



Guiding Light

February, 2024



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
FEBRUARY 11,2024	REGULAR SERVICE	KIDS SANGHA 10:15 AM	ENGLISH	NONE
FEBRUARY 18, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE NIRVANA DAY GUEST MINISTER BISHOP AOKI	KIDS SANGHA 10:15	ENGLISH	JAPANESE
FEBRUARY 25, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE DENNIS MADOKORO	KIDS SANGHA 10:15	ENGLISH	NONE
MARCH 3, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE GUEST SPEAKER JENNY BRIGHT	KIDS SANGHA 10:15	ENGLISH	NONE
***** MARCH 10, 2024 *****	SHOTSUKI MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE GUEST MINISTER BISHOP AOKI	KIDS SANGHA 10:15	ENGLISH	JAPANESE

*****PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR MARCH SHOTSUKI******

Makuragyo (Pillow-side) Service

When families consider having a Pillow-side service (Makuragyo), they are encouraged to notify the Temple with advance notice. This offers the Temple member time to adjust their schedule accordingly. Depending on the wishes of the family, the Temple member is quite prepared to conduct the service immediately following the passing away of the loved one. 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 Temple member too, not only to adjust their schedule, but to prepare for the service. The early contact with the Temple member also provides an opportunity for them to offer information and answer questions the family may have.

Please call the Temple 416-534-4302 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as someone is available.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation,
Board of Directors

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Nirvana Day or Ne Han e is the commemoration of the death of Shakyamuni Buddha at the age of 80. This is the day when Buddhists give thanks for his teachings. The year of his death is said to be 483 B.C.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 11-12:30-Let's Talk Dharma (Dennis Madokoro)

Feb 13 - Bishop in town w/guest minister Rev. Mikame

Feb 18-Farewell Luncheon for Rev. Yoshi

Mar 7-Bishop Aoki arrives

Mar 9 -11:00-HBT Service

THANK YOU



It has already been eight years since I was assigned as a resident Buddhist minister of the Toronto Buddhist Church, Hamilton Buddhist Temple, Montreal Buddhist Church and Ottawa Buddhist Fellowship in 2016.

to the temple, I not only practiced English for daily conversation, but also studied English for Buddhist terms. I hope that by doing so, they would enjoy my Dharma talks.

However, I realized that it was not enough. I thought that I had to provide a solemn and sacred space for Sunday services. I decided to incorporate sutras and gathas, which had never been chanted or performed at TBC before, into the Sunday Service. Some people might have been confused by the new Sunday service format.

I think that TBC has accepted this traditional Japanese form of sutra recitation as a new form of Sunday service. I would like to say thank you again for accepting my style.

I don't think the problem is just fewer people are coming to the temple, but I think part of the problem is that the number of people who support the temple is decreasing. To do this, we need to let people know that the temple is a place where they can have fun and joy to encounter Buddha-Dharma and other Buddhist followers.

I hope that the temple will be a place that values those who want to support it.

I have continued to work as a Kaikyoshi minister in the hope that I could be the source of that sustenance. But for now, I want to focus on recovering my physical and mental health.

Finally, TBC will continue to exist even after I leave Canada. I look forward to your continued support of TBC.

In Gassho

Reverend Yoshimichi Ouchi

I am grateful for the many Buddhist connections I have had through the members of the temples.

I cannot thank you enough, the many people who have supported my life in Canada.

I am especially grateful to the past and current presidents Roy Kusano, Larry Wakisaka, Dawn Anzai, Les Tanaka, Michael Tamaki, and Susan Ebisuzaki. Also the past and current vice presidents Darlene Rieger, Amy Wakisaka, Paul Aoki, and Donna Nakano.

I have had many discussions with the temple board members about how to improve TBC to make it a great temple. Sometimes the board and I disagreed with each other. However, I think we all had the same goal and purpose of "developing TBC and spreading Buddha-Dharma to as many people as possible."

Some of the members attended the temple's services every Sunday.

I remember the days of thinking how I could make the Sunday service more meaningful and enjoyable for those people. In order to make them feel happy to come

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>Mrs. Mariko Kawaguchi</i>	<i>97 yrs</i>	<i>December 30, 2023</i>
<i>Mrs. Toshiko Nishimura</i>	<i>92 yrs</i>	<i>January 22, 2024</i>
<i>Mrs. Masako Yoshida</i>	<i>103 yrs</i>	<i>January 27, 2024</i>



Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of March

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

AKADA, Kinyemon	IKEDA, Haruo	MAIKAWA, Kiyō	NISHIMURA, Yoshiye
AKADA, Shigeru	INAMOTO, Lily Hisako	MAKIMOTO, Shizuko	NISHIMURA, Yosojiro
AMEMORI, Asa	INAMOTO, Tojuro	MARK, Yasuko	NISHIMURA, Chiyo Frances
AMEMORI, Mitsuo	INATA, Shigeru	MATSUMOTO, Fumiko	NISHIMURA, Constance Yumi
AMEMORI, Rinji	IRIZAWA, Shizuka	MATSUMOTO, Joyce Sachiko	NISHIZAKI, Jack Hideo
AMEMORI, Torao	ISHIDA, Tsuru	MATSUMOTO, Tetsu	NISHIZAKI, Joe Yoshio
AOYAMA, Koshiro	ISHIKAWA, Shozo	MATSUMOTO, Yuki	NOSE, Shigezayemon
BABA, Masao	ISOGAI, Isao	MAYUMI, Ichiro	NOSE, Stuart Eijiro
CHENG, Norma Masaye	ISOSHIMA, Mas	MENDE, Ronald Masaichi	ODA, Kimiko
DATE, Kenzaburo	ITO, Chusaburo	MINEMOTO, Mitsuo	OHARA, Riitsuko
EBATA, Jeannie	IWATA, Hideko Hedy	MIYASAKI, Herbie Masao	OHARA, Thomas Shunichi
EDAMURA, Fumi	JACKSON, John Joseph	MIZUYABU, Carl Kazumi	OHASHI, Tomekichi
ELLIS, Emi	KADOHAMA, George Katsuyuki	MORI, Ben	OKAZAKI, Marie Yoshiko
ENDO, Masatomo	KAMATA, Yoko	MORI, Hikobei	OKIHIRO, Koichiro
FUJIBAYASHI, Chiyo	KAMINO, Michael	MORI, Shige	OKU, Haruko
FUJIBAYASHI, Eizo Ace	KAWAGUCHI, Itsuno	MORI, Sukegoro	OMOTO, Tokujiro
FUKAKUSA, Shigeru	KESHIKAWA, Gisaburo	MORITA, Sumi	ONAMI, Tomiji
FUKUZAWA, Sada	KIKUCHI, Kiju	MOTOMURA, Hiromu Robert	ONISHI, Kazuo Jack
HAMADE, Hana	KINOSHITA, Kiyoshi	MUKAI, Isamu	PETGRAVE, Shirley Toshiko
HASHIMOTO, Fusae	KITAMURA, Miyo	MURAKAMI, Roy Tsuneyuki	SAKAI, Kahei
HASHIZUME, Kane	KITAMURA, Shinichi	NAGAHARA, Kayo	SAKAUYE, Shigeo
HAYASHI, Miwa	KITAMURA, Yoshiye	NAGANO, Hisako Gay	SAMESHIMA, Yoneko
HAYASHI, Tsunekichi	KITAZAKI, Ronald Yoshisumi	NAKAGAWA, Akira	SANO, Yuwa
HAYASHI, Toshio George	KOBAYASHI, Isojiro	NAKAGAWA, George Kiyokazu	SASAKI, Minato
HIRAKI, Chikai	KONDO, Tome	NAKAGAWA, Tojiro	SASAKI, Lisa Miyumi
HIRAKI, Sawa	KONDO, Tsune	NAKAGAWA, Yoshiko	SATO, Shingo
HIRANO, Tomisaburo	KONISHI, Masaharu	NAKAMICHI, Sugi	SATO, Takeko
HIRASAWA, George Herbert	KONO, Kyonosuke	NAKAMURA, Dick Ichizo Joe	SEIRIKI, Fukutaro
HIRASAWA, John Oliver	KOTANI, Fred Tatsuo	NAKATA, Shige	SEKO, Chiyo
HIRASAWA, Takeo	KOZAI, Eiko	NISHI, Toshinami Ted	SHIBATA, Tome
HIRATA, Shizuo	KOZAI, Minoru	NISHIDERA, Yuki	SHIBATA, Toshihiro
HORI, Toshio	KUMAGAI, Misa	NISHIHAMA, Takashi	
HUANG, James	KUMAGAI, Yasuyuki	NISHIMURA, Mitsuo	
IDENOUE, Hanako	KUMAGAWA, Fumiko	NISHIMURA, Tsuya	
IDENOUE, Kuyemon	KUMABE, Kazuo Jerry		
IIDA, Hideo	KUROKAWA, Meijiro		
IJIMA, Matazo			

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REV. YOSHI'S FAREWELL LUNCHEON

Come to Temple and enjoy service with the Bishop followed by a Farewell Potluck Luncheon with Rev. Yoshi.

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 416-534-4302 or email darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca



Looking forward to seeing many of you there.



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

SHIGA, Shizuko	TAKATA, Misuyo	TANINO, Masuye	WATADA, Matsujiro
SHIKATANI, Julie Hisaye	TAKATA, Toyoaki	TANINO, Ruth	WATANABE, John Isao
SHIMODA, Masakazu	TAKAYAMA, Kimiye	TEHARA, Tetsuko	WATANABE, Larry Masato
SHINMOTO, Yoshiyuki	TANABE, George	TETAKA, Hatsumi	YAKO, Kiri
SHISHIDO, Shiu	TANABE, Iya	TSUBOUCHI, Fumiko	YAMAMOTO, Haruko
SHISHIDO, Toshiko	TANAKA, Eizo	TSUJI, Kimi	YAMASHITA, Jihei
SHOJI, Yaeko Elsie	TANAKA, Fujimatsu	TSUJI, Tami	YAMASHITA, Masayuki
SUEFUJI, Akie	TANAKA, Sataro	TSUJI, Nancy Yaeko	YOKOTA, Don Yasuo
SUEFUJI, Toshiaki	TANAKA, Takayuki	TSUJIMOTO, Otozo	YOSHIDA, Takeo
SUGIYAMA, Takeshi	TANAKA, Chisato	UYEDA, Mike Masahiro	YOSHIKAWA, Yukiyoshi
TAGUCHI, Shigeru	TANAKA, Herbert Haruyoshi	UYESUGI, Juichi	
TAHARA, Sadaichi	TANAKA, Roger Hideo	UYESUGI, Tomoichi	
TAJIRI, Torao	TANIISHI, Rosemary Shigeiko	WAKABAYASHI, Kino	
TAJIRI, Misuye	TANIISHI, Shizue	WALL, Donald George	
TAJIRI, Ronald Akira		WARNER, Mitsuye Mitzi	



Shinjin, Reincarnation and Karma

Got your attention with this title, didn't I?

These are concepts that I spoke about in some of my dharma talks.

I would like to revisit these concepts and offer a few more thoughts. Feel free to agree or disagree. This is a fundamental principle of Buddhism. Question, question, question and only when you are clear in your mind, should you accept these concepts.

First shinjin, what is it? I think the easiest description of shinjin is that one thought moment of entrusting without any doubt whatsoever where we encounter even for a moment the mind of Amida Buddha.

Without any doubt whatsoever, what is the problem with doubt obstructing our possible experience of shinjin? From "The Complete Works of Shinran Shonin, volume 1." "I quote:

"Ah, hard to encounter even in many lifetimes, is the decisive cause of birth, Amida's universal Vow! Hard to realise in myriads of kalpas pure shinjin that is true and real. If you should come to realise this practice and Shinjin, rejoice at the conditions from the distant past that have brought it about. But if in this lifetime still you are entangled in a net of doubt, then unavoidable; you must pass once more in the stream of birth and death through myriads of kalpas. : End of quote.

So, this most difficult of difficulties, it is the doubt in our mind that is the greatest of all obstacles preventing us from experiencing shinjin. With doubt in our mind, we are destined to endless cycles of birth and death.

Which leads us to our next concept. reincarnation. We Buddhists borrowed this concept from Hinduism. After all, Buddhism was conceived in the land of India approximately 2,600 years ago.

So, reincarnation, do you believe in it? Most of us do not. We are skeptical of this concept. Our analytical scientific minds reject this concept, but it is a fundamental

of Buddhism. The sutras that we chant weekly refer to the cycle of endless birth and death. We, in this modern age, this digital age do not talk about reincarnation but all of our seven patriarchs and Shinran Shonin talked about this cycle of endless births and deaths.

So that brings us to karma. Karma is widely accepted in today's society. It links bad behaviour in this lifetime to bad experiences in this life. But if we believe in reincarnation then it follows that karma from previous lifetimes can and will follow us in this lifetime. And further, any karma that we accumulate in this lifetime will follow us in future lifetimes. And so on and so on.

I found this wonderful description of karma from an introduction to the book "Entering The Stream". The introduction was written by Bernardo Bertolucci who directed the film "Little Buddha" starring Keanu Reeves.

He wrote "Karma is a Sanskrit word meaning 'action.'" The teaching about karma is that actions we take now will have consequences later. For the most part, this is the everyday

idea of cause and effect that most people take for granted. If you kick a ball it goes. If you lose your airline ticket, you have hassles. This karma, action and its action, or effect.

However, according to the Buddha, action's actions sometimes happen on a more subtle level. Sometimes the conditions necessary for the action's effect to happen are not present, let's say you murder someone in the woods. There was no one present a round and no evidence. Nobody suspected you at all. Yet there was a horrible moment of raw aggression, unforgettably vivid. Does that just go away? Of course, we have the memory of it. But what is memory anyway?

According to the Buddha, action's action does not tend to dissipate. The effect will tend to happen some time, whenever suitable conditions are present. That moment of horrible aggression is likely to have its backlash sometime. But will that backlash happen to you?

This question connects the idea of karma to that of rebirth, or reincarnation. In the India of the Buddha's time, in the first millennium BCE (as to a great extent in the India of today), the notion of rebirth was taken for granted by almost everybody.

According to the popular Indian idea of reincarnation, you get reborn again and again in different forms, sometimes as a god, sometimes in hell, in all kinds of better or worse circumstances. What you do now, it is thought, will affect your future rebirth. If you're greedy and mean, you might be reborn as a dung beetle. If you're a splendid person, you might be reborn as a god or a king or queen. A murderer will suffer a hideous situation somewhere along in the series of his rebirths. Other karma might come to fruition first, but sometime or other the backlash of his aggression will strike him—with a corresponding force and character, of course, because it is the action of his earlier action." So said Bernardo Bertolucci.

Shinran Shonin offers those of us who will listen to an opportunity to escape from this cycle of endless births and deaths. This opportunity is when we can open our hearts and minds to the Nembutsu teaching and experience shinjin. We just have to let go of all our doubts and entrust ourselves to Amida Buddha through the power of the Nembutsu. It is simple and yet it is also the most difficult of difficulties.

I would like to close with Shinran Shonin's words :

"How joyous I am, Gutoku Shinran, disciple of Sakyamuni! Rare is it to come across the sacred scriptures from the westward land of India and the commentaries of the masters of China and Japan, but now I have been able to encounter them. Rare is it to hear them, but already I have been able to hear. Reverently entrusting myself to the teaching, practice and realisation that is the true essence of the Pure Land way I am especially aware of the profundity of the Tathagatha's benevolence. Here I rejoice in what I have heard and extol what I have attained. "

Rebirth and karma will be no more.

In Gassho, Dennis G. Madokoro,

TBC Minister Assistant

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS



We would like to say “thank you” to Yoshi Sensei for his kind and thoughtful dharma talks and for making connections with all the kids throughout the years at TBC.



LOOKING AHEAD at SANGHA KIDS.....

FEBRUARY’S THEME: “Inner and Outer Peace/ Family and Community”

February 11th – Kids Service 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Dharma School 10:45 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

February 18th – Kids Service – 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Dharma School 10:45 – 12:00 p.m.

February 25th – Kids Service 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Dharma School 10:45 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

MARCH’S THEME: “Balance” – Spring OHigan

With gratitude,
The Kids Sangha team

EXCITING NEWS FOR TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

Our new minister is scheduled to arrive on April 1st. Rev. Kensho Hashimoto grew up in the Kanazawa prefecture at his father's temple. Unlike many ministers from temple families, Hashimoto Sensei initially studied Japanese history, graduating from Doshisha University. Only then did he decide to attend graduate school at Ryukoku University to study Shin Buddhism. He was inspired to change course after attending the World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco. Although there were language barriers, he fully realized that the connection through the Jodo Shinshu Nembutsu, and Namu Amida Butsu is universal. This event led to him taking the Tokudo ordination in 2019 and the Kyoshi ordination in 2022.

From September 2022 until April 2023 he attended ESL classes at Thompson University in Kamloops, B.C. During this time he gained experience assisting Rev. Hirano at the Kamloops Buddhist Temple as well as taking up curling.

Rev. Hashimoto is only in Toronto for one year and will return to Japan to further his education in ritual practices. Please make him feel so connected to the TBC that he won't want to leave.



JANUARY THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Darlene Rieger for arranging the najjin (altar) flowers
- ◆ Ken Shigeishi & Michael Tamaki for installing the 2nd TV in the Hondo
- ◆ Les Tanaka & Michael Tamaki for cleaning our kitchen storage room
- ◆ Joanne Kataoka for helping with tea
- ◆ All the volunteers who made this year's Mochi Tsuki a success
- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings).
- ◆ Donna Nakano for Obuppan. for helping with refreshments and playing the organ during service
- ◆ 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.

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**

**WHAT IS HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

As TBC eagerly awaits the arrival of our new minister Rev. Kensho Hashimoto in April you may be wondering what our plans are to accommodate memorials, funerals, burials, inurnments and weddings during these months.

Socho Rev. Aoki will be visiting Toronto during the following dates to conduct needed services.

Wed., Feb. 15th - Sun., Feb. 18th (afternoon only)

Fri., Mar. 8th - Sun., Mar. 10th (afternoon only)

ATTENTION BUSSHIN SUBSCRIBERS

We are sorry to inform you that there will not be a Busshin section in the Guiding Light. We would like Hashimoto Sensei to settle in without the stress of producing the Busshin. He has a lot to learn and be involved with and will not have the time to produce the Busshin. Hopefully he will feel more comfortable and will be able to take on publishing the newsletter later in the year or early 2025

Thank you for your understanding.

Guiding Light

SHOTSUKI SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024



HOONKO EVE SERVICE AND POTLUCK
JANUARY 20, 2024



HOONKO SERVICE
SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 2024
SENSEI'S LAST SERVICE
WITH TBC



NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL

JANUARY 21, 2024

After a four year break, following the morning Hoonko service, TBC held its New Year's Social and potluck luncheon. Over fifty attendees warmly greeted each other with wishes for a Happy New Year.

There was a great variety of delicious dishes provided by the congregation-from favourite Japanese-Canadian dishes to vegetarian dishes.

After the luncheon, Rev. Ouchi called the numbers for bingo. The bingo games were enjoyed by all. To end the afternoon of fun, there was a ticket draw for the many prizes that were donated by the congregation.

Many thanks to all who donated dishes of food and for those who donated door prizes.

Special thanks to all those volunteers who helped with preparations and clean up

Special Projects Committee



LAST SERVICES FOR REVEREND OUCHI



**TORONTO BUDDHIST
CHURCH
JANUARY 21, 2024**

**HAMILTON BUDDHIST
TEMPLE
JANUARY 7, 2024**



OTTAWA FELLOWSHIP
JANUARY 27 2024



MONTREAL BUDDHIST TEMPLE
JANUARY 28, 2024



MOMIJI HEALTH CENTER
JANUARY 25, 2024

REMEMBERING REVEREND YOSHI

YOU'LL TRULY BE MISSED



***ALL THE BEST TO YOU
FROM ALL OF US***

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 (is now auto deposit):** 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

Note: Please use only blue or black ink when writing a cheque. The bank's cheque reader cannot read coloured ink.

Thank you for your co-operation



ATTENTION TEMPLE MEMBERS

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 2024, 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 (\$155.00) and subscription fees (\$55.00) 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.

Please complete the application on page 12 and return it to the Temple office with your membership fee if applicable. Honorary member **must** also fill out the application for CRA purposes. There is no fee for Honorary member but donations are always appreciated.

Mail: 1011 Sheppard Ave. W., Toronto, M3H 2T7

Email: darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca

Membership fees can be made by cheque made out to Toronto Buddhist Church; e-transfer (now auto deposit), send to darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca or Paypal (credit card, please check website under 'donation')

Board of Directors

Toronto Buddhist Church





TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

A Jodo Shinshu Temple

2024 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 2024 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, 2024**. 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, 2024 to December 31, 2024. The Individual Membership Fee for 2024 is a minimum of \$155. 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.

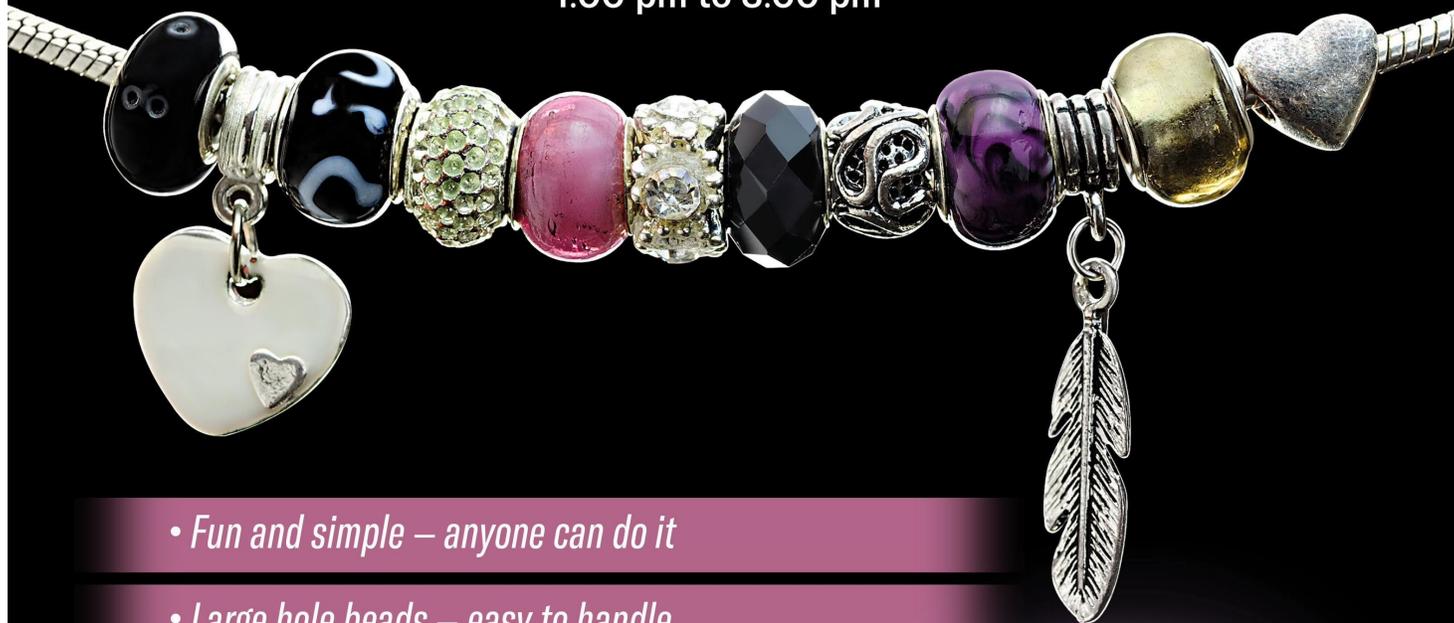
NEW MEMBER PLEASE SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION SOME INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF.

THANK YOU

Bracelet Making Workshop

April 14, 2024

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm



- *Fun and simple – anyone can do it*
- *Large hole beads – easy to handle*
- *Hundreds of quality beads & charms to choose from*
- *No sewing, knot tying or special skills required*
- *Make a beautiful, one-of-a-kind gift*

Hosted by: TBC & Diane Lumsden

Location: Toronto Buddhist Temple
1011 Sheppard Avenue West, North York, ON M3H 2T7

Register by April 7, 2024: darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca

Payment Options:

E-transfer to: darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca

Paypal: see website under <https://tbc.on.ca/support-us/donate/>

Cheque: payment to Toronto Buddhist Church



Register Now – Space is Limited!



**Japanese Canadian Survivors
Health and Wellness Fund Society**

January 24, 2024

February 1, 2024, Launch Date for Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund

Dear Japanese Canadian Community,

On February 1, 2024, the online application portal for the Japanese Canadian (JC) Survivors Health & Wellness Fund (JCSHWF) will open. The Team has diligently worked to create an application process that is simple, efficient, and ensures that your information is secure and protected.

The launch of the program is scheduled for February 1st, 2024, at 10:00 AM PST. The event will be livestreamed to allow the JC Community to attend remotely. The program will provide details on the grants available and the application process. Instructions to watch the livestream will follow.

Outreach Workers are available across Canada to support JC Survivors with their applications and will be hosting regional events to provide more information and assist with applications in-person.

The online application will be accessible on our website, www.jcwellness.org on February 1st until March 31, 2025. Applications can be filled out by a Survivor, a trusted representative or through an Outreach Worker.

Two grants are available for Japanese Canadian Survivors:

- Grant 1 (\$650): For Survivors who did not receive the 2021 Grant that was offered between September 1 to October 31, 2021.
- Grant 2 (\$4500): A new grant to support living Survivors with their individual Health & Wellness needs.

Eligible Survivors must:

- be of Japanese descent
- be born before April 1, 1949
- have lived in British Columbia before April 1, 1949, OR had parents or grandparents who lived in British Columbia before April 1, 1949
- have been directly impacted by the actions of the BC government before April 1, 1949

All grant applications will go through a validation process. Outreach Workers will be contacting each applicant to securely validate their eligibility and identity. Once applications are processed, a cheque will be mailed to the Survivor within 6-8 weeks.

Please check our website <https://jcwellness.org> for further information regarding the grants, eligibility criteria, documents to prepare and frequently asked questions. The website will be updated prior to the launch on February 1st with more information.

We, the Board of Directors and staff, appreciate your patience, and eagerly anticipate the February 1st launch with you.

Sincerely,

Joanne Miyazaki, Executive Director and the JCSHWFS Team

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS**DATES JC WELLNESS COMMITTEE WILL BE AT TBC TO HELP SUBMIT YOUR GRANT**

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

SUNDAY, MAY 5

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

SUNDAY, JUNE 2



Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund

**Are you a Japanese Canadian born
before April 1, 1949, with roots in
British Columbia?**

GRANTS AVAILABLE: ELIGIBILITY:

- **GRANT 1: \$650**
 - For Survivors who did not receive the 2021 Grant that was offered between September 1 to October 31, 2021
 - **GRANT 2: \$4,500**
 - A new grant for living Survivors to support their individual health and wellness needs
- Must be of Japanese descent
 - Born before April 1, 1949
 - Lived in BC before April 1, 1949 OR had parents or grandparents who lived in BC before April 1, 1949
 - Have been directly impacted by the actions of the BC government before April 1, 1949

GRANTS OPEN UNTIL MARCH 31, 2025

HOW TO APPLY

- Apply Online at www.jcwellness.org
- Work with a Regional Outreach Worker
 - Email: help@jcwellness.org Phone: 250-797-6300
- Attend Regional Events



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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