



Guiding Light

March, 2024



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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UPCOMING SERVICES

		Kids' Sangha 10:30	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
		In Person	In Person & Zoom	In Person & Zoom
MARCH 10, 2024	MARCH SHOTSUKI (MEMORIAL SERVICE) BISHOP AOKI	ENGLISH	BILINGUAL	NONE
MARCH 17, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE JEFF WILSON	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE
MARCH 24, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE OHIGAN DENNIS MADOKORO	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE
MARCH 31, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE DENNIS MADOKORO	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE
APRIL 7, 2024	APRIL SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE BISHOP AOKI/ REV HASHIMOTO	ENGLISH	BILINGUAL	NONE
APRIL 14, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE REV. HASHIMOTO	ENGLISH	BILINGUAL	NONE

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 9 –11:00-HBT Service

Apr 7—Buyo Food & Bento Sale (pg 8)

Apr 14—Bracelet Making Workshop (pg 13)

Apr 21-Hanamatsuri Famil Banquet(pg 9)

April 23 Bon Odori practice starts (pg 7)

May 26—Keirokai (NEW DATE)

2024 Bishop's Report by Rev. Tatsuya Aoki

I would like to express my most sincere appreciation to all the Jodo Shinshu Temples of Canada (JSBTC), ministers, the national board of directors, and all temples and members for keeping our organization active and accessible. All the ministers and national board of directors across Canada are working tirelessly for the sake of our temples, for all the members, and for the community at large.

When we attend temple services, we have short meditation, chanting, and a Dharma talk. While we are meditating, we are exercising "self-reflection." Knowing ourselves is a constant and lifelong process, for we are also constantly changing. Most often we feel that we are pretty much the same as we were yesterday. However, in Buddhism, we are taught that this is not so. I've often asked people to consider looking at our lives in five-year increments. We are different at 5 than we are at 10, 15 or 20. And if we are fortunate, we will be very different at 60 or 80. It is not just physically that we grow and change, but also our knowledge and experience, and our awareness of what is of value. They will also change and grow. As I reflect on the JSBTC, there are some changes I would like to share. This year's JSBTC AGM will be held on Saturday, April 27. Only Senseis and the national board of directors will meet in Lethbridge, and the rest of the delegates will join the meeting on Zoom.

Ministers and JSBTC**Ministerial Well-Being:**

Some ministers are serving two or more temples in Canada. Post-Covid concerns continue to add to the workload of all of our ministers; preparing Dharma Talks, attending numerous in-person and Zoom meetings, and conducting funerals and memorial services. I have been working with the national board on addressing the matter of the physical and mental health of our ministers before it becomes a very real concern. Please continue to be understanding and mindful of your Senseis.

(1) Rev. Yasuo Izumi in Lethbridge retired as of October 31, 2023. I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to Rev. Izumi for 51 years of dedicated service in Canada.

(2) Rev. Dr. Roland Ikuta in Lethbridge has become the resident Kaikyoshi minister for Buddhist Temples of Southern Alberta as of November 1, 2023.

(3) Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi in Toronto has resigned from JSBTC and the eastern district as of January 31, 2024. He will return to Japan on February 25, 2024.

(4) Rev. Kensho Hashimoto in Japan will come to Toronto on April 1, 2024 and will become a resident minister for the eastern district. Rev. Hashimoto is graduating from Ryukoku University's Master's program in March 2023.

* Senior Kaikyoshi ministers in Canada will be asked to help train Rev. Hashimoto until he is familiarized with ministerial duties in Canada. Your understanding and support are very much appreciated.

(5) Rev. Joanne Yuasa received Kyoshi certification in May 2023. She also successfully completed Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) officers' training in December 2023 and is working as a CAF Buddhist chaplain in CFB Kingston as of January 2024. She is the first Buddhist chaplain in the CAF.

(6) Ministers' Retirement Supplementary fund is currently benefitting Rev. Fujikawa, Rev. Izumi, Rev. Ulrich, Rev. Martin and the family of Rev. Michael Hayashi. On behalf of all the ministers, your ongoing support of the fund is greatly appreciated.

Hongwanji Young Buddhist Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE) [a.k.a Japan Youth Tour]

2024: July 4-9 YBICSE (Canada group will depart on June 23 and return on July 10)

Chaperone: Rev. Naoki Hirano (BC Interior temples)

*Application and proposed travel itinerary will be available in March.

JSBTC 

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada



Engaged Buddhism for Engaging Youth

On February 8 I was asked to serve as the speaker at a “rap session” for the Hawaiian temples’ annual general meeting. Sometimes when they invite me I end up with a free trip to

Hawai’i. This time, though, they just needed me to talk for about 30 minutes and then do a Q&A, so they didn’t need me in person. Thus I ended up starting the program at 10:30pm (5:30pm Honolulu time) and didn’t finish until midnight. It was a school night too, so I was already pretty tired before we turned the camera on. Guess I’d used up my “free trip to paradise” good karma for this lifetime.

One of the funnier things about the event was that the term “rap session” isn’t recognizable to younger folks anymore. So when one of their young adults asked me a question, she prefaced it by saying she had thought the event was somehow about rap music and Buddhism. I suggested that she should’ve rapped her question and I ought to rap my reply, but luckily no one took me seriously.

I was glad to have some younger participants because the topic for my session was “Engaged Buddhism for Engaging Youth.” Engaged Buddhism is the application of Buddhism to social issues. It has two aspects: using perspectives and practices from Buddhism in order to reduce people’s suffering, and deepening our understanding and practice of the Dharma through social welfare and activism. For my session, I was specifically talking about how young Buddhists have often been involved in engaged Buddhism, and how promoting engaged approaches to Buddhism keeps the Dharma relevant and meaningful to young people.

In my research, I’ve found that Jodo Shinshu Buddhists in North America and Hawaii have been involved in a large number of causes, over generations. These include work on civil rights, anti-war activism, LGBTQ+ rights, separation of church and state, homelessness and poverty, Asian American/Canadian empowerment and representation, reproductive rights, humane border policies, gun control, interfaith solidarity, and much more. Our former minister at the Toronto temple, Rev. Newton Ishiura, was well known for his compassionate work on behalf of Indigenous people in Canada.

Attracting and retaining young people to our temples is an ongoing concern, one that many religious institutions (Buddhist and otherwise) struggle with during these times of social fragmentation, distraction, and materialism. I couldn’t pretend that I had the perfect answer, but I did have a few sources to draw on when speaking about the Hawaiian temples. As a university professor I spend my life around young people and observe a lot about their evolving and perennial needs, concerns, and situations. As a highly involved parent of teenagers, I’m always hearing about their problems, their peer groups,

what’s going on in youth culture, and so on. As a researcher, I’ve noticed the high ratio of young people involved in Buddhist activism both historically and today, and I’ve tried to think through what this means for contemporary Jodo Shinshu communities.

So, here’s some of what I shared with the Hawaiian temples. First, I tackled the question of what young people want. I suggested four things that deserve our attention. First, young people want strong peer groups for support: they will not go somewhere if they don’t know whether their friends will be there. Second, young people want connections to other generations, especially elders. This may seem to conflict with my first point, but they are both true at the same time. Young people want independence but also crave mentorship and to learn about the world. Third, young people want to feel that they can make a difference in the world. There’s a lot of hopelessness and fear out there, especially online. Climate change, economic and political uncertainty, the housing crisis, and other serious challenges often make people feel overwhelmed and like there’s no real future. Fourth, young people want to build a sense of identity, both as an individual and as a member of a group.

I suggested that engaged approaches to Jodo Shinshu provide opportunities for these various things. Working backwards along my list, we can note that educating younger Buddhists about the struggles and successes of past young Buddhists can help ground them with an identity that is aware of their heritage and potentiality. This is especially true for people from an Asian Buddhist heritage. Working together with Buddhists and others on projects designed to tackle social issues provides a concrete sense of accomplishment and possibility, which combats the hopeless malaise that so many feel. Jodo Shinshu is a Buddhism of fearlessness and confidence in universal liberation, so we have a lot to offer in terms of developing a more positive attitude that promotes resilience and action. Working together on social issues is also an opportunity for inter-generational sharing and support, on the one hand, and for younger Buddhists to bring along friends and peers—including ones who might not rush to our temple services but are energized to contribute to social issues, so long as there are other young people involved.

Dr. Taitetsu Unno, who was such a help to me when I was a young person, once noted something important: “The question most frequently asked of a Shin Buddhist is, What is your practice? The obvious answer is the practice of compassion. As Buddhists, our task is to manifest compassion in everyday life, beginning with members of our own family and extending it to all of society.” This is an important teaching. We often struggle to explain to others what we do as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, since we don’t concentrate on meditation or require any particular practice. But if we focus on how we practice compassion, that is something everyone can understand. And it’s something our young people can understand, take pride in, and practice.

Gassho Jeff Wilson Sensei

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of April

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

ABE , Takeo Tom	HIROTA , Naoyuki	MATSUOKA , Tsunehichi	SEKO , Hatsu
AIHOSHI , Yone	HISAKI , Yoneko	MATSUYAMA , Heishiro Harry	SEKO , Mitsuyo
AKADA , Saki	HORIBE , George	MIYAMOTO , Masako	SHIBATA , Sumi
AMEMORI , Isaburo	INAMOTO , Hanako	MIYAMA , Irene Chikayo	SHIGEISHI , Kimiko
AOKI , Hiroshi	ITO , Jukichi	MIZUTANI , Tomie Mary	SHIKATANI , John Kikuo
AOKI , Mary	ITO , Fumiko	MORI , Masu	SHINDE , Susumu
ATAGI , Yoshio	ITO , Tsugio	MORI , Sukeshiro	SHIKATANI , Tsuji
AYUKAWA , Etsuko Marjorie	IWASA , Hisa	MORIKAWA , Tokio	SHIOMI , Michiyo
BABA , Kinu	IWASAKI , Sosaku	MOTOMURA , Hiromu Robert	SHIOZAKI , Chizuyo Christina
BANDO , Tomizo	IZUKAWA , Kane	MOTOMURA , Yutaka	SHIOZAKI , Tsunejiro Tony
DOI , Shizue	KADOHAMA , Kumiko	MUKAI , Isamu	SUENAGA , Tomi
EBATA , Kazuo James	KAMADA , Denjiro	NAGANO , Kiyoko	SUYAMA , Hisakichi
EBATA , Lillian Shizue	KANDA , Masano	NAKAGAWA , Ai	TAHARA , Tsune
EBATA , Tada Harumi	KASAI , Tsutomu	NAKAGAWA , Kotaro Harold	TAKAHASHI , Hideo
EBISUZAKI , Tsunetaro	KAWAGUCHI , Sachiko	NAKAMURA , Masanobu	TAKAHASHI , Takejiro
EDAMURA , Masao	KAWANO , Katsuyo Ray	NAKANISHI , Yoshie	TAKATA , Kase
FUJII , Yayeko	KAWANO , Sueo	NAKAO , Masaru Mas	TAKAYAMA , Harold Shoichi
FUJIMOTO , Kiju	KAWASAKI , Ginny Tasuye	NAKATSU , Hatsu	TAKEDA , Tsuneyo
FUJIOKA , Seiichi	KIKUTA , Noboru	NIKAIDO , Barbara Hiroye	TAKENO , Heisaburo
FUJITA , Haruko	KINOSHITA , Hatsue	NISHI , Yasu	TANAKA , Kazuo
FUKUNAGA , Sukeo	KISHIMOTO , Tomoko	NISHIKAWA , Hidekazu Nick	TANAKA , Koryo
HAKKAKU , Joe	KITAMURA , Mina	NISHIKAWA , Shizue	TANAKA , Marion Miyo
HAMADE , Yoneichi	KIYONAGA , Shoji	NODA , Tameo	TANIISHI , Gonshiro
HAMANISHI , Ikuko	KOJIMA , Masao	NODA , Yasuichiro	TERAKITA , Yoshio
HAMAZAKI , Harvey Hiroyuki	KOMORI , Hiromu Ken	OGAKI , Sakae	TESHIMA , Rose Setsuko
HARA , Fusae	KONDO , Masao	OHASHI , Matsujiro	TOWATA , Takiyo
HARADA , Kumaichi	KONDO , Mitsuharu	OIKAWA , Yoshiye	TOWATA , Toichiro
HAYASHI , Genji	KOTANI , Akie	OKU , Takeji	TSUBOUCHI , Lynne Reiko
HAYASHI , James Sumio	KOYANAGI , Koto	OMOTO , Mitsuye	TSUCHIDA , Fusa
HAYASHI , Kaneo	KOYATA , Shoji	OMOTO , Chiyo	
HAYASHI , Noritsugu	KOZAI , Shinkuro	ONO , Fumiye	
HAYASHI , Toshiko	KUBOTA , Miyoko	OTSU , Mataharu	
HIGUCHI , Naoichi	KUSANO , Henry Koichi	SAITO , Takako	
HIGUCHI , Takashi	MAKIMOTO , Tomisaburo	SAKAMOTO , Asakichi	
HIRAMORI , Yukio	MASUDA , Haru		

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SHOTSUKI LIST, cont'd**TSUKADA, Iso****TSUTSUI, Iwanosuke****TSUYUKI, Kakuzo Ken****URA, Ikukichi****URAGAMI, Misao****UYEDE, Shoji****UYENO, Natsue****YAMAMOTO, Frank
Shunzo****YAMAMOTO, Yaeko****YAMAMOTO, Yohko Joan****YAMASHITA, Toyono****YOSHIDA, Kikumi****YOSHIDA, Tozo****OBITUARIES**

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

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

Thank You . In Gassho

Toronto Buddhist Church

Mr. Yasuzo Baba

84 yrs

February 5, 2024

**TBC DANA SCHOLARSHIP INVITES APPLICATIONS**

The Toronto Buddhist Church Dana Scholarship Committee invites all qualified, graduating students to apply for a scholarship.

Eligibility:

Students who are first time applicants and who are members or who are children or grandchildren of members of a temple/church in the Eastern District of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and who will be attending their first year of post-secondary education at a recognized institution such as a university, college, institute of technology, etc.

All applications must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a Letter of Reference. The amount of the scholarship is dependent on monies available each year end and is at the discretion of the Committee.

The selection criteria will be as follows:

Academic results	50%
Church activities	30%
School and Community Involvement	10%
Essay (min 300 words)	10%
Total	100%

If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please contact the office at tbc@tbc.on.ca or 416-534-4302 and an application form will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

**** DEADLINE for the scholarship application is Sunday, April 14, 2024 ****



FEBRUARY THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Naomi Tsuji-Tamaki for arranging the naijin (altar) flowers
- ◆ All the volunteers who made Rev. Yoshi's Farewell Luncheon a success
- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings).
- ◆ Donna Nakano for playing the organ during service
- ◆ 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 have been volunteering at the 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**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Keirokai has been moved to Sun., May 26th. Hopefully, more people will be able to attend due to the better weather in May. The applications for Keirokai honourees and details for reservations for bento boxes will be published in the April Guiding Light.

**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

Bon Odori 2024

Spring is coming, spring is coming! Celebrate spring's arrival by learning Bon odori, Japanese folk dances, at the Toronto Buddhist Church. Obon is a Buddhist tradition to honour one's ancestors.

Everyone is welcome and step-by-step instructions are given. No experience is necessary but it's best to attend from the beginning as new dances are introduced throughout the course of the practices.

Practices are held every Tuesday and Friday night starting

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 8:00 – 9:30 pm at the Toronto Buddhist Church and will continue until the Bon Festival. It will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre.

For more information, please contact the Toronto Buddhist Church.

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FOOD AND BENTO SALE



**Sunday, April 7, 2024
in the Social Hall**

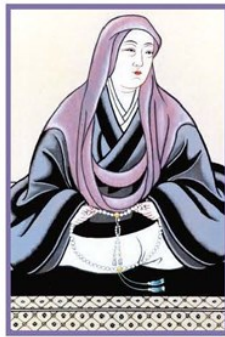
LEARN ABOUT THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION

Have you ever wondered about the Women's Federation and what they do? The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Women's Federation, Women's Fed or simply the WF, began in 1976 and is now an active standing committee, under the JSBTC, made up of member temple representatives.

The committee endeavours to follow in the footsteps of prestigious Buddhist women such as Eshinni, Shinran Shonin's wife, Kakushinni, Shinran's daughter, and countless women who have dedicated their lives to the practice of the Jodo Shinshu teachings and the spreading of the dharma. They are an inspiration, and the WF honours and endeavours to follow their example.



Eshinni



Kakushinni

Why is it important that the WF exist?

Although the WF is not active in every JSBTC temple, they offer opportunities for all temples to participate.

- Directs donations to national charities supporting social well-being.
- Offers financial assistance to Canadian ministers and youth through available funding programs.
- Offer coordination across Canada regarding involvement in the World Buddhist Women's Conventions (WBWC).
- Coordinate activities across Canada such as the Minister's Appreciation Month.
- Provide presentations that are of interest to a national audience.

Provide two WF Secretary Generals who represent Canada at international meetings.

Being part of WF

- Membership to the WF is \$15 per person. Your temple can collect from individuals in their temple, or the temple can pay for their membership - by doing this your temple has a temple representative on the Women's Federation committee.
- Individuals do not have to go through a temple and can become a member as an individual with no voting privileges. A person does not need to be a Temple member to join the WF or be female. The WF is open to all.
- The fee is used to support internal operations such as the Zoom account and office expenses such as mailings, in addition to supporting travel for temple representatives to attend an annual committee meeting.
- By being a WF member, individuals can participate in activities exclusive to WF members such as attending the WBW Convention (motion pending). The 18th WBWC will be in 2027 in Hawaii!

The WF is a proud District of the World Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) which includes the Japan Buddhist Women's Federation, Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Association, South America Buddhist Women's Association, and Buddhist Churches of America.

WF Aspiration

The WF strives to honour all Buddhist women and share the teachings of the Buddha. The wish is to be a vibrant and inclusive organization that promotes Jodo Shinshu Buddhism for all Canadians.

Contact the one of the following people if you have any questions about the Women's Federation or about joining.

June Asano (TBC Rep) asanojune@gmail.com
 Maureen Hatanaka (WF Leadership) mkhat@telus.net
 Laurie Takeda (WF Leadership) Laurietakeda@gmail.com
 Myra Takahashi (WF Leadership) takasaki@rogers.com

SAVE THE DATE



Hanamatsuri Family Banquet

Sunday April 21, 2024

After service in the Social Hall

Roast beef, Salmon, Vegan

Grandparents eats free when accompanied by grandchild!!



LAST FAREWELLS TO YOSHI SENSEI

February 18th & 25th

(He's Home!)

A Farewell from a member

Reverend Ouchi Yoshimichi – arrived fresh-faced on April 16, 2016 and went home to his family on February 25, 2024 as a beloved member of the Toronto Buddhist Church Family. For sure, for all, a Farewell to Remember.

All the forecasts came true. In addition to being our spiritual leader, he was a totally beautiful ningen. A mensch for sure.

And thanks to Yoshi, he brought all of us closer together too. Thank you.



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.

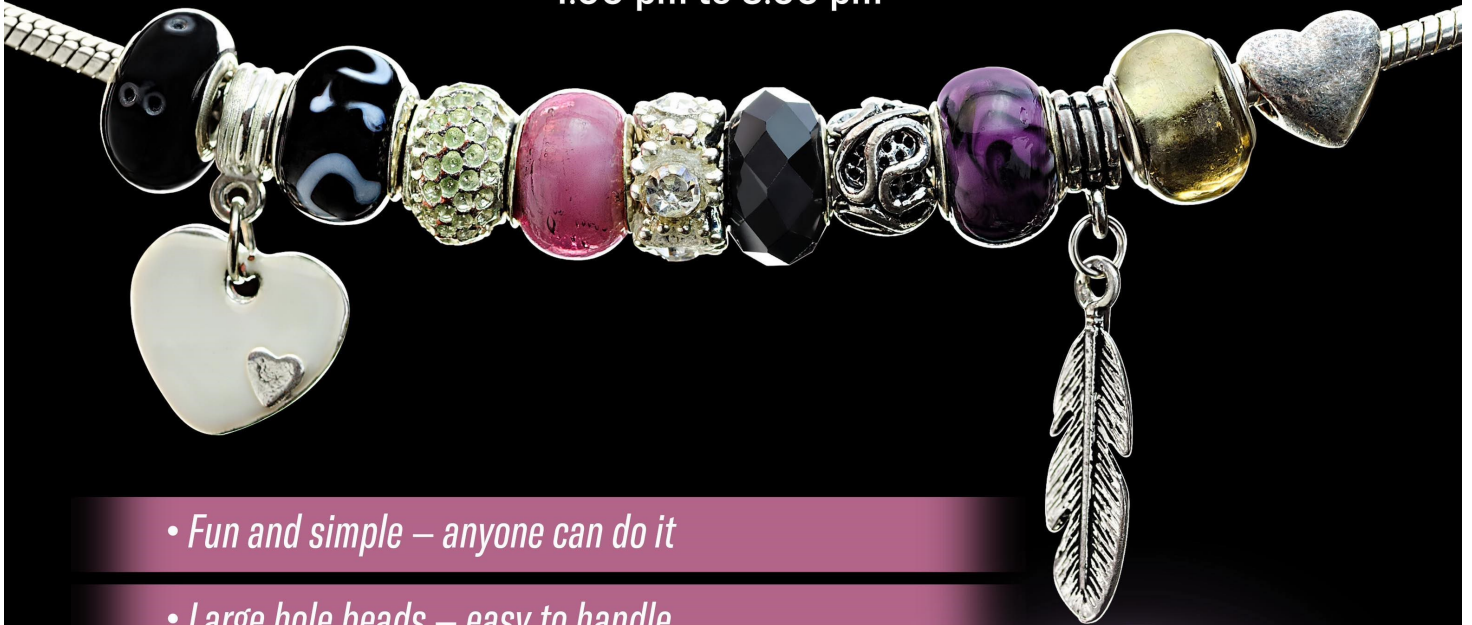
NEW MEMBER PLEASE SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION SOME INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF.

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!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS APPROACHING**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.