



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

August 23rd to Sept 6th
Rev. Ikuta on Summer Holidays
Saturday Sept 11
10am Kids Sangha (Virtual)
Sunday Sept 12th
10am Shotsuki Service
11:30am Japanese Service
Monday September 13
7pm SBT Board Meeting
September 18 & 19
BCJSBTF Convention
Sunday September 19th
10am Tsuito Hoyo Service
Sunday September 26th
10am Fall Higan Service
11:30am Japanese Service
Sunday October 3rd
10am Shotsuki 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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A Fresh Beginning

“Saved by the inconceivable working of Amida’s Vow, I shall realize birth in the Pure Land”: the moment you entrust yourself thus to the Vow, so that the mind set upon saying the nembutsu arises within you, you are immediately brought to share in the benefit of being grasped by Amida, never to be abandoned.

(From the Tannisho – A Record in Lament of divergences)



Here I sit in front of my computer, wondering what I should write about for the September newsletter. One of the challenges of writing a monthly article is how to start the actual article. As with many other things in life, the first step is always the hardest. “What can I write that will interest the readers?” Having been writing articles for almost 30 years, “what more can I write about?” “Are the readers actually reading my articles or are they going straight to the donation section to make sure their donations are being acknowledged?” These are some of the random thoughts that go through my mind as I sit in front of the computer facing a blank screen.

Struggling with the content of the newsletter article, I remembered the advice of one of my teachers from the past, “When in doubt, always go back to the teachings to gain inspiration.” Looking through The Collected Works of Shinran, I can’t help marvelling again at what a prolific writer Shinran Shonin was. For those who have read or at least skimmed through The Collected Works of Shinran you know what I am talking about. The English translation of Shinran Shonin’s writings is over 700 pages long, and what is more amazing is the vast majority of his writing was completed after he was over 60 years old. Why was it that Shinran began writing so much at such a late age? Perhaps one of the major reasons was because the older he got, the more he had to part with loved ones through their passing away; it is a fact of life, the older one gets, the more people they will have known who have passed away. Through his teacher Honen Shonin, Shinran encountered the Nembutsu teaching, which was a path of true liberation for all sentient beings. Through a sense of both indebtedness and joy Shinran Shonin wrote to help guide others who were also searching for a way out of the suffering of birth and death. In the opening quote for this article, Shinran points out that when we truly encounter the working of Amida Buddha and the thought arises within to recite the Nembutsu, we are grasped, never to be abandoned. This mindset is also known as “Anjin” or “Settled Mind”. It is the state of knowing that through the ups and downs of life there is a deep sense of awareness in being embraced by the oneness of the infinite life that we are a part of.

Over the course of the past year and a half, we have encountered great turmoil and uncertainty due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Through both in person and online services, the Nembutsu teaching has provided a sense of calmness and peace of mind. For those who may not have come by the temple lately, you will be truly surprised to see the changes that have taken place. First and foremost, you will notice the newly completed Wisteria Place built at the south end of our property, but you may be also surprised by the major makeover that our existing temple and temple grounds have undergone. One of the new feature pieces in the landscaping is a large boulder set in the front of our temple. For myself, the boulder represents the strength and sturdiness of the Nembutsu teaching acting like an anchor grounding us through the challenges of life.

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FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara

Our semi annual Fujinkai meeting will be held on Sunday, September 12 at 1 pm.

We will discuss our role in the multipurpose room kitchen at Wisteria Place and the equipment which may be stored there. After 18 months of little activity, it will be a pleasant change to see everyone again!

In late July four of us checked out the kitchen next to the Multipurpose room and were given a tour of the residences and courtyard on the second floor of Wisteria Place. The units are spacious, allowing ease of future wheelchair use.

During this time, many boxes of donations have arrived as members decluttered and downsized. A driveway garage sale was held on Saturday, July 31 and over \$200 was raised with help from Jeanne Ryan, Tomoko Kakehi and Mayumi Iwase. There are still lots of items left so if the weather holds out, we will hold a garage sale on the temple parking lot on Saturday, September 11 from 10 am to 1 pm.

If the day is rainy, we may be able to hold the sale in the temple lobby.

We will also start on slowly cleaning the temple kitchen by washing the contents of the cupboards and equipment. This will continue into September so will be contacting people for help.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to the newlywed couple of Christina Luo and Michael Campbell who exchanged their vows and became husband and wife on August 8th. Michael is the grandson of Miyuki Toyoda.

(SENSEI Cont): As we slowly move forward from the pandemic, I look forward to the time that we will all feel comfortable enough to come and experience encountering the Dharma in our beautifully renovated temple. In the meantime, please continue to join us in our hybrid services with both in person attendees as well as those joining online.

In Gassho,
Grant Ikuta

Letter to all BC Jodo Shinshu Temples

The BCJSBTF [the Federation] like so many, has been affected by the COVID - 19 Pandemic. All programs and activities have been cancelled in the last 18 months resulting in many challenges.

Here is a brief history of the BCJSBTF (BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation). The Federation had it's beginnings in 1954 when Sunday School Teacher's met in Kelowna to form a BC Sunday School Teacher's League. The Teacher's League subsequently held annual conventions, the first of which started in Vancouver in 1955. Kamloops, Kelowna, Fraser Valley, Steveston and Vancouver attended the first convention. The convention had a variety of speakers, programs and social events. These events proved to be very popular and continued for many conventions.

By the 1970's, the Temple membership demographics began to change as more parents became involved and the Women's Association started food preparations. The Teachers' League took a less active role and in 1977 the convention became known as the BC Buddhist Convention.

Temple memberships started to decline in the 90's and Kelowna Buddhist Temple ceased to be a member of the Federation in 2010. Despite this setback, some of the smaller Temples have become more active and conventions have been hosted by Kamloops, Fraser Valley and Vernon Buddhist Temples as well as Steveston and Vancouver.

In the last decade or so, the Federation has sponsored the following activities / programs:

- 1- Annual Convention and Lottery Fund held in September.
- 2- Manning Park Retreat organized by Vancouver Temple for the last 8-10 years.
- 3- Scholarship for Post Secondary students.
- 4- Vancouver Island Obon Tour.
- 5- Student Tour of Japan and Hongwanji.

Because of the Pandemic, the Federation suspended Temple fees to lessen financial hardship for Temples. As we resume programs and activities sponsored through the Federation, we are gratefully accepting Donations.

Donations by cheque: Payable To: Your Temple Memo line: BC Federation

Those who will be attending the 2021 Virtual Convention on September 18 and 19, 2021 may make a donation at that time.

In Gassho, Ted Akune

President,

BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation



COMING UP SOON

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic we will be continuing to limit the number of in person attendees at any given service to a maximum of 50 people. We will be following all of the social distancing protocols including the wearing of masks indoors as well as staying 2 metres apart.

We will continue to provide the online services via the Zoom platform and anyone who wishes to attend a service either in person or online, please contact Rev. Ikuta at rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca. The following are some of the major services in September.

September Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service

Due to the Labor Day Weekend and Rev. Ikuta's summer holidays, the Shotsuki monthly memorial service will not be held on the first weekend of September, but instead will be held on Sunday, September 12th starting at 10:00 am for the English service and 11:30 am for the Japanese service.

Kids' Sangha to be continued virtually

Although we were hoping to hold our first in person Kids' Sangha gathering in September, because of the ongoing pandemic. We feel that it is best for everyone if we held off restarting the Kids' Sangha until the Covid-19 transmission rate comes down from the present numbers. Our fall virtual Kids' Sangha will start on Saturday, September 11th at 10:00 am. Rev. Ikuta will be talking about Buddhist etiquette. To receive a Zoom invitation, please contact Rev. Ikuta.

BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation

Virtual Convention and AGM

(September 18 – 19)

This year's BC JSBTF Convention will be hosted by the Vancouver Buddhist Temple and will be conducted virtually on both days. On Saturday, the 18th, the Federation AGM will be held from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. This will be followed from 10:00 am to 11:30 am with a Dharma session by the guest minister, Rev. Henry Adams of the San Mateo Buddhist Temple. Adams Sensei is no stranger to the lower mainland temples as he has been a guest minister at both the Vancouver temple as well as here in Steveston on numerous occasions. Adams Sensei's talk is entitled, "Reopening our Hearts: Living with Peace of Mind in the Nembutsu."

On Sunday, September 19th, the Tsuito Hoyo Memorial Service for the Federation will be held virtually starting at 10:00 am. Please contact either Aoki Sensei at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple or Rev. Ikuta at rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca in order to receive the Zoom invitation link.

Fall Higan Equinox Service

Please note that we will be holding our Fall Higan Equinox service on Sunday, September 26th 2021, starting at 10:00 am. In the August issue of the Newsletter, we had the service listed to be held on the 19th, however, on the 19th the Vancouver Buddhist Temple will be hosting the Tsuito Hoyo Memorial service for the BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation so our Fall Higan service will be pushed back one week to the 26th. The Higan service is a time for us to listen to the Buddha Dharma as it is said that the Universe is in perfect balance during this time of the year.

SEPTEMBER 2021 MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Please bring your "Homyo".)

Abe, Tomihiko	Hirose, Tashichi	Maede, Kichitaro	Nakatsuru, Gary	Ryomoto, Saburo	Teraguchi, Yurie
Amadatsu, Toshiyuki	Ikeda, Tadatashi	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	Ueyama, Minoru
Hamanishi, Riyo	Kariya, Sadao	Morizawa, Fusa	Nishikama, 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	Nariyama, Morio	Oye, Yakichi	Tanigami, Moriji	Yoshida, Sumie
Hirose, Tazo Tom	Kurahashi, Kenji	Nakano, Iwa	Ozeki, Yosuke	Tasaka, Mitsue	

OCTOBER 2021 MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Please bring your "Homyo".)

Arakawa-Galli, Antonio	Inoue, Miyo	Kokubo, Nobu	Nakane, Risa	Niwatsukino, Shigeru	Shiyoji, Noboru
Asari, Some	Inouye, Yoshiko	Kondo, Toshio	Nakano, Kazuo	Nomura, Fuyumi	Suzuki, Aiko
Asari, Yoshio	Ikuta, Shinjo	Koyanagi, Shizu	Nakatani, Masue	Nomura, Masao	Takeuchi, Margaret
Ayukawa, Michiko	Ishida, Fumiko	Matsumura, Shizuko	Nakatsuka, Takasada	Omori, Aiko	Tanaka, Takao
Hall, Junko	Kakehi, Emiko	Matsumoto, Yoshiko	Natsuhara, Toyo	Onouye, Kazuko	Tanigami, Moriharu
Hamaguchi, Yoshiko	Kamachi, Shoji	Matsuo, Neil	Nakatsuru, Hideko	Ooka, Masahiro 'Tony'	Taniguchi, Yone
Hamanishi, Kiyoshi	Kamachi, Masao	Miyazaki, Takaaki	Nishi, Iyoko	Saeki, Takekichi	Tasaka, Hatsue
Hamanishi, Masayo	Karino, Yuriko	Mizuguchi, Tadashi	Nishi, Riseko Rosie	Sakai, Lillian	Teranishi, Shigeko
Hikida, Akira	Kariya, Masue	Mizuguchi, Yukio	Nishi, Tsunezo	Sakai, Sumi	Yamamoto, Aiko
Hori, Masae	Kariya, Tsuruko	Mori, Isamu	Nishii, Yoshinosuke	Sameshima, Eizo	Yamamoto, Yone
Imai, Fusao	Kimura, Genjiro	Mukai, Fusako	Nishikihama, Keizo	Sameshima, Noriko	Yoshida, Yasuichi
	Kishiuchi, Shigekazu	Murao, Yoichi	Niwatsukino, Tokichi	Shiozaki, Kiyomi	Yoshida, Yutaka



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Send an e-mail to: events@steveston-temple.ca and ask to be added to our mailing list.
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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

DONATIONS

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations received after August 24th, 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 (\$1210): Akune Ted & Rose, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Dozois Jessica-Anne, Hamade Yoko, Ikuta Teruko, Kakehi Tomoko, Kurita Yoshie, Miyazaki JoAnne, Mizushima Tatsutoki & Karen, Morishita Elmer, Oda Jennifer, Watanabe Keiko, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Occasion of Michael & Christina Campbell's Wedding: Campbell Michael & Christina Campbell

Occasion of 103rd Birthday of Shizuko Nishi: Nishi Kayoko
Shotsuki Services (\$2275):

June: Okano Nicole July: Akune Robert, Niguma Kazuko

August: Akune Roy & Itoko, Butler Linda, Flynn Sharon, Guy Rosa, Hamade Yoko, Hamaura Masako, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Hirose Kim, Hodder Bob & Evelyn, Ikuta Denise, Ikuta Kevin & Karen, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Makoto, Ikuta Teruko, Iwata Genevieve, Kaita Ed & Kay, Kaita Hiroko, Kawasaki-Chan Sharon, Kimura George, Kojima Jim, Kumagai Tetsuo & Noriko, Miki Ken & Yoko, Mitsuishi Lily, Mizushima Tatsutoki & Karen, Mukai Akiko, Mukai Don & Shioko, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Narukami Don & Chiyo, Niguma Kazuko, Nishikihama Teruko, Okabe Mary, Oye Hanako, Ryan Jeanne & Larry, Ryomoto Henry, Slye Janie, Tabata Hajime & Kyoko, Tabata Tosh & Miyeko, Takeshita Joyce, Tanabe Sharon, Yamamoto Kevin, Yoneda Kaz, Yukawa Takeru & Shareen

Obon Service(\$6400): Akizuki Eiko, Akune Robert, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Challoner Bernice, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Domai Kiyu, Go Keiko, Hamade Naomi, Hamade Yoko, Hamaura Dean, Hamaura Masako, Hamaura Kelly & Mitsue, Hamaura Misaye, Hibi Mika, Hori Harue, Hori Jim & May, Ikuta Denise, Ikuta Kevin & Karen, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Makoto, Ikuta Teruko, Iwata Genevieve, Kakehi Tomoko, Kamachi Lindsay, Kamikura Joyce,

Kariya Florence, Kariya Yoriko, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawabata Victor, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, King Hiroko, Kojima Michiko, Kokubo Alice, Komori Dick & Setsuko, Kondo Kaoru, Kondo Norman, Koyanagi Susie, Koyanagi Yoshiko, Kurita Yoshie, Maede Toyoko, Matsumura Laverne, Matsunaga Osamu, Matsunaga Susan, Matsuno Seishi & Kisako, Matsuno Tom & Yoko, Mineta Masayoshi, Miyagi Misako, Mizuta Henry & Akemi, Mori Kahoru, Mori Koji & Judith, Morizawa Chiyoko, Morizawa Sazare, Murakami Lori, Mukai Akiko, Murao Mary, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi, Narukami Don & Chiyo, Nishi Kayoko, Nishi Shizuko, Nishikihama Eiko, Nishimura Grace, Nitta Ayako, Ohara Isao, Okabe Mary, Oki Hiroshi, Oye Hanako, Phillips Kim, Quan Toshiko, Ryan Jeanne, Saito Tokiko, Sakai Marge, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakai Sharon, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Alan & Cathy, Sakamoto Bud, Sakamoto Umeno, Sakata Hozumi, Sameshima Raymond & Famey, Sameshima Yoshiko, Suzuki Kent, Tabata Hajime & Kyoko, Tabata Tosh & Miyeko, Takahashi Dave & Kei, Takeuchi Ken & Sachiko, Tanaka Emiko, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Tasaka Rick & Naomi, Tomihiro Kazuko, Watanabe Keiko, Whittier Maya, Yamanaka Keiko, Yamanaka Miyoko, Yokota Ken & Yumi, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko
Nokotsudo Service: Hibi Mika, Ikuta Teruko, Mukai Akiko, Ryan Jeanne, Sakai Mitts & Kay

Hatsubon Service: Doi Peter & Louise, Hamade Satoshi & June, Hamanishi Betty, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Izumi Basil & Etsuko, Kudo Barbara & Pat, Matsumoto Family, Matsuno Tom & Yoko, McNamara Donna, Mizushima Tatsutoki & Karen, Murao Dick & Debbie, Murao Ken & Janet, Murao Ray, Nagata Darlye & Shawna, Nakano Sheila, Nishi Chizuko, Okano Nicole, Hing Helen, Sakamoto Bud, Sameshima Raymond & Famey, Tasaka Joyce, Tasaka Rick & Naomi

Funerals & Memorial Services (\$7920)

In memory of the late:

Mrs. Masako Uyeda: Uyeda Jeff

Mr. Takemi Miyazaki: Akizuki Russ & Karl, Carlson Bernice, Ikuta Makoto, Matsuzaki Hub

Mrs. Tokiko Okano: Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko,

Mr. Ted Hirose: Dr. Tanaka Jim

Mr. Hedy Yonekura: Yonekura Family

Mr. Joji Yamasaki: Nakade Esther

Mr. Matakichi & Mrs. Tokuye Uyeyama: Dr. Tanaka Jim

Mrs. Yoshihiro & Mrs. Yasuko Mizushima: Mizushima Tatsutoki & Karen

Mrs. Hisako Maruno: Kumagai Tetsuo & Noriko

Mr. Ryan Yukawa: Yukawa Joe & Sally

Mr. Shigekazu, Masao, Masaji and Shigeaki Kamachi, Mrs. Yoshiko Goto: Kamachi Lily

1st year memorial service of the late Mrs. Kiyomi Yamamoto: Kawasaki Kenneth

1st year memorial service of the late Mr. Toshio Murao: Higo Kelvin & Kay

3rd year memorial service of the late Mr. Reiki Kaita: Kaita Hiroko

25th year service of the late Mrs. Miyoko Oura: Hirano Masami & Chiyoko

2021/22 Membership paid: Alford Ryan, Hamade Naomi, Hamaura Mitsue, Hayashi Eizo, Inoue Masayasu & Masako, Kamachi Ken, Koyanagi Yoshiko, Matsuno Tommy & Yoko, Quan Toshiko, Saito Tokiko, Sakai-Boden Lynn, Shimizu Masako, Takeuchi Kenneth, Watanabe Keiko, Yamashita Munechi & Kazuko, Yukawa Joe & Sally

9月の行事

新型コロナウイルスの蔓延がいっくら収まり規制緩和が第2段階にゆっくりと移っています。宗教的集会も開けるようになりましたが、規制はまだ厳しく、州政府は新型コロナウイルスが広まらないように私たちに協力を要請しています。

過去1年間、祥月法要も含めた毎日曜日の法座をズーム・ミーティングというのを使い、コンピューターで行っています。今のところ当分はこの方法で行う予定です。それでなるべく多くの皆様にズーム・ミーティングを使っていただけますようお願いいたします。生田先生にズームで参加することをお知らせして頂ければ

(rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca)、先生から招待のメールが届きます。ズームでの法座にまだ参加したことがない方はぜひ試してみてください。参加者のお顔も見え、声も聞こえて楽しいです。

もしお寺に直接お参りをしたいと希望される方も6月より毎週日曜日の日曜礼拝に参加することが可能となりました。尚、お互いの距離を保つため50人しか参加できませんので、前もってお寺に予約を入れて下さい。

9月の主な行事：祥月法要

第一週目の週末はLabor Day週末であり生田先生も夏休み中なので、9月の祥月法要は9月12日に行われます。英語のお参りは午前10時から始まり、日本語礼拝は午前11時半からです。

日曜学校

9月からはお寺での日曜学校を再開しようと思いましたが、残念ながらCovid-19の状況がまだ収まっていないようなので、もうしばらくオンラインでの日曜学校がこのまま引き続きます。次回は9月11日（土曜日）の午前10時からです。ご参加希望の方は生田先生までご連絡をお願い致します。

BC州門信徒大会 9月18日—19日

今年のBC州門信徒大会はバンクーバー仏教会バーチャルで開催されます。土曜の18日は午前8時半から9時半までは大会年次総会を行われ、その後に午前10時よりサンマテオ仏教会のヘンリーアダムス開教使の講演会を英語のみに行われます。日曜日の追悼法要は午前10時から勤修いたします。尚、全ての行事がバーチャルで開催されますので、参加希望の方はバンクーバー仏教会の青木先生、もしくはこちらの生田先生にご連絡ください。



婦人会からのお知らせ

吉原ヒロコ

2021年下半年の婦人会総会は9月12日（日）の午後1時です。ウィステリアプレースの多目的部屋のキッチンでどういうことをするか、またどの台所用品をそこに置いておくかについて話し合います。

18か月もほとんど活動しなかったもので、また皆様方にお会いできるのは素晴らしいです。

7月末に私たち4人はウィステリアプレースの多目的部屋の隣にあるキッチンと入居者用の部屋並びに2階にある庭を見学しました。将来車椅子が必要になっても大丈夫なくらい部屋は広いです。

この時期には家の中の物を整理する人が多く何箱もの寄付がありました。7月31日（土）にライアン・ジーニーさん、寛朋子さん、岩瀬まゆみさんのお手伝いのもと、私宅のドライブウェイでガレージセールを行い、\$200以上売り上げました。まだ品物は沢山ありますので、お天気さえよければ、9月11日（土）の10時から1時までお寺の駐車場でガレージセールを行います。もし雨でしたら、お寺のロビーで出来るかもしれません。

また、お寺のキッチンの食器戸棚の中身や器具が埃まみれですので、徐々にお掃除を始めます。これは9月中も続きますので、皆さんにお手伝いの要請があると思います。どうぞよろしくお願いいたします。

Face Masks for \$10 each

Black or grey with Wisteria Crest

Available from Jeanne Ryan
at 604.230.8787 (cell)

秋の彼岸会法要

秋の彼岸会法要（日本語）は9月26日（日曜日）午前11時半に行われます。8月のニュースレターには9月19日と載せていましたが、19日はBC州門信徒大会の追悼法要が午前10時より行われますので、当日のステイプストン仏教会での日本語のお参りは中止となります。





とお遠くしゅくえん宿縁を よろこ喜べ

ああ、ぐぜい弘誓のごうえん強縁、た
しょう多生にもうあ値ひがたく、しん
じつ真実のじょうしん浄信、おくこう
億劫にもえ獲がたし。たまたまきよ
行しん信をえ獲ば、とお遠くしゅく
えん宿縁をよろこ慶べ。

(『けん顕じょうど浄土しんじ
つ真実きょうぎょう教行しょうもんる
い証文類』そうじょ総序もん文より)

ついこの間まで暑くて乾燥した夏の日々が続いていま
したが、数日前から朝夕が冷え込み、カレンダーも8月
から9月に代わり秋の訪れを感じます。例年ならば、9
月のニュースレターには秋の行事や法要の案内を載せ
ているところですが、コロナウィルスパンデミックが
未だに収まらず、通常の活動に戻るのには先の話になっ
ています。現在行われているオンラインとお寺でのラ
イブハイブリッドお参りはもうしばらく継続される予
定です。皆様のご理解とご協力に感謝しています。
コロナウィルスパンデミックは世界中に影響を与え

ていますが、お寺にとって不幸中の幸い
に新しいWisteria Place施設の建設やお寺
の改築工事が続けられて間もなく完成に
至るまで来られたことです。改築のハイ
ライトの一つにお寺の前に大きな岩が置
かれています。この岩はお念仏のしよ
うして置かれたのです。確かにこの一
年半を振り返れば多くの方から「この混
乱な時代にお念仏の教えが拠り所とな
り、自分の支えになった」と参拝する
方から何度も聞いたことがあり、それ
を心配せずにお参りが出来る日が早
く来ないかなと思っています。でも、そ
れでは今のかたちで皆様と一緒に、お
念仏の教えをいただきたいと思います。
これからもどうぞよろしくお願いいたします。

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