



Guiding Light

December 2021



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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Upcoming Services

The following is a chart of the services until the end of 2021 and the start of 2022. We hope that the restrictions will soon be lifted and we can plan further ahead. We send our best wishes for your Health and Happiness throughout the holiday season and hope to see you soon at one of our services. **Please remember to register if you will be attending the services in-person.**

****Please note the following:**

the service on December 26th will be via **Zoom Only**

New Year's Eve Bell Ringing service will be held **in person at the temple** at 11:45 pm on Dec. 31st

New Year's Day services are **in person only**

there will be no service on January 2nd.

January memorial/shotsuki will be held on January 9th, 2022

Bilingual services are held in English and Japanese

		Kids' Sangha 10:30 am	11:00 AM		1:00 PM	
		In Person and Zoom	In Person	Zoom	In Person	Zoom
December 5, 2021	Monthly Memorial	English	Bilingual	Bilingual	None	None
December 12, 2021	Regular Service	None	English	English	None	None
December 19, 2021	Bodhi Day Service	English	English	English	Japanese	Japanese
December 26, 2021	Regular Service	None	None	English	None	None
December 31, 2021	New Year's Eve **11:45 pm **	None	English *11:45 pm*	None	None	None
January 1, 2022	New Year's Day	None	English	None	Japanese	None
January 2, 2022	NO SERVICES					
January 9, 2022	Monthly Memorial	English	English	English	Japanese	Japanese
January 16, 2022	Ho'Onko Service Guest Minister Rev Grant Ikuta	English	Bilingual	Bilingual	None	None
January 23, 2022	Regular Service	None	English	English	None	None
January 30, 2022	Regular Service	None	English	English	None	None
February 6, 2022	Monthly Memorial	English	English	English	Japanese	Japanese

General Requirements/Protocols for Service Attendees

To help reduce and minimize exposure to and to control the spread of COVID-19, the following protocols will be implemented for those attending in-person services.

1. Please pre-register for services before Friday at noon.
2. Walk-ins will be admitted if space allows. It is highly recommended that you pre-register.
3. Upon entering the temple please sanitize your hands and sign in with contact information.

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4. **Please arrive early** to allow for physical distancing and entry protocols, including self-screening.
5. Anyone who is not feeling well, suspects they have been exposed to COVID-19, or is not vaccinated and has travelled outside the country within the previous 2 weeks should stay home. Services will be live-streamed via Zoom.
6. Everyone will be required to wear a proper face covering while they are inside the temple
7. **PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE IN THE FOYER.** Please go directly into the Hondo and find a seat.
8. **PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE CHAIRS** which are placed 6 feet apart.
9. Please bring your own nenju, montoshikisho and service books, if you have them.
10. Only the Minister/leader will chant. Please do not sing or chant out loud.
11. Please leave your offering in the offertory box.
12. At the end of the service, **PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE IN THE FOYER.** There will be no refreshments in the social hall until restrictions are lifted.

To Register for Services:

Visit our Website at <https://tbc.on.ca/>

Email us at: tbc@tbc.on.ca

Call us at: 416-534-4302

Eitaikyo Service



We were gathered together at the Toronto Buddhist Church for the Eitaikyo Service on November 21st. Eitaikyo comes from “EITAI-DOKKYO :永代読経” which literally means,

Perpetually (eitai:永代)

Chanting (doku:読)

Buddhist sutras (kyō:経).

We have changed from the idea of accumulating individual virtue to the spirit of dedication to and appreciation for those who have come before us. Eitaikyo gives us a connection to our past and shows us we are all interconnected and not alone.

This link between past and present can be viewed, as “we would not be who we are, without the compassion and support of our family, our friends and our Sangha.” Our family and friends’ dedication to our temple and their devotion to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism allows us to “perpetually” share the teaching of Nembutsu in the present and into the future.

We all lead busy lives. Eitaikyo gives people, who may live far away or who don’t attend temple services regularly, a chance to honour their loved ones once a year in November.

The Eitaikyo book lists those honoured as founders and as supporters of Toronto Buddhist Church for their devotion and support to our temple. The reason why the Nembutsu teaching is here today and we were able to encounter the Nembutsu is that many Nembutsu members have carefully protected it for a long time.

Many people in the Toronto Buddhist Church also have helped to develop the temple to pass on the Nembutsu teaching to the next generation. If I say that to recite Nembutsu is an effect, the Buddha lets me know there were so many conditions to encounter the Nembutsu teaching in the past.

A monk said that the Buddha knows not only a cause and an effect but also realizes many conditions between the cause and the effect. A long time ago, people called it Karma in Sanskrit. Without the conditions or karma, cause and effect would not exist. Our existence is also made up of a variety of invisible conditions.

When I teach this teaching to children, I often use the metaphor of a flower. For example, the flower blooming is the effect. Why did the flower bloom? It’s because there was a seed.

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Eitakyo Service. continued

However, if there was only the seed, it doesn't bloom the flower, because the seed cannot bloom the flower without the help of soil, water, and sunlight.

We often think a cause makes the effect, but it's not true. A cause and many conditions or Karma make the effect.

When we hear this story, it's easy to imagine what karma is, but when we think about our spiritual mind or emotional state, it's quite difficult to understand what karma is.

The Buddha had so many disciples because he clarified the root cause of suffering and explained his various teachings.

When we talk about the teachings of the Buddha, we often use the phrase "everything is impermanent." That means; "Everything that has a form will eventually fall apart." But if that form refers to our loved one's lives, or our own life, it can open our eyes.

When we realize that our loved ones and we are going to die someday, the phrase "Everything is impermanent" becomes a part of us deeply. It's no different today than it was in the past.

When the Buddha was still alive, a woman came to him for advice with a lifeless baby on her chest. She asked the Buddha to bring her deceased child back to life. The Buddha replied, "All right, I'll bring him back to life." She was overjoyed. However, the Buddha made one condition for her. He said, "Bring me a poppy seed from a family who has never lost a loved one. If you can find it and bring it to me, I will bring the child back to life."

She hurried back to the town and visited many houses to find a poppy seed. She could find a seed, however, every family had lost a loved one. She couldn't get the poppy seed to meet Buddha's requirement.

In the evening, she came back to the Buddha. When

the Buddha asked her whether she was able to find the poppy seed from a family who had not lost a loved one, she replied that Buddha didn't need to bring her child back to life anymore.

When she asked many families in the town, she realized that not only she had lost a loved one, but also everyone had the same sufferings as her.

Therefore because she understood the conditions of her child's death, she was able to accept the suffering as suffering instead of turning away from it.

In conclusion, I want to share one more cause and effect with you. Amida Buddha's Primal Vow leads us to place our palms together in Gassho. Just because Amida Buddha made the Primal Vow, does not mean we automatically, do Gassho. There are many, many conditions that bring us from the cause to the effect.

One of the most important conditions is the support people who make the sharing of the Buddhist teachings possible. Without these people we would not have a temple, we would not have Sangha, we would not have an opportunity to listen to the teachings. Without this important support, we might not be able to encounter Amida's Primal Vow and place our palms together.

That is why we do Gassho to the Eitakyo book to show our respectful mind and gratitude to them in November.

Gassho

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi



A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC), on JSBTC Day. The JSBTC provides for the office of the Bishop of Canada, many national programs for all our temples and for the further education, health and supplemental retirement income of all our ministers. Thank you as well for remembering and honouring all the pioneers in Canada who dedicated their efforts to spread the Buddha Dharma in Canada.

Your continued support of our national organization is greatly appreciated.

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of January

Our monthly memorial services (shotsuki) are usually held on the first Sunday of each month 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 January. All are invited and welcome to attend.

AKAYE, Jeanne Ayako	KAMINO, Tsuneo Roy	MORI, Kenzo	ODA, Kikue
BABA, Hatsu	KAMINO, Robert Yasuo	MORI, Kanichi George	ODA, Kiyozo
BANDO, Toshio	KARATSU, Rennie Akira	MORI, Kisa	OGINO, Sumiye
CARROLL, John	KATSURA, Isamu	MORI, Maw Massme	OGURA, Tomie
DMYTRYSHYN, Nicholas	KATSURA, Mosaburo	MORI, Isao	OHASHI, Robert Seizo
DOI, Hajime	KATSURA, Toshiko	MORIMOTO, Isae	OHASHI, Tamio
EBATA, Chiyoko	KAWAHARA, Kazumi	MORISHITA, Nao	OKASHIMO, Kamezo
EBATA, Genya	KAWAHARA, Sumano	MURABAYASHI, Masa	OKAWA, Kiyoshi
EDAMURA, Toki	KAWASAKI, Mohachi	MURAKAMI, Toshio	OKUDA, Hiroshi
FUJIMOTO, Shuzo George	KAWASAKI, Uta	MURATA, Magoji	OMORI, Tamako
FUJIMOTO, Teruko	KISHIMOTO, Yoshiko	MUROMOTO, Miyoko	ONO, Sadano
FURUYA, Yaeko	KITAGAWA, Susumu	NAGANO, Kiyono	OTANI, Saichi
HAMA, Fujie	KITAMURA, Shotaro	NAKAGAWA, Connie Kane	OTSU, Tsune
HAMADE, Matsunosuke	KIYONAGA, Hide	NAKAGAWA, Kumakichi	SAKAI, Iwakazu
HAMASAKI, Ichitaro	KOBAYAKAWA, Hisa	NAKAGAWA, Nobu	SAKATA, Shizue
HAMILTON, Doreen	KODAMA, George	NAKAGAWA, Masajiro	SATO, Hikotaro
HAYASHI, Sumi	KOJIMA, Jiro	NAKAGAWA, Kanako	SATO, Roland Atsumu
HIGASHI, Gene Yoshiteru	KONDO, Take	NAKAHARA, Aiko	SATO, Hikotaro
HIRAI, Hatsuye	KONO, Misayo	NAKAHARA- MACLACHLAN, Phillip	SEKIYA, Matsue
HIRAMORI, Yukiko	KOYANAGI, Kazue	NAKAMURA, Mikio	SHIBATA, Hatsu
HUANG, Mei Lin	KOZAI, Tomisaburo	NAKAMURA, Shigeo Fred	SHIBATA, Suteya
ICHIKAWA, Jiro	KUBOTA, Saenosuke	NAKAMURA, Tome	SHIKATANI, Masajiro
IKEDA, Carole Mia Allison	KUMAGAI, Sutezo	NAKAMURA, Yukiye Rose	SHIMANO, Kiyoko
INAMOTO, Richard Masayoshi	KUMAMOTO, Hisano	NAKATA, Akira Victor	SHIMIZU, Hayley Elizabeth Hisaye
INOUE, Hideharu Harry	KUSANO, Tokiyoshi Fred	NAKATSU, Tsuruyo	SHIMIZU, Kazuo Thomas
ISEKI, Yoshiko	MACLACHLAN, Marjorie Ethel	NATSUHARA, Mie Nora	SHIMIZU, Kichiji
ISHII, Kanaye Bessie	MAIKAWA, Misao	NEKODA, Ann Tsuyako	
ISOZAKI, Soichi Jimmy	MATSUBAYASHI, Kanayo	NISHIHATA, Kishi	
ITO, Tsutau Lefty	MATSUMOTO, Tatsuyo Jean	NISHIKAWA, Kimi	Continued on page 6
ITO, Tayoko	MATSUMOTO, Akira Sam	NISHIMURA, Robert Toji	
IZUKAWA, Sakuhei	MIKE, Uhei	NISHIMURA, Eiko	
KAGETSU, Eikichi	MIYAMOTO, Kazuko	NISHIZEKI, Hisakazu	

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

SHINMOTO, Tokiye	TANAKA, Satsuki Sally	WAKABAYASHI, Hideo	YAMASAKI, Tsutomu
SUGIMAN, Iwazo	TANAKA, Yoshie	WAKABAYASHI, Kazuko	YAMASHITA, Yori
TAKAHASHI, Deanna Takako	TEHARA, John Shiro	WAKABAYASHI, Tadato	YAMASHITA, Yoshitaro
TAKAHASHI, Koichi	TOJI, Shuken	WAKISAKA, Yasujiro	YAMAUCHI, Yasu
TAKAHASHI, Mika	TSUJI, Rose	WANI, Fred Mitsunori	YASUDA, Yukimori
TAKASAKI, Masaru	TSUKADA, Haruye	WARNER, Roger Harley	YOSHIDA, Bruce Yuji
TAKATA, Chiyoko	UCHIMARU, Kesaguma	WATANABE, Misao	
TAKEMURA, Sozo	URA, Ine	WATANABE, Ronald Satoru	
TAKEMURA, Takeo	USAMI, Fumiko	YAMAMOTO, Tamotsu	
	UYESUGI, Tamotsu Tom		

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.

If we have missed any names, please notify the Temple office so that we may update our records.

Thank You , In Gassho , Toronto Buddhist Church

Mrs. Wakiko Kiyonaga 99 yrs November 11, 2021

Mrs. Masa Kitaura 85 yrs November 20, 2021

**JOIN OUR THURSDAY AFTERNOON
BUYO CLASSES**

Have you ever wanted to learn Japanese Traditional Dancing (Nihon Buyo) or how to wear a yukata or kimono or tie an obi? Come join our afternoon Buyo classes to learn. No experience needed. Every Thursday at 1:00 pm till 2:00 pm (12:30-1:00 to dress).

Please contact Dawn Anzai at canzai@sympatico.ca or the Temple 416-534-4302 if interested.

**A Message from Joanne Sensei**

“Those who feel that their own birth is completely settled should, mindful of the Buddha’s benevolence, hold the Nembutsu in their hearts and say it to respond in gratitude to that benevolence with the wish, “May there be Peace in the world and may the Buddha’s teaching spread!” (Shinran Shonin, from *A Collection of Letters* - Letter 2. CWS pg 560)

This is a portion of a letter written by Shinran Shonin to those who followed the path of Amida Buddha with him. In the letter, he describes the unfortunate state that in their times, people were admonished, even persecuted for following the path of Amida Buddha to the Pure Land. In the letter, he explains it is a sad state of affairs to be sure, not to

have peaceful relations with neighbours and other community members. He encourages people who say the nembutsu - *Namo Amida Butsu* - to come together to support each other, strengthened in the assurance of rebirth in the Pure Land. He teaches that there can be peace among people who have different beliefs, and Nembutsu followers need only focus on their own path, without judgement of others.

Like all other faith traditions, the goal of Buddhism and Buddhists is to live in peace. We can all agree that every life is precious and deserves to live meaningful lives to their greatest potential. We can only do this if we live in peace - without the threat of

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violence and suffering. Buddhism teaches that violence and suffering happen when we divide the world too starkly into what is "yours" and "mine," "good" and "bad," and other divisive thoughts with the self at the centre. In other words, when we are too self-centred, it creates a great disparity between people. We can all recognize the importance of *sharing* - it's one of the earliest lessons we teach our young children. Peace and harmony are created when everyone is aware of themselves AND others. Giving and sharing are peaceful activities.

We value every life as precious and unique and that each life is a part of an immeasurable network of life - the Oneness of Life which we call Amida Buddha. When we are aware of how much our lives are sustained by the love, care and support of others in this network, we feel gratitude and are moved to share with others what we receive.

This does not mean we must make others become Buddhists themselves! "Spreading the Buddhist teaching" could mean that the Buddhist teachings are being spread simply by our living according to them. When we are aware of the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha, our activity as Shin Buddhists when we engage with others is one way we embody and spread that compassion of Amida Buddha.

To dispel the anxiety that comes with the shorter, darker, colder days of Winter, people have celebrated light and life, coming together in the community to share provisions. Many faith traditions have customs of exchanging gifts or eating together at this time of year. In Canada, we are part of a diverse landscape of religious traditions, many of which have observances at this time of year. The most visible holiday of the season is Christmas, a religious holiday for Christians in which they celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Earlier in November, communities of Indian religions celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights and the harvest. Jewish communities will celebrate Chanukah, the Festival of Lights and the Feast of Dedication at the end of November through the beginning of December. Religions and cultures mark the Winter Solstice, the day with the longest night of the year which symbolizes a "rebirth" of the sun. Mahayana Buddhists - like Shin Buddhists - mark December 8 as Bodhi Day, the day which Sakyamuni Buddha attained enlightenment.

At this time of year, as we respect and participate in the customs of our friends and neighbours and even family members of other faith traditions, Shin Buddhists can practice *dāna*, the virtue of "generosity" - an important activity on the Buddhist path. We can reflect on our lives and recognize how much our lives are sustained by the network of lives - the Oneness we call Amida Buddha. Many of us give gifts to people and groups who feel close to us in the network because we can feel their love, care, and support so strongly. We can also share what we have with those we have never met, and with whom we don't necessarily feel closeness; we just know that we are able to share things that they need. When we are aware we are in the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha, our gratitude can be expressed by being generous and giving to those around us.

I hope you have a warm and meaningful winter holiday season.

In gassho, Joanne Yuasa

(TBC Minister's Assistant)

Bodhi Day Service, or Jodo'e - December 19, 2021

*Please make the time to attend this service to celebrate the
Historical Buddha's Attainment of Enlightenment.*

"This is the day to commemorate Sakyamuni (Siddhartha Gautama) Buddha's attainment of Awakening. According to legend, the historic event took place on December 8, at the first faint light of day began to glowing in the eastern sky.

By his example, Sakyamuni demonstrated that it was possible for a man to become a Buddha—a fully Awakened Person. All human beings, therefore, have this potentiality—Buddha-Nature—which, when awakened and cultivated, enables them to achieve supreme wisdom and compassion. This day signifies the dawn of humanities universal emancipation from suffering and unawareness."

From Jodo Shinshu: A Guide page 138.

YEAR END SERVICES**Bodhi Day Service****Sunday, December 19th**

Please join us either in person or via Zoom for our Bodhi Day Service at 11:00 am where Roland Ikuta sensei will be our guest speaker. Bodhi Day is one of the more significant services in our Jodo Shinshu tradition, as it is the celebration of the day that Shakyamuni Buddha attained enlightenment as he sat under the bodhi tree.

Year End Bell Ringing Service**Friday, December 31st**

This is our Year End Temple Bell Ringing service which is held in-person. Doors will open at 11:30 pm with the service starting at 11:45 pm. As numbers will be restricted, please ensure that you are registered.

New Year's Day Services**Saturday January 1st at 11:00am and 1:00pm**

These two in-person only services (11:00am English and 1:00pm Japanese) are offered to celebrate the New Year. We'll have the opportunity to hear the teachings for first time in 2022.

Ho-Onko Service**January 16th, 2022**

We are pleased to welcome Reverend Grant Ikuta as our virtual guest Minister when we observe and honour the passing of our founder Shinran Shonin at our Ho-Onko Service. Ho-Onko or Founder's Memorial is one of the most important occasions observed in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition. Please join us in honouring our Founder.

Many of us are familiar with Grant Sensei as he served as our resident minister for 16 years from 1992 to 2008. We always look forward to seeing and hearing him speak.

ATTENTION TEMPLE MEMBERS AND GUIDING LIGHT SUBSCRIBERS

Covid-19 has affected everyone in many ways and that includes the Temple. With no in-person services and total lockdowns in the early months of the epidemic, donations and memberships fell short in 2021. Unfortunately, though there were no in-person services, the Temple still had bills to pay. Membership and Guiding Light subscription fees have remained the same since 2018. Fees should have been increased in 2020 but due to Covid-19, it was decided to forego the increase.

With the costs of everything increasing, the Temple feels it cannot forego the increases to the membership and subscription fees for 2022. We hope that you understand and will continue to support the Temple so we can continue to spread the Dharma during these difficult times. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Board of Directors, Toronto Buddhist Church

NON-MEMBERS**2022 MEMBERSHIP FEE \$140.00**

**Application for 2022 Membership will be
in the January, 2022 Guiding Light**

SUBSCRIPTION FEE 2022 \$40.00

**Please have your subscription fee submitted
by December 15, 2021 to avoid missing the
January 2022 issue.**

On Saturday, November 13, 2021 the Toronto Buddhist Church held Temple Takeout TWO, the second annual hot-food fundraiser! The event was a wonderful success, changing up the menu this year with hot chicken teriyaki and curry rice bowls to many members of the TBC community. Temple Takeout TWO hosted over 75 families, served 215 main dishes, over 100 pies and more than 300 gourmet cookies. We were pleased to also see the abundance of preserves and extra goodies that were donated for walk-in purchase.

The Temple Takeout TWO Team would like to thank all the volunteers who worked extremely hard both leading up to the event as well as during. To all the pie bakers & preserve makers, the food preppers & cookie packers, and of course to the Board, Management and Special Projects Committees, Temple Takeout TWO would not have been successful without all of your help!

Lastly, the Team would like to thank all those who ordered from Temple Takeout TWO and who offered kind words of encouragement and ideas for future events. As we are still faced with so many barriers and restrictions during the COVID-19 Pandemic, The TT2 Team found it important to bring the fundraiser back to the TBC community as a way of cultivating new traditions, so THANK YOU for coming together and for once again, supporting the Temple and a community that means so much to so many people.

The Team is excitedly brainstorming some new and fun ideas for Temple Takeout the THREE-Peat, so please stay tuned!

In Gassho,
Your Temple Takeout TWO Team
(Eric, Jessica & Kathryn)



TEMPLE TAKEOUT 2

NOVEMBER 13, 2021

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

DECEMBER'S THEME: BODHI DAY

December 19, 2021Gingerbread houses

Let's talk about "generosity"

Creative gingerbread houses

The story of "the stone soup"



JANUARY'S THEME: THE NEW YEAR and HOONKO

January 9, 2022 – Happy New Year

Let's explore a traditional Japanese New Year

New Year Resolutions. What are they?

Read the "Jataka Tale"

Keirokai is just around the corner. Let's start making plans about Kids Sanghas' participation on this special day.

January 16, 2022.....Hoonko

What is Hoonko?



Let's get busy in the kitchen

Continue reading the "Jataka Tale"

Continue making plans for Keirokai

We will continue with following Covid 19 protocols by,

limiting the number of people in the classroom. Thus, we ask all parents to remain in the Hondo for the adult service, as the children proceed to the classroom. At 12 p.m., the kids will be brought upstairs to the main lobby where parents can then pick up their children.

If you plan to attend the Kids Sangha program in person, we ask that you pre-register. To register, please go to the Temple website at

<https://tbc.on.ca/about-us/events-calendar/>

We are offering an online option. Please email

kids.sanghatbc@gmail.com

A link will be sent to you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jessica or Yumi at Kids.sanghatbc@gmail.com

With gratitude,

Jessica and Yumi



Volunteers Wanted

Our temple operates by volunteers who generously give their time to ensure its sustainability. It takes many people to keep the temple and its services running and we thank those who have continued to volunteer during the recent difficult times.

With the temple slowly opening up and in the anticipation of resuming our activities we will need people to help out in various areas.

Some areas where we will need people to help include (but are not limited to):

Services - setting up, greeting and ushering people in and out, playing the organ

Technology – website and helping with services

Events – helping out at specific events

Operations – helping out with minor repairs and maintenance

If you are available to help out once a week, once a month or even once a year we would welcome your help. Or if you have other talents and/or ideas, please email us at tbc@tbc.on.ca with the subject line “volunteer”.

How to donate to Toronto Buddhist Church

information can also be found on the TBC website:
www.tbc.on.ca.

Your donations are always greatly appreciated.

While TBC has had to have its doors closed to visitors for most of the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the business of spreading the Shin Buddhist teachings to our sangha and beyond continues. Forwarding a financial donation will help prepare TBC to welcome everyone back to temple.

There are 3 ways to donate to TBC from home:

- **cheque:** mail to 1011 Sheppard Ave. West, Toronto, ON, M3H 2T7
- **E-transfer:** use email address darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca
- **online donation via Paypal:** follow directions on www.TBC.ca “Make a Donation” page

Please include the purpose of your donation, as well as your **full name, mailing address, email address, and phone number. This is particularly important if you’re donating by cheque or e-transfer.** This helps ensure you will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes. Detailed



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

2021-2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE TEMPLE OFFICE

The office will be closed on the following days:

December 25, 2021 to January 2, 2022 inclusive

The office will re-open January 3, 2022

The office staff will be monitoring emails and phone messages on the answering service at regular intervals during this time. Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

If you have an EMERGENCY – please contact Reverend Ouchi at 647-704-8481 or rev.ouchi@tbc.on.ca.

We thank you for your continued well wishes and support during these difficult times.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy Holiday Season. Hoping to see you in the New Year!

BEING BUDDHIST DURING CHALLENGING TIMES



Sunday, January 16th, 2022 at 3pm Eastern Time

Join the Sangha as we begin the New Year reflecting on challenges and perceptions. We are honored to have retired Sensei James Martin provide a Buddhist's point-of-view on relatable current event matters such as living in the time of COVID and vaccination: Where does 'your freedom' end and 'my freedom' begin?

Register online at: <https://bit.ly/buddhist-16Jan22>

NEED A MASK FOR AN OCCASION?

\$10.00 EA. OR 3 FOR \$25.00

We still have a variety of Japanese Print Cotton Masks for sale at the Temple. All masks made and donated by Temple members.

Thank you Jamie Harada for your donation



**THANK YOU ERIC MARK FOR THE CLOCK
FOR THE SOCIAL HALL!**



2022 Toronto Buddhist Church**Annual General Meeting**

Until the COVID 19 restrictions affected everyone and every organization, the TBC Annual General Meeting was held on the second last Sunday in January. With continuing restrictions, the AGM will be postponed with the hope that it can be held as soon as possible in the new year. In the meantime, the current Board of Directors will continue to serve in the best interest of the Temple and its members and friends.

Notice of the 2022 AGM will be placed in the Guiding Light in the new year.

Toronto Buddhist Church Board of Directors

***NEW YEARS GREETINGS 2022***

In the next issue, January, 2022, the Guiding Light will be inserting a special “HAPPY NEW YEAR” page.

If you would like your name included in the special New Year’s greeting page, please complete the form below and submit it with your donation to the Temple office by **December 23, 2021**.

Please print my/our name(s) under ‘New Year Greetings’ in the upcoming January 2022 issue of the GUIDING LIGHT.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

GREETING: _____

(N.B. Phone requests will NOT be accepted.)



JSBTC JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST TEMPLES OF CANADA

JSBTC Japan Tour 2023

Shinran Shonin 850th Birth Anniversary
Jodoshinshu 800th Foundation Anniversary Kyosan Hoyo
&
17th World Buddhist Women's Convention

Year of 2023

- May 07 Leave Canada for Japan
- May 08 Arrive in Japan, free at leisure
- May 09 Full day Kyoto and Otsu tour (TBD)
- May 10 Celebration memorial service
at Nishi Hongwanji Temple
- May 11 WBW Convention at Kyoto ICC
- May 12 WBW Convention at Kyoto ICC

"Life of Nembutsu enables us to appreciate every encounter"

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ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Women's Federation is organizing the 2023 Celebration Memorial Service and the World Buddhist Women's Convention which will be held in Kyoto, Japan. The Hongwanji and Kintetsu have asked for a tentative number of people interested in being part of the celebration and the convention. This is needed so that we can establish pricing with Kintetsu and ensure we have enough seating for the celebration service at the Hongwanji.

If you are interested please email one of the Leadership Committee members and we will send you a link to the pricing and tours that are being offered. Can you please let us know by December 31, 2021.

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