#### TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

a Jodo Shinshu Temple

Guiding Light

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### **MARCH 2014**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* Events marked with an asterisk are PRIVATE and not open to the public.						1
2 MONTHLY MEMORIAL SVC SHIN FUJINKAI WINTER WARMUP 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11am English Service 12 noon Dana Mtg (Eko) 1 pm Japanese Service 日本語礼拝	3 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	4 10 am-2 pm Fujinotomo	5 1-3 pm Ohara School 7 pm Taiko	6 10 am Tai Chi 2:30 pm Buyo * 7:30 pm Lecture by Rev. Yanko	<b>7</b> 8 pm Buyo	8 * 1:30 pm Kumamoto Kenjinkai Memorial Service
9 11 am Regular Service 12:30 pm Sangha Mtg (Eko)	<b>10</b> 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	11 10 am-2pm Fujinotomo 7:00 pm TBC Management Committee and Board of Directors Mtgs	1-3 pm Ohara School 7 pm Taiko	13 10 am Tai Chi 2:00 pm Momiji 2:30 pm Buyo 4:00 pm Yee Hong	<b>14</b> 8 pm Buyo	Youth Dharma Retreat
16 HIGAN & KEIRO KAI  10:30 am Kid's Sangha  11 am English Service Guest Speaker: Bishop Aoki	<b>17</b> 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	18 10 am-2pm Fujinotomo	19 11 am Macassa Lodge 1-3 pm Ohara School 7 pm Taiko	20 10 am Tai Chi 2:00 pm Castleview 2:30 PM Buyo	<b>21</b> 8 pm Buyo	* 1:00 pm Wakayama Kenjinkai Memorial Service
23 11 am Regular Service	24 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke	25 10 am-2pm Fujinotomo	26 1-3 pm Ohara School 7 pm Taiko 7:30 pm Lecture by Wilson Sensei	27 10 am Tai Chi 2:30 pm Buyo	28 8 pm Buyo	* 1:00 pm Shiga Kenjinkai Memorial Service
30 11 am Regular Service	<b>31</b> 10:30 am Sr. Karaoke					

**Morning Services** are held on the weekdays on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am –10:30 am when a minister is available. As emergencies do come up, last minute cancellations may occur.

Thank You

### **APRIL 2014**

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#### R.I.P: Reside In the Pure Land



It has been very cold winter with lots of snow this year, and I hope everyone is managing okay. I actually missed the part of the worst weather because my family travelled to Japan for about three weeks. Unfortunately this time it was not a fun trip at all.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> I received one short email from my mother informing that my father was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Initially I thought this must be some sort of a terrible joke as only 4 days prior I exchanged New Year's greetings with him over the telephone. Shortly after sending me the email, my mother received word from the doctor that the

situation was more serious than we had thought, and my mother contacted me and asked me to rush home as soon as possible. With plenty of support and understanding from my colleagues, in addition to that from local and national temple members, I was able to travel back to Japan to find out how my father was doing. Even while packing my suitcase the night before leaving, the situation did not feel real. It was as though this was someone else's situation that I was watching on TV. Surely this could not be happening to my family.

On January 21 we arrived in my hometown Shiga-ken, and the next morning went to see him at the hospital. However, up until I saw him on the bed I could not accept that he was actually dying. As soon as I saw him the situation suddenly became very real and very personal. Fortunately he was conscious the entire time we were there and able to speak with all of us. Although we did tell him he had cancer, nobody could bring themselves to tell him that his situation was incurable. We had hoped we could talk to him about some of his duties at Jonenji Temple, of which he was the resident minister, but this was a topic he was not comfortable discussing. He firmly believed his health would improve and he would be returning to his regular duties. In hindsight it may have been a good thing he never found out his situation was terminal because he never lost hope.

The night before he passed away, he called me from the hospital and asked, "Could you bring my cigarettes and silver Zippo lighter to my room?" I replied "Maybe, tomorrow morning" but tomorrow never came to him. On January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:13am, he passed away.

When his casket arrived home he was fully dressed in his minister's robes, and I finally came to the understanding that my father was gone. I don't know how many times I have given a Dharma Talk about the impermanence of human life at someone's funeral service. I don't know how many times I have read the letter by Rennyo "On White Ashes." Each time I have delivered these talks and read Rennyo's letter I thought I understood, but I came to find out that never had I understood so deeply as at this moment.



I now truly appreciate the Jodo Shinshu path to which my father introduced and showed me. When I chanted Nembutsu that day, I could hear my father's voice chanting along with me.

Namo Amida Butsu Rev. Tomofumi Fujii

This photo was taken at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple only 42 days before he passed away during his first and last trip to Canada.



#### GUIDING LIGHT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE March 2014

The Apology

"I'm sorry, so sorry, please accept my apology..."
- the great Miss Brenda Lee, 1960

Does this line from this pop classic have anything to with this article? Not much really; it was just a cheap trick to try to catch your attention.

Not long ago I watched Mitch Miyagawa's documentary "Sorry State" in which he reflected on the nature and meaning of apologies from the perspective of his own family. It was timely and thoughtful and it made me think about apologies today.

There was a time when apologies were pretty risky and potentially costly. If we were involved in a car accident, even if we really wanted to apologize, we were warned not to demonstrate any remorse for fear of being held liable for the collision. Blame and fear. Is it any wonder there are so many lawyers in our midst, business cards at the ready?

Then in 2009 our provincial government passed a law called the *Apology Act*. This short statute was about, you guessed it, apologies – it allowed us to say we're sorry (with some notable exceptions) to someone we've harmed without fear that the apology may be used against us in court. Many of us, including me, didn't even know about this social and legal game-changer. Many did, it seems. These days apologies have become a useful and crass tool for quick recovery and redemption.

These days it feels as if there's an apology on almost every page of the newspaper. But with every apology it also seems there's a "but" which is designed to be a deduction from the starting grade of the apology. Did you steal from your investor client? Apologize but insist that your client's greed and impatience was really to blame. Cheat on your spouse? Apologize but make sure to mention that you had a terrible case of sex addiction. Throw in for good measure that you forgot your Buddhist teachings. Leave the scene of a fatal accident? Apologize but swear you didn't see the pedestrian. Do drugs and booze as a political figure? Say "Truly, truly, truly, truly sorry, and now let's move forward". Create major traffic chaos by closing a bridge? Apologize continuously for 108 minutes on television for being deceived by your staff. Frame the apology in such a way that you will not be held accountable. It's a heyday for crisis management and communications consultants.

What do Buddhists think about all this? Buddhists know they are imperfect. They make mistakes, lots of them, a lot of the time. I've made mistakes that hurt many others, some whoppers. I have apologized and I will owe many apologies tomorrow. If we know we are bound to screw up, we realize that an apology doesn't have to be diminished by qualifications, conditions, explanations, excuses. When we make mistakes that hurt others, we should apologize and be prepared to back it up with reparation. An apology is diminished otherwise.

But the Teachings do not stop with a good understanding of apology or regret or remorse. An apology is joined at the hip with forgiveness. An apology opens the door to forgiveness. It's forgiveness that I'm still having trouble with. This is another topic which I may address after more guidance from my sense and Amida Buddha.

If I tricked you into reading this article, sorry.

#### Let's Talk Dharma March 23rd

We had our second LTD discussion group Sunday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were 11 participants ranging in age and knowledge about Jodo Shinshu. This month we focused on Shakyamuni Buddha's teachings found in *Teachings of the Buddha*, a free book available in our lobby courtesy of Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai. It was a lively and stimulating round-robin of questions and shared thoughts about the Buddha. As Shin Buddhists, it is important that we know the foundations of Buddhism so we can learn how Buddhism has developed



through the years as well as speak intelligently to newcomers about Buddhism in general and Jodo Shinshu in particular.

Next month, we will discuss our founder Shinran Shonin using the material found in the purple text: *A Jodo Shinshu Guide* published by the Hongwanji International Center. This text is available for \$15 from the office. We will be discussing Shinran Shonin and pages 29 - 59. Please do your best to read these pages before our next session on March  $23^{rd}$ . Our group will meet in the upstairs lobby. For an informal and interactive discussion that will stimulate your heart and mind, please join our rapidly growing discussion group!

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Sunday Special Speaker Series March 30, 2014, 12:30pm

Wills, Estate Planning and Powers of Attorney

Let's face it—not only are our parents or loved ones getting on, we're slowing down too. At the same time, with the explosion in house prices and financial markets over the past few decades, many are shocked to realize how valuable their net worth has become. And yet so many have paid too little attention to looking out for themselves and their families in the event of unforeseen calamity or misfortune. We invite all of you to come to the Temple on March 30, 2014 at 12:30pm to hear Eduardo (Eddie) Lam speak on the topic of Wills, Estate Planning and Powers of Attorney. Eddie is a straight-talking, down-to-earth lawyer and Partner of the distinguished Markham law firm of Poon & Ho. He has represented many members of the Nikkei community including many referred to him by our president. Please save March 30 for an interesting and necessary talk.

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#### **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 the past month.



Mrs. Toshie Yasui	83 yrs	February 1, 2014
Mr. Yoshio Hayashi	91 yrs	February 2, 2014
Mrs. Yoshiye Hayashi	91 yrs	February 14, 2014
Mrs. Ayako Kohara	99 yrs	February 17, 2014
Mrs. Lucy Saruyama	79 yrs	February 21, 2014



#### TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH KEIROKAI AND SPRING HIGAN SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014



Following a long tradition at Toronto Buddhist Church, our seniors who will reach 77 years (KIJU), 88 years (BEIJU), and 99 years (HAKUJU) or more during this calendar year will be honored during the Joint Higan Service starting at 11.00am. During the service, each honouree will be recognized and presented with a gift from the Temple. In order to participate in the service, each honoree must have submitted an application form to the temple by March 8, 2014.

After the service, a special luncheon will be held for our honorees. All honorees and all other seniors who have given their support to the Temple and are 77 years old or more this year will receive a complimentary bento. Everyone else may purchase a bento for \$10.00.

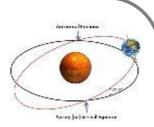
Bento tickets will be available for purchase in the lobby prior to the morning service. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. We regret that the number of bentos will be limited.

Following lunch in the Social Hall, there will be a most enjoyable entertainment programme. We will look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thank you, Special Projects Committee

#### Ohigan with Bishop Aoki

Twice per year our temple celebrates Ohigan with a special service. This occurs once in the Fall and once in the Spring. At this time of year night and day are of equal length and it is traditionally a good time to evaluate your Buddhist practice and endeavour to focus on the Buddhist teachings more intently.





This year we will be celebrating Ohigan on Sunday March 16th with a special service led by Bishop Tatsuya Aoki. We are truly fortunate to have Bishop Aoki as our guest speaker. Following service the Bishop will join us for our annual Keirokai celebration. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

#### Living Dharma Centre Youth Retreat with the Bishop

Bishop Aoki will be joining us on March 15th for a special LDC Youth Retreat. This activity is open to anyone between the ages of 16 and 30.

The intention is to have a very comfortable setting where we can openly discuss particular interests and deepen our understanding of Jodo Shinshu together.

If you would like to join us please contact the office at 416-534-4302.



Time	Schedule	Location
March 15		
9:30	Opening Service	Hondo
9:50	Discussion "Buddhism and Everyday Life"	Hondo
10:50	Break	Lobby
11:00	Chanting and Ritual Workshop #1	Hondo
12:00	Lunch	Social Hall
1:00	Chanting and Ritual Workshop #2	Hondo
2:00	Brainstorming: "Dharma and Technology"	Hondo
2:30	Break	Lobby
2:45	Dharma Talk Workshop (Bishop Aoki)	Hondo
3:30	Closing Service	Hondo
March 16		
10:30	Rehearsal for Sunday Service	Minister's Room
11:00	Spring Higan Service	Hondo

#### Introduction to Buddhism

The last two session of our Introduction to Buddhism discussion are coming up this month!

We will be discussing the growth/spread/change of Buddhism from culture to culture and our final topic is specifically Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Any and all questions are always welcome and nobody knows to little or too much, so please come down and join us if you have the time!

Thursday March 6th and 13th at 7:30 pm.

#### Special Lecture Series by Jeff Wilson Sensei



We will be continuing our special lecture series with Jeff Wilson Sensei Wednesday March 26th at 7:30 pm.

This will be a continuation of previous discussions, focusing on the relationship between Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and other schools of Buddhism.

Please note that these lectures are moving from the 4th Thursday of every month to the 4th WEDNESDAY.

March 26———April 23————7:30pm



#### Sangha Day, Feb. 16, 2014

This year, Sangha celebrates 64 years as a service organization to the Toronto Buddhist Church. At the TBC, the Sangha is one of the main service groups, organizing a group of about 150 volunteers to assist with both day-to-day activities at the Temple as well as running special events such as Family Banquet, Pancake Day and Mochi Tsuki.

Moving forward, as president of the Sangha, I hope to be able to guide the Sangha to fully support our Temple by upholding time honoured traditions and events while finding new ways to maintain the relevancy and vitality of our organization.

The Sangha was founded in 1950; two of the main founding fathers were Tsuji-Sensei and Yoshida, Hideo-san (who we just lost this past year). When founded, the Sangha membership included both men and women and I was happy to be able to welcome new member Jenny Choi. Jenny has assisted in providing lunches for our monthly Sangha Executive meetings.

I was also very pleased to welcome new member Dave Ringle who is the husband of our wonderful, hard working new minister Rev. Christina Yanko.

At age 65 we honour Sangha members with lifetime membership; I was pleased to be able to recognize two long standing members and presented them each with a Montoshikisho. Most recently the president of the Sangha for the past 5 years, Nobby Shiraishi has devoted countless hours organizing and supporting Sangha events for many years. Dave Azuma is one of the pillars of our Temple and is a past president of the TBC.

Following the Nirvana day service and Sangha presentations, we were pleased to be able to cook and serve a delicious (free) lunch to the Temple congregation as our way of giving thanks to the Temple and our members. Special thanks to Martin Cartledge, Jenny Choi, Nobby Shiraishi, Aki Ikebata, Joanne Kataoka, Rachel Kataoka and Abagail Kataoka for their hard work in preparing lunch.

Following lunch, a short entertainment program was provided. Many thanks to Scott Kusano for the beautiful renditions of two Okinawan songs *Tinsagu nu Hana* and *Irayoi Tsukiyahama* that he performed.



Finally, many thanks to everyone who pitched in to help clean up without having to be asked!

Cary Kataoka President, TBC Sangha



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#### FOODFEST A SUCCESS!

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The Dana and Shin Fujinkai held their annual Foodfest on Sunday, February 2, 2014. Thank you to all the donors for your generous contributions of bento, baking, preserves and other delicious food items that were put into the bentos and to everyone who supported this annual event with your purchases.

Proceeds will be used for the JSBTC Women's Federation Outreach Programs.



#### **Youth Group Family Day Ski Trip**

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On Family Day, the TBC Youth Group shared a ski day at Snow Valley Resort just outside of Barrie. They enjoyed clear skies, relatively warm temperatures and perfect snow conditions to improve their skiing. For many it was either their first time on skis or first time in many years. Some began the day in the Discovery Centre, an area meant for beginners with a gentle slope and progressed later in the day to the more difficult terrain. In the afternoon, everybody was able to ski together and enjoy the day. There were some comical accidents and mishaps but everybody managed to get through the day without injury!

#### 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.



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



Calgary, Alberta May 30-31, 2015

#### **Keynote Speakers**



Reverend Patricia
Kanaya Usuki will
join us as the English
keynote speaker. A
sansei, born and raised in
Toronto, she is currently
the head minister of the
San Fernando Valley

Hongwanji Buddhist Temple near Los Angeles, California. She is a scholar, teacher and author who has worked in France, New York, Ecuador and Japan. She served in the International Department, Hompa Hongwanji, Kyoto as a European language specialist and English editor (main project was the 2002 publication of *Jodo Shinshu – A Guide*).

Reverend Usuki is the author of Currents of Change: American Buddhist Women Speak Out on Jodo Shinshu.



Reverend Nana Yanase will join us as the Japanese keynote speaker. She is a singer and songwriter and is the sixth generation resident minister of the Kyo On Ji Temple in Nara Prefecture. She is a cancer survivor and it was her music which

became the vehicle of healing for Nana and whose music inspires all those who encounter it. Presently she has a full schedule with concert performances, writing of essays, as well as conducting her unique blend of presenting the Dharma through her music and talks at temples throughout Japan.

You can read more about Nana and listen to her music by going on her official website at: <a href="http://www.yanasenana.net/">http://www.yanasenana.net/</a>

#### **Monthly Workshops**

Come help, learn a new craft and be part of the Convention preparations. Join us downstairs after the service each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month as together we make craft items to sell at the Convention Marketplace. No experience necessary; everyone is welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch; tea will be served.

### JSBTC Women's Federation www.wbwconvention.com

(for all the latest information, to register or to donate)

#### TORONTO KUMAMOTO KENJINKAI

Organized in 1951 - Contact with Kencho, Kaye Kishibe

63rd ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE/SHINBOKUKAI

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014 TIME: 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 P.M.

PROGRAM:

12:30 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1:00 KUMAMOTO KENCHO AWARDS

1:30 MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 CASH BINGO

2:30 ENTERTAINMENT:

GRAND OTEMOYAN O-MATSURI SONG FESTIVAL

5:00 DINNER OBENTO

COME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS! IT IS ONCE-A-YEAR TOGETHERNESS TIME!



#### TORONTO SHIGA KENJINKAI

You are invited to attend the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING &
MEMORIAL SERVICE

SATURDAY, March 29, 2014 at 1:00 PM

At the Toronto Buddhist Church

Membership can be renewed at the Annual General Meeting

Bento tickets are available at \$15.00 each Please contact one of the following for tickets:

Mrs. Kathy Wani 416-498-1772 Mrs. Joanne Nishikawa 416-438-8919

For further information, please contact: Bob Nishikawa, President at 416-438-8919



#### MEET OLD AND NEW FRIENDS AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE:

#### HIROSHIMA KENJINKAI SHINBOKUKAI

WHERE? Toronto Buddhist Church

WHEN? Saturday, April 5, 2014

Obento is free for Seniors over 80 years Obento is \$15.00 per person Membership is \$5.00 per person

Registration and Reception starts at 12:30 pm Buddhist Memorial Service starts at 1:00 pm Short business meeting followed by bingo, karaoke, group sing song, obento and door prizes.

Please place orders before March 29, 2014 by contacting:

George Nakano (905) 785-9381 Lily Motomura (905) 881-1076

Volunteers Wanted: We will need a few volunteers to help set up the tables and chairs at 11:00 am as well as a few volunteers to supply dessert.

### トロント広島県人会

先没者追悼法要 4月5日(土)午後1時

親睦会:参加費15ドル \*ただし80歳以上は無料

年会費 5ドル

問い合わせ先: 中野ジョージ (905)785-9381 元村リリー (905)881-1076

### トロント熊本県人会

先没者追悼法要および 親睦会 3月8日(土)午後12時半

親睦会参加費:15ドル (80歳以上の会員は無料)

年会費:5ドル

連絡先:

池田アーサー (416)-444-3702

佐藤マーサ (416)466-9096

### でトロント滋賀県人会

物故者追悼法要 3月29日(土)午後1時

親睦会:参加費15ドル \*ただし80歳以上は無料

年会費 5ドル

チケットの購入先: 鰐キャシー:(416)498-1772 西川ジョアン:(416)438-8919

問い合わせ先: 滋賀県人会会長:西川ボブ (416)438-8919

### トロント和歌山県人会

先没者追悼法要 ならびに 親 睦 会

3月22日(土)午後1時



お問い合わせ: 後手フランク (905)856-2513

March 2014 **GUIDING LIGHT** 



#### 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) 「女性と仏教徒の生活」

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れると思 います。女性僧侶ならではの視点からお話い ただく予定ですので、ぜひこの機会に一緒に お聴聞させていただきましょう。

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# 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



## はなり一方ショップ

毎月第4週目の日曜日に行います

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### カナダ仏教婦人会連盟

ビンテージジュエリーを探しています

第15回世界仏婦大会に向けての資金集めの一環として、皆さんのもう使わなくなってしまったビンテージ宝石貴金属類のセールと茶道デモンストレーションの集いを予定しています。不要となった(できれば1990年以前の)宝飾類:ブローチ、ネックレス、イヤリング、指輪、ブレスレットなど(壊れたものでもOK)を、清水エイジャ、浅野ジューン宛に事務所までにご寄付いただければ幸いです。

数がある程度まで集まり次第、セールの日時をあらためてお知らせいたしますので、どうかご協力をよるしくお願い申し上げます。

### 、李彼泽会

3月16日(日)

午前11時より

ご講師:青木 龍也師

カナダ開教区開教総長 兼バンクーバー仏教会開教使



お彼岸のご縁にぜひお参り下さい

3月16日(日) 午後12時半より

喜寿、米寿、白寿を迎えられる方々に、 長年にわたりお寺に貢献していただいた事 への感謝の気持ちを込めて、表彰状を送ら せていただきます。

該当されます方は、出来る限り早く お寺までお知らせ下さい。

なお数え年・満年齢の どちらでも結構です



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お弁当セール 4月6日(日)

午前の英語祥月法要後すぐ

お寺の舞踊会グループが 美味しいお弁当を販売します なお売上金はすべて 舞踊会グループの 活動資金として使用されます



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☆ 3月16日(日) 敬老会リハーサル

4月6日(日) おシャカさまの誕生

4月20日(日) 花まつり

お子さんをお持ちの方はぜひご参加下さい  $^{\wedge}$   $^{\wedge}$ 

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# 唯能常称章の大意

また「南無」には願、「阿弥陀仏」には行の意味があります。 南無阿弥 無」には帰命と発願 陀 仏とはどういう意味かといえば 回 向との二つの意味があり、

行者をおさめとってくださるのです。 帰命するそのときに、如来は光明を放って 自力のはからいを捨て、二心なく 阿 弥 陀 如来に

それが阿弥陀仏の意味であり、また発願 回

そこで南無阿弥陀仏という六字は、 向の意味です。

み仏の名前であるとわかるのです。私たちが浄土に往生できる他力の信

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綾子様

聞くのではく、善知識にあって南無阿弥陀仏の六字のいわれを 説かれています。「聞其名号」というのは、ただおおまかに それを『大経』の願成就の文には、「聞其名号 できるのが他力の信心の道理であります。 よく聞くことであり、そうすれば、浄土に往生することが 信心歓喜」と

できないほど尊いものです。 阿弥陀如来のご苦労は言葉にあらわすことも

「信心歓喜」とは、信心決定して往生疑いなしと喜ぶ心です。

親鸞聖人はご和讃に、南無阿弥陀仏の恩徳の深さを

お示しになっており、また「正信偈」にも、 唯能常称如来号 応報大悲弘誓恩」とあります。

仏恩報謝の念仏を申すべきであります ですから、いつどこででも、

### 敬

### 弔

次の方々が 御 往生されまし

生前 のご苦労を偲び 謹 んで敬弔の意を表します。

安井 工 様 /十三歳 月 日 往 生

才 様 九十 歳 月 日 往 生

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#### 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

周忌 (二〇一三年)

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(二〇〇八年)

三回忌(二〇一二年)

十七回忌 九九八年)

> 十三回忌 (二〇〇二年)

二十五回 一忌  $\widehat{\phantom{a}}$ 九九〇年)

三十三回

一忌

二十三回忌 (一九九二年)

九八二年 五 十回 忌

二十七回忌 九八八 九六五年 年)



四年三月号

浄 '土真宗 トロント 本 願寺

# 父の声が聞こえるお念仏



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ありません。

末期がんで病床に就いているなんて、にわかに信じられるはずも い冗談のようにすら感じられました。つい数日 メールが届きました。「父がガンで入院。もう治 療不可とのこと。また追って連絡します」何か悪 前に電話口で新年の挨拶を交わしたばかりの父 月六日、母親の携帯電話から一通の短い日

ことは山ほどあったのですが、本人には末期ガンであることは知らさ に行くと一目で分かるほどに弱った父がそこにいました。幸いにも意 どこか滑稽にすら映るものの、最後まで望みを捨てることなく生き キングまでも、何とかして自分で行おうとする父の姿がありました。 れておらず、また元気になって元通りの生活に戻る事ばかりを口に けつけたのはもう一月二十一日になっていました。明くる朝、見舞い たえられないでしょうとの説明でした。まずは見舞いにと日本へと駆 していました。そればかりか自分の着替え、排泄、さらにはベッドメイ ははっきりとしており、これからの事について、 なかったことは決して悪くなかったのかもしれません。 医者様の診断では最長で六ヶ月、でもおそらくそこまでは持ちこ 私の父親であり続けてくれたその姿は有り難く、 私は色々と話したい 全てを告知

てるタバコとライターを今から病室まで届けてくれる 次の夜に病室から電話があり、「タバコが吸いたいから、机の上に乗っ 「分かった、でも今日はもう遅いからまた明日な」と言って切り それが父との今生での最後の会話になってしまいました。 へんか」と言うの ŧ

> きました。六十三歳という現代においては少し早すぎる年齢ではあ りましたが、いつもでせせこましく動き回っていた、とても父らしい 生の締めくくりだったような気がします。 月二十 29 日午前二時 十三分確 かにお浄土へと生まれさせていただ

な、 に、今まで何百回、何千回とお称えした事のある阿弥陀経を、生 ような、典型的な悲しいストーリーのテレビドラマを見ているよう れてはじめて自分のためにいただいた、そのような気がしました。 たんだという実感が湧いてきました。それまでは、いつかどこかで見た たわっている姿を見たときに、ようやく父が本当にいなくなってしまっ 僧 そんな気持ちでした。臨終勤行で阿弥陀経のお勤めをした際 侶の衣体を身に着け、お気に入りだったお念珠を手にお棺に横 ま

み教えに出遇わせていただけた喜びを感じずにはおれません。 聞こえてくるようになりました、 てその道へと導いてくれた父に感謝です。お念仏を称えると父の声が める事無く、何度も何度もはたらき続けて下さっている阿弥陀様の 分自身であった事を、父の死をもって教えられました。そんな私に諦 恥ずかしいばかりです。あらためてお聴聞が真に出来ていないのは自 なり」とお聞かせいただいていたのは、いったい誰のためであったのかと、 今まで白骨の御文章で「朝には紅顔あって、夕には白骨となれる身 ありがとうお父さん。



駐 在開教 使

藤 朋

文

※この写真は父親が亡くなる バンクーバー仏教会の本堂にて 四十二日前にカナダを訪れ 撮影していただいたものです た