



Guiding Light

January 2020



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE NOTE: Events marked with an asterisk* are PRIVATE and <u>not</u> open to the general public. Thank You						
			1 11:00 am New Year's Day Service Office Closed	2 1:00 pm Buyo	3 7:30 pm Buyo	4
5 MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE Guest: Bishop Aoki 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service (E) 12:30 pm * Dana Mtg 1:00 pm Service (J) 3:00 pm * Family Service	6	7	8 7:00 pm Taiko	9 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm *Momiji Service 2:30 pm WF Mtg 4:00 pm * Yee Hong Service 7:00 pm Meditation	10 7:30 pm Buyo	11
12 REGULAR SERVICE 9:30 am * MC Meeting 11:00 am Service 12:30 *Board Meeting Service in Hamilton	13 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	14	15 7:00 pm Taiko	16 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm *Castlevie Service 7:00 pm Meditation	17 7:30 pm Buyo	18
19 HOONKO SERVICE 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service <div>TBC Annual General Meeting</div>	20 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	21	22 7:00 pm Taiko	23 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation	24 7:30 pm Buyo	25
26 REGULAR SERVICE 11:00 am Service <div>TBC NEW YEAR'S POTLUCK SOCIAL</div>	27 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	28	29 7:00 pm Taiko	30 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation	31 7:30 pm Buyo	

If you have an emergency, please contact one of the following Paul Aoki, Dawn Anzai Dianne Ishida or Pamela Yoshida
Voice messages on the service are regularly checked,

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please Note: All events marked with an asterisk * are private and not open to the general public						
						1 4:00 pm Family Memorial Srv
2 MONTHLY MEMORIAL Service & FOOD FEST Guest: James Martin Sensei 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm Dana Mtg (Eko) 12:30 pm Shin Fujinkai Mtg (LDC)	3 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	4	5 7:00 pm Taiko	6 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation	7 7:30 pm Buyo	8 11:00 am Private Event*
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16 NIRVANA DAY SERVICE 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service	17 FAMILY DAY <div>TEMPLE CLOSED</div>	18	19 7:00 pm Taiko	20 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation	21 7:30 pm Buyo	22
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New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Last year again, following the year before, Japan, as well as many other countries in the world, was struck with multiple natural disasters. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through those disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. In addition, we must never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live, and lives are being lost every day.

Last September I had an opportunity to make an official visit to the temples of the Buddhist Churches of America as Monshu for the first time. This allowed me to complete the first round of visitations to all of the overseas districts which include Canada, Hawaii, South America, and the US mainland.

Although every temple and district has its own history and background, many of the overseas Jodo Shinshu temples were established and have been cherished by the Japanese immigrants and their descendants. Reflecting on how sincerely our predecessors entrusted themselves to the Buddha Dharma and how importantly they thought of their temples while facing many difficulties such as World War II, I cannot help but feel grateful and even awe for their tremendous efforts as well as many other wondrous circumstances that have allowed the Jodo Shinshu teaching to be handed down to us today.

However, a considerable amount of time has passed since the Japanese emigrated overseas, and the lifestyle of their descendants, as well as the world situation have changed greatly. In accordance with these changes, quite a few people who are not of ethnically Japanese origin have also come to appreciate the teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, and attend our overseas temples.

What caused this is nothing but the universality of the Jodo Shinshu teaching that transcends time and space. In other words, Amida Buddha's compassion equally reaches and nondiscriminatively embraces everyone in the midst of all sorts of pain and agony.

In this year, let us continue to listen to the Dharma, considering it is directed to each one of us, and keep moving forward to share it with many other people as possible.



January 1, 2020

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of February

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 **February**. All are invited and welcome to attend.

AMANO, Tojiro	HYUGA, Hisatoshi	NAKASHIMA, Haruko	TAKAOKA, Hideo Donald
AMANO-O'SHEA, Karen Akemi	IGARASHI, Shigeru	NAKATA, Kimi	TANAKA, Itsuo
ARIZA, Riku	INATA, Ei	NAKATSU, Kimiko	TEHARA, Chiyo
ARIZA, Takeru	IWAMOTO, Yuri	NISHI, Hanae	TEHARA, Genya
DOI, Terrie Teruya	IWASAKI, Kiyoshi Henry	NISHIKAWA, Shoji	TEHARA, Suye
EDAMURA, Kane	KAMADA, Denroku	NISHIMURA, Harry Kanshiro	TERAKITA, Mitsuo
DRYGAS, Ronald Walter	KAMINO, Atsumu	NISHIMURA, Riyeko Frances	TATEBE, Saemon
FUJITA, Kano	KASHINO, Wai	NISHIMURA, Seitaro	TSUCHIDA, Suejiro
FUJITA, Shigeo	KATO, Saju	NISHIMURA, Barry Jon Yoshio	TSUJI, Edward Sadamu
FUJIWARA, Douglas Tetsumori	KAWABATA, Sayono	OGATA, Sakae	TSUJI, Etsuko
FUKUSHIMA, Hanae	KAWABATA, Tobei	OHASHI, Mitsuo William	TSUJI, Toshiro Roy
FURUKAWA, George Goro	KAWAGUCHI, Hanaye	OMORI, Isamu	TSUKAMOTO, Masato
FURUYA, Isamu	MATSUDA, Yoshimi	OMOTO, Tatsuya	TSURUDA, Misae
HAMA, Hirokichi	MATSUSHITA, Tatsumi	RYUJIN, Isamu	TSURUOKA, Mas Masaaki
HAMA, Hugo	MENDE, Masuno	SAITO, Harry Hiromitsu	TSUKAMOTO, Masato
HAO, Yoshitada	MIYAGAWA, Yoshiko	SAKAGUCHI, Shizue	URA, Tsutomu
HAYASHI, Fumikazu Frank	MIYANISHI, Toyozo	SARUYAMA, Lucy Masako	UYEDA, Toshihiro
HAYASHI, Genichiro George	MIYASAKI, Harry Juichi	SASAKI, Tokubei	WATANABE, Haruno
HAYASHI, Yoshi	MIYAUCHI, Yahei	SHIMIZU, Asato	WATANABE, Sumiye
HAYASHI, Yoshio	MIYAUCHI, Kumakichi	SHIMODA, Clara Shizue	YAHIRO, Kin
HAYASHI, Yoshiye	MIZUNO, Fumiyo	SHIOZAKI, Akira	YAMAMOTO, Yasue
HIDAKA, Kathy Ling Fai	MIZUTANI, Harold Tsuneichi	SHISHIDO, George Tetsuo	YAMASHITA, Yoshiko
HIDAKA, Tsuyoshi	MIZUYABU, Yonekichi	SHOJI, Gin	YASUI, Toshie
HIKIDA, Toyoko	MORI, Sumi	SUGIMOTO, Itsuno	YOSHIDA, Baby
HIROSE, Masayuki	MURAKAMI, Yukimi	SUMIYA, Chikayoshi	YOSHIDA, Chika
HONKAWA, Kise	MURANAKA, James Kinsuke	SUYAMA, Tei	YOSHIDA, Kanjiro
HORI, Mrs.	NAGAO, Moyo	TABATA, Fumie	YOSHIDA, Natsu
HOSAKI, Takeko Eileen	NAKAMURA, Genroku	TAMAKI, Mitsuko	
	NAKAMURA, Sumi		



2020 New Year's Greeting from Office of the Bishop

On behalf of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, I wish to thank all of you for your support and understanding throughout the year 2019.

While quietly reflecting on 2019, how quickly a year passes. At such times, I wonder what causes us to lose sight of what is truly of value. "What is the big picture of life that Buddhism tries to encourage us to keep in mind, as we live?" When we lose sight of the big picture, without thinking, we just feel we know what we value, and we know what is right. But the essential point of Buddhism is very simple: What we must value most in life... is life itself. We must value this opportunity to live and appreciate this experience that we share together.

My studies for academic advancement through Nishi Hongwanji was successfully completed in June, 2019. Earlier in the month of April, I started a programme to learn Japanese tea ceremony, "*Sado*" or "*Chado*". While I was learning how to make and serve green tea, I also learned about the philosophy of tea ceremony. There is a Buddhist saying that is closely associated with the Tea Master, Sen No Rikyu (1522-1591). The phrase is, "*Ichigo-Ichie*." Literally, it means, "One Moment-One Meeting." Within the tea ceremony, it implies that our coming together in this moment happens but once in our lifetime; let us appreciate this time together.

Ultimately, in the big picture of things, it is certainly not about winning or losing a hockey game. It is not about getting what we want or having our way. Ultimately and most essentially, it is about valuing life and this time we have together. When our Dharma eyes are open, we cannot help but see that we must not take for granted this very moment of life we are living. As I have often asked, "How many months of Decembers will be ours to enjoy?" However many, that number is limited. Realizing this, let us try to live together and work together harmoniously in the spirit of "*Ichigo-Ichie*." Let us live knowing that each day is new and fresh and at the same time, each moment may be our last. With our Dharma eyes open, let us try to enjoy this winter holiday season, letting go of our complaints, our anger, and resentments and embrace each moment and each meeting with others, knowing that they will never come again. In Jodo Shinshu, we would call a life of *Ichigo-Ichie*, "A life of Nembutsu."

Thank you for your kindness and support throughout the last year. We look forward to another wonderful year together. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Holiday Season!

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki and f

GRATITUDE

It is our constant condition as human beings to continually complain in our own minds and find our present circumstances to be unsatisfactory, we try to feel genuine appreciation for what we have and live life to its fullest in a spirit of gratitude

TBC, from Dana's 'Way of Life' book



A new year, a new decade...

We find that the Holiday Season is a time to remember friends and family. As we begin a new year, we say goodbye to 2019 and look forward to what 2020 will bring. Over the past year, we have lost family and friends but look forward to cultivating the new friendships we have made.

Our Temple calendar is a very busy one. We look at the past year and review all that was accomplished and make plans for the new year.

In 2019, we again had our "bumps" in the road. Many thanks to all those who have helped us navigate the detours. We hope to be on course soon!

This year, Toronto Buddhist Church will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. It is a time to reflect and appreciate the work that members and supporters have given to Toronto Buddhist Church over the years. Celebration plans are in the works!

As we start a new decade, we must also realize that we need to be open to changes that are made after careful consideration and discussion. Communication is even more important to prevent misinterpretations, misunderstandings and to show respect for each other.

Thank you to everyone who has worked with me this year. We made a terrific team.

For 2020, I would like to wish everyone "Health and Happiness".

In gassho,

Dawn Anzai

President

Toronto Buddhist Church



Happy New Year

謹賀新年

Happy New Year, All the Best
in 2020

Pamela Yoshida

Reverend Yoshimichi Ouchi

George and Emi Nakano

Best Wishes for 2020

Dawn, Toshi, Crystal Anzai and Emi2

GL Staff

Harry & Helen Tetaka

Diane Mark

Naomi Tsuji Tamaki

Eishiro Higo

Dianne Ishida

Pamela Yoshida

Darlene Rieger

Best Wishes and All the Best
for 2020—A New Decade!

Dianne Ishida and Mochi

HAPPY NEW YEAR

AKEMASHITE OMEDETOU GOZAIMASU

明けましておめでとうございます



ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD (OVSA)

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Thank you to the OVSA recipients for their many years of helping with the many events held at the Temple.

2019 OVSA recipients : Lily Motomura 30 years
 Yoko Nekoda 20 years
 Judy Nishi 15 years
 Michael Tamaki 5 years



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 December .

Mrs. Chiyoko Omotani	90 yrs.	December 1, 2019
Mrs. Fumiko Kishimoto	88 yrs	December 17, 2019
Mrs. Michi Ueda	90 yrs	December 22, 2019
Mr. Sam Sadaaki Baba	93 yrs	December 25, 2019
Mr. Richard Hiroshi Tanaka	91 yrs	December 29, 2019



In Gassho

Guiding Light

REMINDER: ONLY MEMBERS ARE RECEIVING GUIDING LIGHT

As mentioned in our membership articles the rising cost of postage has forced us to implement a subscription fee for all those who are not members of the Temple. The subscription fee charged applies to those receiving the Guiding Light by mail. If you were not a member in 2019 or have not applied for or renewed your membership for 2020 you will not receive a Guiding Light. The subscription fee for January—December 2020 is \$35.00.

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

The Guiding Light is also posted on the Toronto Buddhist Church website tbc.on.ca

SUBSCRIPTION REQUEST FOR THE GUIDING LIGHT FOR NON MEMBERS

SUBSCRIPTIONS IS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JAN—DEC

NAME (MR./MRS/MISS/MS) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBER _____

_____ ENGLISH ONLY

_____ ENGLISH/JAPANESE

Send your request to Toronto Buddhist Church, 1011 Sheppard Ave. W. Toronto, ON M3H 2T7, accompanied with your subscription fee of \$35.00. Cheques should be made payable to Toronto Buddhist Church indicating it is for subscription for the Guiding Light. You can also drop the form off at the Temple office.

****A tax receipt will not be issued for the subscription fee**

**Join or Renew
Online**

MEMBERSHIP
Join/Renew



IT'S 2020, TIME TO RENEW OR APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE TEMPLE

It is that time again to approach you and remind you to renew or apply for your membership for 2020. We are hoping to continue to have a strong 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. We hope that 2019 members will renew their memberships for 2020 and continue to support the Temple.

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.

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 \$135.00) 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 2020, or if already an Honorary Member, he or she must confirm 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 only.**





TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

*a Jodo Shinshu Temple***2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION***In the case of couples, please complete information for each applicant individually.*

Applicant #1 Renewal (<input type="checkbox"/>) New (<input type="checkbox"/>)		Mr. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Mrs. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Ms. (<input type="checkbox"/>)
Last Name: _____		Birthdate: dd/mm/year: _____
First Name: _____		Email: _____
Address: _____		Phone: _____
City: _____		Signature: _____
Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____		
<p>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, 2020. By signing this Membership Application I hereby adopt the vow print on the back of this application.</p> <p>I would like a Guiding Light mailed to me - English Only _____ English/Japanese _____</p> <p>-----</p>		
Applicant #2 Renewal (<input type="checkbox"/>) New (<input type="checkbox"/>)		Mr. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Mrs. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Ms. (<input type="checkbox"/>)
Last Name: _____		Birthdate: dd/mm/year: _____
First Name: _____		Email: _____
Address: _____		Phone: _____
City: _____		Signature: _____
Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____		
<p>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, 2020. By signing this Membership Application I hereby adopt the vow printed on the back of this application.</p> <p>I would like a Guiding Light mailed to me - English only _____ English/Japanese _____</p>		

Please note that this application is for membership from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The Individual Membership Fee for 2020 is a minimum of \$135. 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 Offertory 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.**



CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

January 19, 2020 - Hoonko



Hoonko observes the memorial of Shinran Shonin. Hoonko is a time to express our gratitude and pay our respects to the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Let's learn about Shinran Shonin.

Activities related to Hoonko.

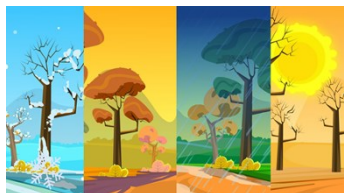
February's Theme: "Impermanence"

February 2, 2020—What is impermanence?

How does it relate to Buddhism and our lives?

Activity to demonstrate changes we experience in our

lives.



February 16, 2020 - Nirvana Day

Let's honour the Buddha, his life and his journey into Nirvana.

A family day craft

We hope to see you on Kids Sangha Sunday.

Everyone is welcome.

With gratitude,

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



TBC NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

following the morning service

SHARE & DISCOVER NEW FLAVOURS!

Bring your favourite dish for the potluck luncheon.

FEELING LUCKY? There will be door prizes & bingo.

DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!



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.

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

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



FOODFEST – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2020

The Dana and Shin Fujinkai will be holding their Annual Foodfest on Sunday, February 2nd, 2020, the proceeds from which will be used to support the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches of Canada Women's Federation Outreach Program.

Donations of any food items such as homemade preserves, jams, fukujinzuke, pickles, homemade karinto, makizushi, sekihan, inari sushi, chiraishizushi, manju, pastries and of course, any items that can be used in our bento boxes would be appreciated.

Please bring items for the foodfest to the temple before 9 am on February 2nd so that they can be packaged and sold following the service.



GUIDING LIGHT

Toronto Buddhist Church continues to work towards having a balance between English and Japanese. This includes translating English into Japanese and occasionally translating news from Japanese temples into English.

We are 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 Phone: 416-534-4302

Toronto Buddhist Church Spring Higan and Keirokai

Sunday, March 15, 2020

On Sunday March 15th we will be observing our Spring Higan Service.

“Higan” literally means “The other shore”. Twice a year on the days of equinox, when there is an equal amount of day and night, it is our Jodo Shinshu tradition to reflect and reaffirm our practice of the Buddhist teachings that lead us to “the other shore” of enlightenment. The balance of day and night is also a reminder to walk “the Middle Path” of Buddhism.

Keirokai is the event where we celebrate, honour and show our gratitude to our temple elders. Members who will reach 77 years (KIJU), 88 years (BEIJU) and 99 years (HAKUJU) or older during this calendar year, will be honoured during the Joint Higan Service at 11:00am. During the service, each honouree will be recognized and presented with a gift from the temple. In order to be included in the service, each honouree must be a temple member and submit the application form to the Temple office by Sunday, March 1st, 2020.

After the service a special luncheon will be held for our honourees. All honourees and other Temple members who are 77 years old or more this year will each receive a complimentary bento (lunch) box. Everyone else may purchase a bento.

PLEASE NOTE: Honourees and honorary members must be on our list of Temple Members to receive their complimentary bento. An entertainment programme will follow the luncheon in the Social Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,
Special Projects and Religious Committees



2020 KEIROKAI HONOREE APPLICATION FORM

Name (English): Mr./Mrs./Miss _____

Last Name in Kanji (if known): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Province: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Please circle: 77 88 99 100+

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE BY SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2020 TO ENSURE INCLUSION IN THE CEREMONIES.

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 or Denise Crofton at dcrofton@rogers.com

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.

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

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.

Ho-Onko Service

January 19, 2020 - 11:00 am

Ho-Onko or Founder's Memorial is one of the most important occasions observed in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition. On Sunday, January 19th at 11:00 am, we will observe and honour the passing of our founder Shinran Shonin at our Ho-Onko Service.

Shinran brought the Dharma (Buddha's Teachings) out from the monastery to the common people during a time of great political turmoil, social unrest and violence. He introduced Buddhism to everyone, regardless of class or intellect as a way for anyone to attain peace and happiness. Please join us in honouring our Founder and his struggle to deliver Buddha's Teachings to us all.



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
HAMILTON BUDDHIST TEMPLE, MONTREAL BUDDHIST CHURCH, OTTAWA FELLOWSHIP
2020 SCHEDULE

JANUARY

1	New Year's Day Service
5	Monthly Memorial Service
12	Regular Service
	<i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Hoonko Service</u></i>
19	Hoonko Founder's Memorial Service
	TBC Annual General Meeting
26	Regular Service
	New Year's Social (Shinenkai)

FEBRUARY

2	Monthly Memorial Service & BOD Installation
9	Regular Service
	<i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Nirvana Day Service</u></i>
16	Nirvana Day Service (Nehan-e) & Sangha Day
23	Regular Service

MARCH

1	Monthly Memorial Service
8	Regular Service
	<i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Spring Higan Service</u></i>
15	Spring Equinox Service (Higan-e) & Keirokai
22	Regular Service
28	<i><u>Ottawa Fellowship: Spring Higan & Hanamatsuri Service</u></i>
29	Regular Service
	<i><u>Montreal Buddhist Church: Spring Higan Service & Hanamatsuri</u></i>

APRIL

5	Monthly Memorial Service
12	Eshinni Day; Wife of Shinran Shonin Service
	<i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Hanamatsuri Service</u></i>
19	Hanamatsuri Service
22-26	JSBTC Ministerial Association, BOD, LDC meetings and AGM at BTSA, Lethbridge, AB
26	Regular Service

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2020 SCHEDULE

<u>MAY</u>	3	Monthly Memorial Service
	10	Parents' Day Service <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Gotan-e Service</u></i>
	17	Gotan-e & Infant Presentation (Shosan shiki) Service
	24	Regular Service
	31	Regular Service <i><u>Montreal Buddhist Church: Gotan-e Service</u></i>
<u>JUNE</u>	7	Monthly Memorial Service & TBC Dana Scholarship Presentation
	14	Regular Service
	21	Regular Service <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Regular Service</u></i>
	27	<i><u>Ottawa Fellowship: Obon Service</u></i>
	28	Regular Service <i><u>Montreal Buddhist Church: Obon Service</u></i>
<u>JULY</u>	5	Monthly Memorial Service
	11	Obon Cemeteries Services Obon Service & Bon Odori Dance at JCCC
	12	Obon Services
	19	Summer Services Begin <i><u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Obon Service</u></i>
	26	Summer Service
<u>AUGUST</u>	2	Monthly Memorial Service
	9	Summer Service
	16	Summer Service
	23	Summer Service
	30	Summer Service

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SEPTEMBER

4- 6	<u>2020 EBL at New York Buddhist Temple</u>
6	Summer Service
13	Monthly Memorial Service and Rally Sunday
20	Fall Equinox “Higan-e” Service <u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Fall Higan Service (Afternoon)</u>
26	<u>Ottawa Fellowship: Fall Higan Service</u>
27	Regular Service <u>Montreal Buddhist Church: Fall Higan Service</u>

OCTOBER

4	Monthly Memorial & JSBTC Day Service
11	Regular Service <u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Regular Service</u>
18	TBC 75 th Anniversary Service
25	Pet Appreciation Service

NOVEMBER

1	Monthly Memorial Service
8	Regular Service <u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Regular Service</u>
15	Eitaikyo Service
22	Regular Service
28	<u>Ottawa Fellowship: Eitaikyo Service</u>
29	Regular Service <u>Montreal Buddhist Church: Eitaikyo Service</u>

DECEMBER

6	Monthly Memorial Service
13	Regular Service <u>Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Bodhi Day Service</u>
20	Bodhi Day Service
27	Regular Service
31	Year-End Service Year-End bell ringing at TBC

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