



# BODHI MIND



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## Being Embraced

At the end of each year, I quietly reflect and contemplate on the year passed. How quickly one year passes! As I write this message for the February issue, I cannot help but feel that one month of the new year has already shifted to yet another new month and “Happy New Year” is no longer an appropriate greeting.

One new experience I had last year was my opportunity to participate in a seminar hosted by Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto last November. The seminar was for lay people and overseas ministers to meet at Hongwanji to visit historical sites of Shinran Shonin and attend lectures. One of the instructor was Dr. Rev. Kenneth Tanaka, who is a professor at Musashino University in Tokyo and a well-known Shinshu Scholar in the west. At the conclusion to his lecture, he introduced a poem which was composed by a graduate university student. When he was reading the poem, he asked us to close our eyes. At the end of the reading, I saw tears on some people’s faces. I was also touched by the poem, I asked him to send me a copy. The poem was sent by e-mail, and he also included the name of the author. I was surprised to see the name because the author was a friend of mine. We attended the same classes when we were at graduate school in Kyoto. I would like to share the poem. The poem was originally written in Japanese, which was translated it into English by Rev. Tanaka. It is titled, “Being Embraced.”

Rev. T. Aoki  
*(please see page 3 for the poem. Editor)*

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## **Nirvana (Nehanye) Day**

The Sanskrit word Nirvana comes from the root “va” which means “to blow”, adding the “ver” stem “ana” which means “to make”, and the prefix “nir” which means “off” or “out”. Hence, Nirvana means the “blowing out” or “the extinction”. It is understood to mean the blowing out or extinction of the flame of personal desire, or that state of quiescence in which there is no wind blowing.

When Shakyamuni Buddha attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree, he had achieved this Nirvana. However, since he still was in his earthly form, he had not achieved complete Nirvana. When he died at the age of 80, he entered into complete Nirvana.

*Taken from ‘Traditions of Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-Ha by Masao Kodanai & Russel Hamada.*

Vancouver Buddhist Temple is celebrating Nirvana Day on  
Sunday, February 8th, 2009 at 10:30 am  
Along with the February Shotsuki/Memorial Service.  
Following our service we welcome you to join us at our New Year’s Luncheon

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**Our Life is Filled with Warmth in Sharing Life With Others**

Thank you and your family for all your patience, efforts, and unending dedication to our sangha and our Temple. With your presence and support our Temple is alive with energy. Meeting new friends and greeting old ones, exchanging memories and creating new ones.

As I leaf through the Blue Dharma Service Book, in our weekly services, this verse seems to have caught my attention many times, which I would like to share with you. “Our life is filled with warmth in sharing life with others. It is simple truth to learn, but a difficult practice to fully realize. In personal life, it means to act by placing ourselves in the position of another. And in community life, it means to give service with joy and gratitude for the betterment of all. The practice of making others happy is based on the clear understanding of life which is Oneness. In deep gratitude, let us realize this Oneness of all life, the heart of which is Compassion.” From Selected Sayings, excerpt from page 22, verse 8.

Each one of you demonstrates your efforts and participation inside and outside of our Sangha by sharing your joy and gratitude of living in Oneness with Amida Buddha. Your hearts filled with compassion is shared by

everyone you touch. I am honoured and grateful for all of your happiness in my life. Your energy and dedication seem endless. You were always here in my life as a young boy, as I grew up to be a young man, and with your guidance and nurturing, here I am, very honoured to be President, representing **our Sangha at our Temple**. The Three Treasures verses are always on my mind, “Hard is it to be born into human life. Now we are living it...I take refuge in Buddha... I take refuge in Dharma...I take refuge in Sangha...as we live in harmony in the spirit of Universal Brotherhood, freed from the bondage of selfishness.” Thank you for your compassion and understanding of life, living with Oneness with Amida Buddha.

Thank you for your unselfish dedication, support and energy in the many events and attendance at our Temple. Thank you all for being part of my life and lighting the way towards following the Nembutsu path.

In Gassho  
David Otori

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**Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple**

This notice is to announce the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple.

The date of the meeting is scheduled for February 1st, 2009 at 1pm at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple Social Hall.

All current temple members are eligible to attend and request your attendance to report all activities and events undertaken in 2008 and to plan any and all new business for 2009.

Dr. Robert Akune, Secretary,  
Vancouver Buddhist Temple

*(‘Being Embraced’ from page 1)*

“Being Embraced ...”

By a Ryūkoku University graduate student, Ms. Uchimoto Mikuru  
(*Ryūkoku*, Shūkyō-bu hō, No. 78, pp. 41-53)

*Mom, was your life short? Or was it long? Everyone says that it was short.*

*But ... 50 years is more than twice my age. Fifty years is half a century, isn't it? Half a century seems somehow very long.*

*Fifty years ... I wonder if it's short. I wonder if it's long.*

*Mom, was your life a happy one, or an unhappy one? Everyone says that they feel sorry for you 'cause you got cancer.*

*Mom, you experienced a lot of suffering from cancer. It must have been really hard when you lost your breast. You know, I wanted to give you mine. And it sure was scary when we thought about the cancer spreading. I really wanted to give to you my life. When we were told that you had only 3 months to live, we were so saddened, so frightened, and felt such pain that our tears wouldn't stop.*

*Mom, since you been gone, it's been quite lonely.*

*But you know what, it's strange to say, but I liked my mom with cancer. Actually, I liked you much more than before you got cancer. I really don't know why, but I liked you even more.*

*Mom, there were a lot of things you taught me after you got cancer. You taught me about the hardship of illness, my weakness, the fragility of life, people's kindness, and gratitude ...*

*I remember, you were always so grateful. Even though you knew that your life was coming to an end, your words of "Thank you" were incredibly powerful and profoundly moving. It was just a simple phrase, "Thank you," but they were warm and made me feel good inside.*

*Having gotten cancer, mother, you lived life fully. You treasured each and every moment. You treasured every person that you spoke to and every person that you met. You lived life fully, so very fully. I liked my mother who lived life to its utmost.*

*Mom, was your life short? Or was it long? Mom, was your life a happy one? Or an unhappy one?*

*Mom, I wonder if I can live as long as you. I wonder if I can live my life as fully as you did. I can't ask you that now, can I?*

*But you know Mom, there is one thing that you taught me, which I realized after you were gone.*

*When I put my hands in gassho and recite "Namo Amida Butsu ...," I feel as though you are embracing me. Yes, I am being embraced by my mother's incredible warmth and compassion.*

*Mom, whatever happens to me, I know that you will always be with me. Mother, thank you. "Namo Amida Butsu, Namo Amida Butsu"*

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## **Pilgrimage Tour to Japan.**

An early bird deadline for Vancouver Buddhist Temple 'members-only' to sign up for the tour is February 28, 2009. Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 non-member Buddhist followers are eligible to sign up for the trip. We have openings for 25 people and therefore, urge our members and family to make application for the trip. The cost for the 14-day, 16-night pilgrimage remains at approximately \$5000.00, which includes air-fare return to Vancouver, land transportation, all accommodations, 2meals per day and admission fees to local sites. Private motor-coach tour includes: Niigata, Kanazawa, Fukui, Kyoto (3 days), Shikoku (3 days), Okayama and Tokyo. Please contact Yoshin Tamaki at Skyland Travel, 604-685-6868 or our temple, 604-253-7033.

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## Dharma School Report

We hope that the children have enjoyed the recent snowy weather and also hope that the adults have survived the wintry onslaught with cars and backs intact. A surprising number of families were able to navigate their way through the snow for New Year's Day Service and the atmosphere inside the temple was warm and festive. Thank you to Vancouver Buddhist Temple for the "otoshidama" (red envelope containing money) given to the children in attendance.

Congratulations to Stephanie Bishop, Kevin Low, and Kyle Ohori for being awarded \$500.00 scholarships from VBT for post secondary studies. Please read their scholarship application essays in this and/or subsequent issues of this newsletter.

In a joint Steveston and Vancouver Dharma School service on January 11<sup>th</sup>, students enjoyed a talk given by guest minister, Rev. Harry Bridge. We learned why saying "cheese" to elicit a smile for cameras does not work in Japan. One ends up with photos of faces with lips pushed forward as the Japanese say "chee--zu". Although in Japan a smile apparently can be ordered along with the Big Mac and fries at MacDonald, we all appreciate a friendly smile given freely and sincerely wherever we may be. Happy Valentine's month everyone.

## New Year's Eve Service

No one would deny that we had some very extreme weather in Vancouver this past holiday season. One of the short breaks we had from all the strange precipitation was on New Year's Eve. Still, people had to negotiate the roads and sidewalks to make their way to the Temple. Many of the people who braved the roads were new to our temple; they were interested in experiencing a different kind of New Year's Eve, one that is a bit quieter and reflective. Instead of balloons, confetti and party favours, at the temple, we closed 2008 with a service, the ringing of the Kansho Bell, and a big bowl of warm Soba, which was prepared very carefully by Tats Mizushima. "Toshikoshi Soba" is eaten on New Year's Eve because the noodles signify longevity. I believe the Soba has a more practical purpose: eating it warms the body in preparation for going out to ring the Joya-no-kane!

The New Year's Eve at the Temple is full of sensations which we don't get to experience regularly, but at the centre of the evening is a familiar Service. Listening to Sensei's last Dharma Talk of the year, we reflected on all the changes we experienced in 2008, and looked forward to all the possibilities of 2009.

**Vancouver Buddhist Temple  
Annual Spring Food Bazaar  
Sunday, March 29, 2009  
12:00 noon to 3:00 pm**

**Doors Open at 12:00 Noon**

Spring Bazaar  
Preparation Dates and Start Times:

Friday, March 27th 9:00 am  
Saturday, March 28th 9:00 am  
Sunday, March 29th 6:00 am

Everyone is Warmly Welcomed!

**Mottainai My Ohashi  
(Chopsticks) on Sale!!!**



1 Set—\$10    2 Sets—\$18    3 Sets—\$25

Bring your own *ohashi* to avoid using *waribashi* (wooden disposable chopsticks) and be environmentally friendly!!! *The money raised will be donated towards the 750th Commemorative Service of Shinran Shonin*

**WEST COAST LECTURE SERIES 2009**  
**On Jodo Shinshu Buddhism**  
**Sponsored by Living Dharma Centre**

Date:	Time:	Presented by:	Place of Lecture:
Fri JAN 09	7pm	Rev Harry Bridge – Buddhist Church of Oakland, CA	Vancouver Buddhist Temple
Sat JAN 17	2pm	Rev Patricia Usuki – San Fernando Valley BT, CA	Steveston Buddhist Temple
Sat APR 04	2pm	Rev Charles Hasegawa- Stockton Buddhist Temple, CA	Steveston Buddhist Temple
Fri APR 10	7pm	Rev Shigenori Makino- Toronto Buddhist Temple, ON	Vancouver Buddhist Temple
Sat JUL 04	2pm	Rev Yoshihide Matsubayashi Seattle Buddhist Temple, WA	Steveston Buddhist Temple
Fri JUL 10	7pm	Rev Daien Soga Kahului Hongwanji Mission, HA	Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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**Steveston Buddhist Temple**- 4360 Garry Street, Richmond BC 604 277-2323  
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**Are You Celebrating  
Your 50th or 60th  
Wedding Anniversary?**

We wish to know the names of wedded couples who will be celebrating their 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries any time in the twelve months of 2009. Please provide our temple secretary with your name if you and your spouse are celebrating either of these wedding anniversaries. We wish to acknowledge those people with a gift from our temple at the occasion of our annual New Year's Luncheon.

Sunday, February 8th is the date our Temple will be celebrating the new year with our Annual New Year's Luncheon. It is being celebrated in conjunction with an Appreciation Lunch so that we can acknowledge the help and support from everyone who has offered their time unselfishly and who have generously donated Dana to provide for the well-being of our Temple. The day will start with the Nirvana (Nehanye) and February monthly memorial (Shotsuki) service at 10:30 am. Please plan to join in.



## TOBAN #7—February and March

Team Captains: John Harada (604-524-1038) and Yoshiko Yoneda (604-327-4370)

The responsibilities of members of Toban # 7 for the months of February & March 2009 are as follows:

Sun February 1 1:00pm	AGM - voting, members please attend
Sat February 7 9:00am	Manju making - prepare lunch for participants
Sun February 8 10:30 am	Nirvana Day/Shotsuki Service - prepare New Year's Lunch
Sat March 7 10:00am	Toban Meeting, members please attend—prepare lunch
Sun March 8 10:30am	Spring Higan/Dana/Shotsuki Service - prepare lunch
Sat March 14 9:00am	Manju Making - prepare lunch for participants
Tue March 17 9:00am	Takanawadai High School Band Concert—prepare lunch
Fri March 27 9:00am	Bazaar Preparation - prepare lunch
Sat March 28 9:00am	Bazaar Preparation - prepare lunch
Sun March 29 6:00am	Bazaar Preparation - prepare lunch

Thank you Toban 7 Members, in advance, for your energy and dedication to our members and to our Temple.

### Toban #7 Members

Mr. John Harada	Mr & Mrs Shigeru Hirai	Mrs. Ritsuko Askasaka
Mr. Hideo Chiya	Mrs. Chiyoiko Fujii	Mrs. Emmie Hirata
Mr. Toshi Haraguchi	Mr. & Mrs. Satoshi Makihara	Mr. & Mrs. Yukito Maruno
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiaki Matsumoto	Mr. & Mrs. Hiroaki Mikasa	Mr. Yoshiharu Nakatsu
Mrs. Emily Nomura	Mrs. Sachiko Renovich	Mrs. Fusae Sameshima
Mrs. Fumiyo Saruya	Mr. Gentaro Shimizu	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Shirahama
Mr. Kazuo Sugawara	Mrs. Michiko Tanizawa	Mrs. Toyoko Terada
Ms Kazue Tsurusaki	Mr. & Mrs. Michiho Urata	Mrs. Masae Yakura
Mr. Mike Yamamoto	Mrs. Naoye Yamashita	Mr. & Mrs. Tatsuya Yamazaki
Mr. & Mrs. Makoto Yokogawa	Mr. & Mrs. George Yoneda	Ms. Margaret Yoshida
Ms. Kazuye Yoshida	Ms. Christine Yoshida	

*Namu-amida-butsu*

The light is more luminous than the heavenly bodies;  
Thus Amida is call “Light that Surpasses the Sun and Moon.”  
Even Sakyamuni’s praise cannot exhaust its virtues,  
So take refuge in the one without equal.



*Hymns Based on Gathas in Praise of Amida Buddha  
Collected Works of Shinran, Vol 1, page 328*

## Greetings From the Valley,

The Valley was not quite as welcoming for our January Hoonko and shotsuki service. In fact, with snow and ice still covering our parking lot and with our side roads still a bit dangerous, our January service had to be cancelled. Perhaps Reverend Harry Bridge will be able to join us some other time. Our few members who were fortunate enough to hear him speak either Friday evening January 9<sup>th</sup> or Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> at Vancouver Buddhist Temple's Hoonko service spoke very highly of his presentation and we are very sorry that we were not all able to enjoy his humor and appreciate his wisdom.

The February shotsuki service will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Since for most of our sangha, this will be the first service of the year, we plan to have ozoni to celebrate opening our New Year. There will be the usual potluck tea, so we hope that the weather holds out and we ask you all to join us for the first service of 2009.

The Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Annual General meeting will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> after the March shotsuki service. Please attend.

In gassho,  
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

### Nov. Shotsuki

\$10.- 99. Mr.& Mrs. Hiro Honkawa, Mrs. May Mukaida, Mr.& Mrs. Joe Tateyama, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nagamatsu, Mrs. Chieko Takasaki, Mrs. Kiyo Nagamatsu - Hoonko Service

Mrs. Kiyo Nagamatsu In Memory of Mr. Sakuo Nagamatsu, Anonymous In Memory of Amy Muraki, Tanemura Family [Kelowna] In appreciation for get well thoughts for Yuki Tanemura

\$100 Mr. Nakasone, Mr.& Mrs. Hiroshi, Dean & Fusako Shinkoda In Memory of Mitsuo Shinkoda 7th year, Mr. Mitsuo Saito In Memory of Mrs. Nancy Saito 3rd year

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## Vancouver Buddhist Temple's Annual New Year's Eve Belling Ringing at UBC



Over 180 people attended our Annual Bell Ringing at UBC's Asian Centre. Everyone had a chance to 'ring in the new year' and share a cup of warm ama-sake and receive a piece of mochi.

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**SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List—February**

February Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 7th

**1952**

UEDA, Taneichi

**1957**

NOMURA, Kinu

**1958**

MUKAI, Matsujiro

TERASHITA, Matsuzo

**1959**

HORI, Ito

NISHIZAWA, Sadajiro

TAKAI, Koharu

**1960—50th year**

NISHII, Iyo

**1962**

NAKAGAWA, Kazuo

TSUJIMOTO, Tsuneno

**1963**

INOUE, Shigetaka

**1965**

HAGANE, Yoshijiro

NAKAMURA, Hirokichi

NAKANISHI, Tamejiro

**1966**

MARUMOTO, Junko

**1967**

MORI, Zen

**1968**

KONDO, Satoshi

**1969**

OMORI, Takayuki

YOSHIZAWA, Kazuo

**1970**

KIKUTA, Toshio

TSUMURA, Sumiye

UYEMURA, Akio

**1971**

KARIYA, Yasuyuki

NISHIMURA, Ryokan

**1972**

KONDO, Kenjiro

SUGIE, Masami

SUZUKI, Gennosuke

YADA, Kunie

**1974**

URATAK Teru

**1975**

IZUMI, Shimataro

KOYANAGI, Ino

NODA, Yoshie

SATO, Yoshi

TANAKA, Motoyoshi

**1976**

HIRAKIDA, Hagino

**1977—33rd year**

INOUE, Zenzaburo

KARIYA, Jirohei

KINOSHITA, Kazuichi

MADOKORO, Jitsuji

TASAKA, Yukiyo

**1978**

MINATO, Keiji

NASU, Bunkichi

YAMASHITA, Bunkichi

**1979**

KIMURA, Kikuo

NAKASONE, Chie

**1980**

TANAKA, Manabu

**1981**

MAKINO, Toshimasa

TANAKA, Tomijiro

**1982**

FURUGORI, Kikuyo

MASUHARA, Kishi

NISHI, Iwano

TAGUCHI, Sataro

TAKENO, Takeiji

**1983**

OURA, Kome

**1984**

KAJIHARA, Tsuruyo

MOTOMOCHI, Tomekichi

**1985—25th year**

MAYENO, Kenichi

MOMOTANI, Yuriko

**1986**

MATSUDA, Mikino

**1987**

KOYANAGI, Taki

SATO, Kojiro

**1988**

AKASAKA, Mitsuko

TAKATA, Tadayuki

UCHIDA, Shiro

WAKABAYASHI, Genroku

**1989**

ASAOKA, Sotono

INOUE, Eiji

KUNIMOTO, Shinkatsu

TAMAKI, Komaye

**1990**

KONDO, Yoshiye

**1991**

TABATA, Fumie

**1992**

MAYE, Meiko

SATO, Satoshi

YAMADA, Masayoshi

**1993—17th year**

TAGAMI, Frank

**1994**

IWAMOTO, Ryuichi

**1995**

KAMACHI, Shigekazu

SHIBATA, Tsuya

**1996**

KOZAKA, Yoshinari

OYAMA, George

SHINYASHIKI, Kazuya

**1997—13th year**

WAKABAYASHI, Yasue

**1998**

BANNO, Haru

HIRAKIDA, Ed

MITSUI, Kazue

**1999**

CHAKI, Asako

HIRANO, Raishu

ONO, Butch

**2000**

KITAMURA, Kichinosuke

NISHI, Masaharu

**2001**

FUKUHARA, Kisaburo

NODA, Kaoru

YAMASHITA, Kusuye

**2003—7th year**

HAMA Teruko

JOW Marie Rebecca

TAKEUCHI Seiji

**2004**

KONDO, Hideo

URAIAMI, Miyoko

YADA, Hideo

YONEDA, Yusuke

**2005**

MINATO, Umeko

**2006**

NAKATA, Dick Sadao

NAKATSU, Teruo

SAKAMOTO, Ito

SHIODA, Tetsuya

**2007—3rd year**

KASUYA, June

**2008—1st year**

KITAGAWA, Nobuko

*With deepest sympathies...*

*The Vancouver Buddhist Temple wishes to express its deep condolences for the family of Mrs. Shigeko Hayashi who passed away on Dec 30, 2008.*

## JSBTC Update February 2009 From the Office of Bishop

*A monthly update from the national headquarters of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC).  
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Although we just welcomed the New Year, 2009, by exchanging season's greetings, we have been inundated with negative news such as the ongoing Middle East conflict, the friction between India and Pakistan, as well as the prolonged war in Afghanistan and Iraqi. And the financial crisis looks like it will continue on for a few more years.

Despite the fact that we always long for Peace and Tranquility throughout the world, we seem to face challenges one after another every year. Can we have even one day of peace out of 365 days?

I always believe that each one of us has to work hard in order to attain and sustain peace. It is not something we can wait on and hope to attain at some time. Peace and Tranquility is not something that is given to you from an outside source. What we Buddhists must keep in mind is that peace is to be attained not by the use of force and arms, but through wisdom and compassion; the wisdom of understanding and respecting each other and the compassion to all beings. Shinran Shonin wrote in his book **The True Teaching, Practice and Attainment of the Pure Land Path** or **Ken Jodo Shinjitsu Kyo Gyo Sho Monrui** (abbreviated as **Kyo Gyo Shin Sho**) in Japanese, that all of us are "brothers and sisters in the four oceans".

It may take many more years to achieve true peace, but we must not give up as it is in accord with the Vow of Bodhisattva Dharmakara, which is the spirit of Namoamidabutsu.

In gassho,  
Orai Fujikawa

Sad news from Winnipeg; Mrs. Setsuko Nishimura, wife of the late Rev. Ryokan Nishimura, passed away on Dec 25, 2008 at the age of 99 years. To contact the family, please contact Mrs. Tomoko Tatsumi  
557 Kingsford Ave Winnipeg MB R2G 0K1

### COMING EVENTS

Feb	1	Visitation to Manitoba Temple
Apr	11-20	Visitation to the Eastern Temples
	23-24	Ministerial Association Meeting in Lethbridge
	25-26	JSBTC AGM and the Dedication Service of Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta
May	27-28	World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council in Kyoto
Sep	15-17	Ministerial Association's Meeting/Seminar in Steveston

### CANCELLED

The April Bus Trip to Lethbridge has been cancelled due to shortfall in numbers. However, those wishing to attend the Southern Alberta Buddhist Temple dedication service are encouraged to make their own arrangements. Dedication and banquet information will be available. Please call Gina Chor at the **Vancouver Buddhist Temple (604) 253-7033** or **Nori Sugimoto (604) 730-2684**.

**Please register as soon as possible by calling the Vancouver Buddhist Temple at 604-253-7033 to secure your accommodations, as Manning Park Resort requires accommodation requests by February 01, 2009**

**Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Family Retreat  
May 16-18 2009, Manning Park, BC**

Enjoy a weekend designed to promote fellowship between the various age groups within the families attending. Participate in activities, lectures and workshops. The event is open to anyone who is curious about or interested in the teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Accommodations will be community style with shared cottages and hotel rooms. When requesting your group to stay together, please submit all names on one registration form. Organizers will try to accommodate your requests and use discretion being mindful of other guests.

Guests will bring their own protein to the Saturday May 16 dinner BBQ. All other meals will be provided as planned by the organizing committee. All guests will sign up for meal preparation, cooking and cleanup duties. Please let us know if any member of your group has food allergies. **Local guests are welcome to bring home-made desserts to share.**

Manning Park is just 3 hours from Vancouver and 2 ½ hours from Kelowna. Participants are responsible for their own travel to Manning Park.

Check in for registration is during the afternoon of Saturday May 16 and closing services will end on Monday May 18. Final payment must be received by **March 15, 2009**. Please make cheques payable to “**Vancouver Buddhist Temple**”

**Rates-(per person for Chalets & Cabins)\***

Types	Age	Price*	Types	Age	Price*
Adult Member* (AM)	26+	\$135	Youth (Y)	14 to 25	\$80
Adult Non-Member (AN)	26+	\$150	Child (C)	6 to 13	\$40
			Infant (I)	to 5	free

\*Hotel Room requests will be \$244 per room for the weekend + 50% of the per person rates above

*\*Discounted rate apply for adult members of the JSBTC (Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada), BCA (Buddhist Churches of America), Hawaii Kyodan and members of any affiliate of the Nishi Hongwanji.*

Please let us know if you would prefer hotel, cottage or chalet accommodations. Thank you.

**Standard Cottage** – sleeps 8 – 1 double & 2 sets of bunks +1 double hide a bed, sitting room with TV & full kitchen

**Deluxe Cottages** – sleeps 10 –3 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets of bunks+1 double hide a bed, sitting room with TV & kitchen

**Tri-Plex Chalets** – sleeps 14 – adjoining rooms to sleeping units with separate bathrooms  
2 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets of bunks plus 1 hide a bed, sitting room with TV & full kitchen

Sponsored by: The Living Dharma Centre Hosted by: Vancouver Buddhist Temple  
To request a registration form or if you have any questions, please contact:  
VBT at **604-253-7033** or Email: **retreat.vbt@gmail.com**

**Adult Dharma Retreat**  
**Saturday, February 28, 2009**  
**Steveston Buddhist Temple**

A one day retreat from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm is being planned for the Lower Mainland Tri-Temple district. The purpose of the retreat is to give members an opportunity to study and experience the Jodo Shinshu teachings in a concentrated format. If you are interested in learning more about our teachings and traditions in an interactive and in depth retreat, please contact your minister (Ikuta Sensei or **Aoki Sensei**) to register. A nominal registration fee of \$ 20 will be collected to cover the expenses for lunch and dinner. Space is very limited so if you are interested, please contact the ministers as soon as possible.

8:30	Participants arrival and registration		
9:00	Opening Service	Hondo	
9:30 - 10:45	Introduction & Chanting Workshop	Hondo	Ikuta/Aoki Senseis
10:45 - 11:00	Break		
11:00 - 12:00	Lecture on Jodo Shinshu	Classroom	Aoki Sensei
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch	Kitchen	
12:45 - 13:30	Chanting Practice	Hondo	Ikuta/Aoki Senseis
13:30 - 13:45	Break		
13:45 - 14:30	Discussion	Classroom	
14:30 - 15:00	Buddhist Etiquette	Hondo	Mr. Makoto Ikuta
15:00 - 15:10	Break		
15:10 - 16:00	Naijin Explanation & Preparation	Hondo	Mr. Roy Akune
16:00 - 17:00	Afternoon Service (Otsutome) & Review	Hondo	
17:00 - 18:15	Free Time & Dinner	Kitchen	
18:15 - 19:00	Dharma Talk Workshop	Classroom	Ikuta/Aoki Senseis
19:00 - 20:00	Dharma Talk Presentation	Hondo	
20:00 - 21:00	Evening Service & Closing Ceremony	Hondo	

***Registration is required.***

*Namu-amida-butsu*

.When Amida, on becoming a Buddha, first taught the dharma,  
The sages present were numerous beyond reckoning;  
All who aspire to be born in the Pure Land,  
Take refuge in Amida, of the vast assembly.



*Hymns Based on Gathas in Praise of Amida Buddha  
Collected Works of Shinran, Vol 1, page 328*

**February 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:30 am Dharma Service 1:00 pm Annual General Mtg.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Manju Making 2:00 pm FVBT Hoonko, Nirvana Day, Jan. & Feb Shotsuki
<b>8</b> 10:30 am Nirvana Day / Shotsuki Service followed by New Year's Lunch	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:30 am Dharma Service Guest Speaker: Dr. Leslie Kawamura	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 11:00 am Nikkei Home service & visitation. (Rev. Aoki)	<b>19</b> 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:30 am Dharma Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Adult Dharma Retreat at SBT
<b>Mar 1</b> 10:30 am Dharma Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Toban Mtg.

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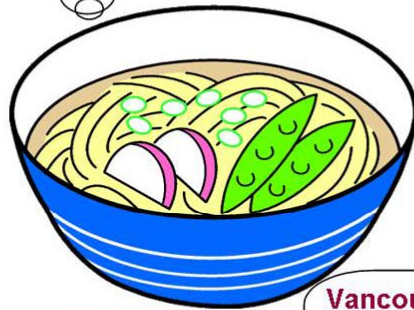
# Spring Food BAZAAR

Sunday, March 29, 2009

12 ~ 3 PM



3月29日(日) 午後12~3時

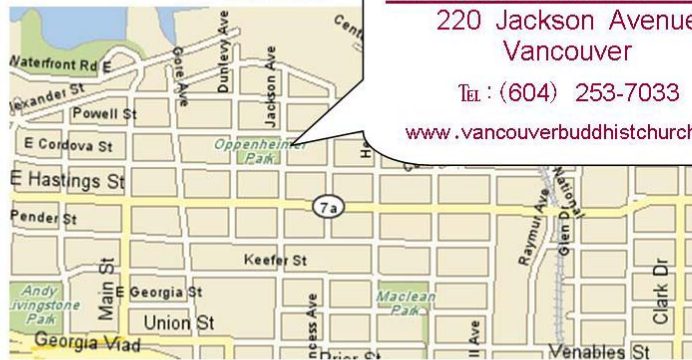


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# 東海大学付属 高輪大高等学校 吹奏楽演奏会

日時：3月17日(火)

午前10時30分

場所：バンクーバー仏教会  
(ソーシャルホール)



無料  
Admission is Free



Tuesday, March 17, 2009  
10:30 AM  
Vancouver Buddhist Temple  
(Social Hall)

## Band Concert

# Takanawadai High School