



# 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 10:30am

JAPANESE SERVICES  
Sundays 11:00am

SEIZA MEDITATION  
Thursdays 7:30pm

MORNING MEDITATION  
Fridays 10:00am

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday December 4th

10:30am Shotsuki Service

Tuesdays @ 7:30

Fall Lecture Series Continues  
(until December 13)

Saturday December 10

9am Mochi Making

Sunday December 11

10:30am Bodhi Day Service

12:00 Bonenkai Party

Monday December 12th

7pm SBT Board Meeting

Sunday December 18th

9 am Temple Clean up

Saturday December 31st

2pm & 11:30pm Joya-E

New Year's Eve Service

Sunday January 1st

10:30am Sho Sho E

New Years Day Service

Temple open to 2pm

See Inside for  
more details

**FUJINKAI  
TOBAN 3**

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## Reflecting on 2022

*Ah, hard to encounter, even in many lifetimes, is the decisive causes of birth, Amida's universal Vow! Hard to realize, even in myriads of kalpas, is pure shinjin that is true and real! If you should come to realize this practice and shinjin, rejoice at the conditions from the distant past that have brought it about. But if in this lifetime still you are entangled in a net of doubt, then unavoidably you must pass once more in the stream of birth-and-death through myriads of kalpas. Wholly sincere, indeed, are the words of truth that one is grasped, never to be abandoned, the right dharma all-surpassing and wondrous! Hear and reflect, and let there be no wavering or apprehension.*

*(From the Preface of The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way)*



As 2022 comes to an end, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support and friendship throughout this past year. Reflecting over the past several years, we have all gone through so much with the horrible effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the ongoing war in the Ukraine, and the subsequent economic uncertainty that we are presently experiencing.

Despite the challenging times, 2022 was a year of hope. With the lifting of the pandemic restrictions, we were able to return to some semblance of normal activities at our temple. We held a successful Bon Odori and Obon service in July. Aoki Sensei from Vancouver joined us as our guest minister. It was the first Bon Odori in three years, and it was so nice to see so many people coming out, enjoying the festivities of the Odori.

In August, 45 individuals from the mainland took part in the Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Visitation Tour. This year's tour was so much more than just visiting cemeteries. It was an educational trip as we did some sightseeing along the way, including visiting a couple of museums in Campbell River and Cumberland. It was a foodie tour as we enjoyed the many culinary delights of the Island in the various restaurants that we ate at. But most of all, the tour was a tour of connecting, as we were able to meet up with numerous local groups at the places we visited. A major highlight was being able to join in the Bon Odori with the Seven Potatoes Nikkei Group in Nanaimo. It is wonderful to see how the Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Visitation has generated interest within the local groups on the Island to participate in Obon Ceremonies.

September saw us host the BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Convention. Even though the number of participants was relatively few, those who attended all enjoyed the weekend attending engaging workshops and a walking tour of the village of Steveston. This year's theme was "Paths", and we were able to examine a number of unique paths, such as the "Buddhist Path", "A Minister's Path", "Nikkei Fishermen's Path" and "A Jodo Shinshu Nikkei Internment Survivor's Path". It was an event filled weekend with our special guest minister being my brother Rev. Dr. Roland Ikuta from Lethbridge.

In October, we held the Keirokai Seniors' Appreciation luncheon. Although this is usually held in the spring, due to the pandemic, the luncheon was postponed until October. Everyone was enjoying one another's company after the long isolation due to the pandemic.

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## Hoonko 2023



Join us for the first time in three years as we get together in person to honoring our founder, Shinran Shonin with the Hoonko Weekend on January 21st and 22nd, 2023 weekend. Joining us in person will be our guest minister Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi from the Toronto Buddhist Church.

Reverend Yoshimichi Ouchi was born in Oita prefecture, Japan. He grew up in a family Temple, where his grandfather and father were ministers. His family goes back 25 generations in the family temple. Buddhism and serving the Temple has been a life-long practice for Reverend Yoshi.

Reverend Yoshi studied religion, with a focus on Buddhism, at Ryukoku University in Kyoto and Shiga. After graduating from Ryukoku University, he went to Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin (Central Buddhist Academy), a part of Nishi Hongwanji-temple, to study the Teaching of the Buddha and Shinran Shonin who was the founder of our sect in Kyoto.

After receiving his ordinations, Reverend Yoshi spent a year at Gonshiki Shidousho where he trained in chanting and studied important Buddhist rituals receiving the ranking of Tokubetsu Homuin Shikaku (Certified Specialist in Chanting and Rituals). On April 15th, 2016, he was assigned to the Toronto Buddhist Church, and has served for 6 years as the resident minister.

Rev. Yoshi will be giving a public lecture on Saturday, January 21st starting at 3:00 pm. We will be hosting a Ho-onko Eve pot-luck dinner starting at 5:00 pm following the talk.

The Hoonko Service will be held on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023, with the Dharma School service starting at 10:00 am followed by the adult Ho-onko service at 10:30am.



## SHICHI GO SAN 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 were happy to have had 4 families participate in this year's Shichi-go-san event. Congratulations to all the families who came out to celebrate this event on November 13th.



## Remembrance Day Observance

The eleventh month on the eleventh day at the eleventh hour, members of the temple attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at Wisteria Place. This was the first time it was open to members of the Steveston temple. Approximately 80 were in attendance. Last year, due to the Covid 19, it was restricted to the residents only.

The Observance led by Rev. Grant began with the calling of the "Last Post" was followed with the moment of Silence, the sound of the "Reveille", the reading of "In Flanders Field the Poppies Grow" and a message from Rev. Grant. To signify the laying of the wreath, several in attendance pinned their red poppies on the Cross. Thanks to Wisteria Place, this solemn and very significant event was followed with a scrumptious lunch. (Continued on P4)







## FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara

Toban 3 led by June Ikuta has been busy with the task of making manju recently. The ladies made mikasa manju which was sold after the Shotsuki service in November. This past Friday, they made mushi manju and this was a success with no rejects. Everything went smoothly. The steaming process was just right so the manju did not dance and bump into each other!

The last garage sale for 2022 was held on Saturday, November 19. It was held outside as usual on the classroom side of the temple. The weather was chilly in the morning but warmed up slightly by the early afternoon. A sum of \$132.85 was made...a bit low but considering the items were leftovers from the twelve sales we have had in 2022, it was a case of decluttering the kitchen of garage sale boxes.

We will be donating some of the remaining items to various charities in Richmond.



## Notice from the office

The office will be closed from Dec. 24 to 28 and Dec. 31st to Jan. 3rd for New Year.

We would also like to announce that any donations received after December 22nd will not be included in the income tax receipt of 2022. Please give us a call at the office if you have any concerns. Office staff would like to thank everyone for all your support and generosity throughout the year. We hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season.

## YEAR END TEMPLE CLEAN-UP



Come and cleanse the body, the temple, and the mind. Join us for our annual temple year end clean up on Sunday, Dec. 18 starting at 9:00 am. Help us clean the temple so we can welcome 2023 with a fresh start.

## 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.

## Bodhi Day

December 11th, 2022

Tradition has it that roughly 2,500 years ago Northern India, in the village of Bodh Gaya, Siddhartha Gautama attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree at the age of 35 years old. Japanese Buddhist commemorate

this date as being on December 8th. Every year the temple holds the Bodhi Day Service to observe this very important event in the life of the Buddha.



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Please attend our Bodhi Day Service on Sunday, December 11th at 10:30 am followed by the Bonenkai Party at 12:00 noon.

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

## JOYA E SERVICE NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

December 31, 2022  
2:00 PM and 11:30 PM

Generally, the month of December is a time for reflection. It is a Japanese custom to attend the New Year's Eve Service, or Joya E (除夜会) in Japanese, to bring the year to a close. The service gives us an opportunity to quietly reflect on the events of the past year and to rejoice in gratitude for the life that we have now.

On December 31st, we will be holding 2 services, once at 2:00 pm for those who may not be able to stay up until midnight and the second service starting at 11:30 pm when we ring in the New Year. Hope you will come and join us for one of the services.

SHU SHO E  
SERVICE  
NEW YEAR'S  
DAY SERVICE  
JANUARY 1, 2023  
10:30 AM



Don't forget that we will be having the New Year's Day Service on January 1st, 2023. It is a service to welcome in the New Year.

The temple will also be open until 2:00 pm for those who wish to worship to welcome in 2023.



## OBITUARY



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

Sakie Nariwa	October 30, 2022	98 Years Old
Fay Yoshida	November 13, 2022	64 Years Old

(SENSEI FROM P1)

On November 11th, our temple jointly hosted the Remembrance Day Ceremony together with Wisteria Place. The event was held in the multipurpose room in Wisteria Place. Also in November, we held the 7-5-3 ceremony with five families bringing their children for this event celebrating the children of the ages of 7, 5, and 3 years old. We were also honored on November 20th to host the book launch for Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka's book *Gems – An Introduction to Canadian Buddhism for Young People and the Young at Heart*. Not only did we get local participation but had people from all over joining us online.

Looking ahead, we will be holding our Bonenkai Year End party and the Joya-E New Year's Eve service in December. With other regular activities such as Moe No Kai and Takarajima starting up again, the temple is slowly, but surely returning to the hustle and bustle of the pre-pandemic times. Many of the activities have encouraged new people as well as younger people into the temple. People have been telling me that they are truly grateful for the presence of our temple. As an affirmation of the positive upswing, over the past year we have seen an increase in our membership numbers, something we were not expecting, especially with the way the world is around us at this time.

Perhaps, it is precisely because of the turmoil going on in the world that the message of Great Compassion and Oneness of all life means more to everyone. This is also what Shinran Shonin was trying to emphasize in the above passage from the KYO GYO SHIN SHO. It is indeed truly hard to come across such profound teachings as the teachings of Amida Buddha, yet we have been given the opportunity to do so. Along with the many reasons we may have for being at the temple, let us always keep in mind the great working of Compassion by Amida Buddha.

Once again, I would like to thank the members of our temple and those joining us from afar via social media for your continued support throughout the past year. May we continue listening to the Nembutsu teachings and may the temple reverberate with the voice of Namo Amida Butsu in 2023.

In Gassho,  
Grant Ikuta

(Remembrance Day from P2)

Also, the annual Multi-faith Remembrance Day Observance to acknowledge the participation of the Japanese in the World Wars was held in Stanley Park. As in past years, President of the British Columbia Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples (BCJSBTC) Federation, would present a wreath on behalf of the Federation at the Monument. This year it was Ted Akune.

The Remembrance Day Ceremony is most significant to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism as a number of the followers had fought in the World Wars. Noteworthy but perhaps unknown to many, is the fact that there is a six foot tall, three-sided Obelisk erected in the First Nations Ginglex Cemetery in Nishga, B.C., a village north of Terrace. This monument was erected in recognition of Japanese who had lived in the Nishga area and lost their lives in World War I, dated 1917. Engraved on one side of this monument are the words, Namo Amida Butsu, in recognition of their faith and on the second side are engraved the words - in memory of the Japanese who had fought in World War I. The gravesites for these fallen soldiers were found in the cemetery.

Indeed, the recognition and remembrance of these Jodo Shinshu followers who had fought for Canada in the World Wars is most significant and observed by many.

In Gassho, Roy Akune

## 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, Chuzo	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	

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

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

## DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after November 15, 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(\$3258)** Akune Ted & Rose, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Doi Terri, Mehl Rainer, Mizushima Karen, Nakano George & Amy, Perkins Yvonne, Quan Toshiko, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Watanabe Keiko, Wong Tiffani

**Celebrating 103rd birthday of Mr. Jack Harada:** Minato Akiko

**Naijin Flowers:** Shikaze Naomi

**Obon Donation:** Hayashi Eizo

**Ohigan Donation:** Tanaka Emiko

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**Shotsuki Services (\$2895)**

**November:** Akune Roy & Itoko, Baumann Elaine, Charney Irene, Doi Peter & Louise, Hamanishi Betty, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Hirano Chiyoko, Hirose Mary, Hokazono Kenji, Hori Jim, Kakehi Tomoko, Kariya Florence, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kokubo Alice, Kuriyama Paul, Kuriyama Richard, Matsuo Ken & Akiko, Matsuba Kyle, Matsumura Margaret & Reginald, Miller Karen, Mizuta Harry & Akemi, Morimoto John, Murao Dick, Murao Heidi, Murao Keith, Murao Ray, Nakano Alison, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Albert, Nishi Chizuko, Nitta Ayako, Nitta Jeffrey, Ohara E., Oye Hanako, Quan Toshiko, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Sakiyama Butch & Marilyn, Sakiyama Nobby & Liz, Sakurai Naomi & Tommy, Sameshima Raymond & Famey, Takasaki C., Takasaki Keith & Sandi, Tamayose Yukiko, Tasaka C., Tasaka Janice, Tasaka Joyce, Tasaka Rick & Naomi, Teraguchi J., Teraguchi Lorne, Teramura Ken & Pauline, Tipple Chris & Pat, Tubajon Paul & Julie, Uyeyama Tom, Yamanaka Keiko, Yesaki A., Yoneda Kaz, Yoshihara Hiroko & Ken, Anonymous

**October:** Nishikihama Erica

**September&August:** Cameron Lisa

**Dharma Donation:** Akune Roy & Itoko, Ikuta Teruko

**Funerals & Memorial Services (\$8855): In memory of the late:**

**Mr. Mitsuru "Mitts" Sakai:** Sakai Kay, Akizuki Eiko, Akune Aaron & Vicky, Akune Ted & Rose, Akune Robert & Molly, Akune Roy & Itoko, Amano Lynda & Graham, Bertran Rod & Family, Cameron Lisa, Chan E., Chaput Joe, Domai Kiyo, Esson Karen, Hamanishi Betty, Hamaura Dean, Hamaura Masako, Hamaura Misaye, Hamanishi Frank & Patricia, Hayashi Tad & Ruby, Hibi Mika, Hirose Mary, Horii Akira & Hamako, Horii Gerry & Louis, Isomura Frances, Ikuta Kuni & June, Iwase Sam & Kay, Iwata Genevieve, Kakehi Tomoko, Kariya Florence, Katai Ed & Teruko, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawaguchi Vernon, King Hiroko, Kitagawa Masayuki, Kondo Kaoru, Koyanagi Susie, Kuramoto Isao, Kuramoto R., Kuriyama Paul, Levitt Morley, Mayede Allan & Keiko, Mayede Arlene, Mayede Donald & Constance, Mayede Garry, Glad & Kiyoko, Mayede Janice, Mayede Norine, Mayede Patsy, McDonald Diana & Grant, Miki Ken, Mizuguchi Midori, Mizuta Harry, Moore Joanthan & Naomi, Morimoto John, Morishita Dennis & Linda, Mukai Akiko, Mukai George & Susan, Murao Dick, Murao Mary, Nakade Esther, Nakamoto Joyce, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Narukami Don & Chiyo, Nishi Kayoko, Nitta Ayako, Niwatsukino Betty, Nomura Dan & Colleen, Obayashi Jo-Ann, Okabe Mary, Ogawa Mifune, Oshiro Pat & May, Oye Hanako, Perry Taylor, Quan Toshiko, Ross Roger & Janice, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Alan&Carole, Sakai David & Denise, Sakai Marge, Sakai Mark, Sakai Mitsuka, Sakai Richard & Yoshie, Sakai Rodney, Sakai Tomiko,

Sakai Yonny & Emy, Sakai Yukiko, Haruko & Akira, Sakamoto Alan & Cathy, Sakamoto Bud, Sakata Hozumi, Sakata Marge, Sakata-Thaler Carol-lyn, Sameshima Yoshiko, Suzuki Kent, Tabata Hajime & Kyoko, Takahashi Keiko, Tanaka Emiko, Tanaka Martin, Tanaka Osamu & Virginia, Tasaka Bruce & Nanami, Tasaka Randy & Joyce, Tasaka Rick & Naomi, Tasaka Susan, Teraguchi Jean & Family, Tsumura Tuck & Elaine, Tomihiro Kazuko, Tubajon Paul & Julie, Uyeyama Chizuko, Uyeyama Grant, Wakabayashi Tomi, Wright Grace, Yamamoto Dorothy, Yamanaka Keiko, Yamashita Muneichi & Kazuko, Yesaki Tom, Yodogawa-Wood Patsi, Yonemoto Vernon & Yoneko, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, Yukawa Joe & Sally, SBTWA, Anonymous

**Ms. Ruth Iwata:** Akune Robert & Molly, Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Domai Kiyo, Fujita Marion, Hamaura Dean, Hamaura Misaye, Iwata Randy, Kitagawa Mas & Homma Kathlyn, Kagawa Byron, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, King Hiroko, Kiss Pearl, Komori Dick & Setsuko, Kondo Kaoru, Koyanagi Susie, Kurita Yoshie, Maruno Maya, Mayede Gordon, Nakamoto Joyce, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Nagamatsu Amy, Nishi Kayoko, Oizumi Irene & Jason, Quan Toshiko, Saimoto Debra, Saimoto Ritsu, Sakai Marge, Sakamoto Bud, Tomihiro Kazuko, Yoshioka Sam & Pat, Yoshioka Stan & Lucy, Yoshihara Hiroko, SBT Dharma School

**Mrs. Misuye Yoshida:** Akizuki Eiko, Sakai Mitsuka

**Mr. Masami Hirano:** Kuramoto Isao, Murao Mary, Tasaka Joyce, Yamamoto Dorothy

**Mrs. Yoshiko Koyanagi:** Akizuki Eiko

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**Mr. Mitts Hayashi:** Kamikura Roger & Joyce

**Mrs. Michi Tanigami:** Quan Toshiko

**Mrs. Sayoko Nagata:** Kuramoto Isao

**Father Tokichi Niwatsukino 55 year:** Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko

**Brother Shigeru Niwatsukino 14 year:** Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko

**Mother Shizue Koyanagi:** Koyanagi Susie

**Art Irizawa of Toronto:** Tomihiro Kazuko

**\*\*Deep apologies to Susie Koyanagi and Kazuko Tomihiro for not printing exactly the same in the donation announcement as the original donation envelopes.**

**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:** Cameron Lisa, Murao Heidi, Sameshima Miles, Takizawa Yasuo



## 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せ。

## お寺の年末大掃除

12月18日（日）午前9時か  
ら年末の大掃除が行われま  
す。皆様のお寺です。一人でも多  
くの方がご参加くださるよう、ご  
協力お願い致します。



## 除夜の鐘

## 成道会法要

2022年12月11日



約2500年前にお釈迦様がインドの  
北部にあるボツガヤー村で菩提  
樹の下で35歳の時に悟りを開いた  
といわれています。その日が12月  
8日であったと伝わっています。そ  
して、毎年お寺では12月にお釈  
迦様の悟りを記念して「成道会法要」  
を勤修しています。今年のお参りは  
12月11日午前10時半に行われま  
すので、忘年会の前にお参りを一緒  
にいたしましょう。

## 忘年会2022年

あと一週間後に行われます（切符まだありますよ）  
12月11日（日）法要後 正午から

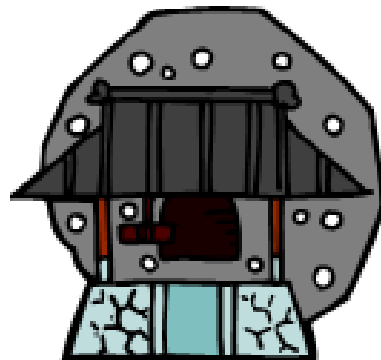
大人 お一人様 \$25  
12歳以下のお子様 無料

お食事は理事会委員によって作られます。  
今年はローストビーフディナーと決定いたしました。

エンターテインメント、ドアブライズもあります。  
缶詰とその他の食品を忘年会の日にFood Bankの為  
に回収しますので、御寄付をお願いいたします。  
尚チケットにしましては、12月5日午後3時まで  
にお寺の事務所までご連絡ください。  
新しく会員になられた方を忘年会でご紹介させて頂  
きます。

ここスティーブストン仏教会にて、『除夜の鐘つき』  
が毎年大晦日に行われています。鐘楼堂に集まった老  
若男女が次々と鐘をつく。おかげさまで一年が過ぎま  
した。背負いきれぬご恩のなかで。。。ありがとう  
『除夜』は『夜を除く』の略であり、この『夜』とは  
仏教の『煩惱の闇』を指しています。仏教では我々は  
皆百八つの煩惱を持っていると言われていいます。そし  
て、百八つの除夜の鐘をつくたびに、今年自分の心  
におこった煩惱が消え去り、新年を清らかな心で迎  
えることができるといわれているのです。

2022年の間に起きた全  
ての出来事が除夜の鐘の響  
きと共に夜空へ消え去って  
いき、2023年の元旦を  
新たな希望を抱きながら迎  
えたいと思います。  
大晦日には2回お参りを行  
います。午後2時に夜まで  
起きておられない方々のた  
めに早めの除夜会お参り、  
そして午後11時半から今  
年最後の法要がございま  
す。ご家族、お友達をお誘  
いの上、お越し下さいませ。



## 修正会法要

新年の法要、修正会は元旦午前10時半から行われま  
す。初詣のお参りは午後2時までです。どうぞ、お越  
し下さいませ。

## 2023年報恩講法要



2023年1月21日～22日に3年ぶりにお寺で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先生  
です。

大内先生は大分出身で龍谷大学を卒業された後に中央仏教学院、並  
びに勤式指導所でお勤めの勉強をなされました。指導所では本願寺  
特別法務員の資格まで獲得されました。

2016年よりトロント仏教会の駐在開教使に任命されて、現在も務  
めていらっしゃいます。報恩講週末の土曜日にお逮夜法要の代わり  
に「仏教入門」の講演を午後3時になさいます。講演会の後には大  
内先生とご一緒にポットラックディナーを午後5時に頂きたいと考  
えております。

報恩講法要は、22日（日曜日）午前10時半に勤修いたします。ど  
うぞお越し下さいませ。





# 法のともしび

## 2022年を振り返って



ああ、弘誓の強縁は多生にも値いがたく、真実の浄信、億劫にも獲がたし。遇行信を獲ば、遠く宿縁を慶べ。

もしまた、このたび疑網に覆蔽せられれば、かえってまた曠劫を運歴せん。誠なるかな、撰取不捨の真言、超世希有の正法、聞思して運慮することなかれ。ここに愚禿釈の親鸞、慶ばしいかな、西蕃月支の聖典、東夏日域の師釈に、遇い難くしていまたり。

聞き難くしてすでに聞くことをえたり。真宗の教・行・証を敬信して、ことに如来の恩徳深きことを知んぬ。ここをもって、聞くところを慶び、獲るところを嘆ずるなりと。  
(『教行信証』総序より)

2022が終わりを迎えるにあたり、今年も皆様の暖かいご支援と友情を頂きお礼申し上げます。過去数年間を振り返ると、コロナウィルスパンデミックや、ロシアとウクライナの戦争、そして世界に及ぶ不景気などで、不安な心を持つ人々が上昇しているように感じます。

しかし、そんな困難な時代にもかかわらず、2022年は仏教界にとっては希望の年でありました。パンデミックの制限が解除されたことで、私たちは寺院での通常の活動にほぼ戻ることができました。7月には盆踊りとお盆法要を開催し、バンクーバー仏教会の青木先生をご講師としてお招きいたしました。3年ぶりの盆踊りでしたが、たくさんの方が参加し、ゆかたを着た人々の盆踊りや太鼓の響き、屋台での買い物等、人々の賑わいを満喫していました。

8月には、45名がバンクーバーアイランドのお盆お墓参りツアーに参加されました。今年のツアーは、ただお墓詣りだけではなく、いくつかの博物館をたずねたりした教育旅行でもありました。また、様々なレストランでアイランドのいろいろな料理を楽しんだので、それは食通ツアーでもありました。しかし、何よりも素晴らしいのは、ツアーは私たちが訪れた場所で多くの地元のグループと触れ合うことができたので、つながりのツアーでもありました。中には、Nanaimoでセブンポテト日系グループと一緒に盆踊りに参加できたことは印象に残りました。バンクーバーアイランドお盆お墓参りツアーを通してアイランドの地元のグループの間でお盆のお墓参りが関心を集めていることはツアーの大切さを語っていると思います。

夏を経て秋に入ると9月にはBC浄土真宗真仏教会門信徒大会がスティーズストン真仏教会で開催されました。参加者の数は比較的に少なかったのですが、参加者全員が週末を楽しんだようでした。今年のテーマは「道」であり、「仏教の道」「僧侶の道」「日系漁師の道」「浄土真宗日系の道」など、数多くのユニークな道を考察することができました。大会のご講師として、ローランド生田先生をレスブリッジから招待いたしました（彼は実は私の兄です）。

10月に入り「敬老会」を開催することができました。通常春に開催される行事ですが、今年はパンデミックのため、10月まで延期となりました。パンデミックによる長い孤立の後、多くのお寺のメンバーと再会できて皆様はとても楽しんでいただけた様子でした。そして、11月には、Remembrance Day Ceremonyや七五三イベントなどが行われました。今後は、12月に忘年会と除夜の鐘を開催します。

萌えの会や宝島などの他の定期的な活動も再開され、お寺はゆっくりと、確実にパンデミック前の方が行き交う場所に戻っています。また、お寺の存在に本当に感謝していると多くの方から聞くようになりしました。そのせいか、昨年、私たちが予想していなかった会員数の増加が見られました。おそらく、世界で起こっている混乱の中で、阿弥陀様の大慈悲や、生きとし生けるものが支えあって存在しているというメッセージが、人々に必要な心の支えとなってきたのではないのでしょうか。これは、親鸞聖人が上記の教行信証の総序の文で強調されていたことでもあります。阿弥陀様の教えに出会えるのは、本当に大変なことですが、私たちはそのご縁を今いただいているのです。そのご縁がお寺でのすべての行事の土台となっていることは忘れてはいけません。

この一年間、お寺の会員の皆様はじめ、ソーシャルメディアを通じて遠くから参加して下さった方々が引き続きご支援下さり、改めて心から感謝いたします。念仏のみ教えを聴聞し続けて、2023年にお念仏の声がお寺中に響き渡りますように念じております。合掌、生田グラント



## 婦人会からのお知らせ

吉原ヒロコ

お当番3の生田ジュンさんのグループは最近お饅頭づくりに忙しいです。11月の祥月の後に売った三笠饅頭をまず作り、18日の金曜日には蒸し饅頭を作りました。蒸し饅頭は蒸す過程も非常にスムーズにいき、全てがきれいな売れる状態の物ばかりでした。

今年最後のガレージセールを19日の土曜日に行いました。いつものように外でしたが、今回は教室の外側に移動しました。朝は肌寒かったですが、お昼過ぎまではいくらか暖かくなりました。売り上げは\$132.85であり多くはなかったですが、今年の12回のセールの残り物でしたし、キッチンのセールの物が入っていた箱を片づけることができたので、良かったと思います。残った物の一部はリッチモンドの慈善団体に寄付いたします。

## オフィスからのお知らせ

今年も終わりに近づいてきました。お寺のオフィスの営業時間帯です。勝手ながら、12月24日～28日まで休ませていただきます。また12月31日から2023年1月3日まで休ませていただきます。今年も皆様にご挨拶になりお礼を申し上げます。また、来年もお寺の行事に皆様の御参加を楽しみにお待ちしております。どうぞよろしくお願いいたします。

## 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。

成岩 咲枝様	2022年10月30日寂	98歳
吉田 フェイ様	2022年11月13日寂	64歳





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### Moe No Kai

Keiko Go

Although we did not have very many people attending on November 17th, we were able to make a beautiful abstract artwork with various sizes of snowflakes made out of felt fabrics and papers pasted on a big sheet of paper. The title of this artwork is called the "Snow flowers". Since a lot of people liked our beautiful "Autumn leaves" decorated in the hallway, we wanted to show off our "Snow flowers" once again in the hallway. Our next gathering will be the last one of the year and it will be held on Thursday, December 15th. We will be singing and playing games. Please bring your friends and join us. See you soon.



### 萌の会 郷 恵子

10月の萌の会は、皆さんで素敵な色紙で紅葉の葉の貼り絵を楽しみました。それがとても好評で11月17日に行われた萌の会も貼り絵をしました。初雪が降ったこともあり今回は雪の結晶を楽しみました。題名は『雪の華』。これを見ていると今年は美しい綺麗な冬が迎えられそうな気がしてきました。さて、次回は今年最後の萌の会となります。12月15日(木)は午前10時から、思いっきり歌って笑ってゲームなどで楽しみ今年を終わらせたいと思います。是非お友達をお誘いの上いらして下さい。お待ちしております。

