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December

Welcome to the month of December. Our winter holiday seasons are always filled with many activities as we prepare for the happy holiday family gatherings. Although there are so many more things we feel we need to be doing each day, this is a most wonderful time of year.

As December brings the year, 2008 to a close, we naturally find ourselves reflecting on the events of the past year. There have been so many changes, both happy and sad. It is said in Buddhism, that “Life is an on-going series of meetings and partings.” 2008 has certainly been full of many meaningful meetings and many difficult partings — new friendships, marriages, and births, and also the loss of people we love. As mentioned, there have been so many changes, both happy and sad.

When we gather for the holiday, let us try to look beyond the gifts and simply appreciate the people we care for while we have them. Know well that every chance to be with them is one to cherish. To live life, moment to moment, with such awareness and appreciation, is what we call a Life of Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu.

Namo Amida Butsu
Tatsuya Aoki

Please note that Aoki Sensei will be away on vacation from Monday, December 8th to Monday, December 29th. If you require Makuragyo (Pillow-side service) or Funeral Service, please contact Rev. Grant Ikuta of the Steveston Buddhist Temple. Sunday services and Dharma School will be as usual.

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Join us for the annual Mochitsuki on Sunday, December 21st. Sign up by Dec 12th. More details page 6

Namu-amida-butsu

*Amida has passed through ten kalpas now
Since realizing Buddhahood;
Dharma-body's wheel of light is without bound,
Shining on the blind and ignorant of the world.*



*Hymns Based on Gathas in Praise of Amida Buddha
Collected Works of Shinran, Vol 1, page 325*



Season's Greetings Everyone....

I am only just one link in this chain of life at our Temple. You are another link and together we all make this chain glide smoothly and seamlessly with your countless hours of dedication and support here at our Temple. To each and everyone of you, Arigato Goziamashita, Thank you very much.

Cheers to another successful year, which just flew by!!! 2008 was filled with events every month from Shotsuki to hosting Public Lectures. With our greatest honour, we hosted the Buddhist Temples of Canada Annual General Meeting in April where delegates and Sensei's from across Canada gathered here at our Temple. In September, many Jodo Shinshu members from across BC and even some from the United States journeyed to our Temple for the British Columbia Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Convention, which was fun and educational. Due to your time and all your efforts in working together, each

event hosted at our Temple was a success. Thank you for being proud hosts of our Temple and presenting your warmth and hospitality to all our visitors. I hope they all returned home with warm memories to share with their family and friends, of their experience with us..

December leads us once again towards our traditional Mochitsuki pounding on Sunday December 21 which commences at 9:00am in our Social Hall. You are all welcome to come and help pound our rice, shape our mochi, and enjoy eating them too!!!! The Mochi & Kagami sets will be distributed to families who participate during this event. Please sign up at our Temple, to ensure we have enough rice to pound. Our Temple members and Aoki Sensei are proud to host the annual Bell Ringing Services at the University of BC- Asian Studies Centre, where over hundreds of people participate in ringing away our 108 passions. You are welcome to join us outside for this event, and please remember to dress warm and bring your hat and gloves. A few of our members will be there to serve Ama-sake and distribute mochi to attendees.

To you and your families, on behalf of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple Board of Directors and myself, Thank you once again for all your support in all our lives here at our Temple. It is with our greatest appreciation and deepest gratitude that we wish all of you the very best life has to offer. May all our links in our life run smoothly together. Season's Greetings Everyone!

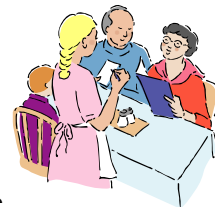
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In Gassho
Cheers & Warmest Wishes
from My Family to Yours
David Ohori
President

Do You Like to Eat?

If you are interested in the VBT Diner's Club, please call Gina at the VBT office (604) 253-7033. She will place you on the list of people to be called when we do these 'Dinners Out'.



TOBAN #6—The months of December and January will be looked after by Toban Team #6. We ask all our toban #6 members to come to our Temple to lend a helping hand, regardless of whether or not you were contacted by telephone. We more than welcome your support, if you are available to care for our Temple on the following special occasions to help in preparations and in our monthly clean-up.

Dec 14 10:30 am	Sun	Bodhi Day/Shotsuki
Dec 21 9:00 am	Sun	Mochitsuki
Dec 28 10:00 am	Sun	Clean-up
Dec 31 10:00 pm	Wed	New Year's Eve Service (Temple)
11:30 pm		Bell Ringing Service (UBC—Asian Centre)
Jan 1 10:30 am	Thur	New Year's Day Service
Jan 3 10:00 am	Sat	Toban Meeting
Jan 9 7:00 am	Fri	Dharma Lecture (Rev. Harry Bridge)
Jan 11 10:30 am	Sun	Hoonko / Shotsuki (Rev. Harry Bridge)
Jan 31 10:00 am	Sat	Clean-up

Team Captains: **Dr. Bob Akune 604-922-8323 & Mrs. Kay Komori 604 266-5231**

Toban #6 Members

Dr. & Mrs. Bob Akune	Mr. & Mrs. Julien Begg	Mrs. Sandra Kawasaki
Mrs. Kay Komori	Ms. Lorene MacDonald	Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Meugens
Mrs. Yoshiye Nakata	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Otori	Mrs. Junko Otori
Dr. & Mrs. Bob Otori	Mr. & Mrs. Minoru Oyama	Mr. & Mrs. Kiyozaku Takahara
Mr. Minosuke Teranishi	Mrs. Etsuko Tsuji	Mr. & Mrs. Eiji Tsuji
Mr. & Mrs. Hirosuke Tsujimoto	Mr. Ken Tsujiura	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukishima
Mrs. Toshiko Tsukishima	Mrs. Etsuko Tsukushi	Mr. & Mrs. Fumiaki Ueda
Mr. Teruo Uyeda	Mr. & Mrs. Yasuo Uyeno	Mr. & Mrs. Susumu Uyesugi
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Uyesugi	Mrs. Emiko Uyesugi	Mr. & Mrs. George Uyesugi
Mrs. Nobuyo Uyeyama	Mrs. Jean Wakahara	Mr. & Mrs. Isao Watanabe
Dr. Hiroko Watanabe	Mrs. Karen Wong	Mrs. Frances Xu
Mrs. Masako Yada	Mrs. Kiyoe Yada	Mrs. Miyoko Yamada
Mrs. Taeko Yamamoto		

Namu-amida-butsu

The light of wisdom exceeds all measure,
 And every finite living being
 Receives this illumination that is like the dawn
 So take refuge in Amida, the true and real light.



*Hymns Based on Gathas in Praise of Amida Buddha
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Dharma School

On Saturday, November 8th, seven teachers/staff from Vancouver and two from Steveston took part in an full day Dharma School Teachers' retreat at the Vancouver otera. Thank you to Aoki Sensei, Grant Sensei, Roy Akune, and Mak Ikuta for leading a stimulating day of learning, discussion, chanting and dharma talk workshops. Lorna Bishop has written an article on the retreat elsewhere in this issue of the Bodhi Mind.

In what seems a blink of an eye, we find ourselves in the month of December. Dharma School students are anticipating an exciting game of hockey at the Pacific Coliseum on December 7th, when the Vancouver Giants play the Chilliwack Bruins. This evening of fun is an early Bodhi Day gift to the students. Bodhi Day Service will be observed the following Sunday to honour the enlightenment of Siddhartha after his many years of seeking.

December 21st will find Dharma School students involved, after regular morning service, with the pounding of sweet rice to make the traditional rice cakes for New Years' Day service. Each year, we seem to have increasing numbers of participants come to pound, shape, and sample the mochi in an ever increasing variety of ways. Please come to help and enjoy the festive occasion.

There will be no Dharma School service on the 28th, but we look forward to seeing everyone for the New Years' Service on Thursday, January 1st at 10:30 a.m. Dharma School will resume on January 4th at the usual hour. We wish all a happy and festive holiday season, particularly to Aoki Sensei who will be joining his family for a three weeks in Japan. Come back safely and re-energized everyone.

- Molly Akune

On Saturday, November 8th I attended the Dharma School Teachers Retreat (Workshop). It was very well attended 6 teachers from our Vancouver temple and 2 from Steveston. Aoki Sensei and Rev. Grant planned a very interesting and stimulating day for all of us. They also had the assistance from Roy Akune on the ABC's of Dharma School Service and Teaching Methodology from Mak Ikuta. The day started with a short service at 9a.m. and continued till 6:30p.m. We all participated in the chanting workshop that was very invigorating and eye opening. The Sensei's taught us the procedures and protocol of entering the naijin before you start the services and everything you must do during and after. I believe we all benefited from this information and will make us aware when we are chanting from know on. Thank you very much to everyone who was involved in making this workshop such an informative and worthwhile event.

- Lorna Bishop

The Three "R's" of the Nembutsu

Receive the Calling Voice of Amida

Realize that Buddha's message is for me and me alone.

Respond with gratefulness by saying the nembutsu 'Namo Amida Butsu'

Roy Akune from his Dharma Talk at Vancouver on November 16th

Mottainai My Ohashi (Chopsticks) on Sale!!!

1 Set—\$10 2 Sets—\$18 3 Sets—\$25

Bring your own *ohashi* to avoid using *waribashi* (wooden disposable chopsticks) and be environmentally friendly!!! *The money raised will be donated towards the 750th Commemorative Service of Shinran Shonin*



SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List—December

November Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 14th.

1959—50th Year

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

MIYATA Ninosuke
UYEDA Shige

1976—33rd Year

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—25th Year

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—17th Year

BABA Masako
HAMANISHI Toshi
TAKAGI Nobue

1993

MINAMIDE Toshiye
ONO Suye
YAKURA Ko

1994

TAKATA Takeo

1995

HAMAGUCHI Kisako

1996—13th Year

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

AKASAKA Minoru

MURAO Yasukichi

TAKAI Nobue
TAKENO Hisae
YAMAMOTO Ei

2002—7th Year

HARA Miyoko
MASANOBU Masanobu
NISHIKIHAMA Sawae
SEKIYA Mitsuo

2003

KOYANAGI Suyeko
TATARA Eiko
NISHIMOTO Kumeko
HATTORI Allan

2004

TAKEMOTO, Yasuye

2005

KAGETSU, Hide
TAKEMORI, Ichiro
YONEDA, Minoru

2006—3rd Year

OYE, Kaname

2007—1st Year

KOMORI, Edward
NATSUHARA, Kaoru
KITANO, Ken

With deepest sympathies...

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple wishes to express its deep condolences for the families of the following persons who had recently passed away.

Mr. Hiroshi Sakata—Oct 30, 2008

Mr. Naoharu Tamura—Nov 5, 2008

Mrs. Kimiyo Nakatsu—Nov 11, 2008

Namu-amida-butsu

The liberating wheel of light is without bound.
Each person it touches, it is taught,
Is freed from attachments to being and nonbeing,
So take refuge in Amida, the enlightenment of nondiscrimination.

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MOCHITSUKI- Sunday December 21, 2008
(9:00am in the Social Hall at Vancouver Buddhist Temple)

To prepare mochitsuki, many pounds of cooked sweet rice are 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 are arranged on an altar, 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 VBT office 604.253.7033 by **December 12, 2008** to ensure enough rice and lunch ingredients are ordered.

Senior's Club - BONENKAI

You are welcome to attend our Year End Party

Thursday December 11, 2008 At 11:30am
Social Hall in Vancouver Buddhist Temple
Fee: \$10.00/person

If you wish to join our party, please contact:
 Mrs. Chieko Nishi **604 255-2533**
 Ms. Asako Nomura **604 527-0375**
 Please register by **Thursday December 4, 2008**

Vancouver Buddhist Temple
Pilgrimage Tour
October 13-28, 2009 14 nights/16 days

For those who are interested in participating in our Pilgrimage Tour to Japan, please contact Yoshin Tamaki at Iwata Travel at 604 684-5101 at your earliest convenience or contact our office at 604 253-7033 for an application form to reserve your spot.

New Year's Eve
Wednesday December 31, 2008

10:00pm – New Year's Eve Service at Vancouver Buddhist Temple, followed by
11:30pm - UBC Bell Ringing Service at the Asian Studies Centre-University of British Columbia - No charge for parking

Vancouver Buddhist Temple has been hosting this annual event for over 16 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, Amazaki, a traditional warm malted rice drink will be served on site.

Namu-amida-butsu

The cloud of light is unhindered, like open sky;
 There is nothing that impedes it.
 Every being is nurtured by this light,
 So take refuge in Amida, the one beyond conception.



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MANNING PARK RETREAT MAY 16-18, 2009

Sponsored by the Living Dharma Centre,
hosted by Vancouver Buddhist Temple

Enjoy a weekend designed to promote fellowship between the various age groups within the families attending. The event is open to anyone who is curious about or interested in the teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Early registration is due by **January 23, 2009**. Please make all cheques payable to Vancouver Buddhist Temple. To request a registration form or if you have any questions, contact the office: 604 253-7033 or e-mail: retreat.vbt@gmail.com, or visit the website at www.livingdharmacentre.ca.

PUBLIC LECTURE "Mindfulness of the Buddha, Awareness of Myself"

Presentation by
Rev. Harry Bridge
*(Resident Minister at
Buddhist Church of Oakland and
Instructor at Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course at Berkley)*

Friday, January 9, 2009
7:00 – 8:30 pm
[Free Admission]

Vancouver Buddhist Temple

Jodo Shinshu in an Interdependent World - February 13-15, 2009

This year's BCA Northwest District Conference, will be hosted by the Oregon Buddhist Temple on February 13 - 15, 2009. The event will be at the [Doubletree Hotel at the Lloyd Center](#), 1000 NE Multnomah Street in Portland. Reverend Taitetsu Unno has been invited to be the keynote speaker. Dr Unno is a well-known and highly respected scholar and writer and is one of the leading authorities on Shin Buddhism in the West.

NorthWest Convention Registration The following rates are in US Dollars

\$90 Adults

\$75 Youth -gr 9 HS & College

\$50 Children K-to Gr 8

\$30 3-5 yrs old

You may order Sunday Bento at \$10.00/person

Please send cheque to: **Oregon Buddhist Temple**

3720 SE 34th Avenue, Portland OR 97202

1-503-234-9456 **Due: December 31, 2008**

Hotel Reservations:

Single or Double Room: \$114.00US + taxes

Please call the hotel to reserve your room at your earliest convenience as rooms fill up quickly

DoubleTree –Toll Free #: 1-800-996-0510

For DoubleTree@Portland, Oregon-Lloyd Center

Mention the **NW Buddhist District Convention**

Or contact DoubleTree Hotel direct at:

Tel #: 1-503-281-6111 or fax: 1-503-284-8553

1000 Multnomah Street, Portland OR USA 97232

Namu-amida-butsu

The light of purity is without compare.
When a person encounters this light,
All bonds of karma fall away;
So take refuge in Amida, the ultimate shelter.



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JSBTC Update December 2008 From the Office of Bishop

*A monthly update from the national headquarters of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC).
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With the chilly rain on the West Coast and the news of snow from east of the Rockies we are reminded that winter will soon be upon us. May this Update find you in good health and peace in the working of Tathagata Amida.

Traditionally, the year end is the time to look back over the events of the past year. 2008 was the 103rd year since the Jodo Shinshu teachings arrived in Canada. During this year, we had Masumi Kikuchi Sensei leave us in March due to medical reasons. This caused two subsequent big moves in July; Grant Ikuta Sensei moved from Ontario to B.C. and Shigenori Makino Sensei from Hawaii moved to Ontario to fill the void left by the departure of Grant Sensei. Also this year in May, Kyojo Ikuta Sensei officially retired and James Martin Sensei was promoted to be the resident minister in Calgary following the completion of his studies at the IBS in Berkeley California. As well, we witnessed the on going process of amalgamation of several temples in Southern Alberta and, as a result, the new temple is under construction in Lethbridge. It is to be completed in time for the dedication service in April 2009.

2008 was also a year of parting as we received the sad news of the passing away of two of our former Bishops. Rev. & Mrs. Toshio Murakami both passed away this year in Hawaii and Rev. Newton Ishiura passed away just two weeks ago in California.

Observing all these happenings throughout the year, we, as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, are reminded that despite the many changes including both positive and negative such as births in the family, graduations, weddings, accidents, sickness and death, they are all within the Light of Compassion as we practise the Nembutsu. Without this reminder, our life would be too empty and cold to carry on.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, ministers and friends of the Dharma across Canada for working as a team to make what we are today, so that we may carry on this tradition for many more years to come.

Gassho, NamoamidabutsuOrai Fujikawa

If you would send your sympathy to the Ishiura Family, please send to Ms.Asoka Lluch 7243 Hayward Dr. Sacramento, CA 958-3815

Coming events

Feb	1	2009	Visit to Manitoba Temple
Apr	23-24		MA Meeting in Lethbridge
	25-26		JSBTC AGM and Dedication of the New Temple in Lethbridge
May	27-28		World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council in Kyoto
Sep	15-17		MA Meeting and Seminar in Steveston

Namu-amida-butsu

The Buddha's light is supreme in radiance;
Thus Amida is called "Buddha, Lord of Blazing Light."
It dispels the darkness of the three courses of affliction,
So take refuge in Amida, the great one worthy of offerings.



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Greetings from the Valley

Bazaars are done, year end is coming, this is the time we can take a breath to think about what has passed and what we can anticipate.

First, congratulations to the Steveston Buddhist temple, on their 80th anniversary celebrations. From the study session on Saturday October 25th with Reverend Thomas Okano, the delicious banquet Saturday night, to the delightful ochigosan parade which preceded the Sunday service, the entire event was memorable and heartwarming.

Next, thank you to all who came to take part in or partake of our own little Fraser Valley Buddhist temple bazaar. The weather was awful, the soggiest wettest day of the month, but the udon was tummy warming and delicious with the flavor and aroma of the matsutake picked that morning by Stan Yoshioka and the bento just hit the right taste buds. We are especially grateful to all the kind vegetable donations from the Bradner farmers. It was a wonderful chance for us to share the traditional Japanese vegetables with some people who are no longer able to come join us as we delivered some nappa, daikon, kabocha and gobo to various Nikkei organizations.

November 15th was our November shotsuki service. We were privileged to have Reverend Grant Ikuta conduct our service for us. In Japanese he explained the difference between eitaikyo and obon or shotsuki service. In English he cautioned us to listen carefully, as sometimes what we think we hear is not what we actually did hear.

In Buddhism we must listen for what we actually did hear and not stray from that.

Our December 6th service will also be our bonenkai. The service will be held at 11:00a.m. with our potluck lunch after and then bingo. So, please, we would like to extend an invitation to all our Bradner neighbours to come and join us for our year end service.

In gassho,
FVBT

October Shotsuki:

\$10.00 -99.00

Eileen Fujita, Mrs. May Mukaida, Amy Kawamoto, Byron Kagawa, Mrs Chieko Takasaki, Toshi Dyck in memory of Fumi Honkawa, Mrs. Joanne McAllister, Mr.& Mrs. Yukio and Roberta Nasu in memory of Fumi Honkawa, Jenny Fujita, Roy and Amy Nagamatsu, Mrs Emiko A Shikaze in memory of son Larry, Mr.& Mrs. Merv Araki, anonymous

\$100

Reiko Honkawa in Memory of Fumi Honkawa

JSBTC Dana Day

\$10.00 - 99.00

Mrs. Irene Rohrer, Mrs & Mrs Hiro Honkawa, Mrs. May Mukaida, Mr. & Mrs. Merv Araki, anonymous

\$100.

Mrs. Emiko A. Shikaze

LETHBRIDGE - Bus Trip April 22-28, 2009

A bus trip to Alberta is being planned to coincide with the opening of the BUDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA and the AGM of JSBTC (formerly BCC). The dates planned are April 22-28, 2009.

The cost will be approximately \$650/person (double occupancy) for bus and hotel. A minimum of 35 people are required to make this trip. A deposit of \$100.00 is required with reservation, refundable if the trip is cancelled.

Please contact: **Nori Sugimoto 604 730-2684 or Naomi Shikaze 604 636-1095 before January 5, 2009**



December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 11:00 am FVBT Bodhi Day and Shotsuki and Bonenkai (Rev. T Aoki)
7 10:00 am Dharma Service 5:00 pm Vancouver Giants Game	8	9	10	11 11:30 am Senior's Club Bonenkai	12	13
14 10:30 am Bodhi Day / Shotsuki Service	15 <i>Final Deadline for 2008 Mem- bership Dues</i>	16	17	18 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Senior's Club	19	20
21 9:00 am Mochitsuki 10:30 am Year End Dharma School Service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:30 am Dharma Service	29	30	31 10:00 pm New Year's Eve Service 11:30 pm Bell Ringing at UBC	Jan 1 10:30 am New Year's Day Service		

Membership Reminder—2008 Memberships not paid by December 15th, 2008 will not be included in the 2009 Election List in January.