



Guiding Light

NOVEMBER 2017



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TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Events marked with an asterisk are private and are <u>NOT</u> open to the general public						Thank You
			1 1:00 pm Ohara School 7:00 pm *EBL Mtg. 7:00pm Taiko	2 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation	3 8:00 pm Buyo	4 11:00 am *Private Family Service
5 MONTHLY MEMORIAL & JSBTC DAY SERVICE 9:30 am CCOV Mtg 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm *Dana Mtg 12:30 am *Sangha Mtg	6	7	8	9 2:00 pm *Momiji Service 4:00 pm *Yee Hong Service	10	11 TBC BAZAAR 12:30– 4:30 pm
BAZAAR PREPARATION						November 4th– 10th
12 REGULAR SERVICE 11:00 am Service Service in Hamilton	13 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke 10:00 am Japanese Service	14	15 7 pm Taiko Workshop	16 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm *Castlevie 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation	17 8:00 pm Buyo	18
19 EITAIKYO SERVICE (Perpetual Memorial) *9:15 am MC Mtg (Mezz) 10:30 am Kid's Sangha 11:00 am Service *12:30 BoD Mtg (Eko)	20 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke 10:00 am Japanese Service	21	22 7 pm Taiko Workshop	23 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo 7:00 pm Meditation	24 8:00 pm Buyo	25
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Morning Services are held on the week days **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.

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24 NO SERVICE	25	26	27	28	29	30
<div> OFFICE CLOSED 事務所は お休みです If you have an emergency please contact: Rev. Yanko 416-602-4849 Rev. Ouchi 647-704-8481 Larry Wakisaka 416-606-7745 </div>						
31 11:00 am Year End Day Service (Joyae) 11:00 pm Bell Ringing Ceremony at TBC	<div> ***** <i>Wishing you and your family a safe, happy and memorable</i> <i>holiday season !!</i> <i>Toronto Buddhist Church</i> ***** </div>					

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PEACE

Peace is not an absence of war; it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice.

Heiwa towa sensō no nai sekai de wa arimasen. Sore wa zengou de ari, kokoro ga odakaya na jōtai de ari, jihi, shinrai, soshite kouhei no koto wo iimasu.

This quotation is from the 17th century and written by the philosopher Spinoza. I think it is a very important statement that for some reason us foolish people often can't seem to comprehend, except in the abstract.

Peace is not an absence of war. Peace is a disposition.

We all have different things that we feel conflicted about... something that is bothering us... some kind of grudge we may have been carrying for years. Consider World War 2 for example. Even though the war ended, did peace immediately follow? Did the war end and everyone just said "Phew! Glad we got that taken care of. No hard feelings?" Obviously not. These feelings that we carry with us might not be as barbaric as committing violence against someone, but the residual emotions are still very damaging. We think about them and carry that anger and frustration with us. These feelings often resurface during the holidays. Perhaps during Thanksgiving dinner you got together with your friends and relatives and remembered that time Aunt Martha said your turkey was too dry or something. Even if it was a long time ago that resentment and hurt feelings stays with you. Why do we do this? Why do we deny ourselves from feeling peace, and instead opt for resentment. What does it do for us? Somewhere inside us it feels like we are perhaps protecting ourselves from further harm. But in reality we are creating our own disharmony.

Think about the very common act of complaining. This is something we all do. Sometimes it does feel good just to get it all out. Just to vent all of your frustration, but unfortunately complaining can become a habit. In complaining about something we can achieve some element of common ground. We can get someone to understand and perhaps validate our feelings. Also when we complain about something, we take responsibility away from ourselves. Maybe the dog really did eat my homework, but on the other hand I could have put it away where the dog couldn't get it. Complaining about things, holding grudges against others, this keeps the feelings locked inside of you. When we carry on negative feelings about things we deny ourselves the ability to feel peace. We deny ourselves the ability. That is kind of a tough pill to swallow, isn't it? It is not up to me to make you feel a certain way. It is impossible. If I could walk up to you and give you all peace, I would. But I can't. Only you can do that. We all have to find it in ourselves.

It is very hard to do. One of my big button issues is pride. I have a hundred pounds of pride. But there are so many negative things that come along with pride. For example, I convince myself that I can do everything. This often results in me getting tired, sick, not following through on things... I know I have this issue, and I have been working on it. It is important that we recognize our own faults. None of us are perfect. That is what makes the world so interesting.

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PEACE, cont'd

Harboring negative feelings against others can lead one person to think they are better than or more correct than others. This happens a lot in religion. Some people are of the mind that what they practice is the right way, not just for them personally, but for everybody. Go read the newspaper and you will see this come up time and time again. People become very attached to what they perceive to be right and wrong. It is easier to view something as wrong than it is to honour someone else's perspective. However, easier is not always the best way to look at others, respect who they are and honour their choices.

Never forget that you can become attached to anything, even your own ideas of what should and should not be. And this does not lead to peace and harmony. It leads to separation and judgement. I would like to offer a suggestion for all of us. Let's stop punishing ourselves by harboring ill feelings. Just let it go. Smile at yourself and others. Let's laugh at our mistakes and move forward. Acknowledge all of the good and beauty rather than the problems. Have gratitude. Have love. And above all promote peace and harmony.

Gassho

Rev. Christina

Rev. Yoshi Official Kaikyoshi Status

Rev. Yoshi Ouchi was officially granted "Kaikyoshi" or Overseas Minister status on August 31, 2017 by our Gomonshu (or Head Abbott) through our mother temple, Nishi Hongwanji, after passing his Overseas Minister studies and examinations. Rev. Yoshi had obtained Minister status previously in Japan before being assigned to Canada. All Jodo Shinshu ministers serving outside of Japan must take further studies and exams to qualify for the Overseas ministry before being allowed to perform all duties of a minister in the Overseas districts (Hawaii, USA, Australia, Europe, South America, Taiwan, Nepal, Mexico and Canada). Rev. Yoshi can now officiate at weddings.

We congratulate Rev. Yoshi on obtaining his official Overseas Minister status of the Nishi Hongwanji.



Rev. Yoshi receiving his Kaikyoshi certificate from Bishop Aoki

Message of Appreciation from Manitoba Buddhist Temple President Harvey Kaita

On behalf of the Manitoba Buddhist Temple, I want to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Toronto Buddhist Church for allowing Reverend Ouchi to be our guest minister this past weekend. I know that this may have been difficult for TBC and the Eastern District given his visit to Winnipeg fell right after the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Ministerial Meeting and Joint Meeting with the Board. It must have been difficult on your Sangha to have taken him away from his regular duties such a long period of time.

As you may be aware, the Manitoba Buddhist Temple is without a minister, so we have had to reduce services to once per month with it being the monthly memorial (Shotsuki) service. We are fortunate to have Reverend Ouchi and Reverend Christina in the past, be among the many ministers who have come a long way to officiate this important service. Without the guest ministers I know that our already difficult situation would be made much worse.

We were fortunate to have Reverend Ouchi officiate our October Shotsuki Service. He gave a Dharma Talk in both English and Japanese that was a welcome message for those Japanese speaking Nissei in attendance. His message was focused on not mistaking happiness for material things for real happiness. He said a "happy times" does not mean a "happy life" and "suffering times" does not mean a "suffering life". His message resonated with everyone.

On a lighter note, the senior ladies were surprised at how young Reverend Ouchi was. When they were speaking it was more like a grandmother to grandson conversation. Reverend Ouchi was a good sport taking all of their questions and occasionally throwing in a joke or two. We all had a good laugh over green tea, cookies and manju after the service.

On Saturday, Reverend Ouchi officiated the funeral service for the Late Mrs. Yoshiko Suzuki who passed away at the age of 91. She was the mother my good friend Jim Suzuki. It is times like this when we really miss not having a minister. I know Jim and his family appreciated having a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist funeral that was his mother's wish. They were comforted knowing she received her Buddhist name and was in the Pure Land.

Thank you to Reverend Ouchi and the Sangha at TBC!

In gassho,

Harvey Kaita

President, Manitoba Buddhist Temple



TAIKO TAIKO AND MORE TAIKO

One class not enough? Join Isshin for a 4 class series of introductory taiko Wed. Nov. 15 to Wed. Dec 6/17

Visit our Eventbrite page for all the details and to register. Links below

Four class link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-week-intro-to-taiko-workshop-registration-37921342757>

*Questions? Contact Darlene
darlene.rieger28@gmail.com*



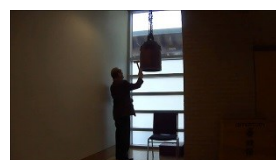
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Year End Bell Ringing Service at Toronto Buddhist Church

Please note that this year on Sunday December 31st, we will be having the Year End Bell Ringing Service at Toronto Buddhist Church. We will start assembling at 11:00pm.

This is a change in venue due to safety considerations as Ontario Place is basically closed to events during the winter and there are concerns about lighting and cleared paths in the event of snow and ice. Several years ago Ontario Place had to cancel the event due to coyotes in the area and we had to relocate the bell ringing event to Toronto Buddhist Church. This relocation was preferred by many of the people in attendance as it was a cozier and much more warmer venue.

We look forward to gathering with everyone at Toronto Buddhist Church this year to ring in the New Year together! Everyone will have an opportunity to ring our kansho bell.



SHARE YOUR CREATIVITY.

The Guiding Light is seeking artists, whether hobbyist or professional, who are willing to show their work on the cover of our monthly newsletter. We have in the past received contributions from many of our Temple members, and most recently Rev. Yoshi. We would love to see pieces of sumie, calligraphy, drawings, photographs etc. which would be suitable for our Buddhist publication.

If you have artwork you'd like to share with the readers of the Guiding Light please send a digital reproduction to: darlene.rieger28@gmail.com

Volunteer(s) Required for TBC Office Project

We have in our temple office important Sarana Affirmation documents which we need scanned so that these records can safely and securely be kept off the premises of the TBC.

All training on scanning these documents will be provided. Please contact Amy Wakisaka by email at wakisaka.a@gmail.com or by phone at 416-606-7749 for more information or to volunteer your time.

This volunteer work can also be suited to high school students who require community volunteer hours in order to qualify to graduate.

Please lend a helping hand!

Guiding Light

REMINDER: ONLY MEMBERS ARE RECEIVING GUIDING LIGHT

As mentioned in our membership articles the rising cost of postage has forced us to implement a subscription fee for all those who are not members of the Temple. The subscription fee charged applies to those receiving the Guiding Light by mail. If you were not a member in 2016 or have not applied for or renewed your membership for 2017 you will no longer receive your Guiding Light after the July/August issue (this has been extended from June as mentioned in the article). The subscription fee is \$25.00.

If you do not wish to apply for membership but wish to continue to receive a copy of the Guiding Light by mail please submit your subscription form and fee to the Toronto Buddhist Church (indicating it's for the Guiding Light).

The Guiding Light is also posted on the Toronto Buddhist Church website tbc.on.ca

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Send your request to Toronto Buddhist Church, 1011 Sheppard Ave. W. Toronto, ON M3H 2T7, accompanied with your subscription fee of \$25.00. Cheques should be made payable to Toronto Buddhist Church indicating it is for subscription for the Guiding Light. You can also drop the form off at the Temple office.

****A tax receipt will not be issued for the subscription fee**

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. William Nishijima 86 yrs September 23, 2017

Mr. Paul Omoto September 2017



THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

A special thanks to everyone who donated wool and took the time to knit hats, mittens and scarves for the yearly donation to Japanese Social Services.

Once the collection box is set out in the church lobby (after the bazaar) the items will be placed into it so if you are still completing items, please bring them in. If the item(s) are brought in earlier you can leave it with the office staff and I will ensure it is packaged with the other items.

Joanne Omori

Special Projects & Culture



Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)

November 19, 2017

The Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) is for a temple member who has been entered into the Eitaikyo record book by a family member for perpetual honouring by the temple especially at this special annual service.

The Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) is a way to guarantee that the loved one will have a special memorial service for them as conditions change and the loved one may not have family or friends to attend the temple to observe a monthly memorial service for them. Our Eitaikyo record book is kept behind the main altar and when there is a minister present during the week, a service is also performed at the area of the Eitaikyo book specifically to honour those listed in the book along with this annual service.

This is a tradition started in our temple's early days by our founding minister, Rev. K. Tsuji and it is a tradition usually carried on by Jodo Shinshu temples.

If you lost a loved one who was devout in faith or devoted to our temple, please consider adding them to our Eitaikyo book. Please notify the office during regular hours and we can make arrangements to include them in this honoured tradition.



Observations: 100th Year Memorial Service at TBC

On Sunday October 22nd, Toronto Buddhist Church was the chosen venue for a 100th Year Memorial Service in our Temple Hondo (Worship Hall). Many of us refer to the Hondo as our Temple sanctuary. I noticed on our Temple calendar that this private family service was listed and it piqued my interest. What caught my attention is that this memorial service was to remember, respect and to honour a loved one in the family by having a 100th year memorial service.

Rev. Christina Yanko just recently commented that TBC is not just a brick and mortar building but that it is a place where the heart matters. This is so true. Just recently, Temple members, Temple supporters and members of the greater community heard a rendition of “On White Ashes” known in Japanese as “Gobunsho” by Rev. Fumito Izui who is a Ritual and Chanting specialist from Hongwanji, our Honzan or Mother Temple. People were invited to read the English version of “On White Ashes” as “Gobunsho” was chanted by Rev. Izui but you did not have to read the English version to know that you were witnessing something very special in our Temple sanctuary. The wonderfully bold and rich tones of Rev. Izui filled and resonated throughout our Temple Hondo sanctuary. It filled the air with such a beautiful haunting melody that is indescribable.

What probably occurred at the 100th Year Memorial Service also must have been amazing and it also occurred in our temple sanctuary. Amazing because it was to commemorate a 100th Year Memorial Service and equally as amazing because it was remembered and celebrated by a wonderful temple family who cared enough to remember, to honour and respect with gratitude a much loved family member at our temple.

TBC was honoured to have been the place where simple, heart matters occur.

Namo Amida Butsu

With Gratitude and in Gassho,
Larry Wakisaka



PET APPRECIATION OCTOBER 15, 2017



TBC BAZAAR 2017

Call For Costume Jewellery Donations



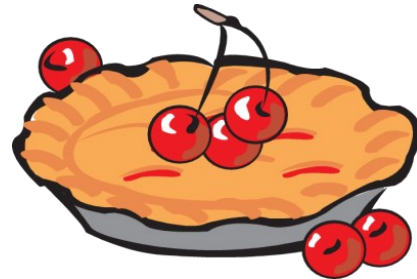
TBC will be having a fundraising Jewellery Table at the Church Bazaar with proceeds going to the Eastern Buddhist League Conference in Toronto on Labour Day Weekend 2018.

*Please bring all donations to the office
For more info please contact June Asano
Email: asanojune@gmail.com

Calling all Bakers! Please help the bazaar Bake table by donating your baked goods to sell at the annual bazaar on November 11th at the Toronto Buddhist Church. Please bring your baked goods by 11am and sign our volunteer list.

Cookies, tarts, squares and muffins are greatly Appreciated as well as our famous pies, apple and lemon pies.

Thanks from your Shin Fujinkai Baked Goods Convenor. Questions? Myra at [519-885-5300](tel:519-885-5300) takasaki@rogers.com



2017 TBC BAZAAR

Silent Auction



TBC BAZAAR 2017

Fall has just arrived and plans for the annual TBC bazaar are almost complete.

Do you have a hobby and interested in selling your items at the bazaar? Half and full tables are available for rent.

We would also be interested in hearing new ideas for the bazaar. Please contact us at canzai@sympatico.ca

Thank you

TBC Bazaar Committee

TBC Annual Bazaar Saturday, November 11, 2017

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
Plants
New items for the Silent Auction and Lucky Draw

(Please note that we are unable to sell used clothing, children's toys and books.)

If you are able to help during the week before the bazaar, please check the posted work schedule or email canzai@sympatico.ca

We will be able to begin accepting donations from Sunday, November 5, 2017.

Please contact the TBC office if other arrangements are needed.

Your support is much appreciated!

TBC Bazaar Committee

TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

ANNUAL BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

12:30pm to 4:30pm

1011 Sheppard Ave West, Toronto
(1 block east of Downsview station)



THE CROWD PLEASERS

Udon • Sushi • Chicken Yakitori • Obento
Chow Mein • Tempura • Dessert Selection

Japanese Food • Baked Goods
Silent Auction • Lucky Ticket Draw and more!

For more information:
Please call 416-534-4302 or visit us at www.tbc.on.ca

2017 BAZAAR WORK SCHEDULE**** schedule listed is tentative and subject to change ****

DATE	TIME	TASK
Sunday, October 29		wash pots for anko making bring down white board
Friday, November 3		Wash azuki beans Prepare hakkusai for tsukemono
Saturday, November 4		Make Anko Wipe wooden boxes in cooler fridge Sanitize serving trays
Sunday, November 5	After service	Put up bazaar banners (main entrance and side fence)
	after service	Take apart Social Hall stage
Wednesday, November 8		Move chairs from Hondo Bring tables up to Hondo Set up tables in Social Hall for food preparation & packaging
Thursday, November 9		Manju making Wash 250 lbs of rice
	evening	Close naijin Set up tables in Hondo, Lobby and Social Hall
Friday, November 10		Make sushi, udon, udon dashi, toppings for udon Cut pork for chow mein Cut vegetables for chow mein and tempura Prepare broccoli and carrots Prepare shrimp for tempura Wash rice of inarizushi
	evening	Make inarizushi Bring down brown trays for oribako Wash rice for Saturday's bazaar meals Rearrange tables in kitchen Set up kitchen for Saturday - cooking chow mein Ready kitchen for udon, tempura, teishoku dinner
Saturday, November 11		Make chow mein, udon, tempura Cut tsukemono Package sushi, chow mein, inari, bento, chirashizushi Move oribako goods up to Hondo Clean up in Social Hall, Kitchen Clean up Mezzanine

THE BUDDHIST FISHERMAN

Jodo Shinshu Buddhists do not fish. They eat fish, but that is another conversation. Eminent Buddhist scholars and teachers have gently impressed upon me that I should not harm any living thing.

But the fact is I love fishing. Could it be my Japanese roots? It's not that fishing is solely a Japanese thing (one article claims that fishing is the biggest hobby in the world – 220 million fisherpersons, spending \$190 billion a year on gear). But the Japanese have depended forever on the sea for survival. And then following the great voyages from the poor villages throughout Japan to B.C. many Japanese Canadians built beautiful boats and launched successful fishing careers on the Pacific coast. After The War, many JCs took whatever backbreaking jobs they were offered as they slowly made their way east. Along the way, the rugged, resourceful JC loggers in Northern Ontario hauled fierce, giant pike out of the crystal clear lakes with little more than a stick, string, a bent pin and bloodied bare hands.

Settled in Toronto, the Nikkei found fishing spots all over and around the city. The Beaches, Highland Creek, Frenchman's Bay, the Nottawasaga and the Saugeen Rivers, Hastings Falls. After their first car, among the prized possessions of Nikkei of the 50s and 60s were the legendary Mitchell 300 spinning reel and Mepps spinners.

So I was pretty sure that fishing was in my DNA when I moved to Kingston to study. Soon after starting school I latched onto a classmate who clearly stood out from the rest of the so-serious students - a country boy whose simple resume featured a lengthy stint as a hot walker. We skipped too many classes to fish up in Calabogie County. We frolicked and dived for live bait in the meadows framing the secluded lakes, and cast for bass from a rowboat into the lily pads. It was idyllic life defined.

Causes and conditions. I had to earn a living. Back to Hogtown and decades at a desk. Finally now hobbling to almost-retirement I have rediscovered my love of fishing. But something has happened, or not. I haven't caught a fish. I have somehow been afflicted with piscatorial dysfunction.

I have invested a small fortune on every kind of fishing gear, even fish perfume. What has really hooked my wallet are the shiny, colorful, ridiculously expensive lures, all of which sadly have lacked any allure. My collection of lures has become so valuable I'm thinking about storing my tackle box at the bank right next to my safety deposit box. My dear spouse thinks that might be as good a place as any for all the good that stuff does anywhere else.

Apparently a fish has a tiny brain. If its brain is so tiny, how come it is so much smarter than me? At least it can't laugh at me, like some humans I know. If a fish could talk, what would it say to me? Maybe it would ask me if catching it really matters. After all, according to Wikipedia, "Fishing is the activity of trying to catch fish (emphasis mine)." The act of fishing is a ritual, an end in itself. It is blissful solitude, even with a good fishing buddy; casting, retrieving, almost no talking, sharing our *onigiri bento*. It is meditation. My buddy offers me condolences after another shutout day. I mean it now when I reply "No problem. I enjoyed the peace and quiet of the day and our companionship." I do mean it, really.

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THE BUDDHIST FISHERMAN. Cont'd

An old friend and teacher in Canada recently wrote about “karmic conditions”. The teacher said if someone wants to follow you, he/she will; if not, he/she will go a separate way. It’s all ok. That is a karmic condition. So it is with the fish I so vainly spend so much time and money trying to cajole. It will either come with me or it will not. No matter what mouthwatering treat I toss towards it, it will choose to swim this way or that way. And I will learn to be ok with that.

Namo Amida Butsu

Member/Contributor

2017 – 2018 Holiday Schedule

****Please note for the Holiday Season and mark your calendar****

Saturday December 23, 2017	CLOSED
Sunday December 24, 2017	CLOSED
Monday December 25, 2017	CLOSED
Tuesday December 26, 2017	CLOSED
Wednesday December 27, 2017	OPEN
Thursday December 28, 2017	OPEN
Friday December 29, 2017	OPEN
Saturday December 30, 2017	OPEN
Sunday December 31, 2017	11:00 am Regular Service 11:00 pm Bell Ringing Service at TBC
Monday January 1, 2018	11:00 am New Year’s Day Service 1:00 pm New Year’s Day Service
Sunday January 7, 2018	11:00 am Shotsuki Memorial Service (Bilingual Service)



Shin Fujinkai AGM 2017

November 26th after Service
 Lunch will be served
 Please RSVP by November 20th
 to Myra takasaki@rogers.com

DANA NEWS

The annual meeting and luncheon for our members will be held on Sunday, November 26th, 2017 at 12:30 pm in the mezzanine. Please let Jessie or Mary know if you are attending by November 19th.

Coordinating Committee Of Volunteers

The Temple has been a busy place since September and the CCOV teams have been on standby, ready to help when needed. On November 5, we will be having a meeting with all the Team Captains to discuss upcoming events and adding new team members. Look for more information in the next Guiding Light.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Temple held a 3 week food drive to collect food for the Daily Bread Food Bank. We successfully collected 334 pounds of food and delivered it on October 16, 2017.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated food items or made cash donations. All the contributions support families and individuals struggling with hunger and who have fallen on difficult times. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Shin Fujinkai



Daily Bread
Food Bank

Congratulations and Thank you!

On Sunday, October 22, we celebrated and thanked our 2017 Ontario Volunteer Service Award recipients. The listing of their volunteering activities is a daunting one.

This year's honorees are: Darlene Rieger (5 years), Kathy Wani (10 years), Pamela Yoshida (30 years), Linda Nakao (50+ years)

Following the morning service, a light luncheon was prepared and served by the TBC Management Committee, Board of Directors and past OVSA recipients.

Thank you to all involved!

We are looking for 2018 OVSA nominations. The deadline is November 30, 2017. Please submit your nominations to the OVSA Committee c/o Kay Uchida or Dawn Anzai.

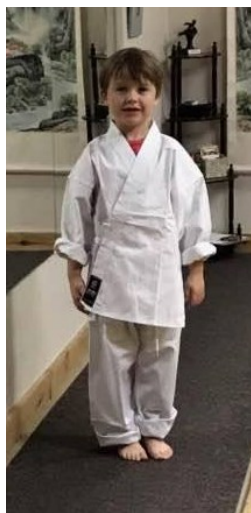
Thank you.
OVSA Committee



Farewell Potluck Luncheon

As you have probably heard, Rev. Christina will be leaving TBC as of December 31, 2017. Dave Ringle has been deployed with the U.S. Coast Guard and the family will be moving to the United States. We wish them all the best and will be saying "farewell" to them at a Potluck luncheon on Sunday, December 17, 2017 following the morning service. Please join us! If you know what dish you will be bringing, please sign the clipboard that will be in the temple lobby after our annual bazaar.

Thank you!
Special Projects



JSBTC Fall Interim Meetings

Toronto Buddhist Church was host to the 2017 JSBTC Fall Interim Ministers and Board of Directors Meetings. We also hosted the Living Dharma Centre Chanting Workshop and a Public Lecture by Rev. Fumito Izui of Hongwanji who is a Rituals, Liturgy and Chanting specialist.

It was wonderful to see Bishop Aoki and all the ministers from across Canada as well as our National Board of Directors as they spent time together working to benefit all Jodo Shinshu Buddhists across Canada.

LDC Chanting Workshop

The Living Dharma Centre sponsored a special chanting workshop on October 19th at the Toronto Buddhist Church lead by Rev. Fumito Izui of Hongwanji. Rev. Izui had previously visited TBC to teach the Gagaku court music to some of our then youths, to perform at our temple opening in 2005. Rev. Izui was also Rev. Yoshi's teacher at Hongwanji as he is a specialist in Rituals, Liturgy and Chanting.

The ministers across Canada, JSBTC Board and some Dharma Lay Leaders from Hamilton and Toronto were in attendance to study and practice with Rev. Izui for the day.

Those who participated all developed a deeper appreciation of sutra chanting and learned some skills to help us chant.

The LDC thanks all who were able to attend, Rev. Grant for translations and especially to Rev. Izui for his inspiring teachings.



PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

Saturday, December 9th, 2017
Showtime: 12:00 noon

**TBC SENIOR KARAOKE CLUB
YEAR END CONCERT 2017**

at TBC Social Hall

EVERY ONE WELCOME!!

Admission: \$15.00
includes:
Oishii obento
Enka songs
Odori
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Grand finale

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TBC SENIOR KARAOKE CLUB

Public Lecture on Jodo Shinshu Rituals, Liturgy and Chanting

The Living Dharma Centre sponsored a free public lecture by Rev. Izui on Rituals, Liturgy and Chanting on Friday October 20th at the Toronto Buddhist Church. Rev. Grant was a wonderful translator and was able to communicate the many complex phrases to the audience.

Rev. Izui demonstrated his superlative chanting skills by performing “On White Ashes” (Gobunsho) that left many in the audience in tears as it was a very stirring rendition. Rev. Izui closed the lecture with a performance of a basic court ritual (Gagaku) music piece played on a short double reed Japanese bamboo flute called the hichiriki. The haunting melody filled the worship hall and the power resonated within us.

We were filled with awe, humbleness and gratitude on being instructed on many aspects of chanting, rituals and liturgy of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism by Rev. Izui.



Zen Meditation and Mindfulness

When: Every Thursday Evening from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Where: Toronto Buddhist Church – Hondo.

The two-hour session will include:

- Guided Sitting Meditation
- Silent Walking Meditation
- Silent Sitting Meditation
- Dharma Talk

Please arrive at least 15 minutes early in order to allow time for “settling in” so the session can begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

If you have any questions please contact the Temple at 416-534-4302 or you can email Denise Crofton at dcrofton@rogers.com

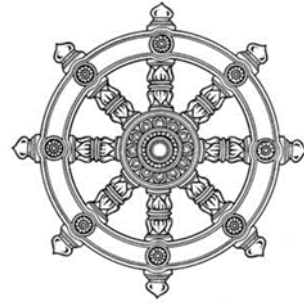


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NOVEMBER 19 – DHARMA WHEEL – PART 1

LEARN ALL ABOUT THE DHARMA WHEEL

MAKE YOUR OWN SALT DOUGH DHARMA WHEEL



DECEMBER THEME – DANA – GENEROSITY

DECEMBER 3, 2017 – DISCUSS BODHI DAY (DECEMBER 8TH)

ACTIVITY TO BE ANNOUNCED

PAINT DHARMA WHEELS

PANCAKE SUNDAY—LETS ENJOY PANCAKES IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 12:00 P.M.



DECEMBER 17, 2017 – MAKE GINGERBREAD HOUSES

12:00 P.M. FAREWELL POTLUCK LUNCHEON FOR SENSEI YANKO
AND HER FAMILY



GASSHO,
JESSICA, YUMI, DENISE, ABAGAIL,
RACHEL, KOJI, NAOMI

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Pancake Day – A.K.A. Life after Bazaar...and the next big thing

Many of you reading this article are volunteers. And I know what many of you are thinking...is there life after the Bazaar?

For others who only make an annual pilgrimage to the Bazaar each year, let me assure you that the Bazaar is not the only event on the Temple calendar

Yes – there is life after the Bazaar...and...yes – there are other exciting events to look forward to each year at our Temple.

Once we have all recovered from the Bazaar, please join us after the December Shotsuki service for our annual TBC Sangha Pancake lunch on December 3rd.



Lunch is just \$6.00; no charge for Kids Sangha members.

Available items include:

- ♦ Regular pancakes
- ♦ Buckwheat pancakes (gluten free & vegan)
- ♦ Pea meal bacon
- ♦ Vegan sausage
- ♦ Fresh Fruit
- ♦ Juice and Coffee

Tickets will be sold in the Lobby prior to the 11:00 am Service as well as in the Social Hall after the service.

...and what's the **next big thing**?

Mochi Tsuki in the last week of December – stay tuned for further details!