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Shikataganai

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Shikataganai means, “There is no other way of dealing with it” or “It cannot be helped.” In Jodo Shinshu terms, Shikataganai reads, “omakase” or “leaving such matters to the Buddha.” It is the moment of realizing that all our tempts to seize, reason out, and intuit enlightenment are simply self-centred conceits. It is the moment of experiencing that the True and Real are not constructions of the mind.

Unlike the Judeo-Christian-Islamic God, Amida is not a Supreme Creator being who creates, rewards, and punishes us. Amida is described as light. Light does not emanate from Amida, Amida is the Light itself (The Light or True Reality). Unenlightened human beings willfully choose to ignore the Light, and therefore, we suffer from our own ignorance. This Light, Truth, and Reality are knowable. This knowing is not simply abstract knowing of scientific fact. This knowing is one which brings a transformation of being in the receiver, receiving the Wisdom and the Compassion of Amida. Our usual state is a self-centered one. Thus we normally do not pay attention to the Light in which we are always surrounded. Shinran-shonin says that we are blind to this Light. Our eyes are being covered over by self-delusion and self-centredness. However, the Light nevertheless shins upon us. Because we are so used to running around in our own darkness, we do not initially like the Light which strikes us. In Jodo Shinshu, this being struck by the Light is called, “Hearing the Light.” Normally, we see the light, but this Light strikes our very being, and we experience it in a totally different way. We hear the Light and see the sound. True Reality, Amida, has vowed to reach in our consciousness, despite everything we do to avoid it, it cannot be helped. Shikataganai.

Having experience of this, we are able to pick up pieces of our ego and able to use our ego in constructive ways, having giving up, however temporarily, trying to use the ego for what it cannot do become enlightened. As immediate result of such awareness is the condition of Arigatai-ness.

Arigatai means, “Difficult to hold.” Arigato, the word for “thank you” thus means, “thank you for this rare to receive and difficult to hold favor.” Religiously, Arigatai means that sense of being blessed, not by an exterior being, but the suchness or thusness of things. From this sense of Arigatai-ness, this exhilaration over being surrounded in compassion comes a sense of being undeserving nevertheless.

Amida moves to make me aware of itself while I move away to create my own reality. However, somewhere along the line, I quit moving in the opposite direction, I am called upon to stop and turn around. Shikataganai. Having been stopped and turn around, I am astonished by what I see, and I am deeply grateful. Arigatai.

Shikataganai...Arigatai...Gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki

May - a beautiful lead into summer!

The Buddhist Churches of Canada (BCC) Annual General Meeting held in Calgary closed the month of April. Domo arigato gozaimasu to the 12 members from VBC who dedicated their time and energy for the future of Jodo Shinshu in Canada. The highlights this year include:

- a new name will be the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC)
- a new voting structure was approved whereby temples that have a membership of 100 or greater will have 2 votes each and all other temples will have 1 vote each
- a number of smaller temples in southern Alberta announced they are completing an amalgamation to form the Southern Alberta Buddhist Temple
- a day long workshop provided a foundation for moving ahead with new ideas for the future growth of our Sanghas. Our temple intends to capitalize on this framework.

the Canadian Women's Federation announced their plan to hold a world event in Toronto in 2015. We

look forward to everyone's support in the preparation for this event.

On May 13th, we celebrated, Shinran Shonin's Birthday, Gotan-e with a service and thought provoking dharma talk on Shikataganae, "it cannot be helped" delivered by Aoki Sensei. This was followed by a delicious Donburi served by the Toban. Congratulations also to Shizuo and Akemi Tanaka who celebrated their 50th anniversary with a gift from the Otera. We would also like to thank Chief Shizuo and his loyal Toban tribe number 3 for putting on the wonderful lunch for all of our members.

On May 17th, the Taisho Koto Group's first visit from Japan, created beautiful music from a modernized Japanese Koto. Many thanks to the toban group for hosting and preparing lunch for our guests.

The Spring ahead is packed with activities. This month included significant planning and preparation. Thank you to all the volunteers and committees for their work arranging the numerous upcoming events:

- HSBC Child Run June 3 (Dharma School)
- Spring Fling for seniors June 4-6 at Harrison Hot Springs. (Nori Sugimoto)
- Golf Tournament June 9 at Musqueam Golf Course. (Frank Hamanishi / Min Koyanagi)
- Bon Odori dance practice starting June 12 (Akemi Komori and Miwa)
- Rev Imamura Lecture Series June 16th (BCJSBCF)-
Appreciation Pot Luck Dinner June 23-guest speaker Glenn Hara-Wills & Estate Planning

I hope to see all of you this month!

In Gassho,

Dave Ohori

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Getting to Know the happy children of Lumbini Class:

- Favourite foods: peaches, blueberries, onigiri, gyoza, spaghetti
- Favourite colours: yellow, purple, light blue, green
- Favourite place to be: Chuck E Cheese, park, aquarium, jiichan's house
- New places they would like to visit: PNE, aquarium, Japan, England
- Person they wish to be like: daddy, bunny, train engineer
- Things they like to do: play outside, watch t.v., make things, garden with jiichan, train-spotting, snack, run around, sing, paint their finger nails
- If they had two wishes: train ride, airplane ride, eat candy, more toys (bike)
- Things they would take to a deserted island: toys, pooh bear (Winnie the Pooh), cookies, jiichan, senbei, May-chan (stuffed toy lamb)
- Favourite movies: Happy Feet, Winnie the Pooh movies, train movies, Peter Rabbit

More Sharing from Lumbini Class student, Thomas.

Train Ride on the Royal Hudson

We caught the Royal Hudson Train in White Rock, B.C.

We went to celebrate the White Rock 50th anniversary of becoming a municipality.

We saw some mountains, grasses, the pier and the beach. We rode from White Rock all the way back to Vancouver. We saw the steam coming out of the train stack. The horn was very loud and it scared me. We took a lot of pictures to remember this trip.



June 17th is Parents' Day

In Buddhism, there are "four obligations"* owed by all human beings. One of them is obligation to one's parents.

Each one of us was born into this world because of our own fathers and mothers. Accordingly, if we feel grateful for being born, we should naturally feel obligated to our parents.

However, among the young people of today, there are many who claim: "I did not particularly ask to be born. My parents gave birth to me of their own free will. There is no need for me to feel any obligation."

Generally speaking, it seems that in Japanese society today, the thought of obligation has itself become rare. An increasing number of people do not even understand the meaning of this word.

What should not be misunderstood is that

this virtue called obligation is not a feeling generated by the one who did a favour. It is a feeling that arises in the person who receives it. This is the truth shown in the old saying, "We understand our obligation to our parents when we become parents ourselves."

From "Life Through the Power of the Buddha: 108 Mini-Essays of Meditation" published by Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai.

* The four obligations: (1) to parents, (2) to the nation/society, (3) to sentient beings, (4) to the Three Treasures

Fraser Valley News

The daffodils have come and gone, the cherry blossoms fly about and it looks like spring, a warm spring, has finally come to the valley. Our May shotsuki and Gotan —e service was held on May 11 with guest minister, Masami Kikuchi, officiating. It was wonderful to hear her give her first official dharma talk at our reconstructed temple, and even the children took part as they tried to catch hold of the incense smoke.

April 28th and 29th weekend saw Amy Nagamatsu, Evelyen Evans and Lucy Yoshioka travel to the annual general meeting in Calgary for BCC. This year's AGM was a refreshing look into the possible future of BCC, beginning with a new name, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (when all federal hoops have been jumped). There were many discussions on improving accessibility to Jodo Shinshu and raising awareness and promoting our faith.

On a sad note, long time member, Sueyo Kawa-

moto, passed away on May 2. We send our condolences to his wife, Terry, and their family. Sue will be long remembered for his generous contribution of time and service to the temple before he became ill.

Happier news came when we were notified that two of our young members, Michiyo McSkimming and James Fujita have been accepted as youth tour participants for the tour to Hongwanji this summer.

Sunday June 10th will be our next flea market venture at the Cloverdale Flea Market. Please come out to spend some time with us as we set up our wares at the market. You may find some real bargains on our tables.

Our next shotsuki service will be held June 2 at 2:00. Please join us. Obon odori practices will start in June as well. The Hatsubon, Obon and July and August shotsuki service will be held on July 7th at 3:00 p.m.

In gassho
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VANCOUVER BUDDHIST CHURCH

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2007
MUSQUEAM GOLF COURSE
3904 W. 51st. VANCOUVER, B.C.

TEE OFF STARTING AT 12:00 NOON
\$70.00 ENTRY FEE - INCLUDES GOLF,
DINNER AND PRIZES.

EVERYONE COME OUT AND JOIN IN THE FUN,
ENJOY A GAME OF GOLF, A SUPER DINNER
AND WIN A PRIZE.

Please contact FRANK HAMANISHI AT 298-9285
or MIN KOYANAGI AT 433-3119
or Church Office at 253-7033



Obon

The origin of Obon can be traced to the Ulambana Sutra which relates the story of Mogallana, the most gifted of Shakyamuni Buddha's disciples in the area of extraordinary sense perceptions. A very filial son, Mogallana one day used his extraordinary powers to visualize the whereabouts of his mother who had died. Searching all the realms, from the highest of the heavens to the lowest of the hells, he was surprised and horrified to find his mother suffering the torments of the realm of Hungry Ghosts. With his powers again, he filled a bowl with food and sent it to his mother. The food burst into flames each time she put it to her mouth. Finding himself helpless in aiding his mother, he ran to the Buddha seeking help.

The Buddha tells Mogallana that he needs the combined help of all the monks to help his mother. He was told to bring offerings of food from land and sea, and sweets piled on a platter to the Sangha at the end of the Pravaraṇa. The Pravaraṇa was a period of retreat for the Buddha and his disciples during the rainy season in India. This was from the 15th of April to the 15th of July by the western calendar. Monks were forbidden to travel in order to avoid the killing of insects which multiplied greatly during the rainy season. They were to stay in one place to listen to the Buddha's talks, study, and meditate. Mogallana made the prescribed offerings and his mother and seven generations of his ancestors were relieved of their sufferings. Mogallana was so overjoyed that he clapped his hands and danced for joy. This is said to have been the beginning of the *Bon Odori*.

Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land School) does not look upon Obon as the time when the "souls" of ones ancestors return, and that the services, offerings, dancings, lights, and etc. are for the benefit of ones dead relatives. It is rather a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us. It is to appreciate all that they have done for us and to recognize the continuation of the influence of their deeds upon our lives. Obon is a time for self-reflection (an important Buddhist practice) for it is only when man becomes aware of his imperfections and insufficiency in contrast to his ideals that religion becomes a matter of personal concern.

Obon is also called the Gathering of Joy by Jodo Shin Buddhists. It is not the happiness of getting what you desire, but the joy of being shown the Truth of what one is, no matter how damning that truth is to the image of our-ego-self. It is the joy of the awareness of being embraced in the Truth, in Amida Buddha. Bon Odori too is not a dance of happiness but rather a dance of Joy.

Namo Amida Butsu
Tatsuya Aoki

Rev. Tatsuya Aoki will conduct cemetery site services at the following locations.

Thursday, July 5

1:00 PM Maple Ridge
1:40 PM Whonnock
2:30 PM Mission

Friday, July 6

6:00 PM New Westminster
7:00 PM Valley View
8:30 PM Coquitlam

Saturday, July 7

9:00 AM Stanley Park
9:40 AM Forest Lawn
10:20 AM Ocean View
11:00 AM Mountain View

2:00 PM Aldergrove
3:00 PM Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple "Obon and Monthly Memorial Service" & Bon Odori

Sunday, July 8

2:00 PM Vancouver Buddhist Temple
"Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotsuki
(Memorial) Service"
(Guest Speaker: Dr. and Rev. Leslie Kawamura,
Professor at University of Calgary)

4:00 pm
Bon Odori

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 am Manju Making 2:00 pm FVBT June Shotsuki Ser- vice
3 10:30 am Family Service	4	5	6	7 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	8	9 Noon VBC Golf Tour- nament
10 10:30 am Pet Memorial Service	11	12 7:30 pm Bon Odori Practice	13	14 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club 7:30 pm VBC Board meeting	15 7:30 pm Bon Odori Practice	16 9:30 am Public Lecture by Dr. Imamura
17 10:30 am Parents' Day and Monthly Memorial Ser- vice. Guest speaker: Dr. Imamura	18	19 7:30 pm Bon Odori Practice	20 11:00 am Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Aoki)	21 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club	22 7:30 pm Bon Odori Practice	23 6:00 pm VBC Annual Potluck Supper
24 10:30 am Family Service (Dharma School Year End)	25	26 7:30 pm Bon Odori Practice	27	28 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Seniors Club 7:30 pm Bon Odori Prac- tice	29	30

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

SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List—June

June Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 17, 2007

1959 YAMAMOTO, Koshichi	1974 SAKAI, Tokuzo	NAKAMURA, Kamen	YANASE, Katsuhiko
1961 HIRAKIDA, Chiyoko	TATEYAMA, Sumi	SHIKAZE, Yoshio	1996 SHIMIZU, Aiko
MUKUYAMA, Sueko	YAMAKE, Junzo	TANIGUCHI, Juntaro	1997 KANAYAMA, Shoichi
1962 KAWAGUCHI, Yoshigoro	1975—33rd Year MORITA, Hiroshi	TANIZAWA, Shige	SHIKAZE, Yeda
1963 UI, Kenny	SUGIYAMA, Yusaka	UYENO, Yukio	UYEDA, Miki
YAMASHITA, Manjiro	WADA, Tsuneko	1987 FUJIWARA, Katsu	UYENO, Sumio
1964 TAKEUCHI, Tomiye	1976 KOBAYASHI, Kanzaburo	KURAHASHI, Setsuko	1998 HAMAZAKI, Kazuko
1965 HUDSON, Irene	1977 DOI, Yojiro	MATSUTANI, Itono	ODA, Mfasato
1967 INOUE, Kazuo	HIRAYAMA, Shigeru	1988 SHIMIZU, Kaneyoshi	TANAKA, Yoshi
1968 FURUKAWA, Kumakichi	YUDA, Chiwako	1990 FUJII, Tomoko	1999 MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi
KASUYA, Toyonari	1978 LEE, Shion	1991—17th Year SATO, Hideo	NAKAGAWA, Yoshio
NODA, Sueno	MITSUI, Miyako	MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko	2000 KAZUTA, Kiyoso
YADA, Kamen	NAGANO, Kazuichi	YOSHIDA, Teiichi	2001—7th Year KOJIMA, Marge
1969 HIKIDA, Yazaemon	SHINTANI, Kuni	1992 EGAMI, Kimiye	2002 ASAOKA, George
1970 KANEKO, Shojiro	1979 HARA, Shinichi	HAMANISHI, Takeo	NAKAHARA, Ryosuke
MIYAGAWA, Ume	KOZAI, Kiri	KAWAMOTO, Itoye	2003 FUJITA, Chizuru
ONO, Yosojiro	1981 HORI, Tadao	KUMANO, Asaye	SOGA, Tsuneko
1971 TABATA, Heizo	WAKAHARA, Haru	KURAHASHI, Hisako	2004 SAKAMOTO, June
1972 KONO, Nobue	1982 MAYEDA, Hatsu	NARIWA, Masahiro	2005—3rd Year FUKUMOTO, Toshiyuki
MAYEDA, Miyuki	1983—25th Year TANII, Kichiji	TANAKA, Mizuo	HAMA, Shizue
OHARA, Jo	TERANISHI, Masuye	1993 MORISHITA, Teiji	FUKUDA, Yoshiko
1973 SOWA, Takuchi	1985 IWANAKA, Motoi	MURATA, Yoshikazu	MATSUNAGA, Toshiko
	KARAKI, Hideaki	YOSHIDA, Alvin	HIQUEBRAN, Harumi
	KUMAMOTO, Jun	1994 TAKUBO, Hisao	HIQUEBRAN, Jimmy
	NISHIGUCHI, Waku	FUJITA, Yasuyoshi	James Hiroshi
	1986	INOUE, Tsutomu	MATSUNAGA, Masami
		ITO, Misao	2006—1st Year BANDO, Hatsu
		WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuye	
		YAKURA, Yukinobu	
		YANO, Matsuyo	

With deepest sympathies...

The Vancouver Buddhist Church offers its condolences to the family of the following:

Suyeo Kawamoto (86 yrs) May 2

Seiji Wada (73 yrs) May 6

Hatsumi Morishita (70 yrs) May 21

Summer Memorial Services—book now!

The weekend dates for July, August, and September are filling fast. If you wish Sensei to hold a family memorial service (Hoji) during these months, please contact him as soon as possible.

BON ODORI DANCE PRACTICE

Mrs. Akemi Komori and her daughter Miwa will be sharing their talents in dedicating their time to teach the traditional Japanese Bon Odori dances in preparation for the Obon Service. An invitation is extended to anyone who is interested in joining.

Where: Vancouver Buddhist Church Social Hall

Dates: June 12, June 15, June 19, June 22, June 26, June 28 and July 6

Time: 7:30 pm – 9:00pm

The **Obon Service** is held at the Vancouver Buddhist Church on **July 8, 2007 at 2:00pm**

The **Bon Odori Dances** will commence at **4:00pm** outside the Church

Dinner with Dr. Ryo Imamura June 17, 2007 5:30pm

Sensei Imamura will be our guest minister for our June 17 Shotsuki service. Our temple is planning a dinner at the Golden Swan Restaurant, 3580 Victoria Drive at 5:30 pm. The cost of the dinner will be \$25.00. per person.

I have made reservations for 30 people. If you would like to join us, please call the Vancouver Buddhist Church office at **604 253-7033**.

Obon 2007 Preparations

Fellow Temple members. ...

In preparation for our Obon, on Saturday June 2nd starting at 9:00 PM we will be making Mushi Manju for the Okumotsu. Also on Saturday July 7th at 9:00 AM and Sunday July 8th at 8:00 AM, we will need helpers to make 600 bento box lunches.

Please come and lend a hand, we would really appreciate your help.

Taisho koto music filled the hall on

Thursday, May 17th when members of the “Hacha Mecha-zu” gave a performance for the VBC Seniors Club. *Hacha Mecha-zu* was created 10 years ago consisting of the top level Taisho Koto players within their group ... members who are also active as Taisho Koto teachers. They perform annual concerts 2 times each year.

This was their first trip to Vancouver and they took time to perform for our Seniors Club. The concert included a chance for some of our members to sing along “karaoke style” and for everyone to have a chance to try and play the instruments.



The BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches Federation
Presents a

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

**THE PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFITS
OF
THE BUDDHIST TEACHINGS AND PRACTICE**

**Saturday, June 16, 2007
9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**Speaker: Dr. Ryo Imamura
Professor, Evergreen State College
Olympia, Washington**

**Location: Vancouver Buddhist Church
220 Jackson Ave., Vancouver
Telephone: (604) 253-7033**

***Pre-order a Japanese Obento lunch for \$10.00
by calling the Vancouver Buddhist Church before June 10th***

Dr. Ryo Imamura is a professor of Counseling Psychology at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. His teaching and research focus is on Buddhist thought and practice in East-West Psychology. He received his Doctorate degree in Counseling/Educational Psychology for the University of San Francisco. He received his Jodo Shinshu ministerial ordinations in Japan in 1972 after which he was a minister in Hawaii and California for 16 years.

BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches Federation

2007 OBON TOUR
of
VANCOUVER ISLAND
(by chartered bus)

AUGUST 10 - 12, 2007

- Cemetery visitations to the Duncan Cemetery, Chemainus Cemetery, Cumberland Cemetery and Port Alberni Cemetery.
- See the Totem Poles in Duncan, the famous murals in Chemainus
- Visit Cathedral Grove in the MacMillan Provincial Park
- Visit the Coombs Market (see the goats on the roof)
- Visit the Malls in the Shopping Centre Capital of BC (Nanaimo) and/or visit the Casino
- Join Cumberland as they celebrate their 119th year of Celebrations -- have lunch with them at the Legion Hall, and dinner with them in the Rec Hall. Tour Cumberland, visit the sites where the Japanese lived, visit their Museum.

- Cost per person for the three-day, two night tour, including bus cost, ferry cost, two nights accommodation (in Nanaimo and Courtenay), and lunch and dinner in Cumberland, is just \$441. on a two-sharing basis. Rates are also available for single, three sharing, four sharing and children accompanying parents.
 - Further information is available from Roy Inouye, Obon Tour Chairperson. Phone (250) 376-3506, E-mail <rbinouye@telus.net> , or write to 1724 Clifford Avenue, Kamloops, BC V2B 4G6. Application forms are available from our travel agent Hans Steen of K. Iwata Travel, 774 Thurlow Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 3V5, or E-mail: <travelbyhans@iwata-travel.ca> Application forms through K. Iwata Travel Services..
 - Buddhist and non-Buddhists from across Canada and elsewhere are invited to join in this unique tour as we learn a part of our early history and pay our respects to our ancestors. If at all interested, please contact us as soon as possible, and we will keep you informed as plans progress. Don't procrastinate, or it may be too late!
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BCC Update June 2007 From the Office of Bishop

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First of all, on behalf of all the ministers and delegates who gathered at our annual General Meeting in Calgary last weekend of April 26 to 29, I wish to express my appreciation to Rev.& Mrs. Kyojo Ikuta and the members of Calgary Buddhist Temple for hosting the events in very friendly atmosphere, so that we were able to enjoy as well as achieve what was expected. And I also thank everyone for your cooperation and support.

As a result, we have four kinds of board in our organization which has adopted a new name from BCC to Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada; Ministerial Association, Women's Federation, Living Dharma Center as well as the Central Board.

Recently we have lost some of the temple leaders such as Mr. John Shikatani of Montreal, Mrs. Tomi Sue-naga of Hamilton, and Mrs. Hideko Kounosu of Lethbridge. Wishing to extend my sympathies not only to their families and relatives, but also their respective communities where they served for many years.

Here is my Dharma Message for the Month of June.

I turned 65 years old last October. Before getting there, I had looked forward to become a senior citizen, for there seem to be more discounts and benefits such as golf green fee, bowling, movies, public transportation and so on. However, once getting there, I seem to spend more time going to see the doctors and dentists. I guess the life is always like this. Some people say that they would come to listen to Buddha-Dharma when they have more free time. But once they are retired, they say they are too busy to come to the temple. Rennyō Shōnin, the eighth Monshū of Hongwanji used to tell his followers that you must make effort to make time to come and listen to Buddha-Dharma. You will have no chance to listen if you are waiting for free time to do so.

The question is to know what is the priority to you right now.

COMING EVENTS

- May 9-11 World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council in Kyoto
Bishop Fujikawa and President Hisanaga represent BCC.
 - 27 Kelowna Buddhist Temple 75th Anniversary
 - June 16 Public Lecture by Dr. R. Imamura at Vancouver Buddhist Temple
 - July 16-30 Hongwanji Youth Pilgrimage led by Tomo Fujii Sensei.
 - 20-Aug 9 Ryukoku Summer School in Steveston
 - Aug 1-2 MA Meeting in Calgary
 - 3-5 International Association of Jodo Shinshu Studies in Calgary
 - 11-12 Vancouver Island Obon Tour
 - 14-16 BCA MA Seminar represented by Aoki Sensei
 - Sept 15 BCJSBCF Meeting in Hope
 - 29 BCC Board Meeting in Steveston
 - Oct 12-14 BC Buddhist Convention in Kelowna
 - Nov 10-11 Alberta Buddhist Convention
 - Nov 29-Dec 1 Oversea Ministers and Temple Leaders Seminar (tentative)
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Noting the Milestones....

On Sunday May 13th following the Gotan e / Monthly Memorial Service, during the Otoki Lunch, an anniversary gift was presented to Shizuo and Akemi Tanaka who are celebrating their 50 years of marriage this year. Best wishes and many more years of bliss to the happy couple.

Picture: Frank Hamanishi with Akemi and Shizuo Tanaka



2007 HSBC ChildRun Sunday, June 3rd 2007

Support the Vancouver Buddhist Church in this annual fundraising event. Join the team and participate in a 5k walk/run (1 km route also available) or make a donation to support the team. All monies raised go to the BC Childrens Hospital foundation that supports research and treatment of BC's sick children. The run starts at 8:30 am with warm-ups.

Following the run, join the VBC members in an outdoor service at the top of Queen Elizabeth Park. Service starts at approximately 11:00 am.

For more information, please contact Lori North, Team Captain, at (604) 939-3451. To join the team or make a donation, you can also go to the ChildRun website at www.childrun.com and follow the links to the Vancouver Buddhist Church page.

Our Appologies....

Due to a programming error, a large number of the donations listed in the May newsletter were incorrect. A corrected list was mailed to the members. Also, in the April memorial donations, George Yoshihara (not Yoneda) made a \$50 donation in memory of Hine Nishikawa.

2007 Cemetery & Obon Service

Guest Speaker

Dr. and Rev. Leslie Kawamura 河村レスリー博士
(Professor at University of Calgary and Director of Living Dharma Centre)

Thursday, July 5 Cemetery Services お墓参り

1:00 PM Maple Ridge メープルリッジ
1:40 PM Whonnock ウォーオノク
2:30 PM Mission ミッション

Friday, July 6 Cemetery Services お墓参り

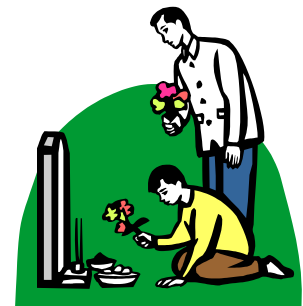
6:00 PM New Westminster ニューウェストミンスター
7:00 PM Valley View バレービュー
8:30 PM Coquitlam コキットラム

Saturday, July 7 Cemetery Services お墓参り

9:00 AM Stanley Park スタンレーパーク
9:40 AM Forest Lawn フォレストローン
10:20 AM Ocean View オーシャンビュー
11:00 AM Mountain View マウンテンビュー
2:00 PM Aldergrove オルダーグローブ

3:00 PM Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple フレイザーバレー仏教会

Hatsubon, Obon, July and August Shotsuki お盆法要、7・8月祥月法要
Bon Odori 盆踊り



Sunday, July 8

2:00 PM Vancouver Buddhist Church バンクーバー仏教会

Hatsubon, Obon Service & July Shotsuki 初盆・お盆・7月祥月法要
Otoki お齋

4:00 PM Bon Odori 盆踊り (於仏教会前)

Hatsubon Names 2006-2007 初盆芳名録

2006

July Motoharu Hattori 服部基治
 Joe Kojima 小島 寿
 Fumiko Kariya 狩谷富美子
August Shizue Kawasaki 川崎シズエ
 Emiko Kondo 近藤恵美子
September Toyoko Kobayashi 小林豊子
 Nobuya Tsurusaki 鶴崎展也
November Yukio Okamura 岡村ユキオ
 Fuyuko Saito 斉藤二四子
December Yoshie Miyazaki 宮崎与志恵

2007

January Sakae Natsukoshi 夏越 栄
 Kazuko Otsuka 大塚カズコ
February June Kasuya 粕谷ジュン
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