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The World That Was Opened



Almost half of year 2018 is over. I hope everyone is well as can be.

Recently, I was talking to my friend who works at a auto dealership. According to him, regardless of the economy, there are always people who are fascinated by the "limited edition" model of an automobile. As a "limited edition," cars were being reserved, even before it was publicly advertised. Those people may think that being able to get their hands on a car means that they would become a part of an exclusive group.

We have a tendency to value things that are limited or few in number. This is probably the reason why we have an attraction for things that are expensive, such as exclusive brand names, vintage jeans that cost thousands of dollars, and the "limited edition" pair of sneakers that cost hundreds of dollars. We think, "As long as I'm the only one that's wearing it, it's worth paying big money for it." After all, it doesn't feel good to see someone else wearing the same thing. Individualism is important, but I think that something is wrong in thinking that having a "limited edition" item makes a person an individual.

As explained in the Sutra of the Buddha of Immeasurable Life (*Muryojukyo*), one of the principle sutras of Jodo Shinshu, Dharmakara Bodhisattva (Amida's name before becoming awakened) established many vows. Within them is a phrase, "all sentient beings," which refers to all living entities, and thus, all the vows themselves are directed to all sentient beings. Because of this, of course, there is not one mention of "exclusive" or "limited number of specially selected" people. Further, the sutra states that there is a world in which we are all accepted equally. And the person who came to realize this aspiration, which is directed to all of us from the Buddha, is Shinran Shonin, the Founder of Jodo Shinshu. It was Shinran Shonin who was able to grasp the true meaning of these scriptures. He refused to accept the notion of 'exclusive' and 'limited' number of people, allowing us to awaken to the reality that there is a world awaiting us, which is completely different from this one in which people are living their lives merely seeking happiness, fortune, and expensive material possessions.

Listening to the teachings, we begin to understand that it is not what one has that makes an individual. Rather, it is knowing the reality of one's true self. It is the Nembutsu that accepts us for who we are. The Nembutsu, explained and clarified through layers of past traditions, accepts materialism as a means to satisfy human needs. The Nembutsu brings to light the reality and meaning to all life.

Namo Amida Butsu

Tatsuya Aoki

Message from the VBT Board

Recently, the annual general meeting of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada was held in Calgary, Alberta. It was a harmonious and productive meeting during which it was decided that the annual member assessment shall remain at \$80.00 per member. David Ohori has stepped down as president due to personal reasons and is now immediate past-president and advisor. Toronto's Larry Wakisaka is now acting president. Aoki Socho continues as bishop while Grant Ikuta Sensei is the chair of the Ministerial Association. Next year, 2019, the annual general meeting of the JSBTC will be hosted by our VBT as part of the anniversary celebration of our founding 115 years ago and the completion of our temple building 40 years ago.

From the beginning of May we now have a new neighbour in the form of a housing facility for women. It has replaced the street market and the area is now much quieter and tidier. We do still get people loitering around the building. We ask all our members and friends to be safe around the building. There is a need to watch for entry of people into our building especially in the slow opening and closing of the garage door as automobiles leave or enter the garage. Please wait and watch the garage door completely close before driving away.

In Gassho, the VBT Board

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**

June

10 Sun. 9:00 am— Parents' Day and Shōtsuki service
16 Sat. 9:00 am—Manju-making

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

Rev. & Mrs. T Aoki
Mrs. Tei Domitsu
Mrs. Kazue Egami
Ms. Patricia Keizer
Ms. Lorene MacDonald
Mrs. Yasuko Masuhara
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Matsuda
Mr. & Mrs. Otokazu Matsui
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Matsumoto
Mr. & Mrs. Ray McDonald
Mrs. Akiko Minato
Ms. Frances Minato
Mr. Harry Minato
Mr. Hitoshi Mitsui
Mrs. & Mr. Karen Mizushima
Mr. & Mrs. Hiroyuki Morimoto
Ms. Orrin Morishita

Mrs. Yukie Morishita
Mrs. Kazumi Nakano
Mrs. Yachiyo Nishi
Mrs. 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. Michiko Tanizawa
Mr. Kaoru Tatara
Mrs. Tomiko Uyeyama
Mrs. & Mr. Adrien Vittone
Mr. & Mrs. Tatsuya Yamazaki
Ms. Joanne Yuasa

Vancouver **Saturday June 23**
Buddhist **starting at**

Temple **12:00 pm NOON**
Party



VBT will be having its annual luncheon party! **Please purchase \$5 of your ticket from a Toban Leader or the VBT Office by June 15th.**

Encountering The Buddha:

108 Teachings of Buddha

Continued from February Bodhi Mind Issue #415

“14. People Who Listen to the Buddha Dharma Take Good Care of Themselves”

One of the most important things for those who listen to the Buddha Dharma is to discipline oneself and wish for the happiness of others.

Sakyamuni established the five precepts as proper attitudes for those who listen to his teaching. These precepts are intended not only for disciplining ourselves but also for aspiring for the happiness of others.



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Greetings from the Valley

With the weather changing drastically these days, our May shotsuki service on May 12 felt like we were suddenly into summer. It was a lovely, warm day and too soon to be complaining about the weather... Rev. Grant Ikuta officiated the service and with 4 children in attendance we were treated to a monkey story to learn the importance of moms as Mother's Day was the following day. Yes, we wouldn't be here without them (and fathers).

Lucy gave a brief report on the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Annual General Meeting held in Calgary on April 27 - 29. Lucy Yoshioka and Jenny Fujita attended as representatives of our Board and Lori North and Amy Nagamatsu represented our temple for the Women's Federation.

In addition to Gotan-e (Shinran's birthday), Mother's Day and Shotsuki, we also had our Keirokai to honour our senior members. We have over 20 members in the 70+ year range and although only 7 were in attendance we owe a special thank you to them all for building the foundation for us to continue.

Please note: Our June service initially scheduled for Sat. June 9 has been changed to Sat. June 16 @ 2 pm as some of our members will be attending a Food Safe Course on June 9 held with members of the Steveston Buddhist Temple

In Gassho, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received In Gratitude



May 12, 2018 Go-tan-e and Monthly Shotsuki Service

Mak Ikuta, Denise Cork, Ron and Marilyn Fujita, Hiroshi and Ruth Honkawa, Stan and Lucy Yoshioka, Jenny Fujita and Mike McSkimming, Jean Nakatsui, Irene Tateyama, Lori North, Marion Fujita

Hanamatsuri Service:

Irene Tateyama

In Memory of mother Kiyo Nagamatsu in the month of April:

Lucy and Howard Chew

Membership: Irene Tateyama

In Gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



B.C. Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Announcements

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



9, 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

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:

2018 OBON Cemetery & Temple Services

Friday, June 22

10:00 AM	Maple Ridge	メープルリッジ
10:30 AM	Whonnock	ウオーノク
11:00 AM	Hatzic (Mission)	ミッション

Sunday, June 24

9:30 AM	Forest Lawn	フォレストローン
10:00 AM	Ocean View	オーシャンビュー
10:30 AM	Mountain View @ North	マウンテンビュー
10:40 AM	@South by the crematorium	



Sunday, June 24

4:00 PM	Valley View (Surrey)	バレービュー
4:40 PM	New Westminster	ニュー・ウェストミンスター
5:00 PM	Coquitlam	コキットラム

Saturday, July 7

2:00 PM	Aldergrove Cemetery	オルダーグローブ
3:00 PM	FVBT Obon Service & Bon Dance	フレイザーバレーお盆・盆踊り

Sunday, July 8

2:00 PM	Vancouver Obon & Shotsuki Service	バンクーバーお盆・祥月法要
4:00 PM	Vancouver Bon Dance	バンクーバー 盆踊り

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.

VBT Bon Odori (Dance) Practice Dates

We welcome everyone back and extend an invitation to new dancers joining the dances to remember our ancestors. In preparation for Obon, the odori (dance) practices will be held at the Vancouver Temple on Tuesday and Thursday evening starting at 7:30 PM, throughout the month of June.

Tuesday, June 12	Thursday, June 14
Tuesday, June 19	Thursday, June 21
Tuesday, June 26	Thursday, June 28
Tuesday, July 03	Thursday, July 05



“Encountering” Cont’d from pg 2

Sakyamuni taught that in order to attain Buddhahood he did the following:

1. He practiced in a way to avoid the sin of killing any living creature, and with that merit he wished that all people would live a long life.
2. He practiced in a way to avoid the sin of stealing, and with that merit he wished that all people would receive what they are seeking.
3. He practiced in a way to avoid every committing adultery, and with that merit he wished that others would not raise the mind of harming others and would not suffer from hunger and thirst in their bodies. (The Teaching of Buddha)

Further, he continued practicing so as to avoid deceptive words, double-talk, abusing others, or using flattering words, being greedy, hateful or foolish and wished for the happiness of others.

To take good care of oneself means to live in this way.

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



June Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1959

*YAMAMOTO, Koshichi

1961*HIRAKIDA, Chiyoko
MUKUYAMA, Sueko**1962**

*KAWAGUCHI, Yoshigoro

1963*UI, Kenny
*YAMASHITA, Manjiro**1964**

*TAKEUCHI, Tomiye

1965

*HUDSON, Irene

1967*INOUE, Kazuo
NAKAMURA, Rie**1968***FURUKAWA, Kumakichi
KASUYA, Toyonari
*NODA, Sueno
YADA, Kamenno**1969 (50th Year)**

*HIKIDA, Yazaemon

1970KANEKO, Shojiro
*MIYAGAWA, Ume
*ONO, Yosojiro**1971**

*TABATA, Heizo

1972*KONO, Nobue
*MAYEDA, Miyuki
*OHARA, Jo**1973**

TAGUCHI, Sowa

1974SAKAI, Tokuzo
*YAMAKE, Junzo
KASHIYAMA, Sumi**1975***MORITA, Hiroshi
*SUGIYAMA, Yusaku
*WADA, Tsuneko**1976**

KOBAYASHI, Kanzaburo

1977*DOI, Yojiro
*HIRAYAMA, Shigeru
*YUDA, Chiwako**1978***LEE, Shion
*MITSUI, Miyako

*NAGANO, Kazuichi

*SHINTANI, Kuni

1979HARA, Shinichi
*KOZAI, Kiri**1981***HORI, Tadao
WAKAHARA, Haru**1982**

*MAYEDA, Hatsu

1983*TANII, Kichiji
TERANISHI, Masuye**1985***IWANAKA, Motoi
KARAKI, Hideaki
*KUMAMOTO, Jun
NISHIGUCHI, Waku
1986 (33rd Year)
NAKAMURA, Kamenno
*TANIGUCHI, Juntaro
*TANIZAWA, Shige

UYENO, Yukio

SHIKAZE, Yoshio

1987FUJIWARA, Katsu
KURAHASHI, Setsuko
MATSUTANI, Itono**1988**

*SHIMIZU, Kaneyoshi

1990

*FUJII, Kazuko

1991*SATO, Hideo
*MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko
*YOSHIDA, Teiichi**1992**EGAMI, Kimiye
*HAMANISHI, Takeo
*KAWAMOTO, Itoye
KUMANO, Asae
*KURAHASHI, Hisako
*NARIWA, Masahiro
*TANAKA, Mizuo**1993**MORISHITA, Teiji
MURATA, Yoshikazu
*YOSHIDA, Alvin**1994 (25th Year)***TAKUBO, Hisao
*FUJITA, Yasuyoshi

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

1995INOUE, Tsutomu
ITO, Misao
WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuye
YAKURA, Yukinobu
YANO, Matsuyo
YANASE, Katsuhiko
KOBAYASHI, Hiroko**1996**

SHIMIZU, Aiko

1997*KANAYAMA, Shoichi
UYEDA, Miki
UYENO, Sumio
SHIKAZE, Eda**1998**HAMAZAKI, Kazuko
ODA, Masato
TANAKA, Yoshi**1999**MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi
NAKAGAWA, Yoshio**2000**

KAZUTA, Kiyozo

2001KOJIMA, Marge
SHIMABUKURO, Nellie
IWATA, Robert**2002 (17th Year)***ASAOKA, George
NAKAHARA, Ryosuke**2003**FUJITA, Chizuko
SOGA, Tsuneko
GOMYO, Yoshiaki**2004**SAKAMOTO,
Shigeko, Helen
HIRAKIDA, Margaret**2005**FUKUMOTO, Toshiyuki
HAMA, Shizue
*FUKUDA, Yoshiko
MATSUNAGA, Toshiko
HIQUEBRAN, Harumi
HIQUEBRAN, Jimmy
James Hiroshi
MATSUNAGA, Masami**2006 (13th Year)**BANDO, Hatsu
ISHINO, Masahiko**2007**

WADA, Osamu

2008SHIMIZU, Chiyomi
KISHIDA, Akira**2009**MATSUMOTO, Yoshiaki
SUGA, Kanji
SUZUKI, Yukiko**2010**

URATA, Michiho

2011TAMURA, Misao
KIKUCHI, Megumi**2012 (7th Year)**TODA, Miyo
KUBO, Yoshiko
MORI, Takao**2013**OKUYAMA, Yasuo
UYEDA, Fumiaki
SAKAMOTO, Fujie**2015**OTAKI, Hiromi
TSUJI, Nobuo**2016 (3rd Year)**HOTTA, Shigeo
YAMAMOTO, Yoshino
MIYASHITA, Tsugi

ONO, Misao

TATEYAMA, Joe

2017 (First Year)TOMITA, Hozumi
WATANABE, Kyoko

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of

Ms. Jacqueline Imai
60 yrs, April 16

Mr. Terry Koyanagi
90 yrs, April 17

Mr. Kaoru Minato
91 yrs, May 11



Sun.	Mo	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
June 2018					1	2
3 9:00 AM BC Children's Hospital Fundrais- ing Run <i>*No service at VBT*</i>	4	5	6	7 12 Noon Japanese Howakai and Seniors' gathering	8	9 10:00 AM VBT Board Meeting
10 10:30 AM Parents' Day & Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service	11	12 7:30 PM Bon Odori Practice	13	14 12 Noon Seniors' gathering 7:30 PM Bon Odori Practice	15	16 9:00 AM VBT Manju- Making 2:00 PM FVBT Shotsuki (Rev. Ikuta)
17 10:30 AM English Dharma Service	18	19 7:30 PM Bon Odori Practice	20 11:00AM Service at Nikkei Home (Rev. Ikuta)	21 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering 7:30 PM Bon Odori Practice	22 Cemetery Sites Services (See pg 4 for details)	23 12 Noon VBT Temple party
24 Cemetery Sites Services (See pg 4 for details) <i>*No service at VBT*</i>	25	26 7:30 PM Bon Odori Practice	27	28 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gathering 7:30 PM Bon Odori Practice	29	30

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Canada Day <i>*No service at VBT*</i>	 Office Closed	3 7:30 PM Bon Odori Practice	4	5 12 Noon Japanese Howakai & Seniors' gather- ing 7:30 PM Bon Odori Practice	6 7pm Public Lecture	7 3:00 PM FVBT Obon, July & August Shotsu- ki, Bon Dance (Rev. Aoki)
8 2:00 PM VBT Obon, Hatsu- bon, July Shotsuki 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 <i>*No service at VBT*</i>	16	17	18 11:00AM Service at Nik- kei Home (Rev. Ikuta)	19 12 Noon Seniors' gathering	20	21 9:00 AM VBT Manju- Making
17 10:30 AM Summer Chanting Session	23	24	25	26 12 Noon Seniors' gathering	27	28
29 10:30 AM Summer Chanting	30	31	July 2018			