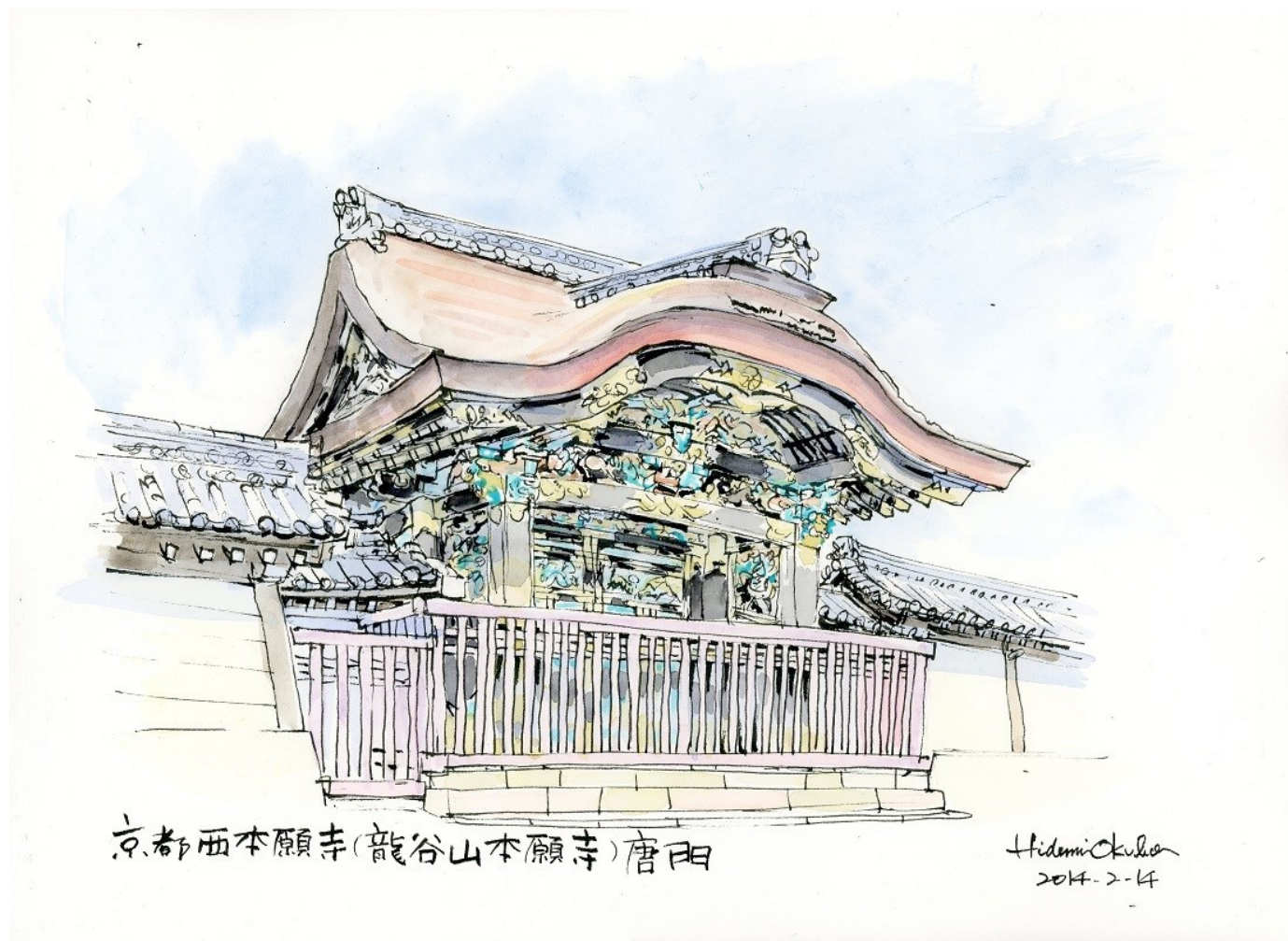




Guiding Light

March 2020



Nishi Hongwanji Temple Gate

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MARCH 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 MONTHLY MEMORIAL & SHIN FUJINKAI WINTER WARMUP 10:30 am Kids' Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 *Dana Mtg (Eko)	2 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	3	4 7:00 pm Taiko	5 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation	6 7:30 pm Buyo	7
8 REGULAR SERVICE 11:00 am Service 3:00 pm * Private Event (Mezz) 3:30 pm Service in Hamilton	9 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	10 8:00pm Minyo Teachers Workshop	11 7:00 pm Taiko	12 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm * Momiji 4:00 pm *Yee Hong 7:00 pm Meditation	13 7:30 pm Private service* Buyo-cancelled	14 10:00 am * Family Service & Ash Inurnment 3:00-9:00 pm private function*
15 HIGAN & KEIRO KAI Guest: Rev. Grant Ikuta 10:30 am Kids' Sangha 11:00 am Service	16 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	17	18 7:00 pm Taiko	19 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation	20 7:30 pm Buyo	21 11:00 am * Private Event
22 REGULAR SERVICE 9:30 am *MC meeting 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm *BoD meeting	23 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	24	25 7:00 pm Taiko	26 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation	27 7:30 pm Buyo	28 Service in Ottawa
29 *NO SERVICE* * TEMPLE CLOSED *	30 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	31 8:00pm Minyo Teachers Workshop				

APRIL 2020

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12 ESHINNI DAY SERVICE 11:00 am English Service 12:30 pm *Sangha Mtg	13 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	14 8:00 pm Minyo Teachers Workshop	15 7:00 pm Taiko	16 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikebana 7:00 pm Meditation	17 8:00 pm Buyo	18
19 HANA MATSURI SERVICE 10:30 am Kids' Sangha 11:00 am English Service 12:30 pm Hanamatsuri Family Banquet	20 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	21	22 7:00 pm Taiko	23 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikebana 7:00 pm Meditation	24 7:30 pm Bon Odori 8:00 pm Buyo	25
JSBTC (Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada) AGMs will be held April 22 –26 in Lethbridge AB						
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A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND YOSHI

Dear members and readers, I miss you. As you must know I am having an administrative problem with my stay in Canada. I have worried about all the families who have needed me. I place my hands together for all of you and when everything is straightened out, I will do my best to make it up to you. My professional advisor is doing all she can to solve the problem as soon as possible.

I also wish to thank you. I have received so many messages of encouragement from all of you. I would like to say how much I have appreciated the Board members who have been working so hard on fixing my situation. Also, I owe a big thank you to the other ministers and minister's assistants for helping the Temples in Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and Montreal. I place my hands together in gratitude from the bottom of my heart.

During my absence, I have been reading Buddhist books and other ministers' Dharma Talks as much as possible. The time off has helped me to learn and reconfirm the teachings of the Buddha. Reading these books, I have come to understand how important it is to continue studying Buddhism throughout my life. When I was a student, my father, who is a Buddhist minister, always told me to read books about Buddhism. Back then, I disliked reading, especially anything about Buddhism. One day I asked him why I had to read so many books. He said it was because I would someday become a Shin-Buddhist minister, and that Shin-Buddhist ministers had to study hard from Shinran Shonin's books. So I asked him when I would be finished studying. He responded with a single word. He said, "Never".



I came to understand his message during my absence from the Temple, because I haven't been able to stop thinking about Buddhism. I have found myself reaching for the Shin-Buddhist books without even thinking about it. In those books, I have read so much knowledge and wisdom, but I have also realized that, without life experience, these books offer only one piece of the larger puzzle that is Buddhism. Shin-Buddhism should not be just a piece of knowledge. It must be a part of our daily life.

In that sense, I have realized that I have been given a valuable opportunity to learn Buddhism every day at the Temple, just by meeting with our members. My time in the Temple has allowed me to listen to and share their experiences. Those interactions have brought meaning to the teachings that I studied from my books and in that way, connected me more closely to Buddhism.

One of my Senseis told me that to feel sadness, to get angry, to have suffering and to feel joy, everything is connected in Buddhism. Life is uncontrolled and impermanent. Whenever and wherever we are, Amida-Buddha's compassion is always reaching us as the voice of "Namo Amida Butsu", because the "Namo Amida Butsu" is his power to lead us to enlightenment.

While I am away from the temple, I am continuing my studies of the teachings of the Buddha and Shinran-Shonin. I am also continuing to study English to improve my ability to explain Buddhism in English. I really hope that I will be able to talk about Buddhism with you in the Temple again very soon.

To close this message, I would like to share Reverend Kenryu Tsuji's words:

The Nembutsu is the sound of the universe.

It is the sound of the wind as it rustles the leaves:

It is the roar of the waves as they rush toward the shore:

It is the song of the robin, the whippoorwill and the chorus of cicadas on a summer evening.

The Nembutsu is naturalness...

The first cry of the baby as it emerges into the world from the darkness of the mother's womb:

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A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND YOSHI, continued

It is the powerful cry of awakening to its dependence on something greater than self... for its sustenance.

The Nembutsu is the proclamation of the Buddha...

"Above heaven and below heaven, I alone am the World Honored One."

It is the ultimate declaration of life;

I alone hold my destiny in my hand leading to perfect Buddhahood.

When I touch the heart of reality, it is Namo Amida Butsu...

What else can I say?

When I truly share someone's happiness, it is Namo Amida Butsu;

And in that moment of deep grief over a loved one's death, it is just Namo Amida Butsu...

It is the song of gratitude not of my finding the Buddha, but Buddha finding me. By Rev. Kenryu Tsuji

I am really looking forward to seeing you again at the Temple.

In Gassho. Namo Amida Butsu...

Yoshimichi Ouchi

OBITUARIES

The Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the families, relatives and friends of the following individuals who have passed away.

Mrs. Nobuko Nasu	88 yrs	January 24, 2020
Mr. Kazuo Tom Shimizu	101 yrs	January 28, 2020
Mr. Edward Yoshio Nishimura	89 yrs	February 9, 2020



Toronto Buddhist Church Board of Directors 2020-2021



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Pictured L-R) Dawn Anzai, Paul Aoki, Jessie Ebata, Kevin Kawaguchi
and Cynthia Tetaka Donna Nakano (absent)

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 April . All are invited and welcome to attend.

ABE , Takeo Tom	INAMOTO , Hanako	MIZUTANI , Tomie Mary	SHIOZAKI , Christina Chizuyo
AIHOSHI , Yone	ITO , Jukichi	MORI , Masu	SHIOZAKI , Tsunejiro Tony
AKADA , Saki	IWASA , Hisa	MORI , Sukeshiro	SUYAMA , Hisakichi
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ATAGI , Yoshio	KADOHAMA , Kumiko	NAGANO , Kiyoko	TAKAHASHI , Takejiro
AYUKAWA , Etsuko Marjorie	KAMADA , Denjiro	NAKAGAWA , Ai	TAKATA , Kase
BABA , Kinu	KANDA , Masano	NAKAGAWA , Kotaro Harold	TAKAYAMA , Harold Shoichi
BANDO , Tomizo	KASAI , Tsutomu	NAKAMURA , Masanobu	TAKEDA , Tsuneyo
DOI , Shizue	KAWAGUCHI , Sachiko	NAKANISHI , Yoshie	TAKENO , Heisaburo
EBATA , Lillian Shizue	KAWANO , Katsuyo Ray	NAKAO , Masaru Mas	TANAKA , Kazuo
EBATA , Tada Harumi	KAWANO , Sueo	NAKATSU , Hatsu	TANAKA , Koryo
EBISUZAKI , Tsunetaro	KAWASAKI , Ginny Tatsuye	NIKAIDO , Barbara Hiroye	TANAKA , Marion Miyo
EDAMURA , Masao	KIKUTA , Noboru	NISHI , Yasu	TANIISHI , Gonshiro
FUJII , Yayeko	KINOSHITA , Hatsue	NISHIKAWA , Hidekazu Nick	TERAKITA , Yoshio
FUJIMOTO , Kiju	KISHIMOTO , Haruko	NISHIKAWA , Shizue	TESHIMA , Rose Setsuko
FUJIOKA , Seiichi	KISHIMOTO , Tomoko	NODA , Tameo	TOWATA , Takiyo
FUJITA , Haruko	KITAMURA , Mina	NODA , Yasuichiro	TOWATA , Toichiro
FUKUNAGA , Sukeo	KIYONAGA , Shoji	OHASHI , Matsujiro	TSUBOUCHI , Lynne Reiko
HAMADE , Yoneichi	KOJIMA , Masao	OIKAWA , Yoshiye	TSUCHIDA , Fusa
HAMANISHI , Ikuko	KOMORI , Hiromu Ken	OKU , Takeji	TSUKADA , Iso
HAMAZAKI , Harvey Hiroyuki	KONDO , Masao	OMOTO , Mitsuye	TSUTSUI , Iwanosuke
HARA , Fusae	KONDO , Mitsuharu	OMOTO , Chiyo	TSUYUKI , Kakuzo Ken
HARADA , Kumaichi	KOTANI , Akie	ONO , Fumiye	URA , Ikukichi
HAYASHI , Genji	KOYANAGI , Koto	OTSU , Mataharu	URAGAMI , Misao
HAYASHI , James Sumio	KOYATA , Shoji	SAITO , Takako	UYENO , Natsue
HAYASHI , Kaneo	KOZAI , Shinkuro	SAKAMOTO , Asakichi	YAMAMOTO , Frank Shunzo
HAYASHI , Toshiko	KUBOTA , Miyoko	SEKO , Hatsu	YAMAMOTO , Yaeko
HIGUCHI , Naoichi	MAKIMOTO , Tomisaburo	SEKO , Mitsuyo	YAMAMOTO , Yohko Joan
HIGUCHI , Takashi	MASUDA , Haru	SHIBATA , Sumi	YAMASHITA , Toyono
HIRAMORI , Yukio	MATSUOKA , Tsunehichi	SHIGEISHI , Kimiko	YOSHIDA , Kikumi
HIROTA , Naoyuki	MATSUYAMA , Heishiro Harry	SHINDE , Susumu	YOSHIDA , Tozo
HISAKI , Yoneko	MIYAMOTO , Masako	SHIKATANI , Tsuji	YOSHIZAKI , Taketoshi
HORIBE , George	MIYAMA , Irene Chikayo	SHIOMI , Michiyo	

2020 New Year's Social

A pot luck luncheon was held on Sunday January 26th to celebrate the New Year's Social assisted by CCOV Team 1. As in previous years, the congregation was treated to an amazing assortment of dishes and enjoyed by all. This year Les Tanaka was the bingo caller and did a great job!

Thank you to the Shin Fujinkai for providing the oranges; the Dana for the lovely cake and the Sangha for the \$100.00 jackpot bingo prize.

Congratulations to all our winners and to all who brought door prizes. It was a festive afternoon shared with family and friends.



TBC DANA SCHOLARSHIP INVITES APPLICATIONS

The Toronto Buddhist Church Dana Scholarship Committee invites all qualified, graduating students to apply for a scholarship.

Eligibility:

Students who are first time applicants and who are members or who are children or grandchildren of members of a temple/church in the Eastern District of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and who will be attending their first year of post-secondary education at a recognized institution such as a university, college, institute of technology, etc.

All applications must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a Letter of Reference. The amount of the scholarship is dependent on monies available each year end and is at the discretion of the Committee.

The selection criteria will be as follows:

Academic results	50%
Church activities	30%
School and Community Involvement	10%
Essay (min 300 words)	10%
Total	100%

If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please contact the office at tbc@tbc.on.ca or 416-534-4302 and an application form will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

**** DEADLINE for the scholarship application is Sunday, April 26, 2020 ****

All scholarship winners will be honoured at the scholarship presentation and luncheon which will take place on Sunday, June 7, 2020 (during the 11:00 am service).

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 2020 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 2020 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.**

Thank you for attending - Sangha Day – Feb. 16th, 2020

During the Nirvana Day service the TBC Sangha Executive Board for 2020 was introduced.

2020 Board Position	Member	2020 Board Position	Member
President	Cary Kataoka	Vice President	Joanne Kataoka
Past President	Nobby Shiraishi	Treasurer	Dennis Madokoro
Secretary	Ron Shimizu	Religion & Education	Fred Kotani, Cary Kataoka
Social	Aki Ikebata, Martin Cartledge	Special Projects	Aki Ikebata
Welfare	Fred Kotani	Membership and Finance	Jordan Freeman, Alex Badila
Publicity	Cary Kataoka, Phil Miller	Outreach	Sid Ikeda
Advisor	Toku Suyama		

I had the privilege of welcoming new Sangha members (left to right) James Tetaka, Joanne Kataoka, Alex Badila and John Sheldon.



Following service, we were treated to a delicious complimentary lunch courtesy of chefs Joanne Kataoka, Martin Cartledge, Myra Takasaki and all our hard working volunteers.

Following an entertainment program courtesy of Alex Badila and yours truly, we had the opportunity to show appreciation to some important supporters of our signature Mochi Tsuki event – (left to right) Kozue Sawahara, Mary Aoki, Hamako Yoshida, Jessie Ebata, Susan Ebisuzaki and Neil Nagamatsu.



Donations made by the TBC Sangha Group on behalf of the Toronto Buddhist Church were accepted by Jessie Ebata for the Dana Scholarship, Fred Kotani for the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Coalition and David Ikeda for Japanese Social Services.



In Gassho,

Cary Kataoka, President.
TBC Sangha Group

Save the Date!
Hanamatsuri Family Banquet
12:30pm Sunday April 19th, 2020

- ↓ Gourmet Food Including Vegan Course
- ↓ Entertainment
- ↓ Bingo

*** Donations for Door Prizes are Appreciated! ***

DANA/SHIN FUJINKAI FOODFEST

We had another successful foodfest with the help of many Dana ladies and the members of Shin Fujinkai. Total of 100 bentos were made including sale of karintos, mein noodles, homemade manjus, homemade Oden, homemade Clam Chowder soups, homemade beer zuke and donations of baking. Thank you for everyone's participation and donations. The proceeds of the sale will be used to support the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Women's Federation Outreach Program



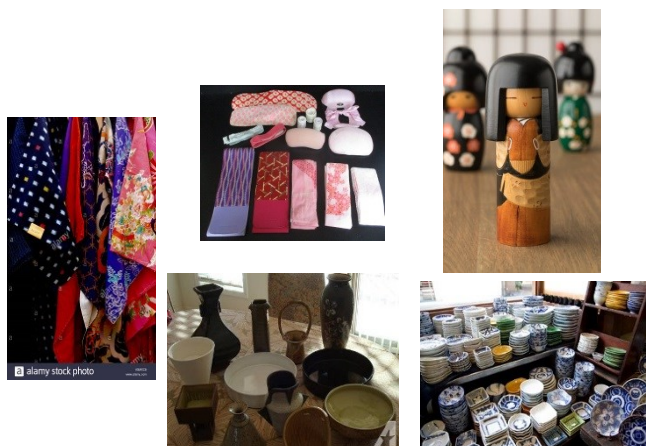
NEW, USED OR VINTAGE JAPANESE ITEMS

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 to raise funds for the Temple 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



Obon Odori 2020

As we await the arrival of spring, we can look forward to the start of Obon odori practices at the Toronto Buddhist Church. Come out and learn dances to both traditional and modern Japanese songs. Beginners are welcome as step-by-step instructions are given, and veterans will recognise dances from years past.

Practices will be held on Tuesday and Friday nights, 8:00 – 9:30pm, starting on Tuesday April 21, 2020 until Obon.

Obon is a significant Buddhist celebration and it would be wonderful to see more TBC members participating especially Kids Sangha and their parents.

Obon odori is for all ages, any gender, the young and the young at heart. So come out to the TBC to learn odori, see old friends, make new ones, and have some fun! The Obon festival will be held on the evening of Saturday July 11, 2020 at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre following Natsu Matsuri.



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.



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.

KEIROKAI



敬老会

Celebrating our young at heart!

Sunday, March 15, 2020
we will be honouring Temple members
who are celebrating their
77th (kiju)
88th (beiju)
or 99th (hakuju) year

**Complimentary bento for Temple members
77 years of age or older**

Subject to availability,
everyone else will be able to purchase a bento for \$10

An entertainment programme will follow the luncheon



CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

March's Theme: "Keirokai"

March 15, 2020 – Kids Sangha will perform on stage for Keirokai. This happy celebration honours our temple members who have reached the age of 77, 88, 99 and older.

April's Theme: "Hanamatsuri"

April 5, 2020 – Meditation workshop with Ray Nakano. We are

grateful to have Ray Nakano lead us with another meditation workshop. We can all benefit from sharpening both our self awareness and appreciation of our surroundings.



April 19, 2020 – Hanamatsuri

Let's celebrate the birth of the Buddha.

On Hanamatsuri, the floral altar, "Hanamido" is placed where people can visit and pour sweet tea over the small statue of the infant Buddha. The Hanamido symbolizes Lumbini garden where the Buddha was born. The pouring of sweet tea represents the sweet rain that is said to have fallen after his birth.



Please join us for Kids Sangha. Everyone is welcome.

With gratitude,

Jessica, Yumi, Abigail, Koji, Denise, Cynthia and Naomi

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 or Denise Crofton at
dcrofton@rogers.com

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



FOOD AND BENTO SALE



**Sunday, April 5, 2020
in the Social Hall**

WINTERLICIOUS 2020

The Shin Fujinkai had another wonderful gathering for Winterlicious. It was a beautiful day for 6 members and Joanne Sensei to meet and have a delicious 3 course Italian meal at Valens on Baldwin.



LDC HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE INVITATION

The Living Dharma Centre and Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada are very excited to be sponsoring this conference, 'Humanity Through a Buddhist Eye: an Exploration of Human Rights'. The registration is now open through Eventbrite. The link is included in the poster below and the Conference Information Package (in the Temple lobby).

If registrants feel uncomfortable with online payments, there is an option to register through Eventbrite and send cheques to the organizer (see more details in the information package.). If people also feel uncomfortable with online registration, there is an option to fill out a paper form.

Registration is being offered only through JSBTC Temples, the National Association for Japanese Canadians in Winnipeg and the Winnipeg academic community for the first month. After that it will be made available to the wider public. So if your members are interested in attending, please encourage them to register sooner than later.

We anticipate a weekend of good fellowship and a multitude of experiences which will open our hearts and minds to the diversity around us and inspire us to build inclusive communities

Looking forward to seeing you in Winnipeg June 12-14, 2020.

Sincerely

Brenda Ikuta

Living Dharma Centre, Committee Member.

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HUMANITY

THROUGH A BUDDHIST EYE: AN EXPLORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS



June 12 - 14, 2020
Manitoba Buddhist Temple
39 Tecumseh Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba

• KEYNOTE SPEAKER DUNCAN RYUKAN WILLIAMS

Dr. Williams is a Soto Zen priest and Director of the Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture at the University of Southern California. He is the author of "American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War"

• TERESA BYRNE

MÉTIS CULTURAL HISTORIC TOURS COORDINATOR, LOUIS RIEL INSTITUTE

Manitoba is the heart of the homeland of the Métis people. Teresa will share her knowledge and insight in this interactive introduction to the culture, heritage and history of the Métis people and their influence in the development of Manitoba and Canada.

• TOUR OF THE CANADIAN MUSEUM OF HUMAN RIGHTS

• WORKSHOPS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS:

DR. JEFF WILSON, REV. GRANT IKUTA, ART MIKI

• DISCOVER THE RICH TRADITION, CULTURE AND DIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA

Register through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/humanity-through-a-buddhist-eye-registration-72451810315>

For more information contact Brenda Ikuta: brenda.ikuta@gmail.com

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