



## Obon (おぼん)

The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada held its Annual General Meeting in Toronto at the end of April along with the Ministerial Association and Womens' Federation Meetings. During the deliberations, Rev. Grant Ikuta of Steveston was elected as new Bishop for Canada as of May 1, 2011. I completed my term as Interim Bishop at that time. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all who supported me, as well as, to my family, while I was fulfilling the duties of the Office of the Bishop since last November. Furthermore, I would like to congratulate Bishop Grant Ikuta, and at the same time offer our utmost support during his term as our Bishop.

Obon in Japan is annually scheduled for August 13 to 15. However, many temples in North America hold their Obon services during the month of July. Obon is a time, in addition to the year end, when we reflect upon and remember all the people who have passed away before us.

The origin of Obon can be traced to the Ulambana Sutra, which relates the story of Mogallana. He was the most gifted of Shakyamuni Buddha's disciples in the area of extraordinary sensory perception. A very filial son, Mogallana one day used his special powers to visualize the whereabouts of his mother who had died. Searching all the realms, from the highest of the Heavens to the lowest of the Hells, he was surprised and horrified to find his mother suffering the torments in the realm of Hungry Ghosts. With his extraordinary powers, he filled a bowl with food and sent it to his mother. The food burst into flames each time she put it to her mouth. Finding himself helpless in aiding his mother, he ran to the Buddha seeking help.

The Buddha told Mogallana that he needed the combined efforts of all the monks to help his mother. He was told to bring to the Sangha by the end of Pravaraana, offerings of food from land and sea, and sweets piled on a platter. The Pravaraana was a period of retreat for the Buddha and his disciples during the rainy season in India. The period was from the 15<sup>th</sup> of April to the 15<sup>th</sup> of July based on the western calendar. Monks were forbidden to travel in order to avoid the killing of insects which multiplied greatly during the rainy season. They were to stay in one place to listen to the Buddha's talks, study, and meditate. Mogallana eventually, made the prescribed offerings and his mother and seven generations of his ancestors were relieved of their sufferings. Mogallana was so overjoyed that he clapped his hands and danced for joy. This is said to have been the beginning of the *Bon Odori*.

Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land School) does not look upon Obon as a time when the "souls" of one's ancestors return, and that the services, offerings, dancing, lights, and etc. are for the benefit of one's dead relatives. It is rather, a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us.



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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 insufficiencies that, in contrast to his ideals, religion becomes a matter of personal concern.

Obon is also called the Gathering of Joy by Jodo Shin Buddhists. It is not the happiness of getting what you desire, but the 'Joy' of being shown the Truth of what one is, no matter how damning that truth is to the image of our 'ego-self'. It is the joy of the awareness of being embraced in the Truth, in Amida Buddha. Furthermore, Bon Odori is not a dance of happiness but rather a dance of Joy.

Namo Amida Butsu,  
Rev. Tatsuya Aoki



With the increase in interracial marriages and Christianity as the basis of the public education system, the foundation of the Japanese community in Canada is on the verge of crumbling. In the midst of these transitions, propagation work must now be able to adapt and cater to both the needs of the Japanese and non-Japanese membership. With the BCA youth study programs as a hint, the Young Buddhist Association (YBA) of Vancouver Buddhist Temple has been conducting a program educating the temple youth on Buddhist and Shinshu teachings for the past four years. Resident minister, Rev. Tatsuya Aoki comments "There is never a better time than now to learn (about Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu)." In addition to the weekly study sessions, Aoki and neighboring Steveston Buddhist Temple resident minister, Rev. Grant Ikuta, are currently putting together an overnight mini-retreat program that is scheduled to be offered twice annually, focusing on Buddhist rituals and liturgy.

Austin Fisher, who commutes by bus for an hour and a half to the temple, shares, "My parents are Christians. But in reflecting on world peace, I found the way that Buddhism teaches the importance of respecting the lives of one another to be appealing."

Vancouver Buddhist Temple member David Ohori comments, "To my grandfather and great-grandfather, the temple was important to them as if it were their own life." Ohori and his mother Junko are glad to see the youth coming to the temple and learning about the teachings. The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada is faced with a shortage of ministers as the four local districts of British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, and Eastern district currently consisting of twelve temples are being overseen by ten ministers.

"The truth is, whether it may be the temple or people interested in learning about Buddhism, it is difficult to cater to everyone's needs with the shortage of ministers. There is hope for our future if members from our youth program become ministers, new temples become established in this vast area of Canada, and more people can come to appreciate the Nembutsu." Aoki said.

It was one hundred thirty-four years ago that the first Japanese travelled across to Canada. Today, third and fourth generation Japanese Canadians with an interest in Buddhism gather at the temple. The Nembutsu is also beginning to grow within the Non-Japanese who until now had no encounter with Buddhism.

Aoki closed by saying, "With the memorial observance as the opportunity, the Nembutsu torch of our forefathers is now being passed on to the next generation."

~English Translation of an article from the Hongwanji Newspaper; January 10, 2011 edition

### Message from the VBT Board

On the weekend of April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, Dave Otori, Bob Akune, Greg Chor, Lorna Bishop, Rev. Aoki and I attended the JSBTC AGM in Toronto. There were delegates and observers from member temples across Canada in attendance. The AGM went very well. At the AGM, it was announced that Rev. Grant Ikuta will be the new Bishop of JSBTC. Thank you to Rev. Grant for taking on this position and we will work with the new Bishop in furthering Jodo Shinshu in Canada.

At this time I would like on behalf of all the Temples across Canada to thank our Aoki Sensei for taking on the position as interim Bishop for the last six months. We appreciate all he has done for us in these trying times.

The new executive board of the JSBTC will be Dave Otori as president, Jim Hisanaga as Vice President, Ray Nakano as Treasurer, David Major as Secretary and Larry Ryan as Member at Large. The executive for JSBTC Women’s Federation is Susan Huntley as President, Kim Wakabayashi, Vice President, Amy Nagamatsu, Secretary and Myra Takasaki, Treasurer.

At the Meeting it was decided that the World 2015 Women’s Federation Convention would not be hosted by Canada.

Next year’s AGM will be hosted by Manitoba and 2013 will be hosted by Calgary.

On Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> after our Gotan-e/Shotsuki service, we had our installation of board of directors for VBT for 2011 and 2012. We wish to thank all the directors for taking on this position and for your future direction of the VBT.

Coming events:

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Manju making for Obon

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> Noon VBT Golf Tournament

Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM Parent’s Day and June Shotsuki

Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM Temple Party. This is a get together for members of VBT to have a social evening. Dinner provided by VBT. Come and enjoy the get together. We hope to have an informative guest speaker.

On behalf of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple Board of Directors and myself, thank you once again for all your support.

#### Makuragyo (Pillow-side) Service

When families consider having a Pillow-side service, they are encouraged to notify Rev. Aoki with advance notice. This offers Rev. Aoki time to adjust his schedule accordingly. Depending on the wishes of the family, Rev. Aoki is quite prepared to conduct the service immediately following the passing away, wherever the location or whenever the hour. In fact, the family may prefer to have the service at a later time which is acceptable. Providing information prior to a passing away is important for Rev. Aoki to, not only adjust his schedule but to prepare for the service. The early contact with Rev. Aoki also provides an opportunity for him to offer information and answer questions the family may have.

Dr. Bob Akune  
VBT Funeral Committee Chair

#### Highlights of June Board Meeting

1. Rev. L. Kawamura Memorial service April 21, Koden to U.of Calgary, Kawamura Scholarship Fund.
2. ASBTC-AGM held on April 30, May1, attended by Aoki Sensei, D.Otori, F.Hamanishi, G.Shor,B.Akune,L.Bishop.Term as Interim Bishop ended April 30,2011 for Aoki Sensei. Newly elected Bishop is Rev. Grant Ikuta (Steveston) for one year. Executive officers for JSBTC are: D.Otori president, J.Hisanaga (Manitoba) vice-president, D. Major (S.Alberta) secretary, R.Nakano(Hamilton) treasurer. JSBTC Womens Federation officers are: S.Huntley (Calgary) president, K.Wakabayashi (Toronto) vice-president, A. Nagamatsu (Fraser Valley) secretary, M. Takasaki (Toronto) treasurer. Dues and assessment for 2011 are \$65 per member.



# Dharma School



It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of June – a time when students eagerly anticipate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer holidays. Before then, however, we hope that many of our Dharma School students will join in our annual participation at the HSBC Child Run on June 5<sup>th</sup> to help raise funds for treatment and support of children with cancer. As in past years, our participation in the run will be followed by an outdoor service near the tennis courts at Queen Elizabeth Park at approximately 11:00 a.m. and conclude with an al fresco lunch. Everyone is invited to bring their lunchtime favourite to share potluck style.



Parents' Day service is on June 12<sup>th</sup> and Dharma School Year End Service is on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all family members to join with our students for both these services.

## VANCOUVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY JUNE 11, 2011  
MUSQUEAM GOLF COURSE  
3904 W. 51<sup>st</sup>. VANCOUVER, B.C.**

**TEE OFF STARTS AT 12:00 NOON,  
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND PRIZES.  
FEES TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER**

**EVERYONE COME OUT AND JOIN IN THE FUN  
AND ENJOY A GAME OF GOLF!**

**Please contact:  
FRANK HAMANISHI at (604)298-9285  
or the Temple Office at (604)253-7033**



## Bon Odori (Dance) Practice at Vancouver Buddhist Temple – June 14-July 07, 2011

Mrs. Akemi Komori will graciously offer her endless patience, energy and enthusiasm to our sangha again 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 Obon, odori (dance) practice will be scheduled in the Temple Social Hall from 7:30-9:00pm:

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday June 14</b> | <b>Friday June 17</b>                |
| <b>Tuesday June 21</b> | <b>Friday June 24</b>                |
| <b>Tuesday June 28</b> | <b>(No Practice- Friday July 01)</b> |
| <b>Tuesday July 05</b> | <b>Thursday July 07</b>              |

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



**Obon Service is Sunday  
July 10, at 2:00pm with  
Bon Odori dances to follow  
at 4:00pm.**

### **Tuesday Evening Dharma Circle**

Join us on  
**Tuesday, June 7 & 21** for sessions of The Dharma Circle, an English Dharma gathering. The evening will start at **7pm**, with a service format that more closely follows those observed at Nishi Hongwanji, our Mother Temple. Following the short service, there will be opportunity for the group to explore the Dharma and the Nembutsu teachings.

### TOBAN #7 – June & July 2011

Toban #7 is responsible for events during June and July, 2011. Each Toban group is responsible for food preparation and clean-up at our Temple. If you are available, we would appreciate your support and assistance at our Temple at the following events:



- (Sat) June 4 – Manju Making 9a.m.
- (Sun) June 12 –Parents’Day/Shotsuki
- (Sat) June 25 – Monthly Temple Clean-up 9 a.m.
- (Sat) July 3—Toban Meeting
- (Sat) July 9—Obon Set-Up Crew 9a.m.  
Obon Bento Prep 9a.m.
- (Sun) July 10 Obon Bento Making 8a.m.

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:

Mr. John Harada (604-424-1038)  
and Mrs. Yoshika Yoneda (604-327-4370)

Mr. John Harada  
Mr & Mrs Shigeru Hirai  
Mrs. Ritsuko Akasaka  
Mr. Hideo Chiya  
Mrs. Chiyoko Fujii  
Mr. Toshi Haraguchi  
Mr. & Mrs. Satoshi Makihara  
Mr. & Mrs. Yukito Maruno  
Mrs. Polly 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  
Mr. & Mrs. Tatsuya Yamazaki  
Mr. & Mrs. Makoto Yokogawa  
Mr. & Mrs. George Yoneda  
Ms. Kazuye Yoshida  
Ms. Christine Yoshida

### **Free Public Lecture at VBT Friday, July 8, 2011 7:00—8:30 PM**

***“Buddhism, and Especially Jodo  
Shinshu,  
is Not a Matter of Faith”***



**Rev. Masao Kodani**  
(Senshin Buddhist Temple, California)

### **Vancouver Buddhist Temple Party**



Saturday, June 25 4pm -8pm

*This is a chance to meet and  
mingle with your fellow temple  
members families and friends. Join  
us for dinner and an evening of  
socializing.*

*Please call your Toban Captain or  
Gina Chor at the VBT office with  
the number of family and friends  
you will be bringing to the party!*

**WELCOME TO THE VALLEY**

Well, it is now May and we are still having April showers, hopefully the May flowers will arrive in June. Despite the weather we were fortunate out here in the valley to have our May Shotsuki and Gotan-e service on May 7 when the weather actually was not as wet, not warm, but at least not as wet until after the service. We welcomed with great pleasure, our Bishop-elect Reverend Grant Ikuta. His warm, personal and amusing Dharma talk had us all laughing; bagels and guilt, what an association! Also too his insightful story about the two rooms of hungry ghost, illustrated perfectly the Buddhist philosophy of sharing... we can only succeed if we share.. work together and we will survive, even eventually prosper.

Our next service will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Please come and join us. We will be talking about Obon service and ohakamairi.service dates.

The year will soon be half over....we would really like to see you.

Gassho,  
FVBT

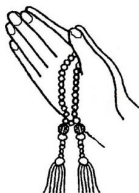


**The following donations were gratefully accepted for the May Shotsuki and Gotan-e Service held on May 7, 2011:**

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- Mr. Mrs. J. Tateyama
- Eileen Fujita
- Mr. & Mrs. M. Araki
- Mr. & Mrs. Stan Yoshioka
- Mrs. Alice Takaki
- Jenny Fujita
- Lori North
- Amy Nagamatsu - In Memory of father-in-law- D. Nagamatsu
- Marion Fujita

In Gassho, FVBT



**3. Ichiren Takusho**

**“Born Together on the Same Lotus Flower”**

“Megumi: 108 Compassionate Blessings”  
(by Toshihide Numata, published by BDK)

The phrase *ichiren takusho* means to be born together on the same lotus flower blooming in Amida’s Pure land of Utmost Bliss, which is also known as the Lotus-repository world (*rengezo sekai*). In this present life, even though people may live under the same roof together for many years, they live in different worlds. Parents and children, husband and wife, each of us is closed up in our own world. We set up our own “selves” We take advantage of others when it is convenient for us. But if engaging with others becomes inconvenient, we withdraw again into our own world of “self” and we reject of avoid others. Until we can get rid of our own attachment to our small selves, we will all live in disjointed worlds.

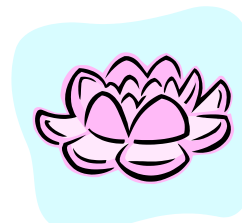
The Smaller Sutra on Amitayus (Amidakyo) says that when we encounter the mind of Amida Tathagata and are born in his Pure Land, for the first time we are able to “meet together in the same world” (*kue issho*).

When we encounter Amida Buddha’s mind, or when we have heard Amida Buddha’s calling, our birth together on the same lotus flower (*ichiren takusho*) will be realized.

Hearing or encountering the mind of Amida Buddha is called *shinjin* (faith). Therefore, those who have the same faith, through encountering the same mind of Amida Buddha, will certainly be born together on the same lotus flower blooming in Amida Tathagata’s Pure Land.

In the *Godensho*, a biography of Shinran Shonin, these words of Honen Ssshonin are recorded:

“Those who think differently of their *shinjin* (faith) will certainly never attain birth in the same Pure Land where I will be born. Please contemplate this very carefully.”



**SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List— June 2011**

The June Shotsuki / monthly memorial service will be held on Sun., June 12, at 10:30 am.

**Records Missing:**

If you know the people listed below with an Asterisk (\*) next to their name, please contact VBT Secretary, Gina Chor. 604.253.7033

We are updating Shotsuki Files and we require information on Next-of-Kin.

Thank you for your co-operation.

~ Shotsuki Committee

- 1959**
- \*YAMAMOTO, Koshichi
- 1961**
- \*HIRAKIDA, Chiyoko
- MUKUYAMA, Sueko
- 1962**
- (50th Year)**
- \*KAWAGUCHI, Yoshigoro
- 1963**
- \*UI, Kenny
- \*YAMASHITA, Manjiro
- 1964**
- \*TAKEUCHI, Tomiye
- 1965**
- \*HUDSON, Irene
- 1967**
- \*INOUE, Kazuo
- 1968**
- \*FURUKAWA, Kumakichi
- \*KASUYA, Toyonari
- \*NODA, Sueno
- \*YADA, Kameno
- 1969**
- \*HIKIDA, Yazaemon
- 1970**
- \*KANEKO, Shojiro
- \*MIYAGAWA, Ume
- \*ONO, Yosojiro
- 1971**
- \*TABATA, Heizo
- 1972**
- \*KONO, Nobue

- \*MAYEDA, Miyuki
- \*OHARA, Jo
- 1973**
- \*TAGUCHI, Suwa
- 1974**
- \*SAKAI, Tokuzo
- \*YAMAKE, Junzo
- 1975**
- \*MORITA, Hiroshi
- \*SUGIYAMA, Yusaka
- \*WADA, Tsuneko
- 1976**
- KOBAYASHI, Kanzaburo
- 1977**
- \*DOI, Yojiro
- \*HIRAYAMA, Shigeru
- \*YUDA, Chiwako
- 1978**
- \*LEE, Shion
- \*MITSUI, Miyako
- \*NAGANO, Kazuichi
- \*SHINTANI, Kuni
- 1979**
- (33rd Year)**
- HARA, Shinichi
- \*KOZAI, Kiri
- 1981**
- \*HORI, Tadao
- \*WAKAHARA, Haru
- 1982**
- \*MAYEDA, Hatsu
- 1983**
- \*TANII, Kichiji
- TERANISHI, Masuye
- 1985**
- \*IWANAKA, Motoi
- KARAKI, Hideaki
- \*KUMAMOTO, Jun
- NISHIGUCHI, Waku
- 1986**
- NAKAMURA, Kameno
- \*TANIGUCHI, Juntaro
- \*TANIZAWA, Shige
- UYENO, Yukio
- 1987**
- (25th Year)**
- FUJIWARA, Katsu
- KURAHASHI, Setsuko
- MATSUTANI, Itono
- 1988**
- SHIMIZU, Kaneyoshi

- 1990**
- \*FUJII, Tomoko
- 1991**
- \*SATO, Hideo
- \*MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko
- \*YOSHIDA, Teiichi
- 1992**
- EGAMI, Kimiye
- \*HAMANISHI, Takeo
- \*KAWAMOTO, Itoye
- KUMANO, Asaye
- \*KURAHASHI, Hisako
- \*NARIWA, Masahiro
- \*TANAKA, Mizuo
- 1993**
- \*MORISHITA, Teiji
- \*MURATA, Yoshikazu
- \*YOSHIDA, Alvin
- 1994**
- \*TAKUBO, Hisao
- \*FUJITA, Yasuyoshi
- 1995**
- (17th Year)**
- INOUE, Tsutomu
- ITO, Misao
- WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuye
- YAKURA, Yukinobu
- YANO, Matsuyo
- YANASE, Katsuhiko
- 1996**
- SHIMIZU, Aiko
- 1997**
- \*KANAYAMA, Shoichi
- UYEDA, Miki
- UYENO, Sumio
- 1998**
- HAMAZAKI, Kazuko
- KOBAYASHI, Hiroko
- TANAKA, Yoshi
- 1999**
- MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi
- NAKAGAWA, Yoshio
- 2000**
- KAZUTA, Kiyoso
- 2001**
- KOJIMA, Marge
- \*SHIMABUKURO, Nellie
- IWATA, Robert
- 2002**
- ASAOKA, George

- NAKAHARA, Ryosuke
- 2003**
- FUJITA, Chizuru
- SOGA, Tsuneko
- GOMYO, Yoshiaki
- 2004**
- SAKAMOTO, Shigeko
- Helen
- HIRAKIDA, Margaret
- 2005**
- (7th year)**
- FUKUMOTO, Toshiyuki
- HAMA, Shizue
- FUKUDA, Yoshiko
- MATSUNAGA, Toshiko
- HIQUEBRAN, Harumi
- HIQUEBRAN, Jimmy
- James Hiroshi
- MATSUNAGA, Masami
- 2006**
- BANDO, Hatsu
- 2007**
- WADA, Osamu
- 2008**
- SHIMIZU, Chiyomi
- KISHIDA, Akira
- 2009**
- (3rd year)**
- MATSUMOTO, Yoshiaki
- SUGA, Kanji
- SUZUKI, Yukiko
- 2010**
- (1st Year)**
- URATA, Michiho

*With deepest sympathies...*

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

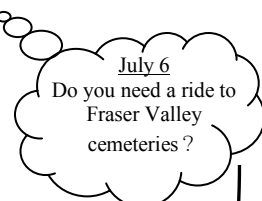
- Mrs. Kie Fujiyama (98)
- Mrs. Miyoko Yamada (98)
- Mrs. Tokuyo Kado (103)

# June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>***Rev. Aoki is on holiday from June 13 to July 1. Please call Rev. Grant Ikuta Cell (604) 908-4140 for Funeral Services and emergencies.</b></p>			1	2 12:00 Noon Japanese Service & Senior's Club	3	4 9am VBT Manju Making 2pm FVBT Service (Rev. Aoki)
5 9am Children's Hospital ChildRun and Outdoor Service @ Q.E. Park	6	7 7:00pm The Dharma Circle -- English Dharma Service	8	9 12:00 Noon Japanese Service & Senior's Club	10	11 VBT Golf Tournament
12 10:30 am Parents' Day & Shotsuki Service	13	14 7:30pm Bon Odori Practice	15 11am Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Ikuta)	16 12:00 Noon Japanese Service & Senior's Club	17 7:30pm Bon Odori Practice	18
19 10:30 am English Dharma Service	20 7:00pm The Dharma Circle-- English Dharma Service	21 7:30pm Bon Odori Practice	22	23 12:00 Noon Japanese Service & Senior's Club	24 7:30pm Bon Odori Practice	25 4pm Vancouver Buddhist Temple Party
26 10:30 am English Dharma Service & Dharma School Year-end	27	28 7:30pm Bon Odori Practice	29	30 12:00 Noon Japanese Service & Senior's Club	JULY 1	2 Cemetery Sites' Services
3 10 am Toban Meeting	4 7:00pm The Dharma Circle-- English Dharma Service	5 7:30pm Bon Odori Practice	6	7 12:00 Noon Japanese Service & Senior's Club	8 7:00pm Free Lecture @ VBT by Rev. M. Kodani	9
<p><b>Upcoming in July 2011</b></p> <p>2 Sat— Cemetery Sites' Services 3 Sun—10 am Toban Meeting 8 Fri — 7 pm Lecture @ VBT (Rev. M. Kodani) 10 Sun — 2 pm Hatsubon/ Obon/ Shotsuki Service 4 pm Bon Odori</p>				<p>Bon Odori Practice</p>		<p>17 Sun — 10:30 am Obon Service @ SBT 23 Sat—9 am Manju Making 30-31 Sat- Sun— Powell Street Festival</p>


# 2011 Cemetery & Obon Services and Bon Odori

Cemetery Services	
July 2 (Sat)	
9:00 AM	Stanley Park
9:40 AM	Forest Lawn
10:20 AM	Ocean View
11:00 AM	Mountain View @ North
11:20 AM	@South by the crematorium
July 5 (Tue)	
6:00 PM	Valley View (Surrey)
7:00 PM	New Westminster
7:30 PM	Coquitlam
July 6 (Wed)	
10:00 AM	Maple Ridge
11:00 AM	Whonnock
Noon	Hatzic (Mission)
July 9 (Sat)	
2:00 PM	Aldergrove Cemetery



### July 6 Cemetery Sites' Services

VBT office is arranging a carpool for people who wish to attend the Fraser Valley cemetery services on Wednesday, July 6. Please sign up or call to the VBT office by June 30. We will leave from the temple at 9:00AM (Please bring your own lunch). \* There is no carpooling for July 2 and 5.



**Guest Speaker**  
**Rev. Masao Kodani**  
 (Senshin Buddhist Temple)  
 講師：小谷政雄先生

OBON Services	
July 9 (Saturday)	
3:00 PM	Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple "Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotsuki" (Guest Speaker: Rev. Masuo Kodani)
6:00 PM	FVBT Bon Odori
July 10 (Sunday)	
2:00 PM	Vancouver Buddhist Temple "Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotsuki" (Guest Speaker: Rev. Masao Kodani)
	バンクーバー仏教会 初盆・お盆・7月祥月法要 (講師：小谷政雄先生)
4:00 PM	Vancouver Bon Odori 盆踊り
July 16 (Sat)	
4:00 PM	Steveston Bon Odori
July 17 (Sun)	
10:30 AM	Steveston Buddhist Temple "Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotsuki" (Guest Speaker: Rev. Tomofumi Fujii)



7月7日 (木) 法座のお誘い	
正午   1:00PM	<p>読経「正信偈」</p> <p>日本語法座「仏教とお盆」</p> <p>講師：青木龍也先生 於 仏教会本堂</p>

July 9 (Fri) Public Lecture	
7:00PM   8:30PM	<p>(English)</p> <p>"Buddhism, and Especially Jodo Shinshu, Is Not a Matter of Faith"</p> <p>by Rev. Masao Kodani at Vancouver Buddhist Temple</p>