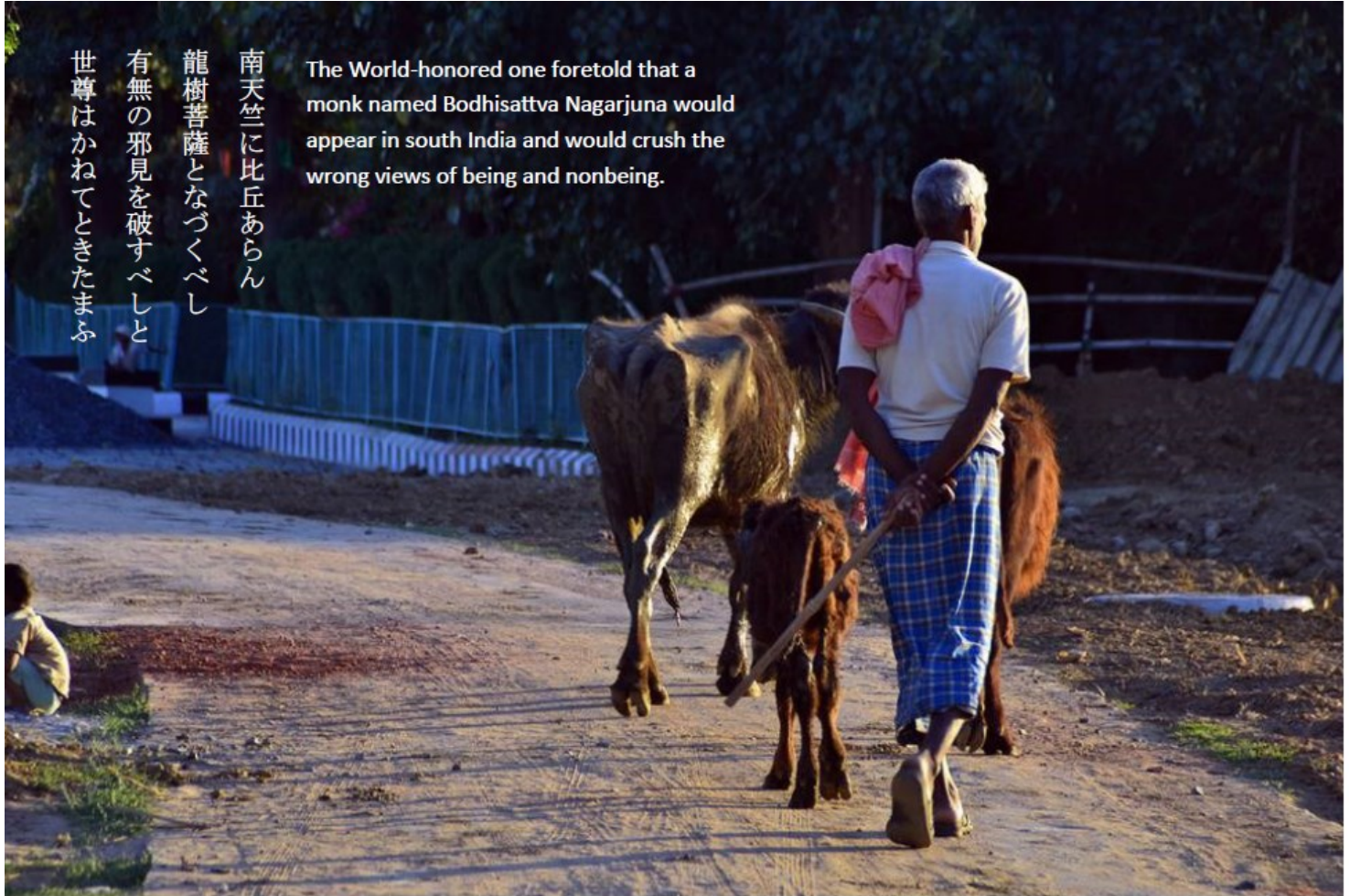




Guiding Light

FEBRUARY 2019



南天竺に比丘あらん
龍樹菩薩となづくべし
有無の邪見を破すべしと
世尊はかねてときたまふ

The World-honored one foretold that a monk named Bodhisattva Nagarjuna would appear in south India and would crush the wrong views of being and nonbeing.

Quote from Wasan

Photo by Rev. Yoshi

TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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FEBRUARY 2019

Please Note: All events marked with an asterisk * are private and not open to the general public Thank You

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 pm Buyo	2
3 MONTHLY MEMORIAL Srv & FOOD FEST 10:30 am Kids' Sangha 12:30 pm Dana Mtg (Eko) 12:30 pm Shin Fujinkai Mtg	4 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	5	6 7:00 pm Taiko	7 10:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Meditation	8	9 11:00 am *Family Service
10 REGULAR SERVICE 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm Sangha Mtg (LDC) Service in Hamilton	11 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	12	13 7:00 pm Taiko	14 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm * Momiji Service 4:00 pm *Yee Hong Service 7:00 pm Meditation	15	16 11:00 am *Family Service
17 NIRVANA DAY SERVICE & SANGHA DAY 10:30 am Kids' Sangha 11:00 am Service	18 FAMILY DAY TEMPLE CLOSED	19	20 7:00 pm Taiko	21 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm * Castlevew 7:00 pm Meditation	22	23 11:30 am * Family Service
24 REGULAR SERVICE 9:15 am *Management Committee Meeting (Mezz) 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm * BoD Meeting (Eko)	25 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	26	27 7:00 pm Taiko	28 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation		

Morning Chanting: When available, Rev. Ouchi will lead chanting on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am. As last minute emergencies do come up, cancellations may occur. If you wish to join the chanting may we ask that you notify ahead of your visit by email or phone. Thank You !

MARCH 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PLEASE NOTE: Events marked with an asterisk * are private and <u>NOT</u> open to the general public Thank You !						
					1 7:30 pm Buyo	2
3 MONTHLY MEMORIAL & WINTER WARMUP Installation of Board 9:30 am Keirokai Mtng (Eko) 10:30 am Kids' Sangha 11:00 am Service 12:30 Dana Mtg (Eko)	4 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	5	6 7:00 pm Taiko	7 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 7:00 pm Meditation	8 7:30 pm Buyo	9 10:00 am * Temple Event
10 REGULAR SERVICE 9:15 am Management Committee Mtng (Mezz) 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm Board of Directors Mtng (Eko) 12:30 pm Sangha Mtg (LDC) 3:30 pm *Japanese Garden Club Meeting	11 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	12	13 7 pm Taiko	14 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 2:00 pm * Momiji 4:00 pm *Yee Hong 7:00 pm Meditation	15 7:30 pm Buyo	16 11:00 am * Family Memorial Service
17 HIGAN & KEIRO KAI 10:30 am Kids' Sangha 11:00 am Service	18 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	19	20 7 pm Taiko	21 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo class 7:00 pm Meditation	22 7:30 pm Buyo	23 10:00 am * Temple Event
24 REGULAR SERVICE 11:00 am Service	25 10:00 am Sr. Karaoke	26	27 7 pm Taiko	28 10:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Buyo 3:00 pm Ikenobo class 7:00 pm Meditation - CANCELLED	29 7:30 pm Buyo	30 Service in Ottawa
31 REGULAR SERVICE 11:00 am Service Service in Montreal						

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WINTER IS

Do you remember the weekend of January 19 and 20? At the temple, we had Ho-on-ko Eve service and potluck dinner on Saturday evening, and on Sunday morning, we observed Ho-onko, the memorial service for Shinran Shonin and therefore the most important observation of the year for Shin Buddhists. Most of you will probably remember it as the weekend that the temperature took a huge dive and Toronto got its first major snowfall of the year. Apparently, with the wind chill, it felt like -35 degrees.



For those reading this whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Joanne Yuasa. I moved here from Vancouver last August upon being accepted to the Masters of Pastoral Studies program at the University of Toronto. Having served as a Minister's Assistant at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple, I have been given the opportunity to serve TBC as a Minister's Assistant to Yoshi Sensei. Living in a new city, going to a new school, and serving a "new" temple and sangha has been truly wonderful and exciting.

People around me have been curious how I, a Vancouverite, have been faring through my first Toronto winter - particularly that Ho-onko weekend. I tell them honestly that I am doing well, and in fact, am kind of enjoying it. This often triggers disbelief, and leads to my friends sharing many of the reasons why they dislike the cold, wind, and snow: they don't like shovelling the snow; their car gets dirty; salty mud gets tracked into their homes; taking transit is uncomfortable because of the waiting in the cold; driving is dangerous/scary, etc. All of which are legitimate reasons for disliking the conditions out there.

"Enjoy" shouldn't be the only word to describe how I am experiencing this winter. The better way to describe it is that I am finding the experience interesting *and* fun. Of course, I have experienced snow in Vancouver; just not this much and certainly not with this frequency. What is completely new to me are the temperatures here. I have never in my life experienced -35 degrees! I am learning so much - I discovered that earbud cords kind of freeze if they're exposed. Do you know what's the weirdest? The inside of your nose can freeze. It is a truly strange sensation! Interesting and novel discoveries like these are making the first winter here fun for me.

The point here is that they are fun *for me*. The winter conditions we are experiencing right now are not that different around the GTA, and there is nothing inherently good or bad, positive or negative about them; they just ARE. What makes the experience positive or negative is each of us who place value on it, based on our own unique perspective and experience of the world. My views may very well be different if I had to drive in it, if I had to shovel snow every morning, or if I didn't have really good socks (I stocked up on Uniqlo Heatech socks, tights, leggings, and legwarmers. For the first time, I am wearing legwarmers for function rather than fashion. Thank goodness for Heatech!). Who knows, two more months (or even two more weeks) of commuting to and from school in this temperature and snow and my feelings about this Winter might change. Conditions always change and our perceptions with them.

Thanks to everyone for your care; things like offers of rides to temple, and tips on how not to track salt indoors. They are helping me enjoy - for now - my first Toronto winter.

In gassho,
Joanne Yuasa

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of March

Our monthly memorial services (shotsuki) are usually held on the first Sunday of each month (please check our temple calendars to confirm the day of the monthly memorial service) to remember and honour those who have passed away in that month regardless of year.

Usually, mail reminders are sent out to the next of kin but due to changing circumstances we have not always been able to reach families and hope that by publishing the names of those who have passed, we can still reach and remind families and dear friends of the month of their loved ones honouring.

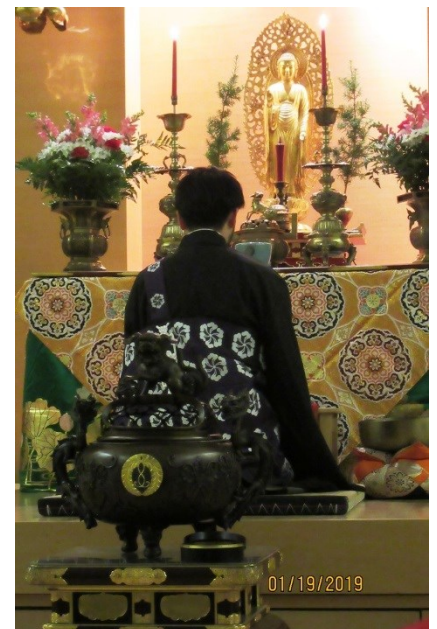
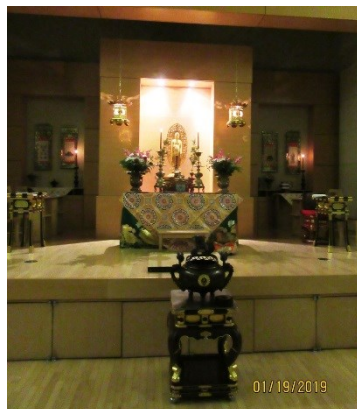
Below is our listing of our members and supporters who have passed away during the month of March. All are invited and welcome to attend.

AKADA, Kinyemon	IJIMA, Matazo	MATSUMOTO, Fumiko	NOSE, Stuart Eijiro
AKADA, Shigeru	IKEDA, Haruo	MATSUMOTO, Tetsu	ODA, Kimiko
AMEMORI, Asa	INAMOTO, Tojuro	MATSUMOTO, Yuki	OHARA, Thomas Shumichi
AMEMORI, Mitsuo	INATA, Shigeru	MAYUMI, Ichiro	OHASHI, Tomekichi
AMEMORI, Rinji	IRIZAWA, Shizuka	MENDE, Ronald Masaichi	OKAZAKI, Marie Yoshiko
AMEMORI, Torao	ISHIDA, Tsuru	MINEMOTO, Mitsuo	OKIHIRO, Koichiro
AOYAMA, Koshiro	ISOGAI, Isao	MIYASAKI, Herbie Masao	OKU, Haruko
BABA, Masao	ISOSHIMA, Mas	MIZUYABU, Carl Kazumi	OMOTO, Tokujiro
DATE, Kenzaburo	ITO, Chusaburo	MORI, Ben	ONAMI, Tomiji
EBATA, Jeannie	JACKSON, John Joseph	MORI, Hikobei	ONISHI, Kazuo Jack
EDAMURA, Fumi	KADOHAMA, George Katsuyuki	MORI, Shige	SAKAI, Kahei
ELLIS, Emi	KAMATA, Yoko	MORI, Sukegoro	SANO, Yuwa
ENDO, Masatomo	KAMINO, Michael	MORITA, Sumi	SASAKI, Minato
FUJIBAYASHI, Chiyo	KAWAGUCHI, Itsuno	MURAKAMI, Roy Tsuneyuki	SASAKI, Lisa Miyumi
FUKAKUSA, Shigeru	KESHIKAWA, Gisaburo	NAGAHARA, Kayo	SATO, Shingo
FUKUZAWA, Sada	KIKUCHI, Kiju	NAKAGAWA, Akira	SATO, Takeko
HAMADE, Hana	KINOSHITA, Kiyoshi	NAKAGAWA, George Kiyokazu	SEIRIKI, Fukutaro
HASHIMOTO, Fusae	KITAMURA, Miyo	NAKAGAWA, Tojiro	SEKO, Chiyo
HASHIZUME Kane	KITAMURA, Shinichi	NAKAGAWA, Yoshiko	SHIBATA, Tome
HAYASHI, Miwa	KITAMURA, Yoshiye	NAKAMICHI, Sugi	SHIBATA, Toshihiro
HAYASHI, Tsunekichi	KITAZAKI, Ronald Yoshisumi	NAKAMURA, Dick Ichizo Joe	SHIGA, Shizuko
HAYASHI, George Toshio	KOBAYASHI, Isojiro	NAKATA, Shige	SHIMODA, Masakazu
HIRAKI, Chikai	KONDO, Tome	NISHIDERA, Yuki	SHINMOTO, Yoshiyuki
HIRAKI, Sawa	KONISHI, Masaharu	NISHIHAMA, Takashi	SHISHIDO, Shiu
HIRANO, Tomisaburo	KONO, Kyonosuke	NISHIMURA, Mitsuo	SHOJI, Yaeko Elsie
HIRASAWA, John Oliver	KOTANI, Fred Tatsuo	NISHIMURA, Tsuya	SUEFUJI, Akie
HIRASAWA, Takeo	KOZAI, Eiko	NISHIMURA, Yoshiye	SUEFUJI, Toshiaki
HIRATA, Shizuo	KOZAI, Minoru	NISHIMURA, Yosojiro	SUGIYAMA, Takeshi
HORI, Toshio	KUMAGAI, Yasuyuki	NISHIMURA, Chiyo Frances	TAGUCHI, Shigeru
HUANG, James	KUROKAWA, Meijiro	NISHIMURA, Constance Yumi	TAHARA, Sadaichi
IDENOUE, Hanako	MAIKAWA, Kiyo	NISHIZAKI, Jack Hideo	TAJIRI, Torao
IDENOUE, Kuyemon	MAKIMOTO, Shizuko	NISHIZAKI, Joe Yoshio	
IIDA, Hideo	MARK, Yasuko	NOSE, Shigezayemon	

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of March, continued

TAJIRI, Misuye	TANAKA, Roger Hideo	WAKABAYASHI, Kino
TAJIRI, Ronald Akira	TANIISHI, Shizue	WALL, Donald George
TAKATA, Misuyo	TANINO, Masuye	WARNER, Mitsuye Mitzi
TAKATA, Toyoaki	TEHARA, Tetsuko	WATADA, Matsujiro
TAKAYAMA, Kimiye	TETAKA, Hatsumi	WATANABE, John Isao
TANABE, George	TSUBOUCHI, Fumiko	WATANABE, Larry Masato
TANABE, Iya	TSUJI, Tami	YAKO, Kiri
TANAKA, Fujimatsu	TSUJI, Nancy Yaeko	YAMAMOTO, Haruko
TANAKA, Sataro	TSUJIMOTO, Otozo	YAMASHITA, Jihei
TANAKA, Takayuki	UYEDA, Mike Masahiro	YAMASHITA, Masayuki
TANAKA, Chisato	UYESUGI, Juichi	YOSHIDA, Takeo
TANAKA, Herbert Haruyoshi	UYESUGI, Tomoichi	YOSHIKAWA, Yuki-yoshi

HOONKO POTLUCK DINNER AND SERVICE 2019



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. Isamu Katsura

98 years

January 19, 2019

***GUIDING LIGHT*****TRANSLATORS NEEDED**

The Guiding Light is looking for volunteers to translate articles from Japanese to English for the newsletter. The Guiding Light is printed once a month; English articles are due on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, Japanese translations would be required by the following Wednesday.

If you are interested in translating for the Guiding Light please contact Darlene at: darlene.rieger28@gmail.com

Thank you

TORONTO DANA**Membership Dues Reminder**

A reminder that the 2019 Dana membership fee of \$15 per member is now due.

Please mail a cheque for \$15 made payable to the Toronto Buddhist Church Dana to the church, give your fee to any members of the Dana executive or place it in the Dana mail slot in the church office.

Also, if you are turning 80 years of age in 2019, you will become an honorary member and will not be required to pay the membership fee.

Thank you for your continued support of the Dana and the TBC.

Year End Bell Ringing at TBC

The New Year was rung in at Toronto Buddhist Church with about 50 people attending on a cold, rainy night. As in our tradition, we took turns to ring the temple bell (kansho) a total of 108 times, representing the number of blind passions that we humans suffer from which prevent us from realizing the joy of the Buddha Dharma and enlightenment.

The temple bell was a gracious donation from the Kodama family back in 1957 and bears the family name and crest on it. Mr. Suekichi Kodama used to tell his family before they attended the temple, "Come, come, let's all listen to the Dharma". As we rung the temple bell at midnight, we not only discarded our blind passions we also called all to listen to the Dharma, as Mr. Kodama did.



Images of the Bell at Ontario Place. Picture on left from 1977.



SAVE THE DATE

SHIN FUJINKAI WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL WINTER WARM UP ON SUNDAY MARCH 3RD AFTER SERVICE.

WARM UP BY JOINING US FOR A DELICIOUS SUKIYAKI DONBURI LUNCH.

PRICE: \$10.00



**Join or Renew
Online**

**MEMBERSHIP
Join/Renew**



IT'S TIME FOR YOUR 2019 MEMBERSHIP AND TO SUPPORT THE TEMPLE

We must now approach you and remind you to renew or apply for your membership for 2019. This past year our membership was slightly lower than 2017 memberships. We hope that this will not be a trend for future years. We know there are still some who have not applied for membership or have forgotten to submit the membership application with your membership fee.

Needless to say the future of the Temple depends on our members so we need you to take the time or remember to submit your application and membership fee.

We continue trying to improve the benefits of being a member of the Temple, here are a few reasons why a membership is valuable:

1. Most importantly, as a member you will have the right to vote on all important matters affecting the Temple, such as the election of the President and the Directors, the approval of budgets and all significant matters affecting the future of the Temple.
2. As a member you are subscribing to the Jodo Shinshu values of the Temple.
3. As a member you are entitled to free notarial services offered by one of our Temple members.
4. As a member you are entitled to a discount on premium-level CAA memberships.
5. As a member you will be entitled to attend special Temple activities free of charge or at rates not available to non-members.
6. As a member you are entitled to discounts from Arbour Alliances on your funeral arrangements

Regular memberships are valid from January 1 to December 31 each year, so we ask that those wishing to be recognized as a Temple member complete the application form as early as possible at the start of each year. Once your signed application and membership fee (minimum of \$130.00) or your promise to pay the total fee by May 31 have been received, your membership card will be sent to you.

Honorary Membership Cards will be issued to all members 77 years of age and over who sign up for the year 2018, or if already an Honorary Member, he or she confirms in each year his or her wish to continue Honorary Membership. Honorary Members do not need to pay any annual membership fees, although all donations are welcome. **Membership card will be issued once.**



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

*a Jodo Shinshu Temple***2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Please note that this application is for membership from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. The Individual Membership Fee for 2019 is a minimum of \$130. However, the Temple welcomes and will be grateful for any amount over and above this minimum fee.

A tax receipt will be issued for the total Membership amount paid.

Please note that \$80 of your Individual Membership Fee is paid to Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) as an assessment for each member of our Temple.

Membership Fees may be paid in one lump sum or in monthly or quarterly installments. Please do not use Offering envelopes to pay membership fees. Instead, please insert them in separate plain envelopes clearly marked "For Membership". Please make any cheques payable to Toronto Buddhist Church.

In the case of couples, please complete information for each applicant individually.

Applicant #1 Renewal (☐) New (☐) Mr. (☐) Mrs. (☐) Ms. (☐)

Last Name: _____ Birthdate: dy/mm/year: _____

First Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Signature: _____

Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

I promise to pay \$_____ as my Membership Fee for 2019 and am enclosing the amount of \$_____ on account of such fee. I will pay the balance of my Membership Fee, if any, by **May 31, 2019**. By signing this Membership Application I hereby adopt the vow printed on the reverse side of your membership card.

I would like a Guiding Light mailed to me _____ English _____ English/Japanese _____

Applicant #2 Renewal (☐) New (☐) Mr. (☐) Mrs. (☐) Ms. (☐)

Last Name: _____ Birthdate: dy/mm/year: _____

First Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Signature: _____

Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____

I promise to pay \$_____ as my Membership Fee for 2019 and am enclosing the amount of \$_____ on account of such fee. I will pay the balance of my Membership Fee, if any, by **May 31, 2019**. By signing this Membership Application I hereby adopt the vow printed on the reverse side of your membership card.

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CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

FEBRUARY'S THEME: "FAMILY"



FEBRUARY 17, 2019 – CRAFT DAY



LET'S LEARN ABOUT NIRVANA DAY

FAMILY CRAFT DAY

MAKE PLANS FOR KEIROKAI

MARCH'S THEME: "KEIROKAI 2019"



MARCH 3, 2019 – KEIROKAI

AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION EVENT, WHERE WE HONOUR OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE "KEIRO", THAT IS, THOSE WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 77, 88 AND OVER 99.

MARCH 17, 2019 – KEIROKAI

PERFORM FOR OUR SENIOR MEMBERS

Please come out and join us for KIDS SANGHA.

Everyone is welcome.

With gratitude,

Yumi, Jessica, Abagail, Rachel, Koji, Eri, Denise, Les and Naomi

Mochi Tsuki 2018 – A Tale of Three Mochi Tsukis

I was thinking I'd be really clever and make a literary reference and title my article *A Tale of Two Mochi Tsukis* in honour of all the hard work put in by the set up crew in addition to all the hard work put in by volunteers on Mochi Tsuki day. Unfortunately - as is often the case - reality interfered with my plan – as it turned out, there was a third phase added to the festivities.

Tale One – Setup

Honestly, I don't remember a more hard working group of volunteers for set up than the group that volunteered this year. I am so humbled and appreciative. Thank you so very much. Missing from the photo are Aki Ikebata and Rob Yonekura who came early to start the set up.

Special thanks to Kozue Sawahara-san who has been a great help these past few years.



Tale Two – Mochi Tsuki Survivour

It wasn't pretty, but with the hard work of all our volunteers, we survived all the challenges thrown our way including broken Mochi machines (thanks for the emergency repairs Bryan!) and challenges with steaming the rice (thanks Nobby!) to process 800 pounds of Mochi Gome.

Tale Three – Disaster and Redemption

As we're finally cleaning up around 6pm, Lloyd Ito says to me "I think we're short". As it turns out, we were able to fill our orders, but we did not have any Mochi for New Year's Bell Ringing and we did not have enough Mochi to give to our hard working volunteers. Thanks to the assistance of my family, Koji Goto, Ouchi Sensei and Fred Kotani, we purchased and processed an additional 50 pounds of Mochi Gome for New Year's and the volunteers. **Note:** if you volunteered and did not receive your free mochi, please let me know.



Thank you old volunteers, thank you new volunteers, and especially thank you to all the families that came out.

In Gassho,
Cary Kataoka (Cary@247Systems.ca)
President, TBC Sangha

Toronto Buddhist Church Spring Higan and Keirokai

Sunday, March 17, 2019

On Sunday March 17th we will be observing our Spring Higan or Ohigan Service. "Higan" literally means "The other shore" and this term is used in our tradition to reflect and reaffirm our practice of the Buddhist teachings that lead us to "the other shore" of enlightenment on the equinox days when there is an equal amount of day and night. The balance of day and night is also a reminder to walk "the Middle Path" of Buddhism.

Keirokai is a Japanese term that we use for the event where we celebrate, honour and show our gratitude to our temple elders. Members who will reach **77 years (KIJU)**, **88 years (BEIJU)** and **99 years (HAKUJU)** or older during this calendar year, will be honoured during the Joint Higan Service at 11:00am. During the service, each honouree will be recognized and presented with a gift from the temple. In order to be included in the service, each honouree **must be a temple member** and **must submit the application form** (below) to the Temple office by **Sunday, March 3th, 2019.**

After the service a special luncheon will be held for our honourees. All honourees and other Temple members who are 77 years old or more this year will each receive a complimentary bento (lunch box). Everyone else may purchase a bento (price to be determined).

PLEASE NOTE: Honourees and honorary members must be on our list of Temple Members to receive their complimentary bento.

An entertainment programme will follow the luncheon in the Social Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,

Special Projects and Religious Committees



2019 KEIROKAI HONOREE APPLICATION FORM

Name (English): Mr./Mrs./Miss _____

Last Name in Kanji (if known): _____

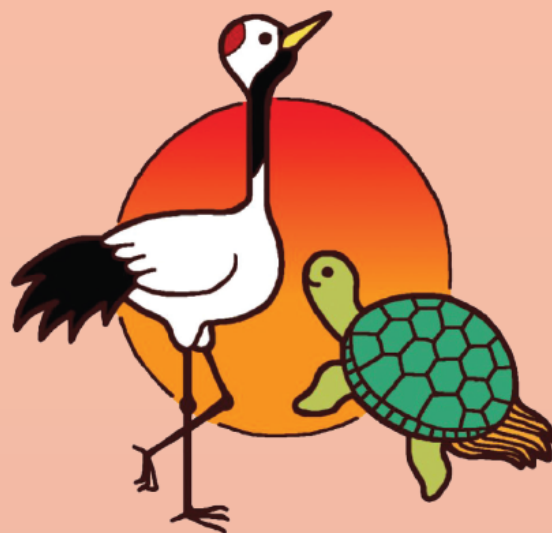
Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Province: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Please circle: **77 88 99 100+**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE BY SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019 TO ENSURE INCLUSION IN THE CEREMONIES.

KEIROKAI



敬老会

Celebrating our young at heart!

Sunday, March 17, 2019
we will be honouring Temple members
who are celebrating their
77th (kiju)
88th (beiju)
or 99th (hakuju) year

**Complimentary bento for Temple members
77 years of age or older**

Subject to availability,
everyone else will be able to purchase a bento for \$10

An entertainment programme will follow the luncheon

Sangha Day – Feb. 17th, 2019

(Free Lunch!)

For almost 70 years, the TBC Sangha volunteer group has had the privilege of providing volunteer support and hosting events at our Temple. Each year we host events such as Sangha Day, Hanamatsuri Family Banquet, Pancake Lunch and Mochi Tsuki. We have also undertaken projects such as video broadcasting services and providing transportation for Momiji residents.

Our aim is to host events and sponsor projects which honour the history of our Temple, allow families to spend time together and make it attractive for families to attend our Temple. If you have attended and enjoyed any of our services or events in the past, please consider volunteering so that we may continue to host these and other events and services in the future.

Once a year, we take time to welcome new Sangha members and to recognize Sangha members who have achieved 65 years of age and are granted lifetime membership.

To mark this occasion, we provide a complimentary luncheon to everyone who attends Nirvana day service – we hope that you will take the time to join us – we will be providing both regular and vegan menu items.

In Gassho,

Cary Kataoka, President

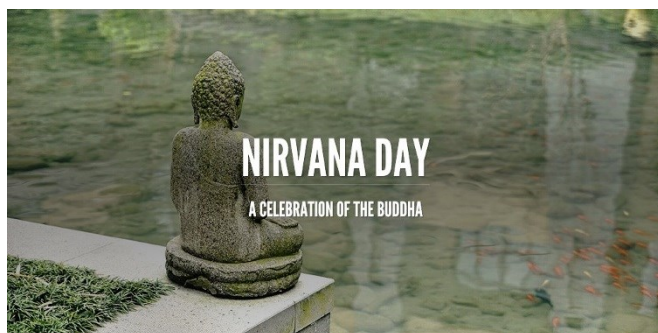
TBC Sangha



Nirvana Day Service

Sunday February 17, 2019 at 11:00am

We are observing Nirvana Day or the commemoration of the passing of Shakyamuni Buddha into Parinirvana or the Final Enlightenment on Sunday February 18th at 11:00am. This is an opportunity to reflect upon the Buddha's teachings, to remind ourselves of the impermanence of life and to be grateful for the historical Shakyamuni Buddha. Please join us in gratitude to celebrate and pay homage to the transformation of Shakyamuni Buddha into the Buddha of Infinite Light and Infinite Compassion.



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Happy New Year from the Toronto Buddhist Church Office Staff.

For the past five years, since changing over to our current donation receipting programme, we have issued receipts on a quarterly basis. However, due to the ever-increasing cost of paper, envelopes and postage; we will, in 2019 begin issuing receipts semi-annually or twice a year. Therefore, you will receive a receipt for any donations made January to June, in early July 2019 and in early January, 2020 for donations made July to December, 2019.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that cheques must be made out to **TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH**. Please note that TBC or T.B.C is not acceptable. If you would like your donation to be directed to one of the church groups or funds, please indicate this information in the memo line of your cheque...ie: Dana, Sangha, Altar Flower Fund, etc.

We would like to thank everyone for their co-operation and understanding in these matters.

We wish you and your family good health and happiness in 2019!

Toronto Buddhist Church Office.



Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC)

Buddhist Youth Tour to Japan - July 9-25, 2019

(Dates and costs to be finalized)

Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE)

For many years, Nishi Hongwanji has been sponsoring the YBICSE program. Rev. Grant Ikuta is leading the 2019 Buddhist Youth Tour to Japan. This is an excellent opportunity for youth from across Canada to visit the homeland of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, to learn and experience the culture and history of our Jodo Shinshu tradition. The tour is open to youth between the ages of 15 and 25. **Application packages are available at the Toronto Buddhist Church.** The cost will be approximately \$2500.00 per person. The final costs will be contingent upon finalizing all expenses. Airfare from Toronto to Vancouver, travel insurance and extra health insurance are not included in the above cost. The dates will depend upon finalizing flight schedules.



For the first week of the trip, the Canadian group will be on our own visiting Osaka, Nara and Kyoto. Some sightseeing activities will include Dotonbori, Doguya-suji, Nipponbashi, Osaka Aquarium, Universal Studios Japan, Daibutsu at Todaiji Temple, Fire Festival at Nachi Taisha, and you will hike on the Kumano Kodo Trail. The second week of the trip, organized through the Hongwanji, will run from **July 17th to 24th**. During this portion of the program, the youth will participate in activities at the Hongwanji, including lectures, tours and other events. Participants may experience a homestay with a local host family and will have an opportunity to receive confirmation rites by Gomonsu-sama.

The youth who are selected to attend will not only meet other Canadian Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, but will also have the opportunity to meet youth from Japan, Brazil, Hawaii and mainland USA. Please keep in mind that a maximum of ten (10) youth will be selected from across Canada and each participant will be an ambassador representing their local temples and the JSBTC.

Youths who wish to visit with relatives or friends at the conclusion of the group tour may do so, however, please notify Rev. Grant Ikuta so that the return flight to Canada can be coordinated. You will be responsible for any extra costs.

While the details are still tentative, all TBC and Eastern Canada applications should be submitted to Rev. Ouchi at the Toronto Buddhist Church or at tbc@tbc.on.ca before **Thursday, February 28th, 2019**.





Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada
Buddhist Youth Tour to Japan

**2019 Young Buddhist International
 Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE)**

Dates of Trip: **July 9-25, 2019**

Cost of Trip: **CDN \$2,500**

(plus Travel Insurance arranged for by the participant)

Candidate Qualifications

- ✓ Jodo Shinshu Buddhist
- ✓ Between the age of 15 and 25
- ✓ In good health



Application Deadline: **Feb 28th, 2019**

Application form is available from your local temple.

If there are any questions regarding the tour, please contact
 Rev. Grant Ikuta (JSBTC Group Leader).

Steveston Buddhist Temple: (604) 277-2323

or

E-mail: rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca



Meeting Dharma Friends from Hawaii, Buddhist Churches of America, South America, and Japan!

Weekday Services

Weekday chanting services are generally conducted Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings around 10:00am, when Rev. Yoshi is available. If you are interested in participating in these short services, it is best if you call the office in advance to ask if Rev. Yoshi will be available on the day you would like to attend as Rev. Yoshi can be called away for emergencies and appointments.

We strongly suggest that you leave your name and contact information in the event that Rev. Yoshi becomes unexpectedly unavailable subsequent to your inquiry.



Volunteers Needed **to Arrange the Naijin/Altar Flowers** **(No Experience Necessary Training Provided)**

Requirements

Available at least six Friday afternoons a year for 1.5-2 hours between 12:00pm-5:00pm

(We can arrange after work hours if you are only available after 5:00pm)

Job Description

Remove last weeks' flowers from a large vase and two small vases

Wash vases

Arrange new flowers in the vases

Please contact **Pamela Yoshida** at 416-534-4302 or tbc@tbc.on.ca if you are interested in volunteering.



PLEASE NOTE: MINDFUL MEDITATION IS CANCELLED ON THURSDAY MARCH 28TH (ONLY). SESSIONS WILL RESUME THURSDAY APRIL 4TH FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS

WHEN: Every Thursday Evening -7:00 -9:00 pm

WHERE: Toronto Buddhist Church—Hondo

The 2 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 have any questions please contact the Temple at 416-534-4302 or you can email Denise Crofton at dcrofton@rogers.com



TBC DANA SCHOLARSHIP INVITES APPLICATIONS

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

Eligibility:

Students who are first time applicants and who are members or who are children or grandchildren of members of a temple/church in the Eastern District of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and who will be attending their first year of post-secondary education at a recognized institution such as a university, college, institute of technology, etc.

All applications must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a Letter of Reference. The amount of the scholarship is dependent on monies available each year end and is at the discretion of the Committee.

The selection criteria will be as follows:

Academic Results	50%
Church Activities	30%
School and Community Involvement	10%
Essay (minimum 300 words)	10%
Total	100%

If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please contact the office at tbc@tbc.on.ca or 416-534-4302 and an application form will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

**** DEADLINE for the scholarship application is Sunday, April 14, 2019 ****

All scholarship winners will be honoured at the scholarship presentation and luncheon which will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2019 (during the 11:00 am service).

TBC 2019 New Year's Social

On Sunday January 27th following the morning service we held our annual pot luck luncheon in the Social Hall. As in the past the congregants out did themselves in bringing in various delicious dishes which everyone enjoyed. Following the luncheon bingo games were played and door prizes were handed out. This year we were treated to Eric Mark being the bingo caller and he did a wonderful job making it an enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of food, door prizes and support. A special thank you goes out to CCOV Team 2, the Dana group for providing the cake, the Shin Fujinkai for the oranges and the Sangha for the jackpot bingo prize.

Congratulations to all the winners!

TBC Special Projects



2019 Toronto Dana Executive Board

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FOREIGN COINS

Please bring in any foreign coins from your travel and place them in the box provided in the temple lobby. The Women's Federation collects for Air Canada charity. Also we still collect unwanted pennies.

USED STAMP COLLECTION

Any collection of stamps will be sent to Save The Children. The stamps will be given to Women's Federation group at the end of April. If you have any stamps, a box is provided in the lobby of the temple.



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 San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel
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2019 16TH WBWC MONTO SHIKISHO

Going to the 2019 WBWC in San Francisco? BCA has sent us a photo of the FBWA Monto Shikisho for the 2019 convention. If you would like to order one in advance of the convention the cost is \$55.00 US\$ plus 8.5% tax. This would be \$78.55 CDN which includes tax. If you order through the JSBTCWF Committee now, you can purchase one for pick up at the convention and avoid shipping costs. The cost of the Monto Shikisho at the convention will be \$65.00 US\$ plus the 8.5% tax.

Not going to the convention but would like a souvenir, you can place your order with the JSBTCWF and Myra Takasaki will happily pick up the Monto Shikisho and bring it back to Toronto for you.

If you wish to order a Monto Shikisho please email Myra at takasaki@rogers.com for details on payment.

All proceeds from the sale of the Monto Shikisho and Wagesas will be directed toward the convention expenses



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 2018 or have not applied for or renewed your membership for 2019 you will no longer receive a Guiding Light. The subscription fee for January—December 2019 is \$30.00.

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

SUBSCRIPTION REQUEST FOR THE GUIDING LIGHT FOR NON MEMBERS

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