong 7:00 pm Meditation	15  7:30 pm Buyo	16
17 <b>EITAIKYO SERVICE (Perpetual Memorial)</b>  10:30 am Kids Sangha 11:00 am Service	18 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	19	20  7:00pm Isshin	21 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00pm Buyo 2:00 pm *Castlevie 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation	22  7:30 pm Buyo	23  Ottawa Service  Bishop Aoki's east Canada visit Nov 23— 24
24 <b>REGULAR SERVICE</b> 9:30 am *MC Mtg 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm * Board of Directors Mtg Montreal Service	25 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	26	27  7:00pm Isshin	28 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation	29  7:30 pm Buyo	30

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My eyes being hindered by blind passion,  
I cannot perceive the light that grasps me.  
Yet the great compassion, without tiring,  
Illumines me always.

He vowed if all sentient beings were not reborn in his pure land, he would not become a Buddha. So Bodhisattva of Dharmakara wondered how to accept all living things in his pure land, and meditated on this for 5 Kalpas, such a long time. After 5 Kalpas, he became a Buddha whose name was Amida, and his compassion and wisdom are represented by 12 kinds of light. But all sentient beings have blind passion, which is their deep desire or attachments.

The blind passion hides our eye from Amida Buddha's light of compassion. However Genshin, who is one of seven great masters, said we should remember that Amida's light always shine on us through Namo Amida Butsu even though our eyes are covered by our own desires, because Amida Buddha accept us just as we are.

I understand it is difficult to believe in Buddha if we cannot see him. Many people say "Seeing is believing." If we could see Amida Buddha's existence, how easy it would be to believe in Buddha. But, Amida Buddha became a hearing Buddha. That is why in Shin Buddhism, we think it is important to listen to the teachings of the Buddha.

When I was a child, my father used to bring me to the temple's main hall and I had to listen to many Dharma talks from my grandfather or some guest ministers. But, I could not truly feel Amida Buddha's compassion. However when I was studying Buddhism at Nishi Hongwanji Temple, one of my senseis told me one story from his experience.

The story was very sad, but it helped me to understand Amida Buddha's compassion very clearly. In Japan, Buddhist ministers visit members' houses to do Buddhist services once a month. My sensei also did this when he was young, and he met one family. The husband and wife had 3 young children. They always attended the service together. But one day, my sensei did not see the wife during the service. He thought maybe she was busy, and he didn't ask about her.

However, the next month and for the next 2 months he did not see her. So finally he asked the husband the reason. The husband told him that actually the wife was sick and in a hospital. He had hoped she would come back home soon, but her Doctor had told him that she would not live for much longer. The husband was shocked and could not tell his young children.

A few months later, his family was called to the hospital. My sensei also went there to do Makuragyo or bed side service for her. When he entered the room, the family was already in there and 3 young children were sitting beside their mother. Her breath was becoming very short and weak. The children didn't understand her condition well, but they might have understood that they would have to bid farewell to her

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soon. They started to cry so hard in front of their mother. They must have wanted to spend more time and talk with her. They could not keep their feelings bottled up inside.

When the children cried, their mother called their names “Takeshi, Aiko and Yusuke.” Then she said “Manman-chan is always beside you”. Manman-chan is Amida Buddha’s nickname for children, because it is difficult for them to say Namo Amida Butsu.

My sensei told me that just before she took her last breath, she told her children “When you feel lonely, please place your hands together in front of Manmanchan, and say Manmanchan, Manmanchan. I am always beside you with Manmanchan.”

Of course, their mother felt very sad, too. She probably wanted to have more time and to listen to their story. She might have wanted to teach them how to cook and bake. She must have wanted to share more time with them.

At the same time, she might have been worrying about them. Would they have good friends in the school? Would they listen to their father’s teachings? Would they be picky eaters? And she must have felt sorry for making them feel sad.

However, she left them a very important message even though she was feeling sadness and worry. She just told them “Please say Manman-chan. I am always beside you with Amida Buddha.”

From then on, whenever the children placed their hands together and said “Namo Amida Butsu”, which was what they had said with their mother until she passed away, they remembered their mother’s love, felt Buddha’s compassion and understood Buddha’s wisdom even though they are not visible things, because she had encountered them to Amida Buddha.

When Amida Buddha was Bodhisattva of Dharmakara, he made a great vow, which was if all sentient beings were not reborn in his Pure Land, he would not become a Buddha. And his compassion became 12 kinds of light. My sensei believed their mother also became a Buddha through his lights. And the lights also shine on everyone as Namo Amida Butsu.

We cannot see the lights of compassion. However we know Amida Buddha is always beside us as the sound of “Namo Amida Butsu” and the sound lets us know we are not alone. When I heard the teaching and encountered his lights, I could not stop saying Namo Amida Butsu.

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## 2019 Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Day - Socho's Message



“Those who are born first, guide those who come later, and those who are born later, join those who were born before them. This is so that the Boundless Ocean of birth-and-death may be exhausted.”

(In “*Passages on the Land of Happiness*”, by master Tao-ch’o [562-645])

I would like to express my most sincere appreciation to all the Jodo Shinshu Temples of Canada (JSBTC), ministers, ministers’ assistants, national board of directors, and all temple members and non-members for keeping our organization active and accessible. Through observations at the local temples and the national organization, it is very clear that all of the ministers and national board of directors across Canada are working tirelessly for the sake of our temples, for all the members, and for the community at large. May I ask you for your continued support for our ministers and directors.

We had three candidates from Canada, Dr. Roland Ikuta (Lethbridge), Jeff Hains (Lethbridge), and Tanis Morre (Winnipeg), successfully completed their Tokudo ordination at Nishi Hongwanji on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. They will be assisting their sensei and the temples to propagate Jodo Shinshu in Canada.

On this annual observance of the Jodo Shinshu Day, I would like to share a story of the famous physicist Albert Einstein, who was invited to Japan in the fall of 1922. He was interested in Buddhism and paid a visit to Reverend Jekan Chikazumi, a Jodo Shinshu minister. Einstein asked him about the Buddha Dharma, especially the heart of the Buddha (“Buddha-mind”). It is said that Rev. Chikazumi told him the story of *Ubasuteyama* (the old custom of abandoning old people, usually women, deep in the mountains). A young man was hurrying along a mountain path carrying his aged mother on his back. Along the trail deep in the mountains, the mother was breaking off tree twigs and dropping them on the path. She was marking the path with a trail of twigs. The young man thought that his mother was leaving a trail of twigs so that she could later make her way out of the mountains. When they arrived at their destination, the son, bidding his mother farewell, was about to leave when she said, “Since I didn’t want you to become lost, I left a trail of twigs for you. Follow it as you make your way back home.” It is said that when the young man heard this, he didn’t have the heart to leave her there and so once again put her on his back and carried her home down the mountain.



For whom is the trail of broken twigs? It is for my child who is hurrying on his way to abandon his parent. This fable reflects the feelings that the aged mother held in her heart. We can clearly see that they were not meant to reproach him for taking her deep into the mountains to abandon her; but rather it was her own abandoning of her “self”, and that as a mother, her sole concern was the safety of her child. Although her son was intending to abandon her, she was receptive and accepting of him, completely as he was. Rev. Chikazumi told Einstein that this commiseration is likened to the Buddha’s compassion. Einstein, when he came to know that according to the Buddha Dharma, the heart of the Buddha does not pass judgment on whether something is good or evil, he was elated to have encountered this kind of religion for the first time, and said that in order for us to realize true peace that is free of conflict, we must learn from this. I feel that Jodo Shinshu will continue to provide important religious values, not to mention relevance, to society in general.

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki

**\*Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of November**

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 November All are invited and welcome to attend.

<b>ABO</b> , Tazuko	<b>KAMINO</b> , Tamio Tom	<b>MINAKATA</b> , Kiyokusu	<b>OYAMA</b> , George Shigeki
<b>AZUMA</b> , Kay Kikue	<b>KANDA</b> , Yoshio George	<b>MITSUKI</b> , Kotaro	<b>OYAMA</b> , Iwao William
<b>BABA</b> , George Seiichi	<b>KASHINO</b> , Keiko	<b>MIWA</b> , Tami	<b>SAMESHIMA</b> , Tomio
<b>EBISUZAKI</b> , Kojiro	<b>KASHINO</b> , Tetsuji	<b>MIYAUCHI</b> , Tsuruko	<b>SAWADA</b> , John Minoru
<b>FUJIMOTO</b> , Noboru Nick	<b>KAWABATA</b> , Bunjiro	<b>MIYAZAKI</b> , Namiye	<b>SAWADA</b> , Tome
<b>FUJIMOTO</b> , Shigetaro	<b>KAWABATA</b> , Fumio Ross	<b>MIYAZAKI</b> , Katsumi Joe	<b>SEKO</b> , Hatsuko
<b>FUKAKUSA</b> , Katsuya	<b>KAWAGUCHI</b> , Stanley	<b>MIYAZAKI</b> , Namiye	<b>SERA</b> , Toyojiro
<b>FUKAKUSA</b> , Sakae	Mamoru	<b>MORISHITA</b> , Matsutaro	<b>SHIBATA</b> , Magoji
<b>FUKUSHIMA</b> , Susae	<b>KAWANO</b> , Katsumi &	<b>MURABAYASHI</b> , Lloyd Eikichi	<b>SHIKATANI</b> , Tasajiro
<b>FUKUZAWA</b> , Okujiro	Matsuyo	<b>MURAI</b> , Masazo	<b>SHIMIZU</b> , Charles
<b>GYOTOKU</b> , Mary Fumie	<b>KAWASAKI</b> , Allen	<b>NAGAMATSU</b> , Joan Shimako	<b>SHIMIZU</b> , Mary
<b>HAKODA</b> , Yutaka Richard	<b>KAWASAKI</b> , Shigeo	<b>NAGAO</b> , Kanezo	<b>SHINYA</b> , Kitayo
<b>HARADA</b> , Iwao	<b>KAYAMA</b> , Yotaro	<b>NAGAO</b> , Tadashi	<b>SHISHIDO</b> , Akira
<b>HARADA</b> , Osamu	<b>KIKUTA</b> , Miyako	<b>NAKAGAWA</b> , Toshie	<b>SPRATLEY</b> , Sheila Jane Mary
<b>HARADA</b> , Yoshiko	<b>KISHIMOTO</b> , Ko	<b>NAKAGAWA</b> , Ruby Ayako	<b>SUGAMORI</b> , Yae
<b>HARUTA</b> , Toshi	<b>KISHIMOTO</b> , Yuichi	<b>NAKAGAWA</b> , Sute	<b>SUZUKI</b> , Osamu
<b>HASHIMOTO</b> , Koto	<b>KITAMURA</b> , Shinzo	<b>NAKAGAWA</b> , Phyllis	<b>TABATA</b> , Denbei
<b>HASHIMOTO</b> , Naojiro	<b>KIYONAGA</b> , Aki	<b>NAKAGAWA</b> , Shigeo	<b>TABATA</b> , Yoshio
<b>HAYASHI</b> , Doug	<b>KOBAYASHI</b> , Shige	<b>NAKAMURA</b> , Minoru	<b>TAHARA</b> , Dorothy Toshiko
<b>HAYASHI</b> , Mitsuko	<b>KODAMA</b> , June Fumiye	<b>NAKAMURA</b> , Yukio	<b>TAHARA</b> , Moichi
<b>HAYASHI</b> , Yosoya	<b>KOHARA</b> , Wakajiro	<b>NAKATA</b> , Soichi	<b>TAKAHASHI</b> , Sae
<b>HEIKE</b> , Muneharu	<b>KONDO</b> , Alice Ayako	<b>NAKATSU</b> , Eichi Ronald	<b>TAKAHASHI</b> , Shoji
<b>HIGASHI</b> , Natsuyo	<b>KONDO</b> , Shizue	<b>NAKATSU</b> , Mitsue	<b>TAKASAKI</b> , Wataru
<b>HIRANO</b> , Harue	<b>KONO</b> , Kosetsu	<b>NISHI</b> , Aiko	<b>TAKATA</b> , Kiyo
<b>HIZAKA</b> , Kazukiyo	<b>KOYANAGI</b> , Harry Yukio	<b>NISHI</b> , Kazuo	<b>TAKENAKA</b> , Toni Isamu
<b>HORI</b> , Fusae Ann	<b>KOYATA</b> , Betty Setsuko	<b>NISHIKAWA</b> , John Takashi	<b>TAKENO</b> , Peggy Chitose
<b>HORI</b> , George	<b>KUMABE</b> , Shina	<b>NISHIKAWA</b> , Jisaburo	<b>TANAKA</b> , Miki
<b>IBUKI</b> , Masaji	<b>MASUDA</b> , Ryohei	<b>NISHIKAWA</b> , Koma	<b>TANOUYE</b> , Kazumi
<b>ICHII</b> , Masa	<b>MASUDA</b> , Ryohei	<b>NISHIMURA</b> , Hatsue Hatty	<b>TATEBE</b> , Yae
<b>IIDA</b> , Kii	<b>MATSUBA</b> , Shizuo Samuel	<b>NISHINO</b> , Yoshio	<b>TERADA</b> , Yoshio
<b>IKEDA</b> , Masao	<b>MATSUBA</b> , Seiichi	<b>NODA</b> , Kikuno	<b>TERASHITA</b> , Kiyoshi
<b>ISEKI</b> , Mitsugu	<b>MATSUBAYASHI</b> , Heijiro	<b>NODA</b> , Sumie	<b>TESHIMA</b> , Sashiro
<b>ISHII</b> , Kazuo	<b>MATSUHARA</b> , Yaku	<b>ODA</b> , Tome	<b>TESHIMA</b> , Yaeko
<b>ITO</b> , Denjiro	<b>MATSUMOTO</b> , Hidekazu	<b>OHASHI</b> , Leslie Anne Kiyoko	<b>TSUJI</b> , Ichijiro
<b>ITO</b> , Junji George	<b>MATSUMOTO</b> , Kazuo	<b>OHYAMA</b> , Murae	<b>TSUKADA</b> , Roy Iwao
<b>IZUKAWA</b> , Kumiko Joyce	<b>MATSUMURA</b> , Fumiko	<b>OKAWA</b> , Fumi	<b>TSUSHIMA</b> , Chuzo
<b>KAMADA</b> , Mary Mariko	<b>MATSUSHITA</b> , Mineko	<b>OMOTO</b> , Frank Kiyoshi	Cont'd on page 8
<b>KAMINO</b> , Hana	<b>MATSUYAMA</b> , Soyo	<b>OTSU</b> , Mikiko	



**\*Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of November , cont'd**

UYEDE, Akiko

UYENO, Shigeko

WALSH, Teagan Carroll

YONEYAMA, Sumi

UYENO, Kinu

WAKIDA, Iwamatsu

YAMASHITA, Mitoru

YOSHIDA, Jack Masao

**TBC Karaoke  
Annual Party****Starts 12:00 pm  
At TBC social hall  
Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019****EVERYONE WELCOME !!  
Admission \$15.00 includes:  
Entertainment  
Enka songs  
Buyo Minyo odori  
Games & Bingo  
Oishii obento  
Good times and more****For ticket and information please call:  
Jessica Nakamura (416) 733-1894  
Setsuko Lambeau (416) 225-4747****TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH  
KARAOKE CLUB****Rev. Tatsuya Aoki Achieves Academic Scholar  
Status**

For the past three years Rev. Aoki has been studying to achieve the ranking of Academic Scholar granted by Nishi Hongwanji. On June 6, 2019, at the mother temple, Nishi Hongwanji, Kyoto, he successfully completed the final examination to achieve this ranking. For years, he had spent extra hours over and above his temple and bishopric duties to study and further his knowledge of Buddhist and Jodo Shinshu doctrine. Initially he was awarded a professional development grant from the Living Dharma Centre of JSBTC.

Following three years of study and passing his examinations, he was conferred the title of Specialized Lecturer (*Fukyoshi*) in 2013. Having graduated from a Hongwanji-affiliated graduate school, for the next level, he was exempted from more study course requirements, which consists of two sets of examinations. He qualified directly for the “*Denshi*” examination. For this process, a candidate is required to fully memorize a text of 150 pages containing

**Rev. Tatsuya Aoki Achieves Academic  
Scholar Status, continued**

17 chapters of doctrinal subjects known as “*Anjin Rondai*” in Japanese. On the day of the *Denshi* examination the Gomonsu (head minister of Nishi Hongwanji) chooses a subject which is announced immediately prior to the examination. The candidates are given a blank exam paper and allowed 30 minutes to write by memory the exact contents of the chosen chapter. An oral examination in the presence of three doctrinal special scholars followed the written examination and each candidate was asked to explain in depth, topics on Jodo Shinshu doctrine.

Rev. Aoki recounted that after the long morning of examinations, later that day the participants anxiously awaited the announcement of the examination results. He had passed! Rev. Aoki is now officially conferred the distinction of “*Hokyo*”, the second highest status achievable by the academician himself/herself. Many of them take the teaching posts at the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist seminaries.

In the Buddhist Churches of America, of which there are 43 resident ministers only four currently hold a similar distinction. In Hawaii there is but one of 27 total ministers with this qualification. In Canada, the last minister with this qualification was Rev. Kyojo Ikuta, who passed away in 2014.

Congratulations to Rev. Aoki for achieving, with hard work and dedication, this very worthy distinction!



Special “*Wagesa*” (Minsiter's Robe around the neck) with name inside and distinguished Crest symbolizing Hongwanji's scholarly status.



## Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Day 2019



JSBTC or Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Day is a special memorial service which is traditionally held by local temples across Canada in the months of October or November to observe, remember and honour our pioneers of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and all who were followers in Canada. Our first Jodo Shinshu minister arrived from Nishi Hongwanji (our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan) to Vancouver on October 12, 1905 and thus the month of October is important in Canada to mark our historical beginnings.

JSBTC Day allows us all to gather together at our local temples to collectively express our gratitude to all those who spread the Dharma Teachings before us.

As is often the case, we can think of things in relation to the past, the present and the future. We can think of the past in terms of all those dedicated Jodo Shinshu followers and ministers who have preceded us and remember them for all that they have done to get us where we are now. Our present thoughts can be centred on our current ministers who guide us in our daily lives now. For the future, let us remember to provide for our dedicated retired ministers as well as those ministers who may be considering retirement in the future.

This year, our National Board of Directors want to ensure that a part of any donations kindly made towards JSBTC Day goes directly to our Ministers' Retirement Fund. Let us all remember with gratitude those who have passed before us and share in these quiet moments of JSBTC Day services together and also remember those in our present and future who we can help to secure a decent and well deserved retirement. Please kindly check with your local temple for the date of the JSBTC Day Memorial Service and let us all observe, remember and honour with gratitude together as one common national sangha.

With Gratitude and in Gassho,

Larry Wakisaka  
JSBTC President

\*\*\* Please note that due to Canada Revenue Agency and the Canada Not-For-Profit Act, we ask that if donations are made by cheque, kindly make the payee your local temple and write in the memo area of the cheque "JSBTC Day". Any and all donations made to JSBTC Day are gratefully accepted.

### JSBTC Day

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Day is a special memorial service traditionally held in either October or November to observe and honour our Jodo Shinshu Buddhist founders and followers from across Canada. On October 12, 1905, Rev. Senju Sasaki and his wife Tomie arrived in Vancouver and by December, they and the first supporters established the first Jodo Shinshu temple in Canada.

JSBTC Day allows us to gather together at our local temple to express our gratitude to all those who have spread the Dharma Teachings before us. It is a time to direct any special JSBTC Day donations towards helping our hardworking Ministers to further their education and provide supplemental retirement benefits. Funding is also allocated towards supporting the many activities of our Bishop. The National Board of JSBTC is tasked with providing meaningful programs and assistance to local temples but this challenge is becoming increasingly difficult financially so any contribution you can make will help.

Due to Canada Revenue Agency regulations and the Canada Not-For-Profit Act, we respectfully ask that any donations made by cheque be made payable to "**Toronto Buddhist Church**" with "**JSBTC Day**" in the memo area. Your thoughtful contribution to JSBTC Day is gratefully accepted and will help to continue supporting JSBTC temple programs and our dedicated and hard working ministers. A special envelope marked "**JSBTC Day**" is enclosed for your convenience.

## RALLY SUNDAY

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Rally Sunday is always a busy day at the Temple. Groups are busy setting up their displays and Kids Sangha welcomes back the children after the summer break.

Thank you to CCOV Team 1 for setting out chairs, tables and for setting up the display boards. Thank you to everyone for the Ikebana displays and photo displays.

We look forward to next year's displays!

#### Special Projects



#### 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.

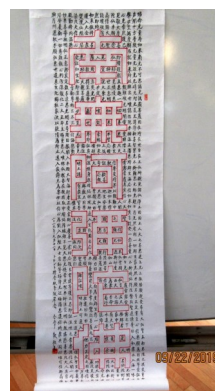
We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that cheques must be made out to TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH. Please note that TBC or T.B.C is not acceptable. If you would like your donation to be directed to one of the church groups or funds, please indicate this information in the memo line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

#### **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**

**REV. ORAI  
FUJIKAWA**



## Camp Lumbini

We always want kids to remember us, remember what they learned and remember that camp will always welcome them with open arms.

All the counsellors who continue to lend their support were once campers who were just young people who have come to be connected, have fun and learn about Buddhism in a more engaging and open way. Every year is so different from the last year and it will always excite those who attended to come the next year. This year we have brought more focus in Buddhist teachings. We are so grateful that Rev. Yoshi and Joanne Sensei was able to come up during the week to be beside everyone while we all trying to study Buddhas Teachings together. Whether you are a camper, counsellor or a parent, you will come to realise you will learn more and more with every year. You will understand that you can never know enough.

Can you, who is reading, tell me or tell yourself, what the meaning of “Namu Amida Bustu” is? We say it all the time, after the ringing of the bell to tell everyone its service, after our chants, after the dharma talks, after the readings of the Shin Buddhist Life Principles, and at the closing of the services. Not to mention when we say our little opening of gratitude when we are about to eat or have finished eating, “Namu Amida Butsu” has always been said. But why? The counsellors and campers have learned this year.

We were given a simpler version, and it is not the all-time definition of this but it resonated with the camp and it has made a beautiful impact to whenever we say it in the future. Namu Amida Butsu means thank you to Everyone, Everything, in Every Moment, Every Second in All of Time. Can you fathom everyone who has ever lived, is living now, and will live in the future? Can you picture every living or materialistic thing that has come into being, is present now, and will come in to being in the future? All the events, all the choices, mistakes, accidents, births, and deaths, all happened for you to be here. We cannot fathom exactly who, what, where, when, or how they all appeared, so we say Namu Amida Butsu to say Thank you to all of them. To me, to you, to the Buddha, to your parents, to the farmers who grew your food, to the inventor of the computer so then I could tell you this.

You’ve learned something we have discussed in Camp with children whose ages range from 8 – 15, with counsellors from 20 – 29, from adults from 35 – 60. We learn more every time we come to Camp. We implore you to research and study the Buddha’s teaching and test them for yourself. Buddhism has always been about learning the teachings and testing them if they work for you.

Thank you to everyone who came into being that has made this camp, thank you to those who were here this year that made our camp extremely special, and thank you to those in advance who will be apart of next years camp.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

In Love, Respect, and with Gratitude,

Namu Amida Butsu

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Mika Tamaki, Counsellor of Group 2



## Pet Appreciation Service



Our furry, feathery, and scaly family members show us unconditional love and affection. They entertain us, keep our secrets and raise our spirits when we’re feeling blue. Come join us to pay a special tribute and show our gratitude to our beloved pets (current and past) at the 11 am service on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring a photo of your pet if you wish to participate.

We would be happy to display it.



## IT WAS A SUCCESS!!!

Shin Fujinkai would like to thank everyone who purchased onigiri, inari or musubi at the Shin Fujinkai Rice Sale on Sunday September 9, 2019 and made the sale a success. The funds raised will go towards the Temple's building maintenance fund. The success of the sale far exceeded our expectations. We sold out! We apologize to all those who were not able to purchase rice.

Shin Fujinkai hope to hold more Rice Sales to raise funds for the Temple maintenance, we look forward to you supporting us in the future.



## JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE DANA 60th ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 27, 2019

We will be commemorating the sixty very eventful years of the Dana on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

Everyone is welcome to attend the special service at 11:00 a.m. and to join us after the service in celebrating with a delicious bento lunch provided by Ginko Restaurant and a program recognizing the many accomplishments of the Dana in the last sixty years.

Current and honorary Dana members will receive a complimentary lunch.

The cost for guests is \$20 per person. Tickets are still available and will be sold at the Sunday services or you may purchase them from members of the Dana executive.

We look forward to your sharing in this milestone occasion.

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## Report to the JSBTC and WF from Myra Takasaki as Secretary General at the 16<sup>th</sup> WBWC in San Francisco August 29 to September 1, 2019

It is with profound gratitude that I want to say thank you for the honour of representing the WF of Canada at the 16<sup>th</sup> WBWC Convention in San Francisco from August 29 to September 1, 2019.

The first day of the Convention I attended the Representatives meeting at 10:00am, At this meeting June Asano and I were inducted into this meeting with special notations from the Gomonsu. We learned that the Youth program is under review because of the low attendance of the Youth Exchanges and tours which happen every 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The feedback we have received from our young people has always been positive, but the cost has risen and the Hongwanji needs to reassess the success of this program, Japan will discuss and decide their results *at the next Representatives meeting in Japan in 2 years time*. The delegates from Japan were proposing changes but no vote was taken as the proposals were merely ideas and not actual actions to be voted on.

Also, a BCA representative suggested that the next WBWC in Japan not be monopolized by the 2 Travel agencies that seemed to be necessary for the delegates to use for the registration, Tour and Convention. The BCA suggested to the Japanese delegates that it is unnecessary to use these two agencies since the cost rises with the commitment. No resolution was made.

We felt very welcomed by the hosts, BCA hospitality was greatly appreciated.

The Convention began in earnest on Saturday with the Opening Service with the chanting of Sanbujo and Sanbutsuge by over 1700 delegates, it was an amazing chorus of women all in unison and it made me realize what an overwhelming experience for a first time Convention goer for me. I felt so proud to belong to such a gathering of women all in the name of Living the Nembutsu. Gassho.

June Asano and I offered the Flowers and Lanterns at the beginning of the service, we felt honoured.

The keynote speakers were very delightful and informative using the theme **Living the Dharma** to explain their unique situations. Our own Trudy Gahlinger was a Panel speaker for us on Sunday, she did a wonderful job with her Gratitude speech. Trudy represented us well.

On Saturday during the Banquet and after the exchange of omiage which was a wonderful way to meet the other guests at our table, the Canadian delegates, all 34 of us sang and danced on stage to everyone's delight. I think we stole the show!

The closing service and ceremony signaled the end of the Convention. We had met many friends and vowed to see each other in 4 years 2023 in Kyoto Japan. This was indeed a wonderful and memorable experience and I want to sincerely thank you for the privilege of representing our WF in San Francisco.

In gassho,

Myra Takasaki





**2019 BAZAAR WORK SCHEDULE****\*\*schedule listed is tentative and subject to change\*\***

Date	Time	Task
		Wash pots
Friday, November 1	9:00am	Wash azuki beans
		Prepare hakkusai for tsukemono
Saturday, November 2	9.30am	Make anko
		Wipe wooden boxes in cooler fridge
		Sanitize serving trays
Sunday, November 3	after service	Put up bazaar banners - main entrance and side fence
	after service	Take apart Social Hall stage
Wednesday, November 6		Prepare ingredients for sushi:
		Soak shiitake and kampyo
		Make oboro
		Set up for Thursday manju making
		Move chairs from Hondo
		Bring tables up to Hondo
Thursday, November 7		Manju making
		Wash 250 lbs. of rice
	6.30pm	Close naijin
		Set up tables in Hondo, Lobby and Social Hall
		Bring down brown trays for oribako
Friday, November 8	7.00 am	Make sushi, udon, udon dashi, toppings for udon
		Cut pork for chow mein
		Cut vegetables for chow mein and tempura
		Prepare broccoli and carrots
		Prepare shrimp for tempura
		Wash rice for inarizushi
		Wash udon bowls
	evening	make inarizushi
		Set up tables in Social Hall for food packaging
		Wash rice for Saturday's bazaar meals
		Rearrange tables in kitchen
		Set up kitchen for Saturday - cooking chow mein
		Ready kitchen for udon, tempura, teishoku dinner
		Put up Parking signs, mark off areas for BBQ and Tempura
Saturday, November 9	6.00 am	Make chow mein, udon, tempura
		Cut tsukemono
		Package sushi, chow mein, inari, bento, chirashizushi
		Set up tables in dining room
		Move oribako goods up to Hondo
	4.30 pm	Clean up in Social Hall, Kitchen
		Clean up Hondo
		Clean up Mezzanine

# ANNUAL BAZAAR

TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019**

1011 Sheppard Ave West, Toronto  
(1 block east of Sheppard West Station)

**12:30pm to 4:30pm**



## THE CROWD PLEASERS

Udon • Sushi • Chicken Yakitori • Obento  
Chow Mein • Tempura • Dessert Selection

Japanese Food • Baked Goods  
Silent Auction • Lucky Ticket Draw and more!

For more information:

Please call **416-534-4302** or visit us at **[www.tbc.on.ca](http://www.tbc.on.ca)**

## TBC Annual Bazaar

**Saturday, November 9, 2019**

Fall is fast approaching and with it the Temple's biggest annual fundraising event.

We need your help!

Donations are needed for sale at the various venues:

Japanese items

Baked goods and Food items

Plants

New items

*(Please note that we are unable to sell used clothing, children's toys and books.)*

If you are able to help during the week before the bazaar, please check the posted work schedule or email [canzai@sympatico.ca](mailto:canzai@sympatico.ca)

Do you have a hobby and interested in selling your items at the bazaar? Half and full tables are available to rent.

We will be able to begin accepting donations from Sunday, November 9, 2019.

***Please contact the TBC office if other arrangements are needed.***

Your support is much appreciated!

TBC Bazaar Committee



## CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

### OCTOBER'S THEME: "FEELING THANKFUL"

Sunday October 20, 2019  
 Halloween fun  
 Games, activities and crafts  
 Costumes (optional)



### NOVEMBER'S THEME: "BEING MINDFUL"

Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019  
 Gratitude scavenger hunt  
  
 Sunday November 17, 2019  
 "Thankful jar" activity

We hope to see you in October for Kids Sangha.

With gratitude,

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

## 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 September .*

<i>Miss Akiko Yamada</i>		<i>August 27, 2019</i>
<i>Mr. Ron Puls</i>	<i>93 yrs</i>	<i>September 8, 2019</i>
<i>Dr. Dick Ito</i>	<i>67 yrs</i>	<i>September 9, 2019</i>
<i>Mrs. Matsuyo Isoshima</i>		<i>September 12, 2019</i>
<i>Mrs. Aya Sawayama</i>	<i>99 yrs</i>	<i>September 13, 2019</i>
<i>Mrs. Kinuko Mori</i>	<i>98yrs</i>	<i>September 16, 2019</i>

*In Gassho*

*Toronto Buddhist Church*



## JEWELRY and ACCESSORIES BOUTIQUE TBC FALL BAZAAR

A call for vintage and gently used jewelry and accessories (purses, scarves, belts, hats)

Leave donations with the office.

Questions: [asanojune@gmail.com](mailto:asanojune@gmail.com)



## NEW, USED OR VINTAGE JAPANESE ITEMS

Do you have your parents', grandparents' or gifts of Japanese wares, ikebana supplies, kimonos, yukatas, accessories, dolls etc. in storage that you don't know what to do with. The Temple will be holding a Japanese Wares Sale in the spring to raise funds for the Temple's 75th Anniversary and we are looking for donations of items to sell.

If you should have any items you'd like to donate please bring them to the Temple and clearly mark on the boxes or items that they are for the 'Japanese Wares Sale'

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

Shin Fujinkai



## GUIDING LIGHT

Toronto Buddhist Church continues to work towards having a balance between English and Japanese. This includes not only translating English into Japanese but also translating news from Japanese temples into English.

We would like to thank both Mr. Takeda and Mr. Higo who have helped with the translating of articles and announcements for the Temple's newsletters for several years. The Guiding Light and the Temple members truly appreciate the time you took to translate articles for the Busshin.

Unfortunately Mr. Takeda is moving onto other things and is no longer able to translate for the newsletter. Thank you to Eishiro for volunteering to continue to translate from Japan. Toronto Buddhist Church Guiding Light is looking for volunteers who can understand and write in both English and Japanese. The main activities would be the translation of articles and announcements from English to Japanese once a month and occasionally from Japanese to English.

Please contact the Temple if you are interested and are able to spare some time.

E-mail: [tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca)

Phone: 416-534-4302



# WANTED



SOUP



MAC &amp; CHEESE



CANNED FISH



BABY FORMULA



PEANUT BUTTER



RICE



DRY PASTA



TOMATO SAUCE



CANNED VEGGIES

## Food Drive runs from Sept 8 - Oct 27

Please bring in non-perishable food donations. For example, dry pasta, canned goods like soup, fruits and veggies, fish, tomato sauce as well as baby formula, rice, peanut butter, mac and cheese.

Please check expiry dates on your donations. We are helping the Daily Bread Food Bank by collecting food to support hungry families, children and individuals who have difficulty making ends meet and can't afford to buy groceries.

*Thank you from Shin Fujinkai*

## FALL FOOD DRIVE 2019

As the Thanksgiving weekend approaches and we give thanks, let us be mindful and think of others who are in need. In today's world, **no one should go hungry.**

If you haven't made your food contribution yet, please consider dropping off goods into the boxes provided for the collection in the front lobby until October 31

Let's give back to our community and support the Daily Bread Food Bank.

\*Grocery gift cards will be accepted as donations but will not be tax receipted.

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# WANTED

## BAKED GOODS & PIES



# REWARD KANSHA

TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH BAZAAR  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

## UPGRADING YOUR APPLIANCES

Are you upgrading your appliances? Camp Lumbini is in need of an electric stove. This is a vital requirement for the campers who rent the cottage, the Sangha Kids Day at Lumbini and the week at Lumbini which happens every summer for the Temple members' children.

If you have a stove you'd like to donate please contact Michael Tamaki at [michael.m.tamaki@gmail.com](mailto:michael.m.tamaki@gmail.com) to make arrangements.



## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

*Due to the continued rising costs to maintain the Temple we find it necessary to increase membership from the current \$130.00 to \$135.00. The increase will be effective with the 2020 Membership.*

*We hope you will continue to support the Temple.*



## No Experience Required

Do you like flowers?

Do flowers spark joy in your life?

Have you ever noticed the beautiful flower arrangement each Sunday on the altar?

If you answered, "YES" to any of these questions, then we're hoping to meet you.

Those floral arrangements are created by volunteers at the temple. We are a small group of people who take turns to create these arrangements each week.

Now this is where you come in....

We are looking for people who are interested in joining us.

You would be responsible for two consecutive Fridays, every couple of months.

And here is the best part – no experience required.

If you think you would like to try us out, please contact me.

I'd love to hear from you!

Naomi

[llovelucy3d@yahoo.com](mailto:llovelucy3d@yahoo.com)

(905) 513 5727

## NEW ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION

The Temple is depending on your generosity and hoping that you will consider donating new items for our bazaar silent auction. Sports paraphernalia or tickets, restaurant gift certificates, theater tickets, electronics, etc.

Members are willing to pick up your donation. Call the office at 416 534 4302 to make arrangement

## HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE TEMPLE'S FUTURE



## 2019 Ontario Volunteer Services Award

Our Temple is fortunate to have a young minister and a hard-working office staff. But, we often forget that many tasks and functions at the Temple are looked after by our volunteers. The OVSA is one of the highest honours we can bestow and gives us a chance to say "thank you".

Five names were submitted to the Ontario government and the nominees are being honoured at a government ceremony in October.

This year's worthy recipients are:

Mrs. Lily Motomura	30 years
Mrs. Yoko Nekoda	20 years
Mrs. Judy Nishi	15 years
Mrs. Fumiko Ohashi	40 years
Mr. Michael Tamaki	5 years

We will be honouring our 2019 OVSA honourees at a service at a later date.

Congratulations!



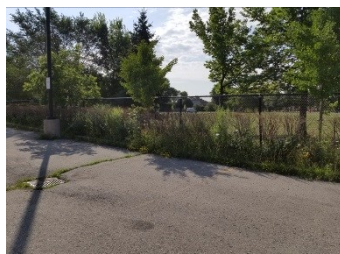
## DOMO ARIGATO GOSAIMASHITA

The Temple would like to thank all those who came out during the summer to help clean up the exterior of the building. It was a large and daunting task that a few members undertook and the results are amazing

Thank you

Maintenance Committee

### Before



### After



## MINDFUL MEDITATION

Are you suffering from stress? Of course, you are. We are all suffering from different types of stress: stress from school, work, finances, family, health, etc. How we cope with and manage our stress can make the difference between a happy, successful life and an unhappy, unsuccessful one. Mindfulness and meditation have become mainstream in today's world. If you would like to learn more about these practices and how they can lead to a happier, more fulfilling life, come out to one of our meditation sessions. We practice in the mezzanine of the Toronto Buddhist Church, on the second floor.

Ray Nakano, who leads these sessions is a trained meditation facilitator. He has been practicing meditation since 2008 and has been a facilitator since 2011. The meditation sessions at the Toronto Buddhist Church have been taking place since October, 2016.

Our meditation sessions are every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 pm. For security purposes the doors will be locked after 7:10 pm so please leave yourself plenty of time to get to our location.

There is no fee to attend. Donations are always welcome. All proceeds go to the Toronto Buddhist Church for allowing us to use their space; so any small donation you can give would be appreciated.

Please come out and join us! It could make a world of difference in your life!

