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A Journey to the Present

On behalf of my family, I wish to thank all the members of the Temple and Dharma School teachers and students from the bottom of my heart for your kindness on the occasion of the baby shower for my second daughter, Sakura, on Sunday, November 4.

It is hard to believe that once again we come to the close of another year. With all the wonderful family gatherings throughout the winter holiday season, December is also a month of remembrance. We cannot help but look back on the months of the year 2007 and quietly reflect on the changes we have lived through; the challenges we have had to face.

As a tradition known for deep reflection, Buddhism has also been very accurately defined as “A Journey to the Present.” Some might ask, “How can this be?” It’s very simple. In reflecting on the inevitable changes and challenges of life that we have lived through, we can truly begin to appreciate every moment we are living and experiencing. We realize more deeply that each day is precious and that every opportunity to be with those we love is one to cherish.

Our winter holiday season is often filled with so much activity that we can, too easily, lose sight of these very special moments. As we engage in the happy holiday family festivities, let us also try to take a moment to reflect on the year past and cherish and appreciate our holiday gatherings with family and friends.

On New Year’s Eve, we will have an evening service (*Joya-e* in Japanese) which will include striking the bell to observe the departure of the old year and the arrival of a fresh 2008. The service starts at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple at 10:30PM followed by an 1130pm Bell-ringing service at the UBC Asian Centre. Please bring your family and friends to join the service!

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki

Mochitsuki—Pounding in the New Year!

9 am, Sunday, December 16, 2007
Please register by December 9th



Joya No Kane Bell Ringing Service at UBC

11:30 pm Dec.31st, 2007
Asian Centre, UBC
1871 West Mall, UBC



Everyone welcome!

Current memberships will expire on December 31st. Renew your 2008 membership now. Your support keeps Shinran’s teachings alive in Vancouver.

Arigato gozaimashita

Greetings everyone...

Our temple has been quite a busy place of Dharmanizing. There have been many events of which our sangha have harmonized and accomplished this fall.

On October 14-16, the BCJSBCF Convention was hosted by the Kelowna Buddhist Temple. Steveston, Fraser Valley Vancouver temples joined our chartered bus to travel to Kelowna. Our secretary co-ordinated the excursion and ensured there were enough snacks and refreshments available for our 6 hour trip. Our group arrived safely in Kelowna around midnight and were greeted in the morning with a welcoming and delicious breakfast consisting of homemade jams, muffins and apple pie and fresh fruits. The convention's guest minister was Reverend Dr. Mark Unno. He shared his heartwarming stories with sensitivity and humour. We all enjoyed the informative programming and warm hospitality of the Kelowna Buddhist Temple. If you missed this event, our temple will be hosting the upcoming BCJSBCF Convention on September 27 and 28, 2008. Please plan to attend this wonderful event.

For many years, our temple members dreamed of owning a residence for our minister. With increasing pricing and the demand for housing, our temple with the endorsement from our Board of Directors, this

dream has finally come true. The VBT has purchased a new three bedroom townhouse in the unique community of the emerging residential neighbourhood in South Burnaby called MacPherson Walk. The completion date of this development will be in two years. If you wish to visit this site, the show suites are located at 7450 Macpherson Avenue. The website is www.macphersonwalk.com. A portfolio is also available in our office. Thank you to all our members both past and present who worked endlessly in making this dream come true! Domo Arigato Gozaimashita!!!

On October 18, Reverend Aoki's family received a beautiful gift. Upon arrival, Sora named her baby sister, Sakura. On behalf of the VBT, we would like to congratulate the Aoki Family on this priceless gift to their family. Many sleepless nights will produce a beautiful cherry blossom. Thank you to the Dharma School teachers and parents who planned a warm Welcome Shower Party for Sakura.

On October 28, our temple held our annual Fall Food Bazaar. This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year. The countless volunteer hours and the overwhelming dedication of our members really is what made this event a success. Thank you to everyone who supports our temple in so many ways. There is an old saying, which goes like this. You can never be successful and go forward if you have too many Chiefs and no Indians. Our temple believes every one of our members play a very important role in the well being of our temple.

December leads us towards our traditional Mochitsuki pounding at 9:00am on December 16, and Bell Ringing Service at the UBC-Asian Studies Centre on December 31 at 11:30pm. Please refer to the information following for additional details.

On behalf of VBC Board of Directors, thank you all, once again, for your countless hours of dedication and harmoniously working together in completing another very successful and productive year, 2007. May all of you enjoy your holidays and New Year festivities. Have a safe and Happy New Year 2008, and may we all continue to Dharmanize together!

In Gassho, Dave Ohori

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MOCHITSUKI

Sunday December 16, 2007

(9:00am in the Social Hall at Vancouver Buddhist Temple)

To prepare mochitsuki, many pounds of cooked sweet rice is pounded rhythmically in a stone bowl with wooden mallets. With each pounding of manual force and energy, the rice transforms into an elastic-sticky substance called mochi, which is then shaped into komochi rounds. This kagami set of two rounds of mochi is arranged on an alter, which is placed to represent wishing for long lasting life.

Come and join in the fun of our tradition of pounding sweet rice into mochi. After the year end service, a light lunch will be served, featuring an array of various culinary mochi dishes. Every participating household will receive one kagami set, plus an additional dozen to enjoy on New Year's Day.

Please notify or sign up at the VBC office (604.253.7033) by **December 09, 2007** to ensure enough rice and lunch ingredients are ordered.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday, December 31st 2007

10:00 pm

Service at Vancouver Buddhist Temple

11:30 pm

UBC Bell Ringing Service

Asian Studies Centre-University of British Columbia
(No charge for parking)

Vancouver Buddhist Temple has been hosting this annual event for over 15 years at the UBC Asian Studies Centre. This traditional event is observed to express gratitude for the past year and the bell ringing ceremony represents the symbolic ringing away of man's 108 passions. It is a reminder of the need to free ourselves from self-centeredness as we face the New Year. Reverend Tatsuya Aoki will be officiating again this year. Following the bell ringing, Ama-sake, a traditional warm malted rice drink will be served and mochi will be distributed to attendees.

“Coming Home to the Nembutsu”



The Seattle Betsuin is hosting the
NorthWest District Convention

On: February 15-17, 2008

At: Double Tree Guest Suites, Tukwila @ \$115.00 US –double occupancy

- Guest Speakers will be: Rev. Midori Kondo & Rev. Dean Koyama
- Special workshops being planned are: Calligraphy & Okesa-making
- A full program for Junior & Senior YBA members are being planned
- Fees are as follows: Adults \$100, YBA & grade 7-12 \$75, Elementary \$65
- Registration deadline to VBC is **December 17, 2007**

A bus may be available if there are enough participants attending.

As seats are limited, please call at your earliest convenience.

Please contact Gina Chor at Vancouver Buddhist Church **604 253-7033**

Or e-mail: vbc.admin@gmail.com for additional information.

Update from the Office of Bishop Buddhist Churches of Canada
11786 Fentiman Pl. Richmond, B.C. V7E 6M6

We have only one month left for the year 2007 now, and it is the time of writing Greeting Cards as well as buying and sending the gifts to express appreciation of friendship and kindness. I have been writing cards for some time now and whenever I have to start doing, I used to feel like saying, "Do I have to?" However, as I get older, I feel I am grateful to the fact that I still have energy, time, and health to do that.

I recall an old Buddhist lady in Ontario who was very honest and straight person. She said she didn't like to see a medical doctor or Buddhist minister. I guess she wanted to stay young and healthy to enjoy life for a long time, so that she is bothered neither by doctor nor Buddhist minister.

Now as I get to be a senior citizen, I have more chances to see my doctors and get more prescriptions. As a Buddhist minister I can advise that you can consult with your doctor whenever you have physical problems, or at least you can see your doctor once a year for check-up, so that you can stay healthy and active. It is also true with religion. Going to sit before the shrine of Amida Buddha once a day, once a month or at least once a year gives you inner peace and tranquility.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the readers of this Update for your support and contribution to BCC throughout the year 2007. I wish you a Happy Holiday season with good health and peace of mind.

In gassho, Namoamidabutsu, orai fujikawa

*Congratulation to the people of Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta for the Ground Breaking Ceremony on Nov 11th, 2007 in Lethbridge, AB in conjunction with Alberta Buddhist Convention. It is expected that we will see a new building completed by September, 2008.

* The Ingo (posthumous honourable title) was presented to Kay Azuma of Toronto Buddhist Temple on November 23, 2007.

* Support BCC Fundraising : 2008 Calendar for sale

Dec 4-13 Kyoshi Seminar in Kyoto (James Martin from BCC)
2008

Apr 26-27 BCC AGM in Vancouver

May 22-23 World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council

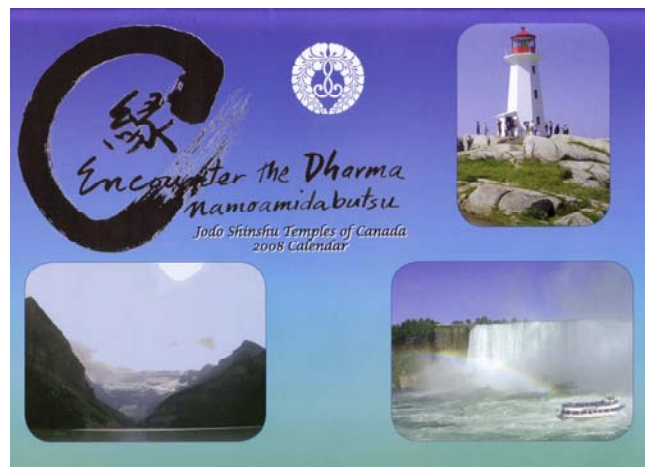
BCC Calendars Now On Sale!

\$15.00

Please support Jodo Shinshu programs in Canada by purchasing the new 2008 BCC Wall Calendar.

Proceeds from the sales of these calendars will go to the BCC Sustaining Fund.

Please contact Gina at the VBC office.



Fall Bazaar Report

On October 28, our temple hosted our annual Fall Food Bazaar. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. In preparation for the bazaar, commencing in September, many members and neighbours gather together and produce the delicious manjus: mushi, yaki and mikasa. The habutai mochi manjus are made fresh the day before the Bazaar. Many members spend countless hours of their quality time to share their talents in producing an array of Japanese cuisine. We wish to thank all the participants who harmonize together in preparing for this successful event, and to our loyal customers who come out and support our temple. Please keep in mind, our Spring Bazaar is March 28, 2008.

Thank you to our suppliers who have donated towards the success of our Fall Bazaar:

- Angel Seafood

- T. Amano Trading Ltd
- Fujiya Japanese Food
- Hoyano Gardens
- Joe Chung's Mushroom Ltd
- Kay's Seafood
- Mukaida Farms
- Shinbo Tofu
- Sunrise Soya Foods
- Yamato Trading Co Ltd

Mr. Shimizu for his donation for the plant sales

Many thanks and appreciation to all our participants for a successful event.

DOMO ARIGATO GOZAIMASHITA!!! See you at the **Spring Bazaar, March 28, 2008.**

Greg Chor & David Ohori co-chairpersons.

Hongwanji Lay Leader's Seminar

My wife, Molly, and I journeyed to Kyoto, Japan to attend the 2nd Overseas Representatives' Seminar at Nishi Hongwanji. The dates of the seminar were Nov. 6, 7 and 8, 2007. The other Canadian representative who attended was Rev. Grant Ikuta of Toronto. We arrived a few days before the event to adjust to the time change and to simply acclimatize and enjoy the wonders of Kyoto. The weather was in the low 20's, the leaves in the local mountains were changing to beautiful red and golden colours, the many dozens of historical temples and sites were bustling with tourists and of course, how can anyone tire of the visual and taste delights of Japanese cuisine.

In all there were 4 overseas districts represented. They were the USA, Canada, Hawaii and Brazil districts. The participants consisted of 4 overseas ministers and 12 lay representatives, 3 from Canada, 7 from the US, 7 from Hawaii and 1 from South America. Our host was the Hongwanji International Center supervised by Rev. Yasuaki Hayashi and a staff of nine ministers. The purpose of the seminar was to provide an opportunity for ministers and lay leaders of overseas districts to renew their understanding and

appreciation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism by visiting their mother temple in Kyoto, Japan.

The programme opened with registration, orientation followed by a lecture by Rev. Sekiya on the "Historical Background of Shinran and Nishi Hongwanji." The afternoon special presentation was given by Rev. Ken Tanaka on "An Expanded Paradigm for Sharing Shin Buddhism: Incorporating the Insights of Contemporary Scholars in Buddhism and Psychology." The next day started with morning service in the Amida-Do at 6:30a.m. followed by breakfast. The morning session was a discussion on "Hongwanji and Overseas Propagation." The afternoon consisted of tours to Nishiyama Betsuin, Ryukoku University and the Otani Mausoleum. The evening banquet at the Tokyu Hotel was highlighted by the attendance of the Gomonshu-sama. Before dinner he gave a special message expressing the need to spread the BuddhaDharma to the global community. The third day started with the 6:30 a.m. service again at the Amida-Do led by the Gomonshu. Following breakfast we were given a guided tour of the Nishi Hongwanji complex conducted by Rev. Se-

kiya. The seminar concluded with Closing Service after which everyone went their own way to see more of Japan.

Although the seminar was intense, we were given insight into the life and times of Shinran Shonin. We learned that he passed away at Zenbo-in (present site of Suminobo Betsuin) and that he was cremated at Tori-be-yama and interred at Tori-be-no. His remains were shared between Nishi and Higashi Hongwanji. Eventually, his grave site was relocated to

present day Sotai-in Temple near Cho-in and finally to its present location at the Otani Mausoleum.

Molly and I are truly grateful of the opportunity afforded us by the BCC. The kindness and hospitality shown by the Hongwanji International staff was very much appreciated.

It was truly an experience we will long remember.

Robert Akune

Dharma School

Vancouver Buddhist Temple Sangha welcomed Sakura Aoki with a baby shower on Sunday, November 4th. Apparently she calmly slept through the entire proceedings while everyone around her oohed and aahed. We look forward to watching her grow.

There was no Dharma School service at the otera on November 11th. Instead, students and teachers gathered with Aoki Sensei and others at the cenotaph in Stanley Park to remember those who gave their lives for their country in times of war.

The year 2007 is fast coming to a close and Dharma School students will be looking forward to Bodhi Day observances and mochi tsuki in December.

- Molly Akune

Thursday Senior Club BONENKAI (Year End Party)

Thursday, December 13, 2007

11:30AM

Social Hall at Vancouver Buddhist Church

Fee: \$10

Registration Deadline: Thursday, December 6

If you wish to join the party, please phone one of the following people.

Mrs. Nishi (604) 255-2533

Mrs. Soyama (604) 261-2059

Ms. Asako Nomura (604) 527-0375

Bodhi Day

Bodhi Day is the day that the Prince Siddhartha became the Buddha at the age of 35. Siddhartha left his home in search of Truth, even though he had every material thing he could desire in life. Yet he was not satisfied with his life. After diligently practicing all manner of ascetic disciplines, including starving himself to death in order to gain control over his body, he rejected the ascetic path and took food again. He realized that one could not think clearly and have a healthy mind without a healthy body. Siddhartha instead turned to a middle ground of meditation. According to the Mahayana tradition, in the early morning hours of December 8th, Siddhartha became the Buddha the Awakened One, the Perfectly Enlightened One. By his example, he showed us that it was possible for a man to become a Buddha, a fully enlightened person. We are therefore in possession of this potentiality, this Buddha-nature, which, when awakened and cultivated, will enable us to achieve the same Enlightenment.

Excerpt taken from the Traditions of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha book by Masao Kodani & Russell Hamada

News from Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Unfortunately our November message did not make it into last month's Bodhi Mind so we are resubmitting it along with our December news.

Greetings from the valley..... Just arrived back from the Kelowna AGM and can only say "congratulations" to the Kelowna Buddhist Temple for the great AGM they put together. Reverend Dr. Mark Unno was his dynamic and humorous self as he gave his Dharma talks and inciteful comments. The food was delicious. And the company was grand. The Kelowna weather just topped off the entire weekend by being sunny and warm, but crisp, much like the many apples the Kelowna sangha gave us as going away gifts. Thank you also to Gina and the Vancouver Buddhist Church group who arranged the bus transportation to and from Kelowna. The treats and good humor on the trip made the ride quite enjoyable.

With sadness we at the FVBT said farewell to one of our oldest members, Mrs Ayaka Kagawa, who passed away on Thursday September 20. Mrs. Kagawa had been one of the pillars of the original Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple sangha. Her selfless devotion to the Fujinkai even as her health deteriorated, and her boundless unwavering faith was evident right to her final passing.

Our condolences also go to Joe and Ryoko Tateyama, who lost their mother, Yukie Tateyama on October 9th. With sadness we acknowledge the passing of many of our elders and try to understand the truth of the suffering of parting.

Finally our sympathies go to John Harada and his family who suffered the loss of their wife and mother, Mary Yae Harada, also on October 9th.

Some announcements for the month of November. The FVBT will be having a mochi making day on Saturday November 3rd followed by our new second annual Fall Bazaar on Sunday November 4th. We plan to have bento dinners, a bake sale and mochi sale. Please come by to visit, eat and stock up on mochi for New Years.

Because we will be holding the bazaar on the November 4th Sunday, the November shotsuki

(memorial) service will be held on November 17th at 2:00.

In gassho

Greetings to everyone today on our October shotsuki service. First, thank you to Bishop Fujikawa and Okusan Minako Fujikawa for coming to our temple to watch over us.... We feel like the youngest child in a large family, kawaiigatte kurete arigatoo. (in English...we are a little like the spoiled youngest child... being taken care of because we are so little)

A few notes on what happened and will happen...

Last weekend 48 sangha members from Vancouver, Steveston and Fraser Valley went by bus to the Kelowna temple for the BCJSBCF AGM. Congratulations to the Kelowna group for the great AGM they put together. Reverend Mr. Mark Uno was his dynamic and humorous self as he gave his dharma talks and inciteful comments. The fujinkai prepared delicious food and the Kelowna weather topped off the entire weekend by being sunny and warm.

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Our sympathies also go to Mr. John Harada of the VBT and his family who suffered the loss of their wife and mother, Mary Yae Harada, also on October 9th.

And since this is the season for fall bazaars....

Tomorrow will be the Fall Food Fair in Steveston at their temple and next weekend October 28th Sunday will be the VBChurch Fall food bazaar.

We will be holding our fall bazaar on Sunday November 4th. We will be having a mochi making day

on Saturday November 3rd to make mochi and prepare for Sunday. We plan to have bento dinners, a bake sale and mochi sale and a small craft sale. Please come help on Saturday and Sunday.

Because we will be holding the bazaar on that November 4th Sunday, the November Shotsuki and Eitaikyō will be held on November 17th at 2:00.

And now for December...

We are now into the cold, dark and rainy days of winter. However we were very fortunate that on November 4, the day of our bazaar it turned out to be a bright, sunny day. A group of about 30 volunteers worked over the weekend making mochi and preparing food and other sale items for the bazaar. It was a lot of work but well worth it as many people turned out to eat our delicious udon, bento and baked goods. We also sold vegetables, crafts, toys and lots of other "odds and ends" donated by members and friends. Thank you to everyone who contributed in making it a big success!

Our December year-end service will be held on Saturday, December 8 @ 11:00 am. Please note that the service will be held in the morning followed with a potluck lunch and bingo. Also, please bring a gift (approximate value of \$5) to be given out as a bingo prize.

Once again we will be having a Fun & Games Night on Friday, December 28 starting at 6:00 pm. Join us for udon, games for people of all ages and a chance to win some great prizes all for \$10.

As 2007 comes to a close we would like to thank our Sangha for all the support and encouragement we have received throughout the year.

In gassho,
Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

We have received the following donations from January to October, 2007. We will continue to announce monetary donations on a regular basis.

\$5 - \$99: Mr. & Mrs. R. Akune, Sue Araki, Alice Baker, Shameen Burrows, Kiyo Domai, Ken Fuchihara, James Fujita, Mr. & Mrs. R. Fujita, Carole Hamanishi, Mr. & Mrs. F. Hamanishi, Mr. & Mrs. B. Hamaura, George Hon-

kawa, Mac Ikuta, Mr. & Mrs. E. Iwanaka, Genevieve Iwata, Mrs. Dolly Jordan, Amy Kawamoto, Rev. Kikuchi, Lorna Koyanagi, Yoshie Kudo, Joanne McAllister, Mrs. Katsue Nagamatsu, Yukio & Roberta Nasu, Tak Nikaido, Susan Nishi, Lori North, Dave Ohori, Mr. & Mrs. K. Okamoto, S. Onouye, Steve & Paige Perry, Larry & Jeanne Ryan, J. Shenenburg, Jack Shigetomi, Greg & Lynn Smith, Nori Sugimoto, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sumi, Mr. & Mrs. N. Urasaki.

\$100 - \$299: Kim Conway, Mrs. S. Fuchihara, Socho & Mrs. Fujikawa, Eileen Fujita, Jenny Fujita, Marion Fujita, Mr. & Mrs. H. Honkawa, Reiko Honkawa, Mrs. Hisako Kawamoto, Rev. L. Kawamura, Mr. & Mrs. H. Miyagi, Mrs. Kiyo Nagamatsu, Mrs. Irene Rohrer, Mrs. Fusae Sameshima, Ben Shikaze, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Shikaze, Naomi Shikaze, Steveston Buddhist Temple, Mrs. Suzuki, Mrs. Chieko Takasaki, Tony Tateyama, Margaret Yoshida, Kaz Yoshida, Mrs. Hideko Yoshioka, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Yoshioka, Stan & Lucy Yoshioka.

\$300 - \$499: Mr. & Mrs. M. Araki, M. Furugori, Mr. & Mrs. R. Nagamatsu, Mrs. Emiko Shikaze, Mr. & Mrs. J. Tateyama.

\$500 - \$1,000: Evelyen Evans & Bill Miyazaki, Byron Kagawa & family (in memory of Ayaka Kagawa), Mr. & Mrs. J. Kamimura, Greg Kawamoto.

\$1,500 - \$2,000: Teruko Kawamoto & family (in memory of Suyeō Kawamoto), Mitsuo Saito (in memory of Nancy Saito).

**Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple
Year End Fun Night
Friday, December 28, 2007
6 P.M.
Udon – Games – Prizes**



**\$10 = Udon
and 25 chips
for games**



SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List—December

December Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2007

1959

HIROSE Tanejiro
MATSUYAMA Iyo

1960

HARA Matsuji
NAKAZEKI Ihachi
NOGAMI Sankichi
UYEYAMA Yoshiye

1961

IWABUCHI Ichio
SHOJI Kojiro

1962

NAITO Ise

1963

MIZUNO Tsuru
SAKATA Yone

1964

NAKAMURA Hikoso
OHASHI Gengo
OYE Tomi

1966

ARAKAWA Sute
KOHARA Shirayu

1968

FUJIOKA Kenji
TAKIMOTO Yojiro

1970

MAEDA Ko
OOKA Fusaye
YANO Kenichi

1972

KARIYA Gorokichi
MATSUI Sadajiro
NEHA Tomonori

1973

MORI Bun
NAGASAWA Kinsaku

1974

INOUE Teru
NAKAMURA Keizo

1975—33rd year

MIYATA Ninosuke
UYEDA Shige

1976

KOYANAGI Kyuichi

1977

HIGO Hajime
MATSUNO Takao

1978

NAKATSU Gen
ROBINSON Robert

1979

AJIMOTO Haruye
HAMANISHI Kentaro

KOYANAGI Jun
MASUHARA Yohei

NAKASONE Yoriko
YAMANOUCHI Keiji

1980

SHOJI Tamiko

1982

NAKATSU Kanichi
YOSHIDA Makio

1984

MORI Kenji
SHIBATA Yasuhiro

1987

TAKAHASHI Tsusaburo

1988

KITADE Yoshiharu
MORISUE Kazuo

1989

MUKAI Mine

1990

FUJITA Kiyoshi
NAGASAWA Tatsu
NATSUHARA Sawaye

OHORI Masa

SUGAWARA Yoshiko

TAKASAKI Takeo

1992

BABA Masako
HAMANISHI Toshi

TAKAGI Nobue

1993

MINAMIDE Toshiye
ONO Suye

YAKURA Ko

1994

TAKATA Takeo

1995—13th year

HAMAGUCHI Kisako

1996

KITAGAWA Sotojiro

1997

HONDA Kazuo
KAWAMOTO Masao

NISHI Yoshiko
YOSHIDA Yoshie

2000

ASAOKA Takashi
IWASAKI Mitsuji

KOYANAGI Saburo
MASUHARA Wakako

OKAMOTO Yukio

TOMANEKI Machiye

2001—7th year

AKASAKA Minoru
MURAO Yasukichi

TAKAI Nobue

TAKENO Hisae

YAMAMOTO Ei

2002

HARA Miyoko

MASANOBU Masanobu

NISHIKIHAMA Sawae

SEKIYA Mitsuo

2003

KOYANAGI Suyeko

TATARA Eiko

NISHIMOTO Kumeko

HATTORI Allan

2004

TAKEMOTO, Yasuye

2005—3rd year

KAGETSU, Hide

TAKEMORI, Ichiro

YONEDA, Minoru

2006—1st year

OYE, Kaname

With deepest sympathies...

*The Vancouver Buddhist Church offers its
condolences to the family of
Toyo Kusaka who passed away on October 30
at the age of 94*

Mr. Minoru and Mrs. Michiko Oyama

*Would like to let friends and family know
that, as they are in mourning, they will be
refraining this year from sending greeting
cards.*

December 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:30 am Family Service (Roy Akune)	3	4	5	6 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	7	8 11:00 am FVBT Bodhi Day/Shotsuki and Year End Party
9 10:30 am VBC Bodhi Day & Shotsuki	10	11	12	13 11:30 AM Senior's Club Year End Party	14	15
16 9:00 am Mochitsuki 10:30 am Dharma Service	17	18	19 11:00 am Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Aoki)	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 10:00 pm New Year's Eve Service at VBC 11:30 pm Bell Ringing Service at UBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Aoki will be out of office attending meetings in Toronto from Thursday, November 29th to Sunday, December 2nd. If you require a minister's immediate service, please call Rev. Masumi Kikuchi of the Steveston Temple (Steveston Temple - 604-277-2323 or Rev. Kikuchi's cell—604-908-4140). • Last Dharma School service is on December 16th. Dharma School will resume again on January 6th. 				

For more information on coming events, please go to www.vancouverbuddhistchurch.ca or phone the Vancouver Buddhist Church during regular business hours at (604) 253-7033

January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:30 am Shusho-e (New Year Service)	2	3	4	5 10:00 am Toban Meeting
6 10:30 am Steveston Hoonko Service	7	8	9	10 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Seniors Club	11	12 2:00 pm FVBT Hoonko and Shotsuki
13 10:30 am VBC Hoonko and Shotsuki	14	15	16 11:00 am Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Kikuchi)	17 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Seniors Club	18	19
20 10:30 am Family Service	21	22	23	24 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Seniors Club	25	26 4:00 pm Shiga kenjinkai
27 10:30 am Family Service	28	29	30	31 12:00 pm Japanese Service followed by Seniors Club		

- Jan. 6 Service cancelled at VBC. Members are encouraged to attend the Hoonko service at the Steveston Buddhist Temple. Guest Minister is Masayuki Fukuma from Tacoma Buddhist Temple.
- Guest Minister for Hoonko at Vancouver and Fraser Valley is Rev. Bob Oshita from Buddhist Church of Sacramento
- Jan. 26—Shiga Kenjin-kai Tsuito-Hoyo Service and New Year's Party at VBC

Watch for the 2008 Events Calendar included in the January newsletter.

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