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2009 Obon Service

The tradition of Obon started when one of the Buddha's disciples, Mogallana, saw his deceased mother suffering because she continued clinging to earthly greed and selfishness. The Buddha advised Mogallana to offer Dana (giving) to the Sangha as a way to free his mother from these chains. After Mogallana performed the task of giving and helped free his mother, he was overjoyed. He and his friends rejoiced with music and dancing. They made offerings to the monks, and expressed their gratitude to the Buddha. We continue this tradition today as Obon service and Bon odori.

A passage in the Amida Sutra (Amida-kyo), Kue Issho, tells us that we will meet again. During Obon, we are given a spiritual opportunity to "meet" those who have gone before us, and we will be able to "reunite" with them. It is appropriate, then, that Obon is also called "Kangi-e" or "Gathering of Joy."

It is important for us to remember and to remind ourselves that Obon is observed with a spirit of a profound religious feeling of love, respect, and gratitude toward Buddha and our departed loved ones. They have either directly or indirectly bestowed their guidance upon our growth as individuals both physically and spiritually.

While there are many memorial services in Buddhist temples, this very special service is not meant for us to dwell on what is lost, instead, it is meant for us to rejoice and be thankful for what we have, because of the teachings of the Buddha.

Vancouver Buddhist Temple will observe its annual Hatsubon and Obon service in conjunction with July Shotsuki Service on Sunday, July 12 at 2:00PM and Bon Odori to follow at 4:00PM. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the service.

Namo Amida Butsu
Tatsuya Aoki

105 / 30 Vancouver Anniversary Weekend

Friday, November 13, 2009

7:00—8:30 pm Social Gathering with Rev. Sekiya VBT Social Hall

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Dharma Gatherings with Revs Sekiya, Ikuta, and Aoki VBT Social Hall

10:00—11:30 am Japanese

1:00—3:00 pm English

5:00—6:00 pm Happy Hour & Silent Auction Nikkei Place, Burnaby

6:00— Banquet followed by Entertainment Nikkei Place, Burnaby

Sunday, November 15, 2009

10:00 am Ochigo Procession Vancouver Buddhist Temple

10:30 am Anniversary Service

Greetings from the VBT Board

This is the last issue before summer break. We have been very busy preparing for the Obon service on Sunday July 12th. We made manju for the bento lunches and the Obon odori practices have started with the guidance of Mrs. Akemi Komori.

We had our Golf Tournament on Saturday June 20th. Socho Fujikawa was able to join us and 50 golfers enjoyed a great day on the golf course. Rev. Aoki and Ikuta sensei were unable to join us due to prior engagements. With the generous donations from the Temple and individuals we all took home many prizes. Min Koyanagi our tournament organizer will be reporting later. All the golfers wish to thank Min for running the tournament. Domo ariagato gozaimashita.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed our Toban Party. We wish many of our members are able to attend. Dharma School Year End will happen on Sunday June 28th.

July is a busy month with our Obon Service and cemetery site services. Our temple picnic will be held on Sunday July 26th at Central Park starting at 10:00 AM. Please come and enjoy BBQ goodies prepared by chef Dave Ohori and his crew and games for all.

Please check your calendar for coming events and join us at the Temple.

Once again thank you for all your support.

In gassho,
Frank Hamanishi

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Just a friendly reminder that memberships for 2009 are due. I am proud to say that we have been slowly getting new people into our Sangha and I would like to personally welcome each and everyone of you.

Our current number is 372 memberships and only 66 of these dues are still outstanding. Let's try to encourage more people to join our Dharma family.

On June 27th we will be having a Toban party starting from 4 PM.

Dinner will be served and all you have to do is attend. What A GREAT idea and way to mingle and get to know each other. Please let your team Captains know if you will be attending so that we can make the proper arrangements. We look forward to a fun filled evening with everyone.

Thank you very much for all your help throughout the year.

In gassho,
Izumi Low

2009 Manning Park Family Retreat

Clear skies and warm rays of sunshine touched our bodies throughout the day and dark, chilly nights with bright twinkling stars brightened our evenings. During our Manning Park Family Retreat everyone greeted me with warm smiles. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, meeting old friends and making new ones. This LDC (Living Dharma Centre) sponsored program was attended by 112 participants. We had 62 adults, 26 youth (13-25), 16 children (6-12) and 8 children (5 and under) participating in our pre-2010 Olympics, winning points for their respective teams. We were honoured to have the presence of 6 Sensei's who prepared seminars and dharma talks. The LDC, JSBTC (Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada) and our BCJSBCF (British Columbia Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches Federation) graciously provided funding to have local Sensei's and their families attend.

Everyone helped to prepare, cook, cleanup and

eat the fantastic meals during the weekend. The menu was unexpectedly enhanced with Kaz's home made soup. The youth entertained with a scavenger hunt, hide and go seek "Sardine Tag" and a create your own story/solve the mystery game called "Mafia". The sunny afternoon was filled with a sports tournament including bocce ball, bedrock golf, horseshoes and ping pong. Bicycle decorations lead up to a grand parade and, like so many others in the past, Sora and Courtenay celebrated cycling without training wheels.

Mornings started with Nature Walks with Sensei Akune with an astounding attendance of 62 participants. After sewing chickens, adults finished their evenings by letting their chins wag and wet their lips with some rotted grapes. Workshops included self-defence, quiet sitting meditation, dharma discourse, self lead dharma discussions and gatha review.



Here are some submissions sent in to us in Haiku form:

new friends, old friends all
gather at the Park and feel
warmth cold joy Light Life

eat work play smile learn
connect chant listen Gassho
think laugh sing cry Thank

friends become teachers
Namo Amida Butsu
teachers become friends

name tags, photographs,
red tickets, glow sticks; mere things
symbolizing more

How many tickets?
For the discourse, only two.
For game winners, three.

Under the moonlight
Sticks glowing becoming hoops,
Lighting up our smiles

Songs sung, voices lost;
No more training wheels to help.
Notions shared, friends found.

I didn't know that
about you. Opening up,
sharing. Entrusting.

blue sky all weekend
rain heading home says it all
full trucks now empty

Thanks to everyone who came for making this a memorable event! - Greg Chor

Dharma School

Several Dharma School students, parents, staff, and friends participated in the Child Run at the Childrens' Hospital on a sunny Sunday, June 7th morning. Not only did everyone benefit from the fresh air, exercise, and camaraderie, money was raised for the worthwhile cause of helping children with cancer through support systems and research. Following the outdoor service near the tennis courts at Queen Elizabeth Park, someone observed that the tree beside which we annually conduct the service had grown large during the nine years we have participated in the Run. What was a young sapling at the time of our first service has grown into fifteen foot tree providing the backdrop for our outdoor shrine.

By the time of this reading, there will also have been another outdoor excursion, this time to Lynn Canyon park on June 21st. We are fortunate to have an abundance of natural surroundings nearby to thrill us, especially as we make our way across the Suspension Bridge hanging over 100 feet above the river! The Ecology Centre at the Park, a hike, outdoor service and bag lunches were on the agenda for the day.

At the closing service of Dharma School for the 2008-2009 year all students were recognized for their efforts at regular attendance. Anthony Chor and Kyle Ohori were given special recognition for their contribution to not only Dharma School, but to the temple by their participation and willingness to take responsibilities in activities.


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Wednesday, August 5, 2009 2:00 p. m.

Nikkei Place

(6688 Southoaks Cres, Burnaby)




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Obon is a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us. It is to appreciate all that they have done for us and to recognize the continuation of the influence of their deeds upon our lives. Obon is a time for self-reflection (an important Buddhist practice) for it is only when man becomes aware of his imperfections and insufficiency in contrast to his ideals that religion becomes a matter of personal concern.

Everyone is welcome to join the service to pay our respect to our ancestors.

Rev. Grant Ikuta (Steveston Temple) and Rev. Tatsuya Aoki (Vancouver Temple) will conduct the service.

(Bon Odori will take place after the service.)



Thank you to Aoki Sensei for his guidance during the year, otera board and members for their ongoing support, and students for their attendance.

Have a safe, wonderful summer everyone and see you at Obon Service in July.

BCJSBCF 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 at Lori North at (604) 939-3460 or Lori.north@gmail.com

TOBAN #2—June and July

Everyone, members and non-members can be a Toban volunteer. Each Toban is responsible for food preparation and clean-up at our Temple. Toban 2 is responsible for the months of June & July. In reference to our calendar, we have some busy months ahead, so if you are able to spare some time to come in on the following dates or even help with baking at home, we would appreciate your assistance.

July 5 @ 10:00am – Toban Meeting
July 11 @ 9:00am – Bento Box Preparations Day – Prepare lunch
July 12 @ 8:00am – OBON -Bento Box Prep and Packaging – Prepare lunch
July 25 @ 9:00am – Manju Making – Prepare lunch
Monthly Clean-up- TBA

If you require additional information, please call your Toban Captains: Mary Kawamoto 604 876-7693 & Ritsu Saimoto 604 266-6178. Thank you.

If your name appears on the list below, your assistance at the Temple would be appreciated.

Ms. Kiyoko Hanazawa
Mrs. Tokiko Hayashi
Mr. & Mrs. Nahari Joshi
Mrs. Tomiko Jowett
Mrs. Tokuyo Kado
Mrs. Misuko Kadota
Mr. & Mrs. Mac Kawamoto
Mrs. Hisako Kawamoto
Mr. & Mrs. Takehisa Kawasaki
Mr. Mits Kazuta
Mrs. Michiko Kitamura
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kitamura
Mrs. Fujiko Kitano
Mrs. Hatsue Kobuke
Mrs. Hatsue Kondo
Mrs. Kazue Konishi
Ms. Toshiko Koriyama
Mrs. Shiori Koyanagi
Mr. Dick Koyanagi
Mrs. Yoshiko Koyanagi
Mrs. Kazue Kozaka
Mrs. Yoshiko Kubo
Mr. Takeshi Kumano
Mrs. Yoshie Kurita
Mrs. Miyako Kuromi
Mrs. Shu Ming Lai
Mrs. Nancy Leong
Mr. & Mrs. James Leung
Mr. Toshimi Maruno

Mr. Doug Maruno
Mr. & Mrs. Takao Matsunaga
Mr. & Mrs. Sadao Minato
Mr. Kazuo Mori
Mrs. Noriko Natsukoshi
Mr. & Mrs. George Nishizawa
Mr. Tom Okada
Mr. & Mrs. Cy Saimoto

Ms. Debbie Saimoto
Mr. Mark Saimoto
Ms. Laura Saimoto
Mrs. Tsuneko Soyama
Mr. Tetsuo Takemori
Ms. Hisako Watanabe
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshio Yagi
Mr. Robert Yamaoka

54th B.C. JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST CONVENTION

"TRUE COMPASSION IN DIFFICULT TIMES"

CO-HOSTS: KAMLOOPS BUDDHIST TEMPLE
VERNON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26 – 27, 2009

Guest Minister: Seigen Yamaoko Sensei
Bishop Emeritus of the Buddhist Churches of America

Registration Fee: \$40.00 by July 31, 2009
\$50.00 after July 31st
Registration deadline: September 12, 2009

See your temple office for a registration form
or email cameron37@shaw.ca

Convention address:
Kamloops Buddhist Temple
361 Poplar St. Kamloops, B.C.
phone: (250) 376 – 8516

Sponsored by:
The B.C. Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches Federation

*The annual BC Convention will be held in Kamloops and co-hosted by the Kamloops and Vernon temples. This year the Vancouver Buddhist Temple **will not** charter a bus due to the high cost for the limited number of people wishing to attend. However, we are trying to help people by arranging car-pooling. If anyone is interested in attending and requires transportation to the convention, please sign up on a sheet at the temple office or contact the VBT office by August 31st.*

TOBAN #3—August and September

Toban # 3 is responsible for August & September. Each Toban group is responsible for food preparation and clean-up at our Temple. In reference to our VBT calendar, we begin with Powell Street preparations. Since Oppenheimer Park will be under going renovations, the Festival will be held at Woodlands Park this year. If you are able to spare some time, we would appreciate your support and assistance at our Temple at the following events:

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| Aug 1 & 2 | - Powell Street Festival – held in Woodlands Park this year |
| Aug 9 | - Shotsuki prepare lunch |
| TBA | - Temple clean up |
| Sept 12 | - Toban Meeting prep lunch |
| Sept 13 | - Fall Higan prepare lunch |
| Sept 19 | - Manju Making prepare lunch |
| TBA | - Temple clean up |

If your name is listed below, we would appreciate your assistance. If you require additional information or have any questions, please call your Toban Captains:

Shizuo Tanaka 604 253-0468 & Tomi Niwatsukino 604 231-8996. Thank You

Mr. & Mrs. Akiyasu Masuhara	Mrs. Toshimi Mitsui	Mrs. Matsue Nakano
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Matsuda	Mrs. Tsugi Miyashita	Mrs. Yachiyo Nishi
Mrs. Kikuye Matsui	Mrs. Michika Mizuno	Ms. Tomi Niwatsukino
Mr. & Mrs. Otokazu Matsui	Mr. & Mrs. Tatsutoki Mizushima	Ms. Asako Nomura
Mr. Barry Matsumoto	Mrs. Kayako Mizuyabu	Mrs. Mieko Sakata
Mr. & Mrs. Mitsutoshi Matsushita	Mr. Akira Mori	Mr. & Mrs. Mikio Takeda
Ms. Grace Matsutani	Mr. & Mrs. Hiroyuki Morimoto	Mr. & Mrs. Shizuo Tanaka
Mr. & Mrs. Ray McDonald	Miss Orrin Morishita	Mr. & Mrs. Kenji Tanami
Miss Frances Minato	Mrs. Yukie Morishita	Mr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi Uyeyama
Mr. Harry Minato	Mrs. Tsuyako Nakagawa	Mr. Jin Wang
Mr. & Mrs. Kaoru Minato	Mrs. Fumie Nakagawa	Mr. Kazuo Yanagisawa
Mr. Hitoshi Mitsui	Mrs. Kazumi Nakano	

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Come for a day of fun, games, and food.

DATE: Sunday, July 26th (date changed from July 19th)
PLACE: Central Park - parking lot entrance at Boundary and 46th
(swimming pool parking)
TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy the day. Bring your Obento, if you like, but there will be lots of food provided by the Temple.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

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

Date	Time	Presented by:	Place of Lecture
<u>Spring Lecture Series</u> Thursday, April 2, 9, 16, 30	7:00 pm	Rev. Grant Ikuta <i>Three Pureland Sutras</i>	Steveston Buddhist Temple
Saturday, April 4	2:00 pm	Rev. Charles Hasegawa Stockton Buddhist Temple, CA	Steveston Buddhist Temple
Friday, April 10	7:00 pm	Rev. Shigenori Makino Toronto Buddhist Temple, ON	Vancouver Buddhist Temple
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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Steveston Buddhist Temple- 4360 Garry Street, Richmond BC 604 277-2323
 e-mail: sbt@shawlink.ca, www.stevestonbuddhisttemple.ca, Rev Grant Ikuta-Minister
Vancouver Buddhist Temple-220 Jackson Avenue, Vancouver BC 604 253-7033
 e-mail: vbc.admin@gmail.com, www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.ca, Rev Tatsuya Aoki-Minister
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple- 28941 Haverman Rd, Bradner BC 604 856-2078
 Mail: PO Box 12, Mt Lehman Station, Abbotsford BC

Powell Street Festival
August 1st and August 2nd

Powell Street Festival will be held this year at Woodland Park which is located on Woodland Drive between Francis Street and E. Georgia Street. We are looking for volunteers for these 2 days. Please mark these days on your calendar. We will be starting at 8:00a.m. on both days. The festival is from 11:00 - 7:00p.m. If helping in the afternoon is convenient that would be fine, whenever you are able to assist us is much appreciated. Thank you very much, we would not be able to do this without everyone's support.

Greg Chor and Lorna Bishop
 VBT Powell Street Festival Committee

Summer Family Camp

At Stave Lake Lodge – Maple Ridge
 Friday August 21- Sunday August 23, 2009

Check in Fri Aug 21 @ 4:00pm
 Check out Sun Aug 23 @ 1:00pm
 Cost for 2 night weekend per person:
 Adults \$50.00 Dharma School \$20.00
 Non-Dharma School: \$25.00

RSVP : **Thursday August 13, 2009** @ 604 253-7033



ChildRun

Sunday, June 7th.

It was a beautiful June morning for the Vancouver Buddhist Temple members and friends participating in this year's BC Children's Hospital ChildRun on June 7th. The 27 participants ran and walked the 5 km route around Queen Elizabeth Park to support the Hospital's Oncology Department and collected over \$1,900 in donations. After the event, they enjoyed the fresh fruit and vegetables provided by the BC Produce Marketing Association, then they went up to the top of Queen Elizabeth Park to hold an outdoor service led by Rev. Aoki. Thank you everyone who participated in the event or made a donation to the team.

In gassho,
Lori North



SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List—July

July Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 12th at 2:00 pm

1959

YADA, Shige
TAKEBAYASHI, Tei

1960—50th Year

WATANABE, Hiroshi
NAGATA, Sano

1963

YOSHIDA, Iwataro
KOHARA, Tusuneo

1964

YOSHIDA, Iwataro
KOHARA, Tsuneo

1965

MIZUTA, Harusaburo
OTANI, Shige

1966

TSUJI, Tatuya

1967

FUKUI, Chika
OMORI, Takanosuke
HINATSU, shigeru
SAKAI, Fujie
TANAKA, Koharu

1969

NAKAMURA, Yoichi

1970

MURAO, Hatsue

1972

UYENO, Toyokichi
SAKATA, Shigeo
MUTO, Saburo
HISANAGA, Aizo

1973

OMAYE, Kiyokazu
KAGAWA, Kuni
KITASAKA, Togoro

1974

YOSHIDA, Takeshi

1975

YOSHIDA, Kinu

1976

RYUJIN, Takeharu

1977—33rd Year

HAMATAKE, Yasu

1978

HORII, Kiyooki
KURASHIGE, Naoko

1979

BANDO, Hidejiro

1981

TAMAKI, Hiroko
OTSUJI, Rito
NAKAGAWA, Hatsu

1982

IDA, Kikui

1983

NAKASHIMA, Yoshito
YOSHIKAWA, Susumu

1984

NAKAMURA, Takeo
TANAKA, Harry
NITTA, Kitaro

SATO, Shino

KONDO, Hiroshi

1986

TAKEUCHI, Masu
NISHIMURA, Shigeno
TATEYAMA, Shinpachi

1988

MUKAIDA, Haru

1990

NISHIMURA, Naka
MURAO, Tokiko

1991

MIYUKI, Yoko
TATSUMI, Tatsu
UYENO, Zenzo

1993—17th Year

KUMAMOTO, Takayuki
KOYANAGI, Keiichi

1994

SEIBOLD, Terry
TANIGAKI, Toshiko
MAYE, Shigeo

1995

OKAZOE, Susumu
KARIYA, Isamu
MORI, Akiyo
OYE, Yasukichi
MORI, Nobu

1996

TANAKA, Junichi
NISHIMURA, Taro
INOUE, Teiji

1997—13th Year

UYEDA, Toshiko
UYEDA, Hisakichi
TANAKA, Shigeo

YASUDA, Minoru

1998

MARUYAMA, Sharon
KOBAYASHI, Yuko
YAMAOKA, Nobue

1999

HIKIDA, Masaharu
MARUNO, Satoshi

2000

NAKATANI, Takao

2001

YAMAUCHI, Takashi

2002

TAKAMA, Akira

2005

TANAKA, Douglas
Takeo

2006

HATTORI, Motoharu

KOJIMA, Joe Ju

KARIYA, Fumiko

2007—3rd Year

KIMOTO, Haruye

KIKUCHI, Tomi

KITANO, Yoko

2008—1st Year

NAKAGAWA, Toshio

Hatsubon 2009**NAME****PASSED**

Mr Akira Kishida	13-Jun-08
Mr Toshio Nakagawa	20-Jul-08
Mr Kanji Yamashita	02-Aug-08
Mrs Miyuki Sawamoto	17-Aug-08
Mr Hiromi Sugiyama	25-Aug-08
Mr Katsumi Nasu	16-Sep-08
Mr Toshio Uyeyama	30-Sep-08
Mrs Aiko Wakabayashi	07-Oct-08
Mr Hiroshi Sakata	30-Oct-08
Mr Naoharu Tamura	05-Nov-08
Mrs Kimiyo Nakatsu	11-Nov-08
Mr Kazuma Sakata	05-Dec-08
Mrs Shigeo Hayashi	30-Dec-08
Mr Hitoshi Ikezaki	28-Jan-09
Mrs Ayako Ikeda	04-Feb-09
Mrs Hatsu Kondo	06-Feb-09
Mrs Yoshiko Shin	09-Feb-09
Mrs Naoye Yamashita	15-Feb-09
Mrs Minako Momoi	15-Feb-09
Dr Florence Yakura	18-Feb-09
Mrs Shigeo Fujinami	27-Feb-09
Mr Iwao Sakai	22-Mar-09
Mr Kiyoshi Nishimoto	23-Mar-09
Mr(baby)Shohei Funatsu Meyer	02-Apr-09
Mr. George Kuramoto	08-Apr-09
Mr Kiyokazu Takahara	25-Apr-09
Mr Yoshiaki Matsumoto	06-Jun-09

SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List—August

August Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 9th at 10:30 am

1960—50th Year

KONDO, Shigeru

1961

SAKAMOTO, Sadakichi

ODAMURA, Mine

1962

ONO, Ihei

1963

HAMAKAWA, Koto

KONISHI, Hanayo

1965

ODAMURA, Magoichi

RYUJIN, Keiko

1966

ARAKI, Nui

HAYA, Kumae

1967

SHIMIZU, Ichiro

1968

NAKASHIMA, Otoy

MIZUYABU, Toshio

1969

MIO, Tomekichi

UYEYAMA, Yasumatsu

1970

KITAGAWA, Kenzo

HANADA, Kinuye

1972

AMANO, Katsuyo

SHIGEOKA, Heishiro

1973

MATSUMOTO, Kingo

UYEDA, Tane

1974

SHINTANI, Jinichi

1975

ASAOKA, Toichiro

NISHI, Yoshizo

TERNAISHI, Yasukichi

HAMA, Yasumatsu

1977—33rd Year

HASHIMOTO, Shusuke

1978

HONMA, Chizuye

SEKIYA, Tashichi

1980

MITSUI, Wakano

1981

UYEDA, Mika

ISHIKAWA, Isamu

1982

TATEOKA, Den

1983

SAKAI, Sadao

1984

SATO, Tadashi

HANAZAWA, Genishi

1985—25th Year

TERANISHI, Sayo

NISHIKIHAMA, Torasaburo

ENJO, Masa

WAKAHARA, Hidemo

1986

NII, Shizuko

1987

AMANO, Shizuye

NISHI, Akiko

NOMURA, Tom

YAMAMOTO, Matsuye

1988

NOMURA, Reiko

1989

TATSUMI, Eiichi

ONO, Fumi

1990

HONMA, Shizuye

1991

IWATA, Motomaru

1992

TANAKA, Kimiyo

MOTOKADO, Kiku

1994

TAMAKI, Natsuno

1995

KITAGAWA, Kuri

TANAKA, Yukiko

YAMASAKI, Keiichiro

NASU, Hideo

SAKATA, Tatsuzo

1996

HAYASHI, Yasue

1997—13th Year

FURUGORI, Shuki

TAMOTO, Satoru

1998

YOKOME, Haruko

1999

NAKANO, Ryohichi

2001

OKANO, Yoshio

NAKASHIMA, Miyuki

2002

YAMAMOTO, Sharon

Sumiko

FUKUI, John Yaichi

FUKUI, Chiyoko

YAMADA, Frank Jinsho

SUZUKI, Fred Shoichi

2003—7th Year

KENNO, Jane Yaye

TAJIRI, Kazuaki

KITANO, Roy Shozo

2005

KOJIMA, Tatuko

KOYANAGI, Emiko

NISHIHAMA, Kino

OHORI, Tadayuki

SUZUKI, Kazunobu

WATANABE, Tokiko

2006

KAWASAKI, Shizue

KONDO, Emiko

2007—3rd Year

KUNO, Takao

2008—1st Year

SAWAMOTO, Miyuki

SUGIYAMA, Hiromi

YAMASHITA, Kanji

AFFINITY PROGRAM CARD

Dear Members,

If you have submitted an application for the Affinity Program with Dignity Memorial, the cards may be picked up at our office. If you are unable to drop by, please have a family member or friend pick up and sign for your card.

Thank You.

With deepest sympathies...

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple wishes to express its deep condolences for the family of

Mr. Yoshiaki Matsumoto

Who passed away on June 26, 2009

Amida Buddha's compassion surrounds all sentient beings. Vancouver Buddhist Temple invites you to participate in the Pet Memorial on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 10:30 am

JSBTC Update July 2009 From the Office of Bishop

*A monthly update from the national headquarters of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC).
11786 Fentiman Place, Richmond, BC, V7E 6M6. Ph: 604-272-3330, office@bcc.ca www.livingdharmacentre.ca*

May this Update find you all in good health and spirit in the Light of Compassion of Amida Buddha, while enjoying warm sunshine across Canada. I have just come back from Japan after two week trip to attend the World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council and World Buddhist Women's Representatives Meeting in Kyoto in conjunction with the

Commemoration Service of the completion of the Goeido (Founder's Hall) Restoration.

In his message at the Commemoration Service, Gomonsu-sama stated that the Goeido is the spiritual home for all the Jodo Shinshu followers throughout the world, as the statue of the founder Shinran Shonin is enshrined.

Speaking about the spiritual home, one of my Buddhist friends from a Chinese Buddhist tradition in Richmond, B.C. once told me that they use the term *return to the temple* instead of *going to the temple*. Normally we would say *we go to the temple* or *go to church* on Sunday, but the Chinese people feel that they *return to the temple*. Probably they feel this way because they believe they are always welcomed by Amida Buddha and their ancestors. They also show great respect to the temple as it is their spiritual and final home. You can see why the Chinese Temples are always nice and beautiful.

This is something we would like to learn as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists as we continue to do our mission in Canada. Although each one of us has a different home town and different residence, our permanent home must be the Pure Land as we all cherish the teaching of namoamidabutsu. And it is this teaching that Shinran Shonin established about 800 years ago.

Namoamidabutsu, Orai Fujikawa

Obituary: Mr Harry Yonekura, former BCC president, June 10, 2009 at the age 87 yrs

Coming events

- Jul 10-27 Hongwanji Youth Tour led by Rev. Grant Ikuta
- Aug 7-9 Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Services
- 22-23 Visitation to Kamloops and Vernon.
- Sep 4-6 120th Anniversary of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
- 15-17 MA Meeting and Seminar in Steveston
- 25-27 BC Buddhist Convention in Kamloops
- Oct 13-15 Overseas Ministers and Lay Members' Seminar in Kyoto
- Nov 14-15 VBC 105th Anniversary /Alberta Buddhist Convention

2010 Apr 23-25 JSBTC AGM in Steveston

JSBTC acknowledges the donations with appreciation.

- Jan Orai Fujikawa, Michika Mizuno, Amy Fukusaka, Mel & June Tanemura
 - Feb Tatsuya Aoki
 - Mar Steveston Buddhist Temple, Jun Hayashida, Keiko Alkire, Nanaimo Fellowship,
 - Apr Donation total at AGM in Lethbridge \$2,415. 00
 - May Akira Ichikawa, Jun & Augustyne Hayashida, Mari Cameron, Karl Meyer
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Greetings from the Fraser Valley.

Our monthly services are always a time for our Buddhist community to gather together in friendship and the service on June 13 was no exception. We had a lively group of children as well and as Rev. Aoki mentioned in his Dharma talk, it was nice to hear the children's voices.

Next month we will be busy in preparation for Obon which will be on Saturday, July 11 at 3pm. The Aldergrove cemetery service will be held at 2pm prior to the service. The dates and times for the other cemetery visitations are listed in another section of the Bodhi Mind so please make note of them and visit with us if you can. On Thursday, July 2 the Maple Ridge, Whonnock and Mission areas will be visited and on Friday, July 3 it will be Valleyview in Surrey, New Westminster and Coquitlam. Our guest minister for Obon will be Rev. Daien Soga of Hawaii and he will also be giving a lecture at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple on Friday, July 10 at 7pm. In addition Rev. Yoshihide Matsubayashi of the Seattle Betsuin will be giving a lecture on Saturday, July 4 at 2pm at the Steveston Buddhist Temple. These lectures are presented by the Living Dharma Centre and are always a good opportunity to learn more about Shin Buddhism.

Also in preparation for Obon we will be having our Temple clean-up on Sunday, June 28 from 1pm and everyone is welcome to help. And our Bon Odori (dance) practices will start on Wednesday, June 24 at 7:30 pm at our Temple. For more information on the practices please contact Lucy at 604-856-6492 or Naomi at 604-636-1095.

We look forward to seeing many friends at our Obon so please join us if you can. We're known for our wonderful potlucks!

In gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple June 13th 2009 Shotsuki Donations received:

\$0 to \$99 Saburo & Kimino Nishi, Vivien Nishi, Marion Fujita in memory of mother, May Mukaida, Mr. & Mrs. M. Araki, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Joanne McAllister, Ron & Marilyn Fujita in memory of mother, Michiyo McSkimming, in memory of obachan, Eileen Fujita in memory of mother, Naomi Shikaze in memory of grandmother Yeda Shikaze, Ben Shikaze in memory of obachan & father, A.E. Kawamoto, Rev. Tatsuya Aoki on occasion of Sora's 6th birthday, Roy & Amy Nagamatsu in memory of father Gordon Terauchi

\$100 to \$200 Emiko Shikaze in memory of Steve Yeda & Yoshiko Shikaze, Hisako Shikaze in memory of Kayemon & Yeda Shikaze's 13th year

Obon at Steveston Buddhist Temple

4360 Garry Street, Richmond 604 277-2323

You are welcome to attend:

- July 4 2:00pm Public Lecture-presentation by Rev. Yoshihide Matsubayashi – Seattle Betsuin
 - July 4 5:30pm Pot Luck Dinner with Matsubayashi Sensei
 - July 5 2:00pm Obon Service
 - July 5 6:00pm Bon Odori & Food Fair
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OBON

July 12, 2009—Vancouver Buddhist Temple

2:00 pm Obon Service

4:00 pm Bon Odori

Dear Temple Members....

In preparation for our Obon Service on Sunday July 12th, we would appreciate your helping hands at our Temple on the following preparation dates:

Saturday July 11 @ 9:00am – Bento Box Food Preparation for 650 Bento

Sunday July 12 @ 8:00am – Bento Box Food Prep & packaging 650 Bento

Thank you in advance for your time, efforts and assistance in making our Temple an enjoyable place to be.

See you soon. - 2009 Obon Chairs: Karen Mizushima & Greg Chor

Bon Odori

Dedication, energy, enthusiasm and talent is Mrs Akemi Komori's gift she shares with us, refreshing our memory with the traditional odori dances. We welcome everyone back and extend an invitation to new dancers to join in our "Gathering of Joy" celebrations.

In preparation for Odori, the dance practices are Tuesday's & Friday's from 7:30-9:00pm in our Social Hall.

The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday	Friday
June 30	July 03
July 07	Date & time to be announced

As dates may change, please call our office 604 253-7033 well in advance. – Gina Chor

Please note: Vancouver Ohakamairi Services will be held Friday July 3rd through Saturday July 4th, one week before the Vancouver Obon Service.

Please see the Obon Ohakamairi schedule in the newsletter for locations and times.

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Obon Service

Saturday July 11th, 2009 at 3:00pm

Cemetery Sites' Services (ohakamairi) in Fraser Valley (Thursday July 2nd)

Reverend Tatsuya Aoki will be conducting Obon Cemetery Services in Maple Ridge, Whonnock, and Hatzic (Mission) on Thursday July 2nd. Every year, there are very few people attending the services at these sites. If you wish to visit these particular cemeteries for the service and require transportation, we will try to provide a car pool. If you require a ride, please contact the Vancouver Buddhist Temple office, no later than **Thursday June 25**. Transportation shall be provided for July 2nd only.

If you do not require transportation but would like to join us for the cemetery visitations, we will meet at VBT on July 2nd at 11:00am or meet at the cemeteries at the designated times.

Vancouver and Fraser Valley Obon 2009

The Guest Minister for Obon this year is Rev. Daigen Soga of the Kahului Hongwanji Mission in Hawaii.



Rev. Daigen Soga

- 1960 Born Hiroshima Prefecture and Jodo Shinshu temple family
- 1983 BA (Jodo Shinshu Major) from Ryukoku University
- 1985 Became Kaikyoushi (overseas minister) and joined Hawaii District Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin
- 1990 Puna Hongwanji Mission
- 2001 Kahului Hongwanji Mission (to current)

Lecture Presentation at Vancouver Buddhist Temple—Friday, July 10th

- 2:00 pm (Japanese) Dharma Gathering
- 7:00 pm (English) Dharma Gathering
“Shin Buddhism—Shinran Shonin & I who live in Hawaii”

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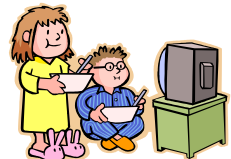
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Discovering Buddhism—Joy TV (Channel 10)

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.



July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Obon Cemetery Services	3 Obon Cemetery Services	4 Obon Cemetery Services 2:00 pm Public Lecture at Steveston (Rev. Matsubayashi)
5 10:00 am Toban Meeting 2:00 pm Steveston Obon Service	6	7 7:30 pm Bon Odori Practice	8	9 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	10 2:00 pm (Japanese) 7:00 pm (English) Dharma gathering with Rev. Daien Soga	11 3:00 pm Fraser Valley Obon Service
12 2:00 pm Vancouver Hatsubon / Obon / Shotsuki Service 4:00 pm Bon Odori	13	14	15 11:00 am Service at Nikkei Home (Rev. T, Aoki)	16 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	24	25 9:00 am Manju Making
26 10:00 am Temple Picnic (Central Park) DATE CHANGE	27	28	29	30 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	31	

Rev. Aoki will be away from Vancouver Buddhist Temple on the following dates:

- July 6 to 8— Rev. Aoki will be a guest speaker and instructor to the Buddhist Churches of America's Youth Retreat in Sacramento Temple, CA
- August 18 to September 3—Rev. Aoki will be away on his annual vacation.

For emergency (makuragyo and funeral services) on the above dates, please contact:

Rev. Grant Ikuta, Minister at Steveston Temple

Steveston Temple: (604) 277-2323

Rev. Ikuta's Cell: (604) 908-4140

August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Powell St. Festival
2 Powell St. Festival	3	4	5 2:00 pm Nikkei Place Obon Service and Odori	6 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	7	8
9 10:30 am Shotsuki Service	10	11	12	13 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Senior's Club	21 Family Camp at Stave Lake	22 Family Camp at Stave Lake
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