



Guiding Light

March, 2026



TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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UPCOMING SERVICES

		KIDS SANGHA (10:30 AM)	11:00 AM	10:45 AM DHARMA TALK (JAPANESE)	
		In Person	In Person & Zoom	In Person, ONLY	
MARCH 8, 2026	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
MARCH 15, 2026	OHIGAN SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
MARCH 22, 2026	REGULAR SERVICE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	NONE	
MARCH 29, 2026	REGULAR SERVICE	NONE	ENGLISH	NONE	
APRIL 5, 2026	MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE	ENGLISH (MEZZANINE)	ENGLISH	JAPANESE	SHOTSUKI

OHIGAN (Spring Equinox)

Ohigan is a Japanese Buddhist observance held during the spring and autumn equinoxes, when day and night are equal. The word means “the other shore,” symbolizing the journey from ignorance and ego to peace and awakening.

In Shin Buddhism, this idea connects to the bodhisattva path, which teaches six practices—generosity, discipline, patience, energy, meditation, and insight. These practices help us move beyond our narrow, ego-centred view.

Although scriptures speak of “crossing” from this world of suffering to the other shore of nirvāna, the deeper teaching is that there is no separate place to reach. We arrive when we realize that awakening has always been present within us.



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 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 cooperation.

Board of Directors



**This Month's *Shoshinge* –
Beyond the Self**

Ki myo mu ryo ju nyo rai

Na mo fu ka shi gi ko

【English Translation】

**I take refuge in the Tathagata
of Immeasurable Life!
I entrust myself to the Buddha
of Inconceivable Light!**

March has begun. From this month onward, we will begin reading *Shoshinge's* text itself. We start with the opening two lines, which are familiar to many of you. These two lines may be understood as Shinran Shonin's confession of entrusting heart, and at the same time, as the lines that express the very heart of the *Shoshinge*.

As I write this article, the Milano–Cortina Winter Olympics are now underway. It is a joy to witness the remarkable performances of athletes from around the world each day. I have loved sports since childhood. In Japan, I played baseball and volleyball, and here in Toronto, I now enjoy curling. Even today, I continue to follow and appreciate various sports. Last year, when the Blue Jays advanced to the World Series, the entire city of Toronto was filled with excitement. This year, with a new Japanese player joining the team, many of us are once again looking forward to the start of the new season.

During such a sports-filled life, when listening to interviews with professional athletes, we often hear phrases such as, "I'm glad I believed in myself." For athletes, believing in oneself is a crucial psychological factor that enables them to perform under intense pressure and to take on difficult challenges. Through steady daily practice and an awareness of their own growth, confidence is gradually cultivated. That confidence becomes the source of courage, allowing them to take responsibility and act without fear of making mistakes.

This self-focused way of living is not limited to professional athletes. In our relationships with others, and in our lives at work and at home, we constantly ask ourselves: "Am I doing the right thing?" "Am I being responsible enough?" Society encourages us to "be ourselves" and to "take care of ourselves." These are important values. At the same time, however, many of us grow weary from having to depend on and support "myself" at every moment.

I sometimes feel that a few words sound as harsh as "personal responsibility." When we are suffering over a past decision or life choice, being told, "That was your decision, wasn't it?" can cut deeply into the heart.

In the opening lines of the *Shōshinge*, the words "Immeasurable Life" and "Inconceivable Light" point to a reality that transcends the self—something far greater than "me."

"Immeasurable Life" means life without limit. It is working that penetrates all time: past, present, and future. Those of us who came to this country as immigrants, children who were born and raised here, our ancestors who

lived far away and long ago, and those who will be born in the future—all these lives, across all time, are already embraced by Amida Buddha.

"Inconceivable Light" refers to a light that cannot be grasped or measured by our thinking. In our daily experience, we do not encounter such light. Toronto winters offer a familiar image. The days are short, and by five o'clock in the evening, it is already starting to get dark. Yet even on the darkest nights, there is always some light somewhere in the city. However, the light we know always creates shadows. If I stand in front of it, I block it for someone else. Even the sun's light leaves half of the earth in darkness. Amida Buddha's light is not like that. It is never obstructed. It illuminates every aspect of who we are—even when we fail, even when we have no emotional space, even when we cannot be kind. Nothing is excluded.

The terms Tathagata and Buddha both refer to the awakened one, yet they reflect different perspectives: Buddha, originally a Sanskrit word, simply means "the awakened one," while Tathagata is a more deeply religious expression, suggesting *tathā*—suchness or truth as it is, and *gata* or *āgata*—one who has gone or one who has come. Tathagata may thus be understood as truth itself appearing in our world. Although this truth transcends us, it is not something distant or separate.

Because it continuously works within us, it can truly be called something greater than ourselves.

In his writings, Shinran Shonin carefully clarifies the meaning of take refuge (*kimyo*) and concludes: "Thus, *kimyo* is the command of the Primal Vow calling to and summoning us." In other words, Amida Buddha is calling to us—here and now.

We cling to the self and try to make it our foundation. To take refuge, or to entrust oneself, is to let go of that self and be embraced by something greater. And when we are embraced, we come to realize that what we thought was "my decision" was not accomplished by our own power. It was made possible only through the working of the Primal Vow. It is not that we move toward Amida Buddha. Rather, the Primal Vow has already been turning toward us, continually calling out: "You are just as you are." "Come, just as you are."

In the opening two lines of the *Shoshinge*, Shinran Shonin expresses that he entrusts both his awakening and all his suffering to the Amida Buddha—the Amida Buddha (Tathagata) who is with him right now.

In the end, these two lines are no different from the *Namo Amida Butsu* we recite. For this reason, they may be said to express the very essence of the teaching made clear by Shinran Shōnin in Jodo Shinshu.

As I watch the inspiring performances of so many athletes at the Olympics, I am reminded of Amida Buddha—beyond my own efforts and abilities, continually supporting and embracing me just as I am.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Kensho Hashimoto



FOOD AND BENTO SALE



**Sunday, April 5, 2026
in the Social Hall**

WELCOME TO KIDS' SANGHA and DHARMA SCHOOL

A GLANCE BACK AT FEBRUARY'S THEME: PEACE and IMPERMANENCE

Sugiura Sensei gave a meaning dharma talk to the kids, focusing on the observance of ...Nehan -e, on February 15. Nehan-e marks the day when Shakyamuni Buddha finished his final teaching and quietly passed away.

He also spoke about the observance of Pet Memorial Day shedding light on the passing of our pets as a lesson that teaches us about impermanence and awakens us to realize how precious our life is. Also, even though we do not have our pets with us now, their lives have led us to encounter the Buddha Dharma.

MARCH'S THEME : SPRING HIGAN – BALANCE

The parable of the “white” path. What is it?

Is it just for adults or kids too?

HERE'S A LOOK AT MARCH'S SCHEDULE for KID'S SERVICE AND DHARMA SCHOOL

- March 1st – Kids' Service – Hashimoto Sensei – mezzanine @ 10:30 a.m.
 Dharma School with Naomi @ 11:00 a.m.
- March 8th – Kids' Service – Dharma School student - @ 10:30 a.m.
 Dharma School with Jessica @ 11:00 a.m.
- March 15th – Kids' Service – Sugiura Sensei - @ 10:30 a.m.
 Workshop (classroom) @ 11:00 a.m.
- March 22nd – Practise singing our gathas (classroom) - @ 10:30 a.m.
 Join Family Service @ 11:00 a.m.
- March 29th – **no** Kids' Service or Dharma School

Here's a riddle for you.....I have no hands, yet I can help

I have no voice, yet I can calm

When I am shared, I grow bigger

What am I?

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Answer: (kindness)

Hope to see you at temple....everyone is welcome.

With gratitude,

Kids' Sangha/Dharma School



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

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APRIL SHOTSUKI,
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TERAKITA, Yoshio
TESHIMA, Rose Setsuko
TOWATA, Takiyo
TOWATA, Toichiro
TSUBOUCHI, Lynne Reiko

TSUCHIDA, Fusa
TSUKADA, Iso
TSUTSUI, Iwanosuke
TSUYUKI, Kakuzo Ken
URA, Ikukichi
URAGAMI, Misao
UYEDE, Shoji

UYENO, Natsue
YAMAMOTO, Frank
Shunzo
YAMAMOTO, Yaeko
YAMAMOTO, Yohko Joan
YAMASHITA, Toyono
YANASE, Fukue

YOSHIDA, Kikumi
YOSHIDA, Tozo
YOSHIZAKI, Taketoshi

Camp Lumbini 2026

Calling All Youth Ages 8-15!

Join us this summer,
Sunday, July 26th - Saturday, August 1st,
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, July 31st for a one day camp experience.

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

Important Notice for Families

The Temple is seeking to contact family members regarding administrative matters.

If you are a family member of any of the individuals listed below, or know someone who may be, we would appreciate hearing from you.

- Takino Iwashita (passed away in 1935)
- Koto Nishimura (passed away in 1936)
- Sukeiku Mori (passed away in 1937)
- Yoshiko Iwashita (passed away in 1940)
- Yoshio Iwashita (passed away in 1941)
- Kumazaburo Miyamura (passed away in 1945)
- Keita Kimura (passed away in 1948)
- Zenpachi Eto (passed away in 1962)
- Suekichi Nishimura (passed away in 1968)
- Jinshiro Inamoto (passed away in 1979)
- Fukutaro Seiriki (passed away in 1987)
- Yone Inamoto (passed away in 1990)
- Kazuko Tanaka (passed away in 1990)
- John Shigeru Nishimura (passed away in 1998)

2026 Toronto & Hamilton Temple schedule

March	<p>1 (Sun) Shotsuki Memorial Service</p> <p>8 (Sun) Regular Service</p> <p>14 (Sat) Hamilton Monthly Service</p> <p>15 (Sun) Spring Equinox Service (Higan-e)</p> <p>22 (Sun) Regular Service</p> <p>29 (Sun) Regular Service</p>	June	<p>7 (Sun) Shotsuki Memorial Service</p> <p>13 (Sat) Hamilton Monthly Service</p> <p>14 (Sun) Regular Service</p> <p>21 (Sun) Shosanshiki Service, Backyard BBQ</p> <p>28 (Sun) Regular Service (Pride Festival)</p>
April	<p>5 (Sun) Shotsuki Memorial Service</p> <p>11 (Sat) Hamilton Monthly Service</p> <p>12 (Sun) Regular Service</p> <p>19 (Sun) Hanamatsuri Service</p> <p>22 (Wed)-26(Sun) JSBTC AGM</p> <p>26 (Sun) Regular Service</p>	July	<p>5 (Sun) Shotsuki Memorial Service</p> <p>11 (Sat) Ohakamairi & Bon Odori</p> <p>12 (Sun) Bon Service</p> <p>18 (Sat) Hamilton Ohakamairi & Bon Service</p> <p>19 (Sun) Summer Service</p> <p>26 (Sun) Summer Service</p>
May	<p>3 (Sun) Shotsuki Memorial Service</p> <p>9 (Sat) Hamilton Monthly Service</p> <p>10 (Sun) Regular Service</p> <p>17 (Sun) Gotan-e Service & Keirokai</p> <p>24 (Sun) Regular Service</p> <p>31 (Sun) Regular Service</p>	August	<p>2 (Sun) Shotsuki Memorial Service</p> <p>9 (Sun) Summer Service</p> <p>16 (Sun) Summer Service</p> <p>23 (Sun) Summer Service</p> <p>30 (Sun) Summer Service</p>

Burial Plots Available – Highland Memory Gardens

Three double-depth burial plots are available in the highly sought-after Garden of the Apostles section at Highland Memory Gardens. Each plot can accommodate two caskets and one urn, or up to three urns.

The current market value is \$45,000 per plot. We are offering them for \$30,000 each and will cover the transfer fee.

For more information, please contact Mary Hamawaki at camb@rogers.com or text 416-985-3424.



Let's Ondo Again!



**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 21, 2026

**Every Tuesday and Friday
prior to Obon (July 11, 2026)**

**8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
(Subject to cancellation)**

Step by step instructions given

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Social Hall (basement)**

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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. Akiye May Takahashi 96 yrs January 27, 2026

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.

SUSTAINABILITYU990



In Jodo Shinshu, we begin not from confidence in our own goodness or ability, but from an honest recognition of ourselves as beings filled with blind passions, living amid countless causes and conditions. Through the working of Amida Buddha’s Vow, we come to realize that our lives are already embraced, even as we remain imperfect and limited.

Toronto Buddhist Church approaches environmental responsibility from this place of humility and gratitude. In this spirit, TBC has installed a 35-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system on its facility. The system is expected to generate approximately 40,000–45,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and preventing an estimated 20–25 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year. While this alone cannot resolve climate change, it represents one small response arising from awareness of unseen conditions that make our lives possible.

In Jodo Shinshu, our actions do not arise from self-powered efforts to become better people. Rather, they emerge naturally within a life already embraced by Amida Buddha’s compassion. Even as we live with desires and attachments, we are called again and again to reflect on how our way of living affects others.

By adopting renewable energy, Toronto Buddhist Church seeks to express gratitude for what we receive and to care, in a modest way, for the world that sustains our lives. This initiative also supports the Church’s long-term sustainability, helping ensure that we remain focused on listening to the Dharma, nurturing community, and passing these teachings on, while deepening our awareness of being supported by what lies beyond our own calculations.

In gassho,
Board of Directors

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada
Buddhist Youth Tour to Japan
2026 Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE)



Dates of Trip: **Jun28 – July9, 2026**

Cost of Trip: **CAD \$1,000 + Airfare (approx. \$2,000-3,000 as of Jan.27)**

Candidate Qualifications:

- ✓ **Jodo Shinshu Buddhist**
- ✓ **High School Graduates~24 years old**
- ✓ **In good health**

Application Deadline: **March 20, 2026**



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. Kensho Hashimoto (Toronto)**

rev.hashimoto@tbc.on.ca



Online Registration:
(there is no paper registration form)



Tour itinerary is available from your Sensei or temple office.

TBC DANA SCHOLARSHIP
INVITES APPLICATIONS

The Toronto Buddhist Church Dana Scholarship Committee invites all qualified, graduating students to apply for a scholarship.

Eligibility:

Students who are first time applicants and who are members or who are children or grandchildren of members of a temple/ church in the Eastern District of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and who will be attending their first year of post-secondary education at a recognized institution such as a university, college, institute of technology, etc.

All applications must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a Letter of Reference. The amount of the scholarship is dependent on monies available each year end and is at the discretion of the Committee.

Selection criteria will be as follows:

Academic results	50%
Church activities	30%
School and Community Involvement	10%
Essay (min 300 words)	10%
Total	100%

If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please contact the office at tbc@tbc.on.ca or 416-534-4302 and an application form will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

**** DEADLINE ****
for the scholarship application is

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Recycle Your Chopsticks!



What do you do with your take-out chopsticks after you're done with them? Throw them away? Wash and keep them at home, even though you probably have nicer chopsticks to use daily?

Why not recycle your chopsticks? The temple has enrolled in a

recycling program through Chop Value. This company brings new life to disposable chopsticks. We are given a bin to fill with chopsticks, and once it is full, the team comes to pick it up. To find out the different things they do, please check out their website! <https://chopvalue.com/en-ca>

If you have disposable chopsticks (waribashi) at home that you want to get rid of, please feel free to bring them to the temple for recycling! The bin can be found in the Social Hall by the other garbage bins!

In gassho,
Abigail Kataoka

FEBRUARY THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Donna Nakano and Sandra Izukawa for playing the organ at this month's service
- ◆ Naomi Knude, Myra Takasaki, Joanne Kataoka and Bev Kato for helping Susan with tea toban after service
- ◆ Naomi Tsuji –Tamaki for preparing the Obuppan and flowers for the naijin
- ◆ Ross Yoshida, Brian Huynh, and Bryan Day for making sure we have a Zoom service.
- ◆ To all the volunteers who are always at the Temple to help out every day, week or month.
- ◆ To all those who have been volunteering at the funerals and memorials that have occurred.

We are always in need of volunteers. Please let the office know if you are available to volunteer or fill out the volunteer application on our website, tbc@tbc.on.ca. 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.

LET'S GO BLUE JAYS!



We have accessed a block of 50 seats for the Los Angeles game on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 3:07 pm. **(SOLD OUT)**

BUT

We have reserved another 50 tickets for the June 23rd game against the Houston Astros.

These tickets are in sections 519, rows 7 to 10

The cost is **\$23.00** per ticket, and a maximum of five (5) tickets per purchase. (TBC will subsidize the price again)

Please note that the seats are **not** handicap accessible.

We expect tickets to go fast so if you want to attend then book your ticket(s) by contacting Dave at: TBC.Events@tbc.on.ca. **Please include your cell number and an email address.**

Payment is due at time of reservation by e-transfer send to darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca, cheque made out to Toronto Buddhist Church or credit card. Please indicate what your payment is for in comments.

The tickets are electronic and will be delivered to you by email or text to your phone.

You must have a cell phone with you at time of entry into Rogers Centre with your E-ticket available on your phone.

Questions? Please contact Dave at 416-452-5939

JSBTCWF 2026 Fundraiser

The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Women’s Federation (JSBTCWF) was established in the late 1970’s to communicate and exchange ideas with Buddhist women’s groups across Canada.

The JSBTCWF strives towards increasing the awareness of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism as well as supporting temple activities, the ministers, and the community.

The JSBTCWF is selling T-shirts for their 2026 fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards the WF’s costs in participating in the World Buddhist Women’s Convention in Hawaii, 2027.

The design was created by calligraphy artist, Noriko Maeda. The meaning of the design is “Gassho/Hands together in Peace”.



\$25 each, Black colour only, Unisex in sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL and XXL

Please order by March 31, 2026.

Please contact June Asano at TBC.WF@tbc.on.ca . .

Toronto Buddhist Church Women’s Federation Group

The Toronto Buddhist Church Women’s Federation Group is being reorganized. All are welcome to join. If you are interested in joining the new Leadership Committee, please contact Joanne Miyazaki at tbc.wf@tbc.on.ca. Membership is \$15. A combined membership of \$20 is available (WF \$15 and Sangha \$5).

We appreciate your support and welcome input as we plan future activities.

ATTENTION TEMPLE MEMBERS

Membership Appeal

As we look ahead to 2026, we want to share a few important updates with our Sangha. Attendance and fundraising are slowly recovering, but donations and memberships fell short again this past year. At the same time, we’ve taken on the joyful but significant responsibility of welcoming both Reverend Hashimoto and our new assistant minister, Reverend Hikaru Sugiura. Their guidance is a true blessing, though it has added to our expenses.

The JSBTC has also increased its annual assessment fee more than usual this year, reflecting the rising costs they face as well.

Because of these combined pressures, we find it necessary to adjust our fees for 2026: Membership will be \$180.00, and the Guiding Light subscription will be \$75.00. We make this change with care, and with deep gratitude for your continued support. Your generosity keeps the Temple running and allows us to continue sharing the Dharma with our community.

Please complete the application on the next page and return it to the Temple office. Honorary Members are also asked to submit an application each year so we can keep our records current. While no fee is required for Honorary Members, donations—if you are able—are always appreciated.

Mail: Toronto Buddhist Church, 1011 Sheppard Ave. W., Toronto, ON M3H 2T7

(please mark “Membership”)

Email: darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca

Payments may be made by cheque, e-transfer (direct deposit), or PayPal/credit card through our website.

With gratitude,

Board of Directors, Toronto Buddhist Church

2026 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Applicant **Renewal** () **New** () Mr. () Mrs. () Ms. ()
 Last Name: _____ Birthdate: dd/mm/yy: _____
 First Name: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ Signature: _____
 Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

I promise to pay \$_____ as my Membership Fee for 2026 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, 2026**. By signing this Membership Application, I hereby adopt the vow below.

Signature _____ Date _____

I would like a Guiding Light mailed to me - English Only _____ English/Japanese _____

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, 2026 to December 31, 2026. The Individual Membership Fee for 2026 is a minimum of \$180. 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*.

We also ask that all Honorary Members complete a membership application each year so that we can keep our records current. While no membership fee is required for Honorary Members, donations—if you are able—are always appreciated and help support the ongoing work of the Temple.

PLEASE SUBMIT A SEPARATE PAYMENT FOR 'MEMBERSHIP ONLY'. PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE WITH DONATIONS.

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