



Guiding Light

November, 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	
NOVEMBER 10, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH DENNIS MADOKORO	NONE	
NOVEMBER 17, 2024	EITAIKYO REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH DR. JEFF WILSON SENSEI	NONE	
NOVEMBER 24, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH DENNIS MADOKORO	NONE	
DECEMBER 1, 2024	MEMORIAL SERVICE SHOTSUKI	ENGLISH	ENGLISH DR. JEFF WILSON SENSEI	NONE	
DECEMBER 8, 2024	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH DENNIS MADOKORO		

EITAIKYO SERVICE

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Eitaikyo, the perpetual sutra chanting service is held annually. The sutra chanting is perpetual in the sense that it is chanted every year. This service is specifically to remember those loved ones who have passed before us. Generally it is the memorial service acknowledging those who may be unknown to us personally but were a part of the Sangha and therefore our history. There is a book which is displayed once a year and in the Eitaikyo book is recorded the names of people who have passed before. Family and friends may contribute to a fund to have names recorded in the Eitaikyo book. This fund is for the

exclusive maintenance of the najin

Please contact the office

BODHI DAY

DECEMBER 15, 2024

Bodhi Day or Jodo e is usually celebrated on Dec. 8th. It is said that Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree in 528 BCE in the present day Bodhgaya, India. This was his awakening to the true nature of reality of impermanence and self ego. This realization brought on the awareness of infinite light beyond the self.

Makuragyō (Pillow-side) Service

When families consider having a Pillow-side service (Makuragyō), 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

Reflecting & Shinjin



Good morning, my dharma talk today is on two topics, reflecting and Shinjin.

You know, I love the feeling after chanting. Each morning at my condominium, I chant. When I drive in my car, I chant along with the Hongwanji CD to Shoshinge, sometimes Sofu version, sometimes Gyofu version. I know how chanting makes me feel. I am

going to ask now, how does chanting make you feel? How do you feel after this morning's chanting?

(Responses from the congregation were: relaxed, calm & refreshed.)

Good, good, because that leads me to my first topic, reflecting. In order for me to get ready to reflect, I need to feel relaxed, calm & refreshed.

There are many ways to feel relaxed, refreshed and calm. A walk in the park, preferably by a babbling brook, listening to the birds, meditation where you count your breath in & out. When I was in Chicago many years ago for the Eastern Buddhist League conference, Rev. Ogui, then Bishop Ogui, taught us walking meditation.

Why do I mention all these things? They are all and many others that I have not mentioned ways that you may know, they are all means to get us relaxed, refreshed and calm and then in a proper frame of mind to reflect.

When I was in Berkeley, California, at the end of March, we had a presentation by Professor Kenneth Tanaka, author of "Ocean". He spoke about "The Dimensions of True Realization, Self Actualization

And Outward Engagement in Shinran's Shinjin, a project being carried out by Buddhist Scholars in Japan". From that presentation, I am only borrowing this diagram.

(See Attached diagram)

For me and this is just my opinion on this diagram, it illustrates a path for us Jodo Shinshu followers. We are there at the bottom within our 'Daily Lives' and a part of our society. When we become a "Seeker", the first step is 'Reflecting upon ourselves. Then, if we continue in our studies, our journey of discovery, perhaps, one day, we "receive" Shinjin from Amida Buddha. Note that we "receive" from Amida we do not "acquire" Shinjin through our own efforts. This is why it is called "Other Power".

Which then invites the question, why do we come to this Temple? Why do we call ourselves Jodo Shinshu followers? For me, it all starts right here with reflecting. (go to the bottom of the diagram)

Thirty four years ago, my family converted from Christianity to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Why?

It started with this little Buddhist ditty that I will paraphrase:

In order To know Buddhism, one must know oneself,
In order To know oneself, one must forget oneself,
To forget oneself is to know Buddhism.

I love this kind of Buddhist thinking. I love reflecting on these words. How about you?

Each of us today is a fellow practitioner, we are somewhere on the path. Are you a seeker? Do you come to the Temple to grow? Or, do you come just because, just because? It doesn't matter, we are all part of this wonderful Sangha, this community of Jodo Shinshu followers.

Another lesson from Berkeley, Rev. Henry Adams, talked about "Ondobo Ondogyo", which translates as fellow practitioner, a term which I mentioned earlier. We are all "Ondobo Ondogyo, right from the Gomonsu, the head of Hongwanji, to the Bishops in the U.S, and Canada, to all the Ministers, to each one of us, we are fellow travellers on the path. And here we are together in worship, a Sangha.

So, reflecting, where does it take us in Jodo Shinshu? Today my dharma talk leads to my second topic, Shinjin.

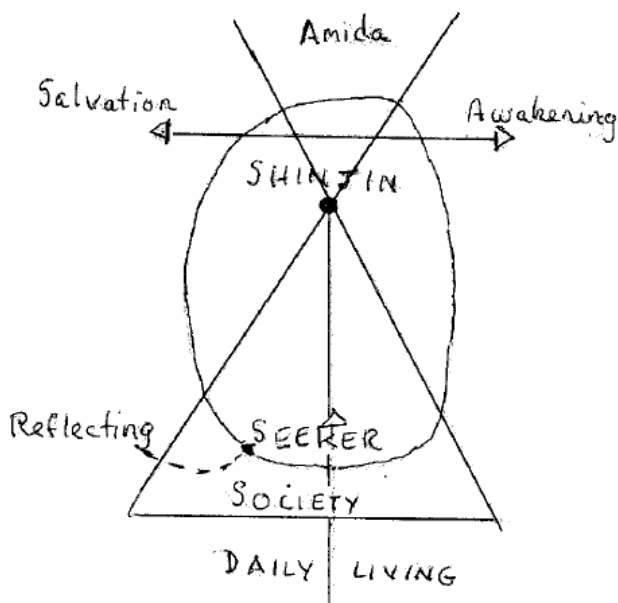
The best lead in that I can quote is from "The Tradition of Shinran Shonin" in Japanese this is Shonin Ichiryu.

From the second paragraph I read:

"The state we thus attain is described as" with wakening of a single thought of entrusting, we join those who are in the Ranks of the truly settled."

Do you know how profound this statement is? Shinjin, that one thought moment of entrusting propels us instantly into the ranks of the truly settled.

Ranks of the truly settled in the difficult path such as Theravada Buddhism requires many lifetimes before one becomes awakened like Shakyamuni Buddha. The length of time is often described in "kalpas" which is a very very long period of time.



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Reflecting & Shinjin, continued

In Pure Land Buddhism such as Jodo Shinshu we jump, we soar, we rocket in the ranks of the truly settled through Shinjin, the one thought moment of entrusting.

WOW! No wonder our path is called the easy Path. It is, especially in comparison to kalpas of striving through many lifetimes.

However, Shinjin is still not so easy.

From Shoshinge, verse 7 & 8 , I read;

“When the one thought-moment of joy arises,
Nirvana is attained without severing blind passions;
When ignorant and wise, even grave offenders and slanderers
of the Dharma, all alike and turn and enter SHINJIN,
They are like waters that, on entering the ocean,
Become one in taste with it.

The light of compassion that grasps us illumines and protects us always,
The darkness of our ignorance is already broken through;
Still the clouds and mists of greed and desire, anger and hatred,
Cover as always the sky of true and real SHINJIN.”

Look how inclusive Shinran Shonin is “ Ignorant and wise,
even grave offenders and slanderers of the the Dharma. “
Everyone, everyone is included.

Also, “ the darkness of our ignorance is already broken through”.

We are receiving this compassion all the time , even though we don’t realize it. The biggest hurdle to realizing SHINJIN is ourselves. We have to get past our egocentric creation that we call ourselves to realize SHINJIN.

But note, the words, “ Still the clouds and mists of greed and desire, anger and hatred, Cover as always the sky of true and real SHINJIN.

In other words, Shinjin is always there, available to any of us who can “ awaken with a single thought of entrusting”.

My own experiences of what I call SHINJIN usually occur in the middle of the night when I take my first bathroom break. Those under 60 don’t know this phenomenon, but trust me, it will happen. So, sometimes not always, I cannot get back to sleep. I will then sit up and do a counting my breath meditation, and then I will walk around my condominium and bow to all the Buddhas. When I lay down in bed, sometimes I just drift off to bed. Other times I will continue to ponder and think. Finally, after what seems like many long minutes, when I quit striving and get out of my own way, I feel this wonderful feeling of peace and acceptance. I feel the compassion of Amida, I feel joyful. Then I fall into a very deep peaceful sleep. This is what I call my personal experience with SHINJIN. Occasionally, just occasionally during the day, if I am in a state of awareness, I catch a momentary glimpses of this same feeling. I am told by my Senseis that this experience is quite common among JS followers.

So, reflecting gets us to that grounded , peaceful and centred feeling, where if we have that single thought of entrusting, we may experience SHINJIN.

Gassho.
Dennis Madokoro,
TBC Minister Assistant

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of December

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

ABE, Jihei	EBISUZAKI, Yaeko	HATANAKA, Masaye	IKEDA, Tamae
AMEMORI, Sueko Deborah	FUCHIHARA, Wayne Makoto	HATANAKA, Yoshio	IMAOKA, Hanaye
ARASAKI, Toyoko	FUJINO, Sakiichi	HATANAKA, Jean Misae	INOUE, Jokichi
ASA, Kaname Frank	FUJINO, Bill Chiyokichi	HAYASHI, Akio Arthur	IRIZAWA, Ayako
BABA, Sam Sadaaki	FUJITA, Kano	HAYASHI, Frances Akiyo	IRIZAWA, Yoshizo
BEAUCHESNE, Janet Toshiye	FURUKAWA, Sam Shigeo	HAYASHI, Rev. Michael	ISOKI, Hanaye
DILENA, Michael Enrico	GOTO, Kazuye	HAYASHI, Virginia Yukiko	ITO, Hide
DOI, Manabu	GOTO, Toshiko	HAYASHIDA, Bob Hideo	IWASHITA, Tomi Kikue
DOUCETTE, Nina Judith	HARADA, Teruo Ted	HORIKAWA, Tomeno	IWATA, Fred
EBATA, Mary Yaeko	HASHIMOTO, Kito	IKARI, Minoru Dick	
EBATA, Toshiaki	HASHIZUME, Waki	IKEBATA, Gloria Michiko	

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DECEMBER SHOTSUKIcontinued**KADOHAMA**, Kazuyuki**KAGAWA**, Fred Tatsuo
KARATSU, Naoichi**KARIYA**, Tafuru**KATSURA**, Shigeo Bud**KAWABATA**, Tsugiye**KAWABATA**, Yuriko**KAWAGUCHI**, Junge Jerry**KAWAI**, Margaret Takako**KIMURA**, Masuitsu**KISHIMOTO**, Fumiko**KISHIMOTO**, Harue**KITAMURA**, Genichi**KITAURA**, Wae**KITAZAKI**, Kazuo**KOBAYASHI**, Kogiku**KODAMA**, Minoru Mike**KOMATSU**, Koshiro**KONDO**, Shohei**KONDO**, Yonekichi**KONDO**, Larry Soichi**KOYANAGI**, Fujiko**KUDO**, Nobuko**KUMAMOTO**, Masayu**KUROKAWA**, Ai**MacRAE**, John Alexander**MAEMURA**, Masanori**MASUKAWA**, Bessie Yoriko**MATSUI**, Hiroyuki**MATSUMOTO-SUN**, Jiali**MATSUSHIGE**, Minoru Jimmy**MAYEDE**, Fujio**MIIKE**, Fumiko Alice**MITSUKI**, Fumie**MIWA**, Heishiro**MIYANISHI**, Toshi**MIYASAKI**, Roy Saburo**MIYASHITA**, Kiyoji**MIYAUCHI**, Tameji**MIZUYABU**, Tsunejiro**MIZUYABU**, Yukiharu**MORI**, Kanzo**MORI**, Masa**MORI**, Toshio**MORI**, Satoko**MUKAI**, Hiromi Peter**MURATA**, Kiyoko**NAGANO**, Rikimatsu**NAITO**, Kazuichi**NAKAGAWA**, Kazuo**NAKAI**, Hiroshi**NAKAI**, Shogo**NAKAGAWA**, Kyoko**NAKAMURA**, Ryotaro**NAKAMURA**, Tomio**NAKAMURA**, Mike Mitsuo**NAKATA**, Baby**NAKATSU**, Tokutaro**NAKAUCHI**, Chiyoko**NIKAIDO**, Frank Hideo**NISHIDA**, Kazuye Kay**NISHIKAWA**, Iyo**NISHIMOTO**, Hideo**NISHIMURA**, Miya**NISHIMURA**, Shizu**NOGUCHI**, Yoshio Jack**OHARA**, Peggy Fusayo**OHASHI**, Minokichi**OHASHI**, Sumi**OHASHI**, Tsuyoko**OHASHI**, Vic Haruo**OHKANE**, Kazuo Kenny**OHATA**, Yoshio**OIKAWA**, Tadao**OIKAWA**, Helen Kikue**OKADA**, Takanori**OKASHIMO**, Hisayo**OKAYASU**, Shirota**OKIMURA**, Fred Y.**OKUMA**, Sensuke**OMOTANI**, Chiyoko**OMOTO**, Kenji**OMOTO**, Shika**OMOTO**, Ume**OTANI**, Tatsuko**SAITO**, Ken Kanao**SAKURA**, Shizue**SAWADA**, Miyoko
Antoinette**SEKO**, Shigetaro**SHIGEI**, Fumiko**SHIKATANI**, Kikuko**SHIMIZU**, Minosuke**SHIOZAKI**, Masae**SHIRAKAWA**, Raiichi**SHISHIDO**, Chiyo**SUEFUJI**, Yataro**SUMIYA**, Gloria Sayoko**SUYAMA**, Kunio**SUYAMA**, Yoshihiro**SUZUKI**, Minako**TABA**, Kunio Harry**TAGUCHI**, Emiko**TAHARA**, Tami**TAKAOKA**, Rinko**TAKASAKI**, Shizu**TAKATA**, Saburo**TAMAKI**, Alfred Kenji**TANAKA**, Hiroshi Richard**TANAKA**, Kiyoshi**TANAKA**, Sawako**TANAKA**, Kenneth Kenji**TANIISHI**, Ross Kiyoshi**TATEISHI**, Keizo**TERASHITA**, Shizue**TSCHIRHART**, Maureen
Mariko**TSUCHIDA**, Shizuka**TSUJI**, Nobuichi**TSURUOKA**, Misuye Jane**TSUYUKI**, Tama**UCHIMARU**, Yoshi**UEDA**, Michiyo**URABE**, Yoshikazu Fred**UYEDA**, Fusae**UYEDA**, Sami**UYEDA**, Takeo**UYENO**, Mohachi**WAKABAYASHI**, Chutarō**WAKABAYASHI**, Yoshitaka**WAKIDA**, Aki**WAKIDA**, Kichinosuke**WAKISAKA**, Sumiko**WATANABE**, Masachi**YAMANAKA**, Tokutaro**YAMASHITA**, Joe**YOKOTA**, Saizo**YONEMURA**, Chiye**YOSHIDA**, Mitsuo**YOSHIDA**, Akiko Elsie**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. Noboru Ohashi

97 yrs

September 30, 2024

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS**NOVEMBER'S THEME: REMEMBERING - ESHIN-NI AND KAKUSHIN-NI**

Who was Eshin-ni and Kakushin-ni?

Why are they important people to remember?

Come to Dharma School each Sunday to find out.

AT THE TEMPLE.....

Each Sunday morning, the Kids Service begins at 10:30 a.m. Please arrive a few minutes early to get settled. After the service at 11:00 a.m., the kids go downstairs to the classroom with their teacher to participate in the classroom program. Dharma school ends at 12:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you each week in November as we explore and reflect remembering those who have passed on before us and how they have impacted our lives.

A SPECIAL QUOTE.....

“It is too easy for us to take for granted that we are able to attend services or make Manjus (pastries) for fundraisers. We should not forget that we are able to continue gathering at our temple, and listen to the Buddha-Dharma because of the efforts and sacrifices of pioneers.”

DECEMBER'S THEME: BUDDHAHOOD – BODHI DAY**- BUDDHA'S AWAKENING**

With gratitude,

The Kids Sangha Team

Save the Date

Sunday December 29, 2024

Where: Toronto Buddhist Church Social Hall

When: Sunday December 29, 2024

Lunch: Lunch will be provided

Please contact: Joanne@Kataoka.ca



***Please Support
TBC Mochi Tsuki 2024***

Dharma Talks At Camp Lumbini

At Camp Lumbini we held morning service everyday with the kids. The counselors take turns on who leads the service, and who does the dharma talk. This year our Buddhist theme was open mind redness. I'd like to share one of the dharma talks that Maya Yoshida gave during the week.

Good morning everyone, and welcome to the third service of the week. I hope everyone is enjoying camp so far.

I wanted to start today's service by sharing a story about two professional kayakers who were both competing on the same team. One of the kayakers—let's call him Machu—was a natural talent, often referred to as a kayaking genius. While the second kayaker, Pichu, had to practice almost three or four times as much as Machu in order to reach his level.

In the beginning, both kayakers were extremely close friends. However, as time went on, unspoken conflict began to arise between them.

One day, while they were practicing for an upcoming competition, Pichu asked Machu, "Why do you kayak?" After a brief pause, Machu responded that he kayaked simply because he enjoyed and was very fond of the sport. In return, he asked back, "What about you, why do you kayak Pichu?" to which he replied that he kayaked for money, fame, and recognition. Machu was visibly saddened by his response, wondering *Why Pichu would turn something he once loved into a means to boost his social status.*

On the other hand, after hearing Machu's response, Pichu had become very angry. He thought, *How could Machu understand where I'm coming from when I'm always in his shadow despite*

working so much harder than him?

After this conversation, the two of them started to drift apart and eventually stopped talking altogether. The problem here wasn't their different reasons for kayaking but their individual mindsets. Both kayakers were so close-minded with their opinions that they never considered what the other might have been thinking or feeling.

The main message I wanted to share with everyone today is that there is always more than one side to each story. So, whenever you face problems or conflicts with others, whether it be in something big or something little in your daily lives, I want everyone to keep an open mind, for there is **always** more than one perspective to each story.

Maya Yoshida



Maya Yoshida (Bottom picture)

Thank you Maya for a wonderful dharma talk. Next month we will post another dharma talk from Camp Lumbini!

Thank you,
Abigail Kataoka

ATTENTION!!

Camp Lumbini will have a table at Bazaar!

We will be selling phone charms, bracelets, onenjus, and various knitted goods!

Looking forward to the bazaar!



Camp Lumbini Team

Pancake Day December 1, 2024

Following Shoutski Service



As we work towards returning to our regular slate of social events, please join us for our traditional TBC Sangha Pancake Day. As this is a *pay what you can* event just come on down to the Social Hall after service and help yourself to:

Regular pancakes

Buckwheat pancakes

(gluten free & vegan)

Peameal bacon

Vegan sausage

Fresh Fruit

Sausage

Juice and Coffee

Suggested donation is \$10.00.

In Gassho,

Cary Kataoka (Cary@Kataoka.ca)

President, TBC Sangha Group

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***YEAR END
KARAOKE PARTY***

Every one Welcome !!
Enjoy a half day with us !!
Saturday, December 7, 2024

TBC Social Hall Starts at 12:00 Noon
\$10.00 Incl. Bento, Bingo, J. Song
and more

For Tickets : Please contact
George 416-513-0999
Jessica 416-733-1894

TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH KARAOKE CLUB

OCTOBER THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Grace Taguchi looking after our gardens
- ◆ Debbie Katsumi & Naomi Knude for helping with Obuppan
- ◆ Naomi Tamaki & Grace Taguchi for doing the flower arranging for the Naijin
- ◆ Susan Ebisuzaki for tirelessly being the refreshment toban every Sunday.
- ◆ Cary Kataoka, Ken Shigeishi, Ross Yoshida and Brian Huynh 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.

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



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 OR phone 905-637-1828 for answers or referrals to this project or volunteer opportunities to support this

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Do you still have volunteer hours you need to use up? Toronto Buddhist Church may be able to help you to finish your quota.

Call the Temple and leave your name and a contact information and someone will be in touch with you.



MOMIJI WEST ACTIVITY DAYS

JOIN BEN LEVY FOR CREATIVE AND ENTERTAINING ACTIVITIES ON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

October, 2024 Update for the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund

The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness team is hard at work processing applications. While there are grant cheques being mailed on a regular basis, we know many Survivors are waiting and frustrated at the length of time to receive a cheque. Due to the volume of applications received to date the wait time has increased. We thank you for your ongoing patience. There is a detailed process to confirm eligibility and due diligence to ensure that the money is being awarded to appropriately qualified Survivors.

Since February 1, 2024, we have received approximately 5000 applications from Japanese Canadian Survivors living around the world. To date, we have awarded over 3500 grants to over 2000 Survivors.

We follow a strategy to process applications by prioritizing age and health and the wellness needs of living Survivors. High priority status is due to physical and / or mental health, or financial need. We started with those aged 100+ years and dropped each group by 5 years (100+ then 95+, 90+ and 85+). We are now serving those born pre-1942 (82+ years) and continue to include priority applications.

Please note:

You can make an online application until March 31, 2025
Confirmation of your application is sent by email.

A reference number (SR-XXXXX) is issued. Please keep this number.

If you have a SR number, please **do not** re-apply.

Duplicate applications require more time to process

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for both Grants 1 and 2 must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

- ◆ be of Japanese descent
- ◆ be born **before April 1, 1949**
- ◆ **have 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

In addition, for Grant 2:

- ◆ On or after February 1st, 2024, the Survivor must be **alive** at the time of submitting the application (online or through an Outreach Worker)

To validate your application please locate the following documents:

- ◆ Personal identification (e.g. birth certificate, passport, a picture ID)
- ◆ Birthdate before April 1, 1949
- ◆ Proof of current mailing address (e.g. Driver's License, recent credit card statement, utility bill)

DO NOT send the Society any personal documents by email or mail. This is for your protection.

Validation

Once the file is assigned to an Outreach Worker, they will contact you by phone or email and arrange to either meet with you in person or virtually (by Zoom).

- ◆ The first step is confirmation of date of birth prior to April 1, 1949.
- ◆ The next step is validation of Roots in British Columbia (B.C.), which confirms the Survivor's ties to BC prior to April 1, 1949.

Research is conducted by staff. However, the onus is on the Survivor/Representative to provide sufficient information to confirm that the Survivor has Roots in BC.

Many have already met with an Outreach Worker for step 1. There is a delay to process step 2, research confirmation of Roots in BC from official documents or recognized databases/sources. Please understand that it is more difficult to find the Roots in B.C. for those born post uprooting (after 1942) and born outside of B.C. Linkage is required of the Survivor to the parent or grandparent with the permanent residence in B.C prior to April 1, 1949.

As all ship arrivals from Japan to Canada at that time went through the Port of Vancouver, this is not sufficient to qualify as having Roots in B.C. especially if the family's destination was outside of B.C.

Survivors may not be aware of the onerous validation process. This is a requirement of the B.C. Government to ensure that fraud is not committed in the issuance of these grants. It is a criminal offence to make a false application.

Failure to meet the eligibility requirements will result in a denied application. A denial letter will be sent to the Survivor/Representative. An adjudication process is available if a Survivor requests to have the decision reviewed by the objective Adjudication Committee.

As living Survivor applications are a priority, please note that the following circumstances will encounter a delay to be processed:

- ◆ The applicant died after applying
- ◆ The applicant is deceased, and the estate is applying for Grant 1 only
- ◆ Lost or stolen cheques, incorrect address and deposit errors to an incorrect bank account
- ◆ The applicant is living outside of North America

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October, 2024 Update for the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund, continued

For enquiries, please contact our JCSHWF General Phone/Toll-free phone or email:

JCSHWF General phone 250.797.6300

JCSHWF North American toll-free phone 1.833.368.6462

JCSHWF Email: help@jcwelness.org

The list of Outreach Workers is available on our website: <https://jcwelness.org/outreachworkers>

We thank all Survivors for their patience and understanding as we proceed through the validation process for 5000 applications.

The Japanese Canadian Survivor Health & Wellness Fund is open for applications until March 31, 2025.

ATTENTION TBC MEMBERS, WE HAVE GREAT NEWS!

WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT REV. SUGIURA HAS AGREED TO SERVE AS TBC'S ASSISTANT MINISTER TO REV. HASHIMOTO, STARTING IN EARLY APRIL!

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURNITURE OR KITCHEN ACCESSORIES FOR HIS APARTMENT IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING AND IF YOU NEED THE ITEMS TO BE PICKED UP.

IN GASSHO

TBC, BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

