



## Beginnings of Pure Land Buddhism in Japan

Beautiful petals of cherry blossoms are blown away and fallen off on a ground by wind. Seeing this natural process makes me realize that the time of spring has come, and also it reminds me of a notion in Buddha's teaching. It is the teaching of impermanence.

There are a number of legends surrounding Shinran Shonin's life, one of which is a tale concerning his tonsure. When told that the ceremony to initiate him into the monkhood would be held off until the next day, it is said that the young Shinran composed the following poem on the spot:

Cherry blossoms that are felt  
To last till the morrow,  
May well blow away  
During the night.



There is no evidence to indicate that Shinran actually authored this. However, the inspiration for it can be attributed to his widely acclaimed character. I would like to continue introducing a brief history of the rise of Pure Land Buddhism and Shinran Shonin in this issue.

Pure Land Buddhism in Japan had its beginnings in the Heian period (794 – 1185 AD), but it was the monk Honen (1133 – 1212 AD), who took the reliance on Amida Buddha to the heart of Japanese Buddhism. Honen started his career as a student of Tendai (Chinese, Ti'en Tai), at the Mount Hiei monastery. Increasingly eclectic, Tendai, in its devotional, ritual, and meditational aspects, accommodated most types of Buddhist practice. However, after a period of searching, Honen became dissatisfied with the Tendai teachings and became a devotee of Amida. The central difference was the choice between enlightenment and rebirth in a Pure Land (Japanese, *jodo*). Viewing enlightenment as an unlikely prospect for sinful people in a violent age, Honen argued in his lucid *One Sheet of Paper* that *Nembutsu* has sufficient positive spiritual merit to counteract the affects of one's negative life style and would take the genuinely faithful supplicant to Amida Buddha's paradise (Pure Land), where his practice would be made easier due to the purity of the land. This is explicitly stated in a translation of our major sutra, *The Larger Sutra on Amitayus*:

Strive to escape from *Samsara* (a cycle of birth and Death) and be born in the Land of Peace and Provision. Then, the causes of the five evil realms having been destroyed, they will naturally cease to be, and so you will progress unhindered in your pursuit of the Way.

Honen came under attack from the more established schools of Buddhism in Japan. Their main criticism being that his doctrinal position left out the *bodaishin* (mind that aspires for the *buddhahood*).

One of the Honen's major disciples, Shinran Shonin (1173-1263 AD), wrote his major work the *Ken Jodo Shinjitsu Kyo Gyo Sho Mon Rui* (a collection of Passages [Elucidation] the True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way) in response to this criticism. In it, Shinran Shonin points out that the mind aspiring for *buddhahood*

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is the mind of Amida Buddha, which is actually present in the *nembutsu* itself. This mind is not to be found in the follower, but it is freely given to any follower who cultivates a sincere, deeply believing, and longing heart with which to recite the *nembutsu*.

This work was used to create a new school of Buddhism called Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land School). It is very lay-oriented and open to all who can cultivate a believing heart through their own processes of introspection. Some of the features of this style of Buddhism seem to be at odds with the traditional, more popularly known stereotypes about Buddhist thought.

Namo Amida Butsu

Tatsuya Aoki



### Help Our Neighbours Keep Warm

As the cold weather is quickly approaching, we would like to encourage members to donate coats, socks, scarves, gloves etc for our neighbours at the LivingRoom Drop-in Centre. You may bring them to Vancouver Temple but please label them for the LivingRoom. Izumi Low will be in charge of making sure they get taken to our friends next door. We will be accepting items till the end of November.

Thank you for doing your part in showing compassion for those less fortunate than ourselves.



### Services for Eitaikyo and commemorating Eshinni Sunday November 6, 10:30 am

Every year Eitaikyo Services are held at all Jodo Shinshu temples. Eitaikyo literally means “perpetual sutra.” It is a shortened way of referring to “chanting sutras for eternity” (eitai dokkyo), which, in turn, is short for “service in which we chant sutras forever to honour those who have left this world before us.” This service allows us the opportunity to express gratitude towards the deceased to whom we were indebted while they were in this world, and also to hear the Buddha’s teachings. It is an opportunity for us to hear the dharma endlessly into the future.

Also on this day we gather to commemorate Eshinni, Shinran’s wife and through her, all women in Buddhism. Eshinni, along with her youngest daughter, Kakushinni, are seen as dedicated followers of Shinran’s teachings.

Ten years after Shinran’s passing, Kakushinni built a Memorial Hall for his remains, and established the means for insuring the Hall and the property it was built on would belong to the Jodo Shinshu Sangha in all future generations. This was the beginning of Ohtani Mausoleum and of the Hongwanji.

In 1978, at its convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the World BWA (comprised of BWA organizations of Japan, mainland U.S.A., Hawaii, Canada, and Brazil) passed a resolution to conduct annual services in memory of Eshinni.

### “Seeing the Buddha”

When we enter the hondo, we respectfully bow in Gassho facing the statue of Amida Buddha. We cast our gaze on the statue, but are we really “seeing” the Buddha?

In 1957 the najjin ornaments including the Amida statue was purchased in Japan and installed in our former temple. Later, in 1978 and 1979 Mr. Ryota Kawasaki, a dedicated member and a skilled cabinet maker and boat builder spent all his weekends and time off work to re-assemble and install the najjin ornaments into the najjin of our new temple.

It is regarded as one of the most beautiful traditional najjins in all of North America’s Jodo Shinshu temples.

The najjin is a representation of the Pure Land and the central figure is Amida Buddha who represents Oneness. Bodhisattva Dharmakara eventually became Amida Buddha to save all sentient beings. Another description of the Amida statue is that it is a manifestation of Wisdom and Compassion which is coming to us.

On the upper table (*uwajoku*) immediately front of the shrine, is a four-set arrangement of ornaments (*shigusoku*). They consist of the incense burner (*kasha*), 2 candleholders (*rosokutate*) and the flower vase (*kebyo*). Of course there are many more beautiful ornaments on the najjin which will be described later.

By “seeing” the image before us and bowing with reverence, we are able to look within our hearts and minds and feel the embrace of Amida Buddha coming to us, to welcome us “*just as we are.*”

-Robert Akune

***B.C. Jodo Shinshu Temples Federation Update:  
No-host Convention at Harrison Hot Springs  
and AGM 2011***      *Photos by Dawn Kobayashi (Kamloops BT)*

In the last weekend of September, just as it was starting to feel like Autumn with the turning leaves and the chill in the air, about 50 people gathered at Harrison Hot Springs for the annual BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation (BCJSBTF) Convention and AGM. This year was a little different, as it was a No-Host Convention. This meant that not one temple organized the weekend, but members from every temple in the BC Federation worked together to bring the event to fruition. Friends from all temples in BC, as well as White River and Seattle Temples from Washington State gathered for a weekend of fellowship, "dharmanizing", and plenty of time to enjoy leisurely activities in and around the resort.

Dharma talks were given by Socho Ikuta and Sensei Bob Akune (VBT). Kelowna Buddhist Temple President and Dharma School Teacher, Mari Cameron, spoke to the group on the topic of Omoiyari, which translates as "sympathy" or "consideration" in English. She shared stories from the devastating earthquake and tsunami in north eastern Japan this past spring to illustrate examples of Omoiyari, cooperation and interdependence. She visually showed our interdependence by physically tying together conventioners, demonstrating how the actions of one person affect the others.

The structure for this year's convention afforded the attendees a lot of free time to enjoy each other's company. One of the most popular activities was soaking in the Hot Springs of course! People also enjoyed swimming, and walking, as well as a golf tournament with prizes organized by Kuni Ikuta.

At the lunch on Saturday, the names of the BCJSBTF Raffle winners were drawn. The Top Prize of \$1500 went to Kari Nishi of Surrey, BC. Congratulations go to all 8 winners of the raffle draw (whose names will be listed elsewhere in this issue), and thank you to all who helped sell and buy tickets for this year's raffle.

The business part of the weekend took place on Sunday morning with the convening of the representatives of the temples in the federation for the Annual General Meeting. Amongst the highlights was the announcement of the recipients of this year's BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Association Post-Secondary School Scholarships. The 4-year scholarship was awarded to Alyssa Eby of the Kamloops Temple, who has just started her first year at the University of Victoria. The 1-year scholarship was awarded to Emily Lacey from Kelowna, who is now attending the University of Toronto. The handing out of the scholarships is one of the most important activities we undertake as the provincial group. Thanks goes to Lori North who heads the BCJSBTF Shinshu Education Committee to offer students access the financial help they need to pursue their goals.

One of the major events for our provincial sangha is, of course, the Manning Park Family Retreat. After having had the help of the LDC for the last few years, we are happy to announce that the BCJSBTF will be holding the reigns of this event once again. We are grateful to the LDC for their support these last few years. The late Dr. Leslie Kawamura (LDC Director), who passed away this past March, was a great proponent of the Manning Park Family Retreat as a time and place for the sangha to gather to explore the Dharma in various ways. We will keep moving in that direction, to deepen the roots of Jodo Shinshu in those of us already planted, but also to "grow the forest" by offering this retreat to our friends and family who are interested in Buddhism. Information for registration for Manning Park 2012 will be found elsewhere in this issue of Bodhi Mind.

Also on the agenda of the AGM was the election of the Executive Board of Directors of the BCJSBTF. For the next year, the Executive Board of the BCJSBTF will be headed by President, Greg Chor (VBT); Vice President, Denji Kobayashi (Kamloops BT); Secretary, Joanne Yuasa (VBT); and Treasurer, Frank Hamanishi (VBT). This selection sees 3 new faces to the Provincial Board. Though 3 of us are new, we have with us, our treasured Treasurer, Frank Hamanishi, who has had his seat on the Board for 17 years! We are grateful we have a "veteran" with us to keep the continuity of past Executive Boards running through this generation of directors. With much input from all of you, we aim for the next year to be a year of discovery and learning new and innovative ideas.

With gratitude to all who have and continue to work with the federation and special appreciation to our "retiring" officers President Kuni Ikuta and Secretary Jeanne Ryan.

In gassho...living with the Dharma,

Your 2012 BCJSBTF Board





**Family Retreat at Manning Park**  
**May 19-21 2012**  
**\*\*Registration due: March 25, 2012\*\***



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 or is just a friend or family of someone who is. This is a family event where we will be “living in the Dharma”.

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

All 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.

On Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, our Opening service is scheduled for 4:00pm, please pick up registration packages and room keys in the Tamarack Room from 2:00-3:00pm.

Final Registration must be received with payment by **Sunday March 25, 2012**. Thank You.

All cheques payable to “**Vancouver Buddhist Temple**”

**Mail to: Vancouver Buddhist Temple 220 Jackson Avenue Vancouver, BC V6A 3B3**

**Please send along with the cheque: list of names, children’s age & accommodation request**



Rates-(per person for Chalets & Cabins)*		Early Bird Before	
Types	Age	Price*	Jan 10
Adult Member*(AM)	26+	\$135	\$120
Adult Non-Member (AN)	26+	\$150	\$135
Youth (Y)	14 to 25	\$80	\$80
Child (C)	6 to 13	\$40	\$40
Infant (I)	to 5	free	free

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

\*Discounted rates 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 – (14 available)

1 double & 2 sets of bunks plus 1 double hide a bed, sitting room with TV & full kitchen

**Deluxe Cottages** – sleeps 10 – (5 available)

3 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets of bunks plus 1 double hide a bed, sitting room with TV & kitchen

**Tri-Plex Chalets** – sleeps 14 – (2 available)

– adjoining rooms to sleeping units with separate bathrooms

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 If you have any questions, please contact: VBT at **604-253-7033** or Email: **retreat.vbt@gmail.com**



**Highlights of October Board Meeting-  
Oct 13, 2011**

1. 56<sup>th</sup> annual BC Convention attended by 54 people. BCJSBuddhist Temples Federation new executive is: Pres.Greg Chor, Vice-Pres. Denji Kobayashi, Secr. Joanne Yuasa, Treas. Frank Hamanishi
2. “ Fall Bazaar coming soon”- Oct 30, Appeal for Help by coordinators –D.Ohori, J.Yuasa, Y.Nakano
3. Gina in China- Volunteers are helping by answering phone, etc. at temple office during her absence..
4. Year-end Potluck Dinner at temple- Nov 26, Happy Hour 4pm,. Dinner 5pm as appreciation to members for support and help this year.
5. Aoki Sensei will be away Oct 24 to 27 to attend meeting and seminar at JSCenter, Berkeley,CA.
6. Hokkaido-Kenjin Kai Party at VBT, Dec4, 1pm to9pm, \$15 bento per person, karaoke, dancing, entertainment. Everyone welcome!



**VBT Year-end Potluck Party  
Saturday, November 26, 4pm**

*All members are invited to a Potluck Party hosted by the Vancouver Buddhist Temple, to celebrate our sangha and enjoy each other’s company! It will be held on **Saturday, November 26.** Happy Hour starts at 4pm, followed by a dinner at 5pm. With as many dishes to be tried as there are members that attend the party, it promises to be a unique dinner!*



***Tuesday Evening Dharma Circle***

Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is based on the teachings and writings of Shinran Shonin. What is the foundation of his deep appreciation of the Nembutsu Path? What is at the core of the Pure Land Buddhism?

If you would like to explore these ideas, please join us at 7:30pm on the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays of every month. The evening starts with a sutra chanting and meditation.



Our gatherings for November are the 1st and 8th when we will start our exploration of “The Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life”.



**Message from the VBT Board**

Some of us attended the BCJSBTF Annual Convention at Harrison Hotsprings. We enjoyed our stay in the hotsprings with hiking, golfing, dip in the pool and listened to the Dharma from Ikuta Sensei and Bob Sensei and had our annual BCJSBTF AGM. Election of the new executive was held. Our new President is Greg Chor of Vancouver, Vice President is Denji Kobayashi of Kamloops, Secretary is Joanne Yuasa of Vancouver and Treasurer is Frank Hamanishi of Vancouver. Thank you to our outgoing President Kuni Ikuta and Secretary Jeanne Ryan for all their dedication and service to the Federation.

On behalf of the people who attended, I wish to thank all the committee chairs and the senseis for all their hard work and effort to make this a successful convention.

Congratulations to the Raffle Ticket winners.

Next year Steveston Buddhist Temple has kindly volunteered to host the convention.

I wish to thank Joanne Yuasa, Lorna Bishop and Mrs. Kitano for manning the office during Gina’s absence.

By the time you are reading this issue of the Bodhi Mind, our Fall Bazaar with the guidance of our co-chairs, Dave Ohori, Joanne Yuasa and Yvonne Nakano would be over and we hope you were able to join and support one of our major fund raising events.

**Coming events:**

- Sat. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM Toban Meeting
- Sun. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM Eitaikyo/Eshinni/Shotsuki
- Fri. Nov.11<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM Remembrance Day Service at Stanley Park, Japanese War Memorial Cenotaph.
- Sun. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM Pet Memorial

Please come and join us at these services. On behalf of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple Board of Directors and myself, thank you once again for all your support.

In gassho,  
Frank Hamanishi



# Dharma School



On Sunday, October 17, Dharma School Students, Teachers and Aoki Sensei visited the Bakerview Eco Dairy Farm in Abbotsford. Following is a report and artwork submitted by Dharma School Student Sora A.

Today I went to the Bakerview Eco dairy farm with temple members. I saw a cows, donkey, goats a chicken, and a pig. When the cows made the milk they go into a machine. When they get milk out they eat so the won't get bored. The goats were on the roof. We saw where the cows poo goes. The cows are black and white and brown white and just brown. The brown are the smallest. All the other are the same size. It was fun but relly smelly.



## Fundraiser for the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Women's Federation

Christmas is just around the corner and we will be ordering more gift cards. For those of you that are interested in purchasing specific cards for family and friends please let me know, so I can order your cards for you. We have cards for most restaurant chains, service stations, electronic stores and department stores. They come in denominations of \$25.00. At present I have gift cards for Earl's Restaurant. Thank you for supporting this ongoing fundraiser for the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Women's Federation. The venue for the 2015 Convention has changed from Toronto to Calgary which brings it that much closer for us to attend. Thank you for your ongoing support.

-Lorna Bishop



## BCJSBTF Raffle Winners

The BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation would like to thank its members and the wider community for supporting its programs and activities over the past year. This year, the Annual Raffle Draw was made on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the BCJSBTF Convention held at Harrison Hot Springs Resort. The winners of the draw are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$1,500 Kari Nishi, Surrey, BC (ticket #5514)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1,000 Tom Matsuno, Surrey, BC (ticket #2615)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$500 Yukinobu Yamamoto, Burnaby, BC (ticket #2092)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$300 Bud Sakamoto, Richmond, BC (ticket #3052)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$300 Brian Johnston, Richmond, BC (ticket #3044)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize \$200 Hisako Shikaze, New Westminster, BC (ticket #7562)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prize \$200 Carl Yokota, Richmond, BC (ticket #1997)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Prize \$200 Akiko Mukai, Richmond, BC (ticket #1853)

For more information on the BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation, please contact your local BC Jodo Shinshu Temple.



## The Toban System keeps our Temple Running!

As you may recall, our Toban (duty) system helps maintain our facilities and provide services such as meals for special services and events at our Temple. Everyone, members and non-members alike, 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.

### TOBAN #2 – November

These events are scheduled for November for Toban #2 members.

10:00 am Sat Nov. 5 Toban Meeting  
 9:00 am Sun Nov. 6 Eitaikyo/ Eshinni and Shotsuki Memorial Service  
 TBA November Clean-up

If you require additional information or have any questions, please call your Toban Captains:  
 Mrs. Yoshie Kurita (604. 980.5479)  
 Mr. Kazuo Mori (604.435.2497)

Ms. Judy Hanazawa  
 Mrs. Shirley Hanazawa  
 Mrs. Tokiko Hayashi  
 Mr. & Mrs. Nahari Joshi  
 Ms. Anjula Joshi  
 Mr. Suresh Joshi  
 Mrs. Mitsuko Kadota  
 Mr. Tom Kadota  
 Mrs. Mary Kawamoto  
 Mr. & Mrs. Takehisa Kawasaki  
 Mr. Mits Kazuta  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kitamura  
 Mrs. Fujiko Kitano  
 Mr. Paul Kondo

Mrs. Kazue Konishi  
 Ms. Toshiko Koriyama  
 Mr. Dick Koyanagi  
 Mrs. Yoshiko Koyanagi  
 Mrs. Kazue Kozaka  
 Mrs. Yoshiko Kubo  
 Mr. Takeshi Kumano  
 Mrs. Yoshie Kurita  
 Mr. Derrick Kurita  
 Mrs. Miyako Kuromi  
 Mrs. Shu Ming Lai  
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Leong  
 Mr. & Mrs. 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  
 Mrs. Ritsu Saimoto  
 Ms. Debbie Saimoto  
 Ms. Laura Saimoto  
 Mrs. Tsuneko Soyama  
 Mr. Tetsuo Takemori  
 Ms. Joyce Takeshita  
 Ms. Hisako Watanabe  
 Mr. & Mrs. Yoshio Yagi  
 Mr. Robert Yamaoka  
 Ms. Cleusa Yamamoto

It was also decided that at each toban meeting, the list of names for the next two months shotsuki list be reviewed for accuracy.

## *Pilgrimage to Hongwanji and Snow Festival in Sapporo*

**February 6 - February 18, 2012**

Tour Fee: \$3,500-\$3,800 per person

Included in this fee are:

- Accomodation for 11 nights (based on double occupancy) with Breakfast.
- Most lunches and some dinners.
- Transfer and tour by chartered bus.
- 2 domestic airfares (1. Tokyo-Hokkaido, 2. Hokkaido-Osaka).

Fee does not include Vancouver—Narita airfare.

After group tour on Feb 18, you can make your own travel arrangement to visit relatives or continue touring in Japan.

#### Contact

JTB Vancouver Station (Mon-Fri 9:30am-6:00PM)  
 (604) 688-0315 [Naomi HARADA / Jane Kobayashi]



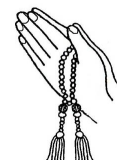


*GREETINGS FROM THE VALLEY...*

....how quickly time passes . The fall bazaar season is over and it is already November, soon it will be mochi-tsuki time.

Our October shotsuki service was held on October 1 with Reverend Aoki presiding. The weather was beautiful, our tea was delicious and the dharma talk was challenging. The thought of measuring our lives in terms of hours rather than years was intriguing. The absolute peace and comfort of coming to temple to meet with friends, leaving stress at the door, and savoring a few hours of “enjoying the now” is priceless. If you find that you think you don’t have time to come to service, remember 2 hours out of a possible 700,800 hours in your lifetime is a mere blink of an eyelid.

Our next service will be held on November 5 at 2:00 pm Please join us.



In gassho  
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

The Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple gratefully acknowledges these generous donations received at Obon, July Shotsuki and Hatsubon throughout the summer. The Bodhi Mind Publication committee apologizes for the tardiness of this insert.

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- Genevieve Iwata
- Mr. Mrs. Hiro Honkawa
- Mrs. Kiyo Nagamatsu
- Mr. Mrs. Frank Hamanishi
- Mr. Mrs. Joe Tateyama - July Shotsuki
- Mr. Mrs. Roy Akune
- Mr. Mrs. Ron Fujita
- Mr. Mrs. Stan Yoshioka
- Mr. Mitsuo Saito
- Mr. Byron Kagawa
- Eileen Fujita
- Dr. Robert S. Akune
- Mr. Mrs. Bob Hamaura
- Reverend & Mrs. Orai Fujikawa

- Mrs. Chieko Takasaki
- Mr. Mrs. Merv Araki
- Mr. Bob Sakamoto
- Mr. Kiyo Domai
- Mr. Ben Shikaze
- Mrs. Hisako Shikaze
- Mrs. Emiko Shikaze
- Jenny Fujita
- Mr. Mrs. Tom Matsuno
- Marion Fujita
- Mrs. Amy Nagamatsu
- Ms. Amy Kawamoto
- Mrs. Hisako Kawamoto
- Ms. Naomi Shikaze

- In Memory of Yeda Shikaze

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- Ms. Reiko Honkawa
- In Memory of Fumi and Ken Honkawa
- Mrs. Hideko Yoshioka
- Mrs. Tsumae Fuchihara
- Mr. Doug Araki
- In Memory of parents - Frank & Sue Araki
- Mr. Mrs. Alain Hashimoto
- Steveston Buddhist Temple
- In Thanks for donation of daffodils



**Following are our October Shotsuki and JSBTC Day Donations**

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- Mr. Mrs. Joe Tateyama
- Lori North
- Mr. Mrs. Stan Yoshioka
- Eileen Fujita
- Vivian Nishi
- Amy Nagamatsu
- Mr. Mrs. Hiro Honkawa

**100 - 199**

- Byron Kagawa - 13th year Memorial for Masayuki Kagawa
- Joanne McAllister - In Memory of Masayuki Kagawa
- Reiko Honkawa - In Memory of Fumiye Honkawa
- Mr. Mark Unno - In Thanks for hospitality



***Remembrance Day Service at the Japanese-Canadian War Memorial Cenotaph, Stanley Park***  
***Friday, November 11, 2011 at 10:30 am***

During the First World War (1914-1918), 196 Canadians of Japanese descent volunteered to fight on the battlefields of Europe. Of these 196 volunteers, 54 were killed, 93 were wounded, and 49 returned home safely. On April 9, 1920, the third anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the Japanese-Canadian War Memorial Cenotaph was unveiled in Stanley Park to acknowledge the sacrifices of these volunteers. In later years, plaques commemorating Japanese-Canadians who served during the Second World War and the Korean War would be added.

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple’s presence today is founded on the resolution, accomplishments, and struggles of many Canadians of Japanese descent. Whether one is Japanese-Canadian or not, whether the soldiers were Buddhist or not, it is with deep gratitude that we gather at the Cenotaph to show our respect.

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

The November Shotsuki / monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 6, 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**  
\*FURUKAWA,  
Shinnosuke

\*HASEBE, Aizo  
\*KAKUTANI, Genichi  
NAGANO, Saburo

**1960**  
\*AOMOTO, Ichiji  
\*IWAASA, Yoshi  
SAKAI, Susumu

**1961**  
\*KATAYAMA, Isao

**1962**  
**(50th Year)**  
\*YANAGIMOTO,  
Katsujiro

**1963**  
\*TAKEBAYASHI,  
Tadasuke

**1964**  
\*EDAMURA, Sowa  
\*IMADA, Mitsugu  
OTSUJI, Yaeko

**1967**  
\*ANDO, Yoshi  
\*HAMAGUCHI, Masu

**1968**  
\*SHINTANI, Sadasuke

**1969**  
\*HINATSU, Ito  
\*KAWASHIMA, Fumiko  
MATSUTANI, Inosuke

**1970**  
\*KURAMITSU, Yoshiko

**1971**  
\*YAMAMOTO, Fujino

**1972**  
\*ISHIGURO, Shigesaburo  
\*IWATA, Kinichi  
\*UCHIYAMA, Kenroku  
YADA, Kiyoshi

**1973**  
\*FUKAWA, Toki  
\*KAJIRO, Fumio  
\*NAKAGAWA, Shio

**1974**  
\*MORITA, Emi  
\*SHIMIZU, Yoshiharu

**1975**  
SAKAI, Fuji  
\*TANAKA, Hatsuye

**1976**  
\*YAMADA, Shohei

**1977**  
\*EBATA, Shinkichi  
\*MINAGAWA, Katsuo  
\*MURATA, Tadao

**1978**  
\*KASUYA, Moto  
\*NAKATANI, Tomiye

**1979**  
ARATAKE, Shigeru  
\*SHOJI, Ayako

**1980**  
ENJO, Denzo  
\*TAKASAKI, Sakiye

**1981**  
HIRAI, Heishiro  
\*TABATA, Shizu

**1982**  
\*OKABE, Sueko

**1983**  
\*YAMANOUCHI, Sada

**1984**  
MITSUI, Masao  
\*SHIKAZE, Noriko

**1985**  
SHINTANI, Kohatsu

**1986**  
\*DEGUCHI, Haruye

**1988**  
HAMAKAWA, Yosaburo  
\*HIGUCHI, Kiyokazu  
\*KIMURA, Mitsuo  
\*MAEDA, Genzo  
NAKATA, Chiyo  
\*OIKAWA, Kengo

**1989**  
\*ITO, Toshio  
OHARA, Tsuru  
TANAKA, Zenno

**1990**  
FURUKAWA, Matsu  
\*WAKABAYASHI,  
Gentaro

**1991**  
\*KURAMOTO, Masaaki  
\*SAWARA, Noburo

**1992**  
\*IKEDA, Teruhiko  
\*MIZUYABU, Tokuichi

**1993**  
HAMAKAWA, Yoshio  
KOYANAGI, Tad

**1994**  
BANNO, Masakazu  
KUMAMOTO, Toshiko  
TANOUE, Koichi

**1995**  
**(17th Year)**

FUJINO, Yoshio  
MIYASHITA, Ichiji  
MURAO, Jean  
SAKATA, Ayame

**1996**  
HAMAZAKI, Hiroshi  
KAZUTA, Kathy  
NITSUI, Yoshio

**1997**  
LEE, Shirley  
SAKAI, Yaeko  
\*SAWADA, Katsuko

SHOJI, Inosuke

**1999**  
CHIBA, Fukuyo

**2000**  
IKARI, Chiyoko  
SAKAMOTO, Hideo

**2001**  
MIZUTA, Tane  
YADA, Frank G

**2002**  
HAMAGUCHI, Tatsuko  
TANAKA, Sonoko  
YOSHIDA, Umeyo

**2003**  
HAYASHI, Hisae  
MOCHIZUKI, Fumiye  
NISHIKIHAMA, Teruo  
TAKIMOTO, Takie

**2004**  
SHIBATA, Takeo  
YOSHIDA, Yoshiye

**2005**  
**(7th Year)**  
ARITA, Hajime  
\*KUROYAMA, Tsutomu

**2006**  
OKAMURA, Yukio  
SAITO, Fuyuko

**2007**  
MORI, Fumi

**2008**  
TAMURA, Naohara  
NAKATSU, Kimiyo

**2009**  
**(3rd Year)**  
HIRATA, Emmie

**2010**  
**(First Year)**  
KAWAHIRA, Masanobu  
YOSHIDA, Sue  
ATAGI, Misaye

**Passings**

**The Vancouver Buddhist Temple offers  
deepest sympathies for the families of**

Mrs. Matsuri Murachi (60 yrs old) September 21  
Mrs. Tsuyako Nakagawa (91 yrs old) October 12  
Mr. Fumikado Ogawa (64 yrs old) October 19

## 2012 Pilgrimage to Hongwanji and Sapporo Snow Festival

Date	Time	Activity	Hotel
Feb. 6 Mon	13:55	[Air Canada 03] Depart Vancouver Airport	On Board
Feb. 7 Tue	17:25 18:30 20:00	Arrive Narita Tokyo Airport Transfer to Hotel Hotel Check-in	Shinagawa Prince Hotel
Feb. 8 Wed		Sightseeing in Tokyo Visit Tsukiji Hongwanji <b>(TBA) Dharma Gathering with Dr. Ken Tanaka (English/Japanese)</b>	Shinagawa Prince Hotel
Feb. 9 Thu	10:00 12:45 14:20 15:00 16:00	Hotel Check-out Depart Haneda (Tokyo) Airport Arrive Chitose (Hokkaido) Airport Transfer to Hotel Hotel Check-in	
Feb. 10 Fri	9:00	Sightseeing in Sapporo Snow Festival	
Feb. 11 Sat	9-15 17:00	Bus Tour to Otaru & Sapporo Supper at Sapporo Beer Brewery Restaurant	
Feb. 12 Sun	11:00 14:00	Hotel Check-out Transfer to Lake Toya Hotel Check-in	Manseikaku Hotel (Hot Springs)
Feb. 13 Mon	9:00 15:00 16:00	Hotel Check-out Transfer to Hakodate City & Sightseeing Hotel Check-in	La Vista Hakodate
Feb. 14 Tue	9:30 10:00 11:20 13:15 14:00 15:30	Hotel Check-out Hakodate Airport Depart Hakodate (Flight ANA) Arrive at Kansai (Osaka) Airport Transfer to Kyoto Hotel Check-in	TBA
Feb. 15 Wed	6:00 10:00 Afternoon	Morning Service at Hongwanji English & Japanese Guided Tour of Hongwanji Free Time <b>(TBA) Dharma Circle with Rev. Gene Sekiya (English/Japanese)</b>	
Feb. 16 Thu	6:00 10:00 Afternoon	Morning Service at Hongwanji Shinran Shonin's Monthly Memorial Service Free Time <b>(TBA) Dharma Circle with Rev. Masumi Kikuchi (English/Japanese)</b>	
Feb. 17 Fri	6:00	Morning Service at Hongwanji Various Optional Tours Available from JTB or Free Time	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Arrangements for trip extensions for individuals available through JTB</u></b></p>
Feb. 18 Sat	6:00 10:00	Morning Service <b>End of the Group Tour</b>	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <u>7:30pm</u> The Dharma Circle -- English Dharma Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Senior's Club	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <u>10:00 am</u> VBT Toban Meeting <u>2pm FVBT</u> Shotsuki (Roy Akune Sensei)
<b>6</b> <u>10:30 am</u> Eitaikyo/ Eshinni/ Shotsuki Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Senior's Club	<b>11</b> Remembrance Day Service at Japanese Canadian War Cenotaph @ Stanley Park	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <u>10:30 am</u> Dharma School & English Dharma Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <u>7:30pm</u> The Dharma Circle -- English Dharma Service	<b>16</b> <u>11:00am</u> Service @ Nikkei Home (Bishop Ikuta)	<b>17</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Seniors Club	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <u>10:30 am</u> Dharma School & English Dharma Service	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Seniors Club	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <u>4pm</u> Happy Hour <u>5pm</u> Potluck Temple Dinner
<b>27</b> <u>10:30 am</u> Dharma School & English Dharma Service (Pet Memorial)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>DEC 1</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Seniors Club	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <u>11 am</u> FVBT Shotsuki (Rev. Aoki)
<b>4</b> <u>10:30 am</u> Dharma School & English Dharma Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <u>7:30pm</u> The Dharma Circle -- English Dharma Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Service & Seniors Club	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>



*Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am, Sunday November 6  
Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK!*

