



Guiding Light

December, 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
DECEMBER 10, 2023	REGULAR SERVICE DENNIS MADOKORO	10:15 DHARMA SCHOOL	ENGLISH	NONE
DECEMBER 17, 2023	BOHDI DAY REGULAR SERVICE	10:15 KIDS SANGHA	ENGLISH	NONE
DECEMBER 24, 2023	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE
DECEMBER 31, 2023	JOYA NO KANE (BELL RINGING)	NONE	IN PERSON ONLY 11:30 PM ENGLISH	NONE
JANUARY 1, 2024	NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE	NONE	IN PERSON ONLY ENGLISH	NONE
JANUARY 7, 2024	MONTHLY MEMORIAL SHOTSUKI	10:15 KIDS SANGHA	ENGLISH/ JAPANESE	NONE

BODHI DAY—December 17, 2023

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition Bodhi Day (Jodo-e) is always held on the 8th day of December. It commemorates the time when Siddhartha Gautama experienced enlightenment and became a Buddha or the Awakened One. The ficus religiosa tree under which he sat is now referred to as the Bodhi Tree located in Bodhgaya, India.

Joya No Kane -**11:30pm December 31st**

The year end is a time to reflect on everything that has affected us during the past year. The ringing of the temple bell 108 times symbolizes the casting off of the 108 defilements and attachments binding us this world of delusion.

UPCOMING

DECEMBER 10— LET'S TALK DHARMA

JANUARY 20—HOONKO EVE SERVICE

HOONKO POT LUCK (VEGETARIAN)

JANUARY 21

NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL

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

THE FALL OF FREDDY



Today I would like to introduce you to a picture book. The book's title is "The Fall of Freddie the Leaf". The author is not Buddhist, but that book lets us know the part of teachings of the Buddha, which are "Life is impermanent," "Life is interdependent" and "Life is uncontrollable."

Before I write about that book here, I would like to explain the reason why I want to introduce that book.

When a high school student group visits our temple to learn about other religions, I usually talk about the basic teachings of the Buddha.

But it sometimes doesn't work for them. Because some of them already belong to another religion, or they just don't have any interest in religious things. When I find out that they are not listening to my Dharma message. I completely changed my topic.

What I talk about is LOVE, because a lot of kids that age are into love. Many of them believe that loving someone or being loved is a good thing. But in Buddhism, there are two different ways of thinking about love.

First, Buddhism thinks love is attachment. We call that love Katsu Ai (渴愛) in Japanese. Katsu Ai means to be thirsty for love.

If you have someone you love or who loves you, you may not even want to think about separation, because you know it makes you feel deep sadness and suffering.

But if you know our life is impermanent and unculturable through the teachings of the Buddha, that way of thinking about love will change. We call that love Ji Ai (慈愛). Ji Ai means compassionate love.

Compassionate love is affectionate and giving, focused on reducing the other's suffering and promoting the other's happiness.

This love is different from Katsu Ai because it's a love that doesn't attach to anyone.

Please keep in mind the difference between Katsu Ai (渴愛) and Ji Ai (慈愛) when you read the story of "The Fall of Freddie the Leaf."

There was a leaf. His name was Freddie. Freddie was born with his friend Daniel. In the spring season, Freddie and Daniel danced and sang with the birds. In the summer season, they made a shadow on the ground for animals. Then in the fall season, they dressed up in very beautiful colors. Freddie had a very special time with Daniel.

However when the winter season came, he noticed some of his friends had disappeared. He asked

Daniel, "What's happening?" Daniel told him "It is what happens in the winter season. It is the time for us to change our home, or as someone calls it, to die."

Freddie asked "Will we all die?" Daniel said "Yes, everything dies. No matter how big or small, no matter how weak or strong. We learn to dance, to sing and to dress up in the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Then we die in the winter season."

Freddie said. "I don't want to die! Will you, Daniel?" Daniel answered "Yes, when it's my time, but no one knows when for sure. That is the great mystery!"

Freddie told Daniel "I'm afraid to die. I don't know what's down there." Daniel said "We all fear what we don't know, Freddie. It's natural. However, we were not afraid when spring became summer and when summer became fall even though we didn't know what would happen in that new season. They were natural changes. Why should you be afraid of the season of death?"

Daniel told Freddie that they didn't have to be afraid to change. But Freddie could not stop asking Daniel "Will we return in the spring season?" Daniels said "We may not, but Life will," and he also said "Goodbye for now, Freddie". He seemed to smile peacefully as he fell.

Then, Freddie was alone. The first snow fell in the morning. It was soft, white, and gentle; but it was bitter cold. Freddie found himself losing his color.

At dawn the wind came that took Freddie from his branch. It didn't hurt at all. He felt himself falling gently and softly on the snow. As he fell, he saw the whole tree for the first time.

Freddie thought "How strong this tree was!" He was sure that tree would live for a long time and he knew that he had been part of its life and that made him proud.

Freddie was in the snow. It somehow felt soft and even warm. In this new position he was more comfortable than he had ever been. He closed his eyes and fell asleep.

He did not know that the spring season would follow the winter season and that the snow would melt into water. He did not know that he would join with the water and serve to make the tree stronger.

Most of all, he did not know that there, asleep in the tree and the ground, were already plans for new leaves in the spring.

When I was a child, my mother read this book to me. I didn't think this story was so meaningful. But when I was a university student, I found this book in a bookstore and I read it again. Then I thought this story had deep meaning.

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FALL OF FREDDY, continued

Freddie was afraid of the winter season because he lost his friends. But his friend Daniel told him that their life was changing all the time, and they learned a lot of things in the different seasons.

When Freddie left his branch, he saw how big the tree was for the first time. He was proud that he was a part of the big tree. I think Freddie's love changed to Ji Ai from Katsu Ai. Therefore, when he was in the snow. It somehow felt soft and even warm. In this new position, he was more comfortable than he had ever been.

When I talk about Amida Buddha's compassion in Japanese, I always use the word "Ji Hi (慈悲)." Ji Hi

means to take away the suffering of sentient beings and give them peace of mind.

Therefore, it could be translated as "Compassionate love" in English.

We have received the light of Amida Buddha's Wisdom. That wisdom guides us in Amida's Compassion. The Compassion let us know that we are accepted just as we are to become a Buddha in the Pure Land. And when we place our hands together, we say "Namo Amida Butsu" and show our gratitude to Amida Buddha

Namu Amida Butsu

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi

Article for the Guiding Light

**Awakening to the Climate Change Crisis:
a Buddhist Perspective**

**Join Ray Nakano on Sunday,
January 7, 2024 at 12:45 pm
at the Toronto Buddhist Church
located at 1011 Sheppard Ave. W.
in a conversation about our
Climate Crisis and what we can do
about it as Buddhists.**




The United Nations says that we are on track for a "hellish" 3C degrees of global heating. Climate scientists around the world have been warning us for years. Hurricanes on the east coast. Heat waves on the west coast. Drought in the prairies. The wildfires experienced across Canada this past summer are the worst on record: bigger, more intense, and more numerous. We are experiencing what will be our hottest year ever. And it's going to get worse. There is no "new normal." It will get hotter, drier, wetter ... all because we are in a climate crisis. And that's with only a 1.2C degree temperature increase. So far.

Our children and grandchildren will be choking on increasing carbon pollution and wildfire smoke, or worse — unless we wake up and take action.

If you are concerned about our climate crisis and want to know what you can do about it, please attend this in person session, taking place on Sunday, January 7th at 12:45 pm at the Toronto Buddhist Church located at 1011 Sheppard Ave. West, Toronto.

Come out and learn what you can do about our Climate Crisis.

EITAIKYO SERVICE



Last month, we were gathered at the temple for the Eitaikyo service. Eitaikyo is officially called Eitaidokkyo which I means, "Perpetually (eitai) chanting (doku) Buddhist sutra (kyō)."

Eitaikyo service provides us with a great opportunity to learn about our connection to the past. It shows us we are all interconnected.

This memorial service lets us know the link between past and present, and we can see this service as "we don't know the value of this temple, without the support and compassion of our past temple members."

There are many names in the Eitaikyo book who have been honoured for their dedicated support of this Toronto Buddhist Church. Our temple member's dedication to our temple allows us to "perpetually" share the teaching of Nembutsu in the present and into the future.

Many Nembutsu members have carefully protected it for long time, that is why that teaching is here today and we were able to encounter the Nembutsu today

Therefore, I can say that this Eitaikyo service also allows us to show our appreciation mind to the spirit of dedication of those who have come before us. Because we realized through this service that this temple was not made by only our effort but also we received it from our past Nembutsu followers.

Through this service, we should think about what is the meaning of this temple's existence. The meaning of this memorial service differs greatly, depending on how we take this temple as just a building or the significance of the gift.

When I returned to Japan last year to see my family for the first time in 5 years, I also met with my friends. When I talked with one of my friends, he told me something that impressed me, and I would like to share it with you today because that story let us know how we take something as just an object or significance of the gift.

He was born in Hokkaido which is the Northern Island in Japan. He had moved to Kyoto, away from his parents to go to a University. He said that his parents always sent a box from Hokkaido prefecture to his place in Kyoto every November. Because November was his birthday. He said the birthday gift was a sweater every year.

But he had never worn those sweaters when he was a university student.

He told me the reason why he didn't wear those sweaters. Because his mother's choice of sweaters had bad taste. It was like an ugly sweater. So, he was too embarrassed to wear them to go to the University.

One day he told his mother that he didn't need any more sweaters from her as a birthday gift, because he didn't want them to use. But his mother said, "Those sweaters were very expensive. You should use it."

So he asked, "Then don't send me a sweater, but send me that money because I can buy a sweater of my choice

with that money." But his mother didn't listen to him, and she sent him a sweater every year in November.

He said that box of gifts was always full of other items from Hokkaido, in addition to a sweater. There were cup noodles, snacks, and canned food.

When he saw the box, he imagined that it must have been his father holding it down and his mother packing it up. When he imagined that, he felt love from his parents because they packed for him.

He wasn't able to throw them away even though he didn't need them. And there are so many sweaters in his apartment. But again he just couldn't throw them away, because he said it was from his mother.

I think when we choose and give a gift to someone, we don't just think about sending that thing. We always think about their smiles, happiness and joy.

I believe in giving a gift to someone while thinking of their happy face. I guess when he remembered the gifts he had received, he might have felt that his mother also had a parental love and affection for him, and she might be concerned if he was cold or hungry after being away from Hokkaido.

When he thought of that parent's heart that wanted him to be happy and worried about him, he couldn't let go of that unwanted sweater. When we realize that every gift has a heart-mind, we can sense something more than the gift itself. That something is a wish.

That wish is not a wish to satisfy one's own desires, but a wish for the other person's pleasure.

Today we have a temple that was given to us by people who were here before us who tried to protect this temple and connect it to the future.

As I said before the meaning of the gift differs greatly, depending on how we take the temple as just a building or it's the caring heart-mind of the Nembutsu people who came before us.

So why did our past temple members want to leave this temple to us? Because a temple is a place to listen to Buddha-Dharma.

By listening to Buddha Dharma, we are hearing Amida's primal vow and receiving the Nembutsu. It is important to receive the heart-mind of Amida, not just the sound of the Nembutsu.

The heart-mind of Amida's vow is an aspiration to accept us as we are in the Pure Land through the other centred power, without abandoning anyone, and to ask us to rely on the Buddha.

The Buddha takes all our suffering as their suffering. The name of that Buddha is called Amida. When we know the gratitude of Amida Buddha, we cannot help but recite the Nembutsu from our heart-mind.

In Gassho

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouch

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of January

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

AKAYE , Jeanne Ayako	KARATSU , Rennie Akira	MORI , Kenzo	NAKATSU , Tsuruyo
BABA , Hatsu	KATSURA , Isamu	MORI , Kanichi George	NATSUHARA , Mie Nora
BANDO , Toshio	KATSURA , Mosaburo	MORI , Kisa	NEKODA , Ann Tsuyako
CARROLL , John	KATSURA , Toshiko	MORI , Maw Massme	NISHIHATA , Kishi
DMYTRYSHYN , Nicholas	KAWABATA , Fumio	MORI , Isao	NISHIKAWA , Kimi
DOI , Hajime	KAWAHARA , Kazumi	MORIMOTO , Isae	NISHIKAWA , Shoichiro
EBATA , Chiyoko	KAWAHARA , Sumano	MORISHITA , Nao	NISHIMURA , Robert Toji
EBATA , Genya	KAWASAKI , Mohachi	MORITA , Toshio	NISHIMURA , Eiko
EDAMURA , Toki	KAWASAKI , Uta	MURABAYASHI , Masa	NISHIZEKI , Hisakazu
FUJIMOTO , Shuzo George	KISHIMOTO , Yoshiko	MURAKAMI , Toshio	ODA , Kikue
FUJIMOTO , Teruko	KISHIMOTO , Mutsuo	MURAMOTO , Miyoko	ODA , Kiyozo
FUKUSAKA , Emiko	KISHIMOTO , Saichiro Sam	MURATA , Magoji	OGINO , Sumiye
FURUYA , Yaeko	KITAGAWA , Susumu	MUROMOTO , Miyoko	OGURA , Tomie
HAKODA , Aiko	KITAMURA , Shotaro	MUROMOTO , Tadashi	OHASHI , Robert Seizo
HAMA , Fujie	KIYONAGA , Hide	NAGANO , Kiyono	OHASHI , Tamio
HAMADE , Matsunosuke	KOBAYAKAWA , Hisa	NAKAGAWA , Connie Kane	OKASHIMO , Kamezo
HAMASAKI , Ichitaro	KODAMA , George	NAKAGAWA , Kumakichi	OKAWA , Kiyoshi
HAMILTON , Doreen	KOJIMA , Jiro	NAKAGAWA , Nobu	OKUDA , Hiroshi
HAYASHI , Sumi	KONDO , Take	NAKAGAWA , Masajiro	OMORI , Tamako
HIGASHI , Gene Yoshiteru	KONO , Misayo	NAKAGAWA , Kanako	ONO , Sadano
HIRAI , Hatsuye	KOYANAGI , Kazue	NAKAHARA , Aiko	OSATO , Ben
HIRAMORI , Yukiko	KOZAI , Tomisaburo	NAKAHARA-MACLACHLAN , Phillip	OTANI , Saichi
HUANG , Mei Lin	KUBOTA , Saenosuke	NAKAMURA , Kiseko Jean	OTSU , Tsune
ICHIKAWA , Jiro	KUMAGAI , Sutezo	NAKAMURA , Mikio	SAKAI , Iwakazu
IKEDA , Carole Mia Allison	KUMAMOTO , Hisano	NAKAMURA , Shigeo Fred	SAKATA , Shizue
INAMOTO , Richard Masayoshi	KUSANO , Tokiyoshi Fred	NAKAMURA , Tome	SATO , Hikotaro
INOUE , Hideharu Harry	MACLACHLAN , Marjorie Ethel	NAKAMURA , Yukiye Rose	SATO , Roland Atsumu
ISEKI , Yoshiko	MAIKAWA , Misao	NAKATA , Akira Victor	SEKIYA , Matsue
ISHII , Kanaye Bessie	MATSUBAYASHI , Kanayo		SHIBATA , Hatsu
ISOZAKI , Soichi Jimmy	MATSUMOTO , Tatsuyo Jean		SHIBATA , Suteya
ITO , Tsutau Lefty	MATSUMOTO , Akira Sam		SHIKATANI , Masajiro
ITO , Tayoko	MIIKE , Uhei		
IZUKAWA , Sakuhei	MIYAMOTO , Kazuko		
KAGETSU , Eikichi			
KAMINO , Tsuneo Roy			
KAMINO , Robert Yasuo			

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

SHIMANO , Kiyoko. Hayley Elizabeth Hisaye	TAKATA , Chiyoko	UCHIMARU , Kesaguma	WATANABE , Misao
SHIMIZU , Kazuo Thomas	TAKEMURA , Sozo	URA , Ine	WATANABE , Ronald Satoru
SHIMIZU , Kichiji	TAKEMURA , Takeo	USAMI , Fumiko	YAMAMOTO , Tamotsu
SHINMOTO , Tokiye	TANAKA , Satsuki Sally	UYESUGI , Tamotsu Tom	YAMASAKI , Tsutomu
SUGIMAN , Iwazo	TANAKA , Yoshie	WAKABAYASHI , Hideo	YAMASHITA , Yori
TAKAHASHI , Deanna Takako	TEHARA , John Shiro	WAKABAYASHI , Kazuko	YAMASHITA , Yoshitaro
TAKAHASHI , Koichi	TOJI , Shuken	WAKABAYASHI , Tadato	YAMAUCHI , Yasu
TAKAHASHI , Mika	TSUJI , Rose	WAKISAKA , Yasujiro	YASUDA , Yukimori
TAKASAKI , Masaru	TSUJIUCHI , Masayo	WANI , Fred Mitsunori	YOSHIDA , Bruce Yuji
	TSUKADA , Haruye	WARNER , Roger Harley	
	UCHIDA , George		

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

Dr. Kenneth C. Smith

91 yrs

October 29, 2023

Mrs. Yaeko Kawaguchi

95 yrs

November 20, 2023

**2024 TBC New Year's Social**

After a hiatus of 4 years, the 2024 New Year's Social will be held on

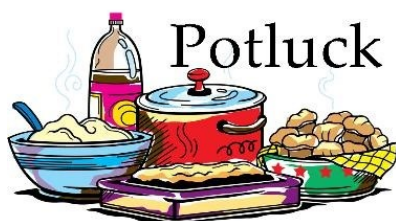
Sunday, January 21, 2024

following the morning service

Bring your favourite dish to share at the Potluck Luncheon

followed by bingo and door prize draws.

Donations for door prizes appreciated.



CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS**DECEMBER'S THEME:** Bodhi Day (Buddhahood)

What does it mean to become “Enlightened”?

Let's talk about “compassion”

Sunday December 10, 2023 - Dharma school 10:45 – 12:00

Sunday December 17, 2023 – Kids Service 10:15 a.m. followed by Dharma school 10:45 – 12:00 p.m.

SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!!!!!!

JANUARY'S THEME: Shinran Shonin (Ho-onko)

Who was Shinran Shonin?

Why do we learn about him?

What did he do?

Sunday January 7, 2024 – Kids Service begins at 10:15 a.m.

- Dharma school 10:45 – 12:00

With gratitude,

The Kids Sangha team



SHOTSUKI NOVEMBER 5, 2023



NEW YEARS GREETINGS 2024

In the next issue, January, 2024, the Guiding Light will be inserting a special “HAPPY NEW YEAR” page.

If you would like your name included in the special New Year’s greeting page, please complete the form below and submit it with your donation to the Temple office by **December 22, 2023**.

Please print my/our name(s) under ‘New Year Greetings’ in the upcoming January 2024 issue of the GUIDING LIGHT.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

GREETING: _____

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

REV. YOSHI’S FAREWELL LUNCHEON

Save the date to enjoy a farewell luncheon with Rev. Yoshi. It will be a Japanese food potluck, so bring your favorite dish.

We hope you will be able to attend to wish Sensei best of luck on his new journey.

Call Darlene in the office if attending and what you will bringing.

Are You Interested in Being a Board Member?

The current board is looking for members who are interested in the welfare of our Temple. We are looking for those interested in being part of a board who is promoting the growth and prosperity of the Temple and who can bring new ideas to the table.

If you are interested please contact Michael Tamaki michael.m.tamaki@gmail.com or Susan Ebisuzaki susanhebisuzaki@gmail.com.

Toronto Buddhist Church

2023 Annual Bazaar

Thank you to all the volunteers for their time, dedication and effort which allowed us to hold this years' bazaar. It cannot be stressed enough that without them we wouldn't be able to carry out this major fundraising event.

The annual bazaar was held on Saturday November 11th and we were blessed with typical fall weather with no signs of precipitation in the forecast.

This year we tempted fate and decided to increase the amount of food prepared over last year, and were happy to see that customers were lined up early and eager to make purchases. The Oribako table quickly sold out of makisushi, with onigiri and manju following suit. Sales at the other tables were also brisk.

Special thanks to the many individuals and businesses for their generous donations to the bazaar.

The Bazaar Committee wishes to convey our heartfelt appreciation to all the participating service groups – Kids Sangha; Youth; Dana and Sangha. Also, special thanks to the family members and friends who helped out during the week leading up to and on the day of the bazaar as well as the clean up after.

In gassho,

TBC Bazaar Committee



OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

DECEMBER 22	CLOSE AT NOON
DECEMBER 24	NO SERVICE—CLOSED
DECEMBER 25	CLOSED
DECEMBER 26	CLOSED
DECEMBER 27	OFFICE OPEN
DECEMBER 29	CLOSE AT NOON
DECEMBER 31	OPEN AT 11:00 PM , JOY NO KANE

JANUARY 1

OPEN AT 10:00 AM FOR
11:00 AM SERVICE—CLOSED
AFTER SERVICE

JANUARY 2

OPEN—BACK TO REGULAR
HOURS



NOVEMBER THANK YOU'S

- ♦ To all those who volunteered and donated to help make our 2023 Bazaar a success.
- ♦ To all those who went up to Camp Lumbini this month to rake up leaves on a cold and rainy day.
- ♦ Myra Takasaki for arranging the najin (altar) flowers
- ♦ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings).
- ♦ Pauline Knude 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 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.

Thank you to the bake table from Myra, you all made it the most successful year to date!

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**



Save The Date

Saturday December 30, 2023

Where: Toronto Buddhist Church Social Hall

When: Saturday December 30, 2023

Lunch: Lunch will be provided

Please Contact: Joanne@Kataoka.ca



TBC Sangha Mochi Tsuki

Pick Up (No Pick Ups Before 2pm)

Saturday, December 30, 2023

Sale Hours 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Ensure availability, please place your order

No later than December 22, 2023

Orders placed after this date are subject to availability

Phone (416) 819-7618

E-Mail: Cary@Kataoka.ca

or with Sangha Executives

Osonae (Okagami) \$ 8.50 / Set/Komochi \$ 8.00 / Bag

Anko Mochi \$12.00 (Quantities are Limited**)**

Cut and Send the Form Below to:

Toronto Buddhist Church

1011 Sheppard Ave. W., Toronto, ON M3H 2T7

2023 Mochi Order

Name:			Phone/ Email:		
Ad- dress:					
()	Bag(s) Komochi	@\$8.00/ea	\$.	
()	Set(s) Osonae	@\$8.50/ea	\$.	
()	Anko Mochi	@12.00/ea	\$		
Total (Cash Only):			\$.	
Signed:			Date:		

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.

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



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

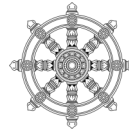
Membership Applications will be in the January 2024

Guiding Light

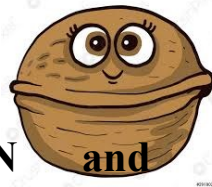
Subscription fees should be received by December 15 to ensure receiving all 2024 issues

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING!**WE ARE IN NEED OF MEMBERS FOR OUR '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***Naomi Tsuji-Tamaki****ilovelucy3d@yahoo.com**