



Guiding Light

September, 2023



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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PLEASE NOT E		Kids' Sangha 10:15 am	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
		In Person	In Person & Zoom	In Person & Zoom
AUGUST 27, 2023	SUMMER SERVICE	NONE	ENGLISH	NONE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023	SUMMER SERVICE	NONE	ENGLISH	NONE
***** SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 *****	***** SHOTSUKI/ RALLY SUNDAY *****	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	JAPANESE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023	OHIGAN REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE DENNIS MADOKORO	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE
OCTOBER 1, 2023	SHOTSUKI (MONTHLY MEMORIAL)	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	JAPANESE
OCTOBER 8 2023	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for altar flower arranging.
Share your artist flare. No
experience required.

Contact the office if interested.

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Amida's Ote-mawashi

Last month we had Obon services at the cemeteries, Japanese Canadian Culture Centre and this temple.

This year, many people attended the Hatsubon service which is the first Obon service. This service is held for families who have lost their loved ones from July 2022 to June 2023. After the service, some of the attendees told me that they had come to know the truth of life and encountered Jodo Shinshu teachings through the grief of losing their loved ones.

To know the truth of this life is to know that this life is uncertain. And to encounter Jodo Shinshu teaching is to encounter the Amida Buddha's Ote-mawashi (お手回し).

O(お) means honorable. Te(手) means hands.

Mawashi(回し) means surround. It literally means that honorable hands surround us. Or it could be translated as to hold something gently. But in Jodo Shinshu, we have one more meaning of Ote-mawashi

In Jodo Shinshu teaching, we use the word Ote-mawashi to mean to expect in advance what is needed, and to prepare it in time for the occasion.

So Amida Buddha's Ote-mawashi means that Buddha already has prepared to lead us to the Pure Land where we will go after this life. That tells us our lives do not end in death.

Today, I would like to write about Buddha's Ote-mawashi and what the Ote-mawashi tells us in our lives.

On a personal note, I received a call from my parents' home 2 months ago. When I answered the phone, I was told that my father had fallen at a temple where he was on a business trip.

He was taken to the hospital, had emergency surgery, and was there for a while. He is now back home in good health. But when I received the call, I had a bad feeling in my head that it "might be..."

I met him just three months ago in Japan. I thought



that occasion might have been the last time I saw him. Considering that, I thought that I should have spent more time talking with him when I was in Japan.

Unexpected separation is not something that happens only to those who are old. Including myself, if I meet with an accident or an illness, I know this life is uncertain.

When I am reminded of this truth that I don't know what will happen to me tomorrow, I always remember one sentence from a Letter from Rennyo.

Rennyo wrote in the letter "Though in the morning we may have radiant health, in the evening we may be white ashes." It means that someone who goes out in the morning, may return home in the evening as a deceased person.

When I studied Rennyo's teaching, my sensei said to me that "people tend to think of life and death as a timeline. Therefore, they often misunderstand that they are living toward death. But, Yoshi, we are not living toward death. We are living with death on our shoulders."

As a Buddhist minister, I have witnessed many occasions of separation. Through these occasions, I am taught that we are always living in a world of impermanence.

And, for me, it's important to keep in mind what my sensei said, "We are not living toward death, but we are living with death." By keeping his words in my mind, I always consider "my life is uncertain and impermanent" that gives me a great opportunity to encounter what I can rely on something beyond life and death.

Human beings tend to want to make life beautiful. I do this too. In life, we look ahead to goals for the future. These goals give us hope, and reaching goals gives us joy in living. However, when we think about it, we end up saying, "It's all right while we are alive, but when we die, our goals will not be achieved, and there will be no hope. When we die, we are finished." Because our goals and hopes in this world can only be held while we are still alive.

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Amida's Ote-mawashi, continued

However, Buddhism doesn't consider "death is the end" at all, because there is Amida's Ote-mawashi that guides us to the Pure Land. Therefore, in Buddhism, "death" is expressed in terms of "nirvana" in Skt. and "Ojo(往生)" in Jpn.

Nirvana is a state in which all worldly desires have been eliminated, and "Ojo" literally means "birth in the Pure Land." We will be reborn in the Pure Land to become Buddhas. Through the guidance of Amida Buddha and saying the Nembutsu, we are all reborn in the same Pure Land.

In the Buddhist teachings, there are as many Buddha Pure Lands as there are Buddhas. But people who say the Nembutsu will meet together again in Amida Buddha's Pure Land. We call this teaching *Kue-issho* (俱会一处).

A few years ago, I had a memorable experience regarding this teaching. It was when I did a makuragyo service for a temple member who had been told that she did not have long to live by the doctor. She had lost her husband a long time ago. At the end of the makuragyo service, she cried, and said, "I will go to be with my husband soon. He will not be lonely anymore."

I wanted to encourage her, so I said, "Don't worry, I don't think he feels lonely because he was

born in the Pure Land" Then she said, "No, Sensei. He feels lonely, because he must miss me. I have been lonely ever since I lost him. He was a person who always understood my feelings. So, I am sure he missed me as much as I missed him."

She seemed to be pleased with the thought of being born in the Pure Land of Amida Buddha where her husband was. I thought her description of how she and her husband understood each other sounded like there was "compassion" - feeling the same thing together.

I think this compassion is the activity of Amida Buddha, the compassionate activity from the Pure Land. Through her words, I was also able to encounter Amida Buddha's compassion again, and I did Gassho from the bottom of my heart-mind.

We understand in our heads that we will die someday, but it's difficult to accept this in our heart-minds. However, we who have encountered Amida Buddha's Ote-mawashi can understand that death is not an absolute end.

Amida's *Ote-mawashi* guides us to live with Nembutsu and leads us to the Pure Land at the end of our human lives. It also leads us to do Gassho with great relief and comfort.

In Gassho

Reverend 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, please notify the Temple office so that we may update our records.

Thank You

In Gassho

Toronto Buddhist Church

Mr. Sidney Kiyoshi Ikeda

88 yrs

July 5, 2023

Mrs. Rena Keiko Okada

74 yrs

July 23, 2023

Mr. Hiromu Iwata

81 yrs

August 4, 2023

Mr. Gerry Kazuo Tsuji

72 yrs

August 6, 2023



Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of October

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

ABE , Tomo	IIZUKA , Kotsuru	MURAKAMI , Katsuji	TAGUCHI , Moto
ADACHI , Ogen	INAMOTO , Dorothy Tomie	MURANAKA , Kaoru Kay	TAKAGI , Chiyoiko
AKADA , Asa	INAMOTO , Fujio	NAGANO , Kumao	TAKAHASHI , Hideta
AKADA , Sadajiro	INAMOTO , Kenneth Kenji	NAGATA , Kaneichi	TAKAHASHI , Yoshi
AMEMORI , Suye	ISHII , Mitsuye	NAKAGAWA , Masaru	TAKASAKI , Kaoru
ARIZA , Nancy Chiyo	ISHIKAWA , Hiroko	NISHIJIMA , Toshio	TAKASAKI , Shizue
AMEMORI , Suye	IWASAKI , Tokino	NISHIKAWA , Misao	TAKATA , Moriuyuki
ASA , Yasuko	KAGAYAMA , Shizuyo	NISHIKAWA , Toshie	TAKEMURA , Masa
AZUMA , Momoyo Jane	KAINO , Fumiyo	NISHIMOTO , Kenneth Kenji	TAKEUCHI , Terry Teruo
BABA , Donna May	KAJI , Matsuyo	NISHIMURA , Chiyoji	TAMAKI , Glen Atsushi
BRATHUHIN , Tamiko	KAWABATA , Kazuo Mike	NISHIMURA , George Gengo	TANABE , Yoshiko Mary
DOBSON , John Charles	KAWAGUCHI , Kiyoko	NISHIMURA , Jutaro	TANAKA , Arataro
EDAMURA , Ken Edward	KAWAI , Tetsutaro	NISHIMURA , Shige	TANAKA , Hisao
FUJII , Mary	KISHIBE , Masayuki	NISHIMURA , Yutaka Glenn	TANAKA , Juhei
FUJIMOTO , Noboru	KITAGAWA , Tsuneya	NISHINO , Terrie Tsuruye	TANAKA , Thomas Sanya
FUJINO , Dorothy Shizuko	KITAMURA , Frank Osamu	NITTA , Jean Yuri	TANAKA , Yaye
FUJINO , Sude	KITAURA , Ryotaro	NOMA , Michiko	TANINO , Eikichi
FUJIOKA , Toshio	KIYONAGA , Kikuye Kay	OHASHI , Hirokichi	TANINO , Kenneth Susumu
FUJIOKA , Teruko Terri	KOBAYASHI , Osamu	NOSE , Seizo	TATEBE , Yoko Joyce
FUKAKUSA , Tamotsu	KOBAYASHI , Patrick Mitsuharu	NOSE , Mitsuko	TESHIMA , George Yukio
FUKAKUSA , Kameki	KOBAYASHI , Shigezo	OHARA , Noye	TOHANA , Sachiko Ruby
FUKAKUSA , Yasutaro	KODAMA , Suekichi	OHASHI , Take	TOYONAGA , Matsuko
FUKUMOTO , Toyemon	KONDO , Roy Iwao	OHATA , Masayuki	TSUBOUCHI , Kiyoshi Thomas
FUKUSHIMA , Kazuo "Charlie"	KOZAI , Susumu	OHASHI , Take	TSUJI , Shizue
GOTO , Teruji Tin	KUBOTA , Shigeo	OKIHIRO , Hisa	URA , Jim Iwao
HAMADE , Shingo	KUMABE , Jinzo	OMATSU , Kinu	URABE , Emiko Gertrude
HAMAWAKI , Margaret Fujiye	MATSUI , Kane	SAITO , Shiro	WAKABAYASHI , Fusae
HANAZAWA , Toku	MATSUSHITA , Chieko	SAKAMOTO , Kimi	WAKABAYASHI , Koto
HATANAKA , Kenichi Ken	MICHIBATA , Suyeko	SATO , Teruko Terrie	WAKABAYASHI , Takeo
HOBZA , Patricia Akemi	MIYADA , Takashi	SHIGEISHI , Sally Shizue	WAKABAYASHI , Tokuzo
HORII , Kiyoshi	MORI , Charles "Chuck" Kazuhiko	SHIMIZU , Kaide	WAKIDA , Ei
HORII , Teru	MUKAI , Hikojiro	SHINMOTO , Saichi	WAKISAKA , Tsugi
IBUKI , Kiku	MURAI , Kofuji	SHINTANI , Sueno	WANI , Juichi
ICHIYEN , Seiichi		SHITAMI , Yone	WATANABE , Molly Nobuko
ICHIYEN , Shozo		SUGAMORI , Seitaro	

OCTOBER SHOTSUKI,
continued

YAMAGUCHI, Masako
YAMAMOTO, Hatsue
YAMAMOTO, Makino

YAMAMOTO, Nobby
YAMASHITA, Haruyo
YAMASHITA, Shigeko

YOSHIDA, Tomoko
YOSHIDA, Yasuyoshi



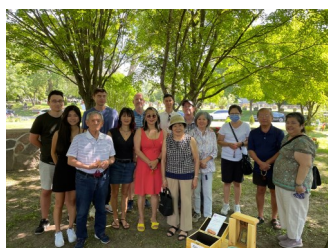
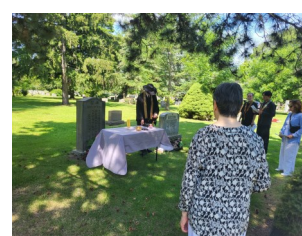
INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

JUNE 4, 2023

Right to Left

Reverend Yoshi, Michael Tamaki (Co-president), Debbie Katsumi (Treasurer), Susan Ebisuzaki (Co-President), Dr. Jennifer Bright (Director, Religion), Jessica Peddle (Director, Kids Sangha), Darlene Rieger (Director, Administration)

O HAKAMAIRI, JULY 7, 2023



BON ODORI, JULY 7, 2023 @ JCCC



OBON SERVICE, JULY 8, 2023**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR**
MINISTERS' APPRECIATION LUNCH**OCTOBER 22, 2023****12:30 PM****SOCIAL HALL****MUST PRE-REGISTER BY OCTOBER 15TH****PHONE TBC OFFICE 416-534-4302****OR****EMAIL darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca**

KIDS SANGHA

SHOSANSHIKI, JUNE 4, 2023

The last Shosanshiki or infant presentation was held in May 2019. Happily, our youngest members joining the congregation were presented on June 4th. Welcome to our newest and future Kids Sangha



CAMP LUMBINI WEEK 2023

It was great to see so many previous campers volunteering to be Camp Counsellors now.

This demonstrates their connection to Buddhism, the Sangha, and the teaching of the Dharma. We are proud and grateful that they are leading the next generation of young Buddhists.

We are glad to see new kids enjoying Camp Lumbini. A huge thank you to the camp coordinators and parent volunteers for making this such a wonderful experience for all.

With Gratitude,
Toronto Buddhist Church Board



THANK YOU

The Toronto Buddhist Church board would like to thank our Sr. Counsellors: Joaquin, Mai, Elly and Shohei, our Jr. counsellors Mika, and Nina as well as our camp directors Rachel, Abigail and Koji.

We appreciate our young Buddhists taking time off of work to lead the next generation of younger Buddhist.





We miss you!

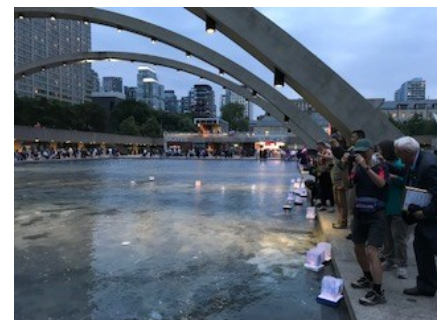
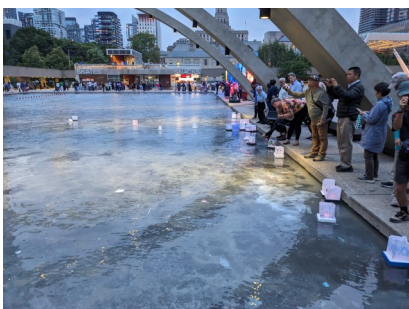
See friends, displays and photos while grabbing
a hot dog and some potato salad.

Everyone is welcome!

HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI DAY 2023

AUGUST 6, 2023

LANTERNS MADE MY CAMPERS AT LUMBINI



Camp Lumbini 2023

Yet again, we have ended another successful week of Camp Lumbini! With much thanks and appreciation to the temple community for showing so much support for us, Sunday, July 30th – Saturday, August 5th, we were able to have camp up in Wasaga, in our wonderful cottages at 68 Mary Street. We had many returning campers, as well as some new ones joining us this year.

As camp has come and gone for this year, we are reflecting on the multi-generational effect it has on the families in our community. Many starting as campers, becoming counsellors, and some moving on to become the coordinators. It comes full circle when the past coordinators and counsellors, now having kids of their own, bring them to camp, some even staying to help cook. Getting to be part of this cycle is an amazing experience, that will hopefully continue on with the next generation.

This year our campers also participated in an important outreach activity. Making lanterns for the Hiroshima Nagasaki Coalition Day (HNCD). This outreach is working for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Michael Tamaki, and Les Tanaka (current, and previous presidents of the temple) coordinated with the camp in the making of the lanterns. Making these lanterns was an enlightening activity for the kids, as they learned about the purpose of making the lanterns and what they stand for.

This year's counsellors did an amazing job. Our Buddhist theme was the Noble Eightfold Path. The counsellors incorporated this theme into their dharma talks during morning services, and through our other activities during the week. Helping to teach the campers, new and old, how to incorporate these Buddhist teachings into our daily lives.

Camp Lumbini serves as a conduit for temple members to bond, as well as bring new families to the temple. Many members who are still here today, were introduced to the temple through Camp Lumbini, and have fond memories of spending time with their friends and family.

I'd like to give out some special thanks to everyone who made camp possible this year!

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers/cooks, Joanne Kataoka (Head chef/parent coordinator), Joanne Miyazaki (Sous chef), Michelle Kushida, Cary Kataoka, Naomi Tamaki, and Darlene Rieger.

Thank you to our coordinators and counsellors. Rachel Kataoka (Coordinator), Koji Goto (Coordinator), myself (Coordinator), Joaquin Kataoka, Mai Shimoato, Shohei Hayakawa, Elly Hayakawa, Mika Shimoato, and Nina Yoshida.

Thank you to Mizuki Shimoato for designing the t-shirts of this year. And thank you to Rachel for hand-screen printing the shirts!

Special thanks to Ouchi Sensei, who joined us during his busy schedule, to provide us with a Buddhism workshop, and teaching the kids about mindfulness during other activities.

Thank you to these people for making camp possible. We hope to see you all again next year for Camp Lumbini 2024!

In gassho, Abigail Kataoka

Camp Lumbini Dharma Talks

During Camp Lumbini, our counsellors take turns giving dharma talks during morning service. We would like to share some of their messages through the Guiding Light over the next few months.

Our first feature is from Nina Yoshida.



Today I will be telling the story of Emma the elephant. There once lived a gentle and kind-hearted elephant named Emma who went to a school full of bunnies. She had a long trunk and large ears, making it difficult for her to fit in with the crowd of bunnies. They couldn't see past her differences and often made fun of her appearance. Despite this, Emma never lost her compassion and continued to help others in need. She would assist the bunnies in various tasks, hoping to be accepted and appreciated for her true nature. However, the more she tried, the more the bunnies' prejudice affected her. Emma no longer wanted to be an elephant, she started comparing herself to the bunnies, wishing she were more like them and let them redefine her and her perspective of others.

Good morning everyone, welcome to morning service! We are coming to the end of the week but before then I would like to teach you why "right view" is an important teaching in the eightfold path.

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CAMP LUMBINI DHARMA TALK, continued

One day, while wandering through the forest, Emma encountered a magnificent tiger named Leo. Leo had long black stripes and vibrant orange fur, but while Emma approached him all she could focus on was his long, stripy tail, thinking it was not as fluffy or small as the bunnies' tails. The two quickly became friends and curious about their friendship, Emma asked Leo how come they make such good friends despite their differences. Wisely Leo explained, "We appreciate and respect each other's unique qualities. We are simply different animals, so comparing an elephant to a bunny or a tiger to an elephant doesn't make sense. It is because we are all diverse animals that this forest is such a wonderful place." Emma realized that her past experiences had clouded her judgment, and she had unfairly judged Leo based on his appearance. From that moment on,

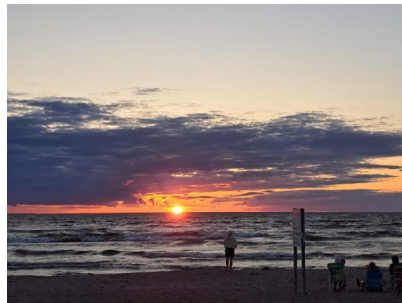
Emma decided to let go of her prejudices to understand the true value of life, and diversity. She journeyed through the

forest, and encountered various creatures. Instead of comparing them to bunnies, she appreciated them as they were, and in return, Emma was able to form meaningful connections with them.

This story teaches that people, like animals, are unique and should not be judged solely on superficial traits or allow these traits to prevent you from seeing the true nature of life. Everyone will experience or have experienced being in Emma's shoes surrounded by people they don't connect or fit in with. When this happens just remember to have right views, just as Ella learned to do in her journey. Right views remind us to stay free from prejudice and to see the true nature of life, and to keep an open heart and mind so we can have a more inclusive and compassionate environment for ourselves and those around us.

Thank you to Nina Yoshida for sharing her dharma talk. Next month's Guiding Light we will share another counselor's dharma message.

CAMP LUMBINI WEEK

CAMP LUMBINI WEEK, continued

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US NEXT YEAR FOR A WEEK OF FUN AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS!

LOOKING FORWARD

After coming out of the difficulties of the past 3 years and the new problems that have arisen, we are faced with many challenges. Fear of contact with others, isolation, lack of community and depression are only a few of we have and are facing. So how do we try to remedy this? If we remember the 3 Treasures of the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha, will that help us and others? Yes it will but not without effort. In the coming fall season the Kids' Sangha will be held every week. It is hoped that more parents accompanying their children will also form new friendships and actively support the temple. Monthly chats supporting the Sunday service will be held led by Dennis Madokoro TBD. Other groups ie, Isshin, Senior Karaoke, Tai Chi, Ikebana, Buyo form a part of the activities being offered during the week. Workshops to support fundraisers such as the Bazaar will be held. This is an opportunity to learn how to make mochi or manju in person. Find out about our activities by coming out on Rally Sunday, Sept. 10th (Sept. Shotsuki service). The toban groups formed a few years prior to Covid have been depleted. A new group to replace them is desperately needed but is still in the planning stages.

As a religious organization we also have to look outward. How do we help others? For a start there are a few volunteers who have expressed interest in friendly visits to those who are housebound. Les Tanaka has kept the TBC connected to outside organizations. Do you have any ideas? Call or email us.

GARDEN TOOLS, WORKSHOP TOOLS

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



Tools

WANTED!!

Are you planning to split your perennials because you have so many or thinning out areas of your garden? Don't know what to do with the plants you just dug up? Bring them to the Temple! OR we'll pick them up! We have some gardeners who would love to plant them around the Temple to brighten up spaces that are bare or weedy.

Please email the Temple
tbc@tbc.on.ca or call 416-534-4302, we'd love to take them off your hands

**CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS**

Who's coming to Kids Sangha?!!!!!!



WE ARE!!!!

Welcome back everyone!

WAIT!.....there's a NEWS FLASH!!!!

Starting in September, Kids Sangha will be EVERY Sunday.

Yoshi Sensei will begin the Kids Service at 10:15 a.m. After the service, the kids will go downstairs with the Dharma school teachers for classroom activities.

We hope that you are looking forward to another year of programming designed to teach Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in a fun and meaningful way.

Please join us for Rally Sunday on September 10, 2023.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

With gratitude,

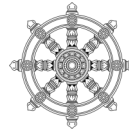
The Kids Sangha team

HAVE YOU HEARD WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TBC?



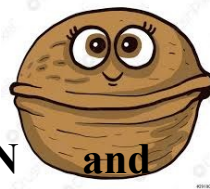
WE ARE LAUNCHING A 'NEW' GROUP

(Whose name is yet to be decided)



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT YOU ASK?

In a nutshell.....it will be



TOBAN and MORE!!

Q: *What will this new group be doing?*

A: *As the name 'Toban' implies, there will be times when you may be asked to help out at the Temple for such things as funeral or memorial services or other special events held the Temple. **BUT.....***

It's not all work — we will also be having some fun and interesting events. There's something for everyone. Our plans include the following social events. Some will be fundraisers, some there will be a charge to cover costs.

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| ♦ Family Game Night | Quilting Bee |
| ♦ Craft workshops | Cooking workshops |
| ♦ Fundraising activities | Family Movie Night |
| ♦ Family Mini golf | Picasso (painting) and beverage night |

These are just a few of the ideas we have planned. If you have any suggestions or interests, please let us know.

Q: *Where will the events take place?*

A: *At the Temple in most cases, with the exception of events like Family Mini Golf*

Q: *Do you need to register to join?*

A: *Yes. Please send your contact information to ilovelucy3d@yahoo.com*

Q: *What is the first planned event coming up?*

A: *Ministers' Appreciation Lunch—October 22, 2023 (details to following in the GL and via email)*

We are excited about this new group and we hope that you are too! Hopefully I've answered your questions, but if I haven't, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With sincere gratitude

Naomi Tsuji-Tamaki



SAVE THE DATE

TBC BAZAAR

Saturday, November 11, 2023

1011 Sheppard Avenue West, Toronto

tbc.on.ca

Dine in, Packaged food items or Baked goods!

Table rentals for vendors - Please enquire

Looking for! Volunteers and Donations for Silent Auction

Coming soon! Food preparation workshops

Watch the TBC website, Facebook group, or the Guiding Light for more to come!

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.

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.



JULY/AUGUST THANK YOU'S

A great big Thank You to:

- ◆ Grace Taguchi/Emily Onizuka for arranging the naijin (altar) flowers
- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings)
- ◆ Pauline Knude/Debbie Katsumi(rice) offerings
- ◆ Steve Howard and Michael Tamaki for mounting one of the large screens in the Hondo and many other jobs that need to be done around the Temple
- ◆ Susan Ebisuzaki for tirelessly being the refreshment toban every Sunday
- ◆ Cary Kataoka and Ken Shigeishi for making sure we have a zoom service
- ◆ Grace Taguchi and Naomi Tsuji Tamaki for gardening
- ◆ Les Tanaka who always cuts our grass and weeds
- ◆ To all the volunteers who are always at the Temple to help out every day, week or month.
- ◆ To all those who helped at Lumbini for Kids Camp Week

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
- **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



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