



# *Guiding Light*

June, 2024



## **TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH** *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOMONSHU

Congratulations on the observance of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching, being conducted by Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

I would first like to extend my heartfelt condolences to all the victims of the Maui Wildfire that broke out in August of last year. I also would like to express my sympathies to those who have been affected by the disaster. It is my hope that every one of you will be able to return to your peaceful daily lives as soon as possible.

Shinran Shonin was born in 1173 and through his main writing, *Ken Jodo Shinjitsu Kyogyosho Monrui (The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way)* also known as *Kyogyoshinsho*, which is believed to have been completed in 1224, he systematically clarified the Jodo Shinshu teaching. Since then, the Jodo Shinshu teaching has been transmitted to us today, overcoming obstacles and has been shared by people not only in Japan but around the world. This is because regardless of time and place, the teaching always serves as a spiritual foundation and enables people to move forward in their lives.

The founder of Buddhism, Sakyamuni Buddha discovered the universal truth, such as the principle of original dependency as well as the theory of impermanence. However, we, ordinary beings are not able to accept the truth as it is because we see things only through our self-centered and biased viewpoints. As a result, we suffer and fight each other when things do not go as we wish. Sakyamuni Buddha clarified that our own ignorance, in other words, our human desires or a feeling of obstinate attachment to something is the very cause of our sufferings. Receiving this basic Buddhist teaching, Shinran Shonin taught us that for the sake of such foolish beings like us, Amida Tathagata is always working as the Nembutsu or recitation of the Name, that is nothing but Amida's calling voice.

Those who have fully recognized the benevolent working of Amida Tathagata cannot help but lament and feel regret for their own *bonno* or persistent human desires, and it is natural that they feel ashamed of and try to minimize them. Such people would never indulge themselves in their egoistic cravings. Even though we had not been able to recognize our own selfishness, the encounter with Amida's work enables us to become aware of our true selves, and through that recognition, we are naturally guided to make efforts to minimize such selfishness, and consequently, we are enabled to change our way of living. Keeping this in mind, let us strive to live each day with a feeling of gratitude for Amida's great wisdom and compassion that always embraces us as we are.

April 28, 2024

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



**UPCOMING SERVICES**

		Kids' Sangha 10:30 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	
		In Person	In Person & Zoom	In Person & Zoom	
JUNE 9, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
JUNE 16, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE DENNIS MADOKORO	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
JUNE 23, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
JUNE 30, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE	WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 8			
JULY 7, 2024	MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE (SHOTSUKI)		ENGLISH	JAPANESE	
SATURDAY JULY 13, 2024	HAKAMAIRI		VARIOUS	CEMETERIES	SEE SCHEDULE on Page 10
JULY 14, 2024	HATSUBON		9:00 AM BILINGUAL		
JULY 14, 2024	OBON		ENGLISH	JAPANESE	

**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**



## MISSION STATEMENTS

As part of our ongoing learning, the committee working on the temple's participation in Toronto Pride met with JJ Viviers and Rev. Brent Hawkes of the Toronto

Metropolitan Community Church. They're part of a denomination devoted to serving the LGBTQ+ community and were able to give us important advice. One thing they recommended was updating our mission statement to be fully inclusive.

What is the temple's mission statement? In the 1990s TBC's Board adopted the following mission: "To lead the change in generational and ethnic makeup of the Toronto Buddhist Church in a thoughtful and dynamic manner, while respecting the traditions of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism."

Although it's over 25 years old, that's still a pretty good statement, and for back then it was downright progressive. The Board recognized the need to grow beyond our historical roots and embrace a future of greater diversity and dynamism, while not losing sight of the Dharma that brings us together.

Since a whole generation has grown up in the meantime, it's surely a good idea to revisit and update our mission statement. The New York Buddhist Church did so about five years ago in a really intentional process. They aimed to develop three statements, in fact: a temple mission statement, a vision statement, and a values statement. This allowed for a fuller, more nuanced exploration of who they were and who they aspired to be. As they put it, a "mission statement tells the Sangha, our community, and the public why we exist and what we stand for. A vision statement tells people what our goals are and what we are seeking to achieve. A values statement tells everyone why the mission and vision should be fulfilled and helps define the operational culture of an organization... They remind us and others of who we are as an organization, what our dreams are for the future and what our core beliefs are that guide decision making."

They didn't rush the process. The Board and ministerial group held a day-long retreat, gathering in large and small groups to consider questions of identity, history, and purpose. This produced some draft ideas, which they then took to the whole sangha in a Town Hall for consideration and feedback. Lively discussion led to some useful upgrades to the drafts, and the refined versions were finally adopted by the Board.

Here's what they adopted:

**Mission Statement:**

The New York Buddhist Church provides a place that supports a vibrant Sangha and the greater community, promoting and enriching the understanding of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu.

**Vision Statement:**

The New York Buddhist Church seeks to be an inclusive, open, and compassionate community which transforms, awakens and liberates through the teachings of the Buddha and the perspective of Shinran Shonin.

**Values Statement:**

Because we believe everyone can be enlightened, we listen, speak and act with compassion, respect, and gratitude.

What do you think? What do you like about this? What might you want to change? To help us think about our own mission, vision, and values, here are some statements by other Jodo Shinshu temples:

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii: "To share the living Teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace, and gratitude."

Pearl City Hongwanji Mission: "The teaching of Jodo Shinshu promotes awareness and growth which leads to lives of gratitude, harmony and peace to enrich people's lives. Amida Buddha's teachings of wisdom and compassion are shared through services, classes, and activities. We create a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment to nurture spiritual development."

West Covina Buddhist Temple: "In the spirit of universal brotherhood, West Covina Buddhist Temple provides the opportunity for all to listen to and share the Teachings of the Buddha so that we may awaken to our true selves, living our lives fully and dynamically."

Tacoma Buddhist Temple: "To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values inclusiveness and acceptance in seeking enlightenment through Japanese Shin Buddhist teachings."

Buddhist Temple of Chicago: "To present and explore the Three Treasures of Buddhism - the Buddha (teacher), the Dharma (teachings), and the Sangha. To be guided and inspired by the historical Buddha, Gautama Shakyamuni, and the teachers who have followed—Shinran Shonin, Manshi

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**MISSION STATEMENTS, continued**

Kiyozawa, and Haya Akegarasu. To present the Buddha-Dharma in a language and manner relevant and understandable in contemporary America. To welcome all who seek the Dharma without any exceptions. To be a positive presence in our local community working to enhance the vitality of our neighborhood. To honour and continue the traditions of our founding members. To always live the Nembutsu—*Namu Amida Butsu*.”

Placer Buddhist Church: “The Placer Buddhist Church strives to nurture compassion, mindfulness, gratitude, peace, tolerance, inclusiveness, and spiritual exploration by providing a place where everyone is welcome. Our mission is to continuously learn and live the Buddhist Teachings to reduce suffering and

support our lives and the lives around us. We offer an open door to sharing these teachings, as well as friendship and community.”

Mo‘ili‘ili Hongwanji Mission: “Mo‘ili‘ili Hongwanji Mission is a growing inclusive Buddhist community seeking spiritual growth, learning, and compassionate service, living our values and preserving them for future generations.”

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin: “We are striving to create an inclusive environment of unconditional acceptance, respect and gratitude where we honour the past, appreciate the present, build for the future, and learn to engage in a life of compassionate action.”

Gassho

Dr. Jeff Wilson Sensei

**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



**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.



**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>Mr. Hiroshi Tetaka</i>	<i>86 yrs</i>	<i>May 12, 2024</i>
<i>Mrs. Nobuko Uyeda</i>	<i>100 yrs</i>	<i>May 13, 2024</i>
<i>Mrs. Miyoko (Margaret) Yamada</i>	<i>93 yrs</i>	<i>May 21, 2024</i>



April 28, 2024  
With Jeff Sensei

May 12, 2024  
With Rev. Hashimoto



May 19, 2024  
With Rev. Yuasa

**NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR NAIJIN FLOWER ARRANGMENTING**

Are you interested in amateur flower arranging? We are looking for those who are interested in creating the arrangements on our Naijin. No experience required. All materials provided. Please contact the Temple office if you are interested: 416-534-4302 or tbe@tbc.on.ca



**DO YOU HAVE PERENNIALS YOU NO LONGER WANT IN YOUR GARDEN?**

The Temple is looking for perennials to plant around the building and the parking lot. If you are thinking of thinning out your garden, please bring them into the Temple or call the office 416-534-4302 and we will gladly pick them up.



**PICNIC AT LUMBINI, WASAGA BEACH**

**SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 10**

Watch the Guiding Light and Website for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**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

11 am - Obon - English

1pm - Obon - Japanese



**Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of July**

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

<b>ALLEN</b> , Thomas	<b>KASHINO</b> , Kenichi Robert	<b>NAGANO</b> , Yaye	<b>TANAKA</b> , Shoko
<b>AMANO</b> , Noriharu Ness	<b>KATSURA</b> , Tome	<b>NAKAGAWA</b> , Miki	<b>TANAKA</b> , Kazuko Kay
<b>AMEMORI</b> , Kikue	<b>KAYAMA</b> , Toyo	<b>NAKANISHI</b> , Tsuneharu	<b>TANI</b> , Hatsue Jane
<b>AYUKAWA</b> , Shizuo	<b>KISHIMOTO</b> , Masao	<b>NAKATSU</b> , Kunijiro	<b>TATEISHI</b> , Ai
<b>BESSHO</b> , Etsuko	<b>KISHIMOTO</b> , Sachiko	<b>NEKODA</b> , Mineto	<b>TERAKAWA</b> , Tadaki
<b>EBATA</b> , Chuta Roy	<b>KISHIMOTO</b> , Walter	<b>NISHI</b> , Kura	<b>TSUCHIDA</b> , Taichi
<b>EBIHARA</b> , Kesajiro	<b>KISHITA</b> , Shizuko	<b>NISHIMURA</b> , Michio	<b>TSUJI</b> Tojiro
<b>FUJINAMI</b> , Haya	<b>KITAMURA</b> , Shigeru	<b>NISHINO</b> , Kimi	<b>TSUYUKI</b> , Nobuko
<b>FUJIOKA</b> , Sueno	<b>KITAMURA</b> , George Mitsuji	<b>OGINO</b> , George Ryuzo	<b>UI</b> , Hideo
<b>FUKUMOTO</b> , Fujio	<b>KITAZAKI</b> , Kiyohiro	<b>OHARA</b> , Thomas Minoru	<b>UYEDA</b> , Senjiro
<b>GOTO</b> , Miyoshi	<b>KIYONAGA</b> , Toshiko Kathleen	<b>OHASHI</b> , Tarkio	<b>UYENO</b> , Kuye
<b>HAKKAKU</b> , Vernon Tsutomu	<b>KOBAYASHI</b> , Fumie	<b>OHASHI</b> , Fusako Elsie	<b>UYENO</b> , Tashichi George
<b>HAKODA</b> , Yuki	<b>KODAMA</b> , Tsuyoshi	<b>OHASHI</b> , Hanae Hannah	<b>UYESUGI</b> , Sueko
<b>HAMAMOTO</b> , Fusako	<b>KOSHIDA</b> , Koto	<b>OMORI</b> , Sawa	<b>WAKABAYASHI</b> , Hatsue
<b>HASHIMOTO</b> , Thomas Hajime	<b>KOYANAGI</b> , Namiye	<b>OMOTO</b> , Yosoya	<b>WAKABAYASHI</b> , Barron Chuzo
<b>HASHIMOTO</b> , Yoshikazu Frank	<b>KOYATA</b> , Hikoza Hik	<b>OMOTO</b> , Yutaro	<b>WANI</b> , Tsuyo
<b>HAYASHI</b> , Hachijiro	<b>KUBOTA</b> , Yahachiro	<b>ONO</b> , Eizo William	<b>WATANABE</b> , Hideyoshi Harry
<b>HAYASHI</b> , Kinu	<b>KUMAGAI</b> , Hiroshi	<b>SAITO</b> , Mary Yasue	<b>YAMADA</b> , Mitsuo Mike
<b>HIROTA</b> , Yoshiko	<b>KUMAGAI</b> , Matsu	<b>SARUYAMA</b> , Natsu	<b>YAMAMOTO</b> , Bob Maso
<b>HUANG</b> , Huan Tang	<b>KUMAHARA</b> , Tetsuo	<b>SARUYAMA</b> , Dan Kono	<b>YAMASHITA</b> , Kumiko
<b>IBUKI</b> , Norman Takeshi	<b>KURAHASHI</b> , Sumi	<b>SASAKI</b> , Tadao	<b>YAMASHITA</b> , Kumiko
<b>IKEDA</b> , Hatsue	<b>MATSUMOTO</b> , Masanori Moza	<b>SHIMIZU</b> , Suzu	<b>YASUDA</b> , Fumiko Eileen
<b>IKEDA</b> , Sidney Kiyoshi	<b>MATSUSHIGE</b> , Toshie	<b>SHIMIZU</b> , Shizue Suzie	<b>YASUI</b> , Sueo
<b>IMAI</b> , Usakichi	<b>MINAMIDE</b> , Bunkichi	<b>SUGIMAN</b> , Toshihiko	<b>YONEKURA</b> , Hedy Hideko
<b>INOUE</b> , Iwao	<b>MINAMIDE</b> , Tomiko	<b>SUGIMAN</b> , Ross Tatsuro	
<b>IRIZAWA</b> , Sawaichi	<b>MISUMI</b> , Toyoko	<b>SUMIYA</b> , Odai	
<b>JKEMURA</b> , Shizu	<b>MITSUBATA</b> , Chutaro	<b>SUZUKI</b> , Kiyomi	
<b>KADOHAMA</b> , Toranosuke	<b>MITSUKI</b> , Kazuko Kay	<b>TAGUCHI</b> , Takemi	
<b>KAMADA</b> , Shinjiro	<b>MIYANISHI</b> , Shozo	<b>TAKAHASHI</b> , Sada	
<b>KAMINO</b> , Toshiye	<b>MIZUYABU</b> , Yuriko	<b>TAKAHASHI</b> , Toshio Stan	
<b>KAMIYAMA</b> , Hajime	<b>MIZUYABU</b> , Kenneth Mitsuo	<b>TAKAHASHI</b> , Tokiemon	
<b>KARATSU</b> , Sen	<b>MORI</b> , Denya	<b>TAKASAKI</b> , Susan	
<b>KASHINO</b> , Junn	<b>MORIKAWA</b> , Suna	<b>TAKEMURA</b> , Chiyoko	
<b>KASHINO</b> , Mary	<b>MURATA</b> , Kazuo	<b>TAKENAKA</b> , Maisie Alice	
		<b>TAKENO</b> , Haruo	
		<b>TAKENO</b> , Ryu	

**MAY THANK YOU'S**

- ◆ Socho Aoki, Capt. Rev. Joanne Yuasa and Rev. Grant for leading the Kids Sangha service
- ◆ Bev Kato for helping with the refreshment toban
- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings).
- ◆ Donna Nakano and Sandra Izukawa for playing the organ during service
- ◆ Donna Nakano for Obuppan
- ◆ Myra and Grace for arranging Naijin flower
- ◆ 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 Kansho 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](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca). Let's have some new people to thank.

**TOBAN ACTIVITIES****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 popcorn 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



AS WE HEAD INTO OUR LAST MONTH OF FORMAL DHARMA SCHOOL AND KIDS' SERVICES.....

### **JUNE'S THEME: "Wrap UP"**

Kids' Service begins at 10:30 a.m. Please be mindful and arrive a few minutes early so that you can get settled.

June 2 – Kids' Service with Naomi

June 9 – Kids' Service with Kensho Sensei

June 16 – Kids' Service with Naomi

June 23 – Kids' Service with Bishop Aoki

We hope that the Kid's Sangha program created for you has been fun and meaningful.

### **BUT IT DOESN'T END YET!**

**CAMP LUMBINI** in beautiful Wasaga Beach will run this summer from Sunday July 28 – Saturday

### **COME AND EXPERIENCE CAMP LUMBINI FOR OPEN HOUSE on Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Kid's Sangha (and parents) are invited to join the campers and counsellors at Camp Lumbini for a day of fun activities planned just for you.

Arrival time – 10 am – 11 am

Lunch and dinner will be provided for everyone.

In order to plan for the days activities and meals, pre-registration is required.

Please let Abigail know that you are coming.

[abigail-kataoka@hotmail.com](mailto:abigail-kataoka@hotmail.com)

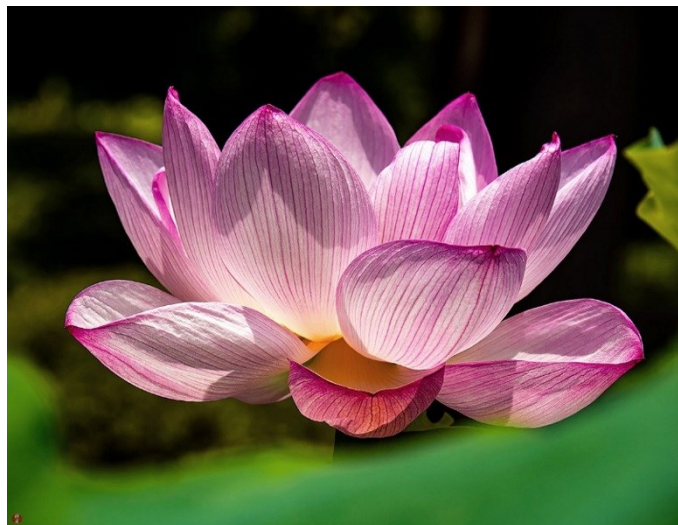
### **HAVE AN AWESOME SUMMER AND SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

With gratitude,

The Kids' Sangha team

**HAKAMAIRI SCHEDULE FOR CEMETERY CENTRAL SERVICES**

<b><u>CEMETERY</u></b>	<b><u>CENTRAL LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>SERVICE LEADER</u></b>
Highland Memorial Gardens	Mausoleum near parking lot	9:30 AM	Dennis Madokoro
Elgin Mills Cemetery.	Sect. 2/ 8.	11:30 AM	Dennis Madokoro
Spring Creek Cemetery	Clarkson Road at back of cemetery, big tree	10:30 AM	Jeff Wilson Sensei
Glen Oaks Cemetery	South side of Structure 3 Kitty corner to Chinese Burial section	9:30 AM	Jeff Wilson Sensei 519-954-0659
Glendale Cemetery.		9:30 AM	John Nishikawa
Pine Hills Cemetery.	Sect. 7.	9:30 AM	Ken Shigeishi
Resthaven Memorial Gardens	Circle Garden.	10:45 AM	Ken Shigeishi
Pine Ridge Memorial.		12:00 PM	Pauline Knude
Salem U.C.		11:00 AM	Pauline Knude
York Memorial Cemetery	Pond west off Senlac.	9:00 AM	Rev. Hashimoto
Prospect Cemetery.	Mausoleum of Last Supper	10:15 AM	Rev. Hashimoto
Park Lawn Cemetery.	Paradise Mausoleum, Sect. 5.	11:30 AM	Rev. Hashimoto
Mt Pleasant Cemetery.	Sect. 51 by Sundial near Bayview Ave.	10:30 AM	Rev. Ikuta
Toronto Necropolis.	Memorial east side closest to DVP	9:00 AM	Rev. Ikuta
St. James Cemetery.	TBA	9:30 AM	Rev. Ikuta
Sanctuary North and South	Meet at parking lot south side.	9:00 AM	Susan Ebisuzaki



**T.B.C. SANGHA'S  
SPRING INTO SUMMER  
BACKYARD PICNIC 2024  
SUNDAY JUNE 16, 2024**

**BRING THE FAMILY FOR AN AFTERNOON FULL OF FUN AND FOOD.  
IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH.**



**FREE FOOD: HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, AND SAUSAGES WILL BE PROVIDED.  
IT'S A POTLUCK: BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC DISH TO ADD TO OUR BOUNTY.  
DON'T WORRY IF YOU CAN'T BRING ONE.**

**ACTIVITIES: THERE WILL BE RACES, KARAOKE, MINYO, SUIKAWARI, AND DOOR PRIZES.  
THE GATE TO THE PARK WILL BE OPENED SO BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR A BLANKET.**

## Project Dana TBC – Connecting with our Seniors

**Paramitas – Dana To give of our time and love to all. To share.  
To be helpful in every way.**

To provide a variety of support services

Telephone visits  
Friendly Home visits  
Family Caregiver's support  
Bento boxes



We are requesting referrals from Family and Friends of the TBC to submit names of seniors who need social friendly calls from trained volunteers to cope with Social isolation and delivering of bentos to vulnerable seniors.

No compensation is needed, we will be raising funds to support this effort through donations and fundraising.

Please email *Marlene Frazer* at [frazermarlene@gmail.com](mailto:frazermarlene@gmail.com) OR phone 905-637-1828 for answers or referrals to this project or volunteer opportunities to support this effort.

## LOOKING FOR HEADPHONES

Do you have an old headphone you can donate to the church?

It would help our seniors to hear the Sunday service.

Please drop it off at the church or call and we will pick it up.

With Gratitude

Toronto Buddhist Church



## 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](mailto:darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca)
- **online donation via Paypal:** follow directions on [www.TBC.ca](http://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](http://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**



**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  
North York, ON, M3H 2T7  
(416) 534-4302  
[tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca)

Next to Sheppard West subway station  
Parking available





# 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 28<sup>th</sup> – Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>!

If interested, please email the office for camp forms. [tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca)

If any inquires about the program, please email [Abigail-kataoka@hotmail.com](mailto:Abigail-kataoka@hotmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you in the summer!!



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](mailto: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.**