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We are all the Same, We are all Different

A few years ago, I was attending a weekend meeting out of town, and I was sharing a hotel room with another minister. He asked me whether I had ever conducted a Buddhist marriage ceremony for a same-sex couple, and my answer was no. I mean, at least not yet. He was asked by a same-sex couple about the Buddhist perspective on same-sex marriages. An interesting debate ensued. I would like to share my personal thoughts on the subject.

There is a song that goes, “love and marriage go together.” We should remember that love doesn’t just happen by itself. Because you marry does not necessarily mean you love your partner absolutely. It does not suggest that as a ‘husband and wife’, a ‘husband and husband’, or a ‘wife and wife’, you love each other fully. I think that love is like baking a cake. You need to work at it and watch it grow. It has to go into a hot oven if it is going to be anything worthwhile. And you’ve got to share it, if it is going to taste any good at all.

Some religious organizations are currently debating whether the union of two persons of the same-sex should be called a marriage. Some Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land School) ministers in Canada have married couples of the same-sex when requested. I have never solemnized a same-sex marriage only because I have never been asked.

I would be surprised if the subject of such unions are not considered to be proper and acceptable. Some lay people may have the feeling that this is all just ‘too different’. When I had a group discussion on this topic some years ago, one participant commented that she felt uncomfortable using the word “marriage”. She preferred to use a term “union” instead of the term “marriage”.

For the marriage ceremony a minister is given the authority to say with truth and honesty, what is appropriate for the situation. On one occasion I was asked to conduct a “house blessing” for a family who moved here from another town. The request was just too unusual for a Jodo Shinshu minister to agree to. However, I simply re-defined it as a “house dedication” service, which I was comfortable with. Why fight over a word like “blessing”, “dedication”, “marriage”, or “union”?

If gay people seem a bit different from you, are we also not different each from one another? I believe there is a book titled, “*We are all the Same, We are all Different.*” No truer words have been spoken. I myself am married to a woman of a different generation, from a different city, and nurtured by a different local custom in Japan. There are more differences in my marriage than there probably are in same-sex partnerships. I hope that we are able to all learn to be accepting of those different from ourselves. After all, when we perceive people as different from ourselves, we are also perceived to be different from them.

The Ministerial Association of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist

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Message from the VBT Board

We have from time to time received items (in kind) from members and friends. However, if they are gifts in-kind CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) will not allow a tax deductible receipt for the value of the item. Our temple will accept donated goods that are usable by the temple but we cannot issue a tax deductible receipt. When a new item is purchased and donated to the temple and the sales receipt is submitted, a tax-deductible statement can be issued by the temple. Thank you to everyone who have made donations in-kind. We do sincerely appreciate them.

Plans for the 115/45 anniversary are slowly crystallizing. Scheduled events will be held throughout 2019, the year of celebration. A major anniversary fund-raising drive is now in place. We seek your contributions for commemorative items, improvements and renovations. If you have suggestions for an anniversary project please let the board know.

After many years of dedication and sacrifice, our hard-working secretary of the board will be leaving us. Joanne Yuasa has been accepted at the University of Toronto for Masters' studies. Her many temple duties included serving as Minister's Assistant (tokudo), co-editor of the Bodhi Mind, secretary on the executive board, liaison for Youth activities, were all carried out while studying and completing her Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies at UBC. Thank you for all you have done, Joanne. Best wishes on your new endeavour. Hoping for your return in a couple of years.

In Gassho, the VBT Board

Cont'd from pg 1 We are All

Temples of Canada has debated the subject of same-sex marriage for quite some time. Although non-heterosexual unions have been solemnized by some of us, an official position has not yet been taken. Having made these comments on the subject, I am not writing this article expressing the sentiments of the Ministerial Association. This article is strictly my personal opinion about this particular issue.

Namo Amida Butsu
Tatsuya Aoki

Tōban Groups

From lunches at our monthly Shōtsuki 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 are the responsibility of

Tōban #3

July

- 7 Sat. 9:00 am—Obon preparations
- 8 Sun. 9:00 am—outdoor preparations,
10:30 am—Kitchen Prep Obon,
Hatsubon & July Shōtsuki
- 14 Sat. 10:00 am—Tōban & Board meeting
- 21 Sat. 9:00 am—Manju-making



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Rev. & Mrs. T Aoki	Mrs. Yukie Morishita
Mrs. Tei Domitsu	Mrs. Kazumi Nakano
Mrs. Kazue Egami	Mrs. Yachiyo Nishi
Ms. Patricia Keizer	Mrs. Tomi Niwatsukino
Ms. Lorene MacDonald	Ms. Asako Nomura
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Mr. & Mrs. Otokazu Matsui	Mr. & Mrs. Norio Renovich
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Mr. & Mrs. Ray McDonald	Mr. & Mrs. Mikio Takeda
Mrs. Akiko Minato	Mr. & Mrs. Shizuo Tanaka
Ms. Frances Minato	Mrs. Michiko Tanizawa
Mr. Harry Minato	Mr. Kaoru Tatara
Mr. Hitoshi Mitsui	Mrs. Tomiko Uyeyama
Mrs. & Mr. Karen Mizushima	Mrs. & Mr. Adrien Vittone
Mr. & Mrs. Hiroyuki Morimoto	Mr. & Mrs. Tatsuya Yamazaki
Ms. Orrin Morishita	Ms. Joanne Yuasa

Encountering The Buddha: 108 Teachings of Buddha

Continued from June Bodhi Mind Issue #418

“16. Knowing Gratitude, Respond with Gratitude”

The original word meaning “those who know gratitude” is *katannu* in Pali, literally translated as “those who know what has been done.” The Chinese character for gratitude, *on*, is used to translate this Buddhist term, made up of two parts, *in* (cause) and *kokoro* (mind), to signify “keeping the cause in mind.” This seems to be a very apt translation.



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Tōban Groups

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The following activities are the responsibility of

Tōban #4

August

Fri. 3—Sun. 5 Powell St. Festival
Sun. 12—9:00 am Shotsuki
Sat. 18—9:00 am Temple Cleanup

September

Sat. 15—9:00 am Toban + Board meeting
Sun. 16—9:00 am Fall Higan/
Shotsuki Service
Sat. 22—9:00 am Manju making

Mr. & Mrs. Yasuhiko Bando
Mrs. Martha Banno
Mrs. Sachi Chiya
Ms. Jenni Chor
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hamanishi
Mrs. Mitsue Ikegami
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kajiwara
Mrs. Sandra Kawasaki-Chan
Mrs. Yasuko Komori
Mr. Rick MacDonald
Mr. & Mrs. Yukito Maruno
Mr. & Mrs. Gorden Meugens
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mukai
Ms. Yvonne Nakano
Mrs. Yoshiye Nakata
Mrs. Kazuyo Nakatsu
Miss. Cathy Nishikawa
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Mr. & Mrs. Shiro Nishimura
Mrs. Tomiko Noda
Mr. Robert Nomura
Mr. Minoru Oyama
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pedersen
Mrs. Mitsuye Sakata
Mr. Gentaro Shimizu
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Soga
Mrs. Jean Wakahara
Mrs. Kiyoko Yada
Mrs. Keiko Yakumo
Ms. Catherine Yamamoto
Ms. Christine Yoshida
Ms. Kazuye Yoshida

Introduction to Buddhism

5 Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm -October 17 to November 14

\$40

Who should attend? Anyone who would like a broad understanding of the spiritual and practical aspects of Buddhism. Most important – Course participants will be shown actual techniques and will practice under supervision. The series host Patrick Couling, will introduce each speaker.

General Buddhism (October 17) with Casey Collins (PhD Candidate in Asian Studies at UBC)

A general introduction to Buddhism. This will include Dharma Centre Etiquette, a short history of Buddhism and the 4 Noble Truths. This evening will form the foundation for the evenings to follow.

Shin Pure Land Tradition (October 24) with Tatsuya Aoki Sensei

An introduction to Shin – Pure Land Buddhism. Aoki Sensei will discuss the history of Shin Buddhism and how it came to Vancouver. He will also discuss the Nembutsu, its benefits and how to do it. He will then lead participants through a Shin Buddhism practice session.

Zen Tradition (October 31) with Michael Newton Sensei

An introduction to Zen Buddhism. Michael Sensei will discuss the history of Zen Buddhism and how it came to North America. He will provide Zen meditation instructions. Participants will then practice under supervision.

Theravada Tradition and Meditation (November 7) with Dr. Adrienne Ross

An introduction to Vipassana or Insight Meditation. Dr. Ross will discuss the benefits of mindfulness and insight. She will provide instructions and then lead participants into active meditation. Of particular note, she will also lead participants in “Loving Kindness Meditation”, which is healing and calming.

Tibetan Tradition (November 14) with Lama Bev Komori

Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism. Lama Bev will talk about some of the iconic symbols and concepts used in Tibetan Buddhism as a focus for meditation, and as a path to spiritual transformation. Participants will be introduced to the Extraordinary Shamata practice, a special meditation practice taught by the previous Kalu Rinpoche.

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For me, gratitude means not just keeping the cause in mind, but also keeping conditions in mind.

Whenever I think about the causes and conditions which have brought me to where I am now, my head bows down naturally.

How much do I owe to the causes and conditions I have received thus far? And how much do I owe to the causes and conditions I am receiving here and now?

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B.C. Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation



2018 Post Secondary Scholarships

The British Columbia Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation awards two Post Secondary Scholarships annually.

These scholarships are **open to any resident of BC** who:

- Is a full-time student attending a recognized post-secondary institution and enrolled for this coming fall semester in a program leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate; and
- Participates in religious/spiritual events and activities through a church, temple, or other recognized religious group.

For more information, or to have an application emailed to you, please contact Lori at scholarships.bcjsbtf@gmail.com

Deadline for applications is August 4, 2018

Board of Directors

We are seeking new nominations to the BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple Federation Board of Directors. The nomination will take place at BC Fed Convention in Vernon on Sunday, Sep 9, 2018.

2018 BCJSBTF Convention

**“Buddhism and Moving Forward
Just As You Are”**
Living in These Uncertain Times

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Kenneth Tanaka
September 8-9, 2018
Vernon, BC



Contact:
mariikuta@gmail.com
for registration information

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received In Gratitude June 16, 2018 Monthly Shotsuki Service



Irene Tateyama, Perry Family, Denise Cork, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Makoto Ikuta, Jean Nakatsui, Pat Yoshioka, Masami Miyagi, Amy Nagamatsu

In Memory of Father Yoshio Shikaze: Ben Shikaze
In Memory of Bachan Eda Shikaze: Ben Shikaze
In Memory of Mother & Bachan Chizuko Fujita: Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Marion Fujita, Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming

In Gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Obon Guest Minister

Rev. Yuki Sugahara



Please join us on

Friday, July 6 at 7:00 PM

for a lecture on

“Buddhism and Mind”

The lecture is open to the public by donation.

Steveston Buddhist Temple has chartered a bus for attendees from the Vancouver, Steveston, and Fraser Valley Temples. The bus will pick up from the Vancouver and Steveston temples and from the Fraser Valley Auto Mall in the Valley on Friday, September, 7th.

Based on 50 people attending, the cost will be roughly \$50/person. Final cost will be confirmed once we have the number of passengers and if any subsidies are available.

Please contact the VBT office as soon as possible for a place on the bus.

The registration form and information about the chartered bus and convention are available from the temple website and office. Please register directly with Vernon and the hotel for accommodations.

OBON Fundraising

Silent Auction

Sunday, July 8, 2017

at Vancouver Buddhist Temple

[Auction: 1pm-4:30pm]



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Annual Nikkei Place Obon Service and Bon Dance Cancelled

Rev. Ikuta of Steveston and I conduct monthly Buddhist services at Nikkei Home. Noticing that the residents of Nikkei Home and Sakura-so had difficulty attending annual Obon services at the temples, Obon services on the Nikkei Place premises were started. Nikkei Place donated the space, the JCCA donated tea and refreshments, Baxter-Kobe Florists donated flowers, and dance instructor Akemi Komori Sensei brought her dance group to join in the Bon dancing after the service. Mr. John Harada, Mr. Gentaro Shimizu, and the late Mr. Tsutomu Omoto put up the lanterns to make the space truly feel like Obon. Nikkei Home volunteers wore yukata (traditional Japanese summer wear) and accompanied the residents. The Nikkei Place Obon was open to the public so members of the public visited specifically for this event.

However, starting this year, with the aging residents, and the number of attendees decreasing, we have decided to stop having the Obon services at Nikkei Place.

I would like to thank all of the people who have made the Obon service at Nikkei Place possible for the past 10 years.

In gassho, Rev. T. Aoki

“Encountering” Cont’d from pg 3

When I try to see the significance of these questions, I feel much more that I have to appreciate this “life,” and I think that I should live this “life” for the sake of others as much as possible. Shinran’s words touch the very bottom of my heart:

The benevolence of Amida Buddha’s great compassion
Must be responded to even if it crushes our bodies.

The benevolence of the masters and teachers
Must be repaid even if it breaks our bones.
(Hymns of the Dharma Ages [Shozomatsu Wasan])

“ 17. Don’t Chase after the Past; Don’t Wait for the Future”

The way we truly need to live is in the here and now. If we neglect this moment and neglect this place, we are neglecting our “life” itself.

There are some people, however, who, as they grow older, remember glory days of the past and spend empty days longing after those glories. Or there are those who spend empty days just regretting errors they made in the past.

Sakyamuni says:

If those who have done bad deeds in the past later compensate for this with good deeds, even they can be a light in the world – just like the

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July Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The July Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, July 8 at 2 pm.**

1959

YADA, Shige
*TAKEBAYASHI, Tei

1960

*WATANABE, Hiroshi
*NAGATA, Sano

1963

*TANAKA, Masuya
*TSUMURA, Tonoyo

1964

*YOSHIDA, Iwataro
*KOHARA, Tsuneo

1965

MIZUTA, Jisaburo
*OTANI, Shige

1966

TSUJI, Tatsuya

1967

*FUKUI, Chika
*OMORI, Takanosuke
*HINATSU, Shigeru
*SAKAI, Fujie
*TANAKA, Koharu

1969 (50th year)

*NAKAMURA, Yoichi

1970

*NAKAO, Hatsue

1972

*UYENO, Toyokichi
*SAKAGUCHI, Shigeo
*MUTO, Saburo
*HISANAGA, Aizo

1973

OMAYE, Kiyokazu
*KAGAWA, Kuni
*KITASAKA, Tosaburo

1974

*YOSHIDA, Takeshi

1975

MIYASAKI, Saijiro
*YOSHIDA, Kinu

1976

RYUJIN, Takeji

1977

HAMATAKE, Yasu

1978

HORII, Kiyooki
*KURASHIGE, Naoko

1979

*BANDO, Hidejiro
*MURATA, Uno

1979

*BANDO, Hidejiro
*MURATA, Uno

1981

*TAMAKI, Hiroko
OTSUJI, Ito
*NAKAGAWA, Hatsu

1982

*IDA, Kikui

1983

*NAKASHIMA, Yoshito
YOSHIKAWA, Susumu

1984

*NAKAMURA, Takeo
*TANAKA, Harry
*NITTA, Kitaro
*SATO, Shino

*KONDO, Hiroshi

1986 (33rd year)

*TAKEUCHI, Masu
*NISHIMURA, Shigeyuki
TATEYAMA, Shinpachi

1988

KODA, Haru

1990

NISHIMURA, Naka
*MURAO, Tokiko

1991

*MIYUKI, Yoko
TATSUMI, Tatsu
*UYENO, Zenzo

1993

*KUMAMOTO, Takayuki
*KOYANAGI, Keiichi

1994 (25th year)

*SEIBOLD, Terry
*TANIGAKI, Toshiko
*MAYE, Shigeo

1995

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

1996

TANAKA, Junichi
NISHIMURA, Taro
INOUE, Teiji

1997

UYEDA, Toshiko
UYEDA, Hisakichi
TANAKA, Shigeo
YASUDA, Minoru

1998

*MARUYAMA, Sharon
YAMAOKA, Nobue

1999

HIKIDA, Masaharu
MARUNO, Satoshi

2000

NAKATANI, Takao

2001

YAMAUCHI, Takashi

2002 (17th year)

*TAKAMA, Akira

2005

TANAKA, Douglas
Takeo

2006 (13th year)

HATTORI, Motoharu
KOJIMA, Joe Ju
KARIYA, Fumiko

2007

KIMOTO, Haruye
KIKUCHI, Tomi
KITANO, Yoko

2008

NAKAGAWA, Toshio

2009

TAKENO, Masuko
KAWAMOTO, Makoto,
ISHIKAWA, Sadako

2011

TANAKA, Kaoru
2012(7th year)
TAMAKI, Shigeharu
SUZUKI, Tamako

2013

OKADA, Kazuko
TANIZAWA, Fusako

2014

SATO, Kimihiko
TAJIRI, Helen
TAMAI, Miyoko
SAKATA, Mieko

2017 (1st year)

UYEYAMA, Yoshiko

HATSUBON

(First Obon Service for the Departed)

The families of the following will be observing Hatsubon in 2018:

2017

Hozumi Tomita (June)
Yoshiko Uyeyama (July)
Jack Sadahiko Hanta (August)
Saburo Maekawa (August)
Reiko Omoto (October)
Yasuko Nishimura (October)
Takayasu Frank Masuhara (November)
Chizuko Tsurumaru (December)
Akiko Tsuji (December)
Masaaki Tanizawa (December)

2018

Yoshiko Terado (January)
Kiyoe Yada (January)
Greg Kawamoto (January)
Yukiko Nancy Murata (January)
Toshiyo Harada (March)
Ryoichi Nakamura (March)
Tamotsu Teranishi (April)
Jacqueline Hidemi Imai (April)
Terry Koyanagi (April)
Kaoru Minato (May)
Seiichi Utsunomiya (June)

The Hatsubon service is held in conjunction with the Obon and July monthly memorial Shotsuki service.

**Sunday, July 8
Starting at 2:00pm**

August Shotsuki (Memorial) List**1943**

SUZUKI, Kou

1960

*KONDO, Shigeru

1961

*SAKAMOTO, Sadakichi

*ODAMURA, Mine

1962

*ONO, Ihei

1963

HAMAKAWA, Koto

*KONISHI, Hanayo

1965

*ODAMURA, Magoichi

RYUJIN, Eiko

1966

ARAKI, Nui

HAYA, Kumae

1967

*SHIMIZU, Ichiro

1968

*NAKASHIMA, Otoye

MIZUYABU, Toshio

1969 (50th year)

MIO, Tomekichi

UYEYAMA, Yasumatsu

1970

*KITAGAWA, Kenzo

HANADA, Kinuye

1972

AMANO, Katsuyo

*SHIGEOKA, Heishiro

1973

*MATSUMOTO, Kingo

*UYEDA, Tane

1974

SHINTANI, Niichi

1975

ASAOKA, Toichiro

*NISHI, Yoshizo

TERANISHI, Yasukichi

*HAMA, Yasumatsu

1977

*HASHIMOTO, Shusuke

1978

*HONMA, Chizuye

*SEKIYA, Tashichi

1980

MITSUI, Wakako

1981

*UYEDA, Mika

*ISHIKAWA, Isamu

1982

*TATEOKA, Den

1983

*SAKAI, Sadao

1984

*SATO, Tadashi

*HANAZAWA, Genichi

1985

TERANISHI, Sayo

*NISHIKIHAMA,

Torasaburo

ENJO, Masa

*WAKAHARA, Hidemi

1986 (33rd year)

*NII, Shizuko

1987

AMANO, Shizuye

NISHI, Akiko

NOMURA, Tom

*YAMAMOTO, Matsuye

1988

*NOMURA, Reiko

1989

TATSUMI, Eiichi

*ONO, Fumiye

1990

HONMA, Shizuye

1991

IWATA, Motomaru

1992

*TANAKA, Kimiyo

MOTOKADO, Kiku

1994 (25th Year)

*TAMAKI, Natsuno

1995

KITAGAWA, Kuri

TANAKA, Yukiko

YAMASAKI, Keiichiro

NASU, Hideo

SAKATA, Tatsuzo

1996

HAYASHI, Yasue

1997

FURUGORI, Shuji

TAMOTO, Satoru

1998

YOKOME, Haruka

The August Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held on **Sunday, August 12 at 10:30 am.**

1999

NAKANO, Ryoshichi

2001

OKANO, Yoshio

NAKASHIMA, Miyuki

2002 (17th year)

YAMAMOTO, Sumiko

FUKUI, John Yaichi

FUKUI, Chiyoko

YAMADA, Frank Jinsho

SUZUKI, Fred Shoichi

2003

KENNO, Jane Yaye

TAJIRI, Kazuaki

KITANO, Roy Shozo

*YOSHIOKA, Harue

2004

OKAHASHI, George

2005

KOYANAGI, Emiko

NISHIHAMA, Kino

OHORI, Tadayuki

SUZUKI, Kazunobu

WATANABE, Tokiko

2006 (13th year)

KAWASAKI, Shizue

KONDO, Emiko

2007

KUNO, Takao

2008

YAMASHITA, Kenji

SAWAMOTO, Miyuki

SUGIYAMA, Hiromi

2009

NAKANO, Matsue

OISHI, Ishie

TAKESHITA, Tamiye

2010

NAKANO, Tsuyako

AMANO, Sadao

2011

TANIZAWA, Ryoji

2012 (7th Year)

MIZUNO, Michika

2013

MOCHIZUKI, Toshi

2014

TAMAKI, Shinkichi

2015

KASUYA, Miwako

2016 (3rd year)

YAMAGUCHI, Ryo

HASEBE, Hideo

ATAGI, Misaye

2017 (1st year)

MAEKAWA, Saburo

Passings

Our deepest condolences go to the families and friends of

Mr. Seiichi**Utsunomiya****87 yrs (June 4)**

"Encountering" Cont'd from pg 5

mood coming out from behind the clouds.
(Nakajima Hajime, *Shinri no kotoba*)

Young people, on the other hand tend to waste their time simply dreaming of their bright and rosy future and forgot the reality of the present.

In the present moment, we must take a new look at the past and start over again. In this present moment, we must make the future a splendid thing. Living fully in this present moment, that is how a wonderful life blossoms.

(Taken from "Encountering the Buddha—108 Teachings of Buddha" by T. Numata. Published by Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (The Society for the Promotion of Buddhism))

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Canada Day *No service at VBT*	2 Office Closed	3 7:30 PM <i>Bon Odori Practice</i>	4	5 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering 7:30 PM <i>Bon Odori Practice</i>	6 7pm Public Lecture	7 3:00 PM FVBT Obon, July & August Shotsuki, Bon Dance (Guest Rev. Sugahara)
8 2:00 PM VBT Obon, Hatsu-bon, July Shotsuki (Guest Rev. Sugahara) 4:00 PM Bon Dance	9	10	11	12 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering	13	14 10:00 AM VBT Toban and Board Meeting
15 10:30 AM Steveston Obon *No service at VBT*	16	17	18 11:00AM Service at Nikkei Home (Rev. Ikuta)	19 12 Noon Seniors' gathering	20	21 9:00 AM VBT Manju-Making
22 10:30 AM Shoshinge Chanting	23	24	25	26 12 Noon Seniors' gathering	27	28
29 10:30 AM Shoshinge Chanting	30	31	<h1>July 2018</h1>			

Aoki Sensei will be on a vacation from July 16 to July 29. If you require urgent ministerial service (Makura-gyo- Pillow-side service), please call Rev. Grant Ikuta of Steveston Temple (604) 908-4140.

Senior's gathering is taking a break for the month of August and will resume on Thursday, September 6.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<h1>August 2018</h1>			1	2 12 Noon Shoshinge Chanting	3	4 Powell St. Festival
5 Powell St. Festival	6 BC Day Office Closed	7	8	9 12 Noon Shoshinge Chanting	10	11 10:00 AM VBT Board Meeting
12 10:30 AM August Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service	13	14	15 11:00AM Service at Nikkei Home (Rev. Aoki)	16 12 Noon Shoshinge Chanting	17	18 9:00 AM Summer Temple Cleanup VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
19 10:30 AM Shoshinge Chanting	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 AM Shoshinge Chanting	27	28	29	30 12 Noon Shoshinge Chanting	31	<i>September 1</i>
2 <i>No service at VBT</i>	3 Labour Day Office closed	4	5	6 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering	7	8