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Message on Retirement

I would like to announce that as of today, June 5, 2014, I am retiring from the posts of Hongwanji *jushoku*, the resident priest and Monshu of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha institution and entrust them to Shimmon, the Heir-Apparent Monshu and Hongwanji *jushoku*.

It has been thirty-seven years and two months since I was inaugurated into these posts, succeeding my predecessor in the Jodo Shinshu tradition on April 1, 1977. I would like to say that the credit for my being able to carry out the duties until today all should go to the Buddha and masters for their guidance, as well as the continuous support, understanding, and cooperation that I have received from all individuals and concerned parties, both within the Hongwanji organization and from the general public. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you.

During my tenure, thanks to everyone's efforts, the Hongwanji was able to undertake the restoration of the Amida-do Hall, the 400th Memorial for Kennyo Shonin, the 500th Memorial for Rennyo Shonin, the great restoration of the Goeido Hall, and the 750th Memorial for Shinran Shonin. In addition, several decades ago we were able to acquire the parcel of land on the north side of the Hongwanji precinct, and we have been able to utilize it for a wide

range of activities. Furthermore, we have been able to develop and promote our equality awareness campaign that was named the Core Program, as well as initiate a variety of activities and projects. The circle of the nembutsu teaching has continued to expand and the recitation of Namo Amida Butsu can be heard in various places in the world. Fortunately, I was enabled to confirm these facts for myself by hearing the voices of my fellow nembutsu followers during my official visits to every district of the Hongwanji institution. For this, I am truly grateful to everyone.

Compared with my predecessor, Shonyo Shonin's turbulent fifty years, which included the period of World War II, my thirty-seven year tenure can be described as rather calm. During those years, however, domestically speaking, there were a number of natural and human-made disasters that took place one after another, and due to the exaggerated priority placed on economic profit and status, issues concerning people's mental health and well-being have become more critical. Worldwide concerns include serious issues such as armed conflicts, economic inequality, global climate change, and proliferation of nuclear materials. Among them are ones that directly concern humanity's existence. Unfortunately, amidst this, it is with regret that we, Jodo Shinshu Buddhists are not able to say that we have satisfactorily demonstrated our ability to cope with these issues.

Our sangha has a glorious tradition of upholding and transmitting the Dharma from person to person. It is my hope that we will keep this wonderful custom despite of the current social fluctuations, and discover diverse potentialities in the teaching and tradition of Jodo Shinshu so that we can share them with as many people as possible and together follow the path toward realizing a society in which everyone is mutually accepted and respected. In order to realize that, I believe it is important to bring out the individuality and conditions of each person and generation, paying special attention to the young generations who possess the sensibility and ability to implement concepts.

My successor, Shimmon Kojun, worked at Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo as an on-site leader of the temple for five years and nine months. It is for certain that this experience has allowed him to expand his knowledge. Upon accepting his new responsibilities, he will be obliged to maintain the Jodo Shinshu tradition while considering the organization in its entirety by constantly attending not only to the Hongwanji institution, but also the whole religious society. I would like to sincerely request that you continue to provide your warm assistance to the new Monshu.

As for myself, I will be turning seventy in a little more than a year. Although nobody knows what the future holds, it is my intent to continue revering the Buddha Dharma as taught us by our Founder, being conscious that I am always embraced in the unwavering working of Amida Tathagata's Primal Vow, and will carry out my duties as a Jodo Shinshu priest for as long as I am able to the best of my ability.

June 5, 2014

Shaku Sokunyo

Shaku Sokunyo OHTANI Koshin Monshu Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



Succession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition

Today, according to my predecessor, Sokunyo Monshu's wishes, I was inaugurated into the posts of Hongwanji *jushoku*, resident priest and Monshu of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha institution.

On this occasion, I would like to extend my deep gratitude to him for his many years of nurturing and guidance. At the same time, I acknowledge the monumental responsibility of succeeding the Jodo Shinshu tradition and am resolute in carrying out my duties to the best of my ability.

The teaching on how we are saved by Amida Tathagata's Primal Vow was set forth by Sakyamuni Buddha, and it was transmitted by the seven Pure Land masters to Shinran Shonin, who clarified it into the Dharma of Jodo Shinshu. That tradition has been passed down to us through the efforts of successive Monshu of Hongwanji, fellow Jodo Shinshu followers, and many

people who have supported their work until today. In inheriting this illustrious tradition, I will exert every effort to convey the Dharma of Jodo Shinshu to the future.

Looking back on the past, there were occasions during which the Hongwanji institution addressed some issues in ways that contradicted the Jodo Shinshu teaching, sometimes by not questioning or doubting some common practices that were accepted in the society during a certain era, and sometimes by having to make harsh decisions in order to enable the Hongwanji to survive. Learning from such history, we must constantly keep a careful eye on social conditions and ourselves so that we will never again indiscriminately accept common, popular behavior and tendencies of a particular time nor return to the kind of society that would compel us to make painfully bitter decisions again.

In reflecting on the present circumstances of our organization, it is significantly important to consider how we can approach and reach out to persons who have never had any contact with a Buddhist temple, as well as those who are already involved with one. The nembutsu teaching that is based on Amida Buddha's Primal Vow remains unchanged, regardless of the changing times and society. However, the methods for transmitting and sharing it needs to evolve and adapt according to social changes. Now is the time for our Hongwanji institution to utilize our collective wisdom and knowledge for considering approaches to convey the Buddha Dharma to our contemporaries today.

There are also other numerous issues and problems that we must deal with, such as, "What is the most appropriate and effective manner we can offer support to the many victims and disaster-stricken locations of the East Japan Great Earthquake to facilitate their recovery?"

Let us always keep in mind the venerable words, *jishin kyo ninshin*, "secure our own entrusting heart to the Dharma, guiding others to the same path" as we cope with the various problems and hardships of the contemporary world, walking together towards realizing a society in which everyone is equally respected.

June 6, 2014

Shaku Sennyo OHTANI Kojun Monshu Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



Arigatogozaimashita

I would like to take this opportunity to express the deepest and foremost gratitude on behalf of me and my family to each and every one of you who we have had a chance to share time and space with in Canada. Through tears and joy, I had countless wonderful experiences serving three temples and one fellowship as a Kaikyoshi Minister here in the Eastern District of JSBTC for almost 9 years.

I just recalled myself when I first arrived in Toronto in November, 2005. I literally couldn't do anything by myself. I was even afraid of placing my order at the Tim Hortons, but I now can clearly say "Medium Double-Double and Honey Cruller" at the drive-thru window with my Tim's card ready!

Simply put, this is all the result of the kindness of so many of our members who took care of me and guided me through this journey. Now, here I am. I see myself as a Kaikyoshi Minister full of confidence, but not because of me personally. It is because I am a minister to this community and everyone was so nice to me. Through everyone's kindness and support, I have realized Amida's boundless compassion is all around us all the time.

There is one Japanese expression often used that goes like is: "A minister is nurtured by their congregation, and congregation is nurtured by their minister." I now totally understand what this means.

At this point, I would like to ask for your continued support to our brand new Minister, Rev. Endo and treat him the same way you treated me.

Very regretfully, due to my father's passing away, my family has to leave from Toronto back to Japan, but I will try to be more active and engaged with promoting the Jodo Shinshu Teachings in Japan based on my experiences in Canada and North America.

Lastly, if you have a chance to come to Japan, please feel free to stop by at my new home temple at:

761 Hoshikacho Moriyama-Shi, Shiga-Ken Jonenji rev.fujii@gmail.com

Gassho with gratitude

Rev. Tomofumi Fujii, Naoko and Harufumi



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With Rev. Christina Yanko

Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Practice for people new to the Temple. This is meant specifically to help new members and people interested in coming to the Temple feel comfortable with what we do here, why we do it, and to ask any questions without feeling awkward.

Thursday October 2, 16, 30, November 13, & 27th from 7 - 8:30 pm.

Kyogyoshinsho Discussion Group. We will be doing close readings of the Kyogyoshinsho (the main text written by our founder Shinran Shonin) starting with the General Preface. We can compare translations of different scholars, look at specific characters and examine their significance, as well as discuss how what we are reading is relevant in our lives today.

Thursday October 9, 23, November 6, and 20th from 7—8:30 pm.

Please feel free to come and join us for some lively discussions!



Greetings from our New Minister

Greetings to the members of the Toronto Buddhist Church. My name is Ryuhei Endo and I have come from Japan. I am looking forward to receiving the Buddha Dharma together with all of you so thank you for your support and understanding.

I was born and raised in Saitama Prefecture, which is in the Eastern part of Japan, North of Tokyo. From Jr. High School on I had to commute to Tokyo everyday from Saitama on a packed train for close to one hours one way. The schools I attended for

both Junior High and High School were of very high academic standards and I remember feeling a lot of pressure and stress just to keep up with others around me.

It was during such a time that I came across a Buddhist book in the library. It was my first encounter with Buddhism. I remember being so moved by the world outlook that Buddhism had, I decided then and there that someday I would go on to study about Buddhism. Following my graduation from High School, knowing that my grandfather was a Jodo Shinshu follower and also through an introduction by a temple minister friend of my older sister, I enrolled in the Central Buddhist Academy, or Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin, in Kyoto. Living in the student dormitory for two years, I was able to meet so many wonderful teachers, and fellow students who helped draw me into the world of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. My first roommate in the dormitory took such good care of me that he used to joke around by saying, "Am I your wife or something?" The following year, my roommate was Rev. Kakihara who is presently the resident minister of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple in Washington.

After graduating from the Central Buddhist Academy, I went to work as an associate minister at the temple of the calligraphy teacher from the Central Buddhist Academy. I helped with services around the temple and on any given day I would conduct 6 or 7 memorial services and on occasion even up to 15 services in one day. It was the first time for myself to learn about living in a temple setting. However, as time wore on, I decided that I wanted to study more about Jodo Shinshu and general Buddhism, and so I enrolled at the Ryukoku University in Kyoto and completed the four year undergraduate program in Buddhist teachings.

During my third year at Ryukoku University, I had the opportunity to study abroad as the University was offering a five week foreign studies program in Berkeley, California. It was truly an exciting five weeks program and it was there that I visited the Jodo Shinshu Center for the first time. At the Jodo Shinshu Center I met Rev. Kuwahara who was in charge of the center. He invited me to his home for dinner and told me about the overseas ministry, or Kaikyoshi. It was the first time I heard of such a position. I learned of the difficulties and challenges of trying to spread the Buddha Dharma overseas, but I was inspired by the idea.

Upon my return to Japan, I enrolled in the overseas minister program at Ryukoku University and was accepted by the Hongwanji as an overseas ministerial candidate. As part of the Hongwanji program I attended the International Ministerial Orientation Program (IMOP) which was based in Berkeley at the Jodo Shinshu Center. As part of this program, I had the opportunity to visit temples in Los Angeles, Orange County, Seattle, San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco and other places. It was during this program that I met Bishop Aoki of Canada for the first time. Thanks to this encounter, I ended up becoming a minister here in Canada.

As I have mentioned during this self introduction, I have had so many wonderful encounters which has led me to where I am today. I believe all of this to be the workings of Amida Buddha. I know I will have many more wonderful encounters as a Kaikyoshi minister in Canada and I look forward to sharing the Dharma with all of you. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Gassho Ryuhei Endo



Rally Sunday September 14th Guest Speaker Ken Tanaka

Hopefully everyone has enjoyed his or her summer and anticipating another exciting Fall and Winter. Please join us on September 14th for our annual "rally" which signifies the move away from our Summer Service schedule and resume regular Temple activities. On this day many displays of the various Temple organizations will be set up if you are curious and want to join.

To add to the fun, we have an exceptional guest speaker joining us all the way from Japan. Perhaps you have heard of him...the esteemed Jodo Shinshu scholar and minister Kenneth Tanaka. Hongwanji has kindly done us the privilege of flying him to Toronto to speak to us as a guest lecturer on Saturday September 13th at 1pm (see additional advertisement for details) and for our Rally Sunday service.

Please be sure to join us for this service as Rev. Tanaka's Dharma Talks are always filled with knowledge and humour...a fabulous way to start off the Fall program together.

There are many interesting activities going on at the Temple this year and we look forward to seeing everyone.



!!!New Seiten!!!

I am so happy to introduce you to our beautiful new Service Book. We just received a phone call from the US Border saying they had it there, which means by the time you receive this issue of the Guiding Light it most certainly should be here.

No more outdated translations! No more pasted in pages!

Just one beautiful book filled with Romanji, Kanji, and English chanting, our old favourite Gathas, some new beautiful Gathas, and some really informative sections on ritual, practice, and mindfulness.

Once we determine how many extra copies we have we will let you know so you can get your own copy if you like.

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. Junn Kashino 81 years July 17, 2014 Mr. Henry O. (Hank) Nishimura 88 years July 28, 2014

* CORRECTION *

In our previous newsletter, we omitted listing the name of *Mrs. Sachiko Kawai* who passed away on June 2, 2014 at the age of 93 years.

We wish to extend our sincerest apologies to the Kawai and Jikemura families for this oversight.

Gassho, Toronto Buddhist Church



FALL HIGAN OVSA AWARDS AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 21, 2014, following morning service

Summer vacation time is over for another year and Fall Higan is here.

At the Fall Higan service, we will honour and thank our 2014 Ontario Volunteer Service Award recipients:

60+ years:25+ years:15 years:Youth:Mr. Toshio MoriMs. Donna NakanoMs. Hamako YoshidaKoji Goto

Mrs. Kikumi Yoshida Mr. Nobby Shiraishi Stephen Taguchi

Mr. Masami Matsuyama

At the same time, we will be saying farewell to the Fujii family and welcoming our new resident minister, Rev. Endo. We thought that Higan would be a perfect occasion to recognize Rev. Fujii and his family for all of their dedication to our Temple and members, and welcome Rev. Ryuhei Endo to the TBC. Please bring a dish of food to our Potluck luncheon. There are sign-up sheets in the temple lobby or you can contact Dawn Anzai (canzai@sympatico.ca) or Joanne Omori (joanne.omori@hotmail.com).

Beverages and dessert are being provided.

Obon Odori 2014

On a perfect evening, the Obon odori dancers made their way around the parking lot of the JCCC to the beat of the taiko, dressed in their colourful yukatas and happi coats. A short Obon service was conducted by Reverends Fujii, Yanko and Nagata. Kunio Suyama was the MC, a role he has performed so well for countless years. During the intermission, he was assisted by Bob Nishikawa. During the break, dancers from Sakura-kai, Ayame-kai and Bukkyo-kai performed on the stage, followed by the Isshin Daiko group. The highlight of the evening was Goshu Ondo sung by Rev. Fujii and Mr. Ohashi, and accompanied by Paul Aoki on the taiko. Popsicles were a crowd favourite when the dancing was finished.

We would like to thank the Obon taiko group, led by Paul Aoki. Other members of the Obon taiko group were: Crystal Anzai, Aaron Aoki, Amy Okada, Lori Okada, Kevin Sangster and Kiyo Sumiya.

Of course, the Obon festival would be nothing without all the dancers. Thank you to the dancers from all the groups that participated.

And special thanks to Gayle Hayashi for her organisation and dedication at every odori practice at the TBC.







September 2014



Buddhist Education Public Lecture

The Distinct Qualities and Strengths of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism : With Emphasis on Humor

Why couldn't the Buddha vacuum under the sofa? Because he didn't have any attachments!

Why did the Buddha ask Shinran Shonin to vacuum under the sofa? Because Shinran Shonin had a lot of attachments!

How do we face up to and embrace life's difficulties?

The essence of the Jodo Shinshu teachings such as "Let it go" and "Come as you are."

Saturday, September 13th, 1:00pm



Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Tanaka

Professor and Dean at Musashino Univ. in Tokyo Author of "Ocean": Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America



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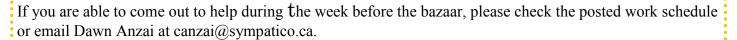
2014 TBC Annual Bazaar Saturday, November 8, 2014

Fall is fast approaching and with it, our Annual Bazaar. This is the temple's biggest annual fundraising event and we need your help.

Donations are needed for sale at the various venues:

- Japanese items
- Baked goods and food items
- Gently used items for the White Elephant Sale
- Books and Plants
- New items for the Silent Auction and Lucky Draw

(Please note that we are unable to sell used clothing)



We will be able to begin accepting donations from **Monday**, **November 3**, **2014**. Please contact the TBC office if other arrangements are needed.

Your support is much appreciated! TBC Bazaar Committee

JSBTC DAY Sunday October 5, 2014

This October 5th our Temple is once again celebrating JSBTC Day. We choose to celebrate this in October for a very good reason. In October of 1904 14 Jodo Shinshu Buddhists from Japan met at the home of Tadaichi Nagao in Vancouver and decided they would build a Jodo Shinshu Temple and request Hongwanji send a minister from Japan. This resulted in the arrival of Rev. Senju Sasaki and his wife Tomie in 1905. Rev. Sasaki's first sermon was given right on the steps of City Hall in Vancouver! They were so



proactive in building a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist community that the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada was officially founded by December 1905. This was the very first official Buddhist tradition ever in Canada.

Now it is 2014. Since 1905 there have been 109 years of hard work, struggles, war, inturnment, re-building, rallying, helping, and growing.

Buddhism is a really amazing thing. It has grown from one man walking around teaching in India to an internationally relevant tradition. That is what Buddhism needs to grow. Strong people who are willing to work towards sharing the Dharma. To look past difference and self-interest and focus on compassion. Amida is the embodiment of compassion, and there is a flame of compassion burning in every single one of us. Let's cultivate that light together by focusing on feelings of gratitude and being kind to one another.

All donations made on October 5, 2014 will be given to JSBTC headquarters and be used to maintain our Canada-wide organization and assist us in spreading the Jodo Shinshu teachings.

Thank you for your continued support!

Camp Lumbini 2014



Planning for Camp Lumbini in the spring every year with the support of the Ministers, Dave Saxby, Grace Tamaki and Joanne Kataoka. This year the main themes were Sandokai and aliens. Sandokai means harmony in differences — meaning that we should recognize that we are all different and accept these differences. Sandokai was an appropriate theme because Camp Lumbini is always able to go smoothly despite rivalries between teams and the different personalities that compose them. Camp Lumbini would not be possible is not for the volunteers who plan, cook and ensure that Lumbini is a safe and fun environment. This year, teams developed their own alien teams led by Adam Taguchi, Kazu Maeda and Aki Maeda; and created their own Sandokai and alien themed cheers, posters and skits in addition to competing against each other is friendly games.

The Camp as a whole was fortunate to receive Buddhist teachings from the ministers in an activity we

call Buddhism 101. This year, Fujii-sensei explained the origin of the phrase "okage-sama." Fujii-sensei reasoned that we thank Mr. Shadow because there are many people and factors that support us in the background; things that we are not able to see. We should be thankful for all the support we receive whether if it makes an immediate impact or not. Later in the week, Yanko-sensei led an activity to explain Sandokai using food colouring and water. She explained that even if the water changes colour with the food colouring, it has not really changed. She reasoned that even though we are all different, we should still treat others respectfully.

This year we were fortunate that the weather was good. Everyday, the whole camp enjoyed going on different outings such as bowling, mini golf and a canoe/kayak down the Nottawasaga River. This year would not have been possible without the help of all the volunteers. A special thanks to all the cooks and volunteers.



FOR JUNE 2014 GL GOING POSTAL WITH MAIL

Postal rates have shockingly skyrocketed. With the volume of mail that our Temple sends out every month, the increase in postage is having a serious impact on our operating costs. Mailing the monthly *Guiding Light*, *Shotsuki* notices and donation receipts are only part of the heavy volume of mail that our office sends out regularly.

We are aware that a few of our members have consented to receiving their *Guiding Light* electronically. We will now make a concerted effort to encourage more electronic communication as the rule rather than the exception.

Before getting into the topic of electronic communication, we wish to raise with you the question of publishing names of donors and donation amounts in the Guiding Light. Readers of the electronic version of the *Guiding Light* accept that their versions do not show donations (neither donors' names nor amounts) while the paper versions of the newsletter currently do this. In order to eliminate this difference and out of increasing concern about the privacy rights of our donors we are proposing to stop listing donations in all editions of the *Guiding Light*, whether paper or electronic. If you have any comments or concerns about this proposal please notify the office in writing as soon as possible and we will take your views into consideration before making a final decision.

As for the *Guiding Light*, you should be aware that the electronic version of the newsletter appears monthly on the Temple's website at www.tbc.on.ca. All of you who are connected to the internet can really help us to reduce our administrative burden if you were to access your Guiding Light through the Temple's website instead of by mail or email. If you agree to this, we would really appreciate your letting us know by emailing us at pam.yoshida@tbc.on.ca.

In addition you may consent to receiving your *Shotsuki* notices, donation receipts and other correspondence from the Temple by email. If you consent to receiving these other communications by email, we ask you to kindly send an email to that effect to pam.yoshida@tbc.on.ca or dianne.ishida@tbc.on.ca. Also kindly provide your full name, address and telephone number to complete our records. We will provide you with a simple mechanism to withdraw your consent at any time.

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We need your support and cooperation. It will really make a difference. Thank you in advance.

In Gassho.

The Temple Office

DANA NEWS

Special thanks to those Dana ladies who helped with making flowers for the cemetery visits, assisted in ushering at the Obon service, and helped with refreshments and cleanup after the two Obon services.

Namo Amida Butsu



YBISCE Reunion 2.0

Going to Berkeley, California for the YBISCE Reunion felt quite familiar, but at the same time quite different. Two years ago I went to Berkeley for the very first bi-annual reunion that is held for the kids that went to Japan on previous YBISCE trips to reunite and learn more about Jodo Shinshu. This year's reunion felt similar because it was, once again, held at the Jodo Shinshu Center, we had service every morning, we had workshops and Dharma Time throughout the weekend, and the food was excellent as always. On the other hand, it was different because the kids from the last trip now joined in, we did different activities, and the kids planned this reunion.

Last year, Aoki Sensei was the mastermind behind the planning of the reunion but this time, he told the kids that if they want to have a reunion, they should plan it themselves. If they did so, he would also indefinitely attend. So that's what the kids did. Run mostly by the youth that attended last year's YBISCE trip and with the help of Joanne Yuasa Sensei, they were able to plan everything for the reunion. This year's reunion was centered around Obon where we made up our own Obon dances, and made fans to use at the Mountain View Obon that we attended over the weekend.

When we were making our Obon dances, the girls were put into their own group and they came up with a very good dance that was related to the trip to Japan. They danced to the song "Rather Be" by Clean Bandit as they re-enacted their days in Japan. First they take a plane to Japan and because of the jet lag, they go to sleep. Then, in the morning, they go to service so they do gassho. After service, they go to the convenience store and pick out some stuff and have it for breakfast. Next, they go out sightseeing so they turn to each other in the dance, and take pictures of each other. Finally, they have to go home so they take a plane back home.

In California, there are many people that like to "Obon Hop" which is where they go to as many different Obons in the Bay Area as they can over several weekends. It is very worth it because the Obons in California are quite amazing. The Obon we attended was at Mountain View Buddhist Temple and it was huge! They had carnival games, food everywhere and a bazaar type area. In the evening the odori starts and there is barely enough room to hold everyone dancing. It got quite packed. I was told that this Obon is the

second largest in California and it definitely lived up to it.



The YBISCE Reunion was a great success and was really fun to be a part of. I learned more about Jodo Shinshu, and was able to reconnect with old friends as well as make new ones. It was also great to do some sight-seeing in San Francisco like seeing the Golden Gate Bridge, taking a trolley, and going to the Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory. It was an experience I will always remember.

Shin Fujinkai News

On Saturday, July 19th, 2014, Shin Fujinkai held their annual outing to Summerlicious. This year's choice of restaurant was Marcel's Bistro on King Street West. The six ladies who were able to attend were treated to good food and fellowship.

Summerlicious is an annual event where Top Toronto restaurants offer prix fixe three course lunches and dinners – it's a wonderful way to experience some of the city's top restaurants at affordable prices.







MEMBERSHIP – FALL 2014 UPDATE

Toronto Buddhist Church thanks all of you for another year of support. All of our programs and special events have been happy successes thanks to all of you. Our membership drive for 2014 has so far exceeded last year's totals despite the usual lag over the summer, and we hope our final membership tally for 2014 will be much better than last year. We do emphasize that membership runs from January to December and therefore we really urge you to renew your memberships at the start of each year. Please remember too that the Temple no longer has a "pledge" system of membership, although the membership dues of minimum \$100 may be paid in instalments so long as payments are specifically designated as membership instalments. As for Honorary Members, while they do not have to pay any membership dues, they are also encouraged to renew their memberships by submitting the proper forms to the Temple office at the start of each year.

By becoming a Temple member you are affirming your commitment to the Buddha, the Dharma (the Buddhist teachings), and officially becoming part of the Sangha (the Buddhist community).

Finally, we want to remind our members that our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 30, 2014. At this meeting members will have the opportunity to elect their Board of Directors and to express their opinions about the future of our great Temple. A formal Notice of Annual General Meeting will appear in the October Guiding Light. Please make sure you join us. Thank you.

OVERDUE NEWS

Whilst swimming in the Niagara River just below the Peace Bridge on July 21st, Tak Yoshida heard cries of help coming from the direction of the fast moving current. Upon turning around he saw a young woman being swept downstream. With complete disregard for his own safety, Tak quickly made his way into the rapids and brought the woman ashore.

Had it not been for the fast action and courage shown by our friend, the victim would not be alive today, as she had lost consciousness and had to be revived by artificial respiration.

When being interviewed about the event, Tak, who does not regard himself as a good swimmer, said "I had a few anxious moments when the panic stricken woman climbed up me and I sank several feet below the surface."



The 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention with the theme, "Embraced by the Oneness of Life," is now less than a year away. Scheduled for Calgary on May 30 and 31, 2015, guest speakers, interesting workshops, panel presentations as well as entertainment will all be part of this meaningful convention.

Notable keynote speakers are Reverend Patricia Kanaya Usuki (in English) and Reverend Nana Yanase (in Japanese).

Final registration deadline is November 29, 2014 and space is limited. Individual banquet only tickets for Saturday, May 30 will be available for purchase online starting in the fall.

For complete information and to register, please visit the website at www.wbwconvention.com

JUST ANNOUNCED! BANFF TOUR FOR CANADIANS



Kintetsu International has created a post-Convention trip to Banff for Canadian delegates. Take the opportunity and extend your convention trip a few days to take in the scenic Banff area and the world famous "Columbia Ice Field".

Please see enclosed sheet for more information.

MONTOSHIKI-SHO



There are only 45 remaining for purchase at the introductory price of \$50 each while supplies last. Once these are gone, the next shipment will be selling at the price of \$60 each plus tax (delivery not

included). To order a montoshiki-sho, please contact Noriko Ikuta at ikuta.noriko@gmail.com

WF WORSHOPS RESUME 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

See you on September 28 after the service. We have lots of work to do and could use more help. Bring a brown bag lunch. Tea provided.

CHOW MEIN SALE WF FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

The Women's Federation will be holding a chow mein sale as a fundraiser for the 2015 WBWC Convention on the October Shotsuki Sunday.





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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 み仏さまのお心を学びましょう

☆クラス予定表☆ 9月14日(日) レジストレーション・自己紹介

9月21日(日)

10月5日(日)

キンダーガーテン・小学生のお子さんを お持ちの方はぜひ一度ご参加下さい

9月祥月港豐

9月14日(日) 午後1時より

短い夏も足早に過ぎ去り、皆さま いかがお過ごしになられたでしょうか

9月14日のラリーサンデーでは 1年間のお寺の活動の様子を収めた 写真の展示が地下ホールでございます

日曜日は「お聴聞の日」 どうぞお誘い合わせてお参り下さい

本願寺特派講師のご案内



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田中ケネス師 (武蔵野大学教授)

9月13日(土)午後1時 公開仏教講座 (英語)

> 「真宗の独自性と強さ "ユーモアを通して"」

9月14日(日) 午前11時 英語祥月法要 午後1時 日本語祥月法要

田中ケネス先生は現在武蔵野大学にてご活 躍中です。『OCEAN 真宗入門』の著者でもあ ります。ぜひこの機会にご一緒にお聴聞させ ていただきましょう。

第15回世界仏教婦人大会が来年の5月30日~ 31日カルガリーにて開催されます。11月29 日が参加受付の最終締め切りですので、ぜ ひご参加下さい。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、さらに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 調講演は宇宿パトリシア師、日本語基調講 演はやなせなな師です。

大会ウェブサイトより参加申し込みが可 能です。

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ポランティアアフラート表彰式

オンタリオボランティアサービスアワード(OVSA)は オンタリオ州内の各種団体において 長年にわたり尽力された方々に送られます

表彰者

森 利雄(60年)

吉田 菊美(60年)

中野 ドーナ(25年)

白石 /ビー(25年)

松山 まさみ(25年)

吉田 はまこ(15年)

後藤 こうじ(5年、ユース)

田口 スティーブン(5年、ユース)

9月21日の彼岸会にて表彰式を行いますので ぜひご参加下さい

秋の彼岸会

歓送迎会

9月21日 (日)

迷いの岸、此岸から渡った悟りの岸である 彼岸を思い手を合わせる法会である彼岸 会。法要後に日本に帰る事になった藤井先 生、尚子さん、陽文君の送別会と、日本か ら着任になった遠藤先生の歓迎会を行いま す。ポットラックですので皆様お持ち寄り 下さい。

ダーン安西(canzai@sympatico.ca) ジョアン小森(joanne.omori@hotmail.com) まで何をお持ちになるかお知らせ下さい

ラターメンファンドレイザー

10月5日(日) カナダ教団 創立記念法要後

カナダ教団創立記念法要の後、2015年の世界仏教婦人会大会のファンドレーザーでチャーメンを販売します。

皆様、ぜひおいしいチャーメンを食べて 世界仏婦大会の基金集めにご協力下さ い。

力十夕教団 創立記念法要

10月5日 (日) 午後1時より

ここカナダに浄土真宗のお法が伝わり 今年で109年になります 今、こうして トロントの地でみ教えに遇わせ ていただける事を喜ばせていただきましょう

つきましては同封いたしました封筒に ご寄付をよろしくお願い申し上げます 浄財はカナダ教団の運営資金、教化活動 また開教使の医療保険に活用されます



有り難うございました

これまでの皆様よりのご指導ご鞭撻に心より厚く御礼を申し上げま せていただきたいと思います。この八月三十一日をもちまして、トロント 教会駐在、ならびに東部教区開教使の任を退くこととなりました。 この度は佛心の紙面をもちまして、皆様にお礼とお別れのご挨拶をさ

か、進んで手助けを買って出て下さり、本当に有り難いことばかりでし たことを情けなく思い出します。しかしお寺の皆さんは嫌がるどころ 来ず、どこに行くにも、その度にどなたかのお世話になりっぱなしであっ 任した頃を振り返ってみますと、本当に何をするにしても一人では出 どの有り難いご縁を頂戴しました。二〇〇五年十一月にトロントに着 あっという間だったようにも感じます。その中で本当に数え切れないほ 、九年間の開教使としての日々を振り返ってみると、長かったようで

九年間、皆様より本当に尊いお育てをいただきました。 したが、今はその意味がよりはっきりと分かるようになりました。この がお念仏を護ってこられ、私が偶然にも僧侶であるから、私のことをよ - 僧侶とはご門徒さんによって育てられる」という言葉を聞かされていま しかし私を一個人として手助けして下さっているだけでなく、皆さん 、大切にして下さっているだと教えられました。日本を離れる以前に、

教に従事研鑽する所存です。 でこの地を離れないといけないのは心苦しいばかりですが、また土地や 人は変われども、同じお念仏を喜ばせていただき、これからも伝道布 皆様からのご恩を少しもお返しすることなく、お世話になりっぱなし

ばしていただき、お気軽にお立ち寄りいただければ幸いです。 滋賀県守山市欲賀町七六一 最後になりましたが、またご本山へお参りの際は、ほんの少し足を伸 净念寺 <rev.fujii@gmail.com>

藤 井 朋文·尚子·陽文

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今月の法語

ぶりて、 弥陀にたすけ 親鸞におきては、ただ念仏して、 よきひと(法然)の仰せをか 信ずるほかに別の子細な られまみらすべ

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私 は 日本の 関 京 都 \mathcal{O} 北 隣 0

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September 2014 **GUIDING LIGHT**

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トロント本願寺浄土真宗

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退任に際しての消息

託び す に本 真 寺 主月 を五 退日 任を ŧ L っ て、 後 を 本 私 願は 寺本 嗣願 法寺 · 住 新 職 門な にら

に外と月 \bigcirc がに昭 できま 方 な和 i) Q 五 ź V) 十 謝 後、 申 \bigcirc 至 29 ら は 月 上 ぬ こと げ 理仏 日 ま 解 袓 す。 のが法 協加々 を 力護あ のは つ 承 申た お L す 蔭 中 7 ŧ で 以 あ で 今 ŧ 1) 日 ま ま な 十 務 セ 皆宗め年 門るこ 様門

がま な境忌蓮 つ \bigcirc V) 内 等 如 ま 地の 上 の心 ご縁 を 人間 た取得 五 を ま や ず。 を皆 確 事 百本 また、宗門のできたお蔭の 回願 日様とともに続きでは、日本 8 あ ること V) ま 影堂 L 15 阿 す は 弥 巡 きま 基 ることが の陀 活 な世幹 動 修 堂 どに を 界 運 復 たこと、 各 動 ょ 修 i) できま よ 地 \bigcirc 宗復 広 っに推 袓 ŧ 7 進 < 顕 上 と まことに 身 展 如 と開て 近 お セ 上 念 百 人 くきる 知仏に、 さら 五 四 十 l) \bigcirc l) 輪 ょ 回 回 す う 御が 大 忌 難 く同広ざに北遠

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IÇ とは 宗予 で きる 祖測 聖 で 私 きま 限 人 0 1) 果 4 せ セ た 教 6 ż が を た ま 仰阿 へ ぎ、 \mathcal{E} 弥 あ 思 陀 浄 如 7 土来 \bigcirc 余 宗 摇 V) とな ま る ぎ 僧 侶 いま た。 7 願 0 力 務 の先 め中 \mathcal{O}

龍谷門主 釋 即如二〇一四年六月五日平成二十六年

