



法のともしび LIGHT OF THE DHARMA

REGULAR EVENTS:

REGULAR SERVICES:
Sundays 10:30 am

SEIZA MEDITATION:
Thursdays 7:30 pm
& Fridays 10:30 am

TRIPLE SUTRA CHANTING
Fridays 11:00 am -12:00 pm

YOGA with Alanna
Hatha: Mon & Thur 5:30 pm
Chair: Sat 9:30 am

BINGO:
Wednesdays 6:30pm

See Monthly Calendar for details

COMING UP:

Sun Jan 8th,
10:30 am Shotsuki Service
Monday Jan 9th
7:30 pm Board Meeting
Saturday Jan 21st
5:00 pm Hoonko Eve Potluck
7:00 pm Hoonko Eve Service
& Fujikawa Sensei Lecture
Sunday Jan 22nd
10:00 am Dharma School
10:30 am Hoonko Service
- Shinran Shonin Memorial
12:00 Hoonko Luncheon
Sunday Jan 29th,
11:30 Fujinkai Lunch & AGM
Sunday Feb 5th
10:30 am Shotsuki Service
Tuesday Feb 7th
7:30 pm Introductory lecture on
Buddhism to begin.

MONTHLY TOBAN GROUPS

We have new Monthly Toban Groups. Please see the special insert in this newsletter that lists the new Tobans and their leaders.

EUJINKAI TOBAN 3

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New Year's Greeting



At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you.

This past year, we have been observing the ceremony known as The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition since last October. This service will be continuing until the end of May over 10 sessions and a total of 80 days. The participation of the many delegates from both domestic and overseas districts has revitalized the atmosphere of all of our temple activities, and for that I am truly happy and grateful to each and every one of you.

Through holding the service together with you fellow Nembutsu followers, I am able to personally experience how the Jodo Shinshu teaching has not only been passed down to us over the span of nearly 800 years, but also how it has been delivered to many regions of the world beyond national borders. I believe that we have the Jodo Shinshu teaching today precisely because it served as the spiritual foundation for all of the preceding Nembutsu followers.

Shinran Shonin revealed his understanding of the Dharma known today as Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. It is a teaching for those of us who constantly struggle with various worries and hardships in life. Let us continue to listen to the teaching and share our own appreciation of the Dharma with family and friends in the hope that we can follow the Nembutsu path together with them.

January 1, 2017 OHTANI Kojun Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

SBT Bonenkai 2016 – Raffle Donors and Winners

Thank you to all the Donors for their generosity, and congratulations to the winners!

Donor	Item	Winner
1. Genevieve Iwata	Outer jacket	Kay Sakai
	Canucks jersey jacket	Mike Yamamoto
2. Rainer Mehl	Framed picture	Maya Whittier
3. Ruth Iwata	Assorted coffee flavours	Mitts Sakai
4. Rev. Grant	St. Jeans Seafood basket	Roy Sakata
5. Itoko Akune	Karinto	Bud Sakamoto
	Karinto	Maya Whittier
	Karinto	Marge Sakai
6. Itoko Akune	Rice sack apron	Flo Sameshima
7. Mike & Frances Nakanishi	Laura Secord basket	Kyuei Shimada
8. Misaye Hamaura	Nishiki rice	Kyuei Shimada
9. Jeanne Ryan	Nishiki rice	Maya Kurita
10. Mrs. Matsumura	Christmas cactus	Itoko Akune
11. Bud Sakamoto	Poinsettia	Maya Whittier
12. Kiyu Domai	Bailey's, Belgium chocolates	Kyoko Niwatsukino
13. Kuni Ikuta	Godiva mugs, hot chocolate	Itoko Akune
14. Maya Whittier	Surprise box	Kuni Ikuta
15. Shoji Whittier	Teddy Bear	Genevieve Iwata
16. Grace Nishimura	Surprise box	Marge Sakai
17. Kaoru Konda	Mystery bag	Ted Hirose
	Mystery bag	Kyoko Niwatsukino
	Mystery bag	Genevieve Iwata
	Mystery bag	Alice Kokubo
	Mystery bag	Flo Sameshima
	Mystery bag	Kyoko Niwatsukino
18. Jack Kawabata	Bay gift	Mickey Ikuta
19. Victor Kawabata	Bay \$50 gift certificate	Yoshie Kurita
20. Steveston Seafood House	\$200 gift certificate	Kyuei Shimada
21. Candy Dish	Gift certificate	

New Year's Message

Of those who encounter the power of the Primal Vow,
 Not one passes by in vain;
 They are filled with the treasure ocean of virtues,
 The defiled waters of their blind passions
 not separated from it.
 (From Shinran Shonin's Hymns on the Seven Patriarchs)



As we welcome in year 2017, it is hard to believe that it has been over eight years since my family and I moved to Steveston. Looking back over those years, I realize I have written and delivered quite a number of Dharma Talks. Although it is a challenge to come up with new talks every week, it is because of the listeners that I have been given the chance to talk about the Dharma. I am truly grateful for such encounters because through it, I have received the great Compassion of Amida Buddha.

To begin the year, I would like to reflect on why we are drawn to the temple. It has been over a hundred and ten years since Rev. Senju Sasaki arrived in Canada as the first Kaikyoshi. Here in Steveston, the first temple was established in 1928. Despite the hardship they endured during and after WWII, our Japanese Canadian pioneers rallied together to create our temple, finally settling here at our present location in 1963. It is truly a legacy, for which we must both be proud and grateful. Yet at the same time, if we are to pass on this legacy to our children and their children, we must consider how we are going to propagate Jodo Shinshu Buddhism into the twenty-first century.

Looking into the future, our temple is about to embark on the building of the new Senior Living Facility in the back of the temple. This is the single most ambitious project the temple will be undertaking since its opening here on Garry St. Through the building of the facility we are hoping to provide affordable housing for our aging members as well as for the general public. We are also hoping that the facility will allow members to participate more with temple activities as those who live in the residence will have easy access to our temple. If everything goes as scheduled, we are looking at having the new facility opened by 2019. During the next 2 years there may be some disruption to the regular services that we have been providing and we ask for your cooperation and understanding as we believe this project will be key to ensuring the long term sustainability of our temple within our community.

As we begin the new year may I wish all of you a peaceful year and ask you for your continued support and participation of the many temple activities.

In Gassho,
 Rev. Grant Ikuta

Upcoming Lectures

Rev. Ikuta will begin his winter lecture series on Tuesday evenings in February. This will be an introductory lecture on general Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. At the Bonenkai last year, there was a request from a couple of new members enquiring about a lecture on the basics of Buddhism.

Lectures will be on Tuesdays (Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28) starting at 7:30 pm. This is your chance to learn about the basic teachings and etiquette of our temple. Hope you will be able to join us.

Hoonko 2017



How joyous I am, my heart and mind being
 rooted in the Buddha-ground if the
 Universal Vow, and my thoughts and
 feelings flowing in within the dharmaa-
 ocean, which is beyond comprehension
 (From Shinran Shonin's The True
 Teaching, Practice and Realization of
 Pure Land Way)

It is said that Shinran Shonin passed away on January 16, 1273 at the age of 91. Thus every year, usually on the third Sunday in January we conduct our Hoonko Service, a memorial for him. This year, the Hoonko weekend will be observed on January 21st and 22nd. We will be holding a potluck dinner on Saturday, January 21st (5:30 pm) followed by the Hoonko Eve Otaiya Service (7:00 pm). The Hoonko Service will be observed on Sunday, January 22nd (10:30 am). Hoonko is recognized as the most important service in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism as we remember the life and times of Shinran Shonin.

Shinran Shonin was born in 1172 in the south east corner of Kyoto. Due to various causes and circumstances, Shinran was said to enter the monastery at a very young age of 9 years old and spent 20 years as a monk, practicing Tendai Buddhism on Mt. Hiei, located north east of Kyoto. Despite the fact that those around him saw him as an accomplished Tendai monk, the harder he practiced, the more he realized that he was unable to find true freedom through the practices he was following. At the age of 29 Shinran could not see any future continuing on as a monk and he took the heavy decision of leaving the confines of Mount Hiei in search of another path. It was at this time that Shinran encountered his great teacher in life, Honen Shonin. It is through his meeting with Honen, that Shinran was awakened to the true working of the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, and he made the decision to follow the single path of the Nembutsu teaching (receiving and reciting the Name of Amida Buddha). For the rest of his life, Shinran would follow the Nembutsu path and share with others the teachings of Amida Buddha.

Hoonko provides us with an opportunity to rekindle our appreciation to a truly inspirational individual who led his life according to the Nembutsu teachings and forged a path for all of us to encounter the working of Amida Buddha. As Shinran has mentioned in the opening passage quoted from his Hymns on the Seven Patriarchs, 'Those who encounter the power of the Primal Vow, not one passes in vain'.



In observing the Hoonko service, let us receive this wonderful opportunity to truly listen to the wisdom of Amida Buddha. Our guest minister for this year's Hoonko service will be Rev. Orai Fujikawa, our former Bishop of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and most recently the resident minister of the Salinas Buddhist Temple in California. Fujikawa Sensei recently retired from active duty and has returned to live in Vancouver, together with his wife, Minako-san. Please come and welcome them back to Canada and to our temple.

Even in such a hectic world, peace and harmony can be found by awakening to the tranquility within.
 Namo Amida Butsu.



President's Message

At the beginning of a new year it is an opportunity to focus on renewal and personal well-being.

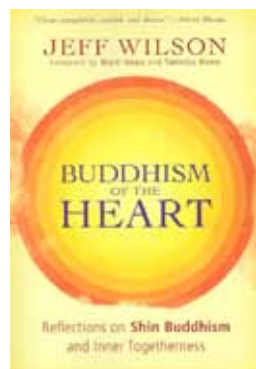
To all the members of the temple and their family and friends, I wish you all a happy new year and joy for all of 2017.

In gassho,

Bud Sakamoto, President, Steveston Buddhist Temple

Living Dharma Centre Virtual Book Club

"Buddhism of the heart: reflections on Shin Buddhism and inner togetherness" by Jeff Wilson will be the next book to be read. Reading will begin the last week of January. Jeff Wilson was a guest minister at our temple's Hoonko service several years ago. He was an excellent speaker.



The book is available from Wisdom Publications, Chapters-Indigo, Amazon and from some temple bookstores.

If you are new to the club and would like to sign up, please send your request to: bemaccarl@gmail.com with a copy to: dorothy.gliotti@gmail.com

FUJINKAI NEWS



Soft Goods Drive for 2016 has concluded with pickup of bags and boxes of donated clothes and household items on Friday, December 9. On Thursday, Mary Hirose, Hiroko Kawamoto, Elaine Tsumura and Hiroko Yoshihara got the bags down from the upper

storage in the gym and retrieved boxes stashed away in various areas of the temple. A lot of counting and recounting was done to ensure that we had over 151 bags. On Friday, Mike Nakanishi and Koji Domai assisted the Developmental Disabilities Association driver in loading up the truck. The driver gave us the final count of 160 bags.

We should be receiving a cheque soon. Thank you to everyone for all your contributions.

Participation in the temple clean up could have been improved as only 28 individuals showed up. With several of the Fujinkai toban occupied with the lunch preparation, there probably was only 24 doing the clean up. As a result, it was not possible to thoroughly clean the kitchen at this time, although the cupboard doors were wiped, floor mopped and one drawer tidied up.

Annual General Meeting, Sunday, January 29 at 11:30 am. This is open to all Fujinkai members and not restricted to members of the three toban. Please come to contribute your thoughts and take part in the decision making. As lunch will be served, please RSVP to Chizuru Nakatsu whose phone number is on page 1 of this newsletter or Marge Sakai or Itoko Akune.

As the old year closes and the new year begins, we will continue to be grateful for your support and optimism.

Tired of Wednesday TV shows? Losing too much at the casinos?

Take a break and volunteer at the Steveston Buddhist Temple Wednesday Bingo night and help raise much needed funds.

Experience not necessary!
Intangible benefits guaranteed!



Phone 604 277-2323 and leave your name and number with our secretary or come out Wednesday evening and just hang out.

Victoria Dojo

The Victoria Dojo, a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Mission, met for the first time on Saturday, December 3rd. The attendance was minimal but those attending were extremely enthusiastic and supportive of the concept of spreading the Buddha Dharma to the people of Victoria and the surrounding area. The title of Dojo was chosen as it aptly represents the place where Dharma followers and friends can, collectively, create a path wherein the Buddha Nature in each and every one can be realized. Dojo is defined as "a place where the Buddhist way is practiced."

If you know of Dharma followers and friends in the Victoria area, encourage them to attend. And, if you're interested, why not join us at the Church of Truth, an idyllic setting for such a gathering, on Saturday, January 14, 2017? For more information give Roy Akune, organizer, a call at akune@telus.net or 604 244 7710.

Lost and Found : Photo Album

During the SBT's annual year end clean up, a photo album was found in the classroom.

There are no labels or notes in the album identifying the owner. The photos are from the period 1942 to about 1946. Some contain the names of people and places which may be helpful in getting the album back to its owner: Picture Butte Alberta, beet farm 1942, David Pinson, Eddie and Keith, Shiz Abe, picnic at Iron Spring, Fujino family in New Denver 1943, J. Tamagi of Coaldale, Sue Kanai 1945, Shizue Hatanaka 1945, Rev. Higashi, Shig Urano 1945.

We want to return the album to the owner, if possible, before we pass it on a museum or an archive. If this belongs to you or if you can help identify the owner or people please let the office know.

Thank you for your help.



OBITUARY



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

Sayo 'Sally' Hama	December 15, 2016	96 years old
Shirley Morishita	December 15, 2016	98 years old

DHARMA LIGHT

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations:

General Donation: Akizuki Kinuyo, Chow Suezone & Nobu, Harada Jack, Ikuta Makoto, Ikuta Teruko, Kokubo Eiko, Matsumura Laverne, Miyazaki Susie, Murao Toshio, Nishimura Grace, Niwatsukino Betty, Osaka Kikue, Sakai Michael, Sakai Mitsuka, Shikaze Naomi, Tasaka Don, Teraguchi Nami, Yamamoto Kiyomi, Yoshida Misuye, Yesaki Mitsuo, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple, Canadian Gateball Federation, Anonymous (\$1,931)

December Shotsuki: Akune Roy & Itoko, Doi Peter, Esson Karen, Gallop F., Hamade Lorne & Naomi, Hamanishi Yoshio & Betty, Hamaura Bob & Misaye, Hamaura Masako, Higo K., Hori Gail, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kamimura Shig & Yukie, Kanno Fumio, Kariya Florence, Kimura Sueko, Kobayashi Miyako, Kokubo Alice, Kondo Tamotsu & Chieko, Koyanagi Jean, Koyanagi Susie, McLean Jenny, Mitsuisi Reiko, Morishita Michiyo, Mukai Dianne, Mukai Don, Mukai Tom, Nakano Alison, Nakano Yasuo & Minako, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Isao & Kayoko, Nishikihama T., Niwatsukino Betty, Niwatsukino Kyoko, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Osaka Kikue, Sakai Mitsuka, Sakai Ross, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakai Terry & Marge, Sakai Tomiko, Sakata Hozumi, Sakata M.K., Sakata S., Sakiyama N.L., Sameshima Hisako, Sameshima Yoshiko, Suzuki K.K., Tabata Tosh, Takahashi Dave & Kei, Takasaki Ted, Tsumura Tuck & Elaine, Tomihiro Doc & Kazy, Yamamoto Kiyomi, Yamanaka Keiko, Yamanaka S., Yamashita Setsuko, Yesaki Mitsuo, Yokota Amy, Yokota Carl (\$1480)

Dharma Offertories: Akune Roy & Itoko, Harada Jack, Ikuta June, Ikuta Makoto, Ikuta Teruko, Morishita Elmer, Nakatsuru Sherry, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakamoto Bud, Watanabe Keiko, Yamamoto Kiyomi, Yoshihara Hiroko (\$200)

Eitaikyo Donation: Hori Haruye, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kariya Kimiko, Kishi Setsuko, Kobayashi Miyako, Kokubo Alice, Kokubo Eiko, Kondo Kaoru, Koyanagi Susie, Maede Toyoko, Mori Kahoru, Mori Koji & Judith, Murao Toshio, Nishi Isao & Kayoko, Nishi Kazumi, Nitta Ayako, Niwatsukino Betty, Ohara Nobuye, Sakamoto Umeno, Sameshima Yoshiko, Shiozaki Masako, Takasaki S., Tanaka Emiko, Tomihiro Doc & Kazy, Toyoda Miyuki, Yoshihara Hiroko (\$430)

Eshinni-ko Donation (listed according to Fujinkai): Sakamoto Bud, Kawabata M., Nakata Masayo, Kawabata Jack, Niguma Kazuko, Ikuta Noriko, Tabata Tosh & Miyeko, Nakatsu Chizuru, Yoshihara Hiroko, Chan Rob & Elsie, Sameshima Ray & Famie, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Takasaki Mayumi, Mukai Sadao & Shioko, Ikuta Makoto, Kokubo Alice, Tasaka Rick, Harada Jack, Ikuta Teruko, Hirano Masami, Murao M., Koyanagi Jean Niwatsukino Betty, Tomihiro Kazuko, Koyanagi Susie, Yamshita Setsuko, Sameshima Yoshiko, Sakai Tomiko, Sakai Mitsuka, Mukai Akiko, Sakai Kay, Hamanishi Keiko, Akune Itoko, Nishi Shizuko, Toyoda Miyuki, Osaka Kikue, Kawamoto Hiroko, Narukami Chiyo, Tabata Sumiko, Kariya Florence, Morizawa Chiyoko, Hamanishi Yoshio & Betty, Morishita Michiyo, Sakai Terry & Marge, Kobayashi Miyako, Kurita Yoshie, Yamamoto Kayoko, Akizuki Eiko, Sakamoto U., Maede Toyoko, Kishi Setsuko, Nishi Kayoko, Nakano Yasuo & Minako, Nitta A., Okabe Mary, Ikuta June, Kamimura Shig & Yukie, Whittier Maya, Kondo Kaoru, Tasaka Teruko, Tasaka Chic, Iwata Genevieve, Tabata Kiyoko & Hajime, Morizawa Sazare, Murao Kimiyo, Hamaura Masako, Kokubo Eiko, Niwatsukino Kyoko, Hamaura Misaye, Oye Hanako, Kariya Kimiko, Nishi Chizuko, Ryan Jeanne, Nishikihama Teruko, Tanaka Kiyoko (\$1585)

JSBTC Donation: Whittier Maya

Jodoe: Akune Roy & Itoko, Banno Martha, Domai Kiyo, Hamaura Masako, Hirose Ted & Mary, Ikuta Makoto, Ikuta Teruko, Iwata Genevieve, Kakehi Tomoko, Kariya Kimiko, Kawamoto Mary, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kishi Setsuko, Kobayashi Miyako, Kokubo Alice, Kondo Kaoru, Koyanagi Susie, Kurita Yoshie, Maede Toyoko, Matsuno Seishi & Kisako, Maruno Maya, Mori Kahoru, Mori Koji & Judith, Morizawa Sazare, Mukai Akiko, Murao Toshio, Natatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Nishi Isao & Kayoko, Nishi Kazumi, Nishimura Grace, Nitta Ayako, Ohara Nobuye, Osaka Kikue, Sameshima Yoshiko, Sakai Mitsuka, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakai Terry & Marge, Sakamoto Bud, Sakamoto Umeno, Sakata Hozumi, Shiozaki Masako, Takasaki S., Tanaka Emiko, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tomihiro Doc & Kazy, Toyoda Miyuki, Whittier Maya, Yoshihara Hiroko (\$1,105)

Nehan-e: Harada Jack, Ikuta Mickey (\$140)

In memory of the late:

Mrs. Sally Hama: Kariya Kimiko, Macdonald G.E., Okabe Mary, Oye Hanako, Sakiyama N., Tipple Pat

Mr. & Mrs. K. Kamimura: Kamimura Sada & Mitsuo

Mr. Kevin Morishita: Morishita Lori, Morishita Elmer

Mrs. Shirley Morishita: Morishita Elmer, Ikuta Makoto, Kariya Kimiko, King Hiroko, Kuramoto Martin, Nakagawa Rury & Daniel, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nishi Robert, Royce & Skyler, Nitta Ayako, Nishi Kazumi & Chizuko, Nogami Hiroshi, Okabe Mary, Oshiro P. & M., Oye Hanako, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakiyama N., Toyoda C., Toyoda Miyuki, Yamamoto Kayoko

Mr. Jerry Toyoda: Stevens Annette

Nakatsu ancestors: Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru family

Morizawa ancestors: Morizawa Sazare & family

Mr. Mitsuo Kawashima: Kawashima Mitsuko

Mr. Mitsuhiko Yamanaka: Yamanaka Keiko, Takiya Yoshitaka & Midori & family, Sakai Richard & Yoshie & family, Akizuki Eiko, Akizuki Kimiyo, Hamaura Masako, Kariya Kimiko, Kondo Kaoru, Mori Kahoru, Nishi Kazumi & Chizuko, Nitta Ayako, Niwatsukino Kyoko, Ohara Nobuye, Okabe Mary, Yamamoto Kayoko

Mr. Seishi & Mrs. Sadako Mukai: Nimi Peter & Aster

50th year memorial of the late Mr. Tokichi Niwatsukino: Niwatsukino Betty

1st year memorial of the late Mr. Herby Koyanagi: Koyanagi Jean, Neely Christine & Dave, Hamada Rosie

On the occasion of Father Yuichi Akune's Induction to the Richmond Hall of Fame: Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Robert & Molly, Hamaura Bob & Misaye, Araki Merv & Daisy, Akune Ted & Rose (\$3,235)

Bonenkai Donations: Chow Suezone & Nobu, Kariya Kim, Kurita Yoshie, Mitsuisi Reiko, Morishita Elmer, Nakatsuru Sherry, Nishi Kayoko, Oye Hanako, Sameshima Hisako, Stevens Annette, Shoji Chika (700)

Membership 2016: Andrews Harrison, Hoshi Tsutomu & Shigeko, Kikuchi Masae, Murakami Susan, Nakatani Michiko, Nakatsuru Sherry, Sakata Roy, Sakai Mark, Yukawa Joe & Sally

*All donations after Dec. 28th will be announced in the next newsletter.

*All donations received after Dec. 28th will not be included in the 2016 income tax receipts.

Your Donations are needed and appreciated!

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks everyone for their donations.

Donations are the single largest source of income for the temple, so we thank your contribution.



Moe No Kai Go Keiko

Happy New Year !! I hope you all had a wonderful time with your friends and family.

Due to cold and bad weather, Moe No Kai was cancelled in December. The first Moe No Kai of the year will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19th at 10am. Stay healthy and see you soon.

2017年を迎える



浄土真宗の宗教的体験は「信心」にあります。英語では「信心」は「大信心（阿弥陀様の信心）に目覚める」と訳されています。つまり、浄土真宗の最終目標は悟りを開くことですが、この世での命の意味は大信心に目覚めることである。（辻顕隆先生の『仏法の心』より）

2016年の幕が閉じ、2017年を迎えます。皆様明けましておめでとうございます。

昨年もメンバーの皆様の支えとご協力によって大変充実した年になり、皆様にお礼を申し上げます。今年もどうぞよろしく願います。

さて、新年を迎える今年には新しいシニアセンターの建設が始まる予定であり、当仏教会にとっては大変希望に満ちた一年になりそうです。

しかし、私達が今年行われる数々の行事に期待し胸を膨らませながらも、地球上に年々増えつつある災難や多くの争いに目をそむける事は出来ません。一つ一つの命は共に支えあって存在するものであり、仏教徒として苦しむものに私達が今出来る事は何か、自分に問い掛けてみなければいけません。

カナダ出身で偉大なる開教使であった辻顕隆先生の本から引用された文に「この世での命の意味は大信心に目覚めることである」と述べられています。ここで辻先生が言う「信心に目覚める事」は阿弥陀様の大慈悲心に目覚める事であり、それは阿弥陀様のお念仏のはたらきをいただいた時のことでもあります。

お念仏をいただいた喜びを分かち合う事が浄土真宗の仏教徒として唯一出来ることではないかと思えます。人々の希望や阿弥陀如来の念仏の呼び声に応え、仏恩報謝の気持ちを忘れず、今年も皆様にとって良い年であることを心より念じます。南無阿弥陀仏

合掌
駐在開教使
生田真見

年頭の辞



新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

本願寺では、昨年10月1日より本年5月31日まで10期80日にわたって伝灯奉告法要をお勤めしています。海外からの皆さまも含め、たいへん多くの方々にご参拝・

ご協力いただき、法要をお勤めできていますことは、まことに有難く、感謝申し上げます。

皆さまとともに伝灯奉告法要をお勤めして、浄土真宗のみ教えが800年近くの時を経て私たちに伝えられ、また、日本だけでなく世界各地に伝わっていることを改めて実感しています。それぞれの時代の中にあつて、浄土真宗のみ教えが一人一人の方の生きていく依りどころ、支えであったから、今日まで絶えることなく受け継がれてきたと思います。

親鸞聖人は、さまざまな出来事に悩み苦しむ私たちのために、浄土真宗のみ教えをお示しく下さいました。本年も浄土真宗のみ教えを聞き、ご家族の方などご縁のある皆様にお伝えいただき、南無阿弥陀仏とお念仏申す日々をともに過ごさせていただきましょう。

2017年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光淳



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ビクトリア道場

浄土真宗ミッションのビクトリア道場は12月3日（土）に初めて開かれました。参加者は少人数でしたが、参加した人たちは仏法をビクトリアとその近郊の人たちに広めることに非常に熱心でした。名称に「道場」を選んだのは、それぞれの個人の内面にある仏性をはっきりと理解する事が出来るように、仏法に帰依する人もそうでない人も皆でその道筋をつける場所と言う事を表現しているからです。「道場」とは「仏法を実践する場」という意味です。

もしビクトリアあたりで仏法に帰依する人や友達がいらしたら参加するようにお勧めください。そして、もしあなたも興味がおありでしたら田園の中にあるChurch of Truthに2017年1月14日（土）参加しませんか。詳細はオーガナイザーの阿久根ロイ氏にメールかお電話をしてください（akune@telus.net or 604 244 7710）。

燃えの会一郷

恵子

明けましておめでとうございます。良い年をお迎えできましたでしょうか。

さて、12月の萌の会は悪天候のため急遽キャンセルになりました。2017年度最初の

萌の会は1月19日（木）午前10時に行われます。どうぞ、体調など崩さずまた近いうちお会いしましょう。

年頭の挨拶



明けましておめでとうございます。新年にあたりメンバーならびにご家族皆様のお幸せを念じます。平和と幸せに満ちた良い2017年をお迎ください。

合掌
坂本バッド、
スティーブストーン仏教会会長

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。

浜 小夜 サリー 様	2016年12月15日寂	96歳
森下 シャーリー 様	2016年12月15日寂	98歳



婦人会からのお知らせ

原ヒロコ

2016年の柔らかい素材グッズ回収は12月9日(金)に服や家庭用品等の寄付された物を取りに来てもらった事により終了しました。前日の木曜日にヒロセ・メリーさん、カワモト・ヒロコさん、ツムラ・イレインさん、吉原ヒロコがジムの上の倉庫

にあった多くのバッグを下ろし、お寺のあちこちにしまっていた箱を出してきました。151以上のバッグがあるかどうか何度も数えました。金曜日にはナカニシ・マイクさんと堂前コージさんが発達障害協会の運転手がトラックに積むのを手伝いました。運転手が最終的に160バッグがあったことを確認しました。小切手が近いうちに届くと思います。寄付して下さった皆様、どうもありがとうございました。

お寺の大掃除はたった28人しか来ず、もっと多くの参加者が必要でした。婦人会当番の人も何人がランチの準備に回ったので多分24人だけが掃除をしたと思います。その結果今回はキッチンを中心にきれいにすることはできませんでしたが、戸棚のドアは全て拭き、床にモップをかけ、引き出しも一つ整理しました。

年次総会は1月29日(日)の11:30からです。これは当番の3つのグループだけでなく婦人会会員すべての皆様の会合です。皆様のアイデアを出し合って婦人会の将来を作るため是非参加して下さい。ランチを出しますので、ナカツ・チズルさん(電話番号はこのニュースレターの1ページ目にあります)、酒井マージさんまたは阿久根イト子さんにご連絡ください。

年末年始に当たり、皆様のご支援と前向きな姿勢に感謝します。

遺失物：アルバム

お寺の大掃除の時に教室でアルバムが見つかりました。アルバムには持ち主を示す何のラベルも記述もありません。写真は1942年から1946年位の物です。いくつかは人や場所の名前があり、持ち主に戻す手掛かりになるかもしれません。ピクチャー・ビュート・アルバータ、ビートファーム1942、デービッド・ピンソン、エディーとキース、シズ・アベ、アイロン・スプリングでのピクニック、ニュー・デンバー1943でのフジノ一家、コールドールのJ.タマガ、スー・カナイ1945、シズエ・ハタナカ1945、ヒガシ開教使、シグ・ウラノ1945。

博物館か古文書館に渡す前に、できるなら持ち主にこれをお返ししたいと思います。もしあなたが持ち主なら、または持ち主を知っていらっしゃるならお寺の事務所(604-277-2323)にお知らせください。ご協力ありがとうございます。

報恩講2017

1月21日~22日に報恩講週末を行われます。今回の報恩講の御講師は元力ナグ教団総長で最後はサリナス仏教会で開教使を勤めてこられた不二川往来先生です。先生は去年の夏に引退し現在は奥様のミナコ様と一緒にバンクーバーで引退生活を楽しまれています。



1月21日(土) 午後5時半 御講師の不二川先生ご夫妻
午後7時 と一緒に報恩講ポットラック食事会
報恩講お逮夜法要

1月22日(日) 午前10時 日曜学校お参り
午前10時半 報恩講法要
正午 報恩講お斎(昼食)

JANUARY 2017 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Akune, Nariyoshi	Inouye, Ray	Morimoto, Nobuko	Oye, Koyo	Tanaka, Hitoshi
Arima, Janet Setsuko	Inouye, Tomi	Morishita, Hirako	Ono, Harue	Tanaka, Yoneharu
Asari, Kikue	Ishida, Chotaro	Murakami, Atsushi	Otabe, Tsuyoshi	Tani, Ichino
Domae, Hisajiro	Iwata, Hisaye	Mukai, Sadako	Sakamoto, Mamoru	Tarumoto, Hamasaburo
Domai, Nobuo	Kawase, Tadayoshi	Murao, Kenji	Sakiyama, Kumataro	Teraguchi, Mosaburo
Hamada, Reiji	Kimura, Hisashi	Nakata, Makio	Sakiyama, Mume	Uyeyama, Soichi
Hamade, Tsutomu	Kitamura, Michiko	Nakamura, Fujie	Sameshima, Toshiharu	Uyeyama, Yoshie
Hamade, Unosuke	Kobayashi, Noriyo	Nevins Tabata, Seiji Marcus	Sameshima, Toshiyuki	Yamada, Akio
Hamaguchi, Choichiro	Kojima, Tamino	Nishi, Minoru	Sano, Shizuko	Yamamoto, Kazumi
Harada, Akiko	Koyanagi, Mitsuo	Nishi, Toyo	Sato, Keizo	Yamashita, Teruo
Harada, Eikichi	Kuramoto, Kunji	Nishii, Noboru	Shimizu, Tamotsu	Yesaki, Masami
Hayashi, Mitsue	Kuramoto, Miyako	Niwatsukino, Hiroshi	Shiyoji, Mieko	
Hirose, Asako	Matsubara, Chiyoko	Nomura, Sakie	Takasaki, Hisako	
Hirota, Naokichi	Matsuo, Shizue	Oye, Kazue	Takeuchi, Shigeyoshi	

FEBRUARY 2017 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Akizuki, Osamu	Kawabata, Hiroshi	Murao, Toshimi	Ohara, Takashi	Tamaki, Tsurue
Akune, Shizuko	Kawabata, Yonekichi	Nakano, Yasuno	Ohara, Yoichi	Tanaka, Yonekichi
Beresford, June	Kimura, Shinkichi	Nakata, Kiku	Okano, Haruo	Tasaka, Jennifer
Domae, Iwao	Kishi, Yoichi	Nishi, Hideko	Oyama, Fujiyo	Tasaka, Kuniko
Harada, Satoru	Kokubo, Hideo	Nishi, Masahiko	Ozeki, Tomi	Tasaka, Yukio
Haya, Nobby	Maeda, Sachiko	Nishi, Senkichi	Saito, Toshimi	Toyoda, Yoshinobu
Higo, Miteru	Maruyama, Takao	Nishi, Kunio	Sakai, Hayao	Tsumura, Yasue
Hori, Tome	Miyazaki, Kiyoko	Nishihama, Yoshiko	Sakamoto, Nancy Natsue	Uchida, Shiro
Ikari, Rokumatsu	Miyazaki, Takeo	Nishii, Iyo	Shinde, Kumiko	Wakita, Saijiro
Kariya, Iwao	Mori, Rihe	Nishii, Larry	Suzuki, Masao	Yasui, Tsuyu
Kariya, Yasushi George	Morishita, Kimiyo	Nomura, Junichi	Takasaki, Yukihiko	Yasui, Ukiyoshi
Kariya, Yone	Morizawa, Shigeo	Nomura, Tsutaye	Takashita, Nobuo	
Kariya, Yukio	Murakami, Fumie	Ogawa, Etsuko	Tamaki, Sunao	

Bonenkai 2016

Despite heavy snow from the morning, the 2016 Bonenkai was well attended by over 90 people and all enjoyed a wonderful Prime Rib lunch and fun entertainment afterwards.

Thank you to all the members who came out for the event and thank you to the many volunteers who helped make the event a rousing success.





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2017				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:30 am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service	5:30 Hatha Yoga 7:30 Board Meeting		6:30 pm Bingo	5:30 Hatha Yoga 7:30 pm Meditation	11:00 am Triple Sutra Chanting	9:30 Chair Yoga
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30 am Regular Service	5:30 Hatha Yoga		10:00 Nikkei Home Service 6:30 pm Bingo	5:30 Hatha Yoga 7:30 pm Meditation	11:00 am Triple Sutra Chanting	9:30 Chair Yoga 5:30 Hoonko Potluck 7:00 Special Service
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:00 am Dharma School Service 10:30 Hoonko Service & Luncheon	5:30 Hatha Yoga		6:30 pm Bingo	5:30 Hatha Yoga 7:30 pm Meditation	11:00 am Triple Sutra Chanting	9:30 Chair Yoga
29	30	31	Feb 1st	2	3	4
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