



# 法のともしび LIGHT OF THE DHARMA

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

We are slowly starting to re-open the temple. Max 30 people allowed in person. Please see inside for details!

### 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 August 1st  
10am Shotsuki Service  
11:30am Japanese Service

August 23rd to Sept 6th  
Rev. Ikuta on Summer Holidays

Sunday Sept 12th  
10am Shotsuki Service  
11:30am Japanese Service  
Monday September 13  
7pm SBT Board Meeting  
Sunday September 19th  
Kid's Sangha Pancake Breakfast  
10am Fall Higan Service  
11:30am Japanese Service

**Your Donations are needed and appreciated!**

**Donations are the single largest source of income for the temple. Although there are no scheduled events, expenses do not stop. We want to be able to restart programs as soon as possible, so we thank you in advance for your contribution.**

**FUJINKAI  
TOBAN 2**

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604-204-0219

## Dharma Encounters in a Strange Time

Well, another Obon season has come and gone. For the second year in a row we ended up not holding the Bon Odori. We were really hoping to be able to hold it this year, however, the timing was still too soon after the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions to hold a large public event. That being said, we were able to hold the Obon Nokotsudo service on Saturday with people in attendance as well as a hybrid Hatsubon and Obon services on Sunday with both people in attendance at the temple as well as people joining in via the Zoom link. It felt so nice to have people sitting in the Hondo chanting together.

Thank you to our guest sensei, Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara from the Berkeley Buddhist Temple in California. Sensei joined us via the Zoom link for the Sunday services and gave thoughtful dharma messages in both Japanese and English. When he talked about his experience with his Obaachan, I'm sure many of us were thinking back on our own grandmothers. Thank you also to the senseis from across Canada who spent the time recording themselves so that we could put together a chanting video with all the senseis chanting together. Thank you to my daughter Erin, for editing and compiling the video. The Obon service was the first time that we tried our newly installed monitors in the Hondo and it was impressive to see and hear the chanting by the senseis on the two screens. Thank you to Keiko, Renako and the rest of the volunteers who helped sanitize the Hondo between the Hatsubon and Obon services. Thank you to both my uncle Kuni Ikuta for chairing the services on Sunday and to Genevieve Iwata for playing the organ. A special thank you to Hozzie Sakata for making the bases for the Hatsubon Lanterns. I had been making the lanterns in previous years, but Hozzi's craftsmanship far exceeds anything that I could do, and I am just sorry I didn't ask Hozzie to make them earlier.

Even though it was great to have the people coming to the temple, and nothing can replace the in person experience, I cannot say enough about the benefits that we have gained from the ongoing Zoom services. Thanks to modern technology, we have been able to connect with people from abroad. The Zoom technology has far exceeding anything that any of us could have imagined pre-pandemic days, but it can also cause some interesting challenges. Case in point, this past weekend I was involved with three services. The first was a memorial service for a very famous Jodo Shinshu scholar, Professor Hisao Inagaki. Through the numerous books which he had written, as well as through the many organizations that he was involved in, Inagaki sensei was one of the most influential scholars in helping spread the Jodo Shinshu teachings to the west. I was truly honored when the host invited me to join the service and to even give a short message representing Canada. Because the service was conducted using the Zoom platform, it was truly an international event with people joining from Europe, Asia, North and South America, and of course the hosting country of Japan. The service started at 3:00 pm on Saturday afternoon in Japan, which turned out to be 11:00 pm on Friday night here in BC. The whole service was done in three languages of Japanese, English and Chinese which added to the length of the service. By the time everything finished, it was getting on to 2:30 am our time. This would have been okay had I been able to sleep in on Saturday morning, but I had a full day of activities on Saturday, beginning with a rehearsal at 8:00 am for the Manitoba Buddhist Temple Obon Service which I was taking part in on Sunday. This was followed by a governance workshop between the temple and Wisteria Board, which took place all morning on Saturday. (continued on p.3)





## FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara

Summer is proceeding at a leisure pace for us with two very hot days being followed by cooler temperatures.

Fujinkai has had very little activities... actually none but as mentioned before, a garage sale on the temple parking lot will be held in late August/early September when construction has been completed.

### NEW MEMBERS

\* Welcome to the Steveston Buddhist Temple \*

Dean Hamaura  
Chiharu Yazawa

We are very happy that you have become a member of the Steveston Buddhist Temple and hope that you will be able to enjoy the variety of activities this temple offers.

## Expression of Interest in Dedicating a Tree or Park Bench

The Renovation Project for the Temple is progressing well Part of this process includes planting new trees and having park benches on our Temple grounds.

The Temple is reviewing the opportunity to honor our current and past members and their valued contributions to the Temple by naming them on the trees and park benches. We have named this project the Steveston Buddhist Temple Legacy Dedication Program ("Legacy Dedication Program").

Details are not finalized, however, our current thoughts are:

1. Plaques can be placed on park benches and large stones placed near trees. There may be multiple (up to 4) plaques placed on park benches at a family's discretion. All plaques for trees will be uniform and the same for the benches. The type and make up of plaques will be dependent on the risk of theft and vandalism.
2. We anticipate there will be 45 trees ( 12 existing trees and 33 new trees), and 10 to 14 benches.
3. Eligible participants are members and friends of the Temple who wish to honor a current or past member of the Temple.
4. Participants are required to pay for all direct and related costs of the plaques which are approximately \$ 300 per plaque.
5. If you wish to make a donation a suggested donation amount is \$ 500 per plaque. Tax receipts will be issued for the amount of the donation.
6. All donations from this project will go towards a fund named the "Steveston Buddhist Temple Legacy Fund". This Fund will be used to pay for any future projects related to the continuation of the honoring of those who have supported the Temple.

## Upcoming Schedule

August is generally a quiet down time at the temple and this year is no different. Shotsuki service will be held on August 1st with the English service starting at 10:00 am and the Japanese service from 11:30 am. Regular services will be held on August 8th, 15th and 22nd, but there will be no services on August 29th and September 5th as Rev. Ikuta will be on his summer holidays. During this period, if you need the services of a minister, please contact the temple office at (604) 277-2323 and arrangements will be made.

Temple activities will resume on September 12th with the Shotsuki Monthly Memorial service. Please note it is on the second Sunday as the 5th is Labour Day weekend and Sensei is still on holidays. On September 19th, we look forward to welcoming back our Kids' Sangha students to the temple as we will hold the annual Pancake breakfast to start off a new year of Kids' Sangha programming at the temple. September 19th will also be our fall Higan service. Please keep an eye out in the September newsletter for further details.

The Temple plans to hold a special ceremony on completion of this project to express our appreciation for the donors' participation.

If you are interested in this opportunity, we ask that you respond to the following:

1. Please specify as to whether you are interested in dedicating a tree or bench.
2. Please provide us with any questions or comments with respect to our tentative plans.
3. Please provide us with your name, address, phone number and email address.

If you are not interested but wish to make a comment, please do so.

All those who have expressed an interest in participating will be informed as to the progress of this project and will have priority in their choice of dedicating a tree or park bench.

These are our tentative thoughts and plans which are subject to change. Please forward your comments to:

Steveston Buddhist Temple  
Attention: Legacy Dedication Program  
4360 Garry Street, Richmond, B.C. V7E 2V2  
Phone 604 277 2323  
Email info@steveston-temple.ca

In Gassho,  
Legacy Dedication Program Committee Members:  
Bud Sakamoto, Ted Akune, Dr. Ken Miki, Rev. Grant Ikuta, Roy Akune, Kimiko Nomura Schwab, Alan Kaita, Frances Nakanishi, Michael Nakanishi

### Face Masks for \$10 each

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at 604.230.8787 (cell)

# DONATIONS

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations received after July 22, 2021 will be announced in the next newsletter. \*There has been some confusion regarding donations to the temple. Some people have been writing a single cheque with notation stating that the cheque is in memory of numerous individuals who are remembered at numerous Shotsuki Memorial Services. Please note that, in such a situation, it is very difficult for the office to keep track of and acknowledging the donations for the individuals in the newsletter corresponding with the Shotsuki month that they passed away in. Starting from now, any cheques with notations stating that it is in memory for numerous individuals, the names of the individuals will be acknowledged in the month that the cheque has been deposited. If you wish to have the donations acknowledged in the newsletter corresponding with the Shotsuki month, we ask that you to continue making donations during the actual Shotsuki memorial month of that individual.

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か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 (\$520):** Akune Ted & Rose, Bauer Josef, Nitta Michele, Oda Jennifer, Ohara Nobuye, Sakiyama Marilyn, Yamamoto Cathy

**Shotsuki Services (\$2150):**

July: Akune Aaron & Vicky, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Doi Peter & Louise, Esson Karen, Hamade Yoko, Hamaura Dean, Hamaura Misaye, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Hibi Mika, Hibi Carey, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Kariya Victor, Kakehi Tomoko, Kuramoto Ron, Mitsui C., Murao Dick & Debbie, Murao Ken & Janet, Murao Ray, Ikuta Kuni & June, Morimoto Cathy, Morimoto Mas, Murao Leanne, Murao Ryan, Nagatani Kayo, Nakano Alison, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Albert, Nishi Chizuko, Okabe Mary, Oshiro Pat & May, Challoner Bernice, Oye Hanako, Phillips Kim, Ryan Jeanne & Larry, Sakai Marge, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakamoto Bud, Sakiyama Butch, Sakiyama Nobby, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Tasaka Randy & Joyce, Teramura Ken & Pauline, Yamashita Setsuko, Yokota Yumi, Yoshida Dave & Arlene

**Funerals & Memorial Services (\$2460)**

In memory of the late:

**Mrs. Ujikiyo Kikuchi:** Ikuta Kuni & June

**Mr. Ted Hirose:** Kawabata Jack, Murao Mary, Sakamoto Bud, Tasaka Donald & Sharon, Tasaka Kaz & Chic

**Mr. Takemi Miyazaki:** Kawabata Jack, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi

**Mrs. Toki Okano:** Kariya Yoriko, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo

**Mrs. Jean Amadatsu:** Lum George & Hitomi, Tasaka Kaz & Chic

**Mr. Johnny & Mrs. Kay Toyoda:** Morishita Denis & Linda

**1st year memorial service of the late Mr. Kory Nagata:** Nagata Daryle

**1st year memorial service of the late Mr. Toshio Murao:** Murao Ray, Doi Peter, Doi Tara, Murao Dick, Murao Ken & Janet, Murao Leanne, Morishita Denis & Linda, Okano Nicole, Tasaka Randy & Joyce

**1st year memorial of the late Mrs. Osaka Kikue:** Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko

**2021/22 Membership paid:** Murao Mary, Nakata Andy, Phillips Kim, Sakamoto Bud

(SENSEI from p.1) In the afternoon, I was busy conducting the second of the three services I referred to earlier. It was a funeral service for a member in Toronto. Normally, the minister in Toronto would conduct such a service, but because of a long friendship between our family and the individual, she had made a specific request for myself to conduct her service.

Finally, on Sunday morning I joined the Manitoba Buddhist Temple Obon service as their guest minister. Over the course of just under two days, I participated in services in Japan, Manitoba, and Toronto. Yes, it was a truly hectic weekend, but I am glad I was able to participate in each of the services. It would have been physically impossible for me to join in even two of the services, let alone three.

As we move forward, perhaps out of the pandemic times and into a more normal way of life, I believe modern technology has the ability to complement the experience of attending the temple in person. That being said, we are looking forward to being able to return to more regular activities at the temple starting in September. I hope you have a relaxing August and enjoy the rest of the summer.

In Gassho,  
Grant Ikuta

## AUGUST 2021 MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Please bring your "Homyo".)

Arima, Kimiko	Kaita, Reiki	Nakade, Sode	Oura, Miyoko	Tasaka, Masashi	Yamamoto, Kiyomi Sue
Doi, Roy	Kato, Akiko	Nakatsu, Kannosuke	Oyama, Seiwa	Terai, Cheryl	Yamamoto, Mamoru
Hamade, Tomekichi	Katayama, Ishi	Nakanishi, Takaharu	Oye, Yazaemon	Teramura, Yoshio	Yamamoto, Sadako
Hamaura, Kazuo	Kimura, Kazuo	Narukami, Katsujiro	Ryomoto, Hisashi	Tomosada, Kikue	Yamamoto, Yasu
Harada, Eiichi	Kobayashi, Yoshiaki	Nishi, Fusae	Sakai, Kazuichi	Toyoda, Yoshiharu	Yoshida, Tsurue
Haya, Kumae	Koyanagi, George	Nishihama, Shigeharu	Sakai, Tsune	Tsumura, Isao	Yukawa, Masaru
Hayashi, Hirokichi	Kubota, Toshiko	Nishii, Kinue	Shiyoji, Yakichi	Wada, Chikae	
Hirose, Rosie	Maede, Yakichi	Nomura, Fuji	Tabata, Inao	Yamada, (Roy) Hideo	
Ikuta, Mino	Matsushita, June	Ogawa, Tokiko	Takeshita, Tamie	Yamamoto, Iwakazu	
Ishida, Ren	Mitsuishi, Teizo	Ohara, Chiyo	Tani, Kazuo	Yamamoto, Jukichi	
Iwata, Roy Motomaru	Mukai, Unosuke	Okabe, Satoru	Taniwa, Itsuko	Yamamoto, Kazuo	

## SEPTEMBER 2021 MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Please bring your "Homyo".)

Abe, Tomihiko	Hirose, Tashichi	Maede, Kichitaro	Nakatsuru, Gary	Ryomoto, Saburo	Teraguchi, Yurie
Amadatsu, Toshiyuki	Ikeda, Tadatoshi	Maekawa, Tokujiro	Mitsuru	Sakata, Yoshiaki	Teramura, Takashi
Grignon, Miyoko	Inoue, Masao	Matsuyama, Hideo	Nishi, Hideo	Sameshima, Fujie	Toyoda, (Infant)
Hamade, Kiyoko	Ito, Tome	Mizuyabu, Shigeharu	Nishi, Yukio	Shiyoji, Kenneth	Tsumura, Miyako
Hamaguchi, Hana	Kariatsumari, Akimi, Roy	Morishita, Hiroshi	Nishi, Mitsue	Tabata, Akio	Uyeyama, Minoru
Hamanishi, Riyo	Kariya, Sadao	Morizawa, Fusa	Nishikhama, Yoshiharu	Tabata, Hiroshi	Yamamoto, Masao
Hamanishi, Tae	Kawabata, Yoneji	Muramatsu, Marion, C.	Ogawa, Masao	Tamaki, Yoshio	Yamanaka, Yukio
Hamaura, Shigeru	Kimura, Kiyoko	Murao, Shizuye	Otabe, Junko	Tanaka, Sakiye	Yoshida, Fumiko
Hashimoto, Shizuo	Kishi, Seiji	Murao, Tokuchiro	Oye, Yaichi	Tani, Mary Yoshiko	Yoshida, Harue
Hikida, Ito	Kobayashi, Genshiro	Nariwa, Morio	Oye, Yakichi	Tanigami, Moriji	Yoshida, Sumie
Hirose, Tazo Tom	Kurahashi, Kenji	Nakano, Iwa	Ozeki, Yosuke	Tasaka, Mitsue	



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**MEMBERSHIP:** If you would like to become a member, please come to the office and complete the membership form.

Join the Sangha and spread the Dharma

### 「有難う。そしてすみません」



弥陀の名号称えつつ  
信心まことにうるひとは  
憶念の心つねにして  
佛恩報ずるおもひあり  
(浄土和讃より)

ようやくコロナウィルスパンデミックの緊急宣言が緩和されて、7月17日と18日にお盆行事が行われました。土曜の朝はお盆納骨堂のお参りに約30名が参られました。そして翌18日の日曜日には初盆法要とお盆法要を無事に勤めることが出来ました。本堂でお念仏の音が響き

元来の生活が取り戻せたと感じました。一つだけ残念だったことは今年も盆踊りが出来なかったことでした。来年までにはこのパンデミックの陰から抜け出して是非盆踊りも盛大に行なえたらいいなと願っています。



### お寺での行事

お寺では毎年8月は静な月であり、今年も変わりはありません。8月1日に祥月法要を勤めさせていただきます。そして、8日・15日・22日には常例法座が行われます(日本語礼拝は午前11時半からです)。8月23日から9月6日まで、生田先生は夏休みを取りますので、この期間にお参りを必要とされる方は事務所に連絡するようにお願い申し上げます。事務所の電話番号は：(604) 277-2323です。  
お寺の行事は9月12日より再開いたします。9月の祥月法要は12日に行われます。(9月5日はレーバーデー一週末なので祥月法要を一週間後に勤めさせていただきます。)  
皆さんと再会できる日を楽しみにしています。よろしくお願ひいたします。

話は変わりますが、以前本願寺出版の「大乘」という月刊誌に載っていた記事を紹介したと思います。「有難う」の言葉について書かれていた記事で、二人の高校生のある日の出来事が書かれていました。二人がA君の家で宿題を一緒にしていた時、A君のお母さんがお菓子をお菓子を部屋に運んでくれたそう。A君が「有難う。すみません。」と言ったそうです。母親が下に降りた後、友達のB君が「君の家では、親に礼を言うのか？」と聞いたらしいのです。そこでA君は「当たり前じゃないか。親にも、誰にでも、自分が世話を受けた時には礼を言うのは、当然なことである。」と答えたそうです。その一言で少年B君の生活態度が変わったと書かれていました。この記事には続きがありましたが、要はこの世の中では「有り難う。すみません。」という敬いの心得がだんだん薄れていることを嘆き、仏教の課題の一つとしてその心をもっと育てるようにと述べられていました。



# 法のともしび

最近のニュースを見ていると各国の自己主張の傾向が高まっているように思えます。自己満足ばかり求める世になると「陰様」とか「有難う」と言う考えがだんだんと失われていくように見えます。そして、このような世の中には、ますますお念仏のお導きが必要だと思います。お寺は私たちが法と一体になれる場所であり、来月からはよいよお寺の行事はフル回転し始める予定です。皆様もご一緒にお聴聞いたしましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏  
生田 真見

### 婦人会からのお知らせ

吉原ヒロコ



非常に暑い日が2日あった後、涼しい日が続いており、私たちはのんびりした夏を過ごしています。婦人会はほとんど何もませんでした。というより、何もありませんでした。でも、以前お知らせしましたように、ウイステリアプレースの建築が終わり次第、8月末か9月初めにお寺の駐車場でガレージセール行う予定です。