

## VBT Golf Tournament

Saturday

June 18, 2016

12:00 Noon Tee

Musqueam Golf Course

3904 W. 51th Ave.,

Vancouver

It's time for VBT's popular  
annual Golf tournament!

Registration fee of \$80  
includes a round at the  
Musqueam Golf Course  
with friends and fellow  
golfers (with complimen-  
tary pull cart, and range  
ball) ending with a dinner  
and chances to win prizes.

To register, please contact:

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# Bodhi Mind



Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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## On the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition

On June 6, 2014, I came to inherit the legacy of the Jodo Shinshu tradition through receiving the transmission from the Monshu Emeritus Ohtani Koshin, succeeding to the posts of the resident priest of Hongwanji and the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Monshu. Today, I would like to announce that the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition (*Dento Hokoku Hoyo*) shall be scheduled for the years 8672 and 8673. My succession of the Jodo Shinshu tradition will be officially proclaimed to the Buddha and Masters, and through its observance, it is anticipated that the teaching of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow shall gain prosperity and Hongwanji in its entirety shall achieve further growth.

Amida Buddha's Primal Vow is directed without discrimination to every life and saves them just as they are. Despite our being filled with delusions and suffering, we are enabled to entrust ourselves wholeheartedly to Amida Tathagata's great compassion and be born in the Pure Land, the manifestation of the Buddha's true enlightenment. Although everything in this world, including ourselves, is unreliable, which Shinran Shonin expressed as "empty and false," we are always able to realize the assuredness in the working of the Primal Vow.

Modern scientific and technological sophistication urges us to pursue convenient and luxurious lifestyles, thereby making our desires swell boundlessly. However, I feel that people have begun to realize the futility of these efforts. In addition, such factors as the nuclear family unit and demographic shift from rural to urban areas have forced the conventional social structure to change greatly. As a result, the bonds between people have become weak, causing new anxieties and feelings of uneasiness to arise. On the global scale as well, we can see that there are a number of issues that threaten humanity's existence, such as armed conflict, economic imbalance, climate change, and the proliferation of nuclear materials, and it is anticipated that the situation will likely intensify.

Therefore, I believe it is important for us to listen to the Dharma. Listening to the Dharma clarifies for us the compassionate working of Amida Tathagata that always embraces us as just as we are and never abandons us. Hence, we should share our appreciation and gratitude for it with as many people as possible. As Nembutsu followers who are guided by the Buddha's wisdom, it is important for us to take the initiative and actively carry out programs to cope with the numerous problems and issues in contemporary society. I feel that such efforts will contribute to the actualization of a society in which everyone is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment.

It is my hope that this upcoming Commemoration of Accession shall become a significant event as the first major step of our organization. May this occasion serve as the impetus for the Hongwanji to effectively

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## Message from the VBT Board

In our tradition, two to the most celebrated occasions are the birth of Prince Siddhartha born in April and Shinran Shonin born in May. Siddhartha was born in India over 2500 years ago and we annually celebrate the historic events as Hanamatsuri. Shinran was born in Japan, 753 years ago and his birth, we remember each year, as Gotanye.

While we have now successfully concluded Hanamatsuri, we are next looking forward to Gotanye in the month of May. We invite everyone, members and non-member friends, to join us. It takes place on Sunday, May 15 at 10:30 am. The occasion will also include the May monthly memorial service.

Recently, our heating system for the whole building was installed to replace the 37 year original furnace. We should now enjoy a warm and comfortable surrounding.

In three years time, 2019 to be exact, we will be celebrating our 115th anniversary since the founding of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple. In addition, it will be the 40th anniversary of our temple building. Before too long a planning committee will be established. Any current member interested in participating in the planning of the occasion, please contact the office or any board director.

Gassho,  
VBT Board of  
Directors

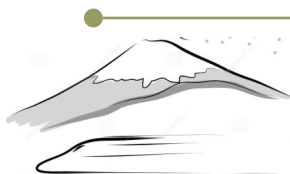


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cope with the changing times while upholding the traditional religious values based on Amida Tathagata's unconditional compassion. The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha administration is currently formulating new long-term plans in anticipation of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. We kindly request your active cooperation and participation.

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



### JSBTC Japan Tour 2016 October 10—23

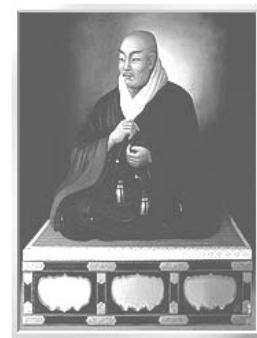
The JSBTC is organizing a pilgrimage trip to Japan to coincide with the Accession Ceremony for Sennyō Monshū (Head Priest) being held on October 21 at the Nishi Hongwanji mother temple in Kyoto. This very unique service is being specifically designated for Shin followers from Overseas Districts. Sennyō Monshū is the 25th Head Priest, therefore 25th descendant of Shinran-shonin, the founder of Shin Buddhism. As such, Steveston Buddhist Temple resident minister, Rev. Grant Ikuta has organized this pilgrimage to include specific sights centred around Tokyo and Kyoto associated with Shinran-shonin. The tour is open to members across Canada, and space is limited. For more information, please refer to posters at VBT, or online at the tour organizer's (Kintetsu) website:

<http://canada.kiecan.com/jsbtc2016/>



### May's Special Service: GO-TAN-E

Go-tan-e celebrates the birth of Shinran Shonin (1173-1262), the founder of Shin Buddhism. The life and teachings of Shinran-shonin constitute one of the most significant developments in the history of Buddhism. It was he who discovered a path which ensured that the treasures of the Dharma would be accessible to all people without discrimination.



This celebration in May is also called Fujimatsuri, or Wisteria Festival, after the purple flower which represents our sect. Though the flowers grow high on intertwined branches of a tall and sturdy tree, unlike other flowers which stand up when in full blossom, the wisteria hangs down, as if in humility. It serves as the family crest of Shinran.

Shin Buddhist Temples all over the world will be marking this occasion with the Go-tan-e special service in May. Vancouver Buddhist Temple's 2016 Go-tan-e service will be held on Sunday, May 15 starting at 10:30 am. We hope to see you there.

## Greetings from the Valley

Our Hanamatsuri service was held on Sat. April 9 on a lovely sunny day in the Valley. Our temple is situated in the heart of daffodil country and our service coincided with the Bradner Flower Show just down the road so it was a busy day in our little community. Our guest minister Rev. Miki Nakura from New York commented on what a nice change it was to be in the countryside. We are so fortunate that our temple is located in such a beautiful environment.

Our next service will be on Sat. May 14 @ 2 pm followed by our "Dinner in the Country" fundraiser at Bradner Hall. There will be a light tea after service for those not attending the dinner. Tickets are still available at \$35 for adults, kids under 5 are free and kids 6 - 18 are \$1 for every year of their age. Please join us for zumba, line dancing, games, a silent auction, good food and company and lots of fun! For more information contact Amy Nagamatsu at 604-455-0077 or Paige Perry at 604-603-8872. In Gassho,  
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

## Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude



### April 9, 2016 Hanamatsuri & April Shotsuki Memorial Service

Amy Nagamatsu, Hiroshi & Ruth Honkawa, Chieko Takasaki, Mitsuo Saito, Genevieve Iwata, Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Mak Ikuta, Lori North, May Mukaida, Hiro & Masami Miyagi, Merv & Daisy Araki, The Perry Family, Irene Rohrer, Mike & Jenny McSkimming, Denise Cork, Byron Kagawa Naomi Shikaze - in memory of father Gilbert & grandfather Kayemon  
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka - in memory of Jack & Kenny Yoshioka  
Ben Shikaze - in memory of Uncle Ben Shikaze  
Membership: Lori North, Merv, Daisy, Maya & Marci Araki, Hiro & Masami Miyagi, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Denise Cork  
In Gassho, FVBT

The following VBT activities in May are the responsibility of **Toban #5** (members listed below)

Sat. 7—10am Toban & Board Mtg  
Sun. 15—9am Shotsuki service



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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs. Ritsuko Akasaka      | Mr. & Mrs. K. Shimizu     |
| Ms. June Anzai            | Mr. Shoji Takahashi       |
| Ms. Joanne Bazeley        | Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiro Shoji  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Preston Chan   | Ms. Darlene Sorel         |
| Mrs. Chiyoko Fujii        | Ms. Jacqueline Stevens    |
| Mr. John Harada           | Mrs. Helen Tajiri         |
| Mr. & Mrs. Toshio Hirai   | Mr. & Mrs. Brad Tak       |
| Mrs. Miwako Kasuya        | Mrs. Tamaki Takahashi     |
| Mr. & Mrs. Len Komori     | Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Takaki |
| Mr. & Mrs. Henry Low      | Mrs. Masako Takata        |
| Mrs. Polly Matsumoto      | Mr. & Mrs. Tadao Takata   |
| Mr. & Mrs. M. Matsutani   | Mr. Don Takaki            |
| Mrs. Yoshie Matsutani     | Mr. Yutaka Takemoto       |
| Mr. & Mrs. Hiroaki Mikasa | Mrs. Harumi Tamoto        |
| Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mizuta   | Mrs. Deena Tanaka         |
| Mrs. Chieko Nishi         | Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuru Tanaka |
| Mrs. Eiko Nishikihama     | Ms. Mutsuko Tateyama      |
| Mr. & Mrs. A. Okamoto     | Mr. & Mrs. T. Teranishi   |
| Ms. Jean Okamura          | Ms. Kazue Tsurusaki       |
| Mrs. Yoshie Omura         | Mrs. Shigeiko Urata       |
| Mrs. Yukiko Omura         | Mrs. Nobuyo Uyeyama       |
| Mrs. Keiko Oyama          | Mr. & Mrs. M. Yamakami    |
| Ms. Jenny Pedersen        | Mr. & Mrs. M. Yokogawa    |
| Mrs. Akiko Sakata         | Mrs. Yoshika Yoneda       |
| Mrs. Toshie Sekiya        |                           |

## VBT Bon Odori (Dance) Practice Dates

Our very gracious Mrs. Akemi Komori Sensei (teacher) has offered her talents, endless patience, energy and enthusiasm again this year. She has dedicated many years to our Temple teaching traditional Japanese Bon Odori (dances) to our members and friends.

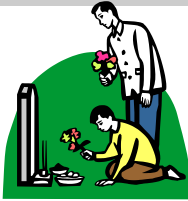
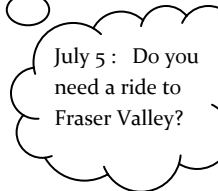
We welcome everyone back and extend an invitation to new dancers joining the "Dance of Joy" to remembering our ancestors. In preparation for Obon, the odori (dance) practices are scheduled in our social hall from 7:00-8:30pm. Practice dates are:


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|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Tuesday June 14 | Thursday June 16             |
| Tuesday June 21 | Thursday June 23             |
| Tuesday June 28 | Thursday June 30—NO PRACTICE |
| Tuesday July 5  | Thursday July 7              |

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



# 2016 Cemetery & Obon Services and Bon Odori

Cemetery Services		お墓参り	
July 3 (Sun)			
9:30 AM	Forest Lawn フォレストローン		
10:10 AM	Ocean View オーシャンビュー		
10:50 AM	Mountain View @ North マウンテンビュー		
@South by the crematorium			
July 3 (Sun)			
4:00 PM	Valley View (Surrey) バレービュー		
5:00 PM	New Westminster ニュー・ウェストミンスター		
5:30 PM	Coquitlam コキットラム		
July 5 (Tue)			
10:00 AM	Maple Ridge メープルリッジ		
11:00 AM	Whonnock ウォーノク		
11:30 AM	Hatzic (Mission) ミッション		
July 9 (Sat)			
2:00 PM	Aldergrove Cemetery オルダーグローブ		




**Guest Speaker**



**Rev. Brian Nagata**  
(San Francisco, USA)

OBON Services		お盆法要日程	
July 9 (Saturday)			
3:00 PM	Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple	“Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotsuki” (Guest Speaker: Rev. Brian Nagata)	
		フレイザーバレー仏教会お盆法要 (講師：永田ブライアン先生)	
6:00	FVBT Bon Odori	フレイザーバレー盆踊り	
July 10 (Sunday)			
2:00 PM	Vancouver Buddhist Temple	“Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotsuki” (Guest Speaker: Rev. Brian Nagata)	
		バンクーバー仏教会 初盆・お盆・7月祥月法要 (講師：永田ブライアン先生)	
			
4:00 PM	Vancouver Bon Odori		
July 16 (Sat)			
5:00PM	Steveston Bon Odori		
July 17 (Sun)			
10:30 AM	Steveston Buddhist Temple	“Obon Service” スティブストン仏教会 お盆法要 講師 Rev. Koshin OGUI Tel: (604) 277-2323	

**July 5 Cemetery Sites' Services**

VBT office is arranging a carpool for people who wish to attend the cemetery services on July 5. Please sign up or call to the VBT office by July 2. We will leave from Vancouver Temple at 9:00AM (please bring your own lunch). Volunteer



Japanese Lecture 7月7 (木) 法座のお誘い		July 8 (Fri) English Public Lecture	
正午   12:40PM	 読経「正信偈」 日本語法話「お盆」 講師：青木龍也先生 於 仏教会本堂	7:00PM   8:30PM	 Wisdom for Difficult Times: <i>The Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life</i> by Rev. Brian Nagata

## May Shotsuki (Memorial) List

### 1957

\*NAKAMURA, Miss  
\*SUGIHARA,  
Shichisaburo

### 1958

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

### 1960

\*HAMADE, Yoshigoro  
\*NAKANISHI, Mitsugu

### 1961

\*SHIRAKAWA,  
Hidehiko

### 1962

\*NISHIKAWA, Usaburo

### 1964

\*MARUMOTO, Kamen  
\*YABUNO, Sutekichi  
\*YURUGI, Choichiro

### 1965

\*INOUE, Kandayu  
NAKATA, Norman

### 1966

\*MATSUSHITA,  
Nagashige

### 1967-50th Year

MADOKORO, Hiroye  
\*YOSHIDA, Isamu

### 1969

\*OGINO, Chozo  
\*ONO, Matsu

### 1970

\*SUZUKI, Isono  
\*TANAKA, Hisa

### 1972

\*MISHIMA, Tsurukichi  
YADA, Kiyoshi

### 1973

\*TANAKA, Haru

### 1974

HORII, Sumiye  
\*INAMASU, Suye

### 1975

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

### 1976

HAMAGUCHI, Fumio  
\*TAKEDA, Iwao

### 1977

KONDO, Yoshio

### 1979

NAKAMURA,  
Genzaburo

\*NISHIMURA, Aiko

### 1980

\*WAKITA, Hajime  
\*YOSHIDA, Yoshi

### 1981

\*AYUKAWA, Kaoru  
\*TAKAHASHI, Kazuo  
TANAKA, Miki  
\*YABE, (baby)  
YAMAKAMI, Shotaro

### 1982

\*KAWAGUCHI, Yoshio  
\*OHTA, Takezo  
TANAKA, Ichijiro

### 1983

\*KITADE, Yaeko  
\*NAGAMATSU, Denshin

### 1984-33 Year

\*HANADA, Yoshio  
\*OKEGAMI, Hidehiro  
\*SAKIYAMA, Hiroshi  
\*TAKEMOTO, Matsuyo  
\*TERANISHI, Fuji

### 1985

\*KAWAHIRA, Imiko  
YAMADA, Yukio

### 1986

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

### 1987

\*HORI, Mika  
\*KITAGAWA, Naka  
\*YURUGI, Moto

### 1988

\*TSUJI, Gen

### 1989

\*KUROMI, Suino  
\*MIURA, Kaoru

### 1990

\*GREEN, Jordan  
HIRAI, Ken  
\*NISHIKAWA, Mitsuye

The May Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, May 15 at 10:30 am**

### 1991

HAYA, Haruko  
\*MIYAGAWA, Ito  
OKADA, Kazuko

### 1992-25th Year

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

### 1994

\*MATSUBA, Shige

### 1995

SHIMABUKURO, Nabe  
\*UYENO, Shigeo  
YAMADA, Takaichi

### 1996

\*ITAYA, Masaye

### 1997

SHOJI, Tadashi  
TAKEMORI, Akiko  
TANAKA, Masao

### 1998

\*MARUYAMA, Bill  
YAMADA, Kazuye

### 1999

HAMAGUCHI, Hiroshi  
\*KUNIMOTO, Akiko  
YAMADA, Hiroshi

### 2000-17th Year

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

### 2001

WAKAHARA,  
Tomohiko

### 2002

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

### 2003

\*NAKATSUI, Toyoko

### 2004-13th Year

KITAMURA, Shizuko  
OMOTO, Noboru  
OYA, Chie

### 2005

GRIMSHAW, Rebecca

### 2006

\*SATO, Yoshiaki

### 2007

HAMAGAMI, George  
KITAGAWA, Kotoma  
MORISHITA, Hatsumi  
NAKAMURA, Amy  
NAKATSU, Toshiye  
WADA, Seiji

### 2008

KAWASAKI, Ryota  
KOYANAGI, Hiroyuki  
TANAKA, Keiichi  
TANAHARA,  
Yoshihide

### 2011

FUJIYAMA, Kie  
YAMADA, Miyoko  
KADO, Tokuyo

### 2012

OKADA, Katsuko  
TSUJI, Yoshiaki  
WATANABE, Isao

### 2014-Third Year

YAMASHITA, Tsunaye

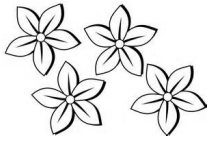
## **VBT Nokotsudo**

(Columbarium)

The VBT columbarium is a room of niches which house urns containing ashes of loved ones. The room is private, and contains an altar so is able to serve as a quiet room for individuals and families to remember those interned there.

Anyone wishing to offer incense and/or flowers in the Nokotsudo for anyone already interned there may do so by appointment through the VBT office, or after services. Please ask a minister or Board Member for access to the Nokotsudo room.

As well, information on securing a niche (Agreement document and donation) are available from the VBT Office.



# May 2016



Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b> <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Dharma Circle Meditation	<b>5</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <u>10:00 am</u> Toban and Board Meeting
<b>8</b> <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <u>11:00 am</u> Nikkei Home Service (Rev. T. Aoki)	<b>12</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u>2:00 pm</u> FVBT Service (Rev. Ikuta) 4:00PM Dinner in the Valley
<b>15</b> <u>10:30 am</u> Gotan-e And Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Dharma Circle Meditation	<b>19</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>20</b>	<b>May 21-23</b> Manning Park Annual Family Retreat
<b>22</b> No Service at VBT\ Manning Park Annual Family Retreat	<b>23</b> Victoria Day Office closed	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>27</b>	
<b>29</b> <u>10:30 am</u> VBT Dharma Service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Dharma Circle Meditation	<b>2</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Japanese Howakai & Seniors' Club	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Manju Making
<b>5</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Children's Hospital Fundraise Run No Service at VBT	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Seniors' Club	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <u>10:00 am</u> Board Meeting
<b>12</b> <u>10:30 am</u> Parents' Day and Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Obon Dance Practice	<b>15</b> <u>11:00 am</u> Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Ikuta)	<b>16</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> Seniors' Club <b>7:00 pm</b> Obon Dance Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <u>12:00 Noon</u> VBT Golf Tournament