



# *Guiding Light*

December 2019



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

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# DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Events marked with an asterisk are PRIVATE and not open to the general public      Thank You !						
<b>1 SHOTSUKI MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE SANGHA PANCAKE SUNDAY</b> 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am English Service 12:30 pm Dana Mtg (Eko)	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 Meditation	<b>6</b> 7:30 pm Buyo	<b>7</b>
<b>8 REGULAR SERVICE</b> 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm Dana(Eko)/ Sangha(Mezz)/Shin Fujinkai (LDC)AGM Service in Hamilton	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>12</b> 10 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2 pm *Momiji Service 4:00 pm *Yee Hong Service 7:00 Meditation	<b>13</b> 7:30 pm Buyo	<b>14</b> 11:00 am * Family Svc 1:00 pm *Temple Event 4:00 pm *Family Svc
<b>15 JODOYE BODHI DAY SERVICE</b> <b>Guest: Rev. Grant Ikuta</b> 9:30 am MC Mtg (Mezz) 10:30 am Kids Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm BoD Mtng (Eko)	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:30 am Momiji Community Mtg 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 Meditation	<b>20</b> 7:30 pm Buyo DEADLINE FOR MOCHI ORDERS	<b>21</b> 3:00 pm *Buyo Group Year End Party
<b>22 REGULAR SERVICE</b> 11:00 am Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Mochi-tsuki Prep</b>	<b>28</b> Sangha Mochi Tsuki 1:00 pm Mo- chi Pickup
<b>TEMPLE AND OFFICE CLOSED</b>						
<b>29 "NO" SERVICE</b> TEMPLE AND OFFICE CLOSED	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11:30 pm Bell Ringing OFFICE OPEN				
<b>During the days the OFFICE is closed, if there is an emergency, please contact one of the following people</b> Paul Aoki      647-535-7890      Dawn Anzai      416-593-5857 Dianne Ishida      416-473-8150      Pamela Yoshida      416-879-9599 Phone messages will be checked daily at regular intervals.						

# JANUARY 2020

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Thank You

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 11:00 am New Year's Day Service <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 MONTHLY MEMORIAL SVC</b> <b>Guest: Bishop Aoki</b> 10:30 am Kids Sangha 11:00 am Service (E) 12:30 pm *Dana Mtg 1:00 pm Service (J)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm *Momiji Service 4:00 pm *Yee Hong Service 7:00 pm Meditation	<b>10</b> 7:30 pm Buyo	<b>11</b>
<b>12 REGULAR SERVICE</b> 9:30 am Management Committee Mtg (Mezz) 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm *BoD Mtg (Eko) 12:30 pm *Sangha Mtg (LDC)	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00pm *Castleview 7:00 pm Meditation	<b>17</b> 7:30 pm Buyo	<b>18</b>
<b>19 HOONKO SVC</b> 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service 1:00 pm *TBC Annual General Meeting	<b>20</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>23</b> 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation	<b>24</b> 7:30 pm Buyo	<b>25</b>
<b>26 REGULAR SERVICE</b> 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm <b>New Year's Social (Shinenkai)</b> (Potluck)	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm Taiko	<b>30</b> 1:00 pm Buyo	<b>31</b>	

### Interconnectedness and a Sunbeam Toaster



Everyone has or had a grandmother, this is the nature of being Human. We all have parents and our parents had parents and so on. My grandmother on my father's side lived with us until I was about 10 years old. She was a stereotypical Japanese grandmother (obachan) who seemed small in stature, amazingly strong enough to lift 100 pounds of rice or open the lids on jars, dressed in a certain way (I always remember her hat and hat pin, dark coloured shirtdress, thick stockings and black oxford type heeled shoes), cooked amazing foods and doted on her grandchildren.

From my childhood memory Bachan took care of us as kids so that my mom could do the errands, take care of the young babies and do volunteer work for the temple.

I remember that although Bachan couldn't speak much English, we somehow communicated and I always knew when I did something good or was in trouble with her. I followed Bachan around the house and watched her doing chores or cooking. She often called me over to a special spot in the dining room where she would pull out a book to read to me in a language that I didn't really understand. She often read a Japanese type comic storybook or manga which had pictures of monsters, demons and people fighting. The book had fascinating pictures with so much happening all over the pages. The end result of the stories was usually the same the good demons (oni in Japanese) would defeat the bad guys and bring prosperity to the village. It really never mattered what the story was about, the important thing was that my Bachan was reading to me and giving me some time out of her busy day.

One early memory which has stayed with me is when I was about 3 years old. On that particular work day I had somehow helped my grandmother to get the breakfast table ready with plates and cutlery.

I don't remember putting the juice glasses in place, but that may have been a strategic move on my Bachan's part. I would definitely hesitate to ask a 3 year old to put glass cups at every place setting, especially the 3 year old me. I must have completed whatever tasks that were assigned to me since I was invited to help tidy the table after breakfast. This seemed to be a very easy task since all I had to do was take clean cutlery and put it on the counter near the cutlery drawer and take the Sunbeam toaster off the table and put it away in the lower kitchen cupboard. Easy peasy!

I proudly gathered the dirty cutlery first and plopped two fistfuls on the kitchen counter. Next I hauled myself up on a chair to check the remaining cutlery to determine if they were indeed clean and crawled off the chair clutching a couple of clean spoons confidently placing them in the cutlery drawer. My Bachan remarked how well I was doing in the clean up, especially since I did something which was not asked. The final task was to carefully remove the toaster by going up on tip toes, gingerly grasping the toaster with my fingers and take it to the cupboard. Straining on my toes I was barely able to finger grab the toaster and bring it to my chest. The weight of the toaster and my unbalanced stance caused me to lose my grip on the shiny silver surface of the toaster and it tumbled from my childhood fingers to the tiled linoleum floor. CRASH! What a disaster. I slowly picked up the toaster and noticed a sad dent on the silver side and one of the black plastic handles had snapped off. The beautiful shiny toaster was no longer the perfect mirror surface to watch breakfast scenes in. It was like a carnival mirror, reflecting weird grotesque images.

I was devastated and started to tear up, seeing the destruction of the perfect Sunbeam silver art deco toaster. My Bachan quickly came over to check that I was not hurt but she saw how upset I was over the damage to the toaster. She put the toaster away and bent down to tell me that she appreciated my help and that I had a small accident but that she was glad that I was fine. I tearfully told her that I hurt the toaster and it wouldn't be the same anymore. She soothingly explained that the effort I gave with a genuine desire to help was more important than a small dent and snapped handle. She explained that the toaster still would work as well as before and that the next time I had toast, she would give me extra butter on it as a secret reward for helping her and the family. The promise of extra butter soothed my raw disappointment of hurting the toaster and I believed that the toaster didn't mind the dent or the lost handle.

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### Interconnectedness and a Sunbeam Toaster, continued

What my grandmother was teaching me was Right Effort, one of the Eightfold Noble Truths. I still remember the important lesson of giving an earnest effort when doing something which will benefit myself and those around me. The breakfast table I helped clear could become my craft table or my mom's flower arranging table or my snack table or the centre for mouth watering delicious baking or the lunch or dinner table. The table could serve another purpose for many in the house because the breakfast dishes were cleared and put away. My grandmother showed me that my little efforts could help the family and benefit everyone.

Sixty years later I too have a similar looking Sunbeam art deco style shiny silver toaster with black handles and it strangely also has a dent in the side and a chip on the handle. When I get the toaster out or put it away I know my grandmother's spirit is still with me, guiding me in this world as a Bodhisattva teaching and reminding me of the Buddha's Teachings. And I still sneak extra butter on my toast and fondly remember my beloved grandmother and her Dharma lessons and I gaze at the misshapen reflections on the shiny silver side of the toaster.

Thank you very much grandmother, Obachan domo arigato gozaimashita.

With gratitude beyond words,

Amy Wakisaka

#### NOTICE TO GUIDING LIGHT SUBSCRIBERS

We must advise you that there will not be a Busshin (Japanese) version of the Guiding Light for the next few months. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our Japanese readers. We hope that we will be able to resume providing the Busshin again soon.

Guiding Light Staff

#### NOTICE FROM THE RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

**\*\*SERVICE ON DECEMBER 29,  
2019 HAS BEEN CANCELLED\*\*  
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

**Date: Sunday, January 19, 2020**  
**Time: 1:00 pm following the morning service and a light lunch**  
**Place: Temple Social Hall**

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, January 20, 2019;
2. Presentation of Financial Statements of the Temple for the year ended October 31, 2019.
3. Consideration and approval of the Budget for the year ending October 31, 2020;
4. Election of Directors;
5. Special Business: Transfer of title and ownership of the TBC niche at the Otani Mausoleum in Kyoto to JSBTC.

Such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

A second Notice of the Meeting with further details will be posted in the Guiding Light for January, 2020. Please note that while attendance at the Meeting is open to all friends of the Temple, **only members of the Temple will receive a package of reports and will be entitled to speak and vote on any matters coming before the meeting.** A member of the Temple is

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

**Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of January**

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 January . All are invited and welcome to attend.

AKAYE, Jeanne Ayako	KAWAHARA, Kazumi	MURATA, Magoji	OTANI, Saichi
BABA, Hatsu	KAWAHARA, Sumano	MUROMOTO, Miyoko	OTSU, Tsune
BANDO, Toshio	KAWASAKI, Mohachi	NAGANO, Kiyono	SAKAI, Iwakazu
CARROLL, John	KAWASAKI, Uta	NAKAGAWA, Connie Kane	SAKATA, Shizue
DMYTRYSHYN, Nicholas	KISHIMOTO, Yoshiko	NAKAGAWA, Kumakichi	SATO, Hikotaro
DOI, Hajime	KITAGAWA, Susumu	NAKAGAWA, Nobu	SATO, Roland Atsumu
EBATA, Chiyoko	KITAMURA, Shotaro	NAKAGAWA, Masajiro	SATO, Hikotaro
EBATA, Genya	KIYONAGA, Hide	NAKAGAWA, Kanako	SEKIYA, Matsue
EDAMURA, Toki	KOBAYAKAWA, Hisa	NAKAHARA, Aiko	SHIBATA, Hatsu
FUJIMOTO, Shuzo George	KODAMA, George	NAKAHARA- MACLACHLAN, Phillip	SHIBATA, Suteya
FUJIMOTO, Teruko	KOJIMA, Jiro	NAKAMURA, Mikio	SHIKATANI, Masajiro
FURUYA, Yaeko	KONDO, Take	NAKAMURA, Shigeo Fred	SHIMANO, Kiyoko
HAMA, Fujie	KONO, Misayo	NAKAMURA, Tome	SHIMIZU, Hayley
HAMADE, Matsunosuke	KOYANAGI, Kazue	NAKAMURA, Yukiye Rose	Elizabeth Hisaye
HAMASAKI, Ichitaro	KOZAI, Tomisaburo	NAKAMURA, Akira Victor	SHIMIZU, Kichiji
HAMILTON, Doreen	KUBOTA, Saenosuke	NAKATA, Akira Victor	SUGIMAN, Iwazo
HAYASHI, Sumi	KUMAGAI, Sutezo	NAKATSU, Tsuruyo	TAKAHASHI, Deanna Takako
HIGASHI, Gene Yoshiteru	KUMAMOTO, Hisano	NATSUHARA, Mie Nora	TAKAHASHI, Koichi
HIRAI, Hatsuye	KUSANO, Tokiyoshi Fred	NEKODA, Ann Tsuyako	TAKAHASHI, Mika
HIRAMORI, Yukiko	MACLACHLAN, Marjorie Ethel	NISHIHATA, Kishi	TAKASAKI, Masaru
HUANG, Mei Lin	MAIKAWA, Misao	NISHIKAWA, Kimi	TAKATA, Chiyoko
ICHIKAWA, Jiro	MATSUBAYASHI, Kanayo	NISHIMURA, Robert Toji	TAKEMURA, Sozo
IKEDA, Carole Mia Allison	MATSUMOTO, Tatsuyo Jean	NISHIMURA, Eiko	TAKEMURA, Takeo
INOUE, Hideharu Harry	MATSUMOTO, Akira Sam	NISHIZEKI, Hisakazu	TANAKA, Satsuki Sally
ISEKI, Yoshiko	MIIE, Uhei	ODA, Kikue	TANAKA, Yoshie
ISHII, Kanaye Bessie	MIYAMOTO, Kazuko	ODA, Kiyozo	TEHARA, John Shiro
ISOZAKI, Soichi Jimmy	MORI, Kenzo	OGINO, Sumiye	TOJI, Shuken
ITO, Tsutau Lefty	MORI, Kanichi George	OGURA, Tomie	TSUJI, Rose
ITO, Tayoko	MORI, Kisa	OHASHI, Robert Seizo	TSUKADA, Haruye
IZUKAWA, Sakuhei	MORI, Maw Massme	OKASHIMO, Kamezo	UCHIMARU, Kesaguma
KAGETSU, Eikichi	MORI, Isao	OKAWA, Kiyoshi	URA, Ine
KAMINO, Tsuneo Roy	MORIMOTO, Isae	OKUDA, Hiroshi	USAMI, Fumiko
KAMINO, Robert Yasuo	MORISHITA, Nao	OMORI, Tamako	UYESUGI, Tamotsu Tom
KARATSU, Rennie Akira	MURABAYASHI, Masa	ONO, Sadano	
KATSURA, Isamu	MURAKAMI, Toshio		
KATSURA, Mosaburo			
KATSURA, Toshiko			

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

WAKABAYASHI, Tadato

WAKISAKA, Yasujiro

WANI, Fred Mitsunori

WARNER, Roger Harley

WATANABE, Misao

WATANABE, Ronald Satoru

YAMAMOTO, Tamotsu

YAMASAKI, Tsutomu

YAMASHITA, Yori

YAMASHITA, Yoshitaro

YAMAUCHI, Yasu

YASUDA, Yukimori

YOKOYAMA, Toshie

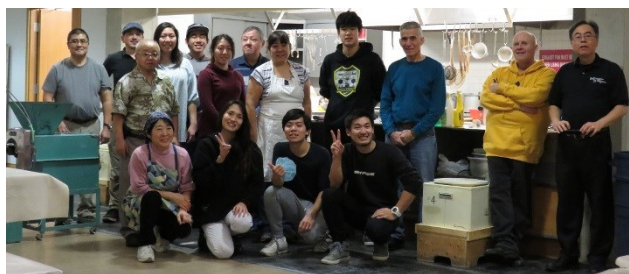
YOSHIDA, Bruce Yuji

**A TBC TRADITION – MOCHI TSUKI 2019**

Please join us on **Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am** for our annual TBC Sangha **Mochi Tsuki** – all volunteers are welcome.

It has been a Toronto Buddhist Church tradition for many years to gather at our Temple just before New Year's with our families and friends and make Mochi. To those of you who have generously volunteered your time in the past, I hope you will be able to assist us again. For those of you who have not previously attended Mochi Tsuki, I invite you to take part and hope that you will consider making this event a part of your annual calendar of events.

On Friday December 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm volunteer assistance is required to set up equipment and wash rice which will be soaked overnight. We will take a break for dinner then finish up our preparations for the following day.



We will also need assistance to prepare lunch which will be served to volunteers to the following day.



A vegan option for lunch is always available.

Early Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup>, rice will be steamed.



We ask that volunteers arrive at 8:30am to form, cool and pack the mochi.



All volunteers receive one free bag of a dozen komochi (half dozen for children).

**Last day for mochi orders: Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Pick up orders: Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup> after 1pm**

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



# Dana 60th Anniversary

## Thank You!

The Toronto Buddhist Church Dana celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, October 27 with a special service and luncheon attended by 130 Dana members, friends and family. Thank you to the hardworking members of the organizing committee and all who assisted in making this day very special for everyone.

Special thanks to Bishop Aoki for conducting the service and for his message of good wishes. Thank you to Larry Wakisaka for his kind words at the service and for the commendation presented on behalf of the JSBTC, to Dawn Anzai for the recognition from the Board of Directors of TBC and to Myra Takasaki/Darlene Rieger for the special presentation and gift from the Shin Fujinkai.

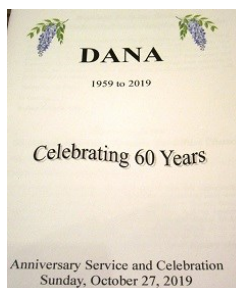
Much appreciation to Donna Nakano and June Asano for chairing the service and luncheon programs, to Pamela Yoshida who was the organist for the service, to Toivo Knude for taking photos, to Cary Kataoka for driving several Momiji residents to the church and for assisting with the audio/visual equipment and to Sho Michibata for creating the lovely banner for the stage.

Highlights of the day included memories written by long-standing Dana members and read by Carol Katsura; recollections shared by Dana and Maya Ishiura, daughters of the late Mary Ishiura who was the first advisor to the original 1959 Dana; and a wonderful speech by Terrie Komori, the first president of Dana, and who, along with Masa Yoshida, Hedy Yonekura and Alice Uyeda, represented the 35 charter members in the cake-cutting ceremony.

A display of memorabilia from past Dana activities and an interesting slideshow compiled by Judy Nishi brought a real sense of nostalgia to the day.

The Dana Harmonica Band provided some very lighthearted, fun entertainment at the luncheon. We all enjoyed their performance and would like to acknowledge the time and effort spent by the group in putting together their program.

Thank you to everyone who attended the celebrations and for the very generous donations received on this memorable occasion.



### **Commendation Certificate Awarded to TBC Dana**

*(The following is an excerpt of the message delivered by Larry Wakisaka, JSBTC President, at the Dana 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary service on Oct. 27, 2019)*

I am here today representing Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) and our National Board of Directors in recognizing Toronto Buddhist Church Dana by way of a JSBTC Certificate of Commendation on this wonderful and celebratory milestone 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dana.

Dana, with the encouragement and inspiring leadership of the Late Mary Ishiura, was formed in 1959 and the purpose of forming this Womens' Auxiliary Group at TBC was officially stated as follows:

“We, lay women of the Toronto Buddhist Church, realizing our unique importance in the Church and community, do hereby organize ourselves in order to serve the Church as well as enhance our religious convictions and promote mutual fellowship.”

At the beginning, the membership fee for belonging to Dana was set at a mere 25 cents. This now seemingly small membership fee, however, was to be an indication of the grit, determination, selflessness, significant contributions, sense of fellowship and pure heartfelt sharing and giving by Dana and its members and supporters. The group, interestingly enough, named themselves “Dana” as the meaning of Dana is “to give to others”.

Locally, the Dana constantly raised funds for the temple through many fundraisers like innovative Fashion Shows, 2-day rummage sales, fundraising for FAMAC (Financial Assistance for Ministerial Aspirants in Canada), Art Shows to support the Shin-Fujinkai, donation of a Yamaha organ to TBC, the compilation and publishing of “Way of Life Book” and Prajna weekends among many other wonderful local temple contributions.../

Another very generous and important ... was to provide generous seed money to Shin Fujinkai so that younger women within our Church could form their own group. This kind act was not only generous but visionary in its scope and intention.../

...In addition to contributing locally at TBC and in the surrounding communities of Toronto and nationally across Canada, Dana's legacy has also extended around the world.... in 1959, Dana held a successful clothing drive for the Nagoya Relief Fund to assist those in need from the effects of Typhoon Vera.

In 1964, Dana started to raise funds to start the Dana Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Miyo Nakamura was the first Chair of this fund and until just recently, remained as Chair or Co-Chair. Amazingly, this fund has now helped to encourage and support the education of over 100 well deserving graduates who have been direct beneficiaries of the vision and generosity of Dana....

The Dana had sponsored a Tibetan orphan named Karma Dorji who was the first of three Tibetan orphans adopted from an orphanage which was operated by the Dali Lama's sister. Interestingly enough, this may have resulted in a personal visit by the Dali Lama to TBC to address our congregation. What an auspicious event! Dana sponsored and supported the three children for 12 years. Dana: visionaries, human rights advocates, always caring and selfless, local, national and even international in their reach and positive impact. The Toronto Dana has certainly lived true to their stated meaning of “to give to others”.

It is for these reasons, and many, many more reasons and significant contributions that the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada gratefully recognize the exemplary and meritorious services rendered in propagating the doctrine of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Canada and the World by presenting a JSBTC Commendation Award to Dana.

**A BIG THANK YOU to those who donated on JSBTC Day!**

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC), our national organization, on JSBTC Day. The JSBTC provides for the office of the Bishop of Canada, many national programs for all our temples and for the further education, health and supplemental retirement income of all our ministers. Thank you as well for remembering and honouring all the pioneers in Canada who dedicated their efforts to spread the Buddha Dharma in Canada.

Your continued support of our national organization is greatly appreciated.



**Bodhi Day Service  
December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

We are pleased to welcome Reverend Grant Ikuta as our guest minister for the Bodhi Day Service on **December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, this is one of our more significant services as it is the celebration of the day that Shakyamuni Buddha attained enlightenment as he sat under the bodhi tree.

Many of us are familiar with Grant Sensei as he served as our resident minister from 1992 to 2008 and we look forward to hearing him again. Please join us for this important service.

## NEW YEARS GREETINGS 2020

In the next issue, January 5, 2020 , the Guiding Light will be inserting a special “HAPPY NEW YEAR” page.

If you would like your name included in the special New Year’s greeting page, please complete the form below and submit it with your donation to the Temple office by **December 23, 2019.**



**Please print my/our name(s) under ‘New Year Greetings’ in the upcoming January 2020 issue of the GUIDING LIGHT.**

**NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**GREETING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(N.B. Phone requests will NOT be accepted.)**

## DANA NEWS

### BAZAAR THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped out during the prep week and to those who worked hard on Bazaar day. Your contributions especially to the 100 bentos sold at the bazaar and the hard work are very much appreciated by the Bazaar Committee. Also to all the pie makers, thank you for the donations of delicious pies made for the bazaar.

Dana will be having their 2019 AGM on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> following the service. We will be joining Shin Fujinkai and Sangha for lunch. Hoping to see the Dana ladies.

## SHIN FUJINKAI

Shin Fujinkai members please mark your calendar for Shin Fujinkai's AGM on December 8, 2019 in the LDC room. We will be joining the Dana and Sangha for lunch after the service and our meeting will follow the luncheon.

## 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 November .

Mrs. Misao (Mae) Nishikawa	90 yrs	October 28, 2019
Mr. Teruo Kichi Kiyonaga	95 yrs	October 31, 2019
Mrs. Kyoko Yamamoto	93 yrs	November 5, 2019
Mr. Yoshiaki (Rick) Toki	90 yrs	November 14, 2019
Mr. Sydney Kishimoto	67 yrs	November 18, 2019
Mrs. Emiko(Amy) Onishi	89 yrs	November 21, 2019
Mrs. Tsuyo Kusano	104 yrs	November 22, 2019

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## 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.

Unfortunately Mr. Takeda is moving onto other things and is no longer able to translate for the newsletter. 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)

## Toronto Buddhist Church

### 2019 Annual Bazaar

The annual bazaar was held on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> and we welcomed the day with cooler temperatures but no signs of precipitation. Inside the temple, as in past years, the hustle and bustle of getting ready kept everyone warm and focused on the tasks at hand.

When the doors opened to the public at 12:30 p.m. the initial crush of people was overwhelming but it soon became a steady stream of customers.

Special thanks to the many individuals and businesses for their generous donations to the bazaar.

The Bazaar Committee wishes to convey our heartfelt appreciation to all the participating service groups – Kids Sangha; Youth; Dana; Sangha and Shin Fujinkai as well as family members and friends who were helping out both during the week leading up to the bazaar, the day of as well as the clean up after.

In gassho,

TBC Bazaar Committee





## Year End Service and Bell Ringing

(Joya No Kane)

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 at 11:30pm

In the Hondo at Toronto Buddhist Church

Please join us at the temple on New Year's Eve for a service, followed by the ringing of the bell and to reflect upon our actions of the past year. In Japan, it is a Buddhist tradition to ring the temple bell 108 times at or around midnight on New Year's Eve. One hundred and eight represents the number of blind passions that we humans suffer; which prevents us from realizing the joy of the Buddha Dharma and enlightenment.

Mathematically this is:  $6 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3 = 108$

**6** = The Buddhist number of senses: (sight, sound, taste, touch, smell and the unconscious of the unenlightened mind)

**3** = The states of experience (pleasant, unpleasant or neither pleasant or unpleasant/neutral)

**2** = The dimensions of attachment (attached or unattached)

**3** = The time frame (past, present or the future)

By ringing the bell 108 times, we symbolically acknowledge these 108 passions and bring ourselves into a greater awareness so that we can start the New Year with a more conscious mind of the Buddha's workings in our lives.

We look forward to seeing you at the Bell Ringing Service at the Toronto Buddhist Church to help strike our temple bell (Kansho) 108 times. **All ages are welcome!** The service will begin at 11:30pm followed by an invitation to take a turn to strike our temple bell.

**PLEASE NOTE THE BELL RINGING TAKES PLACE AT  
TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH**

## OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2019

THE **TBC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

Monday, Dec 23rd -Tuesday, Dec 24th - Friday, Dec 27th - Saturday, Dec 28th and Sunday, December 29th

Wednesday Jan 1st .

The Office **will be open** on Monday Dec 30th, Tuesday, Dec 31st and Thursday, January 2, 2020 onward

**During this time, phone messages will be checked daily at regular intervals**

If an **emergency** should arise, please contact one of the following people

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Paul Aoki	647-535-7890
Dawn Anzai	416-593-5857
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Pamela Yoshida	416-879-9599

Thank You

Toronto Buddhist Church Office



## CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

### DECEMBER'S THEME: "Cont'd .....gratitude"

December 1, 2019 – Meditation workshop with Ray Nakano



December 15, 2019 – Bohdi Day. Decorate your own gingerbread house

### JANUARY'S THEME: "New Year"

January 5, 2020 – Welcome the New Year



New Year craft

Discuss with the kids, goals for 2020.

Also discuss activities and areas of interest as it related to Buddhism.

January 19, 2020 – Hoonko Day—One of the most important observances of Buddhist.

Hoonko observes the memorial of Shinran Shonin. Hoonko is a time we remember, express our gratitude and honour Shinran Shonin, the founder of our sect of Buddhism, Jodo Shinshu.

Learn about Shinran Shonin.

Activities related to Hoonko

We hope to see you there! Everyone is welcome.

With gratitude,

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

### 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.***



### 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 OR CASHABLE BY THE BANK**. 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.**

## MINDFUL MEDITATION WITH RAY NAKANO

**WHEN:** Every Thursday Evening—7:00 pm to 9:00 pm **WHERE:** Toronto Buddhist Church—Mezzanine

The 2 hour sessions will include:

Guided Sitting Meditation  
Silent Walking Meditation  
Silent Sitting Meditation  
Dharma Talk  
Sharing in the Sangha



If you have any questions please email: [mindfulnesspracticesangha@hotmail.com](mailto:mindfulnesspracticesangha@hotmail.com) or Denise Crofton at [dcrofton@rogers.com](mailto:dcrofton@rogers.com)

**NOTE: LAST SESSION BEFORE THE HOLIDAY IS DECEMBER 19TH, 2019. WE WILL RESUME SESSIONS ON JANUARY 9TH, 2020.**

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. Doors are locked at 7:10 pm. There are no fees but donations are graciously accepted.

### \*\*\*\*\*YEAR END AND NEW YEAR'S SERVICES\*\*\*\*\*

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Service is **CANCELLED** on this date

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019**

New Year's Eve Service at 11:30

Bell Ringing to Follow

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE at 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Guest Minister – **Bishop Aoki**

Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki) Service

English Service – 11:00 am

Japanese Service – 1:00 pm



On December 15, 2019 Toronto Buddhist Church will be honouring our 2019 OVSA recipients during the morning service. Following the service there will be a light luncheon served in the social hall.

2019 OVSA recipients :

Lily Motomura	30 years
Yoko Nekoda	20 years
Judy Nishi	15 years
Michael Tamaki	5 years

