



Guiding Light

May, 2024



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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UPCOMING SERVICES

| | | Kids' Sangha 10:30 AM | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
|---------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | In Person | In Person & Zoom | In Person & Zoom |
| MAY 12, 2024 | REGULAR SERVICE | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | NONE |
| MAY 19, 2024 | REGULAR SERVICE | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | NONE |
| MAY 26, 2024 | REGULAR SERVICE GOTANE/ KEIROKAI | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | NONE |
| JUNE 2, 2024 | MONTHLY MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | JAPANESE |
| JUNE 9, 2024 | REGULAR SERVICE | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | NONE |
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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

- May 26—Keirokai -
Rev. Grant
Ikuta**
- June 2—Shosanshiki
TBC Pie Sale
Dana
Scholarship
Luncheon**
- June 16—TBC
Backyard
Party**

Happy News**MAY 25TH & 26TH, 2024**

Rev. Grant Ikuta will be visiting Toronto for Keirokai on Sun., May 26th. We'll also have the pleasure of hearing his talk on Sat., May 25th at 11am. The topic is "There and Back Again" - Jodo Shinshu, the Gate of Listening.

GOTAN-E**MAY 26, 2024**

May 21st, 1173 is the date of Shinran Shonin's birth. The founder our Jodo Shinshu sect of Buddhism brought the teachings of the Buddha to the common people all over Japan. His unique vision of the other power of Amida Buddha rather self power proved much more inclusive than what was essentially learned by the educated.

Shosanshiki or Hatsumairi**JUNE 2, 2024**

Both referred to as, the infant presentation by the parents to the Sangha. However, any new young members may be included in Shosanshiki.

Please contact the office 416-534-4302 or email tbc@tbc.on.ca with your child's information by May 20, 2024

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!****SUNDAY JUNE 16, 2024****SPRING INTO SUMMER!!****TBC SANGHA SPRING INTO SUMMER BACKYARD PARTY!****THIS WILL BE IN THE "BACKYARD" OF THE TEMPLE****NEEDING HELP**

We are looking for people to help with the after service tea and clean up. Susan Ebisuzaki has tirelessly been doing it, but now needs help. Volunteer, so members can continue to socialize after service. Please submit your name to the office. The more volunteers the easier the task. Hoping you will consider helping.

**PICNIC AT
CAMP LUMBINI****SATURDAY,****AUGUST 10**

Watch the Guiding Light and Website for more information.

Sources of Inspiration



I was looking for inspiration as I researched for this month's Guiding Light dharma talk. I turned to several sources, Rev. Kenryu Takashi Tsuji, Terry Watada, Ruth Tabra, Ken Adachi and the group of authors of "Japanese Canadian Redress, the Toronto story."

By the way, all of these books that I will reference are available upstairs on the second floor in our lending library. It is on an honour system, just sign out the books when you borrow them and sign them back in when you return them.

Rev Tsuji was the first and probably the most influential minister that TBC ever had. He helped establish TBC and served from 1945 to 1958.

From 'Gassho to Amida' by Rev. Tsuji, here are the first two paragraphs :

“Namu Amida Butsu

I recite Amida's Name

With deep joy and gratitude

I gassho to Amida.

Trees and grasses and flowers

All grow in his Compassion

His Light shines throughout the world

I gassho to Amida.”

How beautiful, how poetic does Tsuji Sensei capture the wondrous feelings that we experience in “Shinjin”.

From Shonin Ichiryu, one of the letters written by Rennyō Shonin. our eighth Lord Abbott of Hongwanji we are taught that in Shinjin, “the entrusting heart is essential. For when we abandon various practices and take refuge in Amida with singleness of heart, our birth in the Pure Land is settled by the Buddha through the inconceivable Vow-Power.”

Hear again Tsuji Sensei's words in the first two paragraphs.

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I recite Amida's Name

With deep joy and gratitude

I gassho to Amida.

Trees and grasses and flowers

All grow in his Compassion

His Light shines throughout the world

I gassho to Amida.”

Terry Watada is a Sansei professor at Seneca College. At one time TBC had over 250 Dharma school students and Terry was one of them.

From “Bukkya Tozen”, the history of Jodo Shinshu in Canada, written by Terry Watada, we read of the humble beginnings of TBC from 134 Huron to 918 Bathurst and today, 1011

Sheppard Ave. West. Each building represented the hopes and aspirations of that generation to grow Jodo Shinshu Buddhism here in the eastern provinces of Canada.

We at TBC have experienced many changes and weathered many difficulties through the resilience and strength of our congregation, our Sangha and our Jodo Shinshu community. We will do so again.

I believe that Tsuji Sensei captured this in his 6th and 7th stanza as follows:

“When I'm lonely I recite

Namu Amida Butsu

Then I feel Him take my hand

I gassho to Amida.

Nembutsu in work and play

Everday with Amida

Every moment filled with light

I gassho to Amida.”

How beautiful, when we are lonely as a congregation, when we worry as a congregation about what is going to happen in the near future,

“Then I feel Him take my hand

I gassho to Amida.”

We mustn't worry about the future, we as a congregation will be strong and resilient, as we have been in the past, as we will be in the future.

“We gassho to Amida.”

From The “Monk Who Dared” by Ruth Tabra, I took the following thoughts.

Struggle and suffering is part and parcel of our everyday life. It was true for our founder Shinran Shonin when he was exiled to Echigo. There he was an outcast, shunned by the local inhabitants, considered by the authorities to be an outlaw with no status. And yet, and yet, from this unpromising beginning grew Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

From “The Enemy Who Never Was” by Ken Adachi, I took the following.

Our Japanese Canadian community struggled and suffered during WW Two. We were treated as ‘enemy aliens’ by our own country. And yet, and yet, from this struggle came Redress in 1988, when our Canadian Government apologized to our Nikkei community and offered individual compensation. This material I took from “Japanese Canadian Redress, the Toronto Story”.

When our founder Shinran Shonin was sent into exile, he reflected, he grew in his understanding of the Nembutsu and “Shinjin”. When he was pardoned, he spread the Jodo Shinshu Dharma throughout Japan.

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Sources of Inspiration, continued

Japanese Canadians not only survived the internment, relocation to the sugar beet farms of Alberta, the relocation to the far off metropolises of Toronto and Montreal, the forced repatriation to Japan, we not only survived, but we also prospered and so did our Jodo Shinshu community.

Again, from “Gassho to Amida”, I read the final two stanzas:

“In the clear bright morning sun,

In the fading light of day,

In the darkness of the night,

I gassho to Amida.

I live in His Compassion

His great power guides my life.

I gassho to Amida.”

How beautiful, how insightful these words of Tsuji Sensei are. “ In the clear bright morning sun, in the fading light of day, “ reminds us that even when things look to be difficult or dark, tomorrow it will once again be bright. Morning always comes even after the darkest of nights.

Namo Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu

Dennis Madokoro,

TBC Minister Assistant



**Be part of the Japanese-Canadian tradition
Obon Odori - minyo (Japanese folk dance)**

All ages, newcomers welcome

Only 50 cents per practice
Starts Tuesday, April 23, 2024

**Every Tuesday and Friday
prior to Obon (July 13, 2024)**

**8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
(Subject to cancellation)**

Step by step instructions given

**Toronto Buddhist Church
Social Hall (basement)**
1011 Sheppard Ave W
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(416) 534-4302
tbc@tbc.on.ca

Next to Sheppard West subway station
Parking available

CALLING ALL KIDS SANGHA**MAY'S THEME: Shinran Shonin**

*. We have Kids Sangha Service every Sunday starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Hondo.

*. Following the service, the kids go downstairs to Dharma School, where the kids engage in. Activities relevant to the monthly theme.

*. Everyone is welcome to come.

With gratitude,
The Kids Sangha Team



Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of June

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

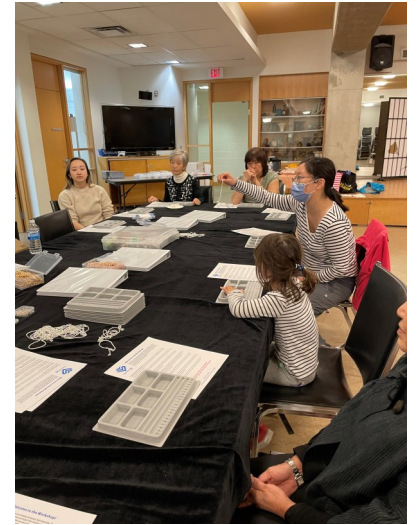
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| AIHOSHI , Hisaji John | KAWAGUCHI , Tsugino | NAGATA , Kaneo | TAKAHASHI , |
| AKADA , Sadajiro | KAWAGUCHI , Shizaburo | NAKAMURA , Toichi | George Genshichi |
| AKIYAMA , Namiko | KAWAHARA , Noboru | NAKAMURA , Genmatsu | TAKAOKA , Joe Masao |
| AMANO , Kikuye Kay | KAWAI , Sachiko | NAKATA , Takejiro | TAKASAKI , Miyuki |
| AOKI , Toichiro | KAWASAKI , Yoso | NARUSE , Tokiko | TAKENAKA , |
| BANDO , Haruko | KIKUTA , Mitsuye | NEKODA , Nick Shunso | Nancy Ayako |
| EBATA , Izo | KISHIMOTO , Lidia | NISHIDA , Harry Eiji | TAKENAKA , Niichi |
| EBATA , Yoshiye | KITAGAWA , Yae | NISHIHAMA , Yaeko | TAKENAKA , Haru |
| FUDEMOTO , Toshie | KITAMURA , George Ayao | NISHIHATA , Jesse Hideo | TAKEUCHI , Yuriko |
| FUJII , Toji | KITAZAKI , Chiyo | NISHIJIMA , Aya Dorothy | TAMAKI , Albert Wataru |
| FUKAKUSA , Lynn Joseph Joe | KITAMURA , Misako | NISHIKAWA , Seitaro | TANAKA , Nami Dorothy |
| FURUYA , Tomegoro | KIYNOGANA , Shokichi | NISHIMURA , Yaeko Denise | TANAKA , Jitaro Charlie |
| HAKODA , Kenneth Yukio | KOBAYASHI , Betty Kumiko | NISHIMURA , Sannosuke | TANAKA , Kitty Kinue |
| HAMADE , Hisae | KOJIMA , Fumio | NOSE , Sato | TANAKA , Pauline Toyoko |
| HAMASAKI , Sengame | KONO , Hayato | NOZUYE , Hideharu | TANAKA , Shozaburo |
| HANABUSA , Hanako | KOYAMA , Kiri | NOZUYE , Noboru | TANAKA , Tatsuya |
| HASHIZUME , Masujiro | KOZAI , Kiyoshi John | OHARA , Jack Masaru | TANAKA , Tsuruye |
| HAYASHI , Genji | KUMAGAI , Hideko Helen | OHASHI , Fusae | TATEISHI , Seizo |
| HIZAKA , Fujie | KUMAGAI , Shizu | OHASHI , Mitsuru Rick | TEHARA , Jack Gentaro |
| IBUKI , Sumiko | KURAHASHI , Kenetaro | OHASHI , Sumi | TERAMURA , Masa |
| IDENOUE , Kimiko | KUWAHARA , Tomeko Tomi | OIKAWA , Yoemon | TOHANA , Toshiko |
| IIDA , Yoneichi | MAEDA , Kimie | OKAZAKI , Masatoshi | TSUJI , Kitaro |
| INAMOTO , Toshiko | MAKIMOTO , Takaharu | OIKAWA , Yoemon | TSUJI , Mabel Fusaye |
| INAMOTO , James Tsugio | MARUBASHI , Hanshichi | OMOTO , Fumi | UCHIDA , Satoko Mary |
| INAMOTO , Kazuo | MATSUI , Shinzo | ONISHI , Otokichi | UEDA , George Takeshi |
| ISHIMURA , Akiko | MATSUMURA , Kazuo | OTANI , Kikuko | UJIHARA , Miko Mike |
| ITO , Heizo | MATSUSHITA , Jinmatsu | RUEHLE , Giulia | UYEDA , Kitaro Kiyu |
| ITO , Yoshimi | MINAKATA , Kiyoko | SAITO , Lily Yuriko | UYENO , Suyeki |
| IWASHITA , Yasuro | MITSUBATA , Yasuno | SAKAMOTO , Shigeru | WAKABAYASHI , Yokichi |
| IZUKAWA , Teruo Ted | MIYAGAWA , George Kiichiro | SATO , Hifumi Evelyn | WATADA , Hideki Dick |
| KADOHAMA , Torayo | MIYAGAWA , Yoshiko | SHIGA , Mitsuzo | WAKIDA , Frank Tadashi |
| KAIBARA , Imao | MORI , Dick Yoshio | SHIMIZU , Jack Tsugio | WATANABE , Hatsue |
| KANAYA , Phyllis Miyoko | MORI , Hachizo | SHIMIZU , Shizuko | YAMAMOTO , Fukusaburo |
| KATO , Shigeo | MORI , Matsuye | SHIRAIISHI , Shizue | YAMAMOTO , Harumi |
| KATSURA , Hannah | MORI , Sho | SHIRAKAWA , Sakiye | YONEKURA , Harry Hiroshi |
| KAWAGUCHI , Satoko Sherry | MURAKAMI , Itsushi | SHITAMI , Entaro | YOSHIDA , Kazuo Jake |
| KAWAGUCHI , Shigeo | NAGAMATSU , Katsue | SUGIMAN , Betty Kiyoye | YOSHIDA , Naoe Nellie |
| | | TABUCHI , Aya | YOSHIDA , Sam Susumu |

TOBAN ACTIVITIES

A CREATIVE AND FUN AFTERNOON WITH DIANE LUMSDEN



On April 14, Toban with Perks held a very successful, first ever, Bracelet Making Workshop. Diane's extensive assortment of beads made the task of choosing which beads to use in our bracelet challenging. It certainly got our creative juices flowing as we tried different bead combinations until we came up with one that was just right. In the end, everyone went home with a beautiful creation that was unique and one of a kind.



FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

(Toban with Perks)

SATURDAY JUNE 22ND FROM 7-9 P.M.

IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT TBC

If you're looking for fun and an engaging way to spend time with family and friends, please join us for a board game night.

Q. Do I need to bring anything?

A. There will be some board games available. However, if you have some games of your own that you would like to play Please bring them. It's always fun to learn a new game.

Q. Will there be any food?

Yes, some munchies and drinks.

Q. Does it cost anything?

No, it's free.

Q. Do I need to pre-register?

Yes, please call the TBC office and let them know that you will be attending. This gives us an idea as to how much pop corn and chips to buy.

Q. Who can come?

Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and friends.



SAVE THE DATE.....WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

APRIL'S THEME—HANAMATSURI



The Hanamatsuri Kids Service began at 10:30 a.m with Hashimoto Sensei. During the chanting of Gassho to Amida, the children poured sweet tea over the Buddha's statue.



During Dharma School, the kids decorated their own Hanamido. They painted their Hanamido and decorated it with coloured tissue paper flowers. To complete it, they each drew their own Buddha with one finger pointing upwards toward the heavens and the other finger pointing downwards towards the ground. This was a very busy fun filled hour of activity.

April THANK YOU'S

- Bev Kato for helping with after service tea
- ◆ Mika Shimozato for leading the Kids Sangha service
- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings).
- ◆ Donna Nakano and Sandra Izukawa for playing the organ during service
- ◆ Debbie Katsumi for Obuppan
- ◆ Grace Taguchi for arranging Naijin flower
- ◆ Ross Yoshida for handy work at the Temple
- ◆ Susan Ebisuzaki for tirelessly being the refreshment toban every Sunday.
- ◆ Cary Kataoka and Ken Shigeishi for making sure we have a zoom service.

- ◆ Naomi Tsuji Tamaki and Susan Ebisuzaki for ringing the Konsho for 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.



Sunday, May 26, 2024
 we will be honouring Temple members
 who are celebrating their
 77th (kiju), 88th (beiju) or 99th (hakuju) year
 Honorary TBC members (77+) will receive a complimentary bento.
***(Please make sure you have
 a current signed membership form on file with the office.)***

Everyone else will be able to purchase a bento for \$20.

**The deadline for ordering ALL bentos is May 18, 2024.
 No bento order can be taken after the deadline.
 Please see the Guiding Light for details.**

An entertainment programme will follow the luncheon

OBON GUEST MINISTER**REV. GRANT IKUTA**

As a sign of respect, the visitation to the gravesites of your loved ones and ancestors is a custom observed by many cultures. In Japanese this annual tradition is called hakamairi.

On Saturday., July. 13th chosos will be conducting services at the various cemeteries around the GTA.

The schedule will be published in the June Guiding Light and website.

As part of the Obon festival, Bon Odori will be held at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre at 7:00pm Saturday., July. 13th.

July 14th, 9:00 am - Hatsubon- a memorial for those who have passed in the past year

11am - Obon - English

1pm - Obon - Japanese



KEIROKAI 2024

Keirokai is a celebration to show our gratitude and honour those temple members who turn 77 years (Kiju), 88 years (Beiju), 99 years (Hakuju) 100 years (Kakuju) and over 100, . Keirokai honourees please fill out and submit the form to the office by May 13th. Please join us for the service at 11am followed by a bento box lunch with entertainment to follow. All members who are 77 years and over will receive a complimentary lunch. \$20 will be the cost for those who are under 77 years.

We will be featuring our honourees during our Gotane Service on **May 26, 2024 at 11:00 am** in person and via Zoom. Please fill out the form below or send the information via email with the subject line “Keirokai” by May 13, 2024. Please include a picture of yourself that we can show during the service. You can send your application via email to tbc@tbc.on.ca or darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca ,mail or call into the office at 416-534-4302.

If your family wishes to purchase bentos, extra bentos will be available for purchase for \$20.00. Orders **MUST** be submitted by Sunday May 18th. **Link to order bentos:** <https://forms.gle/898ucBPp4sAsvynq9>

Remember to fill out your honorary membership form and send it to the office by May 13, 2024!

2024 KEIROKAI HONOUREE

Name (English): Mr./Mrs/Miss.

Last Name in Kanji (if known): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ *Please circle: 77 88 99 100 100+*

Will you be attending our Zoom Service on May 26th? Yes No

Would you attend the service in-person if that is an option? Yes No

Did you include a picture of yourself (honouree). Yes No

Email to send Zoom invitation _____

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 MEMBERS PLEASE SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION SOME INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF.

THANK YOU

Camp Lumbini 2024

Calling all youth ages 8-15! We will be holding Camp Lumbini Sunday, July 28th – Saturday August 3rd!

If interested, please email the office for camp forms. tbc@tbc.on.ca

If any inquires about the program, please email Abigail-kataoka@hotmail.com



We look forward to seeing you in the summer!!



SUNDAY, JUNE 2

After a 10-year long hiatus, the Toronto Buddhist Church will once again join in this year's Pride festivities in June! The last time our Temple had participated was during World Pride back in 2014, when our beloved former Reverend Christina Yanko (who always reminded us to "come as you are") had officiated same-sex weddings—the only Buddhist minister to do so at the event.

Recalling words from the Shoshin Nembutsu Ge...

Bon jo gyaku ho sai e nyu

When ignorant and wise, even grave offenders and slanders of the dharma, all alike turn and enter shinjin

Nyo shu shi nyu kai ichi mi

They are like waters that, on entering the ocean, become one in taste with it

We are all imperfect beings. However, upon hearing Amida Buddha's name we are reminded that we are all of the same essence. This guides us in our commitment to inclusivity here at the TBC. This year, it is our hope that we can continue to provide a nurturing space where both LGBTQ+ children and elders within our Sangha are seen and heard.

The TBC plans to march in the Parade and will have a booth during StreetFair from June 28-30th. For more information, please contact John Sheldon—kate.john@sympatico.ca

In Gassho,
Jun Cura-Bongolan

Pride Toronto

Friday, June 28 to Sunday, June 30

TBC will participate:

- With a booth at the street fair from Friday to Sunday.
- In the parade on Sunday.

Volunteer opportunities will be available at the booth.
All are welcome to walk in the parade. Details to follow.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS APPROACHING**LATE DATE JC WELLNESS COMMITTEE WILL BE AT TBC TO HELP SUBMIT YOUR GRANT**

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



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