



# *Guiding Light*

May, 2023



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

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

		<b>Kids' Sangha</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
		<b>10:15 am</b>		
		<b>In Person</b>	<b>In Person &amp; Zoom</b>	<b>In Person &amp; Zoom</b>
<b>MAY 7, 2023</b>	<b>MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE (SHOTSUKI)</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>JAPANESE</b>
<b>MAY 14, 2023</b>	<b>REGULAR SERVICE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>MAY 21, 2023</b>	<b>REGULAR SERVICE (GOTANYE)</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>MAY 28, 2023</b>	<b>REGULAR SERVICE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>JUNE 4, 2023</b>	<b>MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE (SHOTSUKI)</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>JAPANESE</b>
<b>JUNE 11, 2023</b>	<b>REGULAR SERVICE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>NONE</b>

On this day 850 years ago, Shinran Shonin was born in Hino a suburb of present day Kyoto. Referred to as Gotanye ( translated as coming down birthday greeting ) is sometimes called Fujimatsuri or Wisteria Festival. The double wisteria is the emblem of Nishi Hongwanji, (translation temple of the primal vow, left ) the mother temple in Kyoto.

During the turbulent times of the 13th century Shinran spread a revolutionary teaching of Amida Buddha's infinite light and compassion to all regardless of education, social status and economic circumstances. Thus, Shin ( New ) Buddhism was formed. He taught that the path in the truth of the dharma and freedom from life's suffering is accessible to all.

**NOTE TO ALL GUIDING LIGHT SUBSCRIBERS**

**The June issue of the Guiding Light will be late due to vacations. They will not be available June 4 for pick up at the Shotsuki service.**

### SOUND BUDDHA



When I provide my Dharma message, I often mention that our loved ones who have gone to the Pure Land, have become a Buddha. They are always with us whenever and wherever, through the Nembutsu.

When I talked about this to a family, they told me that they thought their parents who had passed away come back to this world from the Pure Land only during Obon time. They believed this, because it's a very popular custom to visit the cemetery and to hold a Buddhist service in front of their loved ones' graveside during Obon time.

Obon is a day to remember those who have gone before us with gratitude for allowing us to exist and to encounter Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion. Therefore, we show our respect to them through Gassho at the cemeteries. However, Shin Buddhism believes our deceased loved ones come back from the Pure Land as a Buddha anytime. Or I could say, they are always with us as Nembutsu.

When I was working as a minister in Osaka, I met a woman who didn't follow Buddhism or any spiritual ideas. When I visited her parents' house to do a Buddhist memorial service, she just continued with her housework. Only her parents attended the service. In fact, one day she excused herself saying she needed to do the dishes, but when I went to the washroom, I saw her lying on the couch watching TV. I came to accept that she was just not interested in Buddhism. But a couple of months later, she attended our Buddhist service. After the service she asked me "What is Buddha?" I answered "Buddha has great Compassion and Wisdom." "What is great Compassion and Wisdom?" I said "When you feel sad or lonely, your friends or family may give you kind words and a gentle smile. But Buddha's compassion is when you feel suffering Buddha also suffers with you. And Buddha's Wisdom lets us know the truths of our life." "What are the truths of our life?" With that question, I recommended she visit the temple, because I had to visit other houses that day.

A couple of days later, she visited the temple. She told me why she had suddenly become interested in Buddhism. Actually, she had lost her best friend before my last visit to her parents' house. She was wondering where her best friend has gone. I understood her questions, because if we could see the Pure Land or Amida Buddha's existence, we would easily believe and understand what Buddha and the Pure Land are. However, the Pure Land and Amida Buddha are invisible things.

Please think about it. If we cannot see something, can we say it doesn't exist? I don't think so... We know there are so many stars in the sky at noon even though we cannot see them. Even though we cannot see them in the day, we don't think they have gone away. We know there is wind outside even though we cannot see it. When a tree moves, we know there is wind outside. We cannot see spring, because spring doesn't have a form. But when we hear birds' chirpings or flowers starting to bloom when

warm sunshine illuminates us, we can feel and know spring has come.

Even though I cannot see the sound of Nembutsu, we can feel Amida Buddha's compassion. The Nembutsu is Amida's activities that allow us to know its wisdom and compassion. Humans have five senses. **Eyesight. Smell. Touch. Taste. And Hearing.** One of my senseis told me that Amida is the sound Buddha, because we encounter Amida through sound and listening.

Let's say, if Amida Buddha were the **scent** Buddha, we would have to smell something to feel Buddha's compassion, but we would not say "Namo Amida Butsu" because Amida is the scent Buddha. Or let's suppose, Amida Buddha became the **touch** Buddha, we would have to wash our hands to touch Buddha statue to feel compassion. If Amida Buddha became the **taste** Buddha, we would have to lick or kiss the Amida Buddha's statue to feel compassion. However, when we feel Amida Buddha's compassion today, we say "Namo Amida Butsu" because Amida is the sound Buddha.

When I heard this teaching, I asked my sensei "But what about people who cannot hear well? They cannot say or hear the Nembutsu easily." He didn't answer the question but he asked me "Before you eat food what do you do usually?" I said, "I do Gassho and say Namo Amida Butsu". Then he asked me "Do you always really appreciate Amida Buddha all the time?" I didn't say "Yes" with confidence, because when I was starving, I just said "Namo Amida Butsu" very quickly so that I could start eating sooner. There was no feeling or respectful mind in that Nembutsu. I just said it – it was not from my heart.

If people feel Amida Buddha's compassion, they say Nembutsu from their hearts not their mouths. Today we can hear many people's voices say "Namo Amida Butsu" but how many people say it from their heart. There is no distinction between people who are deaf or not. We are equal in Amida Buddha's compassion. When I was a student, I lost my grandmother. She had a stroke and she lost her ability to speak. When the time of death came close for her, my family visited her room, but I couldn't find any words to say to her at that time. Then I heard my grandfather's voice. He said "Nanmandabutsu." My father and my old brother also said Nembutsu. When I heard this, I noticed I didn't have to find any words to her, because she was already in Amida Buddha's compassion. The compassion reached not only her but also my whole family in that difficult time. I saw her mouth move 3 times. While I didn't hear "Namo Amida Butsu" from her mouth, I could hear it from her heart.

I explained all of this experience to the women who met in Osaka, and by the time I finished, it was already dark outside. There were so many stars in the sky when we looked up. She said "We cannot see stars in the day, even though they are there. We can see beautiful stars at night because it is so dark." She also said "If my best friend had not passed away before me, I would never have cared about the meaning of my life or after my life. Now I want to appreciate my best friend for giving me this opportunity."

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**SOUND BUDDHA, continued**

Since that day, she has decided to attend the Buddhist service with her parents. I asked her “When do you think of your best friend?” She said she remembered her best friend when she listened to her best friend’s favorite song, and when she walked along the riverside which was her friend’s favorite place. And when she places her hands together, she always recalls treasured memories of her.

Some of you might have a similar experience as hers. When you think of the memories of your loved ones, your hands come together in Gassho in appreciation of the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha. And as you may know, when you think of their smile or warm heart, you can feel your loved one’s compassion, because they are always part of your life as a Buddha.

In Gassho

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi

**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, may we ask that you please notify the Temple office to ensure that our records are up to date. Thank You*

*In Gassho*

*Toronto Buddhist Church*

*Mrs. Sachiko Joyce Matsumoto*

*88 yrs*

*March 24, 2023*

*Mr. Isamu Mukai*

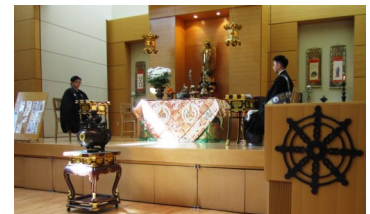
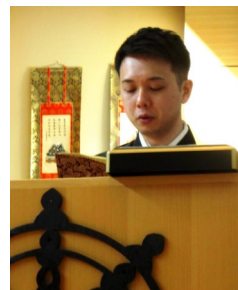
*91 yrs*

*April 1, 2023*

*Mr. Hiromu Robert Motomura*

*84 yrs*

*April 2, 2023*

**APRIL SHOTSUKI & BUYO FOODFEST APRIL 2, 2023**

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

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

<b>AIHOSHI</b> , Hisaji John	<b>KAWAGUCHI</b> , Sayako Sherry	<b>NAGAMATSU</b> , Katsue	<b>TABUCHI</b> , Aya
<b>AKADA</b> , Sadajiro	<b>KAWAGUCHI</b> , Tsugino	<b>NAGATA</b> , Kaneo	<b>TAKAHASHI</b> , George Genshichi
<b>AKIYAMA</b> , Denis Van	<b>KAWAGUCHI</b> , Shizaburo	<b>NAKAMURA</b> , Toichi	<b>TAKAOKA</b> , Joe Masao
<b>AKIYAMA</b> , Namiko	<b>KAWAHARA</b> , Noboru	<b>NAKAMURA</b> , Genmatsu	<b>TAKASAKI</b> , Miyuki
<b>AMANO</b> , Kikuye Kay	<b>KAWAI</b> , Sachiko	<b>NAKATA</b> , Takejiro	<b>TAKENAKA</b> , Nancy Ayako
<b>AOKI</b> , Toichiro	<b>KAWASAKI</b> , Yoso	<b>NARUSE</b> , Tokiko	<b>TAKENAKA</b> , Niichi
<b>BANDO</b> , Haruko	<b>KIKUTA</b> , Mitsuye	<b>NEKODA</b> , Nick Shunso	<b>TAKENAKA</b> , Haru
<b>EBATA</b> , Izo	<b>KISHIMOTO</b> , Lidia	<b>NISHIDA</b> , Harry Eiji	<b>TAKEUCHI</b> , Yuriko
<b>EBATA</b> , Yoshiye	<b>KITAGAWA</b> , Yae	<b>NISHIHAMA</b> , Yaeko	<b>TAMAKI</b> , Albert Wataru
<b>FUDEMOTO</b> , Toshie	<b>KITAMURA</b> , George Ayao	<b>NISHIHATA</b> , Jesse Hideo	<b>TANAKA</b> , Nami Dorothy
<b>FUJII</b> , Toji	<b>KITAZAKI</b> , Chiyo	<b>NISHIJIMA</b> , Aya Dorothy	<b>TANAKA</b> , Jitaro Charlie
<b>FUJIMOTO</b> , Gloria Hamako	<b>KITAMURA</b> , Misako	<b>NISHIKAWA</b> , Seitaro	<b>TANAKA</b> , Kitty Kinue
<b>FUKAKUSA</b> , Lynn Joseph Joe	<b>KIYNOGANA</b> , Shokichi	<b>NISHIMURA</b> , Yaeko Denise	<b>TANAKA</b> , Pauline Toyoko
<b>FURUYA</b> , Tomegoro	<b>KOBAYASHI</b> , Betty Kumiko	<b>NISHIMURA</b> , Sannosuke	<b>TANAKA</b> , Shozaburo
<b>HAMADE</b> , Hisae	<b>KOJIMA</b> , Fumio	<b>NOSE</b> , Sato	<b>TANAKA</b> , Tatsuya
<b>HAMASAKI</b> , Sengame	<b>KONO</b> , Hayato	<b>NOZUYE</b> , Hideharu	<b>TANAKA</b> , Tsuruye
<b>HANABUSA</b> , Hanako	<b>KOYAMA</b> , Kiri	<b>NOZUYE</b> , Noboru	<b>TATEISHI</b> , Seizo
<b>HASHIZUME</b> , Masujiro	<b>KOZAI</b> , Kiyoshi John	<b>OHARA</b> , Jack Masaru	<b>TEHARA</b> , Jack Gentaro
<b>HAYASHI</b> , Genji	<b>KUMAGAI</b> , Hideko Helen	<b>OHASHI</b> , Fusae	<b>TERAMURA</b> , Masa
<b>HIZAKA</b> , Fujie	<b>KUMAGAI</b> , Shizu	<b>OHASHI</b> , Mitsuru	<b>TOHANA</b> , Toshiko
<b>IBUKI</b> , Sumiko	<b>KURAHASHI</b> , Kenetaro	<b>OHASHI</b> , Sumi	<b>TSUJI</b> , Kitaro
<b>IDENOUE</b> , Kimiko	<b>KUWAHARA</b> , Tomeko Tomi	<b>OIKAWA</b> , Yoemon	<b>TSUJI</b> , Mabel Fusaye
<b>IIDA</b> , Yoneichi	<b>MAEDA</b> , Kimie	<b>OKAZAKI</b> , Masatoshi	<b>UEDA</b> , George Takeshi
<b>INAMOTO</b> , Toshiko	<b>MAKIMOTO</b> , Takaharu	<b>OMOTO</b> , Fumi	<b>UJIHARA</b> , Miko Mike
<b>INAMOTO</b> , James Tsugio	<b>MARUBASHI</b> , Hanshichi	<b>ONISHI</b> , Otokichi	<b>UYEDA</b> , Kitaro Kiyo
<b>INAMOTO</b> , Kazuo	<b>MATSUI</b> , Shinzo	<b>OTANI</b> , Kikuko	<b>UYENO</b> , Suyeki
<b>ISHIMURA</b> , Akiko	<b>MATSUMURA</b> , Kazuo	<b>RUEHLE</b> , Giulia	<b>WAKABAYASHI</b> , Sachiko
<b>ITO</b> , Heizo	<b>MATSUSHITA</b> , Jinmatsu	<b>SAITO</b> , Lily Yuriko	<b>WAKABAYASHI</b> , Yokichi
<b>ITO</b> , Yoshimi	<b>MINAKATA</b> , Kiyoko	<b>SAKAMOTO</b> , Shigeru	<b>WATADA</b> , Hideki Dick
<b>IWASHITA</b> , Yasuro	<b>MITSUBATA</b> , Yasuno	<b>SATO</b> , Hifumi Evelyn	<b>WAKIDA</b> , Frank Tadashi
<b>IZUKAWA</b> , Teruo Ted	<b>MIYAGAWA</b> , George Kiichiro	<b>SHIGA</b> , Mitsuzo	<b>WATANABE</b> , Hatsue
<b>KADOHAMA</b> , Torayo	<b>MIYAGAWA</b> , Yoshiko	<b>SHIMIZU</b> , Jack Tsugio	
<b>KAIBARA</b> , Imao	<b>MORI</b> , Dick Yoshio	<b>SHIMIZU</b> , Shizuko	
<b>KANAYA</b> , Phyllis Miyoko	<b>MORI</b> , Hachizo	<b>SHIRAISHI</b> , Shizue	
<b>KATO</b> , Shigeko	<b>MORI</b> , Matsuye	<b>SHIRAKAWA</b> , Sakiye	
<b>KATSURA</b> , Hannah	<b>MORI</b> , Sho	<b>SHITAMI</b> , Bella Rumi	
<b>KAWAGUCHI</b> , Shigeo	<b>MURAKAMI</b> , Itsushi	<b>SHITAMI</b> , Entaro	
		<b>SUGIMAN</b> , Betty Kiyoye	

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

**YAMAMOTO,** Kazuo Jake  
 Fukusaburo  
**YAMAMOTO,** Harumi  
**YONEKURA,** Harry  
 Hiroshi

**YOSHIDA,** Kazuo Jake  
**YOSHIDA,** Naoe Nellie  
**YOSHIDA,** Sam Susumu

**SHOSANSHIKI**

Shosanshiki ( infant presentation ceremony ) will be held for the first time since 2019. Belying the infant only part, all children who were never presented to the congregation are invited to participate in this joyful ceremony. This ceremony signifies the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Amida Buddha and the Sangha. Parents are invited to fill out the form below and email it to the office.

**Child's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)** \_\_\_\_\_ **M** \_\_\_\_\_ **F** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City/Prov:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



## HANAMATSURI SERVICE AND SANGHA HANAMATSURI FAMILY BANQUET APRIL 16, 2023



### Wasaga Beach Cottage Rental

Summer is just around the corner. Don't wait until the last minute to book a cottage.

Camp Lumbini cottages available for rent. Each cottage has running water, a shower, flush toilet and a fully equipped kitchen.

What a great family vacation, just 1.5 hours drive from Toronto. Wasaga Beach is just a short two minute walk from the cottages. The surrounding area also offers convenient shopping and entertainment such as canoeing, kayaking, mini-golf, go carts and bowling.

The cottages are available from May 7 to Sept. 30. All pets are welcome.

Please contact the church office to book your cottage. 416-534-4302  
[Tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:Tbc@tbc.on.ca)

Create Great Family memories that will last a lifetime.



Doors to great memories



## CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS



### MAY'S THEME: SHINRAN SHONIN

May 21, 2023. - Who was Shinran Shonin

- What was Shinran Shonin's childhood like?
- Why is our childhood so important?
- Let's share stories about our own childhood.

### JUNE'S THEME: WRAP UP!

June 4, 2023 - Let's talk about "Impermanence"

Let's reflect and talk about how we've changed over the year.

June 18, 2023 – Awards Day

Everyone is welcome to join Kids Sangha.

The kids service begins at 10:15 a.m.

Please arrive earlier so that the service can begin on time and with minimal disruption.

With gratitude,

The Kids Sangha Team

### More Camp Lumbini Experiences

We have some wonderful submissions from some of our Lumbini campers about their experiences at camp. We hope that reading these will encourage new and old campers to join us again for Camp Lumbini 2023!

Submission is from Maya Yoshida.

Some of my most memorable moments at camp were going to the beach, making sand castles, tie-dying our shirts, canoeing, playing soccer, mini golfing, planning the end-of-camp skits, and so much more! At Lumbini, you'll make good friends and gain a valuable experience, all while learning the basis and values of the Buddha. Participating in morning services, saying our gratitude before meals, and making Nenjus were among many things we did to appreciate and to learn his important teachings. 10/10 experience, totally recommend 🌸🙏





Submission is from Mizuki Shimozato.

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Camp Lumbini has been a part of my life for a long time now. I've made many memories there along with friends. It holds a special place in my heart. Though I have spent countless years there, one part always stood out to me. It was during meal time, when all of the camp would come together and share stories, as we would munch on some really good food (Thanks Joanne!). It was the perfect time to bond with everyone around you. I look forward to another memorable week at Camp Lumbini 2023!



Thank you!

-Mizuki

Thank you to Maya and Mizuki for your submissions!

We look forward to seeing you again for Camp Lumbini 2023!

-Abigail

### **Calling all youth ages 8-15!**



We will be having Camp Lumbini Sunday, July 30th - Saturday, August 5th

You can earn volunteer hours for your support!

Jr. Counselors 16

Sr. Counselors 17+

For more details, contact Abigail Kataoka - [abigail-kataoka@hotmail.com](mailto:abigail-kataoka@hotmail.com)

Thank you to Mizuki for creating this wonderful poster!

## **TBC DANA SCHOLARSHIP INVITES APPLICATIONS**

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

### **Eligibility:**

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

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

The selection criteria will be as follows:

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

**\*\* DEADLINE for the scholarship application is Saturday, July 8, 2023 \*\***

Academic results	50%
Church activities	30%
School and Community Involvement	10%
Essay (min 300 words)	10%
Total	100%

## **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



## Let's Ondo Again!



Be part of the Japanese-Canadian tradition  
Obon Odori - minyo (Japanese folk dance)



All ages, newcomers welcome

Step by step instructions given

Only 50 cents per practice  
Starts Tuesday, April 18, 2023  
Every Tuesday and Friday  
prior to Obon (July 8, 2023)  
8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
(Subject to cancellation)

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tbc@tbc.on.ca  
Next to Sheppard West subway station  
Parking available

### **Bon Odori 2023**

It has been a relatively mild winter and we are awaiting the arrival of spring. Celebrate spring's arrival by learning Bon odori, Japanese folk dances, at the Toronto Buddhist Church. Obon is a Buddhist custom to honour one's ancestors.

The Obon Festival will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2023, 7:00pm at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre.

For more information, please contact the Toronto Buddhist Church.

Toronto Buddhist Church  
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# 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 Akuna 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.



### APRIL THANK YOU'S

A great big Thank You to:

- ◆ Myra Takasaki for arranging the naijin (altar) flowers
- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings)
- ◆ Debbie Katsumi (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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