



Guiding Light

June, 2023



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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UPCOMING SERVICES

		Kids' Sangha 10:15 am	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
		In Person	In Person & Zoom	In Person & Zoom
JUNE 11, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE	NONE	ENGLISH	NONE
JUNE 18, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE
JUNE 25, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE	NONE	ENGLISH	NONE
JULY 2, 2023	MEMORIAL SERVICE (SHOTSUKI)	NONE	ENGLISH	JAPANESE
JULY 8, 2023	OHAKAMAIRI (CEMETERY SERVICES)	CHECK THE	SCHEDULE	ON PAGE 3
JULY 9, 2023	9:00 HATSUBON GUEST MINISTER REV GUBENCO OBON SERVICE	NONE	ENGLISH	JAPANESE

OHAKAMAIRI CENTRAL SERVICES ,SATURDAY JULY 8, 2023

CEMETERY	CENTRAL LOCATION	TIME	SERVICE LEADER
SALEM U.C		11:00 AM	PAULINE KNUDE
PINE RIDGE MEMORIAL		12:00 PM	PAULINE KNUDE
ELGIN MILLS CEMETERY	SECT. 2/8	11:30 AM	DENNIS MA-DOKORO
HIGHLAND MEMORIAL GDNS	MAUSOLEUM NEAR PARKING LOT	9:30 AM	DENNIS MADOKORO
PINE HILLS CEMETERY	SECT. 7	9:30 AM	KEN SHIGEISHI
RESTHAVEN MEMORIAL GDNS	CIRCLE GARDEN	10:45 AM	KEN SHIGEISHI
YORK MEMORIAL CEMETERY	POND WEST OFF SENLAC	9:30 AM	REV. OUCHI
PROSPECT CEMETERY	DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE UNDER THE TREE, LEFT SIDE	10:45 AM	REV. OUCHI
PARK LAWN CEMETERY	IN FRONT OF PARADISE MAUSOLEUM, SECT. 5	11:45 AM	REV. OUCHI
TORONTO NECROPOLIS	JUST INSIDE GATES	9:00 AM	REV. GUBENCO
ST. JAMES CEMETERY	TBA	9:30 AM	REV. GUBENCO
MT. PLEASANT CEMETERY	SECT. 51 BY SUNDIAL NEAR BAYVIEW AVE.	10:15	REV. GUBENCO
GLENDALE CEMETERY		9:30 AM	JOHN NISHIKAWA
GLEN OAKS CEMETERY	SOUTH SIDE OF STRUCTURE 3, UNDER TREES. KITTY CORNER TO CHINESE BURIAL SECT. ROAD FARTHEST FROM AND PARALLEL TO 9 TH LINE	9:30 AM	JEFF WILSON SENSEI
SPRING CREEK	SECT. M52. ROAD PARALLEL TO CLARKSON RD., AT BACK OF THE CEMETERY. BIG TREE OPPOSITE TO SWITZER PLOT	10:30	JEFF WILSON SENSEI
SANCTURARY NORTH & SOUTH	MEET IN PARKING LOT, SOUTH SIDE	9:00 AM	SUSAN EBISUZAKI
RIVERSIDE CEMETERY		9:30 AM	SUSAN EBISUZAKI

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TBC GOTAN'E, WBWC & CELEBRATION SERVICE

You might know that I left Toronto for several days to guide JSBTC members in Japan. We attended a service for Shinran Shonin 850th birthday and 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition in Kyoto.

My physical body was very tired during that tour. But, when I saw that the Canadian members were enjoying attending the special occasion Buddhist service, my mental health recovered well. I was very happy to see them reciting Nembutsu with other countries' Buddhist members.

Can you imagine that over 1000 people recited Nembutsu together in the Nishi-Hongwanji's Hondo? I felt that their individual Nembutsu became one. It was as if each wave overlapped and became one. It was truly a tsunami of Nembutsu.

We often try to learn about the teachings of Buddha and Shinran Shonin through a Dharma talk. However, I realized once again that such experiences are beyond words and can only be felt through rituals.

After the special occasion service, many of us joined the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention for 2 days. Over 2,400 people attending the convention. We exchanged omiyage with each other all of who were from other countries; performed our country's odori or song, studied Jodo Shinshu's doctrine and history, and listened to keynote speakers' speeches.

The keynote speakers spoke about how they encountered Jodo Shinshu tradition and how Jodo Shinshu had affected their lives.

Our Nembutsu is one. There is no distinction between your Nembutsu and others. But, I realized that even though our Nembutsu, which is the same as others, many of us have our own meaning and different opportunities to encounter the Nembutsu teaching.

We call it "HOU-EN (法縁)." HOU means Dharma, and EN means condition and connection. Dharma is one, but the conditions to meet the teachings of Nembutsu are different.

One of the keynote speakers from Brazil spoke about her history. Her father was born as the eldest son of a Buddhist temple in Japan. After graduating from a Buddhist university, he married her mother and moved to Brazil in 1933. Brazil, where her parents immigrated, was a completely different country from their own country in every aspect, including culture, language, social customs, and climate. Moreover, both of them had to register as farmers even though they had no experience in farming.

Her father was invited to Japanese gatherings as a Buddhist minister to share the Dharma as well as observe Buddhist memorial services for those who had entered

Nirvana due to sickness and overwork. He helped many people and they respected him.

However, on November 11 in 1941, only one and a half years later, he went to the Pure Land suddenly due to heart attack. He was still 39 years old.

Her mother was 29 years old at the time, pregnant, and she was born five months later in April so she was not able to meet her father in this world.

Nine years later, Komyoji temple was officially founded in 1950. The Temple is located in the northeast part of Sao Paulo. The temple is believed to be the first Buddhist temple in Brazil.

Rev. Ito was assigned as a Buddhist minister. He worked with the community to manage the temple. She said that Rev. Ito was like a grandfather to her. She embraced his love and absorbed the Buddhist teachings from him.

When she was 17 years old, she fell ill. She was unconscious for many days. Fortunately, she was strong enough to survive this critical condition, however, she had to continue receiving treatment for more than six months for it.

After fully recovering, through the assistance and support of the local community, she was given a job at the Japanese Language School of the temple.

She said that to be honest, she never thought she would be able to get married after suffering from a serious illness. However, when she was 25 years old, she met her husband who was a Kaikyoshi minister at the Sao Paulo Buddhist temple. They were fortunate to have four children.

A Kaikyoshi minister is assigned to a temple under the order of the bishop. Her husband also served at several different temples. Whenever they were moved to a new place, they organized a Japanese language school as well as a Sunday School at the temple to share the Buddhist teaching with the children.

She said thankfully, their second son had also become a Kaikyoshi minister. He is now a Bishop of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples in South America.

In conclusion, she said, "I'm very fortunate to be guided by the Nembutsu teachings that were transmitted to us by our parents and others. Thanks to this great opportunity to encounter the Amida Buddha, I am now able to be grateful for any situation, even if it's not a happy one. As I cherish the remaining days of my life reciting the Nembutsu, I am grateful for everything to be able to share the Buddha Dharma with others."

I was moved when I listened to her speech. She lost her father before she was born, suffered from a serious illness, and was not rich in life. To others, her life might seem sad and full of anxiety

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However, through Buddhism, she has found a purpose and a reason for living. When she thinks about it, even the unfortunate experience for others was an irreplaceable

HOU-EN(法縁), Dharma connection with Jodo Shinshu tradition for her.

I believe that this HOU-EN will never run out, and it will continue to guide her on the Buddhist path.

Her speech let us know that many of us have our own meaningful and different opportunities to encounter the

Nembutsu teaching, but there is not distinction between my Nembutsu and others because our Nembutsu is one. And we must never forget that this Dharma connection came from our founder, Shinran.

Thank you.

The convention is held once every 4 years. The next convention will be held in 2027 in Hawaii. Even though the name is call "women's convention," it's gender less. If you would like to join the convention, please let us know.

In Gassho

Rev. Yoshimichi OUCHI

HONGWANJI 850/800 CELEBRATION



WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION

MAY 11th & 12th, 2023



“Enlightenment for All”***The liberating wheel of light is without bound;******Each person it touches, it is taught,******Is freed from attachments to being and non-being,******So take refuge in Amida, the enlightenment of non-discrimination.****(Wasan [verse] 3 from the Nembutsu Wasan - Verses in Praise of Amida Buddha, by Shinran Shonin)*

As many of you know, I was absent from TBC in April because I was in Kyoto, Japan. The main purpose of this trip was Kyoshi certification. This is the second-level of ordination that, if successfully completed, grants the candidate with teaching status from the head temple, Nishi Hongwanji.

The process is 10 days of 8 hours of lectures, 3 hours of instruction and doing services, 4 hours of study and practice, 4 hours of cleaning and bathing and 3 meals. There are strict rules for the duration, such as no phones or screens, and no Western clothing - we wore robes everyday. Meals were taken in silence and had to be finished within 10 minutes. There were chores around mealtimes and cleaning of bathrooms and common spaces. Our rooms were checked everyday and you got cautioned if things are not done properly, like if a suitcase is not zipped closed, or if your robe is folded wrong, or if you've left something besides a towel on the drying rack. You are constantly watched and cautioned - if your hair is not pinned back well enough, or if the collar of your robes doesn't look tidy. There are written tests, and when your group leads service your performance is evaluated. One of the things that is evaluated is a Dharma Talk. We each had to write a 10-minute Dharma Talk to present to the group from memory - in Japanese, of course!

This was very difficult for me because although Japanese is my first language, I grew up in Canada so English is my “natural” language. In my Dharma Talk, I spoke about how I first started attending temple in Vancouver after my therapist suggested it as part of a plan to get me back on track after being diagnosed with anxiety

and depression. I shared that I learned to identify Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion and got the feeling that I am OK as I am, through hearing and listening to people around me saying the Nembutsu - Namo Amida Butsu, the name of Amida Buddha. I shared with the group that English speakers pronounce things differently than Japanese speakers. Speakers of English pronounce *nem-BOO-tsu*, or some people pronounce it *nem-BUTT-tsu*. Speakers of English usually pronounce *NAH-mo a-MI-da BOO-tsu* or I've heard *nahmo AH-mida BOO-tsu*.

I shared with my class that I thought the different accents and ways of pronouncing the name of Amida Buddha means Amida Buddha's presence is all over the world. Amida Buddha is not just in Japan, Amida Buddha is not just in Canada and the United States. Amida Buddha is wherever people say Namo Amida Butsu. More importantly, the differences in pronunciations does not matter - there is no proper or correct pronunciation. Amida Buddha does not judge how we say the Nembutsu. Amida Buddha does not judge anything about us. Our receiving the wisdom and compassionate activity of the universe and rebirth in the Pure Land is not dependent on how we say the Nembutsu, where we say the Nembutsu, or when we say the Nembutsu, or even how many times we say the Nembutsu. If how we say the Nembutsu is what determines our rebirth in the Pure Land and our Buddhahood, we would be putting much more emphasis on how to say it. We would be at temple every week, learning exactly how and when to voice it.

If how and when to say the Nembutsu is NOT the goal, certainly the different levels of ordination or certifications has nothing to do with who gets reborn in the Pure Land. The levels of ordination that Rev. Ouchi and Jeff Wilson Sensei and I have gone through does not mean the three of us have a “better chance” at going to the Pure Land. These tests and constant evaluation during the ordination processes are not mandated by Amida Buddha. They are *human-made* tests and conditions to determine the *human-made* standards of being a minister. That's all. It's simply a

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professional qualification. Having said that, the Kyoshi certification was a spiritual experience for me, during which I was given the opportunity everyday, to focus on my thoughts and feelings about Amida Buddha.

Kyoshi training is difficult. It is not fun. There was physical pain. There was mental exhaustion. We barely knew what day of the week it was and we didn't know anything about what was going on in the world. The only thing we could see of the “outside world” was the elementary school across the street, the intersection of a couple of streets and a track of the local train that runs past the training centre. Many of us gazed out of the windows while we brushed our teeth or had a break during lectures. Watching the children going to school, or even waiting to cross the street, we often talked about how much harder it is in the training centre and how grateful that it was not the actual path to the Pure Land. And how in our “usual” lives, just like the people we were watching from the window, our attention can very easily turn away from the Buddhist teachings.

How much of our time is spent contemplating becoming Buddhas? How much of our time CAN be spent contemplating Buddhahood? If we're being honest, I'd say: not much. And this is how I came to identify the most meaningful thing for me from my time in the training centre: the path to the Pure Land is indeed very inclusive. It is for people like us, who can't live in monasteries to devote all our time and attention to the Buddha Dharma. It is made for people who say Namo Amida Butsu in all sorts of accents and pronunciations all over the world. It is an inclusive path to Buddhahood that fits all of our lives - we do not have

to fit *it*.

It is even for people like me, in the military, who are posted to places like CFB Kingston, where there is no temple and where I will be living and working starting in June. This will be the first time since I started on the Nembutsu path where I will live in a place that doesn't have a temple. It will be strange to not have to physically go to a temple every Sunday! But I will have my *butsudan* (home altar) and be comforted and deeply grateful that I will still be in the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha and on the path to enlightenment.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the TBC for allowing me to serve this sangha. Although I will not be physically at TBC on a regular basis anymore, I will continue to serve as a minister primarily through the Living Dharma Centre of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

My deepest appreciation goes to Rev. Ouchi, whose hard work and thoughtful guidance helped me through the Kyoshi ordination process and showed me all the different aspects of ministering to the TBC sangha. I am certain that being in and serving the TBC sangha has helped me grow professionally as a minister, which will help me as a chaplain, to attend to the spiritual and religious needs of the members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

In gassho,

Joanne Yuasa



Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of July

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

ALLEN , Thomas	KARATSU , Sen	MIYANISHI , Shozo	SUMIYA , Odai
AMANO , Noriharu Ness	KASHINO , Mary	MIZUYABU , Yuriko	SUZUKI , Kiyomi
AMEMORI , Kikue	KASHINO , Junn	MIZUYABU ,	TAGUCHI , Takemi
AYUKAWA , Shizuo	KASHINO , Kenichi Robert	Kenneth Mitsuo	TAKAHASHI , Sada
BESSHO , Etsuko	KASUBUKA , Hiroko	MORI , Denya	TAKAHASHI , Toshio
EBATA , Chuta Roy	KATSURA , Tome	MORIKAWA , Suna	TAKAHASHI , Tokiemon
EBIHARA , Kesajiro	KAYAMA , Toyo	MUKAI , Mataharu	TAKASAKI , Susan
FUJII , Hideko	KISHIMOTO , Masao	MURATA , Kazuo	TAKEMURA , Chiyoko
FUJINAMI , Haya	KISHIMOTO , Sachiko	NAGANO , Yaye	TAKENAKA , Maisie Alice
FUJIOKA , Sueno	KISHIMOTO , Walter	NAKAGAWA , Miki	TAKENO , Haruo
FUKUMOTO , Fujio	KISHITA , Shizuko	NAKANISHI , Tsuneharu	TAKENO , Ryu
GOTO , Miyoshi	KITAMURA , Shigeru	NAKATSU , Kunijiro	TAMOTO , Harumi
HAKKAKU , Vernon Tsutomu	KITAMURA , George Mitsuji	NEKODA , Mineto	TANAKA , Pauline Toyoko
HAKODA , Yuki	KITAZAKI , Kiyohiro	NISHI , Kura	TANAKA , Shoko
HAMADE , Michiyo	KIYONAGA , Toshiko Kathleen	NISHIMURA , Michio	TANAKA , Kazuko Kay
HAMAMOTO , Fusako	KOBAYASHI , Fumie	NISHINO , Kimi	TANI , Hatsue Jane
HASHIMOTO ,	KODAMA , Tsuyoshi	OGINO , George Ryuzo	TATEISHI , Ai
Thomas Hajime	KOSHIDA , Koto	OHARA , Thomas Minoru	TERAKAWA , Tadaji
HASHIMOTO ,	KOYANAGI , Namiye	OHASHI , Tarkio	TSUCHIDA , Taichi
Yoshikazu Frank	KOYATA , Hikoza Hik	OHASHI , Fusako Elsie	TSUJI Tojiro
HAYASHI , Hachijiro	KUBOTA , Yahachiro	OHASHI , Hanae Hannah	TSUYUKI , Nobuko
HAYASHI , Kinu	KUMAGAI , Hiroshi	OKIMURA , Yasue Josie	UI , Hideo
HIROTA , Yoshiko Pat	KUMAGAI , Matsu	OMORI , Sawa	UYEDA , Senjiro
HUANG , Huan Tang	KUMAHARA , Tetsuo	OMOTO , Yosoya	UYENO , Kuye
IBUKI , Norman Takeshi	KURAHASHI , Sumi	OMOTO , Yutaro	UYENO , Tashichi George
IKEDA , Hatsue	MATSUMOTO ,	ONO , Eizo William	UYESUGI , Sueko
IMAI , Usakichi	Masanori Moza	SAITO , Mary Yasue	WAKABAYASHI , Hatsue
INOUE , Iwao	MATSUSHIGE , Toshie	SARUYAMA , Natsu	WAKABAYASHI ,
IRIZAWA , Sawaichi	MINAMIDE , Bunkichi	SARUYAMA , Dan Kono	Barron Chuzo
JIKEMURA , Shizu	MINAMIDE , Tomiko	SASAKI , Tadao	WAKAYAMA , Sam
KADOHAMA , Toranosuke	MISUMI , Toyoko	SHIMIZU , Suzu	Masami
KAMADA , Shinjiro	MITSUBATA , Chutaro	SHIMIZU , Shizue Suzie	
KAMINO , Toshiye	MITSUMI , Kazuko Kay	SOGO , Chiyoko	
KAMIYAMA , Hajime		SUGIMAN , Toshihiko	
		SUGIMAN , Ross Tatsuro	

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

WANI, Tsuyo
WATANABE,
 Hideyoshi Harry
YAMADA,
 Mitsuo Mike

YAMAMOTO,
 Bob Maso
YAMASHITA,
 Kumiko

YASUDA,
 Fumiko Eileen
YASUI, Suel
YONEKURA,
 Hedy Hideko

OBITUARIES

The Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the families, relatives and friends of the following individuals who have passed away.

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

Thank You.

In Gassho

Toronto Buddhist Church

Mr. Raymond Dan Nishimura

60 yrs

May 10, 2023



NOT GOODBYE, JUST, WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN

Five years ago a breath of fresh air blew into the Toronto Buddhist Church; no, a gale force wind. Joanne Yuasa Sensei came to us from Vancouver with fresh ideas and an enthusiasm for the Dharma we were fortunate to receive. Her frankly admitted past mental health issues made her instantly relatable and showed us that problems could be helped through our understanding of the Dharma particularly the Jodo Shinshu approach of inclusiveness. [The Kids' Sangha benefited from her experience as a Dharma School teacher at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple.](#) In addition, her spiritual care work at Baycrest, as the first Buddhist chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces and humble assistant to our overworked Rev. Ouchi is an inspiration to all of us. Joanne Sensei also performed mundane tasks as washing, cleaning, demon organizing of the office (can we say OCD?) and general dogs body tasks with the same energy she brought to all aspects of her life.

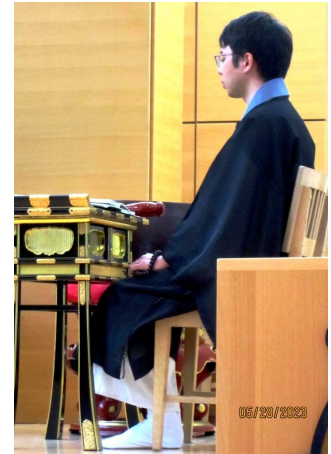
Although we knew that Joanne Sensei's time in Toronto has come to an end it was [still](#) a [shock](#) to realize during her Dharma talk that this past Sunday, May 28th was her last day at the TBC. I cannot express enough our appreciation of all aspects of Joanne's work for the temple and most of all her inspiring example set for us as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. It can only be hoped that going forward her efforts for change can be realized here at the TBC.

In Gassho,

Susan Ebisuzaki

On behalf of the Board Of Directors



JOANNE SENSEI'S LAST SUNDAY OF INTERNSHIP AT TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH**JUNE 25, 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 are available for rent. Each cottage has running water, a shower, flush toilet and a fully equipped kitchen.

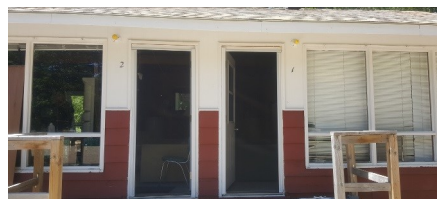
What a great family vacation, just 1.5 hours' drive from Toronto. Wasaga Beach is just a short two-minute walk from the cottages. The surrounding area also offers convenient shopping and entertainment such as canoeing, kayaking, mini golf, go carts and bowling.

The cottages are available from May 7 to Sept. 31. All pets are welcome.

Please contact the office for rates and available dates.

Note: Renter of the cabin(s) must be a member of Toronto Buddhist Church.
Office: 416-534-4302 E-mail: tbc@tbc.on.ca

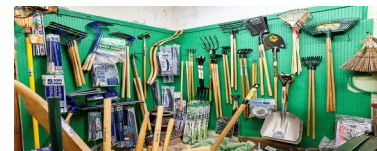
Create Great Family memories that will last a lifetime.



Doors to Family Memories

GARDEN TOOLS, WORKSHOP TOOLS

Please consider donating your workshop tools and garden tools to the Temple. We will put them to good use.

**Tools**

Please contact the Office: 416-534-4302 E-mail: tbc@tbc.on.ca

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS**JUNE'S THEME:** End of year Wrap Up

June 4, 2023 – Let's talk about "Impermanence"
 How have we all changed over the year?
 Did you grow taller?
 Did you become more responsible for things at home, like cleaning up after myself?
 Have you become more aware of your own emotions?

June 18, 2023 - Last Kids Sangha day before the summer
 Dharma Talk and Activity still to be decided

We would like to thank all the people who joined us on the Kids Sangha Sunday's throughout the year.

We hope that the Dharma talks by Yoshi Sensei and Joanne Sensei, taught you more about Shin Buddhism, and that you enjoyed the activities in the classroom.

We hope you all have an enjoyable summer vacation and we look forward to seeing you in September.

With gratitude,
 The Kids Sangha Team

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!

Our first submission is from Ryan Mack!

My Favorite Memory of Camp Lumbini... IS THE FOOD! At camp I enjoy meeting new people who come to camp each year! Also to do all the different activities we do in Camp. That includes Buddhism 101 from Rev. Yoshi Sensei. Group activities, and some friendly group battles.



Our next submission is from Joaquin Kataoka!



Every Summer since I was born, I have been going up to Camp Lumbini with my family.

Throughout the various years I remember graduating through the stages of tag-a-long, honorary camper, camper, junior counselor, and as of last year finally reaching counselor. Now I have a fair share of camp stories and experiences to share. At camp there are various fun activities that I could write about such as bowling, games day, Buddhism 101, trip day, and skits! One of my favorite camp activities that can be forgotten sometimes is the sandcastle competition that happens on the last full day of camp. These competitions are a nice slow down to end off the week

of camp allowing the campers to have fun in the sand and mud, dig holes, and create castles. The castles are always super fun to make and campers have to think about how to incorporate our camp themes into their creations. Even now when I'm quite a bit older I still look forward to participating and having fun at camp for the Summer!

Thank you Joaquin and Ryan for your amazing submissions. We are getting closer to camp! We look forward to seeing you soon for Camp Lumbini 2023!

-Abigail

Camp Lumbini 2023!

CALLING ALL YOUTH AGES 8—15!

We will be having Camp Lumbini, Sunday July 30th to 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

Thank you to Mizuki for creating this wonderful poster!

We look forward to seeing you all in the summer!!

- Abigail



The TBC Sangha would like to invite member families and friends to the

TBC Sangha Spring into Summer Backyard Party June 18, 2023 after Sunday service.

This will be in the "backyard" of the Temple.

It is anticipated that the gate at the back of the parking lot will be installed by the time of this event so attendees will have the opportunity to sit in the park, but you will need to bring your own lawn chair;

A 10' x 20' canopy will be set up for shade.

This will be a pay what you can event with a suggested donation of \$5.

Kids Sangha members are free.

Tickets will be available after Shotsuki service June 4th.

Ticket sales will help in planning for attendance.

Features:

Your choice of chicken, salmon

or vegan lunch

Popcorn

Candy Floss

Karaoke



Hope to see you there.

In Gassho,

Cary Kataoka (cary@kataoka.ca)

MAY SHOTSUKI SERVICE, MAY 7 (Jeff Wilson, Sensei) and MAY 14, 2023(Dennis Madokoro)



WHAA?



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 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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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
1011 Sheppard Avenue West
416-534-4302
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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.

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.

Please inquire in the office to purchase the cards.



- ◆ Pamela Yoshida for arranging the naijin (altar) flowers
- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings)
- ◆ Joanne Yuasa Sensei (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, ttbc@ttbc.on.ca. Let's have some new people to thank.

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

There are 3 ways to donate to TBC from home:

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



Please include the purpose of your donation, as well as your **full name, mailing address, email address, and phone number. This is particularly important if you're donating by cheque or e-transfer.** This helps ensure you will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes. Detailed information can also be found on the TBC website: www.tbc.on.ca.

Your donations are always greatly appreciated.

Gassho