



Guiding Light

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TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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UPCOMING SERVICES

| | | Kids' Sangha 10:30 AM | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM | |
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| | | In Person | In Person & Zoom | In Person & Zoom | |
| SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 | SUMMER SERVICE | NONE | ENGLISH | NONE | MONTHLY MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) SEPT 9 |
| SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 | MONTHLY MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | JAPANESE | |
| SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 | REGULAR SERVICE | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | NONE | |
| SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 | REGULAR SERVICE OHIGAN | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | NONE | |
| SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 | REGULAR SERVICE | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | NONE | MINISTER'S APPRECIATION POTLUCK LUNCH |
| OCTOBER 6, 2024 | MONTHLY MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | JAPANESE | OFFICIANT REV. SUGIURA FROM JAPAN |
| OCTOBER 13, 2024 | REGULAR SERVICE | ENGLISH DENNIS MADOKORO | 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



The Road to the “Kaikyoshi”

I returned to Japan for training to become a Kaikyoshi Minister (Official Overseas Minister) and I wrote this month's article from Japan. At the end of July, I participated in a week-long online training course from Toronto, and I've attended a two-day training course at Nishi Hongwanji, the head temple. The temperature in Kyoto was

nearly 40 degrees Celsius, making the heat dangerously intense.

When I'm in Canada, I'm often asked about the difference between a Kaikyoshi and a Kyoshi in our sect, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji. In this article, I will explain the steps for a Japanese person to become a Kaikyoshi, using my own experience as an example.

In our sect, the process of becoming a Buddhist minister is called “Tokudo.” After about 10 days of training, we shave our heads, participate in the Tokudo ceremony, and receive a license called a “Docho,” officially recognizing us as Buddhist ministers of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji sect. This marks the beginning of one's journey as a Buddhist minister. There are currently about 30,000 Buddhist ministers in our sect. I became a Buddhist minister in October 2019.

To become a Kaikyoshi, one must first obtain the Kyoshi qualification. This is the basic qualification required for Buddhist ministers to serve as resident ministers in Japanese temples. In addition to what is learned in the Tokudo training, the Kyoshi training includes demonstrations of Dharma talks and more. After about 10 days, “those who can serve as role models for other Buddhist ministers” are granted this qualification. Kyoshi certification also allows ministers to obtain specialized qualifications, such as the “Fukyoshi” certification for Dharma talks or the “Tokubetsu-Homuin” certification for rituals. Currently, about 60% of Buddhist ministers hold the Kyoshi certification. I obtained my Kyoshi certification in August 2022. Then, after receiving instruction on Dharma talks at the graduate school of Ryukoku University, I passed the Dharma talk examination in March 2024 and obtained the Fukyoshi qualification.

The Kaikyoshi training program is for Buddhist ministers who hold the Kyoshi certification and are willing to work in temples overseas. Strictly speaking, Kaikyoshi is not a qualification. Kaikyoshi are Buddhist ministers who have completed training in international missionary work and have been appointed and dispatched to an overseas region. There are three requirements to apply for this training:

1 The Kyoshi must have a strong interest in the international

mission of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji sect.

2 The applicant must have sufficient English proficiency to attend lectures in English (pre-1st grade of the Eiken test is recommended).

3 Applicants must generally be under 40 years old.

For me, the English requirement was a significant challenge. It may be difficult for native English speakers to understand, but the level of Eiken pre-1st grade is considered “the level at which one can fully understand and use English in social situations.” It's said that only about 40% of junior high school English teachers in Japan reach this level. When my father was a Kaikyoshi Minister in the 1980s, he said that English could be learned after being assigned overseas, but by 2024, the requirements for Japanese Kaikyoshi Ministers are much higher.

I have managed to reach this level of English through studying abroad in Kamloops, although my speaking skills are still improving. The only step left for me to become a Kaikyoshi is to complete the two-month International Ministerial Orientation Program (IMOP) at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, California, starting in October.

I've wanted to work as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist minister abroad since 2019, and it's been almost five years since then. During my graduate studies at Ryukoku University, I had the opportunity to meet wonderful teachers and learn deeply about the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. In Kamloops, where I studied abroad, some temple members pretended to understand only English to help me improve my skills, even though they could understand Japanese. Since April, I've been working in Toronto, and I continue to live my Nembutsu life with the support of many people here as well.

Lastly, I'd like to share a phrase that I cherish in my Nembutsu life, which reflects the heart of Shinran Shonin.

It appears that disputes have arisen among followers of the sole practice of nembutsu, who argue that “these are my disciples” or “those are someone else's disciples.” This is utterly senseless.

For myself, I do not have even a single disciple.

A Record in Lament of Divergences, 6 (Collected Works of Shinran, p.664)

The reason why Shinran Shonin said that he did not have any disciples was because “everyone recites the Nembutsu not by my own action, but by the power of Amida Buddha.”

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The Road to the “Kaikyoshi”, continued

Since all those who recite the Nembutsu by the action of Amida Buddha become disciples of the Buddha, for Shinran Shonin there is no hierarchical relationship between master and disciple, and all are equal "fellow companions " as Buddhist disciples.

In the teachings of Jodo Shinshu, although I am a Buddhist minister and you are members of the TBC, we are all fellow followers of the Nembutsu through the action of Amida Buddha. Although I would like to continue my studies as a Buddhist minister, I do not intend to teach the teachings to the members, but rather to build a relationship with them as fellow members who praise Amida Buddha together. I hope that TBC will continue to be a place where people gather to recite the Nembutsu as the center of their lives, with Amida Buddha as the center, just as Nishi Hongwanji is.

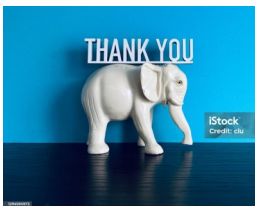
Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Kensho Hashimoto

MINISTERS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**SEPTEMBER 29TH**

This year has been particularly busy with the departure of our popular resident minister Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi at the end of February. Without the generous help of both Dr. Jeff Wilson and Dennis Madokoro our TBC could not provide services and comfort to our congregation. In April, the welcome arrival of our new resident minister Rev. Kensho Hashimoto . It should be appreciated that Toronto is his first ministerial posting in the busiest temple in Canada. He has adapted very well with help from Bishop Aoki, Rev. Hirano, Rev. Ikuta, Jeff Wilson Sensei, Dennis Madokoro and Rev. Joanne Yuasa will continue to conduct services during Rev. Hashimoto's lengthy Kaikyoshi training in Berkeley, California. We hope to show our appreciation to all our teachers on Sunday, September. 29th after the 11am service. Please bring your favourite dish to the pot luck luncheon.

Please write your words of appreciation to our ministers, assistant minister and minister's assistant in the books which will be in the lobby in September.

**WHAT TO DO WITH**

“What should I do with this blender I don't use anymore?” Donate it to the Toronto Buddhist Church for their White Elephant Sale at the Annual Bazaar! We are looking for donations of goods that you are no longer using or have never used and don't know what to do with them. We will be receiving goods starting the beginning of October. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.. NO CLOTHES PLEASE



BUDDHAS AND BOMBUS BOTH

Rev. Gyomay Kubose, the founder of the Buddhist Temple of Chicago, told a story one time about a Zen monk and an unhappy mother. The mother had a child who was “abnormal” (the term in Rev. Kubose’s book *Everyday Suchness*, but this is a perhaps-imperfect translation from Japanese). She resented the child,

and the monk rebuked her, saying how fortunate she is because the child is a teacher—indeed, the monk said the child was a buddha, who came to teach her the religious way of life, so she should respect him and be thankful. Dumbfounded, the mother listened closely as the monk continued, explaining that every time people passed by the child they were reminded to be grateful that they weren’t abnormal, and thus the child was constantly teaching others the importance of recognizing our blessings and being thankful for what we have.

I appreciate the lesson that we should be grateful for the everyday fortune that we take for granted. Also, I recognize that while they sometimes end up getting shared around for others to consider, Buddhist teachings are often extremely individualized: in this case, this was what that particular mother needed to hear in order to get past her self-centered anger and move toward a Buddhist path of introspection, discovery, and peace. So it was the right teaching for her, at that moment.

But as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist and the parent of a child with multiple disabilities, I can’t agree with the idea that the value of the abnormal child is that they make others grateful to be normal. No. To Amida Buddha, all children are valuable just as they are. That is because, unlike traditional approaches to Zen, Jodo Shinshu is not a meritocracy type of Buddhism. Rather, Jodo Shinshu is a horizontal approach to the Dharma, with no one higher than anyone else and everyone equally embraced and brought to Buddhahood.

One way in which that horizontalness gets taught in our tradition is through a focus on our shared foolishness. In part we’re all on the same level because we’re all bombu: ignorant sentient beings blinded by our passions and attachments. That includes so-called Zen masters and others who claim authority based on alleged advanced spiritual attainments. But if we’re all bombu, was the monk also wrong to call the child a buddha?

I remember well a lesson I received from a Chinese Pure Land nun many years ago. In a Dharma talk at her temple, she explained how other people are bodhisattvas for us. Rev. Kubose’s story gives us a good example: the child was a bodhisattva for his mother and others, because he helped them practice the Dharma. But the child’s own experience of himself

and of the world was not that of a bodhisattva or Buddha. Rather, he experienced it as a foolish sentient being, with suffering. In a similar fashion, the mother was a bodhisattva for the child, caring for him and sacrificing (even before her turn to Buddhism, during the time when she was resentful).

Thus we may be Buddhas for someone else, while living the life of a suffering foolish being. I can be thankful for the role that a wise teacher (or a mean jerk who gives me a bad example to avoid) in my life, without needing to overly romanticize others as actual, living buddhas. In the case of my own child, they have truly been a buddha for me. Their love and presence provides me with deep support for my life. And the many struggles, resentments, despairs, and lessons that come from caring for someone with serious disabilities are the greatest teachers I’ve ever had in my life. Not because they make me grateful not to be disabled. It’s because my failures and suffering related to the situations that arise due to their conditions show me just how foolish and unawakened I am.

If I had a perfectly “normal” child, it would be easy for me to pat myself on the back and say, “I’m a great parent! I’m an awesome person! I do everything right!” But because my child is who they are, and I am an inadequate parent for such a person, I am starkly shown what sort of person I really am: a bombu. I wish I weren’t a bombu, because then I wouldn’t suffer and I would be able to always handle my child’s needs, and thus not cause them suffering. But because I am a bombu, I am embraced by Great Compassion and the burden of being inadequate is lifted from me. And because my child is a bombu—despite being a buddha to me—they too are embraced and accepted just as they are. Thus we are both ushered into the same Pure Land, full of imperfect people who are liberated to become buddhas just as we are. *Namo Amida Buddha.*

What society calls my child’s disabilities, are really just the way they are. Their particular conditions add to their suffering (and also have elements that enrich their life), but much of the suffering they experience is due to society’s inability to adequately handle someone outside of the “norm.” Thus it isn’t that the “abnormal” child shows us how to be thankful for the norm; the child shows us the inadequacy of the norm, so that we can reflect on our collective imperfectness, try to do better, and be grateful that we are embraced in our communal bombuness to receive liberation with one another. This is the path of Shinran: not just gratitude for the good things in our lives, but also reflection on our limits, doing what we can to address them, and resting in awareness that we are embraced and supported no matter what our failures or successes may be.

Gassho

Jeff Wilson Sensei



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OHAKAMAIRI

JULY 13, 2024



BON ODORI, 2024**JULY 13, JCCC**

The 2024 Obon odori took place on a beautiful, summer evening, although some might say it was a bit too hot. The dancers, young and old, in their colourful yukatas filled the JCCC parking lot on Saturday, July 13. The Obon service was led by the TBC's new resident minister, Rev. Kensho Hashimoto and accompanied by past minister Rev. Grant Ikuta. Scott Kusano was an excellent emcee and the TBC Taiko Group shared drumming duties throughout the evening. During the break from the folk dances, buyo performances by Ayame Kai, Sakura Kai and the TBC Buyo Group were beautiful to watch. The thundering taiko from Isshin Daiko was captivating as always. The large audience enjoyed watching the bon odori but were even more excited to join in the participation dances. Everyone had a great time!

Thank you to all the odori groups and their dancers, taiko drummers, the JCCC and staff, and to all the other participants without whom the Obon festival could not exist.

**OBON SERVICE, SUNDAY JULY 14, 2024****AUGUST SHOTSUKI SERVICE****AUGUST 4, 2024**

Camp Lumbini 2024

Sunday, July 28th – Saturday, August 3rd, we had an amazing week for Camp Lumbini at the temple's cottages out in Wasaga. This year we had many returning kids, some turned to counselors now, as well as new campers to join our group!

This year, we were honored to participate in the making of lanterns for the Hiroshima Nagasaki Coalition Day (HNCD) once again. This outreach is working for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The kids, with mindful thought, put much effort in their lanterns, which were displayed at City Hall on August 6th. Thank you to Michael Tamaki, and Les Tanaka for delivering the materials to camp, and to the event.

Our counselors did an amazing job during the week to ensure all of the campers were having fun, while also learning about Buddhism. Our Buddhist theme was open-mindedness. While it was a rather broad theme, the counselors did great work incorporating this into their morning dharma talks. They were very open-minded themselves in the various ways they taught the campers how to incorporate these lessons in their own lives.

Many of these kids come up to camp not knowing one another, looking forward to participating in various events at the temple, to see each other again. We like to look at camp as a channel for many of these kids to create lifelong bonds. It's also great to be able to separate ourselves, not just the kids, from our screens and phones, and just reconnect with each other.

I'd like to give out some special thanks to everyone who made camp possible this year!

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers/cooks, Joanne Kataoka (Head chef/parent coordinator), Joanne Miyazaki (Sous chef), Grace Taguchi, Chris Yoshida, Michelle Kushida, Michael Tamaki, Naomi Tamaki, and Darlene Rieger.

Thank you to our coordinators, Rachel Kataoka (Coordinator), Koji Goto (Coordinator), myself (Coordinator). Thank you to our Sr. and Jr. Counselors, Joaquin Kataoka, Mai Shimoato, Shohei Hayakawa, Elly Hayakawa, Hana Yoshida, Maya Yoshida, Mika Shimoato, Nina Yoshida, Mie Choi, and Kiyo Choi

Thank you to Mizuki Shimoato for designing the t-shirts of this year. And thank you to Rachel, Mai, and Mika for hand-screen printing the shirts!

Thank you to these people for making camp possible. We hope to see you all again next year for Camp Lumbini 2025!

In gassho,

Abigail Kataoka



**HIROSHIMA NAGASAKI 79TH
ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL AT CITY
HALL
AUGUST 6, 2024**



It was a beautiful day and evening for the memorial and a great success, with a reasonable turn out.

Thank you to all who attended the memorial and helped make it a success.

We'd also like to thank everyone at Camp Lumbini who made lanterns for the occasion.

**FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC AT LUMBINI, WASAGA
BEACH,
AUGUST 10, 2024**

The weather was overcast at times and a bit too cool for the beach but fun was had by all. There was an abundance of food to eat and prizes for the games played. We hope that more people will attend next year.



ATTENTION ALL YOU FASHIONISTAS!

Do you have any costume jewelry or fashion accessories you would like to donate. The Temple's Annual Bazaar is quickly approaching and we are in need of goods to sell at our jewelry/accessory table. What you consider outdated, vintage or you no longer wear will bring joy to someone else and will help the Temple fundraiser.

Drop off any jewelry, purses, scarves, etc. at the Temple starting the beginning of October. All contribution to the table will be appreciated.



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Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of October

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

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| ABE , Tomo | HANAZAWA , Toku | KUMABE , Jinzo | OHASHI , Take |
| ADACHI , Ogen | HATANAKA , Kenichi Ken | MATSUI , Kane | OHATA , Masayuki |
| AKADA , Asa | HOBZA , Patricia Akemi | MATSUSHITA , Chieko | OHASHI , Take |
| AKADA , Sadajiro | HORII , Kiyoshi | MICHIBATA , Suyeko | OKIHIRO , Hisa |
| AMEMORI , Suze | HORII , Teru | MIYADA , Takashi | OMATSU , Kinu |
| ARIZA , Nancy Chiyo | IBUKI , Kiku | MORI , Charles "Chuck" Kazuhiko | SAITO , Shiro |
| AMEMORI , Suze | ICHIYEN , Seiichi | MUKAI , Hikojiro | SAKAMOTO , Kimi |
| ASA , Yasuko | ICHIYEN , Shozo | MURAI , Kofuji | SATO , Teruko Terrie |
| ASADA , Kiyomi | IIZUKA , Kotsuru | MURAKAMI , Katsuji | SHIGEISHI , Sally Shizue |
| AZUMA , Momoyo Jane | INAMOTO , Dorothy Tomie | MURANAKA , Kaoru Kay | SHIMIZU , Kaide |
| BABA , Donna May | INAMOTO , Fujio | NAGANO , Kumao | SHINMOTO , Saichi |
| BELAIR , Keiko | INAMOTO , Kenneth Kenji | NAGATA , Kaneichi | SHINTANI , Sueno |
| BRATHUHIN , Tamiko | ISHII , Mitsuye | NAKAGAWA , Masaru | SHITAMI , Yone |
| DOBSON , John Charles | ISHIKAWA , Hiroko | NAKAGAWA , Sasuke | SMITH , Dr. Prof. Kenneth Carless |
| EDAMURA , Ken Edward | IWASAKI , Tokino | NAKAMURA , Ted Teiji | SUGAMORI , Seitaro |
| FUJII , Mary | KAGAYAMA , Shizuyo | NAKANO , Chiye Joan | TAGUCHI , Moto |
| FUJIMOTO , Noboru | KAINO , Fumiyo | NAKAO , Haru | TAKAGI , Chiyoko |
| FUJINO , Dorothy Shizuko | KAJI , Matsuyo | NARUSE , Tadayoshi | TAKAHASHI , Hideta |
| FUJINO , Sude | KAWABATA , Kazuo Mike | NISHIJIMA , Toshio | TAKAHASHI , Yoshi |
| FUJIOKA , Toshio | KAWAGUCHI , Kiyoko | NISHIKAWA , Misao | TAKASAKI , Kaoru |
| FUJIOKA , Teruko Terri | KAWAI , Tetsutaro | NISHIKAWA , Misao Mae | TAKASAKI , Shizue |
| FUKAKUSA , Tamotsu | KISHIBE , Masayuki | NISHIKAWA , Toshie | TAKATA , Moriyuki |
| FUKAKUSA , Kameki | KITAGAWA , Tsuneya | NISHIMOTO , Kenneth Kenji | TAKEMURA , Masa |
| FUKAKUSA , Yasutaro | KITAMURA , Frank Osamu | NISHIMURA , Chiyoji | TAKEUCHI , Terry Teruo |
| FUKUMOTO , Toyemon | KITAURA , Ryotaro | NISHIMURA , George Gengo | TAMAKI , Glen Atsushi |
| FUKUSHIMA , Kazuo "Charlie" | KIYONAGA , Kikuye Kay | NISHIMURA , Shige | TANABE , Yoshiko Mary |
| GOTO , Teruji Tin | KOBAYASHI , Osamu | NISHIMURA , Yutaka Glenn | TANAKA , Arataro |
| HAMADE , Shingo | KOBYASHI , Patrick Mitsuharu | NISHINO , Terrie Tsuruye | TANAKA , Hisao |
| HAMAWAKI , Margaret Fujiye | KOBAYASHI , Shigezo | NITTA , Jean Yuri | TANAKA , Juhei |
| | KODAMA , Suekichi | NOMA , Michiko | TANAKA , Thomas Sanya |
| | KONDO , Roy Iwao | OHASHI , Hirokichi | TANAKA , Yaye |
| | KOZAI , Susumu | NOSE , Seizo | TANINO , Eikichi |
| | KUBOTA , Shigeo | NOSE , Mitsuko | TANINO , Kenneth Susumu |
| | | OHARA , Noye | TATEBE , Yoko Joyce |
| | | | TESHIMA , George Yukio |
| | | | TOHANA , Sachiko Ruby |

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

TOYONAGA, Matsuko
 TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi
 Thomas
 TSUJI, Shizue

URA, Jim Iwao
 URABE, Emiko Gertrude
 WAKABAYASHI, Fusae
 WAKABAYASHI, Koto
 WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuko
 WAKABAYASHI, Takeo

WAKABAYASHI, Tokuzo
 WAKIDA, Ei
 WAKISAKA, Tsugi
 WANI, Juichi
 WATANABE, Molly
 Nobuko
 YAMAGUCHI, Masako

YAMAMOTO, Hatsue
 YAMAMOTO, Makino
 YAMAMOTO, Nobby
 YAMASHITA, Haruyo
 YAMASHITA, Shigeko
 YOSHIDA, Tomoko

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

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|-----------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Mrs. Chizuko Uyeyama | 91 yrs | July 27, 2024 |
| Mr. Leonard Taiichi Shimoda | 79 yrs | July 29, 2024 |
| Mr. Mits Sumiya | 101 yrs | July 29, 2024 |
| Mr. Sachio Yukio Suefuji | 98 yrs | August 1, 2024 |

JULY/AUGUST THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Emi Nakano for making the manju o-sonae (altar offerings).
- ◆ Grace Taguchi for ikebana arrangement for the Shinran statue
- ◆ To everyone involved in Ohakamairi and our Obon
- ◆ To all participants in the TBC Obon celebration at JCCC
- ◆ To all those who helped make the Lumbini Annual Picnic fun and a success. Also, to those who came to the Picnic we hope to see you and many more next year.
- ◆ A big thank you to those who came out to help clean the Temple and have it ready for our first service in September
- ◆ Thank you Bev Kato and Naomi Knude for helping Susan with tea.
- ◆ Susan Ebisuzaki for tirelessly being the refreshment toban every Sunday.
- ◆ Cary Kataoka, Ken Shigeishi and Ross Yoshida for making sure we have a zoom service.
- ◆ Thank you Les Tanaka for faithfully cutting our lawn and helping keep our exterior look welcoming
- ◆ 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.

OUR APOLOGIES

We send our heartfelt regrets to Mr. Stoney Nakano who was omitted from our Keirokai list of recipients.

Mr. Nakano received a certificate for his 103rd year.

Congratulations!!



How to donate to Toronto Buddhist Church

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 to the temple and continue to provide Zoom to those who cannot attend in person.

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



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Please email *Marlene Frazer* at frazermarlene@gmail.com OR phone 905-637-1828 for answers or referrals to this project or volunteer opportunities to support this

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

