



# *Guiding Light*

February, 2023



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

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

		<b>Kids' Sangha</b> <b>10:15 am</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
		<b>In Person</b>	<b>In Person &amp; Zoom</b>	<b>In Person &amp; Zoom</b>
February 12, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE	NONE	English	NONE
February 19, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE— NIRVANA DAY FOLLOWED BY SANGHA DAY LUNCHEON	NONE	English	NONE
February 26, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE—Rev. Hashimoto	English	English	NONE
March 5, 2023	MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE	English	English	Japanese
March 12, 2023	Regular Service	NONE	English	NONE
March 19, 2023	Regular Service-Ohigan & Keirokai	English	English	NONE

**NIRVANA DAY (NEHAN E)****FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

Nehan e is a commemoration of the death at 80 years ,of Shakyamuni Buddha. Although he had already attained Nirvana under the bodhi tree , his death was the final extinction of earthly restraints to achieve Parinirvana.

**SPRING OHIGAN AND KEIROKAI****MARCH 19, 2023**

On Sunday March 19th, we will be celebrating Spring Higan or translated ‘the other shore’. Not only is it the Equinox where day and night are equal, Ohigan is a reminder to walk the middle path to the ‘other shore’ or enlightenment..

This also a time when we show our gratitude to our Temple elders, specifically those in 2023 who have reached kiju (77 years), beiju (88 years), hakuju (99 years) and older. During the service all honorees will be honoured, both those in person and on line. (more details in this issue of the Guiding Light for TBC’s Keirokai celebration).



## HO ONKO

The Toronto Buddhist Church held the Ho'onko service in January. This annual memorial service for our founder is said to be the most important service for Jodo Shinshu Buddhist members. Ho'onko literally means "Dharma gathering for acknowledging obligation" to honor our founding master.

Rennyō Shōnin, the 8th head minister of our tradition, urged everyone to reflect deeply on Shinran Shōnin's virtues and hard work at the Ho'onko service to express our gratitude to him.

Prior to the Nembutsu teaching, it was understood that people must perform good practice with a sincere mind so that their effort or karma would lead them towards birth in the Pure Land.

Shinran Shōnin was originally a monk of the Tendai Buddhist sect on Mt. Hiei. He studied a lot from various Buddhist books and practised very strict Buddhist training and meditations. However, no matter how much he studied and practised, he was unable to find the path of enlightenment that would bring him liberation. He left Mt. Hiei to seek the Buddha's path of further enlightenment when he was 29 years old.

When he left Mt. Hiei, he met Honen Shōnin, who would become one of the seven great Pure Land masters. Through his teachings, Shinran Shōnin encountered the other-centred-power of Amida Buddha. Shinran Shōnin was awakened to listening to the Nembutsu path as the most precious Buddhist path in the Pure Land Buddhism.

Honen and he spread the Nembutsu teaching in Kyoto. However, when Shinran Shōnin was 35 years old, he was exiled due to religious oppression. He had to move to Echigo, which is around Niigata Prefecture, in northern Japan today. Winters in Echigo are harsh and snowfall can exceed snowfall in Canada. Even under such severe conditions, he didn't limit the Nembutsu teaching to his own personal use, but instead continued to spread Amida's great wisdom and compassion to many people in Echigo.

Because of this, the teachings of the Buddha, which

were spread to the nobility, farmers and fishers who were suffering from the hardships of life at that time. Many people encountered the activities of Amida Buddha and they started to follow the Nembutsu path with Shinran Shōnin.



I would like to share an old story about Shinran Shōnin, after lifting of his exile, returning to Kyoto city in Western Japan, from the Kanto area in the East.

In the later years of Shinran's life, there was a dedicated Nembutsu follower named Kakushinbo in the Kanto area. At that time, very few people could write and read a language. Therefore, the only way to learn about the Nembutsu teaching was to actually listen to the teachings from Shinran.

Kakushinbo, who had listened to Shinran's words, wished to meet and recite the Nembutsu with Shinran again. And he decided to travel from Kanto to Kyoto, with other Nembutsu followers. However, during the trip, he became ill. His friends urged with him to return home. But he was determined to push himself to go to Kyoto city to see Shinran. A few weeks later, he finally arrived in Kyoto and met Shinran Shōnin.

When Shinran saw that Kakushinbo was exhausted mentally and physically from his long journey, he asked him why he didn't return to Kanto. Kakushinbo said, "If I am cured of my illness, I will be cured even if I return home, but if I die of illness, I will die even if I return home. I came to Kyoto because I wanted to recite Nembutsu and die by your side."

A few days later, Kakushinbo's illness became serious, and his last day finally came. Shinran Shōnin heard about his critical condition and went to see him. When Shinran visited his room, Kakushinbo was not able to breathe well. But he recited "Namandabutsu, Namandabutsu ..."

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**HO ONKO, continued**

Seeing this, Shinran Shonin asked, "What kind of thoughts do you have in mind when you are reciting the Nembutsu in the last moments of your life?" Kakushinbo said "I was afraid of death before encountering Amida Buddha, because I believed that I couldn't perform any good practice or karma, and I thought I wouldn't be able to go the Pure Land. However, after I met you, I understood that Amida Buddha accompanies me all the time and accepts me into the Pure Land just as I am. I feel great joy in encountering the Nembutsu path in my life. Therefore, I cannot stop reciting the Nembutsu in gratitude to Amida's benevolence."

When Shinran Shonin heard this, he was moved that he cried, and he recited Nembutsu with him. I believe that Shinran Shonin was a man who cared more about the hearts of ordinary people than anyone else and confirmed the path of liberation for them. He didn't hold a high position or act as a religious nobleman when he was alive. Rather, he was exiled and moved from Echigo to Kanto and then to Kyoto. It can be said that he lived as a nameless Buddhist Nembutsu follower.

I think Shinran Shonin did Gassho and recited the

Nembutsu with other members, not as the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, but as one of the Nembutsu followers. For this reason, it can be said that he confirmed the Buddhist path for the common people throughout his entire life.

Most of us are not born famous or become elite people who will be featured in the newspapers. However, even if your life is not newsworthy, it is an invaluable life that will never be repeated.

This is why we hope to die with Gassho, expressing that even though we have experienced many hardships and sadnesses, this life has been a life of gratitude.

I believe that we would like to close our lives by saying that we have heard what we needed to hear, and that we have been allowed to encounter what we needed to encounter. That is the Nembutsu. We usually do Gassho to Amida Buddha, but during the Ho'onko service we placed our palms together with Amida Buddha to Shinran Shonin to show our respect and gratitude to him, because he let us encounter Amida Buddha's benevolence.

In Gassho

Rev. Yoshimich OUCHI

**A Meeting at Hongwan-ji**

**For all people - men and women, of high station and low-**

**Saying the Name of Amida is such that whether one is walking, standing, sitting, or reclining is of no concern**

**And time, place, and condition are not restricted.**

This is a Passage from Shinran Shonin's *Hymns of the Pure Land Masters*, the section on the teachings of Genshin Kasho, one of the Seven Masters of the Shin Buddhist teachings. This passage emphasizes the nembutsu as something that can be said or thought of by anyone at any time. That it is the practice that was created out of the great

compassion of Amida Buddha, so that everyone can access the Buddha Dharma, no matter their life conditions.

2023 is a notable year in the history of Shin Buddhism. This year, we mark the 850th anniversary of the birth of Shinran Shonin and the 800th year of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teachings. It is an occasion for which many Shin Buddhists from around the world are visiting Nishi Hongwan-ji, our head temple in Kyoto, Japan, where many events and special services are being observed.

I am privileged to have had many opportunities to visit Nishi Hongwan-ji. I know I am biased, but it is truly a beautiful temple complex! Indeed, the two main halls - the *Goei-dō* ("Founder's Hall") and the *Amida-dō* ("Hall of Amida Buddha") - are both Japanese National Treasures,

**A Meeting at Hongwan-ji, continued**

and the entire temple complex is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. I think it is a very special place, not just because it is a bunch of beautiful, impressive buildings, but because it is a place where those who live the path of the nembutsu gather and have very meaningful experiences.

The very first time I went to Hongwanji was as a lay chaperone for a group of Canadian temple youth who were participating in the Young Buddhist International Cultural Exchange tour. During our time there, a minister from the United States and I were talking to each other in a mix of English and Japanese, as we were leaving the morning service. Suddenly, the elderly woman who was walking out of the hall in front of us turned around quickly and asked in Japanese, “Why are you speaking English?” When I explained I was from Vancouver, she shared that she was born there but moved back to Japan before the Second World War. She said she’d completely forgotten English but she had some very vivid memories - one was that one day she got to stand on the street to watch King George VI and Queen consort Elizabeth drive by as part of the Vancouver leg of their royal tour. She remembered wearing a beautiful white dress and waving flags with her neighbours. That was 1939! The other thing she remembered was going to the temple, and climbing some stairs while holding her mother’s hand. She expressed her pleasure that there were still young people in Vancouver who were going to temple and saying the nembutsu. She hoped we enjoyed our time at Hongwanji and she briskly turned around and went on her way. The whole encounter lasted only a few minutes.

I am still in awe of all the things that had to come together for me to have had this encounter. It was the first time the nembutsu felt really big to me. The

greatness of it - that it went beyond the sangha that I knew, and beyond the time that I knew it, which at that time was only the Vancouver Buddhist Temple that I had been going to for only a few years. I was struck by the strange “mirroring” of our lives. She was born in Vancouver but wound up in Japan. I was born in Japan but wound up in Vancouver. We both encountered the nembutsu in Vancouver, she as a small child, and I, as a grown woman. This woman who at the time must have been about 80, had lived through so much and presumably, the nembutsu was with her in all stages of her life, even through war. My relationship with the nembutsu was just budding. I have no idea what it was in her life that made the nembutsu meaningful for her; I would not be surprised if it was totally different from how it is meaningful for me. But there we were, our paths crossing, and our voices mingling together, saying the nembutsu just moments ago at the morning service.

This encounter helped me start to realize how the greatness of the nembutsu means it can be encountered in and be meaningful in any part of the spectrum of human experiences. Feeling the bigness and greatness of the nembutsu made me feel kind of small. I didn’t feel small in size or insignificance, but rather, humbled. It felt like the nembutsu was something that swept me up into it. I truly felt moved by the nembutsu.

The recitation of the nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, is the call to the immeasurable wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha. Sometimes it can be notable and feel very special, like my encounter with the woman at Hongwanji. However, the compassionate simplicity of the nembutsu means being in the presence of the name of Amida Buddha can happen anywhere, to anyone.

Namo Amida Butsu

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

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 **March**. All are invited and welcome to attend.

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

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

TAGUCHI, Shigeru  
 TAHARA, Sadaichi  
 TAJIRI, Torao  
 TAJIRI, Misuye  
 TAJIRI, Ronald Akira  
 TAKATA, Misuyo  
 TAKATA, Toyoaki  
 TAKAYAMA, Kimiye  
 TANABE, George

TANABE, Iya  
 TANAKA, Eizo  
 TANAKA, Fujimatsu  
 TANAKA, Sataro  
 TANAKA, Takayuki  
 TANAKA, Chisato  
 TANAKA, Herbert Haruyoshi  
 TANAKA, Roger Hideo  
 TANIISHI, Rosemary Shigeko  
 TANIISHI, Shizue  
 TANINO, Masuye

TANINO, Ruth  
 TEHARA, Tetsuko  
 TETAKA, Hatsumi  
 TSUBOUCHI, Fumiko  
 TSUJI, Kimi  
 TSUJI, Tami  
 TSUJI, Nancy Yaeko  
 TSUJIMOTO, Otozo  
 UYEDA, Mike Masahiro  
 UYESUGI, Juichi  
 UYESUGI, Tomoichi  
 WAKABAYASHI, Kino

WALL, Donald George  
 WARNER, Mitsuye Mitzi  
 WATADA, Matsujiro  
 WATANABE, John Isao  
 WATANABE, Larry Masato  
 YAKO, Kiri  
 YAMAMOTO, Haruko  
 YAMASHITA, Jihei  
 YAMASHITA, Masayuki  
 YOKOTA, Don Yasuo  
 YOSHIDA, Takeo  
 YOSHIKAWA, Yukiyoishi

**MIDNIGHT BELL RINGING**



**DECEMBER 31, 2022**



### **OBITUARIES**

The Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the families, relatives and friends of the following individual 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. Maureen (Ohara) Tschirhart

December 12, 2022

Mrs. Sanaye Inouye

December 14, 2022

Mr. Tsuneo Matsumoto

January 1, 2023



### **FOREIGN COINS and USED STAMP COLLECTION**

#### **Attention Temple Members**

Now that the Temple is open again, the JSBTC Women's Federation would appreciate members collecting and donating any used stamps and foreign coins they may receive or have.

Please bring in any foreign coins/bills from your travels or stamps from correspondence. The Women's Federation collects for Air Canada charity. Any collection of stamps and coins/bills will be sent to Save The Children. The stamps will be taken to the Women's Federation Annual Meeting at the end of April, 2023 (or when in person meetings begin again). If you have any stamps or coins/bills, a box is provided in the lobby of the Temple. Thank you for your help and support.



JSBTC Women's Federation

### **MONTHLY SHOTSUKI SERVICE**

#### **JANUARY 8TH**





## **CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS**



### **EBRUARY'S THEME: Peace – Nirvana Day** **Inner and outer peace**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – How do we create peace in our communities”  
Being mindful , inclusive and respectful



### **MARCH'S THEME: Balance – Spring Equinox – Ohigan**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>** - Kids Service from 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.  
Classroom activity – TBA

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Kids Service from 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.  
Classroom activity – TBA

Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you at Kids Sangha.

With gratitude,  
The Kids Sangha team

## Please Join us for a Complimentary Lunch on Sangha Day - February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

It is difficult to believe that we have not had the opportunity to celebrate Sangha Day / Nirvana Day by hosting our annual complimentary lunch for three long years. It is my privilege and honour to declare:

### Free Lunch!

Please join us for a complimentary lunch following Nirvana Day service; both a regular menu and vegan menu will be available.

For over 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 for our Temple.

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.

In Gassho,

Cary Kataoka (Cary@Kataoka.ca)  
President TBC Sangha

## TEMPLE FOOD DRIVE

We are so lucky to have food on our tables every day. Please help the Temple show our generosity and compassion for the less fortunate in our city. Bring non perishable items to the luncheon or any time this month to help put food on the tables of some of these families.

Thank you for your support.

- ♦ please make sure your donations are fresh
- ♦ Canned foods, pastas, baby foods, peanut butter, fish, etc.



**KEIROKAI 2023**

We are looking forward to celebrating all the honourees in 2023 both in person and on line. For all honorees and those attending in person 77 and over, there will be a complimentary bento and we will be holding a short entertainment program after service.

We are recognizing members who have reached or who will reach the age of 77(Kiju), 88 (Beiju), 99 (Hakuju) years, and 100 (Kakaju) years and older in 2023. We will be featuring our honourees during our Ohigan Service on **March 19, 2023 at 11:00 am** in person and via Zoom. Please fill out the form below or send the information via email to [tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca) with the subject line "Keirokai" by March 5, 2022. Please include a picture of yourself that we can show during the service.

You can send your application via email to [darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca](mailto:darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca), mail or call into the office at 416-534-4302.

If your family wishes to purchase bentos please fill out the on line order form on the next page. Extra bentos are \$15.00 each.

**Remember to fill out your honorary membership form and send it to the office by March 5, 2023!**

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**2023 KEIROKAI HONOREE**

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

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Last Name in Kanji (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Will you be attending our Zoom Service on March 19th? Yes No

Would you attend the service in-person if that is an option? Yes No

Did you include a picture of yourself (honouree). Yes No

Email to send Zoom invitation \_\_\_\_\_

# Keirokai 2023

After the Keirokai service on Sunday, March 19, 2023, we will be celebrating our "Young at Heart" by having a bento luncheon. Bentos will be available **for sale for \$15** to take-out or eat-in.

If you are a TBC member 77 years or older, you will receive a complimentary bento. *(Please make sure you have a current signed membership form on file with the office before March 5th.)*

Extra bento lunches **must be ordered by the**

**deadline of March 11, 2023. Orders will not be accepted after this date! If you do not pre-order, there will be no extra bentos available.**

Orders can be placed on-line at <https://forms.gle/zkRXHjRkUWu5UqeK8>

or by calling the TBC office at (416) 534-4302.

See you there!



## KEIROKAI



# 敬老会

***Celebrating our young at heart!***

Sunday, March 19, 2023  
we will be honouring Temple members  
who are celebrating their  
77th (kiju), 88th (beiju) or 99th (hakuju) year

Honorary TBC members (77+) will receive a complimentary bento.  
*(Please make sure you have  
a current signed membership form on file with the office.)*

Everyone else will be able to order a bento for \$15.

**The deadline for ordering ALL bentos is March 11, 2023.  
No bento order can be taken after the deadline.  
Please see the Guiding Light for details.**

An entertainment programme will follow the luncheon



# TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

**GUEST MINISTER  
REV. KENSHO HASHIMOTO**



**SATURDAY, FEB 25 @ 10:00 AM**

## "ASK THE MINISTER" WORKSHOP

Please send your questions to Joanne Sensei  
yuasa.makoto@gmail.com  
and Hashimoto Sensei may answer them at the  
workshop.

Please register on the TBC website.

**PLEASE REGISTER ON THE TBC  
WEBSITE FOR THE SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 25TH 'ASK THE  
MINISTER' WORKSHOP**

Light refreshments will be served after  
the workshop. Stay and speak to Rev.  
Hashimoto or catch up with friends.

**Sunday, Feb 26**

**10:15am**

**Kids Sangha Service**

**11:00 AM**

**English Service**



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Toronto Buddhist Church  
Online Speakers Series

## "BUDDHISM AND..."



## Medical Assistance In Dying



**Rev. Dr. Roland Ikuta**

BSc, MD, FRCP(C) ret.  
Former MAID Assessor  
Kyoshi minister,  
Buddhist Temples of  
Southern Alberta (JSBTC)

**3 Apr., 2023 (Pt.1)  
and**

**1 May, 2023 (Pt.2)**

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM EST

Registration is FREE  
via this QR code or clicking  
on the underlined

HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND  
THE TWO 'MAID' WORKSHOPS.

PLEASE REGISTER WITH THE QR  
CODE. **DO NOT REGISTER ON THE  
TBC WEBSITE.**

Toronto Buddhist Church  
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Click to  
Register





# HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOUR 2023 TBC MEMBERSHIP?

SOME MAY SAY, "WELL, WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?"

One could remind us of the following entitlements. You can:

1. Attend special Temple activities free of charge or at rates not available to non-members;
2. Take advantage of free notarial services offered by one of our Temple members; and,
3. Have a real say on important matters affecting the direction of the Temple, including the election of the President and the Directors, and the approval of budgets.

## **TBC WILL BE THERE FOR YOU BUT NEEDS ASSISTANCE**

Supporting the Temple provides you with something that you can't tangibly quantify and put a price on. It's actually something you do for yourself and for our community. That is, your support is your affirmation of the Jodo Shinshu way of life and to support and spread the Dharma. This is what it's really about.

Please make that commitment for 2023. The Temple needs your support to continue to thrive, and it will with your support.

## **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** (valid Jan 1 - Dec 31)

- To be recognized as a Temple member, please complete the application form as early as possible at the start of each year
- Membership card will be sent once your signed application and membership fee or your promise to pay the total fee have been received
- Please note membership this year is a minimum of \$145.00

## **HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP**

- Issued to all members 77 years of age & over
- Honourary Members do not need to pay any annual membership fees, although all donations are always welcome
- If already an Honourary member simply fill out a membership form each year to confirm your wish to continue Honourary Membership

Can't make it to the Temple? You can submit your application and membership fee online at **tbc.on.ca**



## TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

*A Jodo Shinshu Temple***2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION****In the case of couples, please complete information for each applicant individually.**

Applicant    Renewal (    )    New (    )    Mr. (    ) Mrs. (    ) Ms. (    )

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 2023 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, 2023. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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, 2023 to December 31, 2023. The Individual Membership Fee for 2023 is a minimum of \$145. 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 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.

**A SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL APPLYING. PLEASE SUBMIT A SEPARATE PAYMENT FOR 'MEMBERSHIP ONLY'. PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE WITH DONATIONS.**

### JSBTC WOMEN'S FEDERATION CARD FUNDRAISER

The JSBTC Women's Federation has produced blank cards for sale with images chosen from the many temple members across Canada who submitted designs to feature on the cards. The final artwork chosen for the cards are: Cherry Blossoms by Laurie Takeda of Calgary Buddhist Temple, Castle Two Trees by Y. Izumi of Buddhist Temples of Southern Calgary and Calla Lilies by Ted Ikuna of Steveston Buddhist Temple. The cards can be used for any occasion.

This Fund Raising Project will help offset the costs of supporting travel for 4 representatives to attend the 2023 World Women's Conference in Kyoto.

A pack of 6 blank cards (4.25" x 5.5") are \$10 a pack. Each pack has 2 cards of each of the three designs.

Please inquire in the office to purchase the cards.



### JANUARY THANK YOU'S

A great big Thank You to:

- ◆ Emily Onizuka for arranging the naijin (altar) flowers
- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings)
- ◆ Pauline Knude for o-buppan (rice) offerings
- ◆ To all the volunteers who are always at the Temple to help out every day, week or month.

We are always in need of volunteers. Please let the office know if you are available to volunteer or fill out the volunteer application on our website, [tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca). Let's have some new people to thank.

### **How to donate to Toronto Buddhist Church**

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](mailto:darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca)
- **online donation via Paypal:** follow directions on [www.TBC.ca](http://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 information can also be found on the TBC website: [www.tbc.on.ca](http://www.tbc.on.ca).

Your donations are always greatly appreciated.

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