



# BODHI MIND



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## “Immeasurable Light and Life”

At the beginning of the year, I would like to send you my greetings.

May we all continue to live every moment and every day of this year in appreciation of the Nembutsu.

I wonder how you all spent this past year. There are a number of armed conflicts all over the world and climate change seems to have occurred. Those whose work or daily lives have been directly affected by these things must feel particularly threatened, but even those of us who are not directly influenced feel somewhat anxious. All lives are interrelated, and therefore, armed conflicts or climate change cannot be regarded as the problems of other people. We must address them as issues that concern us all.

Some of you may wonder how peace issues and environment concerns are related with the teaching of the Buddha, or how on earth they are connected with being born in the Pure land to attain Buddhahood. I recognize that the basis of Buddhism is my attainment of enlightenment or my birth of in the Pure land, and so the teaching is not a wonder drug which can immediately solve those problems. Taking into account, however, the fact that the human race has caused serious problems on a global scale by pursuing self-centered desires without careful consideration, you cannot say that Buddhism is not irrelevant to these issues. Buddhists seek enlightenment because actual humans, due to their ignorance and blind passions, constantly cause damage to their own lives and the lives of others, thereby deepening everyone's suffering. It is said that Bodhisattva, who are regarded as ideal beings in Buddhism, can not feel happy unless all others people also become happy. As we have been given only limited amounts of air and water on this planet, let us make every effort to lead a moderate way of life and realize a society where everyone helps each other, so that all people are able to live life fully and with joy.

January 1, 2008

OHTANI Koshin  
Monshu  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

## Nirvana (Nehanye) Day

The Sanskrit word Nirvana comes from the root “va” which means “to blow”, adding the “ver” stem “ana” which means “to make”, and the prefix “nir” which means “off” or “out”. Hence, Nirvana means the “blowing out” or “the extinction”. It is understood to mean the blowing out or extinction of the flame of personal desire, or that state of quiescence in which there is no wind blowing.

When Shakyamuni Buddha attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree, he had achieved this Nirvana. However, since he still was in his earthly form, he had not achieved complete Nirvana. When he died at the age of 80, he entered into complete Nirvana.

*Taken from -Traditions of Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-Ha by Masao Kodani & Russell Hamada*

Vancouver Buddhist Temple is celebrating **Nirvana Day on Sunday February 10th @ 10:30am along with Shotsuki – February Memorial, Following our Service, We welcome you to join us at our New Year’s & Appreciation Luncheon**

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## Are you Celebrating your 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary?



We wish to know the names of wedded couples who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries any time in the twelve months of 2008. Please provide our church secretary with your name if you and your spouse are celebrating wedding anniversaries. We wish to acknowledge those people with a gift from our temple at the occasion of our annual New Year’s Party.

Sunday, February 10th is the date our temple will be celebrating the new year with our Annual New Year’s Party. It is being celebrated in conjunction with an Appreciation lunch so that we can acknowledge the help and support from everyone who have offered their time unselfishly and who have generously offered Dana to provide for the well-being of our temple. The day will start with the Nirvana (Nehanye) and February monthly memorial (Shotsuki) service at 1030am. Please plan to join in

## New—VBC Bridge Club

The newly formed Bridge Club meets on Thursday’s at 12:30pm together with the Senior’s fun afternoon. If anyone pro or amateur is interested in playing, we extend a warm welcome to you. Please call VBC @ 604-253-7033 or Mary Kawamoto @ 604-876-7693.



## VALENTINE’S DINNER & DANCE

Sat February 16, 2008 7:00pm-12:30am  
Nikkei Heritage Centre 6688 Southoaks Crescent  
Burnaby 604-777-5222

\$25.00 per person – dinner, dancing & prizes  
Please purchase tickets for this JCAA fundraiser by contacting: April Shimizu  
604-421-3632

“Dressy-Casual” -dress code



**“En 縁 (Interconnectedness / Interdependence)”**

We are all born into this world because of our connection to our parents. Likewise, our parents share a connection with their own parents. If we were to go back twenty generations, those ancestors would number one million forty-eight thousand five hundred seventy-four people. It is said that twenty generations is about six hundred years long. Therefore, six hundred years ago, our ancestral forebears numbered well over one million forty-eight thousand. If even one of those people had died in infancy, I would not be the person I am here today, or I may not have even been born into this world.

This is what Buddhism means when it encourages us to realize that our lives are not our own. It is for me to realize that my existence, is not just mine alone.

From this point of view, we can see that being born into this world as a human being is indeed a rare and difficult thing. Furthermore, encountering the Buddha-Dharma and attaining shinjin (the heart that entrusts to Amida Buddha), is even more difficult. Out of the joy that Shinran-shonin felt in encountering the teaching of Amida Buddha, he composed the following wasan (Hymns),

*Through countless kalpas and innumerable lives,  
We did not know the strong cause of liberation;  
Were it not for our teacher Genku,  
This present life also would pass in vain.*

A transliteration of the above wasan is as follows; “No matter how many times I have traversed through the cycle of birth-and-death, I was not aware of Amida Buddha’s Primal Vow, which is the cause that would free me from the world of delusion. If I had not encountered Master Genku (Honen-shonin), I would have lived my life in vain and remained in the world of delusion.

Just as these verses infer, Shinran-shonin felt that it was highly unlikely that he should meet someone like Honen-shonin, and moreover, it was equally unlikely that he would have come across the Nembutsu teaching. However, the underlying feeling that is also expressed is his joy of having encountered them and having the path toward the Pure Land revealed to him.

Namo Amida Butsu

Tatsuya Aoki

**Vancouver Buddhist Temple Annual General Meeting  
Sunday February 3rd at 1:00pm in the Social Hall**

Your dedication and support is very much appreciated, Please attend this very important meeting.

## Latest News on the Toban System

A special meeting of all the captains of the seven tobans was held on Jan. 5, 2008. After reviewing the structure of our present toban system, it was decided that we would continue with the 7 toban teams. Some of the tobans have reported that they are short of help and needed additional members in their toban. All the toban captains reported the number of their toban members who come to help during the course of the year. The numbers ranged from a high of 18 in one toban to as low as 12 in another toban. All the captains felt that rather than reduce the number of tobans from 7 to 5 teams, we will remain at 7 tobans and that we should all make a greater effort to contact and encourage those members already on existing toban teams who do rarely or never come to help and that we should make a greater effort to seek their help. The current list of names of the toban responsible for

temple maintenance and operations will be published in the Bodhi Mind to inform members of their two-month responsibility. In addition, any member whose toban is currently responsible for the maintenance of our temple will receive the Bodhi Mind newsletter with a colored name and address label. It will act as a reminder that their help is welcome. If a toban member has questions, he or she should telephone their toban captain.

The following list is the names of the toban captains:

- #1 – Greg Chor/Lorna Bishop
- #2 - Mary Kawamoto/Ritsu Saimoto
- #3 - Shizuo Tanaka/Tomi Niwatsukino
- #4 - Frank Hamanishi/Tsuyako Nakano
- #5 - Harry Mizuta/
- #6 - Bob Akune/Kay Komori
- #7 - Tsutomu Omota/Kaz Yoshida

## Toban 1

As many of you know the Toban system (means "duty") is the way our temple is able to maintain our wonderful facilities and provide services such as meals for special services. We have 7 tobans which are responsible for 2 consecutive months. Everyone, members and non-members can be a toban volunteer. Members are automatically assigned to a toban. Toban 1 is responsible for food preparation and clean-up for the months of February and March. The following dates are the ones we would like your assistance with. Feb. 9-9a.m., Feb. 10-9a.m., Mar. 8-9a.m., Mar. 28-9a.m., Mar. 29-9a.m., Mar. 30-6a.m. If your name appears on the list below, please come and help at the temple even if you do not receive a phone call. Your presence is very much appreciated. The church can not function without everyone's help. If you have any questions please call Lorna Bishop 604-931-8796 or Greg Chor 604-437-6204.

Kikuye AKITAYA  
Tsuki ARATAKE  
Yukiko ASAOKA  
Greg & Gina CHOR  
Joe & Yoko FUKUSHIMA  
Mary HAMAKAWA  
Sayoko HATTORI  
Tim HIRATA  
John & Keiko NAKATA  
Edward OYAMA  
Kanji & Yuriko SUGA

Sadao AMANO  
Itsuko ARITA  
Brad & Lorna BISHOP  
Denny & Kimiko ENJO  
Shizue HAMAGUCHI  
Nancy HAMANISHI  
Kotaro & Emiko HAYASHI  
Kazu & Akemi KOMORI  
Miyoko NOSE  
Marie OYAMA  
Etsuko TAKATA

Takeru & Aiko ARAKI  
Minoru & Michika ASAOKA  
Haruyo CHIBA  
Yoshio & Umeko FUJIMOTO  
Francis HAMAKAWA  
Yutaka & Toshiyo HARADA  
Noburo & Terry HAYASHI  
Terry & Kazuko KOYANAGI  
Tsutomu & Reiko OMOTO  
Yukihiro & Kazuko SHOJI  
Roy TATSUMI

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## In Appreciation

I am so proud of our Sangha, which has so many people who take on the responsibilities of various events from Bell Ringing to Manju making. It is a comfort knowing you all support each other, endlessly contributing great efforts and dedication in making each event a success.

Yes, we all recognize and appreciate each committee head, but most of all, to You, who have participated and made each event a comfortable social gathering of helping hands.

As each one of you plays an important and integral part in the success of all our events, I would like to acknowledge some of the people who work behind the scenes:

Brian North – created and maintains our VBC website

Fujiko Kitano- after 16 years of being secretary, continues her efforts & dedication to you in labeling, sorting & distributing the newsletters to you every month

Akemi Komori – her commitment and dedication in teaching Bon Odori dancing year after year

Henry Low –prepares monthly financial reports and tracks all of your donations

Martha Banno, Molly Akune & Kay Komori - organizes the Flower Rotation Roster and providing freshness and beauty in their floral arrangements for the Naijin & Library

Lori North – organizes and pieces the newsletter articles together every month

Mitsuye Sakata - prepares all the dough in her home for the 1800 pieces of Yaki Manju

Noriko Sugimoto – co-ordinating and organizing seniors tours

May Mukaida – many years towards the annual donation of vegetables for our Bazaars

Shizuo Tanaka- cleans and prepares the Hondo for our many services

Roy Tatsumi – attends to the early morning clean-up inside and outside our Temple

Tsutomu Omoto – attends to the maintenance & servicing of our Temple

Tsuyako Nakano & Yasuko Komori - pre-Bazaar preparations

These members work so quietly and efficiently, keeping our Temple events flowing smoothly with their infinite dedication in sharing their many talents with us.

Sensei Tatsuya Aoki and his family, have dedicated the last four years to the Vancouver Temple. We are most fortunate to have a young healthy minister who supports many traditions from Japan and has provided overwhelming support to our Sangha. We appreciate the long hours, dedication and energy the Aoki family has bestowed upon us.

Cheers to another successful year, which just flew by!! Gather up your energy for an exciting and eventful 2008 year ahead. To everyone, Namu Amida Butsu, Thank You and much appreciation for all your participation in spreading the Dharma.

In Gassho,  
David Ohori

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## VBC Historical Committee

is working to publish a book in celebrating the Centennial of our Temple. In this regard, we are asking for your help in gathering information of any good anecdotes or photos you may have. Please attach your address and telephone number, for the safe return of your treasured photographs. If you should have any information available, please contact our committee members:

Bob Akune: 604-922-8323

Ritsu Saimoto: 604-266-6178

Mary Kawamoto: 604-876-7693

Please enter your submissions to the Vancouver Buddhist Church office by Feb 29, 2008 or email to [vbc.admin@gmail.com](mailto:vbc.admin@gmail.com). Thank you.

## Greetings from the Valley

January turned out to be a very wet month, but nothing dampened our spirits as we celebrated the January shotsuki and Hoonko service with Reverend Bob Oshita. His inciteful thoughts about gratitude and thank you's struck an immediate chord with many of the nisei and sansei in the congregation. We hope that we all can say thank you at the highest level... namu amida butsu... often and with joy.

Just this short message this month, our membership dues are still \$60.00 and come due in February if possible. Also our shotsuki service for February will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> again at 2:00 so hope to see you there.

Thank you again to all who have come to join us in our monthly services.

Donations for the month of December (\$5—\$99)

Mr. & Mrs. Merv Araki, Joanne Mcallister,  
Evelyn Evans & Bill Miyazaki,  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nagamatsu, Eileen Fujita,  
Mr. M. Saito, Marion Fujita, Mrs. Amy Shikaze,  
Ron & Marilyn Fujita, Ben Shikaze,  
Hiro & Ruth Honkawa, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Shikaze,  
Reiko Honkawa, Greg & Lynne Smith,  
Byron Kagawa, Chieko Takasaki, Amy Kawamoto,  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tateyama, Mrs. Hisako Kawamoto,  
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka, Mrs. Yoshie Koda

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## Spring Bazaar - Sunday March 30, 2008

With the Spring Bazaar just around the corner, listed below are some preparation dates:

Manju Making Feb 9 @ 9:00am  
Manju Making Mar 8 @ 9:00am  
Bazaar Prep Mar 28 @ 9:00am  
Bazaar Prep Mar 29 @ 9:00am  
Bazaar Prep Mar 30 @ 6:00am

Doors Open on Mar 30 @ 12:00noon to the public

Thank you for your participation, efforts and dedication for supporting your Temple and maintaining your culture.

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## West Coast Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples 2008 Lecture Series

Jan 12 at VBC – 930-1130am

### “Buddhism for Dummies”

- Reverend Bob Oshita  
Buddhist Churches of Sacramento, CA

April 4 at UBC Asian Studies Ctr – 7pm

### The Importance of “Self” in Amida Buddha

- Reverend Dr. Leslie Kawamura,  
Professor, University of Calgary  
& Director Living Dharma Centre

April 5 at SBT – 2pm

### “Buddhism for Beginners(1)”

- Reverend Ronald Kobata,  
Buddhist Churches of America

April 12 at VBC – 930-1130am

### Finding One Self in the Vows of Amida Buddha

- Reverend Gregory Gibbs,  
Oregon Buddhist Temple  
Portland, OR

July 5 at SBT – 2pm

### “Buddhism for Beginners(2)”

- Reverend Masao Kodani,  
Senshin Buddhist Temple  
Los Angeles, CA

Oct 25 at SBT – 2pm

### “Buddhism for Beginners(3)”

- TBA

For further references on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism please see: [www.livingdharmacentre.ca](http://www.livingdharmacentre.ca)

## Students Win Church Scholarship

Three of our Dharma school students were each awarded the Vancouver Buddhist Temple University scholarship. Kelsey Chan, Michelle Leung and Mika Low, all children of dedicated Buddhist families, met the necessary requirements and were granted a \$500 scholarship for first-year university studies. All three achieved 'A' grades scholastically and honour roll at their respective high schools. Not only were they excellent students academically, they participated in sports, music and arts and volunteered in community affairs. Their attendance to Dharma School was exemplary and as youths exhibit high

Buddhist values while being excellent role models for their younger siblings and peers. Between the three they amassed a total of 20 university scholarships and are entered in their first year studies at the University of BC and Simon Fraser University. We could not have found three more deserving students. Congratulations from the Vancouver Buddhist Temple to Kelsey, Michelle and Mika. Good luck in the pursuit of your desired goals.

VBT Scholarship Committee

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Warm congratulations to Kelsey Chan, Michelle Leung and Mika Low who were awarded scholarships from the VBT to go toward post secondary education. All three girls wrote essays as part of their application for the temple scholarship which they agreed to share with readers of the Bodhi Mind. In this issue and subsequent issue(s), readers will recognize the high standard of scholarship and character of each of these very deserving recipients. Enjoy.



## The Importance of Remembering and Appreciating—Kelsey Chan

In a world where everyone is always occupied with the many things that are constantly demanding their time, how many people actually take the time to reflect on the events of a month, a week, or even a day? In my opinion, it is very important that we remember and appreciate our lives and all the people who contribute to our lives.

Generally, I live my life from day to day, and week to week. It's the only way for me to do everything that I have to, or want to do. A biology test and physics test one week, the next week more tests and more homework. Besides school, I work, I play soccer, and I have a family and friends. If I did not find the equilibrium between my work and my other activities, I would definitely go crazy! There are lots of people like me. There is too much stress

and never enough free time; it's the reason why people are always saying, "Where did the time go?" Because time disappears so fast, it's important to stop, push the pause button on life, and remember all the good times once in a while.

Life is not permanent and people die every day. When a person dies, memories are all that remain of them. Less than a year ago, I attended the funeral of my mom's friend, June Kasuya. Although I personally did not know her very well, I knew she was a nice, kind and caring person who was always smiling. Every year I would see her at Obon and the Powell Street Festival. For those of you who do not know what Obon is, Obon is a Japanese festival where we believe the spirits of those who have passed away return. After a special service, we per-

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*Importance of Remembering... cont.*

form a collection of traditional folk dances. June was one of the teachers. At the young age of forty-two, no one thought that her life would be cut short. More than 500 people came to her funeral to say, "Good-Bye," and express their sympathies to her family. At the service, I listened as her dance teacher described her personality and shared some of the times she had spent with her. As she spoke, you could feel her sorrow. She had taught June for almost forty years, and never expected to outlive one of her students. Watching her fight back her tears, everyone was crying with her. If we did not remember those who died, the world would lose lots of good people. We must recognize the efforts of our grandparents, our parents, and all the people who have worked to give us better lives, and remember that we would not be here without them.

In one lifetime, a person meets millions of people. When I go to a library, I see hundreds and thousands of books. Each book has one or multiple authors, multiple editors, and maybe an illustrator or photographer. When I take a few seconds to think about how many people affected each author, editor, and illustrator who then had an effect on that one book, and multiply this number by thousands to produce a library... I realize there are an immense number of people who brought me the contents of the library. In the future, when you see a library, remember that there are millions of people who gave you those books. The things I have said about the number of people who influence a book are true for everything like telephones, erasers, bouncy balls and light bulbs. Basically, anything you can think of would not exist without lots of help.

Our lives would not be the same without the efforts of millions of billions of people and we should take the time to remember and appreciate them. June was a great person who deserved to be remembered and appreciated; it's just too bad she never realized just how many lives she touched. Don't wait for a funeral to tell you what you had, enjoy and be thankful for what you have while you have it.

*Kelsey Chan  
May 1, 2007*

## **Farewell Party for Masumi Kikuchi Sensei**

Our temple will be inviting Kikuchi Sensei of the Steveston Buddhist Temple as guest minister to give a Dharma message to our sangha on March 16. Since she will be departing for Japan at the end of March on an extended leave of absence we plan to have a Farewell Pot-luck Lunch following the service of March 16. We shall be offering her a farewell gift and card which we hope will be signed by everyone present on that occasion. Our temple has much to be thankful for Kikuchi Sensei's efforts to spread the Dharma in our local community and we wish to thank her for her energy and thoughtful Dharma talks not to mention her charm and delightful demeanor. Kikuchi Sensei has endeared herself to so many of our members. Please plan to attend the 10:30am service followed by the farewell luncheon.

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## **Vancouver Buddhist Temple hosts the Buddhist Churches of Canada Annual General Meeting on April 26 & 27, 2008**

Our Temple welcomes you, our local members, to join us at the BCC AGM. As the host Temple this year, we are working to make arrangements through thoughtful deliberation for the good of the whole national sangha. Ministers, Presidents, and Delegates from Jodo Shinshu Temples across Canada will be attending. Please contact our office at 604-253-7033 if you would be able to assist in hosting this honorary event at our Temple.

Registration forms are available in the office, by e-mail [vbc.admin@gmail.com](mailto:vbc.admin@gmail.com) or by calling.

Should you require hotel accommodations, a block of rooms are held at the Executive Hotel, Burnaby, 4201 Lougheed Hwy, until March 30, 2008 for your convenience. Please reserve your room directly with the hotel. Toll Free: 1-800-590-3932 or 1-604-298-2010

## **BCC Update February 2008 From the Office of Bishop**

*A monthly update from the national headquarters of the Buddhist Churches of Canada.  
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www.bcc.ca*

May this letter of Update find you in good health and spirit in the light of compassion of Amida Buddha in the beginning of 2008.

First of all I wish to join with you in paying tribute to Shinran Shonin as our many temples of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji tradition are observing Hoonko in his honour and memory at this time of the year.

Jodo Shinshu is one of the Pure Land schools in Mahayana Buddhism and is often called the religion of Hongwan, the Primal Vow of Bodhisattva Dharmakara or Amida Buddha. Therefore the key word to understand Jodo Shinshu must be the primal vow.

The vow is not the wish in the sense as you wish to fly in the air. Unless you are bird, you cannot physically fly, or many people wish to win the 649 jackpot. I don't say it's impossible, but the chance of winning is one of many millions. However, Bodhisattva's vow is the will of determination, dedication, inspiration and commitment backed by wisdom and compassion. There is a difference between wish and vow.

The Hongwan consists of three; the first is the working of the perfect wisdom to create the world called Pure Land which transcends this human world. Because there are so many pains and sorrows in this world, while there are some happiness, excitement, and peace.

The second is the working of the perfect compassion to welcome each and everyone into this Pure Land without any discrimination and exception. And the third is the ways and means to accomplish the entire project, that is, to become Namoamidabutsu itself.

Therefore once you hear and cherish the Name of Amida Buddha, you are assured to live in peace as well as die in peace.

In gassho, Namoamidabutsu

### Ministerial movements

Mr James Martin successfully completed Kyoshi Seminar in December in Kyoto.

Dr. T. Barber, assistant minister of Calgary Buddhist Temple, is assigned to BCC as of Feb 15, 2008

Masumi Kikuchi Sensei of Steveston Buddhist Temple returns to Japan March 25, 2008

Kyojo Ikuta Sensei retires as of May 1, 2008.

Grant Ikuta Sensei assigned to Steveston Buddhist Temple and Shigenori Makino Sensei assigned to Toronto Buddhist Temple as of July 1, 2008

### Coming events

March 9 Central California Buddhist Women's Conference

March 14-30 Visitation to eastern temples

April 24-27 BCC MA and AGM in Vancouver

May 21-23 World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council (BCA)

September 27-28 BC Buddhist Convention in Vancouver

October 25-26 Steveston Buddhist Temple 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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**SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List—February**

February Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 10 2008

<b>1952</b> UEDA, Taneichi	<b>1970</b> KIKUTA, Toshio	<b>1979</b> KIMURA, Kikuo	<b>1994</b> IWAMOTO, Ryuichi
<b>1957</b> NOMURA, Kinu	TSUMURA, Sumiye	NAKASONE, Chie	<b>1995</b> KAMACHI, Shigekazu
<b>1958</b> MUKAI, Matsujiro	UYEMURA, Akio	<b>1980</b> TANAKA, Manabu	SHIBATA, Tsuya
TERASHITA, Matsuzo	<b>1971</b> KARIYA, Yasuyuki	<b>1981</b> MAKINO, Toshimasa	<b>1996—13th Year</b> KOZAKA, Yoshinari
<b>1959—50th Year</b> HORI, Ito	NISHIMURA, Ryokan	TANAKA, Tomijiro	OYAMA, George
NISHIZAWA, Sadajiro	<b>1972</b> KONDO, Kenjiro	<b>1982</b> FURUGORI, Kikuyo	SHINYASHIKI, Kazuya
TAKAI, Koharu	SUGIE, Masami	MASUHARA, Kishi	<b>1997</b> WAKABAYASHI, Yasue
<b>1960</b> NISHII, Iyo	SUZUKI, Gennosuke	NISHI, Iwano	<b>1998</b> BANNO, Haru
<b>1962</b> NAKAGAWA, Kazuo	YADA, Kunie	TAGUCHI, Sataro	HIRAKIDA, Ed
TSUJIMOTO, Tsuneno	<b>1974</b> URATAK Teru	TAKENO, Takeji	MITSUI, Kazue
<b>1963</b> INOUE, Shigetaka	<b>1975</b> IZUMI, Shimataro	<b>1983</b> OURA, Kome	<b>1999</b> CHAKI, Asako
<b>1965</b> HAGANE, Yoshijiro	KOYANAGI, Ino	<b>1984—25th Year</b> KAJIHARA, Tsuruyo	HIRANO, Raishu
NAKAMURA, Hirokichi	NODA, Yoshie	MOTOMOCHI, Tomekichi	ONO, Butch
NAKANISHI, Tamejiro	SATO, Yoshi	<b>1985</b> MAYENO, Kenichi	<b>2000</b> KITAMURA, Kichino-
<b>1966</b> MARUMOTO, Junko	TANAKA, Motoyoshi	MOMOTANI, Yuriko	suke
<b>1967</b> MORI, Zen	<b>1976—33rd Year</b> HIRAKIDA, Hagino	<b>1986</b> MATSUDA, Mikino	NISHI, Masaharu
KONDO, Satoshi	<b>1977</b> INOUE, Zenzaburo	<b>1987</b> KOYANAGI, Taki	<b>2001</b> FUKUHARA, Kisaburo
<b>1969</b> OMORI, Takayuki	KARIYA, Jirohei	SATO, Kojiro	NODA, Kaoru
YOSHIZAWA, Kazuo	KINOSHITA, Kazuichi	<b>1988</b> AKASAKA, Mitsuko	YAMASHITA, Kusuye
	MADOKORO, Jitsuji	TAKATA, Tadayuki	<b>2003</b> HAMA Teruko
	TASAKA, Yukiyo	UCHIDA, Shiro	JOW Marie Rebecca
	<b>1978</b> MINATO, Keiji	WAKABAYASHI, Genroku	TAKEUCHI Seiji
	NASU, Bunkichi	<b>1989</b> ASAOKA, Sotono	<b>2004</b> KONDO, Hideo
	YAMASHITA, Bunkichi	INOUE, Eiji	URASAMI, Miyoko
		KUNIMOTO, Shinkatsu	YADA, Hideo
		TAMAKI, Komaye	YONEDA, Yusuke
		<b>1990</b> KONDO, Yoshiye	<b>2005</b> MINATO, Umeko
		<b>1991</b> TABATA, Fumie	<b>2006—3rd Year</b> NAKATA, Dick Sadao
		<b>1992—17th Year</b> MAYE, Meiko	NAKATSU, Teruo
		SATO, Satoshi	SAKAMOTO, Ito
		YAMADA, Masayoshi	SHIODA, Tetsuya
		<b>1993</b> TAGAMI, Frank	<b>2007—1st Year</b> KASUYA, June

***With deepest sympathies...***

*The Vancouver Buddhist Church offers its  
deepest condolences to the families of*

*Mr. Edward Komori (54 yrs) - Dec 13, 2007  
Mr. Kaoru Natsuhara (83 yrs) - Dec 21, 2007  
Mr. Otohito Matsui (94 yrs) - Jan 10, 2008*

## February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 10:30 am Family Service 1:00 pm VBC Annual General Mtg.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Manju making 2:00 pm FVBT Nirvana Day & Shotsuki
<b>10</b> 10:30 am VBC Nirvana Day / Shotsuki 12:00 pm New Year Party / Appreciation	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 11:00 am Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Aoki)	<b>21</b> 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> No service at VBC. 10:30 am Service at Ste- veston Buddhist Temple	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	<b>29</b>	

- Feb.3—VBC Annual General Meeting. 1:00 pm. *All members are encouraged to attend.*
- Feb 15—17: North West District Buddhist Convention in Seattle.
- Feb 24—Dr. Rev. Leslie Kawamura of the University of Calgary is the guest speaker at Steveston Buddhist Temple. Everyone is encouraged to attend service in Steveston starting at 10:30 am. Morning Service at VBC is cancelled for this day.

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