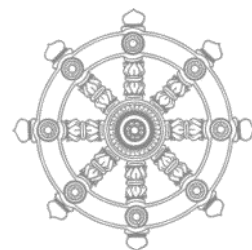




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# APRIL 2014

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## Throw Away Attachments

There are finally signs we are at the end of loooooong winter. Growing up in Japan, April was always the beginning of new season and a fresh start. Regretfully, I have to begin this year's fresh start with an announcement. Our family, Naoko, Harufumi and myself, need to move back to Japan and take over the family temple. It will be a brand new life for us, and the details are still being worked out, but I will keep you informed once a date is confirmed.

In order to ensure a smooth move to Japan, I have slowly started cleaning up our condo. It is surprising the amount of treasures (garbage??) I have collected over the past 8 years of my life in Toronto. So far there are roughly 4 different categories of items sorted:

Stuff I kept in case I need it in the future;  
Extra things I bought but never opened;  
Things that were purchased that have no particular purpose;  
Stuff I kept because I didn't want to feel like I was being wasteful.

There are three closets in my suite plus one locker in basement. These are always filled with items. Not empty and not overflowing, but certainly full. If I had a bigger storage room, I can easily imagine the situation would be the same.

Another bad habit was that I often don't throw away my old clothing, even the ones so worn out they have holes. Basically, I kept lots but threw away little, and always buy more. While going through my storage unit I stopped and asked myself, "Is this really a Buddhist way of living?" The ideal Buddhist lifestyle is to not be attached materialistic things and emotions. We try to live with this concept, but society teaches us to measure our success with what we have. We attach emotions to material things and link them to our memories and regrets.

Our founder Shinran Shonin explained these kinds of attachments are human nature, and struggling to rid ourselves of them rather than accepting them is an exercise in futility. We have to continue to travel with Karma, both the good and the bad. Yet, Amida Buddha especially targeted and embraced the people like me... we who are carrying many material and emotional things.

To live a more ideal Buddhist way of life, instead of keeping it all for myself, I should practice letting go. Even simply cleaning out storage and sharing items I never used with people who need them could be a better Buddhist way of living.

Gassho

Rev. T. Fujii





## Right Anger

Growing up in my house was colourful, to say the least. Things were rarely if ever kept inside and emotions, good or bad, were something to share. I remember one argument with my brother resulting in my being locked in the dog kennel; one argument with my sister left me with a big red hand print across my face; and one argument with my mother had us each dodging the other's dinner plate and then laughing together at the ridiculousness of the situation. And I, believe it or not, was the quiet one.

This way of living has its good and bad aspects. On the plus side, no argument was left unresolved by bedtime. Keeping quiet about something that was upsetting was just not something we could comprehend. Our philosophy was, let's deal with the issue now so we know what is happening. On the negative side...it is very rare that deep contemplation comes quickly, but hurt feelings do.

But as we all know, once we grow up things are less simple. There are subtle nuances to situations that we might not initially be aware of. Regardless of whom we are communicating with, that person brings their own life story to the table. Unfortunately the world is not filled with open-book people. We might think we know what someone (or even ourselves) need, but only be getting half of the story. This requires time and patients. People are complicated.

The Buddha said "Holding onto anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent on throwing it at someone; the person holding it is the one who gets burned." When we keep things inside, it is ourselves we are hurting. However, knee-jerk reactions sometimes come off like a flame-thrower. Anyone in the path gets burned, and rarely are things truly resolved.

So what are we supposed to do? Do we say what we mean? Do we keep our mouths shut? This is an answer I assure you I am no expert in. I find myself practicing both extremes on different occasions, and usually neither is correct. Calm and rational talking and sharing is the middle path here. Perhaps some time given for thought, and then open and honest discussion in a gentle way.

Getting to an open and honest, calm and gentle discussion situation sometimes looks like a unicorn in the mist. A fantasy. Everyone has some sort of agenda that is not always fully disclosed such as not wanting to hurt the other's feelings or guarding our own hurt feelings. Communicating this makes us vulnerable. We doubt ourselves and others.

There is a wise saying "You will not be punished for your anger, you will be punished by your anger." Now that I am older and internalize my frustrations more often, I find myself laying awake at night thinking, and thinking....

It is at this time that I should shut off my brain and say Namo Amida Butsu. Often I can, but other times I am too busy focusing on my doubts, insecurities and frustrations to remember to Gassho.

Namo Amida Butsu  
Rev. Christina Yanko





## ESHINNI DAY SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 13th

Buddhist history is filled with the works of exemplary women. Sadly their actions often go unnoticed or are overshadowed by the work of prominent men in the tradition. However, in Jodo Shinshu we have a very special day dedicated to the memory of Shinran's wife, the Nun Eshinni.

Lady Eshinni was an amazingly strong woman who took care of the estate while the rest of the family was busy propagating the Pure Land teachings throughout Japan. In the translation of her letters modern readers

can imagine how Jodo Shinshu was actually practiced in medieval Japan rather than our idealized notions of what it should be.

Please join us on Sunday, April 13th to honour this woman whose hard work and dedication made our tradition possible.

## HANAMATSURI [Celebration of Shakyamuni's Birth] SUNDAY, APRIL 20th

On Sunday April 20th we celebrate the birth of the creator of Buddhism, Siddhartha Gautama. As the story goes, Siddhartha (the future Buddha) was born in a beautiful place called Lumbini Garden. After his birth he took seven steps. Out of his footsteps blossomed beautiful lotus flowers and sweet tea rained from the sky.



Please join us to celebrate this special day, and in welcoming our esteemed guest speaker Rev. Patti Nakai from The Buddhist Temple of Chicago:

### Hanamatsuri Guest Speaker Rev. Patti Nakai from The Buddhist Temple of Chicago

- ◆ Third generation Japanese American, born in Chicago.
- ◆ Graduated from University of Minnesota (Minneapolis), studied international economics and Japanese history and culture. Worked in insurance and banking.
- ◆ Was teaching Dharma School at the Buddhist Temple of Chicago when encouraged by Dr. Nobuo Haneda to study Buddhism in Japan.
- ◆ Studied at Otani University in Kyoto, Japan 1984-1987
- ◆ 1987 received Master's degree in Shin Buddhist studies and also full ordination (kyoshi) at the Higashi Honganji temple in Kyoto.
- ◆ 1987-1995 served as a parttime minister at the Higashi Honganji Los Angeles Betsuin while working full-time for Japanese banks.
- ◆ Since 1995 serving as minister at the Buddhist Temple of Chicago and as instructor and director of the temple's educational center. In June 2013 became full-time resident minister.
- ◆ Has blog "Taste of Chicago Buddhism" and has published articles on-line at LivingDharma.org.
- ◆ Married to Gary since 1996, no children.

## **Bon Odori 2014**



After a long, cold Winter, why not welcome Spring with some dancing? It is once again time for Bon Odori dancing at the Toronto Buddhist Church! Get a little exercise while learning Japanese folk dances. Newcomers are welcome as step-by-step instructions are given. Practices are held **Tuesday and Fridays evenings, 8:00 - 9:30 pm**, beginning Tuesday April 22, 2014. They run until early July when all of the dancers, dressed in yukata or happi coats, perform at the Obon festival. The Obon festival will be held at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre on **Saturday, July 12, 2014**, starting at **7:00 pm**.

It would be wonderful to see more members of the TBC taking part in Bon Odori. Many of you participated in your youth, maybe following behind your mothers. Some of the dances have been performed for years and you'd be surprised how quickly and easily it all comes back – just like riding a bicycle!

Bon Odori is for all genders, ages, 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!

## **Let's Talk Dharma April 27th at 12:30**



This is the last in this series of meetings for our discussion group. Our third session was filled with many interesting observations and questions about the founder of our sect of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin. Our discussion was based on Shinran's history as presented in *Jodo Shinshu: A Guide* published by Hongwanji in 2005.

On April 27th we will focus on the "Shoshinge". This is found in Shinran's primary work, the *Kyogyoshinsho* and believed to cover the salient points in our sect of Buddhism. The Shoshinge is chanted regularly by our ministers and during our services, but a CD version of the chanting is also available at the office for a small donation. You can find a translation of the "Shoshinge" on various websites, or refer to page 69 of *The Collected Works of Shinran*.

*Everyone is welcome to attend, and I look forward to seeing you there for a lively and interactive discussion!*

## **News from the Office**

Back in November, 2012 the Toronto Buddhist Church migrated to a new software package for receipting purposes. Commencing in 2013 the TBC began receipting quarterly in order to save time and postage. At that time we had advised the schedule for receipting and it is being repeated here.

Donations received and deposited January – March will be receipted in April

Donations received and deposited April – June will be receipted in July

Donations received and deposited July – September will be receipted in October

Donations received and deposited October – December will be receipted in January

The first quarter of 2014 receipts will reflect a change on what will be receipted in each quarter. Last year the General Donation/Konshi was receipted in the last quarter and included entire year's amount. This year, in an effort, to save time for the office staff, the General Donation/Konshi will also be receipted quarterly.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call Dianne Ishida at the temple office, 416-534-4302. I am available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and will be glad to try and clarify any matters.

We thank you for your continued support of our temple.

## DANA SCHOLARSHIP FUND INVITES APPLICATIONS

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

### Just follow the guidelines and apply:

Students 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 are planning to attend institutions beyond high school such as universities, institutes of technology, and colleges are eligible.

Please contact the office or one of the Ministers for an application form.

All applications shall be submitted in writing and accompanied with a Letter of Reference.

Amount of scholarship is dependent on monies available for each year 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 the Dana scholarship, please contact the office at [tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca) or 416-534-4302 and an application form will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

**\*\* DEADLINE for scholarship applications is SUNDAY, April 13, 2014 \*\***

All scholarship award winners will be honoured at the scholarship luncheon and presentation which will take place on **Sunday, June 1, 2014**

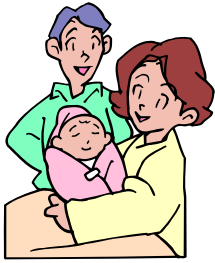
## OBITUARIES

*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. Toshiko Shirley Petgrave	76 yrs	March 8, 2014
Mrs. Kimiye Takayama	91 yrs	March 10, 2014
Mrs. Yoshiko Marie Okazaki	92 yrs	March 18, 2014
Mrs. Toshie (Shinya) Yasui	83 yrs	February 1, 2014





## INFANT PRESENTATION SERVICE SHOSANSHIKI Sunday, May 18, 2014 11:00 AM

This is an opportunity for parents and children to come to temple for the first time together and pledge to live the Buddhist way of life. It is open to any infant under the age of three.

\* \* \* **Please submit your application before May 11, 2014** \* \* \*

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_(dd)\_\_\_\_\_(mm)\_\_\_\_\_(yy)

Parents' Names: Father \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VESAK DAY

**SATURDAY, MAY 31st  
2:00 to 7:00 PM**

**CELEBRATION SQUARE  
MISSISSAUGA**

The TBC need volunteers to give out literature and giveaways. Last year around 4,000 people attended. This is an opportunity to mingle with the other Buddhist communities in Toronto.

Please contact Rev. Yanko, Rev. Fujii at  
[tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca)

THANK YOU

### Vesak: Buddha's Birthday Celebration

"Blessings on the City, the Nation and the World."





**Time: 3:00—6:00 PM**

**Website:**  
[www.vesakcelebration.com](http://www.vesakcelebration.com)

**Saturday, May 31, 2014**

**Mississauga Celebration Square**  
**(300 City Centre Drive)**

**Co-Organized by:**








## Kid's Sangha

**Sunday April 6, 2014**

### Mini Olympic Games (indoors) - 11 am - 12 pm

Since we haven't done an 'active' activity, we thought it would be nice for the kids to move around a bit and let off some 'winter steam'. On April 6th we will hold our first annual Mini Olympic Games. With the help from the youth group we will split the kids into teams, hold 5 events, and award medals at the end. Please dress the kids in comfortable clothing – loose pants, t-shirt/sweat top and running shoes.



**Sunday April 20, 2014**

### Spring Sensory Tub - 11 am - 12 pm

In the past we had the kids connect with the environment by planting a garden behind the Temple. This year we decided to start Spring early, forget about this cold weather, lets plant a garden! We will provide each child with their own plastic tub, dirt (real dirt), flowers, rocks, worms (not real ones) etc...everything they need to create their own garden. We will put plastic down on the floor lay out all the tools and stuff and just let them create.



We will also hold a small Easter Egg hunt.

If you would like to join us for this activity **please let me know by Monday April 7th** so I can make sure we have enough supplies.



**Kids Service will begin at 10:30 am in the Hondo**

Looking forward to seeing you!!

**Thank you!**

A special Thank you for all the people who supported the Winter Warmup fundraiser.

And a special thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a success.



See you next year!

Shin Fujinkai





## DANA NEWS

### MOMIJI BAZAAR 2014

TBC donated 100 bentos to the Momiji Bazaar held on March 29th. Thank you to the ladies who helped in making the bentos.

Special thanks to Mr. George Nakano for transporting the bentos to Momiji.

We are collecting loose change and unwanted pennies in support of the 2015 World Women's Buddhist Convention in 2015 in Calgary. The box for donations can be found on the table in the Church lobby.

Also we are accepting foreign currencies (coins & bills) to raise money for UNICEF. If you have any leftover coins from your travels that you are not sure what to do with, please bring them down to the Church and we will be happy to put them towards this worthy cause.

Thank you.  
TBC DANA



## ***New!!! Obon Memory Lanterns***



Purchase a Memory Lantern to remember a loved one at Obon. These lanterns are made of cedar and mulberry, silk motif paper and will be personalized with the name of your loved one(s) – a maximum of two names per lantern. They also include a battery-operated tealight and measure approximately 5.5" x 10".

At the Sunday Obon service in July all the lanterns will be lit and displayed at the front of the hondo. At the end of the service families will be given the lanterns to take home.

The price per lantern is \$20.00. Proceeds from the sale of these lanterns will be shared between the Toronto Buddhist

Church and the World Buddhist Women's Convention to be held in Calgary in 2015.

A sample of the lantern and order forms are available in the foyer at the church. An order form is also included in the "Guiding Light".

If you are interested in purchasing an Obon Memory Lantern, please fill out the order form and return it, along with your payment, to the church before **June 1, 2014**.

Please contact June Asano at [asanojune@gmail.com](mailto:asanojune@gmail.com) or the temple office at 416-534-4302 if you have any questions.

# Obon Memory Lanterns Order Form

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

## Lantern 1: (Maximum of two names per lantern)

Name of Loved One (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Loved One (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

## Lantern 2:

Name of Loved One (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Loved One (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

## Lantern 3:

Name of Loved One (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Loved One (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

## Lantern 4:

Name of Loved One (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Loved One (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment:

The price per lantern is \$20.00. Please return the order form and your payment to the church office by **June 1, 2014**. Cheques should be made payable to the Toronto Buddhist Church.

No. of Lanterns \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## LDC YOUTH RETREAT



Rev. Yanko, Rev. Fujii, Kathryn Ida, Jessica Rootes, Adam Taguchi, Koji Goto, Rachel Kataoka, Ryo Kariya, Abigail Kataoka, Bishop Aoki and Dennis Madokoro

Our very first LDC Youth Retreat was held on March 15th at the Temple, and we were pleased to share the company of such inspiring young adults, and Bishop Aoki. We spent the day sharing time and information with each other, and came away with a deeper understanding of the Dharma. We had lively discussion, delicious pizza, chanting workshops, and each person had the opportunity to deliver their own Dharma Talk.

On the Sunday Service following the retreat, the participants treated the Temple members with a beautiful example of chanting and ritual. They led the congregation in chanting Sanbujo and Sanbutsuge, and many of the members were reportedly deeply touched watching the Buddhist tradition being continued so beautifully by this younger generation.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Susan Ebisuzaki, Grace Tamaki-Taguchi, Bishop Aoki, Dennis Madokoro, and our ministers for all of the work they put in to bring this event together.

## MEMBERSHIP 2014 UPDATE

Memberships are off to a great start in 2014. By the end of February, the Temple recorded over half the number of members that it signed up for all of last year. This is very encouraging – we think it means that the Ministers, the Board, the Management Committee and all the Volunteers are doing things right. The Temple will continue to strive to offer meaningful and interesting services, programs and special events. Over the next year or two we intend to find ways to involve our members more so they can participate in important Temple decisions.

We have been asked to clarify a couple of things. Honorary Members are individuals who have long been recognized as supporters of the Temple, who will be 77 years old (or older) this year and who sign and submit membership applications. If a member is unable to sign his/her application, then we will accept a completed form with the signature of an immediate family relative. Once an Honorary Member submits an application form, he/she does not have to submit another application form – he or she will be an Honorary Member for as long as he or she wishes to be a member. We ask only that an Honorary Member let us know if and when he or she wishes to stop being a member. An Honorary Member does not have to pay any membership fee, though the Temple is grateful for any voluntary payments. Remember, it is very important to submit a membership application – an individual cannot be recognized as a member of the Temple without it. Finally, membership in Dana or Sangha or Shin Fujinkai or years of volunteering does not by itself mean membership in the Temple.

Individuals who are not yet 77 years old must sign and submit for approval a completed membership application. There is also a minimum annual membership fee of \$100 which should be paid separately from any konshi or general donation or special commemorative donation.

The Temple is grateful for the support of its members, without whom the Temple cannot be sustained. If you have not already applied to become a member, we invite you to do so and become a welcome part of our Dharma and Sangha.





## 2014 Keiro Kai Celebration

Following the Spring Higan Service honouring temple members who have reached Beiju (age 88) and Hakuju (age 99 and more), our honorees and congregation gathered in the Social Hall to enjoy a delicious bento lunch that was prepared by Tori Ichi.

The honorees this year were:

Beiju (88 years): Mr. David Azuma, Mrs. Tamaye Fukunaga, Mrs. Yaeko Furuya, Mr. Jerry Kawaguchi, Mr. Ken Komori, Mrs. Pat Kusano, Mr. George Nakano, Mr. Hank Nishimura, Mrs.

Betty Nishizawa, Mr. Tokugi Suyama, Mrs. Kyoko Yamamoto, Mrs. Hedy Yonekura;

Hakuju (99 years): Mr. Shozo Ishikawa, Mr. Toshio Mori,

(100 years): Mrs. Yasuko Shimoda, (101 years) Mrs. Pauline Doi, Mr. Masanobu Nakamura.

After lunch, Sid Ikeda started the program playing his harmonica. The entertainment program was co-MC'd by Yukari Ikebata and Bob Nishikawa. Many of the temple groups such as Isshin Daiko, Kids Sangha, TBC Karaoke, TBC Choir and TBT Buyo Group, participated in the afternoon's program. Rev. Christina with her husband Dave Ringle and backed up by their son Atticus performed the song "Say Something". Rev. Fujii closed the programme with his rendition of 'Shima Uta'.

This year we had four special performances. The first was a guitar solo by Jiuling Song, an International student who is working on his Masters degree in Computer Science at York University. The second was a song performed by Shozo Ishikawa our Hakuju recipient. The third was a koto performance by Mari Kusanagi and Logan Scott who transported us to Japan with their performance. The fourth was an encore performance by Michael Maddeaux and his yoyo magic. Thank you to all our special guests. Special thanks to all temple members and volunteers who helped make the day memorable for those we were honouring.

## **Lion's Roar: The Unquiet Women of Buddhism** **With Rev. Patti Nakai** **April 19th, 2014**

Despite the many centuries of Asian societies where women were told to work quietly behind the scenes (like even at some North American temples now), it was important in the transmission of the Buddha-Dharma for women to be heard and publicly share their experiences and insights. Rev. Patti Nakai of the Buddhist Temple of Chicago will present a few of these powerful figures whose influence was crucial to the development of Buddhism and particularly to Jodo Shinshu.



Please join us on April 19th at 2:30 pm for this special presentation by Rev. Patti Nakai of The Buddhist Temple of Chicago.



The 2015 World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) registration is now 'open' and accepted via regular mail OR online at:

<http://www.wbwconvention.com/registration/online-registration/>

Convention registration fee is **\$325 CDN per person** and registration is not confirmed until payment has been received - Canada is allocated 200 seats so register early to avoid disappointment! The first registration deadline is May 30, 2014 – after this date, registration is open to the public. Final registration deadline is November 29, 2014 and remember space is limited!

"Frequently Asked Questions" can be found on the convention website:

<http://www.wbwconvention.com/registration/frequently-asked-questions/>

## WANTED OLD COSTUME JEWELLERY

The Toronto Buddhist Temple 2015 World Buddhist Women's Convention Fundraising Committee is planning a Vintage/Old Costume Jewellery Sale and Tea. If you have any costume jewellery that has not seen the light of day for years, why not consider spring cleaning and donate them to the fundraising sale. We are looking for donations of costume jewellery (broaches, necklaces, earrings, bracelets), clutch bags and evening bags.

Please give them to Aja Shimizu or June Asano or leave them in the office.

Deadline for collection of jewellery is  
**June 1, 2014.**

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## WORKSHOPS

Please join us at the temple the fourth Sunday of each month to help make items for the 2015 WBWC Marketplace.

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

## "KOKORO" – FROM THE HEART PROJECT



When you think of a heart, what comes into your mind? What does it symbolize? Love, someone cares, oneness, harmony. What if we had thousands of them? What if we gave them out as a gesture of friendship to a delegate? What if you received some? Would you smile? What if the hearts were seen hanging everywhere – on our purses, our convention bags, worn as a pin? Would you smile? Well, here at the TBT we are planning on crocheting 3,000 hearts to be shared at the 2015 WBWC.

**CROCHETERS WANTED:** A simple crocheted heart takes from 3 to 5 minutes to make. We need more ladies who can help make hearts. Please contact June Asano, Diane Mark or the office for the pattern and a sample heart.

Toronto Buddhist Church Sangha Presents:

# Hanamatsuri Family Banquet

Join us at our annual event filled with  
entertainment, bingo and prizes your  
entire family will enjoy

Feast on our famous Roast Beef\* dinner  
with your family and friends.

Saturday April 19 @ 5:00pm

Toronto Buddhist Church

1011 Sheppard Ave. West

416.534.4302 [www.tbc.on.ca](http://www.tbc.on.ca)

Donations for Door Prizes are appreciated

Adults - \$12 Youth - \$6 (13 to 17)

Kids Sangha (under 12) - Free

Tickets available from Sangha members or TBC office

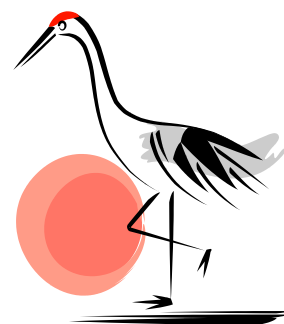
\*Vegetarian or any other dietary needs are available upon request

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# 2014年 敬老会



常に法味愛樂の御相続喜ばしく、米寿、白寿を迎えられました皆様に心よりお祝い申し上げます

## 米寿 88歳

東 デビッド・巖	西村 ハンク・ヘンリー
福永 タマエ	西沢 エリザベス・松枝
古谷 ハ重子	須山 徳義
河口 ジュンジ・ジェリー	山本 京子
小森 ケン・拡	米倉 ヘディ・秀子
草野 パット・安子	脇坂 スミ子
中野 ジョージ・猛	

## 白寿 99歳

石川 省三  
森 利雄

## 100歳

下田 泰子  
中村 正信

## 101歳

土井 ポーリン





毎月第1・3日曜はお寺でHAVE A FUN!!

10時半からのキッズサービスに引き続き  
楽しいクラスやアクティビティを通して  
アミダさまのお心を学びましょう

☆クラス予定表☆

4月20日(日)

キッズサンガガーデン造り

5月4日(日)

5月18日(日)

ピクニック

お子さんをお持ちの方はぜひご参加下さい

# 初参式のご案内

ご家族やご親戚のなかにここ数年のうちに生まれられた  
お子さん・お孫さんはおられませんか?

初参式とは人として命を授かった事へのお礼とご報告を  
お寺の阿弥陀様の前で行う大切なお式です

今年は五月十八日(日)午前十一時より行います。お子  
さんの手形(もしくは足形)を入れた色紙と記念品を差し  
上げますので、ぜひご参加下さい。申込用紙は『佛心』英  
語版九ページにございますので、必要な箇所をご記入いた  
だき、五月十一日(日)までにお申し込み下さい。



## Let's 盆踊り

盆踊りレッスンの時期がやってきました!!

7月12日の盆踊りにおけてみんなで練習して、  
一緒にいい汗をかきませんか!?

だれが?...誰でもご参加いただけます

まったく初めての方でも大丈夫!

いつ?...4月22日~7月10日までの

毎週火・金曜 午後8時~9時半

どこで?...地下ホール

どんな踊り?...全国のさまざまな盆踊り

費用は?...1回大人50セント

子供(18歳以下)25セント

## Vesak: Buddha's Birthday Celebration "Blessings on the City, the Nation and the World."



今年もGTA内の20以上のお寺と合同で、お  
ジャカ様の生誕・成道・入滅を祝う、仏教のお  
祭りであるウェサックを開催します

日時...5月31日(土)午後4時~8時

場所...ミササガ セレブレーションスクエア

参加費...無料



# 第15回世界仏教婦人会大会



2015・WORLD  
BUDDHIST  
WOMEN'S  
CONVENTION

2015年にカルガリーにて開催されます

第15回世界仏教婦人会大会の参加受付が始まりました

本大会は年齢、国籍、人種を越えて、国際規模で浄土真宗婦人会の交流を深める事を目的とした大会です。北米・日本・南米の仏教徒が一緒になって、経験を共有し合い、ともに学び、仏様のみ教えを聴聞し、お念仏の輪を広げる素晴らしい機会になる事でしょう。

英語基調講演

宇宿 パトリシア師



日本語基調講演

やなせ なな師



参加をご希望の方は大会ウェブサイトより  
お早めにお申し込み下さい

[www.wbwconvention.com](http://www.wbwconvention.com)

## 法統継承



親鸞聖人が『教行信証』を顕されて以来790年、  
浄土真宗のみ教えが承け継がれてきました。

この度、親鸞聖人から第25代となるご門主が就任されます。

つきましては京都・本願寺にて法統継承式が執り行われますので、  
ここに謹んでお知らせいたします。

2014(平成26)年6月5日(木)  
午後3時30分より

御消息発布式

〈第24代即如門主御消息発布式〉

於:御影堂

2014(平成26)年6月6日(金曜日)  
午前10時より

法統継承式

第一部(法要)

於:阿弥陀堂 引続き 御影堂

第二部(式典)

第25代専如門主ご消息発布

於:御影堂



### 特別講師のご案内

中井パティ師  
(シカゴ仏教会)

4月19日(土) 午後2時半  
公開仏教講座(英語)  
「説法獅子吼  
～女性仏教徒の咆哮～」

4月20日(日) 午前11時  
花まつり法要

中井パティ先生は現在シカゴ仏教会(東本願寺)にてご活躍中です。東部地区仏教徒大会を通じて顔なじみの方も多くいらっしゃると思います。女性僧侶ならではの視点からお話いただく予定です。ぜひこの機会に一緒にお聴聞させていただきます。

## 花まつり法要



4月20日(日)  
午前11時より  
(日英合同法座)

お釈迦様は今から約2500年前の4月8日  
ルンビニの園にてお生まれになりました。

生まれ出られるとすぐに四方に七歩歩まれ、  
天と地を指差して、「天上天下 唯我独尊  
(てんじょうてんげ ゆいがどくそん)」と自らの誕生を  
声高らかに宣言をされました。

この世において私こそが尊いものである、つまり  
我々一人ひとりの命は、決して誰とも代わるこ  
との出来ない尊いものであるという事を教えて下  
さっています。

## 恵信尼公顕彰法要



4月13日(日)  
午前11時

親鸞聖人と家庭を築かれた恵信尼様は7人の  
子供達を育て上げられました。

念仏弾圧や流罪といった法難の中にあっても、  
お念仏のみが自身が救われる道と、み教えを喜  
ばれ、親鸞聖人の伝道生活を支えられました。

恵信尼様のご生涯に学び、そのご遺徳を顕彰  
する大事な法要です。どなた様もお参り下さい

## 花まつりファミリーバンケット

4月19日(土) 午後5時

大人: 12ドル

ユース(13～17歳): 6ドル

キッズ(12歳以下): 無料

メニュー(全て料金に含まれています):

ローストビーフ・サラダ・ポテト・ライス・デザート

※ベジタリアンメニューもご用意しています

沢山のドアプライズと

ジャックポットビンゴ!!!

どなた様もお気軽にお越し下さい

テーブル数が限られておりますので、  
チケットが売れ切れる前にご連絡下さい

TEL(416)-534-4302

## いまの世章の大意

今の世の女性たちは、みな一心に深く  
阿弥陀如来を信じる以外に、  
迷いの世界を出て浄土に往生する道は  
ないと思ってください。

それではどのように如来を信じ、  
往生を願うのかといえば、なにも思い迷わずに、  
二心なく阿弥陀如来に帰命して、  
おたすけくださいとおまかせするのです。

如来はその人をかならずお救いくださることは  
疑いありません。

そして信心を得た後は、  
たしかにお救いくださるありがたいさと思い、  
仏恩報謝の念仏を申すばかりです。

一心…本願を信じて疑わず、二心のないこと  
ふたころ

たのむ…浄土真宗では、阿弥陀如来にむかって「お願いする」「請  
い求める」という祈願請求の意ではなく、阿弥陀如来の本願力  
きがんしようぐ  
を「たのみにする」という依憑（よりたのむ）の意味で、信順・帰命  
えひよう  
の和訓であり、本願の信樂にあたる。親鸞聖人は「よりのたのむ」  
「よりかかる」「本願他力をたのみて、自力をはなれたる、これを  
唯信といふ」といわれている

『浄土真宗聖典（註釈版）』

## 敬 弔

次の方々が御往生されました

生前のおもかげを偲び、謹んで敬弔の意を表します

ペットグレイブ シャーリー・トシ子様

七十六歳 三月八日往生

高山 キミエ様

九十一歳 三月十日往生

岡崎 マリイ・ヨシコ様

九十二歳 三月十八日往生



## 年忌（年回）法要

次の年にご往生された方は年忌法要が回ってまいります  
個別での法事をご希望の場合はお寺までご連絡下さい

一周忌（二〇一三年） 三回忌（二〇一二年）

七回忌（二〇〇八年） 十三回忌（二〇〇二年）

十七回忌（一九九八年） 二十三回忌（一九九二年）

二十五回忌（一九九〇年） 二十七回忌（一九八八年）

三十三回忌（一九八二年） 五十回忌（一九六五年）

# 佛心

二〇一四年四月号  
浄土真宗  
トロント本願寺

断つて捨てて離れましょう



本当に長かった今年の冬もようやく終わり、暖かな日差しが春の訪れを感じさせてくれます。日本人の私としては四月といえば新たな始まりを思わせてくれる季節です。しかし今期は私達家族にとって思いがけず新しいスタートを切らねばならない年となってしまいました。まだ具体的な日時などは決まっていませんが、おそらく秋ごろには日本へと本帰国し、自坊を継職する予定になっておりますので、また佛心やウェブサイトなどで追ってお知らせさせていただきます。

まだ少し早いかもしれませんが、少しでも身軽に引越しを行えるようにと、徐々に部屋の整理に取り掛かり始めています。現在住んでいるコンドミニアムの部屋には三つのクローゼットと、地下に物置があるのですが、ものの八年間で見事にガラクタで埋め尽くされています。ただ面白いのが、いつもそのスペースに収まるだけのちょうど量の量しなく、極端に減ることも溢れ出すこともないのです。たまにもう少し広い倉庫でもあればなあと思うこともあるのですが、おそらく同じ結果になってしまうことでしょう。

整理を行っていると、大まかに分けて四種類のものがある事に気がつきました。①いつか使えるだろう・必要になるだろうと思いつてあるもの ②将来的に使おうと思いつたままのもの ③何となく購入してみたものの、まったく必要なかったもの ④もったいないという気持ちのみがはたらき、捨てるのが出来ないが、特に使われる予定のないもの。

日本では数年ほど前に断捨離といって、身の回りの物を整理して身軽になることによって、より良い人生を送ろうという方法論が書籍を通して広く知られるようになりました。この考え方はヨガから来ているようですが、「断ち」「捨て」「離れる」というキーワード達は、どれも仏教徒として大いに共感させられるものばかりです。ではこの断捨離に沿ってゆくと、私の物置に眠っている物達はいったいどれほどのものが残ることでしょうか。

モノは諦めることができても、それでは果たして自分自身の経験、感情、思い出といったカタチのないものについて考えてゆくとどうでしょうか。過去の苦い経験やたった一度の成功により、ついついそこにこだわってしまいい、そこから抜け出せられなくなってしまうようなことは無いでしょうか。仏教ではこれを執着(しゅうじやく)と呼び、それに留まる事が無いようにと戒めています。苦にも楽に偏ることなく、弛みなく歩み続けることこそが悟りにいたる道として、お釈迦様は中道を示されました。

宗祖親鸞聖人は深い凡夫の自覚に立って、そのなかにおいても悪業ばかりを積み重ねているのが、我々の本当の姿だといただかれました。良いことも悪いことも捨てきれず、諦めきることが出来ず、全てを背負い続けて生きていかねばならない我々こそを、阿弥陀様は救いの目当てとして下さったのです。

せめて形のあるモノぐらいは自分自身のためだけに溜め込むことなく、周りの人々に分け与え、必要以上に購入することを断ち、不必要なものは捨て、もともともという欲から離れることを心がけたいものです。

駐在開教使 藤井 朋文