



# *Guiding Light*

May 2021



Statue of Shinran Shonin in Kyoto

## **TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH** *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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## Temple Update

With the constant change in the restrictions for the province, we are once again closed for in-person services, but our Zoom Services continue. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### Service Schedule

		English	Japanese
		11:00 AM	1:00 PM
May 2, 2021	Monthly Memorial	Yes	Yes
May 9, 2021	Regular Service	Yes	X
May 16, 2021	Gotan-e Service- Guest Minister	Yes	Yes
May 23, 2021	Regular Service	Yes	X
May 30, 2021	Regular Service	Yes	X
June 6, 2021	Monthly Memorial	Yes	Yes
June 13, 2021	Regular Service	Yes	X

### GOTAN-E SERVICE

May 16, 2021

Gotanye is the observance of the birth of the founder of Jodo Shinshu, **Shinran Shonin**, who was born on May 21, 1173. It is an opportunity to reflect upon the influence and contributions that Shinran Shonin has made upon our lives.



We are pleased to have **Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki** join us via video, as our guest Minister for the Gotan-e Service. Reverend Kusunoki has been the Head Minister of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple since 2017 following his 2010 assignment in California at the Lodi Buddhist Temple.

Born in Nagasaki, Japan, Rev. Kusunoki is a graduate of Miyazaki University where he majored in primary education and taught for three years before becoming a minister. He is also certified as a Special Rituals Minister. Please join us for his Dharma talk on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

## 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 and take care

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Mr. Timothy Kazuo Urabe                      66 yrs                      April 10, 2021

Mr. Shoji Uyede                                  94 yrs                      April 20, 2021



## Shorihouju & Gimyoshicho

The notes of C&D and a Two-headed bird

清風宝樹をふくときは “Pure winds blow in the jewel trees,

いつつの音声いだしつつ Producing the five tones for the scales.

宮商和して自然なり As those sounds are harmonious and spontaneous,

清浄勲を礼すべし Pay homage to Amida, the one imbued with purity.”

Shinran Shonin's *wasan* poem



This Wasan explains to us the Amida Buddha's Pure Land. There are jewel trees in the Pure Land. When a wind blows, the jewels make or offer very beautiful sound for Amida Buddha. This wasan is very interesting because Shinran Shonin wrote “宮商和して自然なり (*Kyu Sho Washite Jinennari*)”. “Kyu” means the sound or note of “C”, and Sho means the sound or note of “D”. When we hear the sounds of C & D together, we feel uncomfortable. We call it dissonance. However, he said “自然なり *Jinennari*”, that means the dissonance sound becomes beautiful and comfortable sound in Amida Buddha's Pure Land because every single sound is respecting each other in the Pure Land.

When we hold a monthly memorial service in the temple we always chant Amidakyo Sutra. The Sutra also explains about Amida Buddha's Pure Land. The Sutra says there are six birds in the Pure Land. When you see the *Maejoku* table on the Naijin in the temple, you can find the six birds' image pictures. These birds are living in Amida Buddha's Pure Land. Each bird has a very interesting story. I would like to introduce you to one of the birds.



This bird is called *Gumyo Shicho*. The bird has two heads. The two heads had argued with each other every time before they were born in the Pure Land because they always had different opinions.

Let's call the right head “Red,” and call the left head “Blue.” When Red said, “let's go right side”, Blue said, “No. I wanna go left side.” When Blue said, “let's fly”, Red said, “I'm tired, I don't wanna fly.” As described, they always had a different opinion and argued and hated each other. If they had separate bodies, they might not fight. But it was impossible. One day, Red decided to give poisoned food and kill Blue. Blue ate the poison food and died, and of course Red died too because they shared a body. When they were dying, they realized their life was one. They were living together all the time.

Even though Red killed Blue, both of them were born in the Pure Land. Because they regretted doing that they had not respected each other, they learned that they must have helped and respected each other. They decided even if they were asked to have separate bodies in their next life, they declined that suggestion, because both agreed to help and respect each other.

These stories from Shinran Shonin's Wasan (Difference between notes of C and D) and Amida Sutra (two-headed bird's story) have a common idea. Even though they are not the same, they respect each other and make beautiful harmony or good relationship in Amida Buddha's Pure Land.

When I was studying that wasan and Amida Sutra, I thought that the jewel-trees represented our background, and the two-headed bird represented our opinions. The jewel-trees harmonize with different sounds in the Pure Land. Based on that idea let's focus this world. If someone has a different background, we tend to categorize and make a group to against each other. If we don't judge each other and if we accept the differences, I believe this world would be better than now.

## Shorihouju & Gimyoshicho

From the two headed bird's story, they always had a different opinion, and they argued with each other. In this world, we do the same things. If someone has different opinions, we tend to ignore or deny them. That makes fight and bad relationship. But again, if we can accept the differences and respect, I believe this world would be better than now.

I would like to introduce one more sentence from Amida Sutra. The Sutra says "*CHI CHU REN GE DAI NYO SHA RIN SHO SHIKI SHO KO O SHIKI O KO SHAKU SHIKI SHAK-KO BYAKU SHIKI BYAK-KO MI MYO KO KETSU.*" That means There are lotus flowers, as large as chariot wheels, growing in the Amida Buddha's Pure Land. Those of blue color emit blue radiance; those of yellow color emit yellow radiance; those of red color emit red radiance and those of white color emit white radiance. They are exquisite, wonderful, fragrant and pure.

Every lotus flower blooms with its own colors. If the lotus flowers were us human, the color meant our personality or each character. In this world, it is difficult to show own colors to others. We dress up our personality when we meet others to show them we are good people. However, we don't have to act or dress ourselves up in Amida Buddha's Pure Land, we can bloom our own colour in the Pure Land. Therefore, we do never mind how others look at us and we also don't judge other's colours in the Pure Land. We fully respect the differences, because Amida Buddha accepts us just as we are. When we chant Shinran Shonin's Wasan or Buddhist Sutras, we show gratitude to the Buddha, because we can learn so many things from them.

In Gassho

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi

### Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of June

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 June. All are invited and welcome to come

<b>AIHOSHI</b> , Hisaji John	<b>HASHIZUME</b> , Masujiro	<b>KADOHAMA</b> , Torayo	<b>KITAMURA</b> , George Ayao
<b>AKADA</b> , Sadajiro	<b>HAYASHI</b> , Genji	<b>KAIBARA</b> , Imao	<b>KITAZAKI</b> , Chiyo
<b>AKIYAMA</b> , Namiko	<b>HIZAKA</b> , Fujie	<b>KANAYA</b> , Phyllis Miyoko	<b>KITAMURA</b> , Misako
<b>AMANO</b> , Kikuye Kay	<b>IDENOUE</b> , Kimiko	<b>KATO</b> , Shigeko	<b>KIYNAGA</b> , Shokichi
<b>AOKI</b> , Toichiro	<b>IIDA</b> , Yoneichi	<b>KATSURA</b> , Hannah	<b>KOBAYASHI</b> , Betty Kumiko
<b>EBATA</b> , Izo	<b>KAIBARA</b> , Imao	<b>KAWAGUCHI</b> , Shigeo	<b>KOJIMA</b> , Fumio
<b>EBATA</b> , Yoshiye	<b>KUMAGAI</b> , Shizu	<b>KAWAGUCHI</b> , Tsugino	<b>KONO</b> , Hayato
<b>FUDEMOTO</b> , Toshie	<b>INAMOTO</b> , Toshiko	<b>KAWAGUCHI</b> , Shizaburo	<b>KOYAMA</b> , Kiri
<b>FUJII</b> , Toji	<b>INAMOTO</b> , James Tsugio	<b>KAWAHARA</b> , Noboru	<b>KOZAI</b> , Kiyoshi John
<b>FUKAKUSA</b> , Lynn Joseph Joe	<b>INAMOTO</b> , Kazuo	<b>KAWAI</b> , Sachiko	<b>KUMAGAI</b> , Hideko Helen
<b>FURUYA</b> , Tomegoro	<b>ISHIMURA</b> , Akiko	<b>KAWASAKI</b> , Yoso	<b>KUMAGAI</b> , Shizu
<b>HAMADE</b> , Hisae	<b>ITO</b> , Heizo	<b>KIKUTA</b> , Mitsuye	<b>KURAHASHI</b> , Kenetaro
<b>HAMASAKI</b> , Sengame	<b>ITO</b> , Yoshimi	<b>KISHIMOTO</b> , Lidia	<b>KUWAHARA</b> , Tomeko
<b>HANABUSA</b> , Hanako	<b>IWASHITA</b> , Yasuro	<b>KITAGAWA</b> , Yae	
	<b>IZUKAWA</b> , Teruo Ted		



**Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of June**

<b>MAEDA, Kimie</b>	<b>NISHIJIMA, Aya Dorothy</b>	<b>SHIMIZU, Shizuko</b>	<b>TSUJI, Kitaro</b>
<b>MAKIMOTO, Takaharu</b>	<b>NISHIKAWA, Seitaro</b>	<b>SHIRAIISHI, Shizue</b>	<b>TSUJI, Mabel Fusaye</b>
<b>MARUBASHI, Hanshichi</b>	<b>NISHIJIMA, Aya Dorothy</b>	<b>SHIRAKAWA, Sakiye</b>	<b>UEDA, George Takeshi</b>
<b>MATSUI, Shinzo</b>	<b>NISHIKAWA, Seitaro</b>	<b>SHITAMI, Entaro</b>	<b>UJIHARA, Miko Mike</b>
<b>MATSUMURA, Kazuo</b>	<b>NISHIMURA, Yaeko</b>	<b>SUGIMAN, Betty Kiyoye</b>	<b>UYEDA, Kitaro Kiyō</b>
<b>MATSUSHITA, Jinmatsu</b>	<b>Denise</b>	<b>TABUCHI, Aya</b>	<b>UYENO, Suyeki</b>
<b>MINAKATA, Kiyoko</b>	<b>NISHIMURA, Sannosuke</b>	<b>TAKAHASHI, George</b>	<b>WAKABAYASHI, Yokichi</b>
<b>MITSUBATA, Yasuno</b>	<b>NOSE, Sato</b>	<b>Genshichi</b>	<b>WATADA, Hideki Dick</b>
<b>MIYAGAWA, George, Kiichiro</b>	<b>NOZUYE, Hideharu</b>	<b>TAKAOKA, Joe Masao</b>	<b>WAKIDA, Frank Tadashi</b>
<b>MIYAGAWA, Yoshiko</b>	<b>NOZUYE, Noboru</b>	<b>TAKASAKI, Miyuki</b>	<b>WATANABE, Hatsue</b>
<b>MORI, Dick Yoshio</b>	<b>OHASHI, Fusae</b>	<b>TAKENAKA, Nancy Ayako</b>	<b>YAMAMOTO, Fukusaburo</b>
<b>MORI, Hachizo</b>	<b>OHASHI, Sumi</b>	<b>TAKENAKA, Niichi</b>	<b>YAMAMOTO, Harumi</b>
<b>MORI, Matsuye</b>	<b>OIKAWA, Yoemon</b>	<b>TAKENAKA, Haru</b>	<b>YONEKURA, Harry Hiroshi</b>
<b>MORI, Sho</b>	<b>OKAZAKI, Masatoshi</b>	<b>TAKEUCHI, Yuriko</b>	<b>YOSHIDA, Kazuo Jake</b>
<b>MURAKAMI, Itsushi</b>	<b>OIKAWA, Yoemon</b>	<b>TAMAKI, Albert Wataru</b>	<b>YOSHIDA, Naoe Nellie</b>
<b>NAGAMATSU, Katsue</b>	<b>OMOTO, Fumi</b>	<b>TANAKA, Nami Dorothy</b>	<b>YOSHIDA, Sam Susumu</b>
<b>NAGATA, Kaneo</b>	<b>ONISHI, Otokichi</b>	<b>TANAKA, Jitaro Charlie</b>	
<b>NAKAMURA, Toichi</b>	<b>OTANI, Kikuko</b>	<b>TANAKA, Kitty Kinue</b>	
<b>NAKAMURA, Genmatsu</b>	<b>RUEHLE, Giulia</b>	<b>TANAKA, Shozaburo</b>	
<b>NAKATA, Takejiro</b>	<b>SAITO, Lily Yuriko</b>	<b>TANAKA, Tatsuya</b>	
<b>NARUSE, Tokiko</b>	<b>SAKAMOTO, Shigeru</b>	<b>TANAKA, Tsuruye</b>	
<b>NEKODA, Nick Shunso</b>	<b>SATO, Hifumi Evelyn</b>	<b>TATEISHI, Seizo</b>	
<b>NISHIDA, Harry Eiji</b>	<b>SHIGA, Mitsuzo</b>	<b>TEHARA, Jack Gentaro</b>	
<b>NISHIHATA, Jesse Hideo</b>	<b>SHIMIZU, Jack Tsugio</b>	<b>TERAMURA, Masa</b>	
		<b>TOHANA, Toshiko</b>	

**IT'S CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME!****SAKURA TREES AT THE TEMPLE!**

We see them televised on our TV's, we see them on social media and we are able (when the situation allows) to see them in High Park and other areas around Toronto. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to experience this spring wonder at the



Temple.

We would like to plant 7 sakura trees in the Temple's garden. This is a big undertaking as each tree costs about \$200.00. We hope that our members will help us achieve our goal with a donation to help with the cost. We know we are in hard times because of Covid-19 but we hope that you are able to contribute. Any amount will help!

If you are able to contribute to our project please send your donation to the Toronto Buddhist Church, 1011 Sheppard Ave W, Toronto, Ontario, M3H 2T7 or go to the TBC website [tbc.on.ca](http://tbc.on.ca) and make your donation on line. Click on the 'Donation' tab. Please make sure you mark your cheque or on line donation as 'Sakura Project'

Thank you in advance for your contribution. We hope that the TBC will have their own 'Cherry Blossom Time'

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH**

**Date:** Sunday, May 16, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Place:** The AGM will be a Virtual Meeting. Important information and instructions regarding access to, attendance at and participation in the Virtual Meeting are set out in Schedule A attached hereto

The Board of Directors of Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to notify all members of the Annual General Meeting of Members which will be held virtually at the time, date and in the manner described in Schedule A attached to this Notice, and cordially invites all members to attend and vote on the matters raised at the Meeting. The following matters will be raised at the Meeting:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday January 19, 2020;
2. Approval as a Special Resolution of Amendments to the General By-laws of the Temple, which Amendments were approved as a Special Resolution by the Directors on March 28, 2021 and are attached to this Notice as Schedule B;
3. Presentation of Financial Statements of the Temple for the year ended October 31, 2020;
4. Consideration and approval of the Budget for the year ending October 31, 2021;
5. Election of President and Director;
6. Election of Directors;

Such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

A second Notice of the Meeting will be posted in the Guiding Light for May, 2021. Please note that while attendance at the Virtual Meeting is open to all friends of the Temple, only members\* of the Temple who notify the Temple in writing that they will attend the Virtual Meeting or otherwise make a request in writing will receive the Meeting materials and be entitled to speak and vote on any matters coming before the meeting. **Please review carefully the information contained in Schedule A regarding access to and participation in the Virtual Meeting.**

If you are unable to attend the Meeting, you may nominate a Proxy to vote at the Meeting on your behalf by completing the form of Proxy attached to this Notice as Schedule C. You may nominate Dianne Ishida or another member of the Temple of your choice as your Proxy. To be valid, properly completed Proxies may be mailed or sent electronically to the Temple and must be received by the Temple on or before May 12, 2021.

\*A member of the Temple is (a) one who has been designated by the Temple as an honorary member, or (b) an individual whose written application for membership has been accepted and who has paid his or her membership fee for 2020.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

## **SCHEDULE A**

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ACCESS TO, ATTENDANCE AT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE VIRTUAL AGM OF TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH AT 1:00 PM ON SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

To ensure the health and safety of all, and to comply with provincial restrictions on social gathering, our AGM will be held virtually via a Zoom meeting. You will be able to participate in our AGM using your computer, smart phone or tablet (or by dialing in with a standard phone) and will be able to follow the discussion, ask questions and vote all from the comfort of your home.

It is important for members planning to attend the meeting to register for the meeting by notifying the Temple by email at [tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca) or by phone at (416) 534-4302 no later than April 30, 2021. If your notification is received by April 30, a package of meeting materials will be emailed/mailed to you. If the Temple does not receive timely notification of your intention to attend the meeting, unfortunately it will not be able to send you the meeting materials. The meeting link together with more detailed information about the virtual meeting procedures and protocols will be sent closer to the date of the AGM.

**SCHEDULE B****SPECIAL RESOLUTION****OF****TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH****AMENDING CERTAIN ARTICLES****OF****THE GENERAL BY-LAW OF TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH DATED January 22, 2017****Amendment No. 1: To amend Sections 4.1 to 4.3 of the by-laws to reduce the number of Directors from nine to six:**

The activities and affairs of the Temple will be managed and supervised by a Board of Directors, which subject to the passing of a special resolution, will be comprised of six Directors. Directors must be individuals, at least 18 years of age, not legally incapable, and not a bankrupt. A Director must be a Full Member or Honorary Member of the Temple or become a Full Member or Honorary Member within 10 days after being elected as a Director, failing which he or she will cease to be a Director.

While not mandatory, the Temple will endeavour to have each of the three principal organizations of the Temple, namely Sangha, Dana and Shin Fujinkai (collectively the "Organizations") represented on the Board of Directors.

^ Directors will be eligible for re-election upon the expiry of their term.

**Amendment No. 2: To amend Section 6.1 of the By-laws to give the Chair of a meeting of Directors a second or casting vote:**

- 6.1 Meetings of Directors may be held at any time and place to be determined by the Directors provided that 48 hours written notice of such meeting will be given by facsimile, email or other means to each Director. Notice by mail will be sent at least five days prior to the meeting. The Directors may appoint a day or days in any month or months for a regular meeting at a designated hour, and of such regular meeting no notice need be sent. A meeting of Directors may also be held without notice immediately following the annual meeting of members. No error or omission in giving notice of any meeting of the Directors or any adjourned meeting of the Directors will invalidate such meeting or make void any proceedings taken at such meeting and any Director may at any time waive notice of any such meeting and may ratify, approve and confirm any or all proceedings taken or had at such meeting. Each Director may exercise one vote at a Directors' meeting. In case of an equality of votes, the Chair of the meeting of Directors may call for a second vote or may cast a second or deciding vote in his or her sole discretion.



**Amendment No. 3: To amend Section 6.2 of the By-laws to set the quorum for a meeting of Directors at three Directors:**

6.2 The greater of two-fifths of the Directors or three Directors will constitute a quorum for meetings of Directors.

**Amendment No. 4: To create an Section 9.4 of the By-laws to permit virtual meetings of members:**

9.4 With the approval by resolution of the Board of Directors, a meeting of members may be held by telephonic or electronic means and a member who, through those means, votes at a meeting or establishes a communications link to the meeting is deemed to be present at the meeting.

**Amendment No. 5: To delete the provisions relating to proxies already covered in Section 13.1 of the By-laws:**

12.1 Each member in good standing and present at a meeting will have the right to exercise one vote. ^

**Amendment No. 6: To amend Section 14.4 of the By-laws to permit the President to designate a Chair of members' meetings:**

14.4 The President will be the Chair of the Board and the chief executive officer of the Temple. The President will have the general and active management of the business of the Temple. The President will see that all orders and resolutions of the Board and meetings of the members are carried into effect. The President will make a report of the activities and progress of the Temple at all meetings of members. The President will be an *ex officio* member of all committees. The President will chair all meetings of the Directors and he or she or such person as he or she may appoint will act as Chair at all meetings of the members. He or she will represent the Temple to the community at large. In the event that the President is absent or unable to carry out the duties of his or her office, including the chairing of Directors' meetings, or is unable or unwilling to chair any meeting of members and fails to appoint a person therefor, a Vice-President in the order of his or her appointment as First Vice-President or Second Vice-President and so on, will assume the duties as President but only until the President returns to resume his or her duties or a new President is appointed or elected.

**Amendment No. 7: To add a new Section 15.2 of the By-laws to provide for the appointment of a Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the Board in advance of an Annual General Meeting:**

15.2 The Board of Directors will appoint from time to time a Nominating Committee consisting of at least two individuals, one of whom will be the President and the other or each of the others of whom will be an individual who need not be a Director but who has sound knowledge of and experience with the Temple, the members and the Board. The mandate of the Nominating Committee will be to canvass the members and take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to nominate willing and qualified candidates for election as the President and the Directors of the Temple, as required, at an annual meeting or special meeting of members, as the case may be. Any member of the Nominating Committee will be eligible to be nominated for office. The election of the President and Director and the election of any other Directors of the Temple will be conducted by voting by the members on the nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee. No nominations from the floor will be allowed unless there are vacancies which cannot be filled by any nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee. In the event any vote is conducted by ballot, no write-in nominations will be allowed.

These amendments to the General By-law of Toronto Buddhist Church dated January 22, 2017 will become effective immediately after they are passed as a Special Resolution by the members.

PASSED by the Directors as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION on the 28th day of March, 2021.

CONFIRMED as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at a duly called meeting of the Members on the 16th day of May, 2021.

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President

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Secretary

**SCHEDULE C****TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****May 16, 2021, 1:00 PM****PROXY****To: The Board of Directors of Toronto Buddhist Church**

I, the undersigned, am a member of Toronto Buddhist Church. By means of this Proxy, I hereby appoint (check one of the two boxes below):

☐ **Dianne Ishida**

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (Print name of member you choose as Proxy),

as my nominee to attend at the Annual General Meeting of Toronto Buddhist Church to be held on May 16, 2021 with full power and authority to act and vote on my behalf on all matters coming before the Meeting to the same extent as I would be entitled to act and vote if I were personally present at such Meeting.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

## OUR FIRST AND ONLY LIVE SERVICE IN APRIL

The government finally opened up to allowing live church services and we were able to hold our April Shotsuki service before we were shut down AGAIN.

It was lovely to get back to a regular service even if it was a small group. Smiling faces and a nice Dharma talk by our young smiling Sensei. Let's hope that with people getting vaccinated we'll be able to open again, have a full hondo and stay open.



## Virtual Obon Odori 2021

Spring is here and it's been over a year since the first Covid-19 lockdown in Toronto. This is when we'd be starting Obon odori practices at the TBC but with the third wave picking up speed, indoor gatherings are still not a viable option. Instead, we will be hosting virtual practices in preparation for an Obon festival on Saturday July 10, 2021.

Practices are being held only on Friday nights starting on **April 23, 2021 at 8:00pm**. If you are interested in attending the virtual practices, please send an email request to [tbcminyo@gmail.com](mailto:tbcminyo@gmail.com) to be put on the invitation list. If you have provided your email in the past, you will be sent the invitation.

We hope that you will be able join us and to make Obon 2021 a success.





## CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

Take the “GRATITUDE SCAVENGER HUNT” Challenge.....

1. Find something that makes you happy.
2. Find something to give someone else to make them smile.
3. Find one thing that you love to smell.
4. Find one thing you enjoy looking at.
5. Find something that comforts you and makes you feel safe.
6. Find something you are thankful for in nature.
7. Find something that reminds you of the people you love.

Please join us at the next Virtual Kids Sangha Program:

Sunday May 23rd 2021

Service at 9:45 AM followed by Kids Sangha family activities

Zoom Link will be emailed out

Please email [kids.sanghatbc@gmail.com](mailto:kids.sanghatbc@gmail.com) to be added to the contact list if you're not already on.

With gratitude,

Yumi, Jessica, Abigail, Rachel, Koji, Denise, Cynthia and Naomi

***Join or Renew  
Online***

**MEMBERSHIP  
Join/Renew**



## **IT'S 2021, TIME TO RENEW OR APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE TEMPLE**

It is that time again to approach you and remind you to renew or apply for your membership for 2021. We are hoping to continue to have a strong membership. We know there are still some who have not applied for membership or have forgotten to submit the membership application with your membership fee. We hope that 2020 members will renew their memberships for 2021 and continue to support the Temple.

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.

### **Regular Membership**

Regular Membership is annual and expires on December 31. If you wish to be a Temple member for 2021 please complete the application form as early as possible at the start of the year. Once your signed application and membership fee (minimum of \$135.00) or your promise to pay the total fee by May 31 have been received, the Temple will send you your Membership Card.

### **Honorary Membership**

An Honorary Membership Card will be issued to any member 77 years of age or over who signs up for the year 2021. If already an Honorary Member, he or she must confirm annually the renewal of his or her Honorary Membership. Honorary Members do not need to pay any membership fees, although all donations are welcome. **A Membership Card will be issued once only.**







## TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

*A Jodo Shinshu Temple***2021 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Renewal ( ) New ( )</b>	<b>Mr. ( ) Mrs. ( ) Ms. ( )</b>
Last Name: _____		Birthdate: dd/mm/yy: _____
First Name: _____		Email: _____
Address: _____		Phone: _____
City: _____		Signature: _____
Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____		

I promise to pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ as my Membership Fee for 2021 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, 2021**. By signing this Membership Application I hereby adopt the vow below.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a Guiding Light mailed to me - English Only \_\_\_\_\_ English/Japanese \_\_\_\_\_

**I authorize Toronto Buddhist Church and Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada(JSBTC) to send future mailings and e-mails. I understand I am able to opt out at any time by notifying the Temple. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**VOW:****As a member of Toronto Buddhist Church, I:**

1. Recognize and accept that our Temple is based on the Jodo Shinshu Pure Land Teachings;
2. Vow to strive to live a life of gratitude and to do my best to care for the welfare of society; and
3. Vow to observe and uphold the Charter and By-laws of the Temple.

トロント仏教会の護持会員として、次の通り誓約いたします。

- 1、お寺を浄土真宗のみ教えに従う人々が集うところとします。
- 2、報恩感謝の生活を送り、自他ともに心豊かに生きることのできる社会の実現に貢献します。
- 3、会則を厳守します。

**Please note that this application is for membership from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The Individual Membership Fee for 2021 is a minimum of \$135. 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.**



## **“JODO SHINSHU GONSHIKI” – “JODO SHINSHU RITUALS”**

**REVEREND YOSHIMICHI OUCHI**

**THE HOW, WHY, WHEN & WHERE OF  
TRADITIONAL NAIJIN (ALTAR) ARRANGEMENT  
DEMYSTIFYING CHANTING SUTRAS AND GATHAS**

### **Part 2: TRADITIONAL NAIJIN (ALTAR) ARRANGEMENT**

**Sunday May 16, 2021**

**7pm ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT**



### **Part 3: DEMYSTIFYING CHANTING SUTRAS AND GATHAS**

**Sunday June 13, 2021**

**7pm ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT**

**Pre-registration is required.**

A graduate of Gonshiki Shidosho in Kyoto, Rev. Ouchi received his licence of Tokubetsu Homuin in 2016 and is Canada's only Ritual Specialist. Rev. Ouchi is currently head minister of the Toronto Buddhist Church.

### **Part 2—TRADITIONAL NAIJIN (ALTAR) ARRANGEMENT—Sunday May 16, 2021**

**7pm ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT**

Do you know how to properly set up your home altar (Obusudan)? Do you know what types of offerings you should prepare? Rev. Ouchi will demonstrate how to set up the Obutsudan and will also explain what the Temple's offerings mean in the teaching of the Buddha.

Q & A will follow the lecture.

Advance registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81844065993?pwd=TUJPV1gzWDFGa3BnUDlISm14VW5UQT09>



### **Part 3—DEMYSTIFYING CHANTING SUTRAS AND GATHAS—Sunday June 13, 2021**

**7pm ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT**

Chanting a sutra or verses during the Buddhist service is the most important ritual in the service. You will learn why it is important to chant. Rev Ouchi will explain the meaning of chanting and how to chant.

Q & A will follow the lecture.

Advance registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84186539028?pwd=L0cxL3U1c1o2Wkw3WGhLQng0aFJzd09>

**Presented by Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada's Living Dharma Centre and the JSBTC Women's Federation.**

## CALGARY SANGHA ENGAGEMENT

### Quieting the Inner Critic

**Thursday, May 11th, 2021 at 9pm EDT, 8pm CDT, 7 pm MDT, 6pm PDT**

Learn to quiet the voices of self-doubt so you can bring more joy and satisfaction to your life. Presented by Centrivity.

We all struggle with self-doubt from time to time. We hold ourselves back from living more freely and experiencing life to its fullest because we think,

"What if I fail?"

"What will others think?"

"What if I'm not good enough?"

"It would be selfish if I did"



This 90 minute introductory session will open your awareness to the inner thoughts and dialogue that are limiting your ability to live life to its fullest.

You will learn:

- to identify the Inner Critic

- the 4 strategies to quiet the Inner Critic

- how to listen to and trust the voice of your Inner Guide so you can make decisions with clarity and confidence

Register in advance: <http://bit.ly/InnerCritic-13May21>

### Introduction to Naikan Part 1 & 2

**Wednesdays, June 9th and June 30th, 2021 at 9pm EDT, 8pm CDT, 7 pm MDT, 6pm PDT**



The Calgary Buddhist Temple will be holding this Introduction to Naikan as a means for self-reflection led by our Rev. Robert Gubenco. Day 2 is a follow-up session.

The Japanese word nai means inner or inside and the word kan means looking. When these two words are combined Naikan translates as inside looking which refers to looking within as a means of self-reflection. Naikan uses three simple yet structured questions for the purpose of self-reflection. The questions are designed to remove one's personal feelings and to bring one's attention or awareness to the reality of the give and take connection that exists in relationships. If you have an interest in understanding oneself and relationships, please join us!

Register in advance by going to: <http://bit.ly/Naikan-09Jun21>