



BODHI MIND



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Four Meetings, One Tsuito-hoyo and One Funeral

Buddhist Churches of Canada (BCC) has officially changed its name to Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC). Vancouver Buddhist Temple hosted the Ministerial Association meeting, Directors Meeting, Women's Federation Meeting, Living Dharma Centre Advisory Committee Meeting, JSBTC Annual General Meeting, and other committee meetings from Thursday, April 24th to Saturday, April 27th. The AGM weekend concluded with Tsuito-hoyo on Sunday, and it was nice to see all the ministers chanting Shoshin-ge as one, in our Naijin (Altar area). All delegates and ministers enjoyed our hospitality and our hosting of the weekend.

I attended four meetings, officiated Tsuito-hoyo, in addition to squeezing in an Otsuya service for a member family in Burnaby on Sunday evening. It was surely a busy weekend, but the Vancouver Buddhist Temple would be just a large empty building with a beautiful hondo and a parking lot if it were not for all of you.

Each of you, in being a part of the Sangha, brings our temple to life. You are coming here and filling these rooms with your energy and enthusiasm, giving our temple purpose and meaning. And over the years, I have found that every service and activity we have undertaken has shown meaning and purpose.

During the AGM weekend, I was talking with members of other temples. They were sharing how difficult it was to have people step up to leadership positions; to serve on the board, to take office, to teach Dharma School, and to become advisors. They asked how it was in Vancouver and Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple, and I was pleased to say that we have truly supportive members; folks step up and volunteer! They help enthusiastically, especially in times of urgent need.

I was then asked, "Why is this so?" I said, "Because we are all proud to be a part of our temple." The beginning of "The Three Treasures" reflects this feeling of deep awareness and appreciation. How fortunate to be born and have this life to live. How wonderful to encounter a teaching so honest it simply says, "Let us open our eyes and live with clarity." It is with this awareness that we always begin the reading of "The Three Treasures (*San Kie Mon*)."

This is why "The Three Treasures" is often read at services. It prepares us to look into the mirror of the Dharma and reflect upon our lives with clarity.

Otsukare sama deshita...Namo Amida Butsu gratitude and clarity. And how great it is to be a part of our Vancouver Buddhist Temple!

Tatsuya Aoki

Rev. Aoki enjoying the sunshine at the 2007
HSBC ChildRun



**West Coast Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples
2008 Lecture Series**

July 5—7:30 pm

Steveston Buddhist Temple
“**Buddhism for Beginners(2)**”
- Reverend Masao Kodani,
Senshin Buddhist Temple
Los Angeles, CA

Oct 25 – 2:00 pm

Steveston Buddhist Temple
“**Buddhism for Beginners(3)**”
- Bishop Thomas Okano
Honpa Hongwanji-Mission of Hawaii

July 11 7:00 pm

Vancouver Buddhist Temple
“**Gathering of Joy**”
- Rev. Ronald Kobata
Buddhist Churches of America

*For further references on Jodo Shinshu Bud-
dhism please see:*

www.livingdharmacentre.ca

Japanese Lecture (Rev. T Aoki)
“**Sogui no igi**” and “**Oso-Genso Eko**”

Saturday, June 28th, 10 am to 12 Noon
Vancouver Buddhist Temple

Open Dharma Discussion (Rev. T. Aoki)

Saturday, June 28th, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Vancouver Buddhist Temple Social Hall

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VANCOUVER BUDDHIST
TEMPLE

GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2008
MUSQUEAM GOLF COURSE
3904 W. 51st.
VANCOUVER, B.C.**

TEE OFF STARTING AT 12:00 NOON

**GreenFee, Dinner, and Prizes
\$70.00**

**EVERYONE COME OUT AND JOIN IN THE FUN
AND ENJOY A GAME OF GOLF.**

**Please contact
MIN KOYANAGI AT 433-3119
or Church Office at 253-7033**

OBON 2008

Dear Temple Members....

In preparation for our **Obon Service** on **Sunday July 13**, we would appreciate your helping hands at our Temple on the following Preparation dates:

- Saturday **June 07** @ 9:00am - Manju Making for Okumotsu
- Saturday **July 12** @ 9:00am - Bento Box Food Preparation for 600 Bento
- Sunday **July 13** @ 8:00am – Bento Box Food Prep & Packaging 600 Bento

Thank you in advance for your time, efforts and assistance in making our Temple an enjoyable place to be. See you soon.

-2008 Obon Chairs: Karen Mizushima & Greg Chor

Bon Odori

Dedication, energy and enthusiasm is Mrs. Akemi Komori's gift to us. Akemi has been patiently teaching the traditional Japanese Bon Odori dances for over 16 years at our Temple. Arigato Gozaimashita. Thank you and your family for sharing your talents, time and energy with us, especially from ones who participate, and everyone who enjoys watching the colourful dancers gracefully glide along Jackson Avenue to the beat of the Taiko Drum and beautiful music.

Our sangha welcomes everyone back and extends an invitation to new dancers to join us in the "Gathering of Joy" celebrations.

Our **Obon Service** is **Sunday July 13**, at **2:00pm** with the **Bon Odori** dances to follow at **4:00pm**.

In preparation for Odori, we are meeting in the Temple Social Hall Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:30-9:00pm.

The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday June 17	Friday June 20
Tuesday June 24	Friday June 27
Tues Jul 1- No practice	Friday July 4
Tuesday July 08	Date to be announced

As dates may change, please contact our office between 11am-3pm at 604 253-7033 – Thank you
In Gassho, Gina Chor

Cemetery Sites' Services (*ohakamairi*) in Fraser Valley (Thursday, July 3rd)

Rev. Tatsuya Aoki will be conducting Obon Cemetery services in Maple Ridge, Whonnock, and Hatzic (Mission) on Thursday, July 3rd. Every year, there are very few people attending the services at these sites. If you wish to visit these particular cemeteries for the service and require transportation, we will try to provide a car pool. If you require a ride, please contact Vancouver Buddhist Temple office, no later than Thursday June 26th. Transportation shall be provided for July 3rd only.

If you do not require transportation but would like to join us for the cemetery visitations, we will meet at VBT on that day at 11:00AM or meet at the cemeteries at the designated times.

Please Note: This year, Vancouver Ohakamairi services will be held Thursday, July 3rd through Sunday, July 6th, THE WEEK BEFORE THE VANCOUVER OBON SERVICE. Please see the Obon Ohakamairi Schedule on the back page of this newsletter for locations and times.

TOBAN #3

Everyone, members and non-members can be a toban volunteer. Each toban group is responsible for food preparation and clean-up at our Temple. Toban 3 is responsible for the months of June & July. In reference to the VBT calendar, there is a busy schedule ahead, so if you, or anyone from your family can spare some time to come in on the following dates, or even help with baking at home, we would appreciate your assistance.

June 7 Manju Making commences at 9:00am

June 8 Parent's Day & Shotsuki

June 30 Monthly Clean up of our Temple

July 6 Toban Meeting at 10:00am

July 12 Bento Preparation for Obon commences at 9:00am

July 13 Bento Packaging for Obon commences at 9:00am

July 26 Manju Making for Powell Street Festival commences at 9:00am

July 30 Monthly Clean-up of our Temple

If your name appears on the list below, your assistance at the Temple would be appreciated. If you require additional information or have any questions please call our **Toban #3 Captains: Shizuo Tanaka 604 253-0468 or Tomi Niwatsukino at 604 231-8996**. Thank you.

Mrs. Tei Domitsu

Mr. Hitoshi Mitsui

Mrs. Matsue Nakano

Mrs. Kazue Egami

Mrs. Toshimi Mitsui

Mrs. Yachiyo Nishi

Mr. & Mrs. Akiyasu Masuhara

Mrs. Tsugi Miyashita

Ms. Tomi Niwatsukino

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Matsuda

Mrs. Michika Mizuno

Ms. Asako Nomura

Mrs. Kikuye Matsui

Mr. & Mrs. Tatsutoshi Mizushima

Mrs. Mieko Sakata

Mr. & Mrs. Otokazu Matsui

Mrs. Kayako Mizuyabu

Mr. & Mrs. Mikio Takeda

Mr. Barry Matsumoto

Mr. Akira Mori

Mr. & Mrs. Shizuo Tanaka

Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuyoshi Matsushita

Mr. & Mrs. Hiroyuki Morimoto

Mr. & Mrs. Kenji Tanami

Ms. Grace Matsutani

Ms. Orrin Morishita

Mr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi Uyeyama

Mr. & Mrs. Ray McDonald

Mrs. Yukie Morishita

Mr. Jin Wang

Ms. Frances Minato

Mr. & Mrs. Toshio Nakagawa

Mr. Kazuo Yanagisawa

Mr. Harry Minato

Mrs. Fumie Nakagawa

Mr. & Mrs. Kaoru Minato

Mrs. Kazumi Nakano

Dharma School Report for June Bodhi Mind

We thank the older students who have been team chairing a few of our Sunday morning services for doing a wonderful job. It has been good training for the students in public speaking and it is good for the future of the otera to have a group of capable and willing young people. Thank you also to the students who play the keyboard to add to the atmosphere and enjoyment of the services as well as supporting the sangha during the singing of gathas.

The chopsticks with holder fund raising project has been very successful. All 200 pairs have been sold and plans are to order more for selling at the BCJSBCF Convention VBT is hosting in September. We hope to see many of these chopsticks in their attractive cases being brought to otera lunches so that we can reduce the number of wooden chopsticks being used and ultimately taking up space in the land fill, not to mention fewer trees needing to be chopped down to produce them in the first place.

On Saturday, May 24th, dharma school students, parents, and teachers will have contributed their time and taste buds to provide a meal for our neighbours at the Living Room. We are sure that it will have been as much appreciated as the spaghetti dinner was last year.

Sunday, June 1st, will have seen many Dharma School and otera members participating in the Child Run. As the Child Run and the Living Room dinner have taken place after this newsletter goes to the printers, we hope that for the next issue we can have more details and photos.

**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS
ENTERING COLLEGE OR
UNIVERSITY IN 2008
BC JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST
CHURCHES FEDERATION
POST SECONDARY
SCHOLARSHIPS**

The BC Federation is offering two scholarships for students enrolling in a post-secondary institution in September 2008. These awards are available to any BC student who has been a member of any recognized religious organization (Buddhist or Non-Buddhist).

Application deadline for the scholarships is **July 31, 2008**. Application forms may be obtained from the Vancouver Buddhist Temple office or by contacting Lori North, Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

For more information, please contact the BCJSBCF Scholarship Committee by e-mail at Lori.north@gmail.com

Outdoor Service—June 1st *11:00 am Queen Elizabeth Park*

Join the members of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple ChildRun team at the outdoor service at Queen Elizabeth Park. The service will be held at the top of the park near the tennis courts. Enter off 37th Ave.

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.

*Yukio Frank Takaki (81) April 14th
Masaru Nishi (79) April 26th
Hiroyuki Koyanagi (97) May 5th
Keiichi Tanaka (80) May 11th*



**British Columbia
Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches Federation**

presents

VANCOUVER ISLAND OBON TOUR 2008



2008 August 8 (Friday) to August 10 (Sunday)

\$462 per person **double** occupancy

\$594 per person **single** occupancy

\$412 per person **triple** occupancy

*the rooms are basically for double occupancy with only 1 bed. It is suitable for couples, singles or 2 persons who do not mind sharing one bed.
We currently only have 3 rooms where more beds are available.

Tour cost include:

Coach & driver for 3 days, BC ferry cost, 2 nights accomodation at Best Western Dorchester Hotel in Nanaimo, 2 meals - lunch in Cumberland, dinner in Nanaimo, function room for Karaoke night and Obon Odori rehearsal, GST and hotel tax.

TOUR ITINERARY

Aug. 8 (Friday) Assemble and board the bus at

Buddhist Temple at 4360 Garry Street in Richmond at 6.30am or Buddhist Temple at 220 Jackson Ave. in Vancouver at 7.00am. Tour depart at 7.15am for Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal.

After arriving at Departure Bay, go straight ahead to Cumberland for service at the Japanese Cemetery.

Lunch at legion hall in Cumberland.

Depart for Port Alberni for service at the cemetery; visit Forest Museum; stop at Coombs.

Check in Hotel and dinner at Nanaimo

Aug. 9 (Saturday)

Early departure to Chemainus for service.

then depart for Duncan for service. (If there is a celebration, we can watch or spend more time on appreciating the murals in Chemainus and totems in Duncan.

Lunch on your own at either town.

Return to Nanaimo for ceremtery service.

Obon Odori rehearsal at function room and followed by other activities.

Aug. 10 (Sunday)

Early departure to Victoria.

Free time until 2.00pm service at Ross Bay Cemetery with Victoria Fellowship

Depart for Sydney for 4pm ferry back to Tsawwassen (not later than 5pm sailing)



For detail information, please contact Mr. Roy and Mrs. Betty Inouye 1-250-376-3506 or your Iwata Travel escort Mr. Hans Steen 1-604-684-5101travelbyhans@iwata-travel.ca

IWATA TOURS



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JSBTC Update June 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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The first paragraph of the brochure of JSCC (Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course) which I recently received says:

“Almost 800 years have passed since Shinran Shonin revealed the teaching of Jodo Shinshu in Japan, following the path of Sakyamuni and other masters in India, China and Japan. The teaching, with deep reflection on human existence and the realization of dynamic Dharma, has fascinated many people around the world. Thus the practice of Jodo Shinshu does not remain solely in Japan, but has expanded to Hawaii, North America, South America, Asia, Europe, Australia and Africa. More people are learning about Jodo Shinshu through ministers’ activities, publications and the internet. As one response to their interest, we have established a correspondence course providing them, especially those who do not have temples nearby, with basic knowledge of Jodo Shinshu.” Website: JSCC.cbe-bca.org

This is the beginning an exciting new program to introduce to the general public our tradition Jodo Shinshu, using the modern communication device the COMPUTER. I would like to commend the great work of many people who have planned and prepared for the last several years and the financial support from our Mother Temple Hongwanji, Kyoto. Now that the program and the staff are ready set to go, its success is all up to individuals to participate in the program. Please remember the spirit of “Gaku Butsu Daihishin” (to study Buddha Dharma is to learn the Buddha’s Great Compassion.) when you take on this program.

In gassho, Orai Fujikawa

Ministerial Affairs

May 1, 2008 Rev. K. Ikuta officially retires from active ministry.

Rev. James Martin is assigned to Calgary Buddhist Temple.

July 1, 2008 Rev. Grant Ikuta is assigned to Steveston Buddhist Temple.

Rev. Shigenori Makino is assigned to Toronto Buddhist Temple.

COMING EVENTS

May 19-20 Hongwanji Governor Deguchi visits Southern Alberta.

21-23 World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council in San Francisco

30 Japanese Cemetery in Cumberland designated Heritage Site.

Jun 22 Vernon Buddhist Temple’s 60th Anniversary

Sep 16-18 MA Seminar/Meeting in Toronto

27-28 BC Buddhist Convention in Vancouver

Oct 19 Toronto Dana 50th Anniversary

25-26 Steveston Buddhist Temple’s 80th Anniversary

Nov 1 Jodo Shinshu BTC Board Meeting in Richmond

8-9 Alberta Buddhist Convention in Calgary

20-22 Oversea Kaikyoshi Ministers’ and Lay Persons’ Seminar in Hongwanji

We have recently witnessed the natural disasters in Myanmar and Sichuan leaving hundreds of thousand of people perished. Please send your contribution through your favourite charitable institutions.

SHOTSUKI (Memorial) List—June

June Shotsuki/monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2008

1959—50th Year

YAMAMOTO, Koshichi

1961

HIRAKIDA, Chiyoko

MUKUYAMA, Sueko

1962

KAWAGUCHI, Yo-

shigoro

1963

UI, Kenny

YAMASHITA, Manjiro

1964

TAKEUCHI, Tomiye

1965

HUDSON, Irene

1967

INOUE, Kazuo

1968

FURUKAWA, Kumakichi

KASUYA, Toyonari

NODA, Sueno

YADA, Kameno

1969

HIKIDA, Yazaemon

1970

KANEKO, Shojiro

MIYAGAWA, Ume

ONO, Yosojiro

1971

TABATA, Heizo

1972

KONO, Nobue

MAYEDA, Miyuki

OHARA, Jo

1973

TAGUCHI, Suwa

1974

SAKAI, Tokuzo

TATEYAMA, Sumi

YAMAKE, Junzo

1975

MORITA, Hiroshi

SUGIYAMA, Yusaka

WADA, Tsuneko

1976—33rd Year

KOBAYASHI, Kanzaburo

1977

DOI, Yojiro

HIRAYAMA, Shigeru

YUDA, Chiwako

1978

LEE, Shion

MITSUI, Miyako

NAGANO, Kazuichi

SHINTANI, Kuni

1979

HARA, Shinichi

KOZAI, Kiri

1981

HORI, Tadao

WAKAHARA, Haru

1982

MAYEDA, Hatsu

1983

TANII, Kichiji

TERANISHI, Masuye

1985

IWANAKA, Motoi

KARAKI, Hideaki

KUMAMOTO, Jun

NISHIGUCHI, Waku

1986

NAKAMURA, Kameno

SHIKAZE, Yoshio

TANIGUCHI, Juntaro

TANIZAWA, Shige

UYENO, Yukio

1987

FUJIWARA, Katsu

KURAHASHI, Setsuko

MATSUTANI, Itono

1988

SHIMIZU, Kaneyoshi

1990

FUJII, Tomoko

1991

SATO, Hideo

MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko

YOSHIDA, Teiichi

1992—17th Year

EGAMI, Kimiye

HAMANISHI, Takeo

KAWAMOTO, Itoye

KUMANO, Asaye

KURAHASHI, Hisako

NARIWA, Masahiro

TANAKA, Mizuo

1993

MORISHITA, Teiji

MURATA, Yoshikazu

YOSHIDA, Alvin

1994

TAKUBO, Hisao

FUJITA, Yasuyoshi

1995

INOUE, Tsutomu

ITO, Misao

WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuye

YAKURA, Yukinobu

YANO, Matsuyo

YANASE, Katsuhiko

1996—13th Year

SHIMIZU, Aiko

1997

KANAYAMA, Shoichi

SHIKAZE, Yeda

UYEDA, Miki

UYENO, Sumio

1998

HAMAZAKI, Kazuko

ODA, Mfasato

TANAKA, Yoshi

1999

MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi

NAKAGAWA, Yoshio

2000

KAZUTA, Kiyoso

2001

KOJIMA, Marge

2002—7th Year

ASAOKA, George

NAKAHARA, Ryosuke

2003

FUJITA, Chizuru

SOGA, Tsuneko

2004

SAKAMOTO, June

2005

FUKUMOTO, Toshiyuki

HAMA, Shizue

FUKUDA, Yoshiko

MATSUNAGA, Toshiko

HIQUEBRAN, Harumi

HIQUEBRAN, Jimmy

James Hiroshi

MATSUNAGA, Masami

2006—3rd Year

BANDO, Hatsu

2007—1st Year

WADA, Osamu

June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am ChildRun at BC Children's Hospital 11:00 am Outdoor Service at Queen Elizabeth Park	2	3	4 7:00 pm BCJSBCF Convention Committee Mtg.	5 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Senior's Club	6	7 9:00 am Manju Making
8 10:30 am VBT Parents' Day / Shotsuki Service	9	10	11	12 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Senior's Club	13	14 2:00 pm FVBT Parents' Day /Shotsuki Service
15 10:30 am Family Service and Pet Memorial Service	16	17 7:30 pm Bon-Odori practice	18 11:00 am Nikkei Home Service (Rev. Aoki)	19 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Senior's Club	20 7:30 pm Bon-Odori practice	21 12:00 pm VBT Golf Tournament
22 10:30 am Family Service (followed by Dharma School and Dharma Dis- cussion)	23	24 7:30 pm Bon-Odori practice	25	26 12:00 pm Japanese Ser- vice followed by Senior's Club	27 7:30 pm Bon-Odori practice	28 10:00 am Japanese Lecture (Rev. Aoki) 1:00 pm Dharma Discussion
29 10:30 am Dharma School Year-End 1:00 pm Dharma Discussion	30	Rev. Aoki will be absent Monday, June 9th to Friday, June 13th. If Makuragyō or immediate minister's service is required, please contact Bishop Orai Fujikawa at (604) 230-2100).				

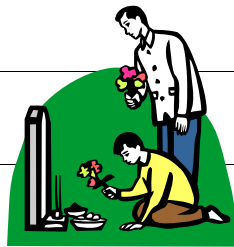
2008 Cemetery & Obon Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ronald Kobata 小畑口ナルド先生

Cemetery Services

お墓参り日程表

Thursday, July 3	
1:00 PM	Maple Ridge メープルリッジ
2:00 PM	Whonnock ウォーノク
3:00 PM	Hatzic (Mission) ミッション
Friday, July 4	
6:00 PM	Valley View バレービュー
7:30 PM	New Westminster ニュー・ウェストミンスター
8:30 PM	Coquitlam コキットラム
Saturday, July 5	
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
Saturday, July 12	
2:00 PM	Aldergrove Cemetery オルダーグローブ



Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotsuki Services

初盆・お盆・7月祥月日程表

Sunday, July 6	
2:00 PM	Steveston Buddhist Temple "Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotuski" (Guest Speaker: Rev. Masao Kodani) ステイブストン仏教会 初盆・お盆・7月祥月法要
6:00 PM	SBT Bon Odori 盆踊り
Saturday, July 12	
3:00 PM	Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple "Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotuski" (Guest Speaker: Rev. Ron Kobata) フレイザーバレー仏教会 初盆・お盆・7月祥月法要
6:00 PM	FVBT Bon Odori 盆踊り
Sunday, July 13	
2:00 PM	Vancouver Buddhist Temple "Hatsubon, Obon, and July Shotuski" (Guest Speaker: Rev. Ron Kobata) バンクーバー仏教会 初盆・お盆・7月祥月法要
4:00 PM	VBT Bon Odori 盆踊り

