



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
a Jodo Shinshu Temple



Guiding Light

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Happy 1 Year Anniversary

This month marks the one year anniversary for my family and I coming to Toronto. On the one hand it feels like just yesterday that we were met at the airport by Roy Kusano, Susan Ebisuzaki and Rev. Fujii. On the other hand it feels like I have been here for a long time. I think the latter portion is largely due to my son's upcoming birthday.

On May 22nd Atticus will turn 2 years old. That means for a little more than half of his life, he has lived in Toronto. The part of his life that he remembers is pretty much confined within that year. As far as he remembers, he never lived in California. Only Toronto.

I was recently thinking about his personality. As you have likely witnessed, most people walk into a room. Atticus explodes into it. I am shocked at how bold and social he is! I was never that way and neither was my husband. We were both quiet children! How did we get this brave, gregarious little performer? The boy who can't wait to get on stage and sing and dance until all eyes are focused on him. How did two parents who are not very socially adept create such a child?

I spent some time reflecting, and decided that one of the main reasons he is so social is because of our members at the temple. For as long as he can remember, when he comes to temple everyone smiles at him, plays with him, sings and dances with and for him. He is not ever afraid to come to temple, but instead he can't wait to go! If you take him outside of the building we live in and try to walk anywhere but towards the temple, you are in for a surprise. He will point at the temple and cry. He loves coming to temple.

The Buddha said:

A family is a place where minds come in contact with one another. If these minds love one another the home will be as beautiful as a flower garden. But if these minds get out of harmony with one another it is like a storm that plays havoc with the garden.

My son's interaction with the temple has been pretty much exclusively loving, and as such, like the garden, the temple is a beautiful home for him. Of course in the future a storm will occasionally blow through, but that garden will still be there.

I want to thank each and every one of you for playing such an integral part in shaping my son into the beautiful human being he is becoming. We might not have any blood relatives in Toronto, but we certainly have a very large family.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Christina Yanko



NEW MINISTER FOR THE TEMPLE

After an exhaustive search in the U.S, Hawaii and Japan, Bishop Tatsuya Aoki has recruited a new minister for the Toronto Buddhist Temple. Our new minister's name is Rev. Ryuhei Endo and he is from Saitama Japan. He will likely need some help with his English along with his ministerial training. I am sure he would appreciate all of us, not just Rev. Christina, encouraging him and supporting his efforts to fill Rev. Tomo's big shoes as quickly as possible. We are advised that what he lacks in practical experience he makes up with his enthusiasm and excitement about teaching the Dharma at our Temple. Bishop Aoki believes that he will be a very suitable teammate for Rev. Christina to expand the Sangha into the future.

While the schedule is not yet exactly fixed, hopefully around the end of May Rev. Endo will first be assigned to the Vancouver Temple where he will receive orientation for a couple of months under Rev. Grant Ikuta and Bishop Tatsuya Aoki. After completing his orientation he will move permanently to Toronto, perhaps in early August. Here he will be trained by Rev. Christina and Rev. Tomo. Rev. Tomo will work with him for approximately a month before he and his family finally prepare to depart for Japan.

Rev. Endo said that among his interests, he particularly enjoys spending time with animals and has a passion for food. He is currently a bachelor and for at least the first few months after his arrival, we would like to find a home not too far from the Temple where he can board with a family who can appreciate his cultural and ethnic background, but also converse (*Nichijo Kaiwa*) with him mainly in



English. The objective will be to acclimatize him to life in Toronto as quickly as possible. The Temple will be happy to pay a reasonable boarding fee for this service. If anyone is interested in such an arrangement, please contact the office and one of our Directors will be pleased to discuss it further with you.

In the meantime, we will keep you informed of all material developments.

In Gassho,
Roy Kusano

Here is a picture of Rev. Endo spending time with his family pet Muku.

My Fourth MAP Weekend



I was in Berkeley, California, for this MAP (Minister Assistant Program) session from Wed March 26 to Sunday March 30, 2014. There were five MAP attendees and thirteen Tokudo candidates. We had an excellent program starting with Rev. Henry Adams speaking on “Ondobo Ondogyo” = “Fellow practitioners.” Each of these topics I look forward to using in future Dharma talks. Next was a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation by Rev. David Matsumoto on Jodo Shinshu, the dynamic path of enlightenment. We visited Nyingma Institute, a Tibetan Centre and Retreat. What caught my eye there were these enormous motorized prayer wheels full of thousands of mantras. One in the garden was releasing over three trillion mantras every day.

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki led us in chanting & rituals. Sister Santussika of the Karun Buddhist Vihara treated us to a wonderful and inspiring presentation. She works with “Buddhist Global Relief” who provide aid to the displaced in Haiti. She is also an outspoken activist in the campaign against global warming. Our final speaker was Professor Ken Tanaka, author of “Ocean”. His topic was” The Dimension of Realization in Shinran’s Shinjin. It was a wonderful session.

Thank you TBC.

Gotanye; The Birthday of Our Founder Shinran Shonin And Shosanshiki; Infant Presentation Service May 18, 2014



On May 18th, we will be holding a service to honour the birth of our founder, Shinran Shonin. Shinran Shonin was born some 750 years ago in Japan during a very tumultuous time and in difficult family circumstances. Because of this he was sent to become a monk on Mount Hiei. It was a particularly decadent time for the Tendai teachings also and after twenty years of practice there he became frustrated at his own lack of spiritual progress and the lack of idealism in his surroundings.

Luckily for us, Shinran Shonin encountered Honen Shonin, who taught him about the Nembutsu teachings. Some 230 years later, his 6th generation grandson Rennyo Shonin made Shinran’s teaching the most prominent religion in Japan.

Because we are grateful for Shinran’s contribution to our lives, celebrating his birthday is also the perfect time to hold our yearly Shosanshiki, or Infant Presentation Service. The service essentially performs three functions; it is a time to welcome our newest potential members, it is a time for the infant’s parents to affirm their intention to raise their child with Buddhist values and it is also a reaffirmation on our end to maintain our temple in a fashion that the next generation will be proud to inherit and incorporate into their lives.

In Memory of Reverend Susumu Kyojo Ikuta (Nov. 23 1926-Apr. 24, 2014)



It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Reverend Sus Ikuta. We are all benefactors of the great passion he committed to sharing the Dharma. He gave selflessly to develop Buddhism and the Jodo Shinshu tradition in Canada. As a leader of great vision, he taught lessons that leave lasting impressions.

Highlights of his career are contained in the Calgary Herald obituary <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/calgaryherald/obituary.aspx?pid=170830894>

Reverend “Sus” Ikuta, as he was affectionately called by many friends, spent much of his tenure at Calgary Buddhist Temple. The temple is rebuilding and the Ikuta family has expressed a desire to provide an avenue of donation to the building fund (New Calgary Temple Campaign) as an option for remembrance.

1. Kodan gifts can be sent directly to:

Teruko Ikuta
Suite #109, 110 Scenic Drive North
Lethbridge, AB T1H 5L9

2. To donate to Calgary “New Temple Campaign”:

Options are available at Calgary Buddhist Temple website <http://calgary-buddhist.ab.ca/support-us/new-temple-campaign/>

or:

Cheques can be made to: Capital Campaign (Please note “In memory of Reverend Susumu Kyojo Ikuta”)

Mailing address:
Calgary Buddhist Temple
207, 6th Street N.E., Calgary, AB T2E 3Y1

It is with great honour that we follow in the footsteps of the path Reverend “Sus” Ikuta paved.

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.



Mr. Tomio Nishikawa

91 yrs

April 28, 2014

Sangha Dinner

Many thanks to all of those who attended the Toronto Buddhist Church Hanamatsuri Family Banquet.



In addition to celebrating Buddha's birth we have used this annual dinner gathering as an opportunity for multi generational Japanese families to enjoy a meal together. Moving forward, I would like to re-characterize this event as an event bringing together new members of different cultural backgrounds to our congregation.

While planning this event, I had many volunteers that we regularly depend on sending me their regrets due to scheduling conflicts from the long weekend or Easter events. Then, just before the event, from an already depleted volunteer list, we lost two of our main cooks due to illness and injury.

Each one of our volunteers did the work of many, but I have to especially thank Ron Shimizu, Dennis Madokoro, and Aki Ikebata who worked from morning to night. In addition to generally helping out, my wife Joanne Kataoka single handedly produced the Vegan meals. Many thanks also to Mas Matsuyama, Fred Kotani, Stephen Taguchi, Koji Goto, Rachel Kataoka, Abigail Kataoka, Clayton Madokoro and Tomo Shimizu. Thanks also to all those who pitched in at the end to help clean up.



Our star volunteer was Toku Suyama. Toku started preparing for the event the day before, working late into the evening and returned bright and early the day of the event. Toku remains a force of nature – cooking, busing tables, cleaning – he himself put in work enough for a team of people; 88 years young and we could hardly keep up with him. Toku also graciously donated a cake and a Bingo prize.

The generosity of all those who donated Bingo and door prizes was humbling and added greatly to the enjoyment of the event. Special thanks to Akiko Nishimura who donated \$100 towards Bingo, Mits Ito who donated a pair of Blue Jays tickets and 24/7 Systems and Networks for the other Bingo prizes. Thanks also to Bob Tanaka for his generous cash donation towards the event.

The meal is excellent every year, but I honestly think that this year's meal was the best yet. I hope that you enjoyed your dinner and most of all I hope that you enjoyed each other's company.

In Gassho,

Cary Kataoka
President, TBC
Sangha



Keirokai

This month we were able to track down two more lovely ladies celebrating beiju (their 88th birthday) this year! The lovely Mrs. Yae Furuya (pictured here) and always smiling Mrs. Sumiko Wakisaka.

Congratulations to you both. May you continue to have good health and harmony in the Light of Amida Buddha's Great Compassion!

Namo Amida Butsu



Pictures from AGM in Vancouver



Happy 10th Anniversary Vancouver Buddhist Temple!



Congratulations to Rev. Ulrich on his retirement. Thank you for your 24 years of service!



Women's Federation Meeting of Minds.

Rev. Patti Nakai's Visit

Our temple had the pleasure of hosting Rev. Patti Nakai and her husband Gary from the Buddhist Temple of Chicago over the Hana Matsuri weekend April 19-20.

Rev. Patti's public lecture was entitled "The Lion's Roar" -the Unquiet Women of Buddhism which revealed several female figures whose lives and experiences helped to influence Buddhism.

Following the presentation, the Nakai's attended the Sangha's Family Banquet and enjoyed an evening of Bingo and hobnobbing with everyone in the social hall.



ESHINNI MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014

The Dana and Shin Fujinkai wish to thank all those who contributed towards the Eshinni Memorial Day Service.

The collection will be split equally and given to the TBC Kid's Sangha and Youth Department groups.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and continued support.

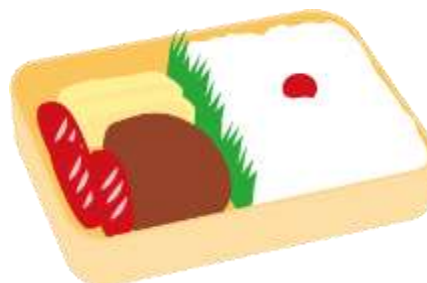
In Gassho,
TBC Dana and Shin Fujinkai

Thank you!

The TBC Buyo Group would like to thank the congregation for their support of our recent Food and Bento Sale.

Thank you to our generous donors and special thanks for the donations of delicious food items.

TBC Buyo Group



涼しきうたごえ
夏のカラオケパーティー
*Suzushiki Utagoe
Natsu no Karaoke Party*

**Saturday June 28, 2014
12:00~5:30PM
at TBC Social Hall
EVERY ONE WELCOME!!
Admission \$15.00**

**ENKA SONGS ODORI
JACKPOT BINGO
FUN GAMES
MINYO SO-ODORI
OISHII BENTO**

**for tickets please call:
Jessica (416) 733-1894
Evelyn (416) 752-6879**

**TBC 夏のカラオケパーティー開催日時: 六月二十八日(土) 正午開始
シニヤカラオケクラブ**

TBC Senior Karaoke Club

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**. 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**.

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!

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 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 \$ _____



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.

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

"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.



OBON 2014

The Toronto Buddhist Church Religious and Obon committees have begun preparations for Obon 2014. After all of the wonderful feedback from last year's new Obon changes, we agreed to continue with the revised format.

Instead of holding individual graveside services, all of our major cemeteries will be holding one central service. This means that each of our ministers and our guest speaker will visit two cemeteries each and hold one large service, including chanting, Oshoko, and a Dharma Talk. Everyone present has the opportunity to offer incense and receive floral tributes to place at their family gravesites. Please note that the incense is no longer burned due to very dry weather conditions in July. The regular practice of visiting individual family plots still continues at the smaller cemeteries.

This year our visiting guest speaker will be Rev. Brian Nagata from California.

Please check upcoming articles in the Guiding Light for the schedule, further details (which we are currently working on), and any changes that might occur.

Gassho,
Religious and Obon Committees



NOTARIZATION: DO YOU NEED IT?

In our overly-regulated society, sooner or later most adults must submit an affidavit or statutory declaration or a notarized copy of a document to some governmental or other agency. This often entails (a) a visit to the office of a lawyer or Notary Public, and (b) either swearing and signing the affidavit or statutory declaration in his or her presence, or having him or her prepare notarized copies of any documents which need to be notarized, and then (c) paying a fee (which, to be fair, is usually reasonable).

One of the members of our Temple is a Notary Public and has offered to provide notarial services to fellow Temple members free of charge. Any Temple member is invited to contact the Temple Office, referring to this article. When contacting the Office the member should provide his or her full name, residence address, phone number and email address. The member will then be contacted by the Notary. The Notary will discuss with the member what needs to be done and what papers will be needed. If the notarization can be conveniently done, the Notary will arrange an appointment, preferably at the Temple after a Sunday service.

This is a free offer by our Temple member to other Temple members, and the Temple is not involved in the service. There is no commercial or professional intent or motive. The Notary is not interested in promoting or soliciting any services or products. At the same time the Notary may refuse or withdraw this service at any time without notice. You are invited to keep this article in mind should you ever need this kind of service.



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☆

5月18日(日)

キッズサンガクラフトクラブ

6月1日(日)

6月15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



ウェルカム ニューフェイス

藤井先生の後任として新任開教使が決まりましたのでお知らせいたします。

遠藤竜平先生(30歳)は埼玉県出身、中央仏教学院本科・研究科で研鑽をつまれた後、龍谷大学文学部仏教学専攻を卒業されました。在学中に交換留学生としてパークレーの浄土真宗センターに滞在された際に国際伝道に興味を持ち、開教使への道を志すようになりました。

BC州の教団本部にて2ヶ月の研修期間を経て、夏ごろにはトロントに着任予定となっています。どうぞ皆さんのご理解とお育ていただけるようお願い申し上げます。



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?...毎週火・金曜 午後8時~9時半
(ただし最終レッスンのみ7月10日)

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

宗祖降誕会

5月18日(日)
午前11時15分より

宗祖親鸞聖人は平安時代末の、承安3年(1173年)5月21日に京都の南に位置する日野の里(現在の京都市醍醐)にてお生まれになりました。

幼名を松若丸と名付けられたと伝えられています。

親鸞聖人のご生誕を
皆さんと一緒に
お祝いいたしましょう



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、ぜひともご参加下さい。お申し込みは五月十一日(日)までにお寺の事務所までお尋ね下さい。

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

機法一体章の大意

南無阿弥陀仏とはどういう意味なのか、またどのように阿弥陀如来を信じるならば浄土に往生することができるのか、それを心得るためには、まず南無阿弥陀仏の六字のいわれをよく心得なければなりません。

南無阿弥陀仏とは、たすけると仰せになるみ仏に、おたすけくださいとおまかせする信心であります。そのようにおまかせする衆生を、阿弥陀如来はよくお知りになって、この上ない功德を与えてくださいます。このことを「衆生に回向してください」というのです。

そこで、南無阿弥陀仏におまかせする信心（機）の衆生を、如来がおたすけくださる（法）ので、これを機法一体の南無阿弥陀仏というのです。

これが私たちの往生が定まる他力の信心であると心得るべきです。

き（機）：仏の教法を受けて救われるべきもの。一般に衆生、人間のこと。またその素質能力を指す場合もある。

回向：…回はめぐらすこと、向はさしむけること。自ら修めた善根功德を、自らのさとりのためにふりむける菩提回向、他の人々を救うためにふりむける衆生回向、空真如の理にかなっていく實際回向の三種の回向がある。

『浄土真宗聖典（註釈版）』

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受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 於：御影堂

〈第24代即如門主御消息発布式〉

2014(平成26)年6月6日(金)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) 於：御影堂

第25代専如門主ご消息発布

敬 弔

次の方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

西川 富男様

九十一歳 四月二十八日往生



佛心

二〇一四年五月号
浄土真宗
トロント本願寺

生田享成先生を偲んで



一生涯の中で、数多くの人と出会い、また数多くの人と別れていかねばなりません。果たしてその人達の中で、どれほどの人が記憶に残り、また影響をおよぼしてくれたことでしょうか。

今年のカナダ教団の年次総会がバンクーバーで行われ、ちょうどその日程の真つ最中に、生田享成先生がご往生の素懷を遂げられたとの訃報が舞い込んで来ました。生田先生は長年にわたりカルガリー仏教会の開教使として活躍され、また98年〜02年までは開教総長として、おみのりを少しでも多くの人に遇っていただくために、昼夜を問わずカナダ国内外を奔走されました。

私が新米の開教使としてカナダへと赴任した直後、会議の席で初めてお会いした際に、「遠いところまでわざわざおいで下さいました」と深々と頭を下げながら、まったく経験も何もない私と、大先輩である享成先生が、まったく台頭かの如く錯覚させられるように、慈悲深く、かつ情熱的にお話下さったのを今でも鮮明に覚えています。

私が開教使としての心構えを聞くと、どんな難しい事や、秘密のテクニックを言われるのかと待ち構えるようにして期待していると、「メンバーにお礼をすること決して忘れないこと」「いつでも正直でいること」と「なによりも大切なことは「如来様のおみのりの邪魔をしないこと」でした。大変に不思議なこと、この三つは、私が日本を出発する前に母親より言われたこと、またブラジルで長年にわたって開教に携わっている伯父が伝えてくれたこと、まったく同じ内容でした。



ご香典は生田先生とご家族の意思により、下記の2つよりお選びいただけます

1. Mrs. Teruko Ikuta
Suite #109, 110 Scenic Drive North, Lethbridge, AB T1H 5L9
2. カルガリー仏教会の修繕改築費用に寄付する
ウェブサイトより直接ドネーションが可能です
<http://calgary-buddhist.ab.ca/support-us/new-temple-campaign/>

またはカルガリー仏教会までチェックを郵送いただく場合は下記のあて先まで
Calgary Buddhist Temple
207, 6th Street N.E., Calgary, AB T2E 3Y1
Capital Campaign (Please note "In memory of Reverend Susumu Kyojo Ikuta")

自分が伝えなければと肩に力が入っていた私に、浄土真宗のみ教えの根幹とは本願他力のほかならず、おみのりを伝えるつもりが、間違った教義解釈や、個人的な感情が入り込み、ほとけさまのおはたらきの邪魔することだけは決して無いようにと教えて下さいました寂しくも、お浄土に親しい人がまた一人増えたとお念仏を喜ばせていただく次第です。

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