



Guiding Light

MAY, 2025



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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UPCOMING SERVICES

		Kids' Sangha 10:30 AM	11:00 AM	10:45 AM DHARAMA TALK	
		In Person	In Person & Zoom	In Person, ONLY	
MAY 11, 2025	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
MAY 18, 2025	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	GOTAN E ENGLISH	NONE	
MAY 25, 2025	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	KEIROKAI
JUNE 1, 2025	MONTHLY MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI)	ENGLISH Mezzanine	ENGLISH	JAPANESE	
JUNE 8, 2025	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	

ATTENTION TEMPLE MEMBERS**JAPANESE SHOTSUKI SERVICES HAS CHANGED****10:45 AM- 11:00 AM DHARMA TALK IN JAPANESE****11:00 AM ENGLISH SHOTSUKI SERVICE****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

GOTAN-E AND KEIROKAI

May is a deeply meaningful month for us as members of the Jodo Shinshu community.

First, May 21st marks the birth of our founder, Shinran Shonin, which we commemorate with the Gotan-e (Birthday Celebration) service. Starting last year, our temple also began holding the Keirokai (Respect-for-Seniors Gathering) in May, when the weather is more pleasant, to celebrate those turning 77, 88, 99, and over 100 years old.

The modern idea of celebrating an individual's birthday with family and friends only became widespread in 18th–19th century Europe. In Germany in particular, a tradition known as Kinder Fest (Children's Birthday Party) became popular featuring a cake with candles and a wish.

Today, celebrating birthdays feels completely natural. But in Japan, this custom is actually quite recent. For a long time, Japan followed the *kazoedoshi* system, where everyone aged up together at New Year's, making individual birthday celebrations uncommon. It wasn't until the Meiji era, when Western values began to be adopted, that the concept of birthdays gained attention, eventually becoming more widespread after World War II.

My birthday is December 30th. Last year, we held our temple's traditional mochi-pounding event (*Mochitsuki*) on December 29, but we ran behind schedule. As a result, I welcomed my 29th birthday—at midnight—at Toronto Buddhist Church, which was quite a memorable experience! When I was a student, my birthday always fell during winter break, so I often envied classmates who could celebrate their birthday at school with friends.

Birthdays are often thought of as “my special day.” But from the perspective of Buddhism, a birthday is not a day to boast about, but rather a day to reflect deeply and say “thank you”—the day we were given life through countless unseen causes and conditions.

None of us came into this world by our own will. We were born by receiving life from our parents, and we have been sustained and supported by countless others ever since. That's why Buddhism teaches us that a birthday is not simply a day to celebrate ourselves, but a day to place our hands together in gratitude for the life we've received.

Let us return to the Gotan-e and Keirokai. Throughout his life, Shinran Shonin shared with us the precious heart of Amida Buddha—a teaching hard to encounter yet offered freely to all. Over 850 years have passed since his birth. And now, here we are in Toronto, Canada, able to encounter the Nembutsu and the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. Just how many Nembutsu followers have walked this path before us to make that possible?

In particular, the seniors we are honouring this year, those turning 77, 88, 99, and 100, are individuals who have walked with and helped build the 80-year history of TBC. In other words, it is through their very lives that the voice of Nembutsu continues to echo here in Toronto.

Amida Buddha is the Buddha who works for us even before we can say, “Please help me.” Even when it seems like our delusions and blind passions prevent us from hearing that call, Amida's compassion reaches us without fail.

That working is what we hear in “Namo Amida Butsu.” As that wish reaches us, we respond with our voices—“Namo Amida Butsu” in gratitude. Because of that, we can reflect on our birthdays not as the day I began, but as the day I was brought into life, nurtured, and guided by countless connections. And so, we quietly place our hands together with a deep sense of thankfulness.

Shinran Shonin's birthday, too, is a precious Dharma opportunity—a reminder that Amida's wish is still at work today, here and now.

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Kensho Hashimoto

Announcement:

From May 21 to 31, I will be in Japan to receive my official Kaikyoshi appointment and interview with the Gomonsu-Sama (The head priest of our school, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, and a descendant of our founder Shinran Shonin) at Nishi Hongwanji. I also plan to spend a few days in Hiroshima during this period. As this year marks 80 years since the end of World War II, I hope to visit several Jodo Shinshu temples in the area and learn from their experiences. While I am away, Rev. Sugiura will be leading Sunday services and assisting with various duties at TBC. Thank you for your understanding and support. (The Intro to Buddhism course will continue online from Japan.)

OBITUARIES

The Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the families, relatives and friends of the following individual(s) 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 - A Jodo Shinshu Temple

<i>Mr. Seiji Nakai</i>	<i>89 yrs</i>	<i>March 30, 2025</i>
<i>Mrs. Eiko Kiyonaga</i>	<i>102 yrs</i>	<i>April 6, 2025</i>
<i>Mrs. Keiko Nishimura</i>	<i>89 yrs</i>	<i>April 10, 2025</i>
<i>Mr. Andrew Lebedynsky</i>	<i>24 yrs</i>	<i>April 22, 2025</i>

GETTING TO KNOW REV. HIKARU SUGIURA

Nice to meet you. My name is Hikaru Sugiura.
Starting April 1st, 2025, I will be serving as an Assistant Minister for about two years.

I am 27 years old.

I was born in Kyoto and raised at a temple in Aichi.

I studied Shin Buddhism at Ryukoku University in Kyoto.

In graduate school, I joined the Practical Shin Buddhist Studies program at Ryukoku University and learned how to give Dharma talks.

I also studied chanting and rituals for one year at the Hongwanji Ritual Training Center. (Gonshiki idousho)

I have always been interested in overseas temples.

As a university student, I joined the YBICSE (Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange) volunteer program, where I had the chance to meet many people from other countries. This experience deepened my interest in international Buddhist activities. I'm very happy to have this special opportunity now.

I like swimming, snowboarding, bowling, and other physical activities.

I also enjoy talking with people, although I am still not confident in English conversation. But please feel free to talk to me- I'm happy when people speak with me!

I look forward to sharing the Nembutsu together with you as fellow travellers on the Dharma path.

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Hikaru Sugiura

SHOTSUKI SERVICE AND BUYO FUND RAISER**APRIL 6, 2025****ESHINNI DAY AND TBC ANNUAL MEETING****APRIL 13, 2025**

Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of June

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

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

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

HANAMATSURI SERVICE**APRIL 20, 2025****APRIL THANK YOU'S**

- ◆ **A BIG THANK YOU—to all those who helped to make the JSBTC AGM, Ministers' Association and Women's Federation Annual Meetings a HUGE SUCCESS!!!**
- ◆ Donna Nakano and Sandra Izukawa for playing the organ at this month's service
- ◆ Naomi Knude, Christine Yamada for helping with tea toban after service
- ◆ Bryan Day for helping with the sound system
- ◆ Naomi Tsuji-Tamaki for arranging the flowers and bringing the Obuppan for the Naijin
- ◆ Ross Yoshida and Eyad Boukli for constructing the shed in the parking lot
- ◆ Ross Yoshida and Brian Huynh for making sure we have a Zoom service.
- ◆ 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.

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 held in the Hondo (with the exception of the first Sunday of each month).
On the first Sunday of each month, the kids service is held upstairs on the second floor in the mezzanine/library.
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 Dharma School where they can participate in an interactive program that focuses on the monthly Buddhist theme.
- 12:00 p.m. - Dharma School ends with a healthy snack

MAY'S THEME: Shinran Shonin and Keirokai

Who was Shinran Shonin?

What did he do?

Why do we learn about Shinran Shonin?

Sunday May 25th – Keirokai

To honour our elders at the temple, the kids will participate in a short stage production.

The Kids' Service and Dharma School are held every Sunday morning.

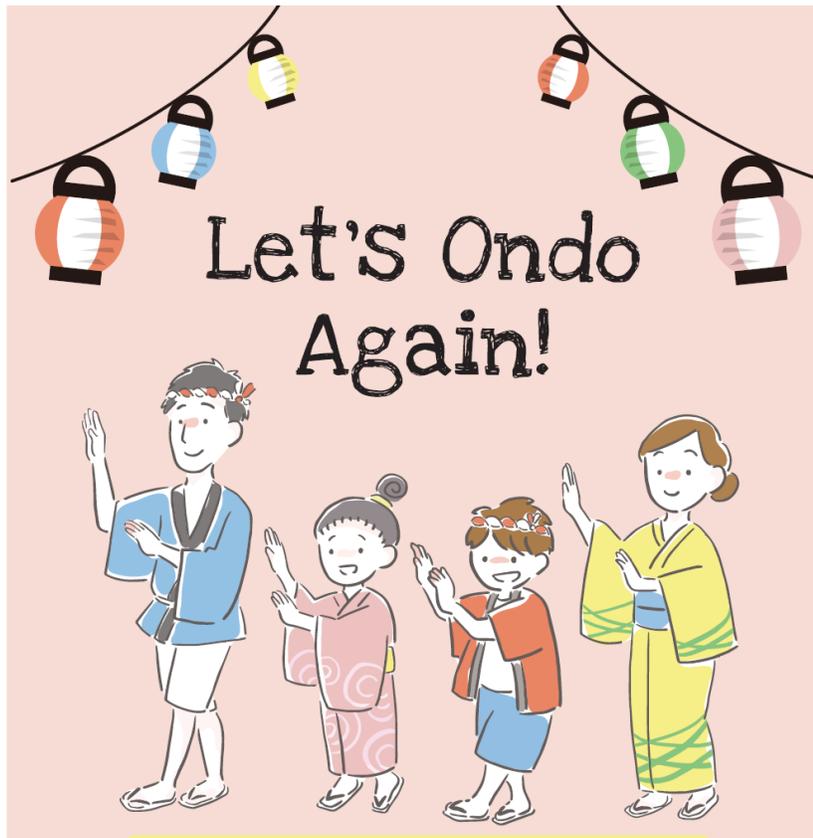
Here's a riddle for you.....WHAT IS MISSING FORM THE WORD.....S__NDAY?

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

With gratitude,

The Kids Sangha Team





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
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(416) 534-4302
tbc@tbc.on.ca

Next to Sheppard West subway station
Parking available

Bon Odori 2025

Spring has arrived and it's time to get our dancing zori on! Bon odori practices will take place at the Toronto Buddhist Church on **Tuesday and Friday evenings, 8:00 – 9:30 pm**. Men, women and children are all welcome and no experience is necessary. Step-by-step instructions will be given and it is best to come from the beginning as new dances are introduced as the practices progress.

Practices have already started but you may join at any time. They will run from April 29 until July 10 (Thurs)

Obon is an important Japanese Buddhist tradition to remember our ancestors and dancing is part of the celebration.

Traditional Japanese folk dances (odori) are made up of short sequences of steps that are repeated throughout the song.

Dances are also created for modern songs.

Bon odori will be held on **Saturday, July 12, 2025** at the **Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre** following the Natsu Matsuri.

For more information, please contact the Toronto Buddhist Church. 416-534-4302 tbc@tbc.on.ca



Sunday, May 25, 2025
we will be honouring Temple members
who are celebrating their
77th (kiju), 88th (beiju) or 99th (hakuju) year

Honorary TBC members (77+) will receive a complimentary bento.

***(Please make sure you have
a current signed membership form on file with the office.)***

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

The deadline for ordering ALL bentos is May 17, 2025.

No bento order can be taken after the deadline.

Please see the Guiding Light for details.

An entertainment programme will follow the luncheon

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 old (Kiju), 88 years (Beiju), 99 years (Hakuju) 100 years (Kakuju) and over 100. Please join us for the service at 11:00 am followed by a bento box lunch with entertainment.

We will feature 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 tbc@tbc.on.ca, mail or call the office at 416-534-4302.

BENTO

- All registered Temple members attending this event who are 77 years and over will receive a complimentary bento lunch. For everyone else, the cost will be \$20.
- If family members will be attending this event and wish to purchase bentos, they **need to place an order.**
- You can order online at <https://forms.gle/irdLEGmokkV5jzcu6> (copy & paste in your browser), call the office at 416-534-4302 or email your order to tbc@tbc.on.ca
- **All bento orders —both complimentary and purchased —MUST be submitted by the deadline of Saturday, May 17 . Bento orders will NOT be accepted after this deadline.**

Thank You

2025 KEIROKAI HONOUREE

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

Last Name in Kanji (if known):

Address:

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

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

Will you be attending the Service in person ? Yes No

Will you be attending our Zoom Service on May 25th? Yes No

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

Email to send Zoom invitation _____





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.

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



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.

Volunteer drivers needed! Mileage paid.



ATTENTION TEMPLE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

TAKE YOURSELF OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Friday, July 18 @ 7:07 pm. Toronto Buddhist Church has purchased 50 tickets.

The church is subsidizing the tickets, so it will only be **\$20 / ticket**. Anyone 77 years or older can go for free, but you must let the office know you want a ticket and **payment must be received to reserve a seat.**

Pay by cheque, credit card or e-transfer (darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca) to confirm your ticket(s).

Call 416-534-4302 or email tbc@tbc.on.ca to request tickets. **They are digital tickets so you must be able to receive the ticket on your cell phone.**

Section: 520—Seats will be assigned

Toronto Blue Jays vs. San Francisco Giants

Free Giveaway for the first 15,000 people.

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



Momiji Seniors Active Living Centre.... In the West!!

Have you heard? Momiji Health Care Society now has Senior's Active Living Centre programming in Toronto's West End! Thanks to support from the Community Fund of the Japanese Canadian Legacy Society as well as generous donors, Momiji staff have been able to expand our services beyond the East End. **In North York, the meeting location is the Toronto Buddhist Church!**

Exercise, crafts, and educational seminars are just some of the activities.

Come join us before programs begin for an hour of tea and socializing!

Activity Days for May

Tuesdays, May 13 and 27 at 1:00pm

Please feel free to contact the Momiji West Coordinator, Ben, at 416-407-0142 or by email at momijiwest@momiji.on.ca for more information, or if you have any questions!

Camp Lumbini 2025

Calling All Youth Ages 8-15!

**Join us this summer, Sunday, July 27th - Saturday, August 2nd,
for an overnight Buddhist camp!**



- A fun, youth bonding experience!
- Buddhist themes implemented through the activities during the week.
- Buddhist camp held in the Temple cottages in Wasaga Beach.

Youth Ages 16+ are counselors and can receive volunteer hours.

Children under the age of 8 may join us on Friday August 1st for a one day camp experience.

For more information please contact Abigail Kataoka abigail-kataoka@hotmail.com