



法のともしび LIGHT OF THE DHARMA

NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

Due to the new COVID variant, we are back to zoom services only.

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

Saturday January 1st

10am New Year's Day Service

Sunday January 2nd

10am Shotsuki Service

11:30am Japanese Service

Monday January 10th

7pm SBT Board Meeting

January 22-23

Hoonko Weekend

Sat 10am Zoom Lecture

Sun 10am Hoonko service

Sunday February 6th

10am Shotsuki Service

11:30am Japanese Service

Your Donations are needed and appreciated!

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**FUJINKAI
TOBAN 2**

Contact: Itoko Akune
604-244-7710

New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Over these past couple of years, we have had to adjust our lives in accordance with the scale of the spread of COVID-19. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

This infectious disease has not only greatly affected the life of each one of us, but also revealed many issues that had been contained in our society. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear of the fact that we cannot see the truth because we are too attached to our own thought. Therefore, it is only natural that conflicts and divisions come about in a society in which those who like us, fundamentally self-centered beings, act in accordance based on one's own thought.

In the following wasan poem, Shinran Shonin deeply reflected on himself and described what we humans are like,

Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land way,

It is hard to have a true and sincere mind.

This self is false and insincere;

I completely lack a pure mind. (Hymns of the Dharma-ages)

As the wasan shows, we are basically incapable of accepting the reality of this world, such as, dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. And because of this we constantly suffer. Only through being aware of and appreciating Amida Buddha's compassionate and salvific working, are we enabled to accept our true self. Shinran Shonin clarified that such ignorance is the very reason why Amida Buddha's salvific working has reached every one of us. Keeping in mind that we are always embraced in Amida's compassionate Light, let us live each day to the fullest, even though we have yet to see the end of the tunnel.

I feel truly assured hearing that many of you have been making efforts to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching within the greater society through various and innovative ways despite the current situation. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2022

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



OBITUARY



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

Edith Ayako Matsuba	November 19, 2021	91 Years Old
Kyoko Niwatsukino	December 13, 2021	91 Years Old
Tamotsu Kondo	December 23, 2021	92 Years Old



Holiday Season: “Dana” Generosity

As Buddhists, we try to live respecting and admiring the truth and the goodness of people of all religious traditions. So please enjoy the winter holiday season of its many diverse cultural and religious backgrounds! We make a choice of a gift not knowing precisely what is desired by the receiver. In return we will be receiving gifts from others who do not know exactly what it is that we desire. The important thing to remember is the ‘spirit’ of the season which is to give with no conditions and to have a sense of gratitude and appreciation as the receiver.

What better time is there to practice dana, the Pali word for generosity? Dana is about giving with no attachments or from any thought of receiving anything in return. It is

a gift of gratitude and of letting go of the sense of self that feels the need to acquire more and more in our perpetual scavenger hunt for happiness. It is my wish that all the temples in Canada share the Buddhist practice of ‘giving’ with a hope that we can use this joyful time to expand our generous hearts and give to local charities of your choosing..

This is a time when we are able to express our appreciation to so many people who have helped us throughout the whole year. I would like to thank you all for the support you have given to your local Sanghas. I would like to express my appreciation to the senseis and temple directors for their dedication in maintaining and keeping our temples vital and moving ever forward. As we enjoy wonderful family time during the festive season, I would like to wish all of you a very happy holiday season and New Year!

In gassho,
Tatsuya Aoki, Bishop,
Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada



Happy New Year 2022!!

Even through myriads of kalpas, hard it is to hear such excellent and profound Teachings. Now we are able to hear and receive them. Let us try to understand the Tathāgata's Teachings.

(From the Homage and Three Treasures)

As we enter the year 2022, may I wish you all a very Happy New Year!!

Reflecting on the difficult couple of years that we have gone through, with the Covid-19 Pandemic raging on endlessly, the numerous natural disasters brought on by global warming, and the economical hardships that have been created through such global events, one may wonder

what exactly are we being happy about during the New Year? Even without the global events, many of us are dealing with the natural effects of old age, sickness and dying. And yet the New Year is a time for hope for the coming year. Hope that the Pandemic will finally come under control, hope that we have milder weather patterns than the past year, and hope for the recovery of the lives of all the people affected by the events of the past year.

2021 was indeed a year of great turmoil but the many challenges have also made us reflect on what is truly important in life. It is with this sense of reflection and anticipation for the coming year that I write this article. Many of the events have encouraged people to seek out spirituality. I once read in an article that when the tree seems dormant in the winter months, it is strengthening and growing the roots that are not visible above ground. In like manner, the past couple of years have provided opportunity for our spiritual growth.

As many of you know, one of the positive stories that have come about from the Pandemic has been the growth of our virtual sangha who join our services from near and far. I have heard many compliments on how wonderful it is that people who previously weren't able to attend services can now join in regularly. I have also heard criticism that there is something missing in not being able to attend the temple in person. When we started with the zoom services, I was also thinking that the Zoom service could never replace

the experience of coming to the temple. However, as we continue using this platform, I have come to the realization that the virtual experience doesn't have to replace the in-person experience, but it can provide just as valuable and meaningful experience as when one attends the temple. It isn't the physical attendance that is as important as encountering the Buddha Dharma from wherever you are, and I believe those attending via the zoom link are encountering the Dharma.

The introductory passage comes from the Homage and Three Treasures. It is a passage that I had to recite daily before our classes began at the Central Buddhist Academy that I attended when I was studying in Japan. How grateful I am to encounter the Dharma that is difficult to encounter even in many kalpas (eons). We are encountering it here and now. Let it be the common wish for all of us to receive the teachings of the Buddha together throughout the year. Just as the sun acts as the source of energy for all to grow, so the light of Amida Buddha provides the energy for our spiritual life in which we are made aware of the Oneness of all life.

During this coming year let us continue to hear the Nembutsu teachings from wherever we are joining to encounter the Dharma.

In Gassho,
Grant Ikuta



Temple Office

Happy New Year from the office staff members and welcome to 2022. We hope to see you soon again and we thank everyone for your continuous support.

Pet Memorial Proposal at the Temple

The Steveston Buddhist Temple Board of Directors have received a proposal to create a Pet Memorial on the temple grounds, just north of the Nokotsudo Columbarium. The board is interested in receiving expressions of interest if a memorial were to be created. If you think this is a good idea or would be interested in joining a committee to organize the formation of a memorial, please contact either Keiko Go at our temple office or Rev. Grant Ikuta. Thank you.

Ho-onko 2022

Ho-onko Weekend: January 22nd~23rd, 2022.

Join us in honoring our founder, Shinran Shonin with guest minister Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi of the Toronto Buddhist Temple.



Reverend Yoshimichi Ouchi was born and raised in a family temple in Oita prefecture, Japan. His family goes back 25 generations in the family temple.

Reverend Yoshi studied religion, with a focus on Buddhism, at Ryukoku University in Kyoto. After graduating from Ryukoku University, he went to Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin or the Central Buddhist Academy studying the Teaching of the Buddha and Shinran-Shonin who was the founder of our denomination.

Between February 27th, 2011, and May 2nd, 2016, Reverend Yoshi completed three levels of ordination: Tokudo, Kyoshi and Tokubetsu Homuin Shikaku.

During this time, he also volunteered at a temple in

Osaka and took on the duties of a Minister for two years.

After receiving his ordinations, Reverend Yoshi spent a year at Gonshiki Shidousho where he trained to chant and studied important Buddhist rituals.

Reverend Yoshi has been the resident minister at the Toronto Buddhist Church since April 2016.

Ouchi Sensei will be giving a public lecture on Saturday, January 22nd starting at 10:00 am. He will be joining us from Toronto via the Zoom meeting app.

The Hoonko Service will also be held on Zoom on Sunday, January 23rd, 2022, starting at 10:00 am.



DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations received after Dec 17th, 2021 will be announced in the next newsletter. Any donations with notations stating they are in memory of numerous individuals, these names 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(\$4,790): Akune Ted & Rose, Anzai June, Ebata Jessie, Flynn Robert & Sharon, Ikuta Teruko, King Hiroko, Niwatsukino Betty, Oda Jennifer, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Shikaze Naomi, Tsui Milanda, Watanabe Keiko, Yamada Haruo, Yesaki Tom, Fraser Valley Temple

Celebration of 88th birthday of Mitts Sakai: Sakai Mitts

Naijin Flowers donation: King Hiroko, SBTWA

Legacy donation (\$8,047): Kakehi Tomoko, Kojima Jim & Michiko, Katai Ed & Kay, Kimura George, Miki Ken & Dorothy, Slye Loren & Janice, Guy Garry & Rosalind, Hodder Bob & Evelyn, Okano Nicole, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Ikuta Makoto, Oda Kay & Harold, Sugimoto Noriko, Ikuta Teruko, Ikuta Kuni & June, Niguma Kazuko, Takizawa Yasuo, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Hamade Naomi, Rodrigues Leah, Matsumura Laverne, Mehl Rainer, Murao Ray, Murao Kenny, Murao Dick, Higo Kay, Doi Louise, Tasaka Joyce, Matsumura Margaret & Reginald

Shotsuki Services (\$2,880):

November: Hamaura Misaye, Hokazono Kenji Gloria, Miller Karen, Morishita Elmer, Morishita Lori, Nakano Alison, Nishi Albert, Ryan Jeanne & Larry, Takasaki Keith & Sandi

December: Akune Roy & Itoko, Doi Peter & Louise, Esson Karen, Gallop Fred & Haruko, Hama Helen, Hamade Denis, Hamade Naomi, Hamanishi Betty, Hamaura Misaye, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Teruko, Kakehi Tomoko, Kamikura Roger & Joyce, Kariya Florence, Kokubo Alice, Matsuo Akiko & Ken, Miller Karen, Mukai Dianne, Mukai Henry & Kathleen, Mukai Sadao & Shioko, Nakano Alison, Narukami Don & Chiyo, Niguma Kazuko, Sakai Marge, Sakai Michael & Fe, Sakai Mitsuka, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakai Tomiko, Sakai Tracey, Sakata Hozumi, Sakata Marjory, Sakata Sachiko, Sakiyama Nobby & Liz, Suzuki Kent, Takahashi Dave & Kei, Sakurai Naomi & Tommy, Teraguchi Jean, Teraguchi June, Teraguchi Lorne, Terai K., Yamanaka Sachiyo, Yesaki A., Yesaki Mitsuo, Yokota Carl, Yukawa Joe & Sally

JSBTC Day donation (\$110): Anzai June, Tanaka Emiko

Major Services (\$1,222):

Jodo-e (Bodhi Day) Service: Akune Roy & Itoko, Araki Linda, Araki Robert & Rowena, Hamaura Misaye, Hashimoto Nahoe, Ikuta Makoto, Iwata Genevieve, Kakehi Tomoko, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakai Marge, Sakamoto Alan & Cathy, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Yoshihara Hiroko

Eitai-kyo Service : Akizuki Eiko, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Teruko, Kakehi Tomoko, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kokubo Alice, Kondo Kaoru, Koyanagi Susie, Maede Toyoko, Mineta Masayoshi, Mizushima Karen, Mori Koji & Judith, Morizawa Chiyoko, Morizawa Sazare, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Kayoko, Oye Hanako, Sakai Marge, Sakai Tomiko, Sakata Hozumi, Suzuki Kent, Tani Kiyoshi, Tomihiro Kazuko, Toyoda Miyuki

Ohigan Service: Terencio Shinko

Eshinnisama Service (according to Fujinkai list : \$1,265): Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Watanabe Naoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Watanabe Keiko, Domai Kiyo, Ikuta Teruko, Kakehi Tomoko, Okabe Mary, Hamaura Misaye, Yoshihara Hiroko, Kariya Florence, Morishita Joy, Hamanishi Betty, Sakai Marge, Ryan Jeanne, Sakata Marge, Sakata Hozzie, Nishi Kayoko, Kawamoto Hiroko, Akune Itoko, Niguma Kazuko, Toyoda Miyuki, Ikuta June, Chow Nobu, Doi Peter & Louise, Higo Kay, Hirano Masami & Mary, Sakai Tomiko, Chan Rob & Elsie, Hibi Mika, Koyanagi Susie, Nakatsu Chizuru, Tasaka Chieko, Tomihiro Kazuko, Tani Mutsumi, Yoshida Arlene, Iwata Genevieve, Whittier Maya

Funerals & Memorial Services: In memory of the late (\$1,465+US\$50):

Mrs. Setsuko Yamashita: Hamanishi Frank Pat, Murao Mary, Sameshima Ron, Yoneda Bob, Yoshida Misuye

Mr. Mitsuo Tanigami: Nakatsu Tsuyoshi, Tatsumi Dance Society

Mrs. Hisako Asano: Asano Ken

Mrs. Kikuko Yamaguchi: Charney Irene

49th day memorial service of the late Mrs. Setsuko Yamashita: Tsumura Takumi & Elaine

1st year memorial of the late Mr. Hiroshi Nishikawa: Hargrave Keiko

3rd year memorial of the late Mr. K. Sakuraba: Takeya Sushi

26th year memorial of the late Mrs. Ume Niwatsukino: Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko

60th year memorial of the late Mrs. Misako Harada: Ryan Jeanne & Larry

If you have not paid your membership for 2021, please call the office at (604)277-2323. - Thank you.

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Send an e-mail to: events@steveston-temple.ca and ask to be added to our mailing list.
(All members automatically receive a copy via e-mail, hand delivery or Canada Post.)

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



FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara

Happy New Year! Hopefully you all have had a safe and wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

2022 will continue to be an event-free year as we continue social distancing and mask wearing. We do hope to hold outdoor garage sales, in addition to separate sale of collectibles and Japanese dolls.

The convenience of having the storage rooms along with the gym is greatly missed.

“From the Sea and Shore: Steveston’s Favourite Japanese Canadian Recipes”

Cookbooks are available. Cost: \$20.00

Japanese Groceries Available at the Temple

Bonito (large package)
Fukujinzuke red
Fukujinzuke brown
Genmai cha (1 kg)
Inari/age (40 pieces)
Mentsuyu (1 litre)
Onigiri nori (box of 5 pkg)
Shiro miso (1 kg)
Takuan
Tamari sauce
Umeboshi (5 varieties)
Yaki nori (gold)

SENBEI:
Ajinorakuen
Gomasuki
Kakinotane
Norimaki okaki
Sakura arare
Teriyaki senbei

Contact: Hiroko Yoshihara
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or at 604.277.6521 if you are
interested in making a purchase.

JANUARY 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Please bring your “Homyo”.)

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

FEBRUARY 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Please bring your “Homyo”.)

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



法のともしび

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。

昨年一昨年に引き続き、私たちの生活は新型コロナウイルス感染症(COVID-19)の流行に対応したものとなりました。ここに、新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられた方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、治療・対策にあたられている医師、看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

この新型コロナウイルス感染症は、私たち一人一人の生活に大きな影響を与えました。それは、同時に社会の問題も浮き彫りにしています。仏教を

説かれたお釈迦様は、自分自身の考えにとらわれ、真実をみることのできない私たちの姿を指摘されています。私たちが自分の思い通りに行動したら、社会の中に対立や分断を生むことになりま

す。親鸞聖人は、ご和讃に「浄土真宗に帰すれども 真実の心はありがたし 虚仮不実のわが身にて 清浄の心もさらになし」とうたわれました。阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって知らされる私たちの本当の姿は、縁起や無常、無我というこの世界の真実をそのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ姿です。親鸞聖人は、そのような私たちに阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが届いていると明らかにされました。いまだに新型コロナウイルス感染症の収束が見通せない世界ですが、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、それを依りどころとして日々の生活を過ごしてまいりましょう。現在の厳しい状況の中でさまざまな試みを重ねながら、今までとは違った方法で浄土真宗のみ教えを広く社会へ伝える取り組みもなされていると聞き、たいへん心強く思います。これからもお寺が皆さまの心の支えとなりますよう、お寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げます。年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2022年1月1日
浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光淳

年末・年始におもう、「布施(ふせ)」のころ

BC州で記録的な豪雨により、各地において洪水や土砂災害が起きています。被害にあわれた方達の安全と各地の速やかな復興を願っています。2021年から2022年を迎えるこの時期、BC災害の災害や、各地にてチャリティー活動が活発になる時期です。仏教徒として大切な「布施の行」の実践をしやすい時期ですね。法話の中で、六波羅蜜(ろくはらみつ)という大乘の菩薩(ぼさつ)が修める6種の行業で「布施」の話しを聞かれた、読まれた方も多いかと思います。

仏教には他に「四摂事(ししょうじ)」ということばがあります。あえて、難しく申しますと、菩薩(仏さまになろうとしてその目標に向かって修行する人)が人々を救おう、として行う四つの事、ということです。もう少し簡単にいえば、その菩薩行にならう、私たちが生きていく上での生活目標です。この「四摂事(ししょうじ)」を順番に紹介します。

1. 「布施摂(ふせしょう)」 相手に財や法を施すこと
2. 「愛語摂(あいごしょう)」 相手にやさしいことばで話すこと
3. 「利行摂(りぎょうしょう)」 相手の利益になるようにすること
4. 「同事摂(どうじしょう)」 相手の中に入り、相手の苦楽をともにすること

最後の「同事」というのはあまり聞きなれないかもしれませんが、とても大事なことで現代社会にあっていちばん欠けていることではないか、と感じています。「同事」の反対は「対治(たいじ)」です。あるお医者さんがこのことばに感銘を受けて、ご自身の医学での立場でこの「同事」を説明していました。その先生によると、例えば、末期のガンの方がいるとすれば、「がんばって、あきらめないで」と施療するのが「対治」、そうではなく、「よくがんばったね、もういいよ」と相手の苦しみのなかに自分を入れていく、この方にとっては自分の苦しみをわかってくれる人がいる、というのが何よりも苦しみの和らぎになります、そのことが「同事」です。相手の中に入り、相手の苦楽をともにすること。「同事」ということ、つまり、相手の中に入り、相手の苦楽をともにすること、ということ、とても尊いことです。なかなか、簡単には行えませんね。

合掌
カナダ開教区 総長
青木 龍也

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。

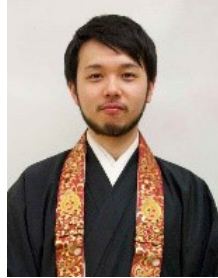
松葉	イディスア子様	2021年11月19日寂	91歳
庭月野	キョウ子様	2021年12月13日寂	91歳
近藤	保様	2021年12月23日寂	92歳



2022年報恩講法要

2022年 1月 22日～23日に報恩講週末を開催いたします。今回のゲストミニスターはトロント仏教会の大内祐真開教使をご招待させていただいています。22日の土曜日午前10時より大内先生の特別講演会を開きます。講演会は英語で行われます。報恩講法要は、23日（日曜）

午前10時に日英合同礼拝で勤修致します。尚、Covid-19パンデミックによりすべての行事はオンライン参加となります。

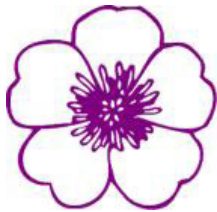


あけまして、南無阿弥陀仏

新年あけましておめでとうございます。新しい年の初めにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。2020年に始まり、コロナウィルスパンデミックによる深刻な状況は今も世界各国で続いております。その他に多くの災難もあり、2021年も大変な一年となりました。

今年はどんな年なるか分かりませんが、先のことを考えずに今は多くの皆様と一緒に阿弥陀様の慈悲に照らされていること、そしてこれからも皆様と一緒に阿弥陀様のみ教えをいただき、ともに念仏の日々を過ごす一年でありますように念じ申し上げます。個人事情により、今月の記事は挨拶だけで終了いたします。

合掌
生田グラント



婦人会からのお知らせ 吉原ヒロコ

あけましておめでとうございます。ご家族やお友達と一緒に素晴らしい新年をお迎えになられたことと思います。

2022年も人との距離を保ち、マスクをして、あまり行事のない年になるでしょう。でも外でのガレージセールをしたいと思いますし、日本人形やこっとう品のガレージセールも別に行いたいと思います。倉庫やジムが無くなったのでとても不便です。

日本の食品とマグロは今も売っていますので、ご入用の方はヒロコまでメール (hi.yosh@telus.net) か、お電話 (604.277.6521) でご連絡ください。

お寺で売っている日本食品

削り節	(大きな袋)
福神漬	赤
福神漬	茶色
玄米茶	(1 kg)
稲荷用あげ	(40 枚)
麵つゆ	(1リットル)
おにぎりノリ	(5包み入りの箱)
白味噌	(1 kg)
たくあん	
たまりソース	
梅干し	(5種類)
焼きのり	(gold)

おせんべい
味の楽園
ゴマすき
柿の種
海苔巻きおかき
桜あられ
照り焼きせんべい



Shinobu Sensei came for a visit from Hawaii and held a Dharma Talk. There was also a Bento Luncheon to mark the occasion. The only complaint was that her visit was much too short!



オフィスからの新年のご挨拶

明けましておめでとうございます。皆様良いお年をお迎えできましたでしょうか。一日でも早く皆様とお会いできることを心から期待し、楽しみにしております。どうぞ、スタッフ一同本年度も宜しく願い申し上げます。