

## New Year's Greeting

New Year's Eve is a naturally reflective time when we look back on the year we have lived through.

It's been a year in which many of us have known great loss. Rev. Michael Hayashi of Manitoba Buddhist Temple passed away on December 4, 2015 at the age of 50. The Changes have been many.

As we observe New Year's Eve Service, Bell Ringing, and New Year's Service, my family and I would like to express our gratitude to our many members and friends for another wonderful year.

We wish everyone safe and enjoyable Holidays, and a Very Happy and Healthy 2016!

Namo Amida Butsu

Tatsuya  
Aoki



# Bodhi Mind



Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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At the beginning of the new year, I would like to extend my greeting to you.

On June 6, 2014, receiving the Jodo Shinshu tradition from Monshu Emeritus, I was inaugurated as the Hongwanji Resident Head Priest and Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha 25th Monshu. To commemorate the occasion together with all of you in front of Amida Buddha and the Founder Shinran Shonin, *Dento Hokoku Hoyo*, or the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition will be observed at Hongwanji, Kyoto, Japan from this coming October 1. With this observance as an opportunity, it is my hope that the Jodo Shinshu teaching will spread to as many as possible.

The Jodo Shinshu teaching was set forth by Shinran Shonin nearly eight hundred years ago and it has been carefully transmitted to us today. Be it Shinran Shonin's time or the present day, the Jodo Shinshu teaching remains unchanged and continues to serve as our spiritual foundation. This is because in this world of impermanence we live our lives never knowing when it may end. No one can guarantee that tomorrow I will not be involved in an incident or accident that will bring about the end of my life.

In closing, let us continue our journey along the Nembutsu path by going to the temple to hear more of Amida Buddha's constant working for our benefit. In doing so, throughout this year, let us reflect on our true selves, come to appreciate all the encounters of our everyday lives, and in gratitude, recite the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu.

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

January 1, 2016



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## BC Insight Meditation Winter ([www.bcims.org](http://www.bcims.org)) Sangha Celebration

Sunday January 17th, 2016 held at  
Vancouver Buddhist Temple 6pm to 8:30pm.

Adrienne Ross, Senior Dharma teacher at BCIMS has invited Vancouver Buddhist Temple members and friends to a winter celebration event. Participants in BCIMS classes, sitting groups, Westcoast Dharma and BCIMS retreats get together for an evening of sitting meditation, chanting and setting personal intentions for the new year finishing with pot luck finger food. The session promises to be educational. Please sign-up at the temple or on the website. Cost of the session is by Dana of \$15 per person or \$5 for unemployed. Proceeds will go to the Vancouver Buddhist Temple and the BCIMS Scholarships.

## Message from the

### VBT Board

I wish to express from the board a huge 'thank you' to Aoki Sensei for his efforts this past year. In addition, thank you to the board of directors for your dedication and leadership. Arigato gozai mashita. Mata yoroshiku onegai shi masu.

While our mindset is that the new year is a fresh start, we are faced with the task of addressing and planning annual services and events, seemingly our calendar is less linear and more circular which goes around and around continuously.

This year is the final year of the board of directors' two-year term. While the directors will remain the same, committee chairpersons will be re-assigned. They need not be a board member, so anyone willing to help, we welcome your participation.

The annual membership to the temple has, for many, many years, been kept at \$75 per adult member, but because of rising expenses and decline in members, the board decided reluctantly, to increase the fee to \$100. The annual membership starts on January each year, so please submit your payment as soon as possible rather than later.

While membership dues and generous personal donations continue to be a large part of our revenue, we are now renting more and more of our unused space in our building in order to have more revenue to cover our rising operating expenses. If anyone knows of people or organizations who are seeking rental space please let any of the board members know.

Let us look forward to a happy and healthy temple year!

Gassho,



## REV. MICHAEL HAYASHI

Winnipeg, MB- Sensei Michael Hayashi passed away peacefully on Friday, December 4, 2015 at the Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre after losing his short battle with cancer.

Sensei Michael was born on April 26, 1965 in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Like many Japanese-Canadians, he grew up in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist home. His grandfather, with whom he lived with was the lay-minister at the Thunder Bay Buddhist Church. This connection would become the roots for his future.

In 1992, Sensei Michael attended Lakehead University receiving Honours in Bachelors of Arts in English and Education. With the encouragement of his family he went on to study at Ryokoku University in 1997 where he received a Master of Arts in Jodo Shinshu Theology.

Following graduation, Sensei Michael became a minister at the Buddhist Federation of Alberta (1997-2000), the B.C. Interior Shin Buddhist Temples (2000-2004). In 2010, he accepted a position at the Toronto Buddhist Temple and moved to Winnipeg in 2014 to become the minister of the Manitoba Buddhist Temple.

Sensei Michael is survived by his wife Kiyomi, three sons (Brandon, Justin, Ethan), mother Chiyeko (Roy Masuda), sister Kelly Dulude and step-brother Kenji (Nicole) Masuda and uncles Tosh and Bruce (Jean Ann) Hayashi, aunts Catherine (Lorne) and Debra Hayashi, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was observed on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the Manitoba Buddhist Temple.

**"Koden" Cards  
can be sent to**

Mrs. Kiyomi Hayashi  
728 MacKenzie Ave  
Kamloops, BC  
V2B 3W2

### Free Public Lecture

Friday, January 8

at 7:00 pm

**"The Rhythm of**

**Great**

**Compassion:**

**Seasons of Life and**

**Death"**

by Rev. Dr. Mark Unno



VBT's guest minister for 2016 Ho-onko is Rev. Dr. Mark Unno. He is a professor of Religious Studies at the University of Oregon specializing in East Asian Religions, and a prolific writer in the Buddhist academia. Dr. Unno is a highly respected and renowned scholar of Buddhism, but complements it with a sincere and personal approach to sharing the joy of the Dharma as a Jodo Shinshu minister. His heartfelt Dharma Talks make him a very popular speaker, so we are grateful to have him speak on the occasion of Ho-onko, the most important Jodo Shinshu Observance of the year.

## Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

**Dec. 5, 2015 Bodhi Day, Dec. Shotsuki & 60th Anniversary Service**

Denise & Harold Cork,  
Chieko Takasaki,  
May Mukaida, Jean Nakatsui,  
Amy Nagamatsu,  
Joe & Ryoko Tateyama  
Ron & Marilyn Fujita  
Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming;  
Naomi Shikaze - in memory of Aunt Amy  
Ben Shikaze - in memory of mom Emiko Shikaze Yr. 3  
Chisako Honbo - in memory of Emiko Shikaze  
Marion Fujita - in memory of sister Eileen and dad Kiyoshi Fujita  
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka - in memory of Roy Muraki  
Roberta H. Nasu - in memory of Fumi & Ken Honkawa  
Reiko Honkawa - in memory of Ken Honkawa



## Toban Groups: Our Temple is Our Responsibility

From lunches at our monthly Shotsuki services, to wiping down tables and cleaning the washrooms, the temple would

not be the warm and welcoming place for gathering if it were not for the dedicated hard work of our members. When people come to the temple—whether it’s for the first time or the 100th time—the care we put in our temple expresses how precious we hold the Teachings of the Buddha.

The following activities in are the responsibility of **Toban #3** (Members listed below):

### January

**Friday 1**—10:30 am New Year’s Service

**Sunday 10**—10:30 am Hoonko & Shotsuki

**Saturday 16**—10:00 am Toban & Board Mtg

Mrs. Tei Domitsu  
Mrs. Kazue Egami  
Mr. Derek Iwanaka  
Mr. & Mrs. James Leung  
Ms. Lorene Macdonald  
Mr. & Mrs. Akiyasu Masuhara  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Matsuda  
Mrs. Kikuye Matsui  
Mr. & Mrs. Otokazu Matsui  
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Matsumoto  
Mr. & Mrs. M. Matsushita  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray McDonald  
Miss Frances Minato  
Mr. Harry Minato  
Mr. & Mrs. Kaoru Minato  
Mr. Hitoshi Mitsui  
Mrs. Tsugi Miyashita  
Mrs. Karen Mizushima  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Morimoto  
Miss Orrin Morishita

Mrs. Yukie Morishita  
Mrs. Fumie Nakagawa  
Mrs. Shoko Nakagawa  
Mrs. Kazumi Nakano  
Mrs. Yachiyo Nishi  
Ms. Tomi Niwatsukino  
Ms. Asako Nomura  
Mr. & Mrs. David Ohori  
Mrs. Junko Ohori  
Mr. & Mrs. Norio Renovich  
Mrs. Kazuko Takahara  
Mr. & Mrs. Mikio Takeda  
Mr. & Mrs. Shizuo Tanaka  
Mrs. Seiko Tanami  
Mrs. Michiko Tanizawa  
Mr. Kaoru Tatara  
Mrs. Etsuko Tsukishi  
Mr. Yasuo Uyeno

Mr. & Mrs. K. Uyeyama  
Mrs. Taeko Yamamoto  
Ms. Takiko Yamamura  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Yamazaki  
Mr. Kazuo Yanagisawa  
Ms. Joanne Yuasa



## 2016 Northwest Buddhist Convention hosted by IDAHO-OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

**FEB 12-14 '16**

### “Seeking the True and Real”

Adults \$110.00  
Youth/Student (grade 6 through college) \$80.00  
Children (kindergarten through grade 5) \$60.00  
Children (age 3 through preschool) \$45.00  
Banquet Only, for non-registered guests \$50.00  
Bento Box (Sunday) \$12.00

### Registration deadline: January 15, 2016

Late registration: \$15 extra charge per registrant, subject to availability  
Cancellation policy (registration only): cancel by January 31, full refund  
cancel Feb 1 and after, penalty 50% of registration  
Hotel cancellation penalties are as defined by the individual hotels  
Submit to: Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple Questions? Please contact convention chairman Mike Iseri, [mikeiseri@fmtc.com](mailto:mikeiseri@fmtc.com), [541 889-8691](tel:5418898691)

Friday, February 12, 4PM - 9PM, registration formalities and hospitality will take place at the Temple, 286 SE 4th St.

Saturday, February 13, 8AM, registration open at Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Ave.

### Transportation

The nearest airport to Ontario is Boise, Idaho, about 55 miles away. For those arriving by plane, transportation to/from Ontario will be provided. Please make note on your registration and we will coordinate transportation for you. Rental cars are also available at the airport, advance reservations recommended. Your chartered buses typically will transport you between your hotel and Four Rivers Cultural Center. However, for transportation needs beyond their normal schedule or if you are otherwise without transportation, Idaho-Oregon will provide transportation between the convention site and your hotel for you. Transportation to your hotels will be provided for those attending Friday meetings whether they occur at the Temple or at Four Rivers Cultural Center.

**If you wish to attend the NorthWest Convention, please contact Gina at the Temple [604 253-7033](tel:6042537033) at your earliest convenience to register, as I will forward registration to Temple.**



Aoki Sensei and VBT Members working hard to prepare traditional Japanese winter food—Mochi (pounded sticky rice). Dec 13., 2015



Thanks to VBT members and friends for a successful Mochi-pounding day!



## 2016 VBT Membership



The VBT Board has made the decision to raise the membership dues to \$100 for individual members starting 2016. It is the first time the dues have been raised in many years, and reflects the naturally increasing costs of running the temple. Please return the 2016 membership form and dues to the temple at your earliest convenience.

In Gassho,  
VBT Board of Directors.

## **Family Retreat @ Manning Park May 21-23, 2016**

**Early Bird Registration due: January 29, 2016**

This annual event is an opportunity for members of the Shin Buddhist community and their friends and family to enjoy a weekend of fellowship in the beautiful Manning Provincial Park, situated just 3 hours from Vancouver and 2 ½ hours from Kelowna.

Accommodations, meals, and activities (games, crafts, workshops) are coordinated by the organizing committee, and included in the registration fee. Groups who wish to stay together in shared cottages and hotel rooms should submit all names in the same registration. Organizers will try to accommodate your requests and use discretion being mindful of other guests. Accommodations filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

Throughout the weekend, registrants will sign up for community 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.**

On Saturday May 21, our Opening service is scheduled for 4:00pm, please plan to



### **Accommodation Choices:**

- Hotel Room – sleeps 4** (2 Dbl beds)
- Standard Cottage – sleeps 8** (1 Dbl & 2 sets bunkbeds + 1 Dbl sofabed, sitting room w/TV & full kitchen)
- Deluxe Cottages – sleeps 10** (3 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets bunkbeds + 1 Dbl sofabed, sitting room w/TV & full kitchen)
- Tri-Plex Chalets – sleeps 14** (adjoining rooms to sleeping units w/ separate bathrooms 2 bedrooms-2 queens & 2 sets bunkbeds +1 sofabed, sitting room w/

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

Types	Age	Price* <u>Before Jan 29</u>	
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
Pet Fee- must stay in pet friendly cabins \$25			

\*Hotel Room requests will be \$200 per room for the weekend + 50% of the per person rates above

Please make cheques payable to “**Vancouver Buddhist Temple**” and submit with registration form (available via VBT office) indicating cabin/room mate(s) and requests.

Final Registrations and payment must be received at **Vancouver Buddhist Temple 220 Jackson Avenue**

## January Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The January Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, January 10 at 10:30 am**

**1958**

\*IZUMI, Yoshiko  
\*NAKAGAWA, Minosuke  
\*TATEOKA, Hatsutarō

**1960**

\*UYENO, Mantarō  
\*SATO, Jusaburō  
\*HAMAKAWA, Yosokichi

**1961**

\*OZAWA, Shuzō

**1962**

\*BABA, Shosuke

**1963**

\*BANNO, Shizu

**1964**

HONMA, Seiji  
\*UYENO, Takezo

**1965**

\*TERAKITA, Imaye

**1966**

KUMANO, Kameo  
\*NAKAYAMA, Shichirō

**1968 (50th Year)**

KOYANAGI, Kiyochi

**1970**

\*HORITA, Kazuhide

**1971**

MUKAI, Tomiichi

**1972**

KAWAMOTO, Koto  
\*FUKUNAGA, Kunikichi

**1973**

\*KITASAKA, Hana  
TANAMI, Ai

**1974**

ARAKI, Buyemon  
\*HASEBE, Sumiyo  
\*MURAO, Tameichi

**1975**

\*NAKANO, Seiichi  
SHIMOKURA, Mitsugu

**1976**

\*MUKUDA, Naosaku

**1977**

USUI, Hiraye

**1978**

\*HASHIMOTO, Tomo

**1981**

\*UI, Shigeichi

**1982**

\*SONODA, Tatsuhiko

**1983**

YADA, Genji  
\*OKABE, Taki  
\*ENDO, Moshichi  
\*NAKASHIMA, Masako

**1984 (33rd Year)**

\*YAMASHITA, Kenichi  
\*ARAKI, Ichirō

**1985**

\*YUMOTO, Tamaya  
\*HISANAGA, Kura  
\*SONODA, Tadasu

**1986**

OHORI, Genichi  
\*EISHIRO, Yoshiye

**1987**

YAMAMOTO, Yonetarō  
\*SHIMA, Brett  
\*HORI, Yonezo

**1988**

HAMAGCHI, Tsunekichi  
\*KINOSHITA, Tamiyo  
\*MARUYAMA, Shigeru

**1989**

\*NAKANO, Jin  
\*ATAGI, Hanaye  
\*TAKEMOTO, Otogusu  
SOKUGAWA, Yuki

**1990**

\*FUJII, Chuichi  
\*MIURA, Yoshitaka  
OYE, Misayo  
\*KOBUKE, Motoye

**1991**

\*YAMAMOTO, Risao  
\*KIKUCHI, Shozo  
NAKANO, Kazuo

**1992 (25th Year)**

\*WAKAHARA, Betty  
\*HAMAZAKI, Shigeyoshi

**1993**

\*NODA, Tsutomu  
\*MAEHARA, Jun

**1994**

\*IMAOKA, Hideo  
\*OIKAWA, Makie  
\*NAKATA, Seiichi

**1995**

YABUNO, Shio  
TERAKITA, Kimiyo

**1996**

KONDO, Yojiro  
NAKAHARA, Kazuko  
NAKATANI, Betty  
SAKAI, Sayuri

**1997**

TANAKA, Kazue  
NISHIKAWA, Toshio  
\*SHIMIZU, Akemi

**1998**

\*OGURA, Shunei

**1999**

UYEYAMA, Toshie  
IWATA, Hisaye  
TSUKAMOTO, Mayumi  
NISHI, Haruko  
SUGINOBU, Chizue

**2000 (17th Year)**

KUROMI, Shigeru  
YAMAMOTO, Eiji

**2001**

TAMOTO, Saichi

**2002**

ASO, Kazue  
\*BENDIG, Richard  
\*KUROKAWA, Nora Hisako  
SAKAI, Yasuji Frank

**2003**

YAMAMOTO Kiyoko  
**2004 (13th Year)**  
TANI, Kenzo

**2005**

FUKUMOTO, Kiyoshi  
MIZUYABU, Tomiko  
IKEDA, Tsutayo  
TAKEDA, Michiko

**2006**

GOTO, Shigeiko  
HANAZAWA, Fumiko  
NISHIMURA, Masao  
URAIAMI, Seiji  
NAKANO, Yoshiko

**2007**

NATSUKOSHI, Sakae  
OTSUKA-CAMPBELL  
Kazuko

**2008**

MATSUI, Otohiro

**2009**

IKEZAKI, Hitoshi

**2010 (7th Year)**

OYE, Sumiye  
MORI, Kinuye

**2011**

KITAMURA, Michiko

**2012**

SHIMA, Roy  
NOMURA, Toshiharu  
HAYASHI, Yoshiharu

**2013**

ALEXANDER, Hideko

**2014 (3rd Year)**

OKADA, Raeso  
NAKANE, Mitsuo

**2015 (First Year)**

OYAMA, Mitsuo

### **Ho-on-ko Service:**

The Hoonko service is the memorial service of our founder, Shinran Shonin, who passed away on January 16, 1263 at the age of 90. For Shinran's 33rd year memorial service, Kakunyo Shonin, the 3rd Monshu of Hongwanji, decided on the system of the ceremony to praise Shinran's virtue. For approximately 700 years since, Jodo Shinshu followers have observed the Hoonko service for Shinran. This service allows us to recall and appreciate Shinran Shonin, and listen to the Nembutsu teachings. This service is the most important service for Jodo Shinshu followers.

**VBT's Ho-on-ko service is on Sunday, January 10, 2016 @ 10:30**





# January 2016



Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					<b>1</b> <u>10:30 am</u> New Year's Service	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>NO SERVICE at VBT</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Public Lecture by Dr. Mark Unno (see this issue for details)	<b>9</b> <u>11:00 am</u> FVBT Hoonko and Shotsuki Monthly Memorial (Guest: Dr. Unno)
<b>10</b> <u>10:30am</u> Ho-onko and January Shotsuki Memorial Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>15</b> DUE: Articles for next issue of Bodhi Mind	<b>16</b> <u>10:00 am</u> Toban and Board Meeting <u>4:30 pm</u> Wakayama Ken-jin-kai New Year Party( VBT)
<b>17</b> <b>NO SERVICE At VBT</b> <u>10:30am</u> Ho-onko Service @ Steveston Temple (Guest: Rev. Izumi)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <u>11:00 am</u> Nikkei Home Service (Rev. T. Aoki)	<b>21</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Seniors' Club	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <u>11:00 am</u> Shiga Ken-jin-kai New Year's Party (VBT)
<b>24</b> <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service	<b>6:00pm</b> BCIMS Winter Celebration Meditation and Potluck (VBT)		<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>29</b> DUE: Early registrations for 2016 Manning Park Family Retreat	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service	<b>FEB. 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Manju-making (VBT)
<b>7</b> <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service <u>1:00 pm</u> VBT AGM	<b>8</b> BC Family Day (Office Closed)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <u>10:00 am</u> Board Meeting