

Beginning of Pure Land Buddhism in Japan



Beautiful petals of cherry blossoms are blown away and fallen off on a ground by wind. Seeing this natural process realizes me that the time of spring has come, and also it reminds me a notion of Buddha's teaching. It is the teaching of impermanence.

There are a number of legends surrounding Shinran Shonin's life, one of which is a tale concerning his tonsure. When told that the ceremony to initiate him into the monkhood would be held off until the next day, it is said that the young Shinran composed the following poem on the spot:

Cherry blossoms that are felt
To last till the morrow,
May well blow away
During the night.

There is no evidence to indicate that Shinran actually authored this. However, the inspiration for it can be attributed to his widely acclaimed character. I would like to continue introducing a brief history of a rise of Pure Land Buddhism and Shinran Shonin in this issue.

Pure Land Buddhism in Japan had its beginnings in the Heian period (794 – 1185 AD), but it was the monk Honen (1133 – 1212 AD), who took the reliance on Amida Buddha to the heart of Japanese Buddhism. Honen started his career as a student of Tendai (Chinese, Ti'en Tai), at the Mount Hiei monastery. Increasingly eclectic, Tendai, in its devotional, ritual, and meditational aspects, accommodated most types of Buddhist practice. However, after a period of searching, Honen became dissatisfied with the Tendai teachings and became a devotee of Amida. The central difference was the choice between enlightenment and rebirth in a Pure Land (Japanese, *jodo*). Viewing enlightenment as an unlikely prospect for sinful people in a violent age, Honen argued in his lucid *One Sheet of Paper* that *Nembutsu* has sufficient positive spiritual merit to counteract the affects of one's negative life style and would take the genuinely faithful supplicant to Amida Buddha's paradise (Pure Land), where his practice would be made easier due to the purity of the land. This is explicitly stated in a translation of our major sutra, *The Larger Sutra on Amitayus*:

Strive to escape from *Samsara* (a cycle of birth and Death) and be born in the Land of Peace and Provision. Then, the causes of the five evil realms having been destroyed, they will naturally cease to be, and so you will progree unhindered in your pursuit of the Way.

Honen came under attack from the more established schools of Buddhism in Japan. Their main criticism being that his doctrinal position left out the *bodaishin* (mind that spires for the *buddhahood*).

One of the Honen's major disciples, Shinran Shonin (1173-1263 AD), wrote his major work the *Ken Jodo Shinjitsu Kyo Gyo Sho Mon Rui* (a collection of Passagees [Elucidation] the True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way) in response to this criticism. In it, Shinran Shonin points out that the mind aspiring for *buddhahood* is the mind of Amida Buddha, which is actually present in the *nembutsu* itself. This mind is not to be found in the follower, but it is freely given to any follower who cultivates a sincere, deeply believing, and longing heart with which to recite the *nembutsu*.

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This work was used to create a new school of Buddhism called Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land School). It is very lay-oriented and open to all who can cultivate a believing heart through their own processes of introspection. Some of the features of this style of Buddhism seem to be at odds with the traditional, more popularly known stereotypes about Buddhist thought.

Please consider the following: the *nembutsu* itself is seen to be an active force which, through its own amassed storehouse of wisdom and compassion, is calling out to and actively working on even those who may

not be sincere in their religious pursuits: Followers who dare to follow a more introspective lifestyle come to accept themselves almost in spite of their faults: They know that these faults are present in varying degrees in everyone else, and that the faults themselves are the very reason that Amida Buddha placed all of his salvific power into the *nembutsu*.

Namo Amida Butsu
Tatsuya Aoki

Greetings everyone!

Spring has finally arrived to Vancouver with Cherry blossoms to greet everyone. For the month of March our temple was surely a very busy place. On March 13, our temple had our Spring Ohigan and Shotsuki service. About 130 people attended the service. We enjoyed a beautiful lunch provided by our culinary chefs of Toban 4. I would like to thank the (Fantastic Four) for your great array of food.

On March 20, our temple held our Spring Food Bazaar. This major fundraiser takes an enormous amount of volunteer help by our members. Preparation for the bazaar starts one month before with manju making. At the Bazaar, we had over 130 people who came to help our temple. Our feature seller is our famous authentic Japanese Udon Noodles. Close to 600 custom prepared bowls of soup was served in 1 hour. All the food which was made was also sold out in 1 hour. This fundraiser raised over \$8000.00 for our Temple. This Bazaar was a great success!!! Thank-you to our Spring Bazaar Co-Chairperson Frank Hamanishi, Min Koyanagi and everybody who came out who worked very hard to support the Temple.

On March 29, our temple was pleased to have as our special guests from Japan, the Asahikawa High School Band. Our social hall was filled with vibrant music. About 80 musicians were in the band, all the temple members had a great time. A delicious curry lunch was enjoyed by everyone after the performance. Head Chef Ken Kitano and the Toban 4 made sure the lunch was perfect. Domo Arigato!!

On April 2, our temple elected the new executive board of directors for the VBC for the next two years.

President - Dave Ohori

Co-presidents - John Harada & Frank Hamanishi
Treasurer - Henry Low
Secretary - Mark Saimoto

On behalf of the VBC I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers for accepting these positions.

On April 7, 45 members chartered a bus to see the Festival of Tulips in La Conner Washington. They had a fabulous time dancing through the beautiful array of tulips

On April 10, our temple held our Hanamatsuri, Kei-rokai. Hatsumairi service. Our special guest minister was Rev. Nagakawa from the Tacoma Buddhist Temple. He gave an inspiring Dharma talk. Thank-you to Fraser Valley Temple, Miyagi family and Hanamo Florist for donating the beautiful flowers. Close to 160 people attended the service which was followed by a beautiful spread of Japanese food prepared by Toban 5. The Kei-rokai party followed the lunch where Mr. Motoharu Hattori who is one of our oldest members, cut the cake and everybody had a great afternoon.

On April 23, the Steveston Buddhist Temple will host the Buddhist Churches of Canada AGM. This AGM will have in attendance all the Temples from across Canada. Many important issues, concerns and the direction of the BCC will be discussed.

In Gassho,
Dave Ohori

Shan Tao Dharma School Class Focuses on the Community

On Thursday March 24, 2005 (Spring Break) I visited the Waterside Child Development Centre with my Dharma School class. After selling our homemade baking at church, Stephanie Bishop and Alex North went toy shopping with the money. When our class visited the Development Centre, we brought the toys with us as for all the children to play with. For the following four hours our class had the joy of eating, playing, and talking to the children. All of the children (about preschool age) were thrilled with the new toys. Some of the toys included sandbox toys, a fabric tunnel (a favorite), and many other things. During our stay, everyone had fun meeting some of the people in the community. I believe it was a good experience that will hopefully happen again sometime.

- Kelsey

This year, the Shantao class sold cookies in the social hall to raise money for our neighbours the Waterside Child Care Centre. Our class spent a few weeks planning various activities we could do to help support the daycare. We'd like to thank all those who supported us by purchasing the cookies and helping us make the lives of the less fortunate more enjoyable.

- Kevin

On March 24th we went to the Daycare which is only one block away from our very own church. While we were there, we got the chance to play with the children who were there that day.

I found that the staff there is very nice and fun to be around. I also saw that the kids there who are of the ages of 18 months to 3 years old are very happy, even though they do not have many things. I believe that our being there made those kids day a lot better. Also, the toys we gave them will make their lives a little bit happier, which is something that makes me happier.

- Alex

The Waterside Child Development Centre was a great experience for our Dharma School class. When we first arrived there, and brought them their gifts, they couldn't wait to play with them. Each of the kids I played with were different in their own way. Some

children had disabilities and others did not. I learned a lot during this field trip and maybe we will see them again soon.

- Stephanie

During the past few weeks, our ShanTao class has baked and sold cookies at the Church. To buy toys to give to the Waterside Daycare located at Cordova at Princess.. Since most of the children at this daycare are not as lucky as us, it was nice to help them. I hope in the future, our Church will continue to support these kids.

- Michelle

We are the children and families of Waterside Child Development Centre, operated by The Developmental Disabilities Association. We are a non-profit toddler and preschool age child care center serving the families of the Vancouver Downtown Eastside.

The families that attend our center come from diverse backgrounds, mostly from the Strathcona area, but also from other areas of the city. Most of our families are low income, and struggling to make ends meet. We provide diapers, a hot lunch and breakfast program, and if there are leftovers, families are able to take home some food for their dinner.

We like to introduce you to one of our families, Christopher and his mother. Christopher and his mother came from an abusive family setting and our daycare has been provided for her so that she can attend job training and English classes. After a few months of job training, Christopher's mother now works close to the daycare and is able to provide a safe and happier home life for her and her son.

There are many expenses for the daycare, so we were very grateful for the Shantao Dharma School Class. They kindly raised funds to buy us some new toys, but also, we are thankful for the time the teachers and students took out of their busy schedules to come and meet us and play with us. The time they spent with the children was priceless, the children and our staff enjoyed having them come and visit. Thank you again!!!

Waterside

Child Development Centre



Spring Bazaar—March 20th, 2005

Hello fellow church members. In order to have a successful Bazaar, it takes a lot of preparation and hard work. It starts with forming a bazaar committee and having the committee and the toban groups meet to decide on the goods we will be selling, the quantities to make and setting the prices for the products.

We had two Saturday manju making days. Many helpers came to make the manju. Many helpers are needed for Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning to prepare for our regular and new bazaar patrons. This year we had some people start at 2:30 AM on Sunday morning making the teriyaki chicken, karage chicken and Asian noodles. These people were there to free up the kitchen for the next onslaught of helpers who come to cook the rice. We had approximately 130 helpers on Sunday to get the food items ready for the 12:00 noon opening. This year, despite the rainy weather, many people came and bought the goodies and enjoyed our famous VBC udon.

Majority of the food was sold out by 1:00 PM. We will be having a bazaar hanseikai with the Toban meeting on Saturday, May 14th. At 10:00 AM. Please join us, we are open to suggestions and comments for this and the up coming bazaar in the fall. We had a very successful bazaar, thanks to all your help and the patrons who came and bought our food.

On behalf of the VBC, we wish to thank everybody for all their hard work.

In gassho,

Spring bazaar co chairs: Min Koyanagi and Frank Hamanishi

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple News

Our newly elected Board of Directors met on Sunday, April 3 and voted in our new Executive for 2005. They are: President - Naomi Shikaze, Vice-President - Lucy Yoshioka, Secretary - Irene Rohrer, Treasurer - Eileen Fujita. Many thanks to Byron Kagawa for being Treasurer for so many years and we will continue to depend on him in many different capacities within our Temple. Amy Nagamatsu is the new President of our Fujinkai. As we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary on Sept. 24th, an anniversary committee was formed and Lucy Yoshioka was voted in as Chairperson.

Our Hanamatsuri and April Memorial Service was held on Saturday, April 9 and the guest minister was Rev. K. Nakagawa of White River in Washington State. He has a background in Indian Buddhist Philosophy and gave us an interesting historical perspective of the Buddha and his enlightenment as well as how he came to be a minister himself. Rev. Aoki comes from a similar educational background so Rev. Nakagawa encouraged us to ask Rev. Aoki many questions and to feel free to prod him on. The service was followed with our usual potluck feast especially since it was Hanamatsuri and then gifts were given out, first to the children and then to our senior members for Keirokai.

Thank you to the Vancouver Buddhist Church for letting us borrow their Hanamido, the special statue and shrine used for Hanamatsuri and to the members who attended our service.

Our next monthly service will be on Saturday, May 14 at 2:00 pm. After tea there will be a lecture/discussion session with Rev. Aoki.

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

VANCOUVER BUDDHIST CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Musqueam Golf
& Learning Academy
Saturday, June 18, 2005
12:00 noon**

**\$60.00 includes Green Fees,
Dinner, and Prizes**

**Please contact:
Frank Hamanishi (604) 298-9285
Or
Min Koyanagi (604) 433-3119**



Dharma School Report Hanamatsuri Service, 2005

There was a good attendance of Dharma School students at the Hanamatsuri Service on April 10th to celebrate the birth of Baby Buddha in Lumbini Garden some 2500 years ago. The Hanamido (Flower Shrine) housing the statue of Baby Buddha was decorated with cheerful daffodils and bright gerbera daisies. The sangha participated in the pouring of sweet tea over the Baby Buddha to signify the sweet rain that was said to have come down at the time of his birth.

Guest Minister, Nakagawa Sensei from White River shared a parable with the students to answer the question of “why do I need faith or religion?” The parable told of a crow who used a cloud in the sky to mark the tree under which the bird had hidden food for winter. Do you think the cloud was a reliable marker? Nakagawa Sensei encouraged the sangha to think of their own questions to ask our senseis.

Dharma School students also received Hanamatsuri gifts presented to them by Aoki Sensei.

Dharma School acknowledges the generous donation of daffodils from Mrs. Miyagi of Fraser Valley, and Hanamo Florists for their donation of beautiful gerberas to brighten the Hanamido. Thank you both very much.

Buddhist Churches of Canada/Hongwanji YOUTH TOUR TO JAPAN

“Let’s Appreciate and Enjoy Jodo Shinshu
Through Exploring
Ancient Capital of Japan”

July 23—August 1, 2005
Eligible Youth: 15 to 25 years of age

Participant Cost: \$1,600.00

Tour Highlights:

Youth Int. Cultural Exchange July 26—Aug 1
Visit to Historic Sites in Kyoto, Hiroshima, Nara, &
Yamaguchi

Participate in Bon Odori
Experience Japanese Homestay
Attend a National YBA Conference

Application deadline mid-May

For more information, please contact Rev. Aoki

HSBC ChildRun

The Vancouver Buddhist Church will again be participating in the HSBC CHILD RUN. The run this year is on Sunday, June 5th starting at 9 am. Service that day will be an outdoor service held in Queen Elizabeth Park around 11:00 am. This will be our fourth year participating in this fun event that raises money for the oncology (cancer) department of the BC Children’s Hospital. Although the event is called a “ChildRUN” many of our team walk this easy 5 km route. Join the team, or support it by making a donation. Registration forms are now available, or sign-up on-line at www.childrun.com. For more information, contact Lori North.



BCC Update— April 2005

A monthly update from the national headquarters of the Shin Buddhist Churches of Canada.
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April is the month of Hanamatsuri (Buddha's Birthday Celebration) across Canada. Personally I had a chance to join Vernon Sangha on April 9th and Kelowna Sangha on April 10th with their Hanamatsuri. It was nice to see a lot of young children with their parents and grandparents in these commemorations.

Also in April we have Annual General Meeting which will be hosted by Steveston Buddhist Temple from April 20 to 24. The minister and members have been working hard to welcome the ministers and delegates across Canada.

I had annual visitation to Montreal, Thunder Bay, Hamilton, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Calgary from March 26 to April 7. It was very fruitful in the sense of Lay Leader Program and BCC Centennial promotion. In Montreal there were three participants in the program; Shig Kojima, Shirley Shikatani, and Masahiro Abe, two in Thunder Bay; Bonnie Blake, Thomas Stone, six in Winnipeg; Marc Battle, Grayson Harris, Sanday Scott, Colin Salie, Kiyoko Ulrich, and Jim Hisanaga, total of 11 people.

According to the latest information, Yasuhiro Miyakawa Sensei's father Takeo passed away on April 11th in Japan and his funeral will be 17th. Miyakawa Sensei was able to see his father in time and he will be back to Kelowna on April 20th.

Environmental message: *Kougai wa Meguri Megutte Ware ni kuru*: Pollution will come back and eventually haunt you.

Coming events

- Apr 21 Thu BCC MA Meeting
- 22 Fri BCC Board Meeting
- 23 Sat BCC/BWF AGM
- 24 Sun Memorial Service at Steveston Buddhist Temple
- May 7 Centennial Karaoke East and West Reunion in Vancouver
- 18-19 World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council in Kyoto
- 21-23 BCJSBCF Family Retreat at Manning Park
- Jul 23-Aug 2 Hongwanji Youth Tour

BCC Centennial Commemorations

- Aug 20 Sat Eastern District in Toronto
- 21 Sun Manitoba District in Winnipeg
- 23 Tue Alberta District in Lethbridge
- 25 Thu British Columbia District in Vancouver

Aug 27-29 Vancouver Island Obon Tour



Sarana Affirmation Ceremony (Okamisori)

On August 25, 2005, the Gomonshu-sama will hold a Sarana Affirmation Ceremony for those members who wish to receive a Buddhist Name and affirm their wish to follow the Path of the Nembutsu. The ceremony will be held at the Chan Centre immediately following the Centennial Service.

For more information on the Ceremony and to register, please contact Rev. Aoki at the VBC or Socho Fujikawa at the BCC Headquarters (604) 272-3330.

Buddhist Churches of Canada Centennial 2005



*Chan Centre Concert Hall
Photo by Ivan Hunter*

Thursday, August 25, 2005
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, BC

2:30 pm Centennial Service
Chan Centre, UBC
Gomonshu & Ourakata in attendance
4:00 pm Sarana Affirmation

5:00 pm Centennial Banquet
Museum of Anthropology, UBC



BC's Centennial Celebration will be held at the beautiful University of British Columbia. Before the Centennial Service, take a walk through the UBC Rose Garden, or visit the Asian Cultural Centre or Nitobe Gardens.

After the service and before the banquet, look through the galleries of the Museum of Anthropology, and then enjoy a beautiful Salmon Barbeque while enjoying a view of English Bay.

Register by June 15th, 2005 and save \$50.00 off the registration fee!

For more information

E-mail: bcjsbcf@telus.net

Phone: (604) 946-9982 (Larry Ryan)

www3.telus.net/bcjsbcf

BCJSBCF Annual Obon Tour to Vancouver Island August 27—29, 2005

Join us after the Centennial Celebration for a scenic bus tour of the Vancouver Island to visit the sites of Nanaimo, Cumberland, Port Alberni, Tofino, Long Beach, Ucluelet, Chemainus, Duncan, and Victoria. Along the way you will visit some very old Japanese cemeteries from before the Second World War to pay respect to these forgotten Japanese pioneers..

Reverend Miyakawa of the BC Interior Shin Buddhist Temples will be the accompanying minister for the tour. For more information and to register, please contact:

Roy Inouye in Kamloops (250) 376-3506, rbinouye@kamloops.net or

Hans at K Iwata Travel at 1-800-311-9211.

More information and registration forms are available at the VBC Office.

Registration deadline is June 15th.

Listed below are the names of those who have passed away in the month of May

1958

Shichisaburo Sugihara
Tsuneshige Nakamura's
daughter

1959

Kunimatsu Saimoto
Eikichi Nakashima
Masu Ohta
Yuno Ohashi

1960

Mitsugu Nakanishi
Yoshigoro Hamade

1961

Hidehiko Shirakawa

1962

Usaburo Nishikawa

1964

Kameno Marumoto
Sutekichi Yabuno
Choichiro Yurugi

1965

Norman Nakata
Kandayu Inouye

1966

Nagashige Matsushita

1967

Isamu Yoshida
Hiroye Madokoro

1968

Yoshinobu Shikaze

1969

Suekichi Honkawa
Matsu Ono
Chozo Ogino

1970

Hisa Tanaka
Isono Suzuki

1972

Tsurukichi Mishima

1973—33rd Year

Haru Tanaka

1974

Suye Inamasu
Sumiye Horii

1975

Ei Uyeno
Toyohisa Koyanagi
Shigetaro Kitano
Kiyokazu Mayeda

1976

Fumio Hamaguchi
Iwao Takeda

1977

Yoshio Kondo

1979

Genzaburo Nakamura

Aiko Nishimura

1980

Yoshi Yoshida
Hajime Wakita

1981—25th Year

Kazuo Takahashi
(baby) Yabe
Shotaro Yamakami
Kaoru Ayukawa
Miki Tanaka

1982

Takezo Ohta
Yoshio Kawaguchi
Ichijiro Tanaka

1983

Yaeko Kitade
Denshin Nagamatsu

1984

Hiroshi Sakiyama
Hidehiro Okegami
Yoshio Hanada
Matsuyo Takemoto
Fuji Teranishi

1985

Yukio Yamada
Imiko Kawahira

1986

Hikotaro Egami
Toyo Hamade
Hiroshi Nishimura
Tazo Nose
Nobuo Mori

1987

Mika Hori
Moto Yurugi
Naka Kitagawa

1988

Gen Tsuji
1989—17th Year

Suino Kuromi
Kaoru Miura

1990

Jordan Green
Ken Hirai
Mitsuye Nishikawa

1991

Kazuko Okada
Haruko Haya
Ito Miyagawa

1992

Yoichi Ono
Zenya Soga
Fumio Uyesugi
Misaho Noda

1994

Shige Matsuba
1995
Nabe Shimabukuro
Takaichi Yamada

Shigeo Uyeno

1996

Masaye Itaya

1997

Tadashi Shoji
Akiko Takemori
Masao Tanaka

1998

Kazuye Yamada
Bill Maruyama

1999—7th Year

Hiroshi Hamaguchi
Akiko Kunimoto
Hiroshi Yamada

2000

Yukio Nishi
Kiyoshi Kakutani
Eichi Imai
Toshio Yamashita

2001

Tomohiko Wakahara

2002

Miki Nakamura
Hisako Fukui
Hiromi Watanabe
Tadayuki Sameshima

2003—3rd Year

Toyoko Nakatsui

2004—1st Year

Noboru Omoto
Chie Oya
Shizuko Kitamura

With Deepest Sympathies....

*We extend our sym-
pathies to the family of
Sawa Morishita who
passed away on April
10th at the age of 96.*



Listed below are the names of those who have passed away in the month of **June**
The June Shotsuki Service will be held June 12, 2005

1959 YAMAMOTO, Ko-shichi	1970 KANEKO, Shojiro MIYAGAWA, Ume ONO, Yosojiro	1978 LEE, Shion MITSUI, Miyako NAGANO, Kazuichi SHINTANI, Kuni	1987 FUJIWARA, Katsu KURAHASHI, Setsuko MATSUTANI, Itono	1995 INOUE, Tsutomu ITO, Misao WAKABAYASHI, Mitsuye
1961 HIRAKIDA, Chiyoko MUKUYAMA, Sueko	1971 TABATA, Heizo	1979 HARA, Shinichi KOZAI, Kiri	1988 SHIMIZU, Kaneyoshi	1996 YAKURA, Yukinobu YANO, Matsuyo YANASE, Katsuhiko
1962 KAWAGUCHI, Yoshigoro	1972 KONO, Nobue MAYEDA, Miyuki	1981 HORI, Tadao WAKAHARA, Haru	1990 FUJII, Tomoko	1997 SHIMIZU, Aiko
1963 UI, Kenny YAMASHITA, Manjiro	1973 OHARA, Jo TAGUCHI, Sowa	1982 MAYEDA, Hatsu	1991 SATO, Hideo MOTOMOCHI, Yoshiko YOSHIDA, Teiichi	1998 KANAYAMA, Shoichi SHIKAZE, Yeda UYEDA, Miki UYENO, Sumio
1964 TAKEUCHI, Tomiye	1974 SAKAI, Tokuzo TATEYAMA, Sumi YAMAKE, Junzo	1983 TANII, Kichiji TERANISHI, Masuye	1992 EGAMI, Kimiye HAMANISHI, Takeo KAWAMOTO, Itoye KUMANO, Asaye KURAHASHI, Hisako NARIWA, Masahiro TANAKA, Mizuo	1999 MIYAGAWA, Sutekichi NAKAGAWA, Yoshio
1965 HUDSON, Irene	1975 MORITA, Hiroshi SUGIYAMA, Yusaka WADA, Tsuneko	1985 IWANAKA, Motoi KARAKI, Hideaki KUMAMOTO, Jun NISHIGUCHI, Waku	1993 MORISHITA, Teiji MURATA, Yoshikazu YOSHIDA, Alvin	2002 ASAOKA, George NAKAHARA, Ryosuke
1967 INOUE, Kazuo	1976 KOBAYASHI, Kan-zaburo	1986 NAKAMURA, Kameno SHIKAZE, Yoshio TANIGUCHI, Juntaro TANIZAWA, Shige UYENO, Yukio	1994 TAKUBO, Hisao FUJITA, Yasuyoshi	2003 FUJITA, Chizuru SOGA, Tsuneko
1968 FURUKAWA, Kumakichi KASUYA, Toyonari NODA, Sueno YADA, Kameno	1977 DOI, Yojiro HIRAYAMA, Shigeru YUDA, Chiwako			

What's Happening

May	8	Sun	10:30 am	Gotanye / Shotsuki Service
	14	Sat	10:00 am	Toban Meeting
	14	Sat	2:00 pm	Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Gotanye / Shotsuki Service
	18	Wed	11:00 am	Service at Nikkei Place
	20-23			Manning Park Family Retreat (No service at VBC on the 22nd)
June	5	Sun	9:00 am	Children's Hospital ChildRun (No service at VBC on this day)
			11:00 am	Outdoor service at Queen Elizabeth Park (near the Tennis Courts)
	12	Sun	10:30 am	Parents' Day / Shotsuki Service
	18	Sat	12:00 pm	VBC Golf Tournament—Musqueam Golf & Learning Academy
	25	Sat	6:00 pm	Annual Pot Luck Dinner
	26	Sun	10:30 am	Dharma School Year End

Every Thursday—Seniors Day starting at 12:00 pm with Howakai service

Every Sunday—Dharma School and Adult Dharma Discussion following the morning service

Donations

The Vancouver Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following donations. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

Gokisha from March 15th – April 15th, 2005

50.00 Mrs. Katsuko Okada – March memorial
25.00 Mrs. Yoshiko M. Koyanagi-memory of father, Kamenosuke Natsuhara who passed away in March
1,000.00 Mr. Shig Hirai-funeral appreciation for mother, Mrs. Fujie Hirai
50.00 Mr. Yoshiharu Hayashi- Eitaikyo omairi
20.00 Mr. Hiroyuki Koyanagi
50.00 Mrs. Shigeko Hayashi-memory of husband & father Yosaburo Hayashi's 8th year
50.00 Mrs. Sumi Kabayakawa-memory of husband, Toshikazu Kobayakawa
300.00 M/M Bill Kajiwara-50th wedding anniversary
50.00 Mr. Makoto Fukui (Nanaimo, B.C.)
50.00 M/M. Preston Chan-memory of Mrs. Umeko Minato
500.00 M/M Saburo Nishimura
20.00 M/M. M. Hattori-Ohigan-ye
376.40 The Hydrecs Fund B.C. Hydro
90.00 Anonymous – United Way donation
25.00 Mrs. Nancy Leong-in appreciation
500.00 Mrs. Kayoko Shimizu-funeral appreciation for husband, Mr. Toshio Shimizu
20.00 M/M. Suehiro Tatsumi-loving memory of Mrs. M. Tatsumi
35.00 Cerasani Marlene Wip-loving memory of Mrs. Miyako Tatsumi
30.00 Mrs. Kayako Mizuyabu-March shotsuki and Ohigan Hoyo
150.00 Mrs. Tokuyo Kado
300.00 M/M Min Koyanagi-50th anniversary appreciation
200.00 Mrs. Hiroko Ohori-1st year memorial of Mr. Hiroshi Ohori
20.00 Ms. Amy Koyanagi-memorial donation
150.00 M/M Joe Komori (100 Mile House, B.C.) – memory of our past family members
100.00 M/M George Yoneda-50th wedding anniversary appreciation
20.00 M/M Y. Mitsui – April Shotsuki
500.00 M/M Kiyokazu Takahara-50th wedding anniversary
2000.00 Mr. Fred Yamazaki-33 year memorial service
200.00 Mr. Shigeru Hirai – 49th day memorial service
100.00 Mrs. Tomiko Murata-13th year memorial
400.00 Mrs. Teruko Matsubara-funeral appreciation for husband
50.00 Mrs. Fumie Sakai-sister, Tomiko Mizuyabu burial service
100.00 Fraser Vallery Buddhist Temple- appreciation
141.60 Ms. Tomi Niwatsukino – donation La Connor Bus Tour

Gokisha Total - \$7673.00

Hanamatsuri/Keirokai Donations – April 10, 2005

5.00 M/M. Narhari Joshi
10.00 Ms. Kayako Akagi, Mrs. Ritsuko Akasaka, Mrs. Yoshie Kurita, Mrs. K. Mori, Mrs. Ishie Oishi, Ms. Marie Oyama, Ms. Sachiko Renovich, Mrs. Toyoko Terada (keirokai), M/M F. Ueda, Mr. Jin H. Wang, M/M George Yoneda
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25.00 Mrs. E. Hirata, Mr. Byron Kagawa, Mrs. Eleanore Kondo, Ms. A. Nomura, Ms. D. Saimoto, Ms. N. Sugimoto

30.00 Mrs. Shizue Hamaguchi, M/ James Leung, M/M T. Kawasaki, M/M Otokazu Matsui, M/M H. Mizuta, M/M T. Mizushima, M/M Robert North, M/M Sakae Natsukoshi, M/M George Nishizawa, Ms. Tomi Niwatsukino, M/M Minoru Oyama, M/M. Kanji Suga, Mrs. Harumi Tamoto, Ms. Kazuye Yoshida, Mrs. Masako Yada (keirokai), Mrs. Masako Yada (Hanamatsuri)

35.00 M/M Terry Koyanagi (Hanamatsuri)

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50.00 D/M. Robert Akune, M/M Sadao Minato, Ms. Orrin Morishita, M/M. Mitsuru Tanaka, Mrs. Frances Xu

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Hanamatsuri Keirokai Donation Total - \$2,854.02

Monthly Memorial Service – April 3, 2005

10.00 M/M Preston Chan –memorial for Hatsuji & Haru Oyama, Ms. Sanaye Ikari (Sadao Matsui shotsuki), Mrs. Keiko Oyama, M/M Narhari Joshi (memory of mother), Mrs. Marie Oyama

20.00 Mrs. Lorna Bishop (loving memory of uncle Keiichi Nishi), Mrs. Chiyoko Fujii, Mrs. Shoji Hamagami, M/M Kaz Komori, Ms. Mona Hamaguchi (memory of grandpa, Genzaburo Kamada), M/M K. Kitano (memory of mother, Yaeno Kitano), Mr. Hiro-yuki Koyanagi (memory of mother), M/M Henry Low, Mr. K. Matsui, M/M T. Matsunaga (Campbell River), Mrs. Yoshie Matsutani, M/M T. Mizushima, M/M M. Nakane, M/M Kazuma Sakata, Ms. N. Sugimoto, Ms. Fumie Nakagawa (in memory of Sumiko Takai), M/M Kats Nasu (memory of mother, Chiyo Nasu), Ms. Asako Nomura (memory of mother), Mrs. Tosh Nomura (late father, Yaozo Nomura – 1960), Mr. Roy Tatsumi, M/M Y. Sakamoto (memory of Hine Nishikawa), Mrs. Toyoko Terada, Ms. Katherine Takai (memory of mother, Sumiko Takai), Mrs. Francis Xu, M/M Yoshiaki Tsuji, Mr. Yukio Tsuji, Mrs. Kiyoko Yada, M/M Susumu Uyesugi (memory of mother, Soto Tsuji), Mr. Michio Yamamoto (April Shotsuki for parents), Ms. Margaret Yoshida, M/M George Yoshihara (memory of Hine Nishikawa)

25.00 Ms. Terrie Hamazaki -memory of Kazue Hamazaki (1st year), M/M Yukio Nasu (memory of Chiyo Nasu)

30.00 M/M Hideo Chiya, Mrs. Kazue Egami, M/M. Ryoji Tanizawa, M/M Sadao Minato (memory of father, Magohachi Banno), M/M Yukito Maruno, Mrs. T. Nakano, M/M Roy Nukina (memory of Mrs. Yoshiko Nukina & Mr. Eijiro Kawabata)

35.00 D/M Robert Akune, M/M Mitsuru Tanaka (shotsuki, Shunji Araki)

40.00 Mrs. Kikuye Matsui (Sadao Mitsui shotsuki)

50.00 Mrs. Kay Komori (memory of husband and mother-in-law), Mrs. Toshiko Matsunaga (Campbell River), Ms. Lorna Koyanagi (Mission, B.C.), Ms. Joy Tsukishima, Ms. R. Tsukishima

100.00 M/M Harry Komori, Mr. Toshimi Maruno (memory of mother), M/M Keith Tsukishima, Mrs. Toshiko Tsukishima

April Monthly Memorial Total Donation _ \$1,690.00

April 3, 2005 Donation (Konshi)

5.00 Ms. Sayoko Terajima

10.00 Mrs. Yoshi Kurita

20.00 M/M Greg Chor

20.00 Mr. K. Sato – in memory of Mrs. Umeko Minato

Konshi Total - \$55.00

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