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Paying No Heed of Derision of Others

Children often use the saying, “But everybody else has it!”, when they try to convince their parents into buying something they want. Are the children the only ones that think this way? Seeing the popularization of cellular phones among grown-ups, proves that society, as a whole is infected with, the “Because everybody does it!” bug. Although we are supposedly living in a time where individuality is highly prized, in actuality, we are all the same. The things that are different are so few that it’d be a waste of time to try and prove that we really prize individualism.

I have a friend in Japan who works for a manufacturing company, developing new products. He said, “With so many products out on the market these days, whether or not the product is a necessity is not the issue anymore. The key to selling a product today is to attract the buyer to want the product.” This is how products are being advertised today. Furthermore, we are the consumers that want everything, making products booming successes.

The idea that “everybody else has it”, has a hypnotizing effect, which makes you think, “I have to get it too...I have to get it too!” So what happens? You get in line to buy the product. However, as you look around, you notice that everyone else has the exact same thing. As a result, what you just bought after standing in line for so long, no longer seems worth the time and effort you put into getting your hands on the product. Soon after, the product is sitting in the corner of the room collecting dust.

When I was in Japan, I helped Hongwanji with their summer Young Buddhist Association (YBA) conference. A youth member once told me, “When I tell people that I am in YBA, they sometimes make me feel like I am a bit weird.” When I asked why, the youth replied, saying “I don’t know. They say that maybe it’s because the thing I am seeking is different from what they are seeking.” This made me realize that in today’s society, people who are affiliated with a religious group are seen as being weird. I think that people are just afraid of being different. However, in YBA being different is good. Being able to show your individuality is what matters.

Our minds are constantly being controlled by the media and advertisements. “It is not good to be too different, isn’t it? Will I be accepted?” These are just a couple of questions that are on our minds. I feel that things would be so much more positive if we would stop worrying about ourselves. We should think that, “If we all cross the street together, we would be just fine,” we wouldn’t have to worry about being better than others. In fact, we are living in a society where we are always thinking about “our” position in society. Seeing ourselves as being better than others, we are constantly worried that we might meet someone who is better than ourselves. In other words, this means that we are leading life thinking, “I will just ignore everything around me and just think about myself.” Because we live in such a society, we try to be individualistic to avoid having our minds controlled by society.

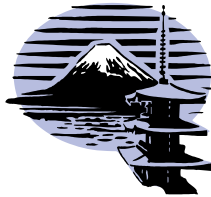
There is a saying that goes, “I pay no heed to the derision of others.” (*The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization, Collected Works of Shinran, Vol. I, p. 291*)

As Shinran once said, “Although society may sneer at you, there is nothing to be ashamed of.” How can he say this? I think he was able to say this through personal experience. Shinran had his own values. He led a lifestyle he chose, expressing his own individuality. He was able to meet others like him, and together, continued in life, proud of their individualities. He was often viewed by society as being strange and was often sneered at. However, this did not stop him from showing his true identity. He was able to do so because of Amida, who allowed him to meet others like himself, respecting each other’s values and individualism. But that was not all. He had even welcomed those who once sneered at him.

Namo Amida Butsu
Tatsuya Aoki

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 1st, 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 Sky-land Travel, 604-685-6868 or our temple, 604-253-7033.



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GOTAN-E

Gotan-e celebrates the birthday of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodoshinshu, the True Pure Land Sect. Shinran was born in Hino near Kyoto to Lord and Lady Arinori Hino and was named Matsuwakamaro. Matsuwakamaro lost both his parents at an early age and it is said that because of this, he decided to become a priest. At the age of 9, young Matsuwakamaro was ordained at Shoren-in Temple in Kyoto. He studied for 20 years on Mt Hiei, enduring the most difficult of study and practice, but he found it impossible to attain Perfect Enlightenment through his own efforts. At the age of 29, he was led to the Way of the Nembutsu by Honen Shonin and found the true path to the attainment of Buddhahood through the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha. He spent years in exile, spreading the Nembutsu teaching in the distant provinces. In his later years, he was pardoned and eventually returned to Kyoto where he spent his days writing and communicating with his many disciples near and far. Until he died at the age of 90, Shinran's life was lived simply and humbly – a life of profound spiritual depth.

In November 1877, the Emperor Meiji honoured Shinran Shonin with the title of Kenshin Daishi –Seer of Truth, Great Master.

—Excerpt taken from Traditions of Jodoshinsu Hongwanji-Ha by Masao Kodani & Russell Hamada

This year, the Vancouver Buddhist Temple's Gotan-e Service will be held on Sunday, May 10 at 10:30 am in conjunction with our Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service.

Greetings from the VBT Board

I am honoured to represent the Vancouver Buddhist Temple as your new President for the next two years, 2009 to 2011. First of all I would like to thank the past board of directors for their efforts and dedication to the temple and Aoki Sensei for all his efforts and guidance throughout the years. I would like especially to thank our past president Dave Ohori who for the past 10 years has led our temple into the future with hard work and guidance to better our temple. You have brought our temple into the community at large with your participation in the Oppenheimer Park renovations and the Legacy Sakura Tree project. I wish to welcome the new executive and the board of directors who were at the installation service.

Our temple has been very busy with the Spring Bazaar which was a success. I wish to thank all the volunteers for all their help including the badminton group and the Boy Scouts. With everyone's help the bazaar went smoothly. Thank you to commercial establishments for their generous donations. In the future issues of the Bodhi Mind we will acknowledge the donors.

On Sunday April 12th we observed our Hanamatsuri/Keiroukai with our guest minister Rev. Makino of Toronto Buddhist Temple. Thank you Sensei for your Dharma talk. Thank you to Roy and Amy Nagamatsu of Aldergrove for their generous donation of daffodils for the Hanamido.

Also we had one for Hatsumairi service. Vincent and Yuka presented their young baby Lucas for Infant Presentation. Congratulations to the proud grandparents Tatsu and Karen Mizushima.

There are many projects on the go in future months. Obon Service and Festival, Powell Street Festival and the 105/30 Anniversary of the Temple are some of our major upcoming events. May we ask for your support in these projects. Please come, enjoy and take part in events happening at our temple.

In gassho,
Frank Hamanishi

**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS
ENTERING COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN 2009
BC JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST CHURCHES FEDERATION
POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS**



The BC Federation is offering two scholarships for students enrolling in full-time studies in a post-secondary institution in September 2009. These awards are available to any BC student who has been a member of any recognized religious organization (Buddhist or Non-Buddhist). One award is an entrance scholarship for a student entering the first year of a four-year (or longer) program. The other award is available to any student in any year of their program.

Application deadline for the scholarships is **July 31, 2009**. Application forms may be obtained from the Vancouver Buddhist Temple office or by contacting Lori North, Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

For more information, please contact the BCJSBCF Scholarship Committee by e-mail at Lori.north@gmail.com

TOBAN #1

As you may recall, the Toban system (means “duty”) is the way our Temple is able to maintain our facilities and provide services such as meals for special services. Every one, members and non-members can be a participant on a toban team. Members are automatically assigned to a toban group. We are all responsible for the maintenance and operations of our Temple, which includes clean-up days at the end of each month. Our toban 1 is responsible for the months of April and May and would welcome your assistance on the following dates:

10:00am - **Saturday May 2** - Toban Meeting & Lunch Preparations

9:00am - **Sunday May 10** - Gotan-e / Shotsuki Lunch Preparations

If your name appears on the list below, please come and help at the Temple, regardless of whether or not you are contacted by telephone. We appreciate your dedication and support.

If you have any questions, please call your team captains Lorna Bishop- 604-931-8796 or Greg Chor 604-613-3100.

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| Mrs. Kikuye Akitaya | Mr. & Mrs. Yoshio Fujimoto | Mr. Tim Hirata |
| Mr. Sadao Amano | Mr. & Mrs. Joe Fukushima | Mr. & Mrs. Kazu Komori |
| Mr. & Mrs. Takeru Araki | Mrs. Shizue Hamaguchi | Mr. & Mrs. Terry Koyanagi |
| Mrs. Tsuki Aratake | Mrs. Francis Hamakawa | Mr. & Mrs. John Nakata |
| Mrs. Itsuko Arita | Mrs. Mary Hamakawa | Mrs. Miyoko Nose |
| Mr. & Mrs. Minoru Asaoka | Mrs. Nancy Hamanishi | Mr. Edward Oyama |
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| Mr. & Mrs. Denny Enjo | | Mr. Roy Tatsumi |

Bon Odori at Vancouver Buddhist Temple

Mrs. Akemi Komori will graciously offer her endless patience, energy and enthusiasm to our sangha this year. She has dedicated many years teaching traditional Japanese Bon Odori dances at our Temple. From our past participants, we send Mrs. Komori much appreciation for her endless guidance instructing our dancers to confidently and gracefully glide along to the beat of the Taiko Drum and beautiful music. Thank you to Mrs. Komori and your family for sharing your talents, time and energy with us. Arigato Gozaimasu. Our sangha welcomes everyone back and extends an invitation to new dancers joining in the “Dance of Joy”.

In preparation for Odori, dance practice will be in the Temple Social Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:30-9:00pm. The schedule is as follows:



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| Tuesday June 16 | Friday June 19 |
| Tuesday June 23 | Friday June 26 |
| Tuesday June 30 | Friday July 03 |
| Tuesday July 07 | Date to be announced |

As dates may change, please contact our office at 604 253-7033



Our Obon Service is Sunday July 12, at 2:00pm with the Bon Odori dances to follow at 4:00pm



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

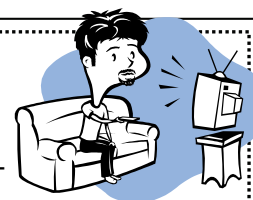


Date	Time	Presented by:	Place of Lecture
Saturday, July 4	2:00 pm	Rev. Yoshihide Matsubayashi Seattle Buddhist Temple, WA	Steveston Buddhist Temple
Friday, July 10	7:00 pm	Rev. Daien Soga Kahului Hongwanji Mission, HA	Vancouver Buddhist Temple
<u>Fall Lecture Series</u> Thurs, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	7:00 pm	Rev. Grant Ikuta <i>Shinran & Shoshinge</i>	Steveston Buddhist Temple

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Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple- 28941 Haverman Rd, Bradner BC 604 856-2078
 Mail: PO Box 12, Mt Lehman Station, Abbotsford BC

Discovering Buddhism — Joy TV (Channel 10)

Catch Rev. Fred Ulrich (Manitoba Buddhist Temple) in his half-hour series on Buddhism. His 18 part series starts with pre-Buddhist Buddhism and leads up to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism today. His series is shown on Channel 10 (Joy TV) here in the Vancouver Area on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, and repeats on Thursdays, at 3:00 pm and Saturdays at 1:30 pm. Rev. Ulrich has also participated in the Joy TV talk show series “Foundations” (Saturdays at 9 pm) in which he and other clergy from other faiths discuss topics and issues that affect our lives.



**VANCOUVER BUDDHIST
 TEMPLE
 105TH ANNIVERSARY
 GOLF TOURNAMENT**



Saturday, June 20, 2009
 Musqueam Golf Course
 3904 W. 51st Ave., Vancouver, BC

Tee Off starting at 1:00 pm
 Green Fee, Dinner, & Prizes—\$70.00

Everyone come out!
 Join in the fun and enjoy a game of golf.

Please contact:Min Koyanagi at (604) 433-3119
 Or the Church Office at (604) 253-7033

**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*





Dharma School



Dharma School students celebrated the birth of Gautama Buddha twice; once in Steveston and a week later in Vancouver. At the Steveston service, there was a magical quality when the soft voices of children singing near the front of the Hondo imperceptibly penetrated and then hushed the steady chatter from people in the pews waiting for the adult service to begin. The children were singing the contemplative words set to a lovely melody taught to them by guest minister, Reverend Hasegawa of Stockton, California. “Breathing in, breathing out; I am mountain, I am strong; breathing in, breathing out; I am earth, I am firm” were some of the lyrics. We have walking meditation, sitting meditation, nembutsu meditation, silent meditation – this might have been called singing meditation.

The Dharma School students were then dismissed to the classrooms during adult service but returned at the end to offer the sangha two more songs, and individual Steveston students shared their talents at the piano.

Hanamatsuri in Vancouver followed the same format with the Dharma School service preceding adult service. Makino Sensei of Toronto temple was the guest minister and shared an inspiring talk about the potential of each human being.

Students poured sweet tea over the statue of Baby Buddha to represent the sweet rain that was said to have fallen at the time of His birth. Many thanks to the Fraser Valley Temple for their annual donation of beautiful daffodils which are used to adorn the Hanamido representing Lumbini’s Garden. Every student happily received Hanamatsuri gifts at both services.

Lucas Jet Liew, 3 month old son of former Dharma School student Yuka Mizushima, and Vincent Liew was introduced to the Sangha during the Hatsumairi or Infant Presentation segment of Hanamatsuri Service. Proud grandparents, Tatsu and Karen Mizushima also were present to witness the joyful occasion.

Many Dharma School families will be looking forward to a fun-filled weekend at the Manning Park Retreat on May 16th to the 18th.

Once again, we ask for help from parents and students of Dharma School in the preparation and serving of dinner to our neighbours of the otera at the Living Room. The people who partake of this meal are very appreciative of our efforts. This will take place on the 30th of May.



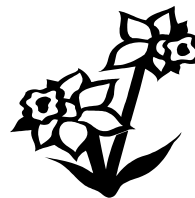
Sora enjoyed drawing LOTS of hearts all over this quilt. It is a quilt truly made with and by the love of a five-year old girl.

With the assistance and guidance of his Dharma School teacher Maya (who pressed down on the sewing machine pedal since Thomas is too short), Thomas was able to move the quilt squares through the sewing machine and do 'meandering freestyle machine quilting designs' on his quilt blocks. Thomas was quick to learn and do this.



News from our friends at the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

"I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd
A host of golden daffodils..."
William Wordsworth



That was the sight to behold behind our temple at Hanamatsuri. It was a beautiful scene of a vast field of daffodils with the majestic mountains in the background.

Many visitors from the Vancouver and Steveston temples joined us to celebrate Hanamatsuri on Saturday, April 11. Our guest minister was Rev. Makino of the Toronto Buddhist Temple who moved there last July from Hawaii. Both his Dharma talk and his lecture the night before at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple was full of enthusiasm in teaching the Nembutsu Path. He will also be the guest minister at the Buddhist Temples of Canada Annual General Meeting in Lethbridge on April 25 and 26. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the opening of the new Lethbridge Temple. 4 of our members, Lucy Yoshioka, Amy and Roy Nagamatsu and Naomi Shikaze will be attending and representing our temple.

Our next service will be held on Saturday, May 9 at 2 pm with Rev. Grant Ikuta as minister. Rev. Ikuta has also been offering a lecture series on Thursday evenings at the Steveston Temple and we encourage everyone to attend. It is a great opportunity to learn about some of the sutras relevant to Jodo Shinshu and Shinran's teachings. The schedule is printed in another section of the Bodhi Mind.

In gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

2009 Spring Higan and March Shotsuki Donations

0-99.00

Mr. & Mrs. J. Tateyama, Mr. & Mrs. Merv Araki, Eileen Fujita, Mrs. May Mukaida, Jenny Fujita, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nagamatsu-Amy's mother's shotsuki

100.00 Mr. & Mrs. John Kamimura

Special Assessments 50.00 each

Stan Yoshioka, Lucy Yoshioka, Bill Miyazaki, Evelyen Evans, Roy Nagamatsu, Amy Nagamatsu, Paige Perry, Byron Kagawa, Emiko Amy Shikaze, Chieko Takasaki

2009 Hanamatsuri and April Shotsuki Donations

0-99.00

Mr. & Mrs. H. Honkawa, Jack Kawabata, Mak Ikuta, Elmer Morishita, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tateyama, Genevieve Iwata, Tsumae Fuchihara, T. Dyck, Frank & Pat Hamanishi, Vivian Nishi, Hisako Shikaze, Naomi Shikaze-In Memory of Father Gilbert, T. Matsuno, Ben Shikaze, Mr. & Mrs. Merv Araki-In Memory of Frank S. Araki, Roy & Itoko Akune, Eileen Fujita, Mrs. Kiyoko Nagamatsu-In Memory of Mother, Marion Fujita, Jenny Fujita, Mitsuo Saito, May Mukaida, Chieko Takasaki, Amy Kawamoto, Hisako Kawamoto, Roy & Amy Nagamatsu, Alice Baker, Byron Kagawa, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Teruko Kawamoto, Irene Rohrer

100.00-200.00

Amy Shikaze-In Memory of Father, Gilbert & George, Mr. & Mrs. Cy Saimoto, Hisako Shikaze-In Memory of Husband Gilbert, Mrs. H. Yoshioka-In Honour of Great Granddaughter,

Special Assessment 50.00 each

Ben Shikaze, Mrs. Kiyoko Nagamatsu, May Mukaida, Hisako Kawamoto

JSBTC Update May 2009 From the Office of Bishop

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May this Update find you all in good health and spirits despite the persistent wintry weather across Canada. Traditionally, May is the month in which we commemorate the birth of Shinran Shonin, known as *Go-tan-ye* in Japanese, as he was born on May 21, 1173.

There are many things we can learn from his life of 90 years during the Kamakura period in Japan. One of the most important events, I believe, is his decision to give up the Path of Sages that he had faithfully followed on Mt Hiei for 20 years before encountering Honen Shonin, who introduced the Pure Land Path to him.

Giving up what you have accumulated for many years is a very difficult thing to do. Today, you are encouraged to begin to learn as early as possible in whatever you do, such as soccer, baseball, golf, mathematics, language, musical instrument and so on. However, there is another important factor which can not be ignored, that is the timely advice from the experienced professional.

In the case of Shinran Shonin he didn't seem to have anyone to consult on Mt. Hiei and he simply followed the traditional way for many years. Naturally, he got stuck in a maze. I understand he had been in a spiritual dilemma; the more he practised, the farther the goal seemed to be.

Zonkaku, the son of Kakunyo Shonin the 3rd Monshu of Hongwanji, wrote to praise the virtue of Shinran Shonin in the **Tan-doku-mon**;

“Although he did every effort to see the calm water, his mind was constantly waving. And as he meditated on the moon, the obsessed clouds covered his mind.”

As the rest of the story goes, Shinran Shonin was able to make 180 degree turn after meeting Honen Shonin who was preaching the Buddha's Power instead of self-power.

In gassho,
Namoamidabutsu,
Orai Fujikawa

COMING EVENTS

May 16-18 Manning Park Family Retreat
27-28 World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council in Kyoto

Jul 10-25 Hongwanji Youth Tour led by Grant Ikuta Sensei

Aug 7-9 Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery visitation

Sep 5-6 Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii's 120th Anniversary and 750th Memorial of Shinran Shonin
15-17 MA Meeting/Seminar in Steveston
25-27 BC Buddhist Convention in Kamloops

Nov 14-15 VBT 105th Anniversary/Alberta Buddhist Convention

SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List—May

May Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 10th at 10:30 am

1958

NAKAMURA, Tsune-shige's daughter
SUGIHARA, Shichisaburo

1959

NAKASHIMA, Eikichi
OHASHI, Yuno
OHTA, Masu
SAIMOTO, Kunimatsu

1960—50th Year

HAMADE, Yoshigoro
NAKANISHI, Mitsugu

1961

SHIRAKAWA, Hidehiko

1962

NISHIKAWA, Usaburo

1964

MARUMOTO, Kameno
YABUNO, Sutekichi
YURUGI, Choichiro

1965

INOUE, Kandayu
NAKATA, Norman

1966

MATSUSHITA, Naga-shige

1967

MADOKORO, Hiroye
YOSHIDA, Isamu

1968

SHIKAZE, Yoshinobu

1969

HONKAWA, Suekichi
OGINO, Chozo

ONO, Matsu

1970

SUZUKI, Isono
TANAKA, Hisa

1972

MISHIMA, Tsurukichi

1973

TANAKA, Haru

1974

HORII, Sumiye
INAMASU, Suye

1975

KITANO, Shigetaro
KOYANAGI, Toyohisa
MAYEDA, Kiyokazu
UYENO, Ei

1976

HAMAGUCHI, Fumio
TAKEDA, Iwao

1977—33rd Year

KONDO, Yoshio

1979

NAKAMURA, Genzaburo
NISHIMURA, Aiko

1980

WAKITA, Hajime
YOSHIDA, Yoshi

1981

AYUKAWA, Kaoru
TAKAHASHI, Kazuo
TANAKA, Miki
YABE, (baby)

YAMAKAMI, Shotaro

1982

KAWAGUCHI, Yoshio
OHTA, Takezo
TANAKA, Ichijiro

1983

KITADE, Yaeko
NAGAMATSU, Denshin

1984

HANADA, Yoshio
OKEGAMI, Hidehiro
SAKIYAMA, Hiroshi
TAKEMOTO, Matsuyo

TERANISHI, Fuji

1985—25th Year

KAWAHIRA, Imiko
YAMADA, Yukio

1986

EGAMI, Hikotaro
HAMADE, Toyo
MORI, Nobuo
NISHIMURA, Hiroshi
NOSE, Tazo

1987

HORI, Mika
KITAGAWA, Naka
YURUGI, Moto

1988

TSUJI, Gen

1989

KUROMI, Suino
MIURA, Kaoru

1990

GREEN, Jordan
HIRAI, Ken
NISHIKAWA, Mitsuye

1991

HAYA, Haruko
MIYAGAWA, Ito
OKADA, Kazuko

1992

NODA, Misaho
ONO, Yoichi
SOGA, Zenya
UYESUGI, Fumio

1994

MATSUBA, Shige

1995

SHIMABUKURO, Nabe
UYENO, Shigeo
YAMADA, Takaichi

1996

ITAYA, Masaye
1997—13th Year

SHOJI, Tadashi
TAKEMORI, Akiko

TANAKA, Masao

1998

MARUYAMA, Bill
YAMADA, Kazuye

1999

HAMAGUCHI, Hiroshi
KUNIMOTO, Akiko
YAMADA, Hiroshi

2000

IMAI, Eichi
KAKUTANI, Kiyoshi
NISHI, Yukio
YAMASHITA, Toshio

2001

WAKAHARA, Tomohiko

2002

FUKUI, Hisako
NAKAMURA, Miki
SAMESHIMA, Tadayuki
WATANABE, Hiromi

2003—7th Year

NAKATSUI, Toyoko

2004

KITAMURA, Shizuko
OMOTO, Noboru
OYA, Chie

2006

SATO, Yoshiaki

2007—3rd Year

HAMAGAMI, George
KITAGAWA, Kotoma
MORISHITA, Hatsumi

NAKAGAWA, Amy

NAKATSU, Toshiye

WADA, Seiji

2008—1st Year

KAWASAKI, Ryota
KOYANAGI, Hiroyuki
TANAKA, Keiichi

With deepest sympathies...

*The Vancouver Buddhist Temple wishes to express
its deep condolences for the family of
Baby Shohei Funatsu Meyer
who passed away on April 2, 2009.*

MAY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10am Toban Meeting
3 10:30 am Family Service and Dharma School	4	5	6	7 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Senior's Club	8	9 2pm FVBT Gotan-e and Monthly Me- morial Shotsuki Service (Rev. Ikuta)
10 10:30 am Gotan-e and Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service	11	12	13	14 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Senior's Club	15	16 Manning Park Family Retreat
17 Manning Park Family Retreat No Service at VBT	18 Manning Park Family Retreat	19	20 11am Service at Nikkei Home (Rev. Ikuta)	21 12:00 pm Senior's Club No Japanese Service	22	23
24 10:30 am Family Service and Dharma School	25	26	27	28 12:00 pm Senior's Club No Japanese Service	29	30
31 10:30 am Family Service and Dharma School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rev. Aoki will be attending World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting at Hongwanji in Kyoto, and he will be away from the temple from May 21 to May 30. If you need a minister's urgent assistance and service (ie, Makuragyo & Funeral Service only), please contact Rev. Grant Ikuta at the Steveston Buddhist Temple. Cell: (604) 908-4140 Steveston Temple: (604) 277-2323 					

24th Annual ChildRun

Sunday, June 7th. 9 am—ChildRun 11:00 am—Outdoor Service
Team Registration Deadline: May 15, 2009

Registration is now open for the 24th Annual Childrun taking place at BC Children's Hospital on Sunday, June 7th. This will be Vancouver Buddhist Temple's 9th year participating as a team and everyone is welcome to join in. Young and old—athletes and casual strollers—join us for this fun day in the Vancouver outdoors. For more information, please contact Team Captain Lori North at (604) 939-3460 or by email to lori.north@gmail.com. Register on-line by going to www.childrun.com