



# 法のともしび LIGHT OF THE DHARMA

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

We are again conducting services in person as well as per ZOOM.

Please contact Sensei for links.

### REGULAR SCHEDULE

ENGLISH SERVICES  
Sundays 10:00am

JAPANESE SERVICES  
Sundays 11:30am

SEIZA MEDITATION  
Thursdays 7:30pm

MORNING MEDITATION  
Fridays 10:00am

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday November 6th

10am Shotsuki Service

11:30am Japanese Service

Tuesday November 8th

Fall Lecture Series Begins

7:30pm (until December 13)

Friday November 11th

10:30 Remembrance Day

(Wisteria Common Room)

Sunday November 13th

2pm 7-5-3 Event

Monday November 14th

7pm SBT Board Meeting

Sunday December 4th

10am Shotsuki Service

11:30am Japanese Service

Please see

### COMING EVENTS

On page 3 for more details

**FUJINKAI  
TOBAN 3**

Contact: June Ikuta  
604-277-5077

## Women in Buddhism



On Thursday October 20th, Roy Akune Sensei and myself were honored by being taken out to lunch by our Fujinkai ladies. The luncheon was part of the JSBTC initiative to express appreciation to our ministers and minister assistants. I would like to thank the Fujinkai as well as some men who came out for the appreciation luncheon. I was truly humbled by the recognition. As an expression of my gratitude, I would like to dedicate this month's article to role of women in Buddhism. More specifically I would like to introduce the story of Mahapajapati, one of, if not the most important female figure in the history of Buddhism.

According to the story of the life of the historical Buddha, the Buddha was born as Prince Siddhartha to King Suddhodana and Queen Maya of the kingdom of Kapilavastu (presently part of the Bihar district of Northern India). The story about the birth of the baby Buddha in Lumbini's Garden is legendary, and we celebrate it at our temples annually during the Hanamatsuri (flower festival) service in April. Although the birth of the Buddha is celebrated universally, far less emphasis is placed on the fact that Queen Maya passed away only seven days after giving birth to Prince Siddhartha, and it was Mahapajapati who nursed and raised Siddhartha throughout his life. Mahapajapati was the younger sister to Queen Maya and was also one of the brides of King Suddhodana. Following the passing of Queen Maya, Mahapajapati raised Siddhartha as her own along with her own two children.

Mahapajapati's relevance to Buddhism was not only as the stepmother of Siddhartha, but more importantly, because she was the first woman to be included in the Sangha. A number of years following his enlightenment, there was a time when the Buddha and his disciples were staying at a monastery on the edge of the city of Vaishali. It is here that they learned of the news that the Buddha's father, King Suddhodana, was gravely ill. The Buddha, and a number of his disciples journeyed to Kapilavastu where he was able to spend the final days with his father, King Suddhodana. Following the passing of the king, Mahapajapati, who was suffering greatly from the loss of her beloved husband, resolved to become a disciple of the Buddha. On three occasions she has an audience with the Buddha to ask his permission to join the Sangha, and all three times she is turned down by the Buddha. It is said that the Buddha's refusal was out of concern that allowing women into the Sangha may affect the resolve of the male disciples within the Sangha. Shortly after the third meeting, the Buddha and his disciples take leave of Kapilavastu to return to the monastery in Vaishali.

Undeterred by the refusal, Mahapajapati along with a great number of women from the noble families of the Sakya clan, cut off their hair and don the yellow robes of a mendicant. They walk bare feet from Kapilavastu to Vaishali arriving at the gate of the monastery with bloodied feet and quite dirty and dishevelled from their long journey. When the women request to have an audience with the Buddha, they are initially refused. However, it is Ananda, one of the closest disciples of the Buddha, who sees the women and is moved by their appearance and their determination to become part of the Sangha. Through his efforts, Ananda is able to get the Buddha to acquiesce and the very first order of all women Sangha is created. The male Sangha are known as Bhikkhu (monks) and the female Sangha become known as Bhikkhuni (nuns). Mahapajapati becomes the first Bhikkhuni in the Buddhist order and remains a devoted disciple of the Buddha for the remainder of her life.

Through her life, Mahapajapati exemplifies the characteristics of some of the pillars of Buddhism. In raising Siddhartha as his stepmother, she expresses great compassion, and in her efforts to become the first Bhikkhuni, Mahapajapati shows great resolve and determination, (Continued on PXXX)

## BODHI DAY SERVICE

Commemorating the  
Enlightenment of Sakyamuni  
Buddha will be held on  
Sunday, December 11, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

## Stay for the BONENKAI PARTY

12:30 pm  
Cost: \$25 per person  
Free for children 12 years and under

Enjoy fellowship with the Sangha  
Good Food, Great Entertainment, Games, Gifts  
Please let the office know as soon as  
possible if you will be attending.  
Deadline for ticket purchase is Monday, December 5  
Contact: The Temple Office at (604) 277-2323  
Collecting non-perishable food  
items for Richmond Food Bank



## 成道会法要

お釈迦さまの悟りを開いた事を記念した法要は  
2022年12月11日(日)  
午前10時半から行われます

## 忘年会のお知らせ

12月11日(日) 成道会法要後の午後12時半  
から  
お一人様 \$25  
12歳以下のお子様は無料です。

美味しいお食事、素敵なパフォーマンス、ゲー  
ムや景品など、皆さんで楽しい時間を過ごし  
ましょう。

チケットのご購入メ切日は12月5日(月)になります。  
お寺のオフィス(604)277-2323までお問合せ  
ください。

尚、缶詰、ドライフードなど今年もフードバンクに寄付を  
しますので、  
忘年会の日、若しくはそれまでにお寺にお持ち下されれば幸  
いです。

## Mochi Tsuki

The temple is looking for helpers to make mochi  
for the Bonenkai and the 2023 New Years' Service  
in January.

We will be making the mochi on Saturday,  
December 10th starting at 9:00 am. If you wish to  
also make mochi for your own family, please bring  
the washed and ready to steam rice on the Saturday  
morning. Hope to see you there.



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## 餅つき

忘年会や来年の修正会(元旦のお参  
り)のためにお寺の餅つきが12月  
10日(土曜日)に行われます。

午前9時から始まりますので、皆様  
のご協力をお願いいたします。ご家  
族のためのお餅は、事前に洗ったも  
ち米を持参していらして下さいま



## SHICHIGOSAN EVENT

Shichi-go-san is a festival celebrated by parents  
on the fifteenth of November in Japan, to mark the  
growth of their children as they turn three, five and  
seven years of age. We are planning an event at the  
temple for all interested families.

When: November 13th (Sun) from 2 pm  
What: Shichigosan short service  
Cost: \$50 (will provide a 2022 donation receipt)  
\*Photographer extra\*

Special Event: A professional Photographer will come  
and bring rental kimono for children and take photos. You  
can go to the photographer's Facebook/Instagram page to  
see photos and make reservations.

Email: wadapiyo@shaw.ca  
Facebook: m.facebook.com/kimono753van  
Instagram: Kimonovan

Families Interested in this event should also contact  
Renako at play@steveston-temple.ca or 604-277-2323 by  
November 3rd so we can plan for the number of participants.



## 七五三

11月15日は七五三ですね。仏教会で  
七五三のお参りを開催することになり  
ました。

日時: 11月13日(日) 午後2時より  
参加料: \$50(ドネーションレシート発  
行します)

申し込み: 宝島のれなこまでご連絡く  
ださい。

play@steveston-temple.ca 604-277-2323

七五三のお参り 本堂にて午後2時よりまた、オブショナ  
ルとして、ご希望される方に仏教会にて、プロによる写  
真撮影(貸衣装・着付け込み)があります。

\*要予約。別料金にて承ります\*  
着付け&撮影のお申し込みは、あつこさんまでご連絡くだ  
さい。

Email: wadapiyo@shaw.ca  
Facebook: m.facebook.com/kimono753van  
Instagram: Kimonovan





## FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara

Since April approximately \$3600 have been raised from outdoor garage sales and sales to individuals.

Besides the revenue added to our treasury, the storage areas have been emptied of boxes. With the rainy season coming, we will continue to sell mostly new garage sale items as well as Japanese groceries after the Shotsuki services.

In the past month, we have made mikasa manju for Keirokai to accompany the bento boxes. As the senior members are growing older, efforts are being made to include the younger ladies in the kitchen tasks.

A Food Safe course will be planned in the near future as the certificates issued in 2018 are due to expire in early June 2023. It is a day long course so we hope to hold it on a Saturday. More details will be forthcoming.

## Moe No Kai

Keiko Go



Autumn is here and mornings and evenings are getting much colder these days. Once again, we see pretty coloured leaves everywhere in the parks and on the streets.

In connection with autumn, seniors who attended Moe-no-kai on Thursday, Oct.20th made a beautiful artwork of coloured paper leaves pasted on a big white sheet of paper as if they were real leaves with rustling sounds. We decided to display their artwork in the temple hallway hoping it will cheer us all. Thank you to the seniors who attended and also to the wonderful volunteers. I would also like to thank Mrs. Kondo for the delicious chocolates from Las Vegas. Our next Moe-no-kai will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 10am. Please bring your friends to join us. See you soon.

## UPCOMING LECTURES AND EVENTS

I am planning on beginning the Fall Lecture Series on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:30 pm. The series is entitled: "Shoshinge – the Heart of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism". We will delve into the core teachings and principles of the Nembutsu teaching. I am hoping to get in 6 or 7 sessions between November and December before taking a winter break. The sessions will be a hybrid of both in person and by zoom. If you are interested in the sessions, please contact me at [rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca](mailto:rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca) to receive the zoom invitation.

We will be holding a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th at 10:30 am in the Multipurpose Room at Wisteria Place. Temple members are welcome to join the ceremony. Pre-registration is required. For more information please contact the temple office if you are interested in participating.

Global Book Launch for Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka's new book, "Gems - An Introduction to Canadian Buddhism for Young People and the Young at Heart". Date: November, 20th at 2:00 pm. Please refer to the article in this newsletter for more information.

(SENSEI from P1) again qualities which are highly regarded in Buddhism.

The movement of women in the Sangha may have been started by Mahapajapati, but it is clear those very same qualities and attributes remain strong in our Buddhist women of today as they form the backbone of temples throughout the world. I for one am grateful for your service and thank you for your continued dedication and support.

In Gassho,  
Grant Ikuta

## GLOBAL BOOK LAUNCH

*"GEMS -An Introduction to Canadian Buddhism"*

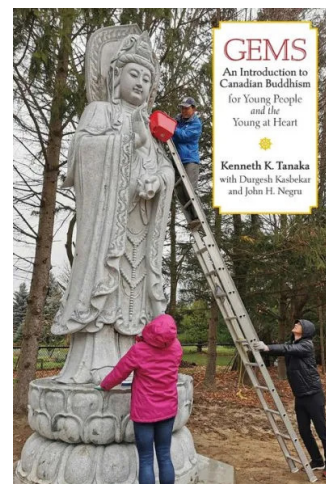
The Steveston Buddhist Temple is honored to host the Global Book Launch of Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka's most recent publication. Come join us on Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 pm as we celebrate the publication of the book, "Gems – An Introduction to Canadian Buddhism for Young People and the Young at Heart".

This book is primarily authored by Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka and is the Canadian version of his book, "Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts, and the Young at Heart" which he published in 2020 for the people in the States. As part of Dr. Tanaka's new book, he had key contributions from Mr. John Negru, publisher of the Sumeru Press, Canada's only independent Buddhist book publisher. More importantly from our own temple perspective is the key contributions from our own Steveston Buddhist Temple Board member, Dr. Durgesh Kasbekar who contributed a couple of chapters to the book.

For the book launch, we will be honored with the participation by all three authors of the book. Dr. Tanaka and Mr. Negru will be joining us virtually, and Dr. Kasbekar will be with us in person. Dr. Tanaka will read a brief excerpt from the book followed by a presentation by each of the authors on their participation with this project. We will conclude the book launch with a brief discussion on what the authors foresee for the future of Buddhism in Canada.

Please mark this date in your calendar and join us for an enjoyable afternoon. The event will be held in person for those who live in the local area, but will also be broadcast via Zoom for those who wish to participate remotely. To receive the Zoom invitation, please contact Rev. Ikuta at [rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca](mailto:rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca).

Books will be available at the event with proceeds going to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.





## 2022 JSBTC Day Message from the Office of the Bishop

I would like to express my most sincere appreciation to all the Jodo Shinshu Temples of Canada (JSBTC), ministers, national board of directors, and all temple and members for keeping our organization active and accessible. All the ministers and national board of directors across Canada are working tirelessly for the sake of our temples, for all the members, and for the community at large.

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Day (JSBTC Day) is an opportunity for us to reflect our rich history of Jodo Shinshu in Canada. On October 10, 1904, fourteen local Buddhist leaders met and came away with two resolutions: one, to build a local temple and two, to request a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist minister for the community. They sent the requests to our mother temple, Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan. In the following year, Rev. Senju Sasaki was appointed to be a kaikyoshi (overseas minister) who arrived in Vancouver on October 12th, 1905. He delivered the first Dharma Talk in Canada on the steps of the Vancouver City Hall just two weeks after his arrival. Soon after, the local Buddhist families formed the Vancouver Nihon Bukkyo-kai (Japanese Buddhist Association), and thus, began our history. Since then we are observing the founding of our national organization in the month of October.

Nishi Hongwanji is observing two major celebrations in 2023. They are the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and 800th Anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. With the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention scheduled for May 11 and 12, 2023 in Kyoto, Japan. About 55 people from Canada signed up to join the services.

On this occasion of JSBTC day and as we observe these rich history of Jodo Shinshu in Canada and Japan, I would like to be reminded once again how we listen to Buddha Dharma.

- Listen as if I am listening for the first time.
- Listen as if the message is for myself alone.
- Listen as if this is the last chance to listen to the Dharma.

May I ask for your continued support to our ministers and directors, and may we rediscover, our joy by listening to the Dharma and walking the path of the Nembutsu together!

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki, Bishop

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

10月はカナダ教団創立の月です。1903年に13名の仏教徒有志が京都の西本願寺に開教使の派遣要請を懇願し、翌年1904年10月10日に佐々木千重先生が初代開教使として派遣され、今日までカナダにて法灯が続いていますことはとても感慨深いものです。皆さまにおかれましては、色々な制限解除が進むとはいえ、各仏教会の護寺に貢献頂き、教団を代表して厚く御礼申し上げます。ご本山である西本願寺では、来年2023年親鸞聖人ご誕生850年、立教開宗800年、そして第17回世界仏教婦人会大会が併修されます。カナダ開教区からも約55名の方が参拝ツアーへ申し込んでいます。このように長く続く浄土真宗の歴史で、世界や社会、科学は大きく変わってきました。その中で変わらないこともあります。それは私達が仏法を頂く聴聞（ちょうもん）の心得です。私達が法話を聞くときの心得ですね。

この度のご縁は初事と思うべし。

この度のご縁は我一人の為と思うべし。

この度のご縁は今生最後と思うべし。

先日受講した僧侶対象の勉強会で、講師の先生が「法話は自分の一番近い耳で聞くべし」という言葉を言われました。法話をする開教使の先生もその法話を自分の耳で頂くという姿勢を怠ってはいけないという意味でしょう。今後とも皆様とカナダの地にて一緒にお聴聞できることをありがたく感じる、今年の教団創立の年を迎えます。

合掌

カナダ開教区 開教総長

青木龍也

*JSBTC DAY – October, 2022*

*Dear Temple members and Dharma Friends,*

*October is the time to reflect on the role of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and when Temples designate a special day in their temple calendars to celebrate JSBTC Day. It was in October, in 1904, that Buddhist lay leaders in the lower mainland agreed to build a temple and to ask Nishi Hongwanji to send a minister to Canada. It was in October, in 1905, that Rev. Senju Sasaki arrived in Canada and delivered the first Dharma talk. And it was in October 1974, that Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada was founded as the official organization to bring all Jodo Shinshu followers in Canada together in a national Buddhist community.*

*As we have slowly exited the difficulties of the Covid pandemic and the lockdowns, we realize how important it is that we continue to support the work of the Bishop, ministers, ministers' assistants, and lay leaders. The JSBTC Board continues to work with the Bishop to ensure the continued well-being of our ministers as well as our sanghas.*

*JSBTC Day which marks the creation of the national organization reminds us, with gratitude, of all those who have gone before us and who contributed to the propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist in Canada and all those who work today to spread the Dharma.*

*All donations made on JSBTC Day either through your temple or directly to the JSBTC go towards the health and education of our ministers and to support the work of the Bishop. Your support of the JSBTC is both needed and greatly appreciated in this important effort.*

*Please note that cheques may now be made payable directly to the JSBTC. Donations can also be made through Canada Helps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/LivingDharmaCentre/>*

*Thank you for your ongoing support of the JSBTC, as the JSBTC continues to support our ministers and local temples.*

*In gassho,*

*Laura Sugimoto, President*





# 法のともしび

## 初めての尼さん



先日、ロイ・アクネ先生と私は、婦人会の皆様にランチに招待されました。昼食会は、カナダ教団のイニシアティブの一環であり、開教使やアシスタントの方に感謝の意を表すものです。婦人会の皆様をはじめ、感謝の昼食会に来て下さった男性の方たちにも感謝とお礼を申し上げます。感謝の気持ちを込めて、今月の記事は最初の尼

さんになったマハーパジャパティの物語を紹介したいと思います。この物語は約2,500年も前にカピラバストゥ王国(現在は北インドのビハール地区の一部)で、将来お釈迦様となられるシッダールタ王子の誕生で始まります。シッダールタはスッドダナ王とマヤ婦人の間に生まれた王子でありました。ルンビニの庭での赤ちゃんの誕生の話は伝説的であり、毎年4月の花祭り法要で祝います。仏陀の誕生は普遍的に祝われていますが、マヤ婦人が出産してからわずか7日後に亡くなり、生涯を通じてシッダールタを守り育てたのはマハーパジャパティであったという事実にはあまり重点が置かれていません。マハーパジャパティはマヤ婦人の妹であり、スッドダナ王の妃の一人でもありました。マヤ婦人の死後、マハーパジャパティはシッダールタを自分の2人の子供と一緒に育てました。マハーパジャパティと仏教との関わりは、シッダールタの継母としてだけではなく、サンガの最初の女性の出家者として知られています。それは、お釈迦様が悟りを開いてから何年も後の話であります。ある時、お釈迦様と弟子たちがヴァイシャリの街の端にある修行所に滞在していました。そこに仏陀の父であるスッドダナ王が重病であるとの知らせがあり、お釈迦様は何人かの弟子たちを連れてカピラバストゥ王国に旅し、そこでスッドダナ王と最後の日々を過ごすことができました。王の死後、最愛の夫を亡くして苦しんでいたマハーパジャパティは、仏陀の弟子になることを決意

されたと伝えられています。彼女は仏陀と三回会って、サンガに参加する許可を求めましたが、3回とも仏陀に断られました。仏陀の拒否は、女性をサンガに入れることがサンガ内の男性の弟子たちの決意に影響を与えるかもしれないという懸念からだっただけと言われている。3回目の訪問の直後、仏陀と弟子たちはカピラバストゥを離れてヴァイシャリの修行所に戻られたそうです。拒否にとらわれ、マハーパジャパティは釈迦族の多くの女性とともに、髪を切り落とし、托鉢僧の黄色い衣をつけてお釈迦様を追うために、カピラバストゥからヴァイシャリまで裸足で歩きました。彼女たちは血まみれの足で修行所の門に到着し、仏陀との謁見をお願いしましたが、最初は拒否されました。しかし、そこで仏陀に最も近い弟子の一人であるアーナンダが彼女たちの決意と熱心さに感動して、女性たちの代わりにお釈迦様に話をして彼女たちの入団入りの許可を認めてもらいました。女性だけのサンガの最初の秩序が創造されます。男性のサンガは比丘(僧侶)として知られており、女性のサンガは比丘尼(尼僧)として知られるようになります。マハーパジャパティは仏教教団の最初の比丘尼になり、彼女の人生の残りの間、仏陀の献身的な弟子であり続けます。現在の浄土真宗の寺院を見ると、多くのお寺は女性の活動によってさまざまな事が支えられています。仏教の女性の運動はマハーパジャパティによって始められ、今もその働きが続いていることが明らかであります。女性仏教徒の皆様の継続的な献身とサポートに感謝の意を表します。

合掌、  
生田グランド



## 婦人会からのお知らせ

吉原ヒロコ

4月以来、外でのガレージセールと食品等のセールで約\$3,600の収入がありました。収入は婦人会の資金に入れ、ガレージセールの品物がたまってい

た場所もきれいに片づけました。今後は雨季が始まりますので屋内で、主に新しいガレージセール用品と日本の食品を英語での祥月法要(毎月第1日曜日)の後に売ります。時間的には、英語と日本語の祥月法要の間、10時40分ごろから11時30分ごろまで、とします。お友達もどうぞお誘いください。

10月には敬老会のお弁当につける三笠饅頭を作りました。婦人会の会員もだんだんお年を召してきていますので、台所仕事に若い方たちに参加していただきたいです。

2018年に発行された食品安全認定証が2023年6月初旬に切れますので、近い将来食品安全コースを開く予定です。そのコースは1日かかりますので、土曜日にしたと思います。詳細は後ほどお知らせいたします。

## 萌の会

郷 恵子



秋も深まり朝夕冷え込んで来て、お寺のオフィスにもよいよ暖房を入れる季節になりました。10月の萌の会は20日に行われましたが、芸術の秋に因んで木の葉に切った色紙を皆さんで夫々自由自在に貼りました。お茶を飲みながら気が向いたら貼りその結果、カサコソと音が聞こえてくるような見事な素晴らしい作品が出来上がりました。現在の暗い世の中を一気に明るくしてくれそうです。皆さん有難うございました。そして近藤さんからの美味しいチョコレートのお土産に、更にボランティアをして下さった方々にも心から感謝です。さて次回の萌の会は11月17日午前10時からになります。また素敵な企画をしておりますので、是非お友達をお誘いの上いらして下さいね。

## DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after October 21, 2022 will be announced in the next newsletter. Any donations with notations stating that they are in memory of several individuals, these names will be acknowledged in the month that the cheque was deposited. If you wish to have the donations acknowledged in the newsletter corresponding with a particular Shotsuki month, we ask that you make donations during that actual Shotsuki memorial month. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

最近一年を通じた法要と祥月御懇志を小切手にて一括で送られてくるケースが多くなりました。その場合は入金されたその月のニュースレターにまとめてお報せ致しますのでご了承下さいませ。尚、祥月御懇志袋上に差出人のお名前、ご住所の他、どの月の祥月御懇志もお忘れなく記載して下さいませ。有難うございました。

**General Donation(\$2721.56)** Akune Robert & Molly, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Alkire Keiko, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Doi Terri, Ikuta Teruko, Fujishima Katsuyo, Matsumoto Family, Matsuno Tom & Yoko, Oda Jennifer, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Watanabe Keiko, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, Anonymous

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**Shotsuki Services (\$1850)**

**October:** Akizuki Eiko, Akizuki Gary, Akune Roy & Ikuta, Asano, Gilles Sharon, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Hirose Mary, Hodder Bob & Evelyn, Ichiiwa Ken & Bea, Ikeda Naoe, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Teruko, Inoue Mike, Kamachi Sumiko, Kakehi Tomoko, Katai Ed & Teruko, Kikuchi Yumiko, Kiss Pearl, Kokubo Alice, Kondo Kaoru, Matsumoto Family, Matsumura Laverne, McElwain Lori & Ian, Miki Ken & Yoko, Mori Koji & Judith, Morishita Brian & Elaine, Mukai Akiko, Murao Keith, Murao Tom, Nakatsuru Sherry, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Kayoko, Nishi Robert, Royce & Skyler, Niwatsukino Betty, Sakamoto Bud, Sameshima Yoshiko, Sameshima Raymond & Famey, Shimizu Victor & Laurie, Slye J., Tabata Tosh, Takeuchi Sachiko, Tanaka Kiyoko, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, Yukawa Joe

**Aug. & Sept.:** Ryomoto M.

**Fall Ohigan Service(\$1591):** Akizuki Eiko, Akune Roy & Itoko, Elliot David, Fraser Marlene, Go Keiko, Hamaura Dean, Hamaura Misaye, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Teruko, Iwata Genevieve, Kakehi Tomoko, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kokubo Alice, Kondo Kaoru, Koyanagi Susie, Kurita Yoshie, Maede Toyoko, Matsuno Seishi & Kisako, Mineta Masayoshi, Mori Koji & Judith, Morizawa Chiyoko, Morizawa Sazare, Mukai Akiko, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Nakatsuru Sherry, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Kayoko, Nishikihama Eiko, Nishikihama Teruko, Nitta Ayako, Oye Hanako, Ryan Jeanne & Larry, Sakai Marge, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Sakata Hozumi, Suyama Eiji & Caroline, Suzuki Kent, Tabata Hajime, Tabata Ian, Takizawa Yasuo, Tanaka E., Tanaka Kiyoko, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tomihiro Kazuko, Toyoda Miyuki, Whittier Maya, Yamanaka Keiko, Yoshihara Hiroko & Ken, Anonymous

**JSBTC Day Donation(\$260):** Akizuki Eiko, Kojima Jim, Koyanagi Susie, Morizawa Chiyoko, Morizawa Sazare, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Kayoko, Nishimura Grace, Nitta Ayako, Sakai Marge, Tomihiro Kazuko

**Funerals & Memorial Services (\$2025): In memory of the late:**

**Ms. Ruth Iwata:** Bishop Lorna, Esson Karen, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ryan Larry & Jeanne

**Mr. Mitts Sakai:** Higo Kelvin & Kay, Ikuta Kuni & June, Nakano Sheila

**Mrs. Kayoko Yamamoto:** Akizuki Eiko, Akizuki Gary & Family, Akizuki Russ, Ikeda Leslie, Ikeda Naoe, Ikeda Lynda, Ikuta Kuni & June, Koyanagi Susie, Sakai Marge, Sameshima Yoshiko, Tomihiro Kazuko

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Louise, Hamada Satoshi, Isomura Frances, Izumi Basil & Etsuko, Mizuta Harry & Akemi, Nakamoto Joyce, Sameshima Yoshiko, Sakai Tomiko, Kamikura Roger & Joyce, Sakai Marge, Tabata Hajime & Kyoko

**Mrs. Yoshiko Koyanagi:** Doi Peter & Louise, Okabe Mary, Sameshima Yoshiko, Sakai Tomiko, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Toyoda Ruby, Yoshida Dave & Arlene

**Mr. David Takahashi:** Ikuta Kuni & June

**Mrs. Misuye Yoshida:** Esson Karen, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Koyanagi Susie, Sakai Marge, Tomihiro Kazuko, Yoshida Dave & Arlene

**Mrs. Masako Shiozaki:** SBTWA

**Mr. Tim Beresford:** Ikuta Kuni & June

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**Mrs. Miyeko Tabata:** Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko

**Mr. Tosh & Mr. Yosh Hamaguchi:** Hamaguchi Ken & Mette

**Mrs. Michi Tanigami:** McElwain Family

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**Mr. Art Irizawa:** Tomihiro Kazuko

**Mrs. Shizue Koyanagi:** Koyanagi Susie

**Mr. Shigeaki & Mrs. Yoshiko Kamachi:** Kamachi Lindsay, Oikawa Alan, Oikawa Toyoko

**Mr. Shigeji Kamachi,** Mrs. Emi Kamachi, Mr. Shigekazu Kamachi, Mr. Masao Kamachi, Mr. Shoji Kamachi: Oikawa Alan, Oikawa Toyoko

**Inurnment Service of the late Mrs. Setsuko Yamashita:** Mayede Patricia, Sakai Mitts & Kay

**49th day memorial service of the late Mr. Masao Sawada:** Anonymous

**13th year memorial of the late Mr. George Koyanagi:** Koyanagi Susie

**14th year memorial of the late Mr. Shigeru Niwatsukino:** Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko

**55th year memorial of the late Mr. Tokichi Niwatsukino:** Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko

**Your Donations are needed**

**and appreciated!**

**Donations are the single largest source of income for the temple, and allow us to create our programs, which we hope you also can enjoy, so we thank you for your contribution.**



**Membership paid 2022:** Fujishima Katsuyo, Hamade Naomi, Nakao Rumi, Nakatsuru Sherry, Andrews Kai

**Apologies to Kiyo Domai and Susie Koyanagi for the late donation announcement.**



## Special Thanks to the Fujinkai - Arigatou

I wish to extend my thanks to the Fujinkai for the special luncheon at the "Catch Kitchen" on Thursday, October 19. This was special in recognition of the work, dedication and service provided by Rev. Grant. It was more than that however. I, too, was invited as Sensei's assistant. How fortunate. Thank you!

I sat across from Chizuru Nakatsu and Nobu Chow and engaged in an interesting conversation while we enjoyed our "fish and chips". We talked about our families; we talked about where we were born and the circumstances that brought us to the temple. Small talk but very important as we got to know each other better. How often does one have such an opportunity to converse at the Otera where we are so busily involved in the temple activities - preparation and cleanup for Obon, Bazaars, Memorial services and others? Enjoying the fish and chips, together, was indeed special! Thank you Chizuru and Nobu for your company!

It is a fact that the tireless effort and commitment of our Fujinkai are so often unrecognised. The planning and coordination and the time put in. I can speak with first hand knowledge as I observe them assisting with the planning of a funeral reception (the phoning, emailing and texting) with a family member who has lost a next of kin. Indeed, the catering services of the Toban groups are very special. And, what about the Garage sales which are so well organised by the capable hands of Hiroko Yoshihara? These are just a few of the examples of their dedication. Success is so dependent on them that I'd like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to them. Thank you!

And, to the National Women's Federation who had the insight to recognize the importance of the contribution of all the Jodo Shinshu ministers and assistant ministers in our temples. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

To conclude, there is the traditional Japanese word, Okusan, which I think is most apropos for our Fujinkai members. Literally, it means the person in the background who provides the "glue" for all the functions. Our ladies are certainly exemplary of this.

What would we do and where would we be without you? You are very special!

Arigatou! In Gassho, Roy Akune

婦人会の皆様、どうもありがとうございます。

10月19日に生田グラント先生の献身と懸命なご努力に感謝するため、婦人会がレストラン、Catch Kitchenに先生をはじめアシスタントの私まで呼んでくださり、心から感謝しております。普段お寺で皆さんにお会いしても、いろいろな仕事にかまけて皆さんとお話をする機会があまりありませんでした。でもこの度は同じテーブルに座っておいしいfish and chipsを食べながら個人的な事もお互いに話せてとても楽しかったし、同時に非常にありがたうれしく思いました。婦人会ではいろいろな行事があり、それを計画し、誰が何をどのようにするかを決め、関係者に連絡します。でも、婦人会の皆さんがどんなに一生懸命お寺のために仕事をしてくれているかは、あまり知られていないと思います。私は妻のイトコがその仕事に携わっておりますので実際にその事がよく分かります。例えば、お葬式の準備のために一日中電話をしたり、e-mailやテキストを送って、悲しみの最中にいらっしゃるご遺族と連絡をしたりします。お盆とかバザー、さらに法要等の準備や後片付けは、特にお当番の婦人会の方たちの献身的なご努力なしには行うことができません。でも婦人会の方たちはほとんど表に出ませんので、皆様はあまりこういう事をご存じないかもしれません。それでこの機会に是非とも感謝の意を表したく、これを書いてます。婦人会の皆様、本当にどうもありがとうございます。合掌、阿久根ロイ



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## 国際平和デー

9月21日は国際平和デーとして世界中で祝われ、1981年の国連総会で国際平和デーとして確立されました。20年後の2001年に国連総会で満場一致で9月21日を平和と停戦の日と決められました。この日はステイブストン仏教会でもウィステリアブレースのシニアの皆さんがお寺の鐘を鳴らし平和デーを祝いました。来年も行いますので皆様是非参加してください。



## OBITUARY



We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family members of the following deceased:

Ruthie Yaeko Iwata Sept. 23, 2022 49 Years Old  
Mitsuru "Mitts" Sakai Sept 27, 2022 88 Years Old

## 敬 弔

次の方がご逝去されましたので、生前のご苦勞を偲び、謹んで敬弔の意を表します。

岩田・ルーシー・ヤエコ様 2022年9月23日寂 49歳  
酒井・満・ミツ様 2022年9月27日寂 88歳

### NOVEMBER 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Asari, Yasuko	Kariya, Iwajiro	Morimoto, Shigekazu	Nishi, Henry	Sato, Yuriko	Yamamoto, Ayako
Atagi, Hisao	Kawamoto, Kaoru	Morishita, Kevin	Nishii, Kichiji	Sugihara, Daisuke	Yamamoto, Yaeko
Furukawa, Yoshiko	Kawano, Hideo	Hitoshi	Nitta, Hiromu	Tamayose, Wataru	Yamanaka, Mitsuhiro
Haya, Tetsuo	Kawase, Sato	Morishita, Roy	Ohara, Nobuo	Tasaka, Hiromi	Yamanaka, Yoshie
Hikita, Koji	Kokubo, Eiko	Murao, Kazuji	Okino, Naoichi	Takasaki, Chizu	Yoshida, Tori
Hikita, Tamizo	Kuriyama, Masaji	Murao, Katsujiro	Okuyama, Yasue	Takasaki, Yukinori	Yoshida, Yasumatsu
Hirota, Kikuyo	Matsuba, Edith Ayako	Murao, Masako	Otabe, Michiko	Takenaka, Hiden	
Hori, Masakazu	Miyazaki, Shizue	Nagasawa, Minoru	Oura, Yoshikazu	Teraguchi, Tobe	
Hori, Ayako	Miyazaki, Tora	Nakano, Toshio	Sakai, Yoneichi	Teramura, Tokutaro	
Hori, Matsuye	Mizuguchi, Peggy	Nishi, Akiko	Sakiyama, Allan	Uyeda, Yoshihiko	
Imada, Kimiyo	Mori, Yoshimi	Nishi, Kichijiro	Sawada, Katsuko	Yamaguchi, Mamoru	

### DECEMBER 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Amadatsu, Toshi	Kanno, Sakae	Mukai, George Seishi	Niwatsukino, Keiko	Sakata, Tomizo	Uyeda, Haruo
Asari, Sadajiro	Kariya, Yoshio	Mori, Kiyoshi	Niwatsukino, Kyoko	Sakashita, Yutaka	Yamashita, Douglas
Doi, Tomoyuki	Katayama, Gorosuke	Morishita, Kino	Niwatsukino, Ume	Sakiyama, Aiko	Yesaki, Miyakichi
Goto, Tokiyo	Kawasaki, Shizuko	Morishita, Tome	Nomura, Kimiko	Sameshima, Kuniyoshi	Yokota, George
Hama, Sayo 'Sally'	Kimura, Kiyoko	Nakane, Mitsutaro	Ohara, Chieko	Shinde, Eiko	Yokota, Shigeo
Hamade, Hiroshi	Kobayashi, Kotome	Nakano, Kiichi	Okano, Sekiji	Suzuki, Fumi	Yoshida, Yonekichi
Hamaura, Motaro	Kondo, Tamotsu	Nakano, Sadao	Omori, Hiroshi	Tateyama, Kazue	Yoshida, Yoshiko
Harada, Misako	Koyanagi, Herby	Nakatani, Inosuke	Sakai, (Frank) Yonekazu	Takasaki, Yukio	Yukawa, Katsue
Higo, Yui	Koyanagi, Chuza	Narukami, Uta	Sakai, Yoshiko	Tanigami, Hideko Ruth	
Hikita, Kojiro	Kuramoto, Jiro	Nishi, Hitoshi	Sakamoto, Jean Harumi	Teraguchi, Nami	
Hirose, Tanejiro	Maekawa, Fujie	Nishi, Yoshiko	Sakata, Eiichi	Tsumoto, Takeshi	
Kanno, Eiji	Matsuyama, Iyo	Nishikihama, Mitsuo	Sakata, Yone	Uno, Yoneko	