



Guiding Light

November, 2023



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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UPCOMING SERVICES

		Kids' Sangha	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
		In Person	In Person & Zoom	In Person & Zoom
NOVEMBER 12, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE DENNIS MADOKORO	10:45 DHARMA SCHOOL ONLY	ENGLISH	NONE
NOVEMBER 19, 2023	ETAIKYO REGULAR SERVICE	10:15 KIDS SANGHA	ENGLISH	NONE
NOVEMBER 26, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE	10:45 DHARMA SCHOOL ONLY	ENGLISH	NONE
DECEMBER 3, 2023	MONTHLY MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI)	10:15 KIDS SANGHA	ENGLISH	JAPANESE
DECEMBER 10, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE DENNIS MADOKORO	10:45 DHARMA SCHOOL ONLY	ENGLISH	NONE

EITAIKYO, NOVEMBER 19TH

Held in November (19th), Eitaikyo (perpetual recitation of the sutras) is a special memorial service honoring our loved ones. Families and friends contribute to a special fund to have a name entered in the Eitaikyo registry.

This fund is used exclusively for the maintenance of the naijin and hondo. To have a name placed in the registry please contact the office if you are interested in adding a name to the Eitaikyo registry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6—Buddhism and Social Activism, Part I (Zoom), Jeff Wislon Sensei

MUST REGISTER . SEE WEBSITE FOR QR CODE

November 8 - 11 Preparation for the Bazaar

November 11—**BAZAAR**

November 12—Let's Talk Dharma—Dennis Madokoro

Makuragyo (Pillow-side) Service

When families consider having a Pillow-side service (Makuragyo), they are encouraged to notify the minister with advance notice. This offers the minister time to adjust his schedule accordingly. Depending on the wishes of the family, the minister is quite prepared to conduct the service immediately following the passing away, wherever the location or whenever the hour. In fact, the family may

prefer to have the service at an earlier time so that more family members can attend the service. Providing information, prior to a passing away, is important for the minister too, not only to adjust his schedule, but to prepare for the service. The early contact with the minister also provides an opportunity for him to offer information and answer questions the family may have.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation, BOD



THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is one of my favourite holidays. We don't have to buy or wrap any gifts. We don't have to send many cards. All we have to do is show up to get together, and eat...and eat more. What a great holiday!

Of course, it takes time to roast the turkey, bake the vegetables, and make gravy sauce for mashed potatoes. After a full meal, we don't want to think about cleaning up the table or washing the dishes.

You might think you could leave it for the next day. But if you cleaned up them with your gratitude, it would be a true Thanksgiving. Because washing the dishes and cleaning the dining table gives us a direct sense of the work of those who prepared the table and cooked the food. That gives us a great opportunity to thank them again.

I always felt that Thanksgiving is the most Buddhist of all traditional Canadian holidays. It is a special time of the year that we set aside time to show gratitude to our family and friends as a nation.

We take one day from our busy lives; we come together as a family and friends and simply give thanks for all that we have. So wonderful holiday, very Buddhist. And this feeling of Thanksgiving in Buddhism, we call Nembutsu life, a life of appreciation, a life of gratitude, a life of thanksgiving.

Bishop Aoki said that if we truly appreciate our lives, every day would become thanksgiving. We would be living a life of Nembutsu.

Although as Buddhists, when we live in our busy schedule, it's easy to take things for granted without appreciation. We must appreciate what we have and when we have it.

In Ryoanji temple, there is a stone with interesting designs on it. Four Kanji characters are curved on that stone, 吾唯足知literally means I simply know what is enough. Or it could be translated as "I am content with what I am" and "the truly rich person is the person who is content with what they are and have."

When we look at our lives, we have to appreciate simple things like our hearing, eyesight and our ability to simply walk and run.

We live such a busy life of conveniences, and our days are filled with more things to do than ever before. In our wonderful life, we tend to take for granted all too easily what we have. And take for granted especially, the people we love.

When we sit in our Hondo, that lets us look into the mirror of Dharma, and reflect on our lives. Let us see again what is truly the value of living each day.

When we reflect on our selves, we may realize that our real happiness is being able to live this moment with appreciation and gratitude.

When we are here, sitting in this Hondo, we just place our palms together while reciting Nembutsu. That lets us step back from our busy schedules, busy agendas, and homework. And in doing this, we quietly remember to appreciate this moment which will never come again. You remember again, not to take things for granted such as the gifts of life, of love, of family and friends.

For Buddhists, every day is the day of Thanksgiving, the day of gratitude, and the day of Nembutsu. I hope as we enter into this winter holiday season, we will try to live more deeply each day, a life of Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi



A Day of Life

I am Nishioki Gentoku from Nishi-Hongwanji Temple in Kyoto Japan.

I teach the Jodo Shinshu rituals and how to conduct Buddhist services to ministers who will become a tokudo and kyoshi Buddhist ministers including oversea Buddhist ministers in Kyoto.

Before I visited here in Toronto, I was invited to Calgary as an instructor for the workshop that was held for the all Kaikyoshi oversea Buddhist ministers of JSBTC.

Today is the first time I have visited the Toronto Buddhist Church. I would like to take this great opportunity to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching with you.

On a personal note, today, October 15, is a special day for me, because this day is my grandfather's Memorial Day. It has been exactly 10 years today since he passed away.

When I was a child, my grandfather used to take me to visit a cemetery where my family graves are located.

I remember how much I looked forward to visiting the grave with my grandfather because he always bought doughnuts as an offering to Amida Buddha and his family who had gone to the Pure Land. And then when we went back home, he let me eat all these doughnuts.

That cemetery visit was also on the 15th of every month. I asked him "Why do we visit the graveside on the 15th of every month?" My grandfather said "Because your Granma passed away on the 15th." I asked him, "So the 15th is a bad day and an unfortunate day. Isn't it?" He smiled and told me "No, it's not a bad day or an unfortunate day. Of course, it was a sad day when she passed away, but Amida-Buddha is telling me that it doesn't end in sadness and emptiness because she was born in Amida-Buddha's Pure Land. The 15th of every month became a very important day for me.

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A Day of Life

In Japan, the day of death is called "MEI-NICHI" which literally means a day of life.

In Buddhism, we understand that the day of death is not the day life ends.

So, MEI-NICHI is the day when their lives in this world come to an end and they are born as a Buddha.

Therefore, when we hold a memorial service for someone's death, we are not only showing our respect to them, but also, we also celebrate them because they became Buddhas through Amida-Buddha's Compassion. It is also a time to reflect on our own life and to respect this life.

For me, the 15th has become an important day, as it was for my grandfather.

Today, October 15, while remembering my late grandfather here in Toronto, far away from Japan, I would like to place my palms together and recite Nembutsu.

Amida Buddha's great activities let me know that I will not let his life end in sadness and emptiness, because it is a precious life that will become Buddha. Amida lets me surely become a Buddha. Amida lets accept me just as I am.

As I recited the Nembutsu, I was guided by my late grandfather, who became a Buddha, now and in the future.

Namu Amida Butsu

Rev. Gentoku Nishioki

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE GUIDING LIGHT:

OSHŌGATSU ALL OVER AGAIN!

October 22, 2023. Ministers' Appreciation Day. Thank you, Reverend Yoshimichi Ouchi. Thank you, Professor Jeff Wilson. Thank you, Captain Joanne Yuasa, Thank you, Dennis Madokoro. Thanks to each of you for selflessly and freely guiding us along the path of the Buddha in all your talks and writings and casual chats, and by your personal example. We will never be able to compensate you adequately for all you have done for us.

For the morning service we were treated to the presence of three of our four Buddhist leaders in Toronto. (Last we heard, Captain Yuasa was grunting through the rigors of basic training at a Canadian Armed Forces camp. Embraced by all since her arrival, she was missed.) And Bishop Tatsuya Aoki graced the occasion and shared a thoughtful and timely Dharma talk. It was a cheerful gathering of the largest congregation since the start of COVID.

And then the ministers gave us one more lip-smacking reason to thank them. The Temple took the opportunity to celebrate the day in their honour with a jaw-dropping feast of a luncheon. Everyone who lined up at the buffet table agreed all agog: "This must be *Oshōgatsu!*" There were so many perfect dishes, way too plentiful and too delightful and too many to

describe in this small space. If gluttony is a vice, many of us shamelessly sinned that day, but we did manage to redeem ourselves somewhat by skipping supper.

Thinking back on it, it really was like a Happy New Year's Day. Yes, the food revived memories of New Year's Days gone by. But there were other reminders. First, in a way it could be seen as a *hatsumode*, the first visit to the Temple, maybe not for the year, but for many that day for many times to come. Next, while we didn't exchange the traditional New Year's greeting cards (*nengajo*) with their customary message, we did thank our ministers who were so kind to us over the past year, and we did greet all our old and new friends and wished them well into the future. That was the best.

The feeling of fellowship and giving was obvious in the array of *gochisō* contributed not only by the Temple's core of volunteers but by so many of the guests themselves who generously gave as much as they received. It was as if during COVID everyone had stored up a need to gather, socialize and share, and that need burst open that day.

To borrow a couple of lines from Cary Kataoka's apt *Sweet Caroline* that afternoon, "Good times never seemed so good.." (*so good, so good, so good*). And another line: "Now it begins..." The day did signal an optimistic future, regardless of the uncertainties ahead. Thank you, Toronto Buddhist Church. With love to all, and best wishes for a Happy New Era.

Roy Kusano

Member

SERVICE
OCTOBER 22, 2022



MINISTERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
OCTOBER 22, 2023



*Thank you for all that you do to support the Temple,
spread the Dharma and ask nothing in return!*

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of December

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

ABE, Jihei	IKEDA, Tamae	MASUKAWA, Bessie Yoriko	NISHIKAWA, Iyo
AMEMORI, Sueko Deborah	IMAOKA, Hanaye	MATSUI, Hiroyuki	NISHIMOTO, Hideo
ARASAKI, Toyoko	INOUE, Jokichi	MATSUMOTO-SUN, Jiali	NISHIMURA, Miya
ASA, Kaname Frank	IRIZAWA, Ayako	MATSUSHIGE, Minoru Jimmy	NISHIMURA, Shizu
BABA, Sam Sadaaki	IRIZAWA, Yoshizo	MAYEDE, Fujio	NOGUCHI, Yoshio Jack
BEAUCHESNE, Janet Toshiye	ISOKI, Hanaye	MIKE, Fumiko Alice	OHARA, Peggy Fusayo
DILENA, Michael Enrico	ITO, Hide	MITSUKI, Fumie	OHASHI, Minokichi
DOI, Manabu	IWASHITA, Tomi Kikue	MIWA, Heishiro	OHASHI, Sumi
DOUCETTE, Nina Judith	IWATA, Fred	MIYANISHI, Toshi	OHASHI, Tsuyoko
EBATA, Mary Yaeko	KADOHAMA, Kazuyuki	MIYASAKI, Roy Saburo	OHASHI, Vic Haruo
EBATA, Toshiaki	KARATSU, Naoichi	MIYASHITA, Kiyoji	OHKANE, Kazuo Kenny
EBISUZAKI, Yaeko	KARIYA, Tafuru	MIYAUCHI, Tameji	OHATA, Yoshio
FUCHIHARA, Wayne Makoto	KATSURA, Shigeo Bud	MIZUYABU, Tsunejiro	OIKAWA, Tadao
FUJINO, Sakiichi	KAWABATA, Tsugiye	MIZUYABU, Yukiharu	OIKAWA, Helen Kikue
FUJINO, Bill Chiyokichi	KAWABATA, Yuriko	MORI, Kanzo	OKADA, Takanori
FUJITA, Kano	KAWAGUCHI, Junge Jerry	MORI, Masa	OKASHIMO, Hisayo
FURUKAWA, Sam Shigeo	KAWAI, Margaret Takako	MORI, Toshio	OKAYASU, Shiota
GOTO, Kazuye	KIMURA, Masuitsu	MORI, Satoko	OKIMURA, Fred Y.
GOTO, Toshiko	KISHIMOTO, Fumiko	MUKAI, Hiromi Peter	OKUMA, Sensuke
HARADA, Teruo Ted	KISHIMOTO, Harue	MURATA, Kiyoko	OMOTANI, Chiyoko
HASHIMOTO, Kito	KITAMURA, Genichi	NAGANO, Rikimatsu	OMOTO, Kenji
HASHIZUME, Waki	KITAZAKI, Kazuo	NAITO, Kazuichi	OMOTO, Shika
HATANAKA, Masaye	KOBAYASHI, Kogiku	NAKAGAWA, Kazuo	OMOTO, Ume
HATANAKA, Yoshio	KODAMA, Minoru Mike	NAKAI, Hiroshi	OTANI, Tatsuko
HATANAKA, Jean Misae	KOMATSU, Koshiro	NAKAI, Shogo	SAITO, Ken Kanao
HAYASHI, Akio Arthur	KONDO, Shohei	NAKAGAWA, Kyoko	SAKURA, Shizue
HAYASHI, Frances Akiyo	KONDO, Yonekichi	NAKAMURA, Ryotaro	SAWADA, Miyoko Antoinette
HAYASHI, Rev. Michael	KONDO, Larry Soichi	NAKAMURA, Tomio	SEKO, Shigetaro
HAYASHI, Virginia Yukiko	KOYANAGI, Fujiko	NAKAMURA, Mike Mitsuo	SHIKATANI, Kikuko
HAYASHIDA, Bob Hideo	KUDO, Nobuko	NAKATA, Baby	SHIMIZU, Minosuke
HORIKAWA, Tomeno	KUMAMOTO, Masayu	NAKATSU, Tokutaro	SHIOZAKI, Masae
IKARI, Minoru Dick	KUROKAWA, Ai	NAKAUCHI, Chiyoko	SHIRAKAWA, Raiichi
IKEBATA, Gloria Michiko	MacRAE, John Alexander	NIKAIDO, Frank Hideo	SUEFUJI, Yataro
	MAEMURA, Masanori	NISHIDA, Kazuye Kay	

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

SUMIYA, Gloria Sayoko	TANAKA, Hiroshi Richard	TSUYUKI, Tama	WAKIDA, Kichinosuke
SUYAMA, Kunio	TANAKA, Kiyoshi	UCHIMARU, Yoshi	WAKISAKA, Sumiko
SUYAMA, Yoshihiro	TANAKA, Sawako	UEDA, Michiyo	WATANABE, Masachi
SUZUKI, Minako	TANAKA, Kenneth Kenji	URABE, Yoshikazu Fred	YAMANAKA, Tokutaro
TABA, Kunio Harry	TANIISHI, Ross Kiyoshi	UYEDA, Fusae	YAMASHITA, Joe
TAGUCHI, Emiko	TATEISHI, Keizo	UYEDA, Sami	YOKOTA, Saizo
TAHARA, Tami	TERASHITA, Shizue	UYEDA, Takeo	YONEMURA, Chiye
TAKAOKA, Rinko	TSCHIRHART, Maureen	UYENO, Mohachi	YOSHIDA, Mitsuo
TAKASAKI, Shizu	Mariko	WAKABAYASHI, Chutaro	YOSHIDA, Akiko Elsie
TAKATA, Saburo	TSUCHIDA, Shizuka	WAKABAYASHI,	
TAMAKI, Alfred Kenji	TSUJI, Nobuichi	Yoshitaka	
	TSURUOKA, Misuye Jane	WAKIDA, Aki	

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

<i>Reverend Ensei Nekoda</i>	<i>103 yrs</i>	<i>October 3, 2023</i>
<i>Mrs. Elizabeth Nishizawa</i>	<i>97 yrs</i>	<i>September 30, 2023</i>
<i>Mrs. Kiyomi Asada</i>	<i>94 yrs</i>	<i>October 12, 2023</i>
<i>Mrs. Mitsuko Wakabayashi</i>	<i>88 yrs</i>	<i>October 15, 2023</i>
<i>Mrs. Keiko Belair</i>	<i>86 yrs</i>	<i>October 21, 2023</i>

**REVEREND ENSEI HITOSHI NEKODA**

Reverend Ensei Hitoshi Nekoda passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Oct. 3, 2023 in Sunnyvale, California at the age of 103.

He is survived and lovingly remembered by his younger sister Yasuko Beth (Charles) Kubokawa of Palo Alto, CA and youngest brother Minoru Joseph (Yoko) Nekoda in Toronto, ON and several nieces, nephews as well as great-nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his devoted wife Masako in 2005 and his younger brother Shunso Nick (Ann) Nekoda in 2000.

Rev. Nekoda was ordained in 1950 after studying in Kyoto, Japan. He served for over 40 years in Canada and United States as minister and educationalist of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. His assignments included ministerial posts in

several cities in Alberta, Canada and Penryn, California. He served as minister assistant to Rev. K. Tsuji at the Toronto Buddhist Church and was one of the founding members of the Toronto Buddhist Society. He also served as Director of the BCA Sunday School Department in San Francisco, USA. Working with Sunday School children was one of his passions and he eagerly shared his enthusiasm for crafting with them, especially teaching the art of origami.

Upon official retirement in 1990, he remained active assisting Rev. F. Usuki at West L.A. Temple. He later moved to a retirement home in Sunnyvale, California to be near his sister Beth and her family.

His funeral was held at a temple in Mountain View, California on Nov. 2nd, 2023 officiated by Rev. Bishop M. Harada, BCA.

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

NOVEMBER'S THEME: "REMEMBERING"

Eshinni and Kakushinni

- impermanance
- gratitude for those who have come before us.



NOVEMBER 12th – Dharma school at 10:45 (classroom)

NOVEMBER 19th – Kids service at 10:15 a.m. in the Hondo. This is followed by Dharma school in the classroom from 10:45 – 12:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26th – Dharma school at 10:45 a.m. (classroom)

MINISTER'S APPRECIATION LUNCH!

Thank you everyone who participated in our Kids Sangha stage presentation for our Minister's.

You all did a great job and everyone enjoyed your performance.



The Kids Sangha Team



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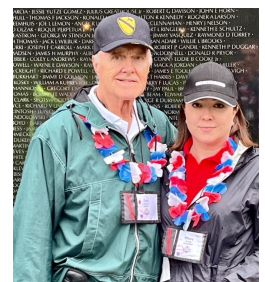
HONOUR FLIGHT, WASHINGTON D.C.

On Oct the 13th 2023, my daughter and I drove to Buffalo and signed into the Aloft airport hotel. At 5pm we had a meet and greet meeting at the hotel to advise us of our trip and hand out t-shirts with logo's on them. We also were given leis around our necks to help identify us during the trip.

We were on the bus at 3:30 am which took us to another building to meet two other buses and then with a police escort we went to the airport. We were treated like celebrities. The 737 flew us to Baltimore and then a number of buses with a tour guide, volunteers and medical personnel drove us into Washington D.C. to

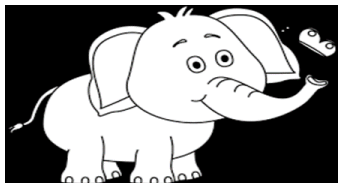
our first War memorial (WWII) of many. We spent the day going to the Viet Nam, Korea, Iwo Jima, Air Force memorials, saw the Lincoln memorial, Washington Memorial, and ended the day at the women's memorial for a hot dinner.

We were bussed back to the Baltimore airport and returned to Buffalo at about 11.30pm Sat. My daughter and I had such a marvelous day, that it will stay in our memories for many many years.





THE BAZAAR IS COMING..... AND THE WHITE ELEPHANT IS BACK!



WE ARE IN NEED OF DONATED ITEMS FOR OUR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE AT THE BAZAAR ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 2023.

PLEASE START GOING THROUGH YOUR CLOSETS AND GARAGES FOR ITEMS THAT MAY BE SUITABLE FOR OUR SALE.

THESE ITEMS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING.....

KNICK KNACKS

POTS

SMALL APPLIANCES

GLASSWARE

PANS

DISHES

CUTLERY

PAINTINGS



WE WILL ACCEPT ALMOST ANYTHING.....EXCLUDING LARGE FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, CLOTHING AND BOOKS.

IF YOU HAVE A DONATION, PLEASE DROP IT OFF AT THE TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 15. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DROP IT OFF YOURSELF, CONTACT THE CHURCH AT 416-534-4302 AND WE WILL ARRANGE TO PICK UP YOUR ITEMS.

POWER TOOLS FOR SALE

Nori Sugimoto donated the following power tools for sale to support the Toronto Buddhist Church.

The price is as follows: Band Saw, or Table Saw are \$250 each. Jigsaw or Drill Press is \$100 each.

Please contact the office to arrange pick up.



Table saw



Band saw



Jig saw, drill press

NEW, USED OR VINTAGE JEWELLERY, HANDBAGS, SCARVES, LINEN

Do you have your parents', grandparents' or your own jewelry, etc. in storage that you don't know what to do with? The Temple will be holding their annual bazaar again on November 11. We will have a booth at the bazaar to raise funds for the many needs of the Temple.

If you should have any items you'd like to donate please bring them to the Temple and clearly mark on the boxes or items that they are for the 'TBC Jewelry Booth'.

Donations can be brought in on or after October 15.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



2023 BAZAAR WORK SCHEDULE****schedule listed is tentative and subject to change****

Date	Time	Task
Friday, November 3	9am	Wash pails, prepare hakkusai for tsukemono
Sunday, November 5	after morning service	Hang bazaar banners outside
Wednesday, November 8	9am	Mochi manju (move microwave oven)
	after 6pm	close naijin, move chairs to mezzanine
		set up lighter tables in Hondo
		mezzanine - move extra chairs to library
		move to Social Hall all packaging material, ice packs,
		brown bread trays, cups, hashii, "orange" tablecloths/
		plastic tablecloths
		move to Hondo - Lug blankets, bakery packaging, Japanese
		dishes as marked
		set up tables in mezzanine for White Elephant
		move Social Hall stage into Kids Sangha room (piano side)
		set out work tables in Social Hall for Thurs/Fri workers
		clean rolling rack trays
		sanitize serving trays, udon bowls, white food bins, ice cream
		bowls
Thursday, November 9	9am	Yaki manju
	after 6pm	marinate chicken
		prepare chicken broth
Friday, November 10	9am	wash rice for 50 rolls of makizushi
		make eggs for makizushi
		make 50 rolls makizushi
		cut and cook pork for chow mein
		wash and cut vegetables - carrots, onions, celery, ginger,
		garlic
		wash bean sprouts
		salt and cook salmon for onigiri
		fill shoyu bottles, rinse teapots
		wash rice for inarizushi and onigiri
	after 6pm	cook chicken teriyaki
		cook udon and finish dashi for soup
		wash and cook bok choy
		cook edamame
		make inarizushi
		make onigiri - 100 umeboshi, 100 salted salmon
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BAZAAR PREP SCHEDULE, continued

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TASK</u>
Saturday, November 11	<u>8:00 am</u>	Cook chow mein
		cool chow mein and package
		assemble bento
		post signage in Social Hall
		hot food prep - rice, chicken, udon, gyoza
		package manju
		package inarizushi
		hot water for green tea
		cut nappa tsukemono
		set up tables and chairs (after packaging completed)
		move finished oribako, onigiri to Hondo
		prepare sanitizing solution for wiping down dining tables
		dishwashing
	after bazaar	box all remaining White Elephant items for pick up
		remove tables from Hondo
		set up chairs in Hondo
		clean up in Social Hall
		replace stage in Social Hall

OCTOBER THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Nori Sugimoto for donation of power tools
- ◆ To all those who helped and contributed to the Ministers' Appreciation Luncheon . You all made it a wonderful afternoon
- ◆ Naomi Tamaki for arranging the naijin (altar) flowers
- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings).
- ◆ Darlene Rieger for Obuppan.
- ◆ Susan Ebisuzaki for tirelessly being the refreshment toban every Sunday.
- ◆ Cary Kataoka and Ken Shigeishi for making sure we have a zoom service.

- ◆ To all the volunteers who are always at the Temple to help out every day, week or month.
- ◆ To all those who donated garden and work tools.
- ◆ To all those who have been volunteering at the many funerals and memorials that have occurred.

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. Let's have some new people to thank.

We hope that you will join our new format toban group. Call the office or email Naomi Tsuji Tamaki at ilovelucy3d@yahoo.com with your questions or to join the group.

BRING JUST ONE THING

Everyone is aware of the rising prices of all foodstuffs. In lieu of a food drive, we encourage everyone who comes to the temple for either services or classes, to bring one non perishable item from their cupboard; once or every time you attend Temple or whenever you think of it. This will be a year long project. Hopefully this is less burdensome than donating a bag of food occasionally. Of course we will also welcome bags of food if that is better for you. There will be a box in the lobby for donations. Food banks and

neighborhood pantries will benefit from your donations year round.

Please do not include food that is close to or past its 'best before date'.

Thank you for your generosity and thinking of the less fortunate. **TBC**



ANNUAL BAZAAR

TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

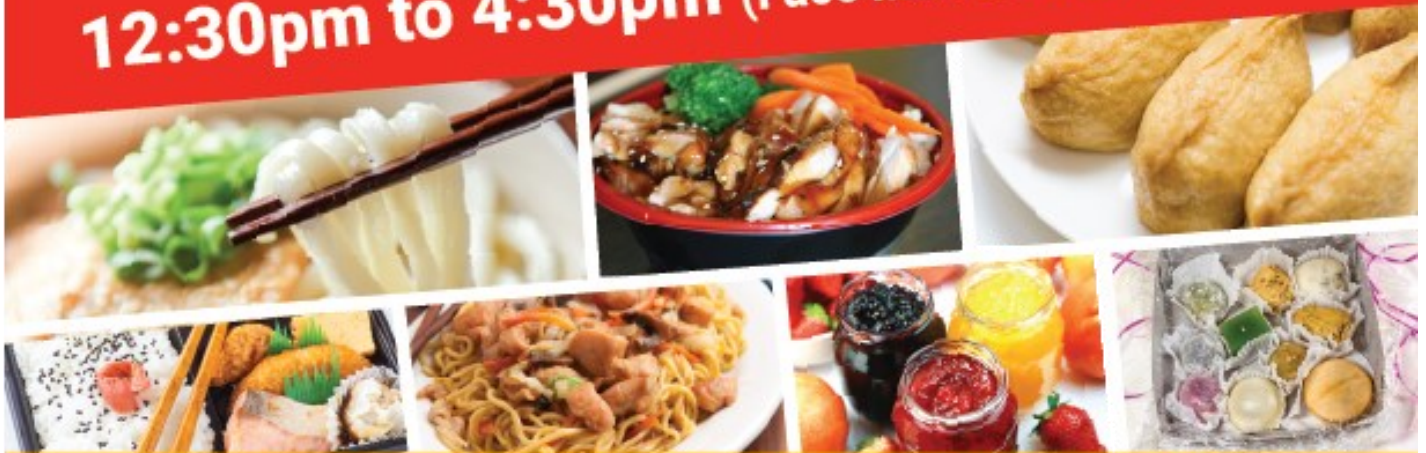
PLEASE
BRING YOUR
OWN BAGS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

1011 Sheppard Ave West, Toronto

(1 block east of Sheppard West TTC Subway Station)

12:30pm to 4:30pm (Face masks recommended)



HOT AND FRESH FOOD HALL

Udon Noodle Soup • Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowls

TAKE OUT
AVAILABLE

PREPARED FOODS AND SHOPPING

Sushi • Chow mein • Manju • Preserves • Pies & Baked goods
Japanese giftware • White Elephant • New Vendors, and more!

For more information:

Please call **416-534-4302** or visit us at **www.tbc.on.ca**



PROCLAMATION
TORONTO BUDDHIST
CHURCH

WANTED

BAKED GOODS & PIES



REWARD

KANSHA

TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH BAZAAR
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

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.

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Japanese Canadian Legacy Monument Database

Exciting progress is being made by the JC Legacy Monument Database team led by University of Victoria's Michael Abe curating the list of names of JCs forcibly uprooted from coastal BC, disambiguating 14,500 case files digitized through Landscapes of Injustice, plus researching over 30 other lists. The final list of names will be preserved permanently on a monument legacy wall at a location near the BC Legislature in Victoria.

We need your help

The Monument Database team is currently travelling to JC communities across Canada to introduce the monument project and share how the community can help ensure the names and place of origin are correct. Look for our booth at community outreach events or contact us via email. Scan the QR code to view an up-to-date database of names.



VIEW THE NAMES
New website will be
available Nov 1, 2023
<https://hcmc.uvic.ca/project/monument/index.html>

Image: kobayashi + zedda architects

We are grateful to be doing this work on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples.

*Save
The
Date*



Saturday December 30, 2023

*Where: Toronto Buddhist Church
Social Hall*

*When: Saturday December 30,
2023*

Lunch: Lunch will be provided

ATTENTION TEMPLE MEMBERS AND GUIDING LIGHT SUBSCRIBERS

Covid-19 has and is still affecting everyone in many ways and that includes the Temple. In-person services attendance is way down; fundraisers are just beginning to get back to 'normal'; donations and memberships again fell short in 2023, our funds are becoming strained. Unfortunately, despite these issues, the Temple still have bills to pay. We find it necessary to raise the Membership and Guiding Light subscription fees for the coming year. With the costs of everything increasing, the Temple feels it cannot forego the increases to the membership and subscription fees for 2024. We hope that you understand and will continue to support the Temple so we can continue to spread the Dharma during these difficult times. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Board of Directors, Toronto Buddhist Church

2024 MEMBERSHIP FEE 2024 \$155.00

NON-MEMBER

GUIDING LIGHT SUBSCRIPTION FEE 2024 \$55.00

Membership Applications will be in the January 2024

Guiding Light

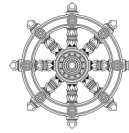
**Subscription fees should be received by December 15
to ensure receiving all 2024 issues**

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 or the Temple for more information.

With sincere gratitude

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