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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	
		In Person	In Person & Zoom	In Person & Zoom	
MARCH 2, 2025	MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	JAPANESE	SHOTSUKI
MARCH 9, 2025	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
MARCH 16, 2025	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	OHIGAN
MARCH 23, 2025	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH DENNIS MADOKORO	ENGLISH	NONE	
MARCH 30, 2025	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
APRIL 6, 2025	MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	10:45 AM JAPANESE DHARMA	**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES**

ATTENTION TEMPLE MEMBERS

THE 1:00 PM JAPANESE SHOTSUKI SERVICES WILL CHANGE ON APRIL 6TH.

CHANTING WILL BE DONE WITH THE KIDS SANGHA IN THE HONDO FROM 10:30—10:45 AM FOLLOWED BY A DHARMA TALK IN JAPANESE TILL 11:00 AM. ENGLISH SHOTSUKI SERVICE TO FOLLOW STARTING AT 11:00 AM

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 members 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, before 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 at 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

WHY DO WE RECEIVE A BUDDHIST NAME



I have recently started reading *Jodo Shinshu Handbook for Laymen*, a book published in 1982 by the Hongwanji International Center. It contains 242 questions, and as I go through them, I reflect on how I would answer each one before looking at the official responses provided by Hongwanji at the time. Since this book was published over 40 years ago, some translations include words that are no longer commonly used. However, the book presents many essential questions that every Jodo Shinshu follower should be familiar with—questions about terms we may have heard but whose meanings we might not fully understand.

This month, I have chosen one of those 242 questions, comparing Hongwanji's response from that time with my understanding, and sharing my reflections in this article.

Hongwanji Handbook (1982)

When we receive confirmation rites (Kikyōshiki) from our Monshu, a Dharma name—that is, a Buddhist name beginning with Shaku—is bestowed upon us to signify that we have taken refuge in the Buddha-Dharma. Shaku (Sakya in Sanskrit) indicates that through the teachings of Śākyamuni Buddha, we have encountered the Dharma of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow and are now counted among the disciples of Śākyamuni Buddha. Thus, the Dharma name signifies our acceptance of the Truth.

It is preferable to receive this name while we are healthy and young. Furthermore, in Jodo Shinshu, the name we receive is called Hōmyō (Dharma name), not Kaimyō (discipline name), as there are no monastic precepts that we are required to follow in our tradition.

Hashimoto (2025)

The Buddhist Name is an expression of encountering the working of Amida Buddha, living within that teaching, and being embraced as a disciple of the Buddha. In Jodo Shinshu, a Buddhist Name is given upon receiving the Kikyōshiki (Affirmation Ceremony), a ritual in which one vows to take refuge in the Three Treasures—Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha—as a disciple of Śākyamuni Buddha. The Buddhist Name consists of the character 釈 (Shaku), followed by two additional characters. The character Shaku is derived from Śākyamuni, signifying that one is a disciple of the Buddha.

Thus, a Buddhist Name is not something reserved for after death. Rather, those who did not have the opportunity to receive Kikyōshiki during their lifetime may be given a Buddhist Name at their funeral.

Shinran Shonin taught that those who have received an Entrusting Heart through the working of Amida Buddha will undoubtedly attain supreme awakening. Thus, they are true disciples of the Buddha.

At this very moment, we are fortunate to have encountered the teachings of Amida Buddha and are living a life of Nembutsu. We, who are full of blind passions, are embraced by the calling:

"Entrust yourself to me, just as you are, and I will bring you to liberation,"

expressed in Namo Amida Butsu. Through this teaching, we recite the Nembutsu in our daily lives, and when our life comes to an end, we are guided to become Buddhas. This is the path we are walking.

A Buddhist Name serves as a reminder of our journey on the path of the Buddha. Receiving a Buddhist Name is not merely a formal act but a profound opportunity to awaken to our path as fellow travellers in the Nembutsu. It represents our determination to follow the way of a true disciple of the Buddha, embraced by Amida Buddha's boundless compassion.

May this name continue to illuminate our hearts, guiding us along the path of the Nembutsu. And when our journey in this life reaches its end, may we awaken to the Buddha's great wisdom and compassion. Until that moment, we walk this path together, held in the warm embrace of Namo Amida Butsu.

Mrs. Sakaye Tsuji

Mrs. Sakaye Tsuji, the wife of Rev. Kenryu Tsuji, the first minister of Toronto Buddhist Church, passed away on February 14, 2025, at the age of 100 and a half.

It was a great honor for me, as a minister serving at Toronto Buddhist Church, to have had the opportunity to meet and interact with Mrs. Tsuji during my training in California last November.

Together with Rev. Tsuji, she supported the temple through the difficult early years of its establishment and contributed greatly to the growth of Toronto Buddhist Church.

Upon hearing of her passing, I extend my deepest condolences and heartfelt respect.

Namo Amida Butsu

Kensho Hashimoto

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of April

Our monthly memorial services (shotsuki) are usually held on the first Sunday of each month to remember and honour those who have passed away in that month regardless of year.

Usually, mail reminders are sent out to the next of kin but due to changing circumstances we have not always been able to reach families and hope that by publishing the names of those who have passed, we can still reach and remind families and dear friends of the month of their loved ones honouring. Below is our listing of our members and supporters who have passed away during the month of **April** All are invited and welcome to attend.

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

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME JOIN US!

IS IT YOUR FIRST TIME ?

NO WORRIES.....HERE'S HOW WE BEGIN OUR SUNDAY MORNINGS.

**10:30 a.m. – kids' service is in the Hondo
please arrive early so that you have enough time to get settled before the service begins.**

**11:00 a.m. – the kids go downstairs with their teacher(s) to the class-
room where they can participate in an interactive program
that focuses on the monthly Buddhist theme.
A nutritious snack is served before ending at 12:00 p.m.**



MARCH'S THEME:

“Balance – Spring Ohigan”

Hashimoto Sensei once said, “it’s okay to be worried, sad and angry; it’s okay to be super happy and free of care. What’s important is not to have too much of one or the other. It’s easy to understand it’s not helpful to be sad or angry all the time. What happens to you and what happens to the people around you if you’re always angry?”

Think of this.....if we get used to one scoop of ice cream, we might start wanting two scoops. We would just want more and more. And we would never get enough. It would become harder and harder to get what we need to make us happy.

BALANCE

HERE'S A RIDDLE FOR YOU TO SOLVE.....

What is missing from the word.....S_ NDAY?

Answer: You..... Hope to see YOU on Sunday

With gratitude.....the Kids Sangha Team



Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada
Buddhist Youth Tour to Japan
**2025 Young Buddhist International
 Cultural Study Exchange** (YBICSE)



Dates of Trip: **June 29 – July 10, 2025**

Cost of Trip: **CDN \$1,000 + Airfare** (approx. \$1,860-\$2,650 as of Feb. 16)

Candidate Qualifications

- ✓ Jodo Shinshu Buddhist
- ✓ High School Students (15-18 yrs)
- ✓ In good health



Application Deadline: April 1, 2025

This special educational trip, sponsored by our mother temple Hongwanji, offers young Jodo Shinshu followers from North America, Hawaii, Canada and South America district a unique opportunity to experience Japanese culture while deepening their spiritual connection. We will visit Hongwanji and other historic sites associated with Shinran Shonin, engage in peace programs in Hiroshima, and connect with young Dharma friends from around the world. If there are any questions regarding the tour, please contact this year's tour leader

Rev. Tatsuya Aoki (Vancouver). rev.aoki@gmail.com

Online Registration:
(there is no paper registration form)



Tour itinerary is available from your Sensei or temple office.

ATTENTION: JAPANESE CANADIAN SURVIVORS

MARCH 31st, 2025 IS THE DEADLINE

For applications for the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund

The Wellness Fund provides individual health support grants for Japanese Canadians who were displaced by the BC government.

Please see the criteria for applying

- ✦ 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 and have been directly impacted by the actions of the BC government between 1942-1949



**Japanese Canadian Survivors
 Health & Wellness Fund**

If you know someone who has not applied yet, please urge them to send in their applications.

If you require more information, please contact Abigail Kataoka.

Email: Abigail.Kataoka@jcwellness.org

Phone: 647-708-2160



FOOD AND BENTO SALE



**Sunday, April 6, 2025
in the Social Hall**



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 29, 2025
**Every Tuesday and Friday
prior to Obon (July 12, 2025)**
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

Next to Sheppard West subway station
Parking available

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*

Mrs. Betty Masaye Ura

101 yrs

February 9, 2025

Mrs. Eiko Yamashita

100 yrs

February 10, 2025

Mrs. Sakaye Tsuji

100 yrs

February 14, 2025



Have you applied for your 2025 TBC membership?

Some may say, "Well, what's in it for me?"

One could remind us of the following entitlements. You can:

1. Attend special Temple activities free of charge or at rates not available to non-members;
2. Take advantage of free notarial services offered by one of our Temple members; and,
3. Have a real say on important matters affecting the direction of the Temple, including the election of the President and the Directors, and the approval of budgets.

*TBC will be there for you but
needs assistance*

Supporting the Temple provides you with something that you can't tangibly quantify and put a price on. It's actually something you do for yourself and for our community. That is, your support is your affirmation of the Jodo Shinshu way of life and to support and spread the Dharma. This is what it's really about.

Please make that commitment for 2025. The Temple needs your support to continue to thrive, and it will with your support.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (valid Jan 1 - Dec 31)

- To be recognized as a Temple member, please complete the application form as early as possible at the start of each year
- Membership card will be sent once your signed application and membership fee or your promise to pay the total fee have been received
- Please note membership this year is a minimum of \$160.00

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP

- Issued to all members 77 years of age & over
- Honourary Members do not need to pay any annual membership fees, although all donations are always welcome
- If already an Honourary member simply fill out a membership form each year to confirm your wish to continue Honourary Membership

Can't make it to the Temple?

You can submit your application and membership fee online at tbc.on.ca

2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

In the case of couples, please complete information for each applicant individually.

Applicant	Renewal (<input type="checkbox"/>)	New (<input type="checkbox"/>)	Mr. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Mrs. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Ms. (<input type="checkbox"/>)
Last Name: _____	Birthdate: dd/mm/yy: _____		
First Name: _____	Email: _____		
Address: _____	Phone: _____		
City: _____	Signature: _____		
Prov: _____	Postal Code: _____		
<p>I promise to pay \$_____ as my Membership Fee for 2025 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, 2025. By signing this Membership Application, I hereby adopt the vows below.</p>			
Signature _____		Date _____	
<p>I would like a Guiding Light mailed to me - English Only _____ English/Japanese _____</p>			

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

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, 2025 to December 31, 2025. The Individual Membership Fee for 2025 is a minimum of \$160. 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.

Mindfulness Meditation Sessions led by Ray, Denise, and others



Are you suffering from stress? Are you considering if meditation and living your life more mindfully could make a difference? Then you may want to attend our meditation sessions.

Ray Nakano has been leading meditation sessions at the Toronto Buddhist Church since October, 2015. Since the COVID pandemic, they have been meeting **online every Thursday evening from 7 to 8:30 pm.**

Denise Crofton has been teaching Hatha and Yin yoga for 14 years, and is passionate about both mindful meditation and yoga.

The 1 and 1/2 hour session includes:

- Guided/Silent Sitting Meditation
- Introductions
- Dharma Talk, Reading, or Video based on the Buddhist teachings
- Sharing within the Sangha (the group of practitioners that evening)

Practices may include recitation of the 5 Mindfulness Trainings, Beginning Anew, Touching the Earth, etc.

If you would like to join our meditation sessions, or have any questions, please send an email to Ray or Denise at mindfulnesspracticesangha@hotmail.com

FEBUARY THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Donna Nakano for playing the organ at this month's service
- ◆ Naomi Tsuji Tamaki for flower arranging for the naijin
- ◆ Naomi Knude, Christine Yamada and Myra Takasaki for helping with tea toban after service
- ◆ Debbie for ringing the Kansho bell
- ◆ Ross Yoshida for helping with the handyman jobs needed doing in the Temple
- ◆ Ross Yoshida and Brian Huynh for making sure we have a Zoom service.
- ◆ Michael Tamaki, Les Tanaka, Eyad Bokli, Ross Yoshida for prepping the Temple for painting
- ◆ To all those who donated to the TBC JSBTC AGM bake sale fundraiser which helped to make it a success
- ◆ To those who have been delivering bentos to our seniors and to Myra for organizing everything
- ◆ To Elaine Takahashi for making all the bentos for the seniors in the program
- ◆ 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.

How to donate to the 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

Toronto Buddhist Church



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

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.

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

Please email *Myra Takasaki* at takasaki@rogers.com for answers or referrals to this project or volunteer opportunities to support this effort.

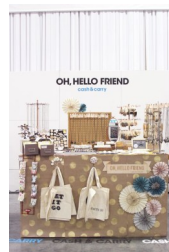
JSBTC AGM MARKET PLACE

CALLING ON ARTISTS, CRAFTERS

The TBC will host the JSBTC AGM April 24 - 27, 2025.

We intend to have a Market Place fund raising table and are asking for donations of items/crafts/preserves/chocolates/cookies etc.to sell. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Questions? Contact June Asano. asanojune@gmail.com



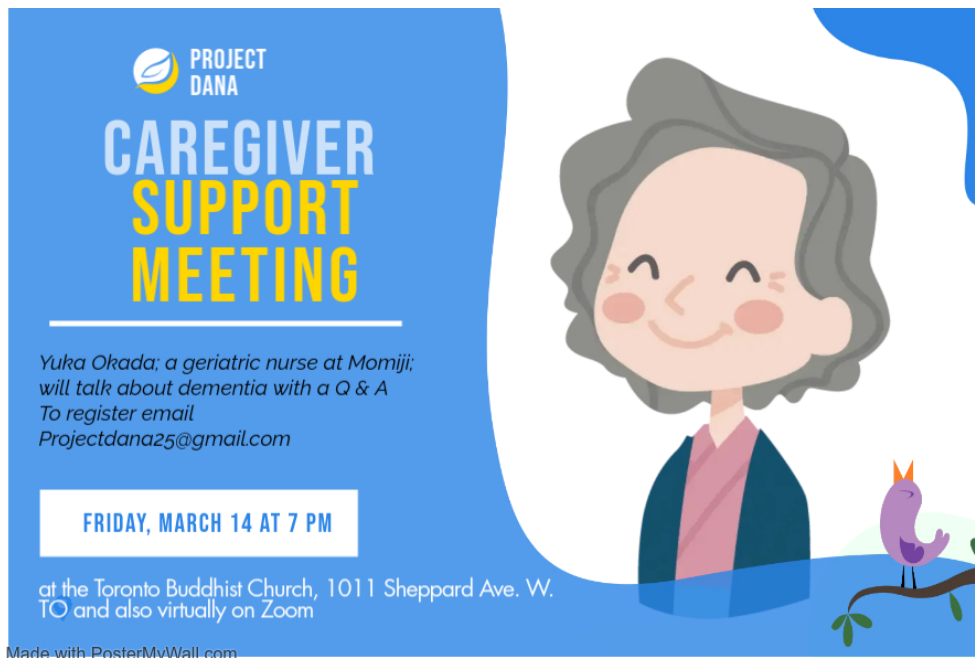
BRING JUST ONE THING

It’s a new year and the rising prices of all foodstuffs continues to escalate and make family decisions difficult as to where their funds should be spent. 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





TBC TO HOST JSBTC AGM 2025

APRIL 26 & 27

EVENTS

Please join us for one or all the events! Everyone is Welcome!

Saturday, April 26	Attend the JSBTC Annual General Meeting (AGM) and learn about what is happening on a national level.
	Attend the wind up banquet in the TBC Social Hall and connect or reconnect with members from across Canada while enjoying a roast beef, salmon or vegetarian meal.
Sunday, April 27	Attend the Tsuito Hoyo Service and stay for the luncheon to say farewell to your (new) friends.

You are encouraged to participate during the AGM weekend. Help our Temple welcome JSBTC members from across Canada.

Volunteer position are available. Contact June Asano asanojune@gmail.com or Darlene in the office or at darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca

The JSBTC/WF Annual Meetings will be hybrid. If you are joining via zoom a registration is still necessary so a link can be sent to you.

To register:

Please submit the registration form **BY APRIL 7**

Forms can be found:

- 1) on line at tbc.on.ca under the NEWS tab (password JSBTC) OR
- 2) fill out the paper form on Page 14 and 15 and submit to the office or by email to donna.m.nakano@gmail.com with the subject line “JSBTC registration”.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN APRIL’S GUIDING LIGHT

JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST TEMPLES OF CANADA**2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****TORONTO, ONTARIO****APRIL 24 -27****REGISTRATION FORM****REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 7, 2025**

FIRST NAME		LAST NAME	
ADDRESS			
CITY/PROVINCE		POSTAL CODE	
EMAIL		PHONE	

REGISTRATION (Mark with an X)

Temple Affiliation	

Minister		Temple Delegate		Women's Federation
JSBTC Director		Observer/Guest		

People accompanying you who are not registered for the AGM (Please provide names)	
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WILL YOU BE ATTENDING VIA ZOOM? YES _____ NO _____

HOTEL REGISTRATIONNovotel Toronto, North York
3 Park Home Avenue, Toronto

Telephone: (+1) 416-733-2929

A special room rate of \$286.20 plus tax/night has been secured for this conference and is valid until **March 11, 2025**. This rate is also available the day before and the day after the AGM.To book your room, you can call the number above, dial 2 for group registration or email registration@novotelnorthyork.com. Quote block id: JSBTC, 1795861. For more information see TBC website tbc@tbc.on.ca

JSBTC AGM REGISTRATION FORM, CONTINUED

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Departure Date		Departure Time			

Unfortunately, we no longer have the resources to offer transportation to and from the airport.

CLOSING BANQUET ON SATURDAY APRIL 26TH (Mark with an X)

	Please indicate if you will be attending the closing banquet. Cost \$50.00
	Please indicate if you plan to bring guest(s). Cost of \$50.00/pp. Please provide names of all guests.

Please indicate your choice of Beef _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian _____

****Please advise us of any allergies or special food requirements. We will do our utmost to accommodate but we are unable to guarantee an allergy free kitchen for those with allergies.**

Payment for the banquet can be done on Friday April 25, or Saturday April 26, 2025, during registration at the Temple. Payment Methods: cash, cheque or credit card. Cheques made payable to Toronto Buddhist Church.

METHODS OF REGISTRATION

You can register on-line by going to www.tbc.on.ca . Once you fill in the details, just press send and you are done! This is the fastest and easiest way to register.

Download the registration form, which is available on the above website, fill it in and email it to Donna Nakano at donna.m.nakano@gmail.com

Download and complete the registration form and mail it to

**Toronto Buddhist Church
 1011 Sheppard Ave W
 Toronto, ON M3H 2T7
 Attention: Donna Nakano – JSBTC – AGM**

If you have any questions please contact Darlene Rieger @ 416-534-4302 or email darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca .

SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO JOIN US AND OUR KEIROKAI HONOREES**MAY 25, 2025, 11:00 AM**

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 (Kakujū) and over 100. 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 on **May 25, 2025 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 11, 2025. Please include a picture of yourself that we can show during the service.

You can send your application via email to 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 4th.

2025 KEIROKAI HONOUREEName (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 25th? 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



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

Date: Sunday, April 13, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: Toronto Buddhist Church, Social Hall
1011 Sheppard Ave. West, Toronto, Ontario

The Board of Directors of Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to notify all members that the Annual Meeting of Members will be held in person at the time and date indicated above, and cordially invites all members to attend in person and vote on the matters raised at the Meeting. In addition to the regular business to be conducted at the meeting, special business will be discussed and voted on. The text of all special business to be conducted at the Meeting is attached to this notice as Schedule A.

Please note that while attendance at the Meeting is open to all friends of the Temple, only Members* of the Temple will be entitled to speak and vote on any matters coming before the Meeting. We ask all Members who are planning to attend, to please register with the office by email at tbc@tbc.on.ca or by phone (416)534-4302. A light lunch will be served after the morning service and before the Meeting.

If you are unable to attend the Meeting, you may nominate a Proxy to vote at the Meeting on your behalf by completing the form of Proxy attached to this notice as Schedule B. You may nominate Darlene Rieger or another member of the Temple of your choice as your Proxy. To be valid, properly completed Proxies may be mailed or sent electronically to the Temple and must be received by the Temple on or before 4:00 pm on Wednesday April 9, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

*A member of the Temple is (a) one who has been designated by the Temple as an honorary member, or (b) an individual whose written application for membership has been accepted and who has paid his or her membership fee for 2024.



SCHEDULE A TO THE NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
TO BE HELD ON APRIL 13, 2025

EXHIBIT1 SPECIAL RESOLUTION APPROVING ARTICLES
 OF AMENDMENT

EXHIBIT 2 SPECIAL RESOLUTION APPROVING NUMBER OF
 DIRECTORS

EXHIBIT 1
SPECIAL RESOLUTION
OF
THE MEMBERS OF TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

WHEREAS

- A. Toronto Buddhist Church (the “Temple”) is a corporation originally incorporated by Letters of Patent dated July 24, 1952;
- B. It is in the best interest of the Temple to take all necessary and desirable actions to comply with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (the “Act”);
- C. The Temple will file Articles of Amendment (the “Articles”) which will amend the Letters Patent of the corporation to conform such Letters Patent to the requirements of the Act.;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION of the Temple that:

- 1. The form of Articles of Amendment as presented to the Members is approved;
- 2. The directors of the Temple are authorized and directed to file the Articles of Amendment with the applicable government authorities with such changes as may be required by such governmental authorities; and
- 3. Any one or more of the officers and directors of the Temple is authorized to take all such actions and execute and deliver all such documents which are necessary or desirable for the implementation of this special resolution.

This Special Resolution was submitted to the Meeting of Members duly called and held on the 13th day of April, 2025, among other things, for the purpose of considering this special resolution and was passed at the Meeting, without amendment, by at least two-thirds of the votes cast.

Secretary



Ministry of Public
and Business Service Delivery

Articles of Amendment
Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010

For questions or more information to complete this form, please refer to the instruction page.

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

1. Corporation Information

Corporation Name *

Ontario Corporation Number (OCN) *
66743

Company Key *
107595400

Official Email Address *

2. Contact Information

Please provide the following information for the person we should contact regarding this filing. This person will receive official documents or notices and correspondence related to this filing. By proceeding with this filing, you are confirming that you have been duly authorized to do so.

First Name *	Middle Name	Last Name *
Roy	Kazuo	Kusano

Telephone Country Code	Telephone Number *	Extension
1	416-809-1264	

Email Address *

3. Corporation Name

Complete this section only if you are changing the corporation name

The corporation will have:

- an English name (example: "Green Institute Inc.")
- a French name (example: "Institut Green Inc.")
- a combination of English and French name (example: "Institut Green Institute Inc.")
- an English and French name that are equivalent but used separately (example: "Green Institute Inc./Institut Green Inc.")

4. Number of Directors (if applicable)

Complete this section only if you are changing the number of directors

A minimum of three directors are required. Please specify the number of directors for your Corporation

Fixed Number Minimum/Maximum

Minimum Number of Directors *
4

Maximum Number of Directors *
9

5. Purposes and Provisions (if applicable) (Maximum is 900,000 characters per text box. To activate the toolbar press "Ctrl + E")

Complete this section only if you are amending the Purposes and Provisions

Is the corporation a charity or does it intend to operate as a charity?

Yes No

Does the corporation have consent from the Public Guardian and Trustee not to include an "After Acquired" clause?

Yes No

Description of Changes to Purposes

Please describe any amendments to the corporation's purposes in the area below (please be specific):

Enter the Text

The existing "purposes and objects" set out in the Letters Patent of the Corporation dated July 24, 1952 are amended, and replaced by the following Purposes which more clearly describe its religious purposes and activities which will further such purposes:

The purposes of the corporation will be to advance the Teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism by:

- a. Establishing and maintaining a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple where members and followers and the public may congregate to hear, see, become aware of and practice the Teachings of the Buddha;
- b. Conducting Jodo Shinshu Buddhist services, meetings, and classes for individuals of all ages;
- c. Employing and supporting ministers ordained by Nishi Hongwanji to share and propagate the Teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism; and
- d. Providing a sanctuary for Buddhist prayer, meditation and fellowship to its members, followers and the public.

Description of Changes to Special Provisions

Please describe any amendments to the corporation's special provisions in the area below (please be specific):

Enter the Text

1. Sections 1 and 2 of the Letters Patent of the corporation dealing with membership in the Corporation are removed, and replaced by the following:

The membership of the corporation will consist of two classes of members as follows:

(a) Full Members: A Full Member will have the right to attend and cast one vote at all meetings of members of the corporation. A Full Member will be entitled to all the rights and privileges conferred on them by the corporation and such membership will be subject to the conditions applicable to such membership as set out in the by-laws of the corporation.

(b) Honorary Members: An Honorary Member will have the right to attend and to cast one vote at all meetings of members of the corporation. An Honorary Member will be entitled to all the rights and privileges conferred on them by the Corporation and will be subject to the conditions applicable to such membership as set out in the by-laws of the corporation.

2. Sections 3 and 4 of the Letters Patent of the corporation dealing with the directors of the Corporation and their powers are removed.

3. Sections 5 and 6 of the Letters Patent dealing with by-laws and regulations of the Corporation are removed.

4. The following special provisions are added to the declaration set out in the last page of the Letters Patent to the effect that the corporation will be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members and any profits or accretions will be used to promote its objects:

(a) Commercial purposes, if any, included in the articles are intended only to advance or support one or more non-profit purposes of the corporation. No part of a corporation's profits or of its property or accretions to the value of the property may be distributed, directly or indirectly, to a member, a director or an officer of the corporation except in furtherance of its activities.

(b) The corporation shall be subject to the Charities Accounting Act.

(c) No director shall receive remuneration for services provided in the capacity as a director, although they may be paid reasonable expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Unless otherwise prohibited by the corporation, a director may be compensated for services other than as a director pursuant to the regulation made under the Charities Accounting Act, or with court approval or an order made under section 13 of the Charities Accounting Act.

(d) To invest the funds of the corporation pursuant to the Trustee Act.

(e) Upon the dissolution of the corporation and after satisfying the interests of its creditors in all its debts, obligations, and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed to a Canadian body corporate that is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) with similar purposes to its own, the Crown in right of Ontario, the Crown in right of Canada, an agent of either of those Crowns or a municipality in Canada.

All funds and other property held by the corporation immediately before the articles become effective or that are received subsequently by the corporation pursuant to any will, deed or other instrument made before the articles become effective, together with any income or other accretions to the funds or other property, will be applied only to the purposes of the corporation as they were immediately before the articles became effective.

6. Members Authorization and Effective Date

The resolution authorizing the amendment was approved by the members of the corporation on *

Requested Date for Amendment *

Authorization

* I, Roy Kazuo Kusano

confirm that:

- This amendment has been duly authorized as required by section 103 of the *Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*.
- This form has been signed by all the required persons.

Caution:

The Act sets out penalties, including fines, for submitting false or misleading information.

Required Signatures

Name	Position	Signature
Michael Tamaki	Co-President	
Susan Ebisuzaki	Co-President	

EXHIBIT 2
SPECIAL RESOLUTION
OF
TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

WHEREAS:

- A. Toronto Buddhist Church (the “Temple”) is a corporation originally incorporated by Letters Patent dated July 14, 1952
- B. The Temple has approved Articles of Amendment (the “Articles”) which will amend the provisions of the Letters Patent to conform to the requirements of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (the “Act”)
- C. The Articles provide for a minimum of four Directors and a maximum of nine Directors;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION of the Temple that:

- 1. Subject to the issuance of the Articles and until the Annual Meeting of the Temple in 2026, the number of Directors will be eight Directors; and
- 2. Upon issuance of the Articles, the Board of Directors of the Temple are authorized and directed to set the number of Directors of the Temple prior to each Annual Meeting or as otherwise permitted by the Act.

This Special Resolution was submitted to the Annual Meeting of Members duly called and held on the 13th day of April, 2025 among other things, for the purpose of considering this resolution and was passed at the meeting, without amendment, by at least two –thirds of the votes cast.

Secretary of the Meeting

SCHEDULE B

TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING

April 13, 2025, 1:00 PM

PROXY

To: The Board of Directors of Toronto Buddhist Church

I, the undersigned, am a member of Toronto Buddhist Church. By means of this Proxy, I hereby appoint (check one of the two boxes below):

Darlene Rieger

_____ **(Print name of member you choose as Proxy),**

as my nominee to attend at the Annual Meeting of Toronto Buddhist Church to be held on April 12, 2025 with full power and authority to act and vote on my behalf on all matters coming before the Meeting to the same extent as I would be entitled to act and vote if I were personally present at such Meeting.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.

(Signature)

(Print Name)

This Proxy must be returned to Toronto Buddhist Church by mail or electronically and received by the Temple on or before April 9, 2025.