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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 11:30am

SEIZA MEDITATION
Thursdays 7:30pm

MORNING MEDITATION
Fridays 10:00am

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday June 4th
10:30am Shotsuki Service
, (Bilingual)

Monday June 12th
7pm SBT Board Meeting

Sunday July 2nd
10:30am Shotsuki Service
, (Bilingual)

Boarding Amida Buddha's Boat



With the weather turning suddenly like midsummer, we are entering the month of June, the halfway point of the year. Wow! Where has the time gone by? Perhaps I am feeling the time fly by as my schedule continues to keep me quite busy.

Over the Victoria Day weekend I attended the Manning Park Retreat for the first time in about 8 years. It was the first time the retreat was being held following the Covid-19 Pandemic. There were about 54 participants in all, many in their 20s and 30s. Greg Chor of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple and I shared a bittersweet laugh when we realized there was no one from the generation above us in attendance, we had become that older generation. Despite that fact, a wonderful time was had by all as we enjoyed one another's company, and also had the opportunity to share the Buddha Dharma.

Upon my return to Steveston on Monday, I was busy getting ready for a funeral service at our temple on Tuesday. It was one of the larger services in recent times with close to 200 people in attendance.

Keeping with the busy theme, on Wednesday I was on the ferry headed for Vancouver Island to conduct a funeral service in Victoria on Thursday. I am presently on the return ferry heading back to Richmond this evening (Thursday).

Sitting here on the ferry reminds me of the words of Nagarjuna (Ryuju Bosatsu in Japanese), the first of the seven great Pure Land Masters. In his Commentary on the Chapter of Ten Stages of the Garland Sutra, Nagarjuna writes the following passage:

"There are innumerable modes of entry to the Buddha's teaching, just as there are in the world difficult and easy paths. Travelling on foot by land is full of hardship and travelling in a boat on a sea route is pleasant. So it is among the paths of the bodhisattva, some diligently exert themselves in practice, while others quickly enter Non-retrogression by an easy path based on the entrusting mind."

This passage is often cited to clarify Nagarjuna's contribution to the Pure Land Path, that there are two Bodhisattva Paths, the difficult path versus the easy path. The comparison with the Bodhisattva Paths is that there are many paths that are based on self practice where one advances step by step towards enlightenment based on merits gained through their practices. This is considered to be the difficult path, like travelling over land.

In contrast, entrusting to the workings of Amida Buddha is considered to be the Easy Path, like boarding the ferry and being carried from Vancouver Island to the mainland. Once aboard the ferry, I leave everything up to the Captain and the crew who know where they are going. I am completely in their hands and am comfortable enough to be able to type my article for the Newsletter. At first glance, this way of interpreting Nagarjuna's passage seems logical, but in fact, this is only the very basic understanding of what Nagarjuna was trying to convey. In other words, the explanation I gave about feeling comfortable enough to type my article is based on external circumstances. I felt at ease and relaxed because we were sailing across very tame and peaceful conditions. How would I have felt if we were caught in a storm, with turbulent waters and waves that crashed into the boat? I probably would not be thinking that going over sea in a boat is an easy path to follow.

In fact, Nagarjuna, and more importantly, Shinran Shonin, understood the easy path as being more of a mindset. When we encounter the working of Amida Buddha, we receive the settled mind and entrusting heart that allows us to go through the many turbulences in life without being swayed to and fro. It does not change based on external circumstances.

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Your Donations are needed and appreciated!
Donations are the single largest source of income for the temple. Now that we are back to scheduled events, expenses are starting to add up! So we thank you in advance for your contribution to help us offer great programs.

**FUJINKAI
TOBAN 1**

Contact: Hiroko Kawamoto
604-204-0219



FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara

Two memorial services and receptions were held in May. One was for Genevieve Iwata who was our organist for many years. Second was for Setsuko Kishi.

They will be missed by us all.

As spring cleaning continues, many donations have arrived in our kitchen and have been priced reasonably, we hope. Now we look forward to holding our outdoor garage sales as the weather improves. Signs will be put up on and near Garry Street closer to the date along with a notice placed on Craigslist.

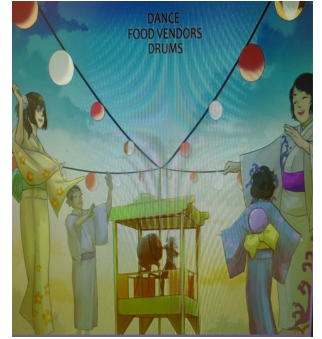


Notice from the office

Please contact Keiko in the office for Obon volunteering.

Volunteering areas include sanitizing, recycling, door prize tickets, parking etc. Without your support, there is no Obon Festival. Thank you.

(604)277-2323 or info@steveston-temple.ca



Foodsafe Level 1 Course

Fifteen participants successfully completed the Foodsafe Level 1 course on Saturday, April 29.

Twelve students were affiliated with the temple including Rev. Grant, two were members of the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple and one was with the Salmon Festival (Judo Club). For those who were unable to take the course, the participant's workbook on top of the filing cabinet can be referred to if needed.

Some important facts are:

1. If you wash your hands in the washroom, please wash again when you return to the kitchen.
2. If you cannot wash your hands, use the hand sanitizer.
3. Do not wear your apron to the washroom.



Volunteer Opportunities

Inner Cleansing: Join us in preparing the Temple for Obon on Sunday, June 25th at 9am for our semi-annual temple cleaning. Cleaning is a very important part of Buddhist Practice. As we clean the temple together, we cleanse our inner selves as well. We welcome new faces.

Another excellent opportunity to volunteer is with the Obon festival on July 15th. We need volunteers to help prepare for the Obon festival, as well as volunteers on the actual day. Please contact Keiko Go at the temple office at (604) 277-2323 or info@steveston-temple.ca if you are able to help out.

The temple is meant to be a gathering space for people and we look forward to your contribution to the many ongoing activities held at the temple.

Moe No Kai

Keiko Go

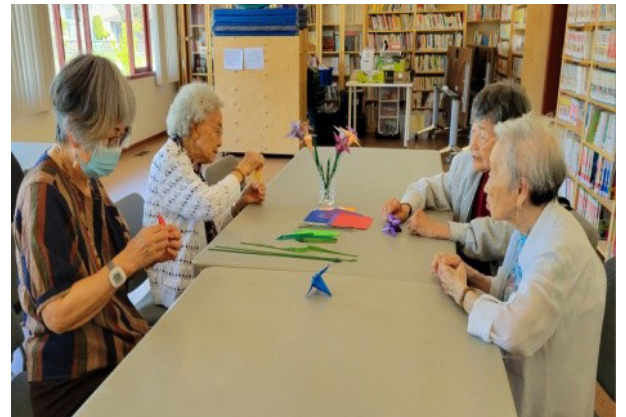
May Moe No-Kai was held on Thursday, May 18th. Approximately 15 seniors showed up to have a fun morning again. After a short Dharma talk by Rev. Grant, we all came back into the classrooms to get warmed up by playing a little concentration game. Afterwards, few seniors who were born in Canada were asked for a short interview on their lives during the WWII by Rev. Grant. Due to having tonsillitis for few days, I didn't have much time to prepare for Moe No-Kai this time. However thanks to our volunteers and their preparation, seniors were able to make beautiful paper irises this time. Great job !! Our next Moe No-Kai will be the last one before the summer break. Please join us on Thursday, June 29th at 10am with your toonies for we are having a small mid-year party with fun games, songs and snacks. See you all in June !!

Fall Trip to Japan

Bud Sakamoto is planning to lead another trip to Japan this fall. To those who may be interested in a group excursion to Kyushu and southwestern parts of Japan please contact Bud by email at budsakamoto@hotmail.com or phone to leave a message at 604 274 4799.

<SENSEI from p.1> Whenever we get visitors to our temple, I like to point out how the architect, Arnulf Petzold, designed the Hondo to look like the upside-down image of the hull of the ship. No matter how busy I get, I feel completely anchored when I sit in the Hondo and listen to and recite the Nembutsu. Namo Amida Butsu.

Gassho,
Grant Ikuta



The Sangha in Harmony

Once the Buddha asked, “Do you live in harmony with one another?”

Anuruddha, one of his disciples, said, “Lord, we care for each other. We live in harmony like milk and honey. I consider living with Nandiya and Kimbila (other disciples) a great blessing. I treasure their friendship. Before I say or do anything, whether they are present or not, I stop and ask myself what their reaction will be. Will my words or actions disappoint my brothers in any way? If I feel any doubts, I refrain from the words or actions intended. Lord, although we are three persons, we are also one. Nandiya added, “and we share all things, from our food to our insights and experience.” The Buddha nodded his approval.

On Saturday, May 6, members and friends of the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple gathered together for their Gotanye service (Celebration of Shinran’s birth) followed by the

Fundraising Dinner. This annual event was held for the first time since the onset of covid 19. There were 45 followers in attendance at the service officiated by Aoki Sensei

The Gotanye service that began with the Kansho (Ringing of the Bell) provided us with an opportunity to come together to celebrate Shinran’s birthday. We sat in silence and repeated the Nembutsu, we chanted the Shoshinge and listened to the Dharma talk by Rev. Aoki. The service concluded with a sense of Reverence as we sang the Ondokusan.

The dinner and silent auction, coordinated by Lucy Yoshioka, brought about another important sense - one of Happiness and Harmony. Here the followers and friends who had not seen each other for years renewed their friendship with their smiles and greetings through their hugs and handshakes. There were 80 from the Steveston, Vancouver and Fraser Valley temples who sat in the ten tables for eight, one of which was occupied entirely by members of the Steveston temple. It was indeed a pleasure to see such a gathering of oneness. The delicious roast beef and lasagna dinner at the Bradner Community Hall was followed by a silent auction for donated items which among the many were an apple tree, bedding plants, paintings, hand crafted pullover hoodies, and wine bottles, etc. And there were bags of freshly made kariinto that sold within minutes. The evening was highlighted by a Taiko presentation.

What was captivating for us was the Togetherness of the Sangha. Not only did the members and friends of the three temples gather to recognise Shinran’s birth and express their words of gratitude but to celebrate by dining together and sharing in the silent auction and the entertainment. This also reminded us of the Homages - Kikyomon : the Three Treasures of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism wherein the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha were indeed on display at this eventful gathering.

As it is stated:

“Hard it is to be born into human life, now we are living it. Difficult it is to hear the teachings of the Blessed One; now we hear them. If we do not gain emancipation in this present life, how may we be freed from the sorrow in the ocean of birth and death? Let us reverently take refuge in the Three Treasures.”

In Gassho,
Roy Akune

The Dharma of Pie: Many Ingredients make ONE

Please join us in Vernon B.C. for the B.C. Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Convention on September 23rd and 24th. We are planning a week-end of Dharma, fellowship and fun! James Martin Sensei, who is retired from The Calgary Buddhist Temple, is our thought provoking Guest Speaker. We will approach our Theme from the Buddhist perspective as well as social and community views.

Our Breakout sessions feature some other Ingredients to Flavour Life and will have you singing, dancing, exercising or learning.

We also want you to have a good time in Vernon and have optional activities to choose from such as a visits to Davidson’s Orchards, Planet Bee and Meadery, Cambium Cidery, drive to the Rise Golf Course to see the views and a walk on the Okanagan Rail Trail along the beautiful Kalamalka Lake.

So plan to come to enjoy the week-end. We are looking forward to hosting you in the beautiful North Okanagan this fall.

The B.C. Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation is hiring a bus to bring people from the lower mainland to Vernon. Please contact rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca or tedakune@gmail.com for bus information.

Please contact the Vernon Buddhist Temple at vernonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com for hotel information and registration forms.

BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist
Temples Federation Convention

**THE DHARMA OF PIE:
MANY INGREDIENTS
MAKE ONE**

Guest Speaker

James Martin Sensei

SEPTEMBER 23TH & 24TH, 2023
VERNON JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER
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Come for great Dharma talks on our Theme, Breakout sessions -
Mottainai dance, Ondokusan harmony, Tai-chi, lay speaker on The
Experience of becoming part of the ONE, fantastic Okanagan pies and
products, walks or drives along scenic trails or Vernon Vistas.

PLEASE CONTACT VERNONBUDDHISTTEMPLE@GMAIL.COM
FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Vernon, British Columbia

DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after May 23, 2023 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 (\$1215): Doi Terri, Hamilton Buddhist Temple, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Fujishima Katsuyo, Kurita Yoshie, Maruno Maya, McCann Family, Oda Jennifer, Steveston Kendo Club, Tabata Tosh, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko,

Dharma donation: Akune Roy & Itoko

Naijin Flower: King Hiroko

Keiroukai service: King Hiroko

JSBTC Convention donation to SBT(\$970): Akune Robert & Molly, Asano June, Bishop Lorna, Campbell Debra, Ebisuzaka Susan, Hirano Kaori, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Lester & Mickey, Ikuta Roland, Ikuta Teruko, Kotani Nancy, Ohori Dave, Rieger D., Suzuki Jim, Takasaki Myra, Yoshioka Lucy & Stan

JSBTC Convention donation to JSBTC(\$380): Akune Roy & Itoko, Bishop Lorna, Hamaura Misaye, Hirano Kaori, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Lester & Mickey, Suzuki Jim, Takasaki Myra

JSBTC WF(\$290): Akune Roy & Itoko, Bishop Lorna, Hamaura Misaye, Hirano Kaori, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Lester & Mickey, Ikuta Teruko, Takasaki Myra

May Shotsuki service donations(\$1865): Akizuki Casey & Ayako, Akizuki Eiko, Akizuki Gary & Family, Akizuki Russ, Akune Roy & Itoko, Armstrong Kim, Domai Kiyo, Domai Koji, Doi Terri, Fee Peter & Emi, Hamade Dennis, Hamade Naomi, Hamanishi Betty, Hirose Mary, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kokubo Alice, Kokubo Christine, Kuriyama Paul, Kuriyama Richard, Leary Wayne & Corinne, Murao Heidy, Murao Keith, Nakano Alison, Nishikihama Teruko, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Aiko, Sakamoto Alan & Cathy, Sakamoto Bud, Sakamoto Umeno, Sakamoto-Singh Crystal, Sakata Hozumi, Sakata Marge, Sakiyama Butch & Marilyn, Sakiyama Nobby & Liz, Satosono Aya, Suyama Eiji & Caroline, Suzuki Kent, Tabata Hajime, Tabata Setsuko, Tabata Tosh, Takasaki Mayumi, Toyoda Miyuki, Yamaoka Vicky

April Shotsuki: Hamada Satoshi, Ota Fumi

Major services(\$245):

Hanamatsuri : Hamada Satoshi, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kokubo Alice, Matsuno Seishi & Kisako

Spring Ohigan : Kokubo Alice

Funeral & Memorial services(\$2765): In memory of the late:

Kishi Setsuko: Bell Catherine, Grant Laura, Acsai Frank & Christina, Izumi Rosalynn & family, Kamide Glenn, Kishi Roger, Vanjorek Atsuko & Branko

Tanaka Eddie: Maede Judith, Sangelo Diane & Christopher & Michael

Nishimatsu Nobuko: Watanabe Sachiko

Nogami Hiroshi: Steveston Gateball Club

Maede Toyoko: Kawamoto Hiroko

John Fred: Kawamoto Hiroko

49th day memorial service of the late Hiroshi Nogami: Nogami Ross, Nogami Harvey

1st year memorial of the late Victor Kawabata: Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo

Mori Thomas & Isamu: Okahori Hideko

Campbell Sean: Stevens Annette

Toyoda Jerry: Stevens Annette

Kuriyama Kikuyo: Kuriyama Paul

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.



2023/24 Membership paid: Akune Roy & Itoko, Akune Ted & Rose, Chow Nobu & Suezone, Fee Emi, Flynn Sharon, Fujishima Katsuyo & Rumi, Hamada Satoshi, Hamade Naomi, Hamade Yoko, Hamaura Misaye, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Hayashi Eizo, Hayashi Setsuo, Hirose Mary, Ikuta Denise, Ikuta Kevin, Ikuta Kuni & June, Kakehi Tomoko, Kaita Alan, Kaita Hiroko, Kariya Mayumi, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, King Hiroko, Kondo Kaoru, Kondo Norman, Maede Judith, Matsunaga Osamu, Matsunaga Susan, Matsuno Seishi & Kisako, Murakami Lori, Murao Keith, Nagai Douglas, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nakata Brent & Jenn, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Kayoko, Nishikihama Eiko, Nitta Ayako, Obayashi Jo-Ann, Ohara Kazuko, Okabe Mary, Okano Nicole, Oki Hiroshi, Oshiro Pat & May, Rennie John, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Kay, Sakai Mark, Sakai Sharon, Sakamoto Alan & Cathy, Sakamoto-Singh Crystal, Sakamoto Umeno, Sakata Hozumi, Shimada Kyuei & Harumi, Tabata Setsuko, Stevens Annette, Suyama Eiji & Caroline, Tabata Kayoko, Tabata Tosh, Takasaki Mayumi, Takizawa Yasuo, Takeuchi Ken & Sachiko, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Tomihiro Kazuko, Toyoda Miyuki, Tsumura Takumi, Yamanaka Keiko, Yamashita Muneichi & Kazuko, Yazawa Chiharu, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko



OBITUARY



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

Kahoru Mori	April 7, 2023	94 Years Old
Genevieve Koto Iwata	April 8, 2023	76 Years Old
Shigeko Irene Tsukijima	April 13, 2023	94 Years Old
Daniel Hideki Arima	May 1, 2023	49 Years Old
Setsuko Sally Kishi	May 10, 2023	93 Years Old



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。

森 薫様	2023年4月7日寂	94歳
岩田 ジェネビーブ コト様	2023年4月8日寂	76歳
月島 シゲ子 アイリーン様	2023年4月13日寂	94歳
有馬 ダニエル 秀樹様	2023年5月1日寂	49歳
岸 セツ子 サリー様	2023年5月10日寂	93歳

2023 BCJSBTF Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Visitation Tour

Date: August 10-13, 2023
 Fee: \$675 per person (based on double occupancy)
 Registration Deadline: June 30, 2023
 Maximum Participants: 12 people

The BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation is proud to announce the 2023 Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Tour from Aug. 10 to 13th. For this year's trip, we will be making a new stop to visit Ucluelet and learn a little of the Japanese Canadian fishing community which existed there prior to WWII. We will also be holding our regular cemetery services in Port Alberni, Cumberland, Nanaimo, Chemainus, Duncan and Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria. Join us for this special journey of the heart. A trip you won't want to miss.

For registration forms and detailed schedule of weekend events or for more information please contact Rev. Grant Ikuta at rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca, or at the Steveston Buddhist Temple (604) 277-2323.

Included in the trip:

- Transportation Expenses: Unlike last year, we will not be chartering a bus, but instead, we will be renting a 12 seater bus. We will be meeting up at the Steveston Buddhist Temple on Thursday morning. Personal vehicles may be left over the weekend in our covered parkade at Wisteria Place.

* Ferry fees to and from the Island.

* Hotel for 1 night in Ucluelet, 1 night in Courtenay, and 1 night in Nanaimo (double occupancy).

* Expenses for renting the van.

* Breakfast on the morning of the 12th (Saturday) and 13th (Sunday).

Fee is based on 12 individuals. Price may change slightly once everything is finalized.

What's not included:

* Expenses for Lunch and Dinner on Thursday; Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Friday; Lunch and Dinner on Saturday; and Lunch and Dinner on Sunday (1 breakfast, 4 lunches, and 4 dinners).

* The meals were not included as with the smaller number, we won't have to order set meals. People can order from the regular menus which gives the individual more flexibility in how much they want to spend per meal, this is beneficial particularly for the lighter eaters.

Please note, as space is limited for the trip, should the number of applicants exceed the allotted spaces, we will be making a lottery draw after the deadline to see who will be able to go. (Three spaces have already been reserved as my uncle and I are the designated drivers for the van and my aunt is accompanying my uncle.)

Trip Sponsors & Supporters: BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation, BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Women's Association, Cumberland Village, Seven Potatoes Nikkei Society, Comox Valley Nikkei Association, Victoria Nikkei Community Society, Ross Bay Old Cemetery Society

2023年BC浄土真宗仏教会連盟 バンクーバー 一島お盆ツアー

日にち：2023年8月10-13日
 費用：1人\$675 (2人一部屋)
 申し込み締め切り：2023年6月30日
 参加人数上限：12人

2023年バンクーバー一島お盆お墓参りツアーを8月10-13日に行いますので、ブリティッシュコロンビア州浄土真宗仏教会連盟よりお知らせいたします。第二次世界大戦中バンクーバー島に住むカナダ人の強制移動により多くの墓が破壊され冒涇(ぼうとく)されました。1967年の和解の結果、BC浄土真宗仏教会連盟はNAJCや地域の他の団体と協力してカンバーランドの日系カナダ人のお墓のあちこちにバラバラになっていた墓石を集め中心に移し記念碑を立てました。チメイナスやポートアルバーニー等の他の地域でも同様の事をおこないました。

2023年のツアーには新しい場所、ユクリューレットも含めます。そこには第二次世界大戦以前には日系カナダ人漁師のコミュニティがありましたので、その歴史を知る良い機会でもあります。また、毎年お墓参りするポートアルバーニー、カンバーランド、ナナイモ、チメイナス、ダンカン、ビクトリアのロスベイにも行きます。非常に感動する旅ですので是非ご参加ください。申し込み書や旅行の詳細については生田 Grant 先生かお寺にご連絡下さい。(rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca, または (604) 277-2323.)

旅費に含まれるもの

- * 乗り物：去年と違い、今年は観光バスは使いません。その代わりに、12人乗りのバスを借ります。木曜日の朝、ステーブストン仏教会に集合します。個人の車はウイステリアブレース屋内の駐車場に帰ってくるまで駐車できます。
- * 往復のフェリー料金
- * ホテル代。ユクリューレット1泊、クートニー1泊、ナナイモ1泊(2人一部屋)
(料金は12人分として計算していますが、最終的に少し変わるかもしれません。)
- * 12人乗りバスの使用料
- * 12日(土曜)と13日(日曜)の朝食

旅費に含まれないもの

- * 木曜日の昼食と夕食：金曜日の朝食、昼食、夕食；土曜日の昼食、夕食；日曜日の昼食、夕食(1朝食、4昼食、4夕食)
- * 食事代は含まれていません。人数が少ないので、メニューから自分の好きな物を好きなだけ頼むことができます。小食の人にはこの方が良いかと思われます。

スペースが限られていますので、申し込みが多い時は申し込み締め切り後に、くじ引きで行く人を選びます。(すでに3人は決まっています。先生とクニさんが運転手で、クニさんの奥様が一緒に行きます。)

旅行のスポンサーとサポーター：BC浄土真宗仏教会連盟、BC浄土真宗仏教婦人会、カンバーランド村、セブン・ポテト日系協会、コモックス・バレー日系協会、ビクトリア日系地域協会、ロスベイ古墓地協会。

パイの教え：多くの食材が一つのパイを作る

ブリティッシュコロンビア州浄土真宗仏教会連盟会議がバーノンで9月23日と24日にあります。仏教の教えや親睦、そして余興等の週末を計画していますので皆様是非ご参加ください。カルガリー仏教会を退職なさったマーチン・ジェイムス先生がゲストスピーカーです。上記のテーマを仏教の側面から、そしてまた社会的、地域的側面からも検討します。分科会では人生にいろどりを添えるような、歌や、ダンス、運動、学び等も考えています。さらに、バーノンで楽しく過ごしていただくためにいくつかの小旅行の選択肢もあります。Davidson's Orchards, Planet Bee and Meadery, Cambium Cideryに行ったり、The Rise Golf Courseで美しい景色を見たり、カラマルカ湖に浴ったオカナガン・レール・トレールを歩くのもおすすめです。この美しい北オカナガンで皆様にお会いするのを楽しみにしています。ブリティッシュコロンビア州浄土真宗仏教会連盟はローアーメインランドからバーノンにいらっしゃる方たちのためにバスを雇っています。バスの詳細についてはrev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca または tedakune@gmail.comにご連絡ください。ホテルと会議参加申し込みに関してはバーノン仏教会(vernombuddhisttemple@gmail.com)にご連絡ください。



婦人会からのお知らせ

吉原ヒロコ



5月には2つの追悼式とレセプションが行われました。一つは、お寺でいつもオルガンを弾いて下さっていた岩田ジェネビーブさんの追悼式で、もう一つは、岸せつこさんのでした。お二人がお亡くなりになり、皆さんが寂しが

っておられます。春の大掃除を皆さんがなさっていらっしゃるので、お寺のキッチンに寄贈品がたまっています。それで先日値段を付けました。お天気の良い日に外でガレージセールをするのを楽しみにしています。日にちが近づいてきましたら、ゲリーストリートやその近辺にセールのサインを出し、また、クレイグリストにも広告を出します。

食品衛生管理講座 レベル1

4月29日に受講者全員15人が食品衛生管理講座をパスしました。12人は生田先生も含めてお寺関係の方で、その他2人はフレーザー・バレー仏教会から、1人はサーモンフェスティバル(柔道クラブ)からでした。参加できなかった方でも必要ならば、ファイリングキャビネットの上に参加者のワークブックがおいてありますのでご覧ください。

- 誰もが知っておくべきことは次の通りです。
1. お手洗いで手を洗っても、キッチンに戻ったらまた手を洗ってください。
 2. もし手を洗えない場合は、ハンドサニタイザーを使ってください。
 3. お手洗いに行くときはエプロンはずしてから行ってください。

日本行きの旅行

坂本バッドさんがこの秋の日本行き旅行をまた計画しています。九州や日本の南西方面の団体旅行に関心のある方は坂本バッドさんにメールを出すか(budsakamoto@hotmail.com) 電話(604-274-4799)にメッセージを残しておいてください。

JUNE 2023 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Akizuki, Lindsay	Hibi, Tadasu	Kojima, Kenosuke	Morishita, Eikichi	Nishii, Torakichi	Tabata, Miyeko
Asano, Teisuke	Hikita, Emiko	Koyama, Fukujiro	Morishita, Sentaro	Nitta, Mitsuyo	Tani, Shinzo
Domai, Toyokichi	Ikeda, Torakichi	Kokubo, Mike	Murakami, Collin	Okano, Mine	Tanigami, Tomie
Hamade, Itsuji	Ito, Misao	Kurahashi, Setsuyo	Murakami, Tsuneko	Sakai, Matsu	Toyoda, Shigeru, Jerry
Hamanishi, Kiyoko	Ito, Toramatsu	Kuramoto, Haruo	Muramatsu, Joe	Sakata, Kazue	Uyeyama, Matakichi
Hamanishi, Yoshio	Kamide, Patsy Shizuko	Harry	Nakagawa, Shuichiro	Sakata, Shozo	Wada, Kazuko
Hamaura, Sadame	Kariya, Tsuneko	Kuramoto, Kayo	Nakane, Kazuo	Sameshima, Merry	Yamamoto, Yoshio
Harada, Tamae	Kawamoto, Itoe	Maeda, Tsunekichi	Nakano, Chikae	Shimizu, Mitsuye	Yamanaka, Tomizo
Harada, Teiko	Kawasaki, Koichi	Matsunaga, Masami	Nagata, Sayoko	Shinde, Yoshiharu	Yoshida, Troy
Hashimoto, Kimie	Kikuchi, Kei	Matsuyama, Yaeko	Nishi, Kazumi	Shiyoji, Masako	Yoshida, Yoshiji
Hashimoto, Masuo		Morimoto, Bobby	Nishi, Toshiharu	St. Hilaire, Linda Mayumi	

JULY 2023 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Akune, Yuichi	Hashimoto, Toyozo	Kishi, Kazuko	Mori, Chiyo	Oura, Toshiharu	Teramura, Kinue
Amadatsu, Johnny	Hashimoto, Tsuta	Kitagawa, Kikuye	Morimoto, Chiyo	Pineda, Sena	Teranishi, Hatsu
Arima, Kenichi	Hibi, Aika	Kitagawa, Masa	Morimoto, Toshinosuke	Sakai, Yasuichi	Toyoda, Kiyoko
Atagi, Kaoru	Higo, Saichiro	Kondo, Hiroshi	Murao, Toshio	Sakamoto, Yasue	Uchida, Fumiko
Beaton, Yoshimi	Hikida, Tazu	Koyama, Chieko	Nagata, Kory	Sakiyama, Toshiye	Uyeyama, Fukujiro
Clarke, Sandra May	Hirose, Tahei	Kung, Laurence	Nishi, Tsuta	Takane, Katsu	Yamamoto, (Tom) Yutaka
Domae, Isa	Hirose, Toku	Matsumura, Eikichi	Nishi, Hiroshi	Tanaka, Koharu	Yoshida, Ben
Eskandari, Kazuko	Hirota, Mitsuyuki	Maede, Kikuye	Nitta, Kitano	Tani, Mikie	Yoshida, Yoshie
Hamade, Taki	Ishida, Yokichi	Maeda, Tomino	Okano, Koito	Taniwa, Fusae	Yoshida, Takahiko
Hamade, Tsuyoshi	Kariya, Kimiko	Mitsui, Ken	Osaka, Kikue	Taniwa, Kazuo	



法のともしび



阿弥陀仏の船に乗って

真夏のように急に気候が変わり、あっという間に6月となりました。スケジュールがかなり切羽詰まっているので、時の流れも加速しているように感じています。

この間のビクトリアデーの週末に約8年ぶりにマニングパークトリートに参加しました。COVID-19パンデミックが終わってから初めてトリートが開催されました。参加者は全部で約54名で、20代から30代の参加者が多くいました。バンクーバー仏教会のグレッグ・チャーさんと話していた時に、私たちより上の世代が誰も出席していないことに気づいた瞬間、二人は苦笑しました。とても楽しくて、有意義な週末でした。祭日の月曜日にステーキレストランに戻り、次の日にお寺で岸セツ子様の葬儀を執り行いました。

さらに続いて水曜日にはバンクーバーアイランドに渡り、木曜日にビクトリアで月島シゲ子様の葬儀を行いました。私は現在、リッチモンドに戻るフェリーに乗って記事を書いています。

フェリーに乗っていると、七高僧の最初の龍樹菩薩の言葉が思い浮かびます。龍樹菩薩の書かれた『十住毘婆沙論(じゅうじゅうびばしゃろん)』の中に次の一節が書かれています。

苦しきことを顕示(けんじ)して、易行(いぎょう)の水道、
楽しきことを信樂(しんぎょう)せしむ。

この文は龍樹菩薩が浄土思想に貢献された教えであり、困難な道と容易な道の2つの菩薩の道があることを明確に示されたのです。菩薩の道との比較は、修行によって得られた功德に基づいて悟りに向かって一歩一歩進む道は陸路を移動するような困難な道であると仰せられました。

これに対して、阿弥陀仏の働きにおまかせすることは、フェリーに乗ってバンクーバー島から本土に運ばれるような安楽な道と考えられています。フェリーに乗った一見、船長と乗組員にすべてを任せます。このように解釈は正しそうですが、実際には、これは龍樹菩薩が伝えようとしていたこととは違っています。言い換えるならば、私が船の上で楽を感じていることは、外部の状況に基づいています。穏やかで波のない航海は楽しいものです。荒れ狂う海の波が船に衝突するような嵐に巻き込まれたら決して易行とは思えないでしょう。つまり、乗船も困難な道と感ずることもあります。

結局龍樹菩薩も親鸞聖人も、易行とは阿弥陀仏の働きに出会い、信心をいただければ、どんなに人生に多くの激動があってもそれを乗り越えられる安心(あんじん)の心を持たされるのです。外部の状況に基づいて変更されることはありません。

お寺を設計された建築家のアルヌルフ・ベツォルドさんは、お寺の本堂の天井の梁が、逆さまの船底のように見えるデザインにされたのは、阿弥陀様のお船をイメージされたのではないのでしょうか。これからその大船に乗ってお聴聞させて頂きたいと思えます。南無阿弥陀仏

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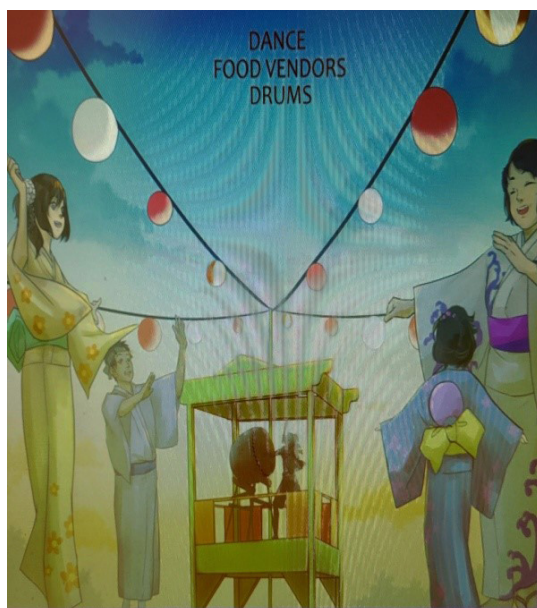
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萌の会

郷 恵子

5月の萌の会は18日に行われました。約15名ほどのシニアの方が来られました。まず、生田先生の短い法話で始まり、その後クラスルームにて集中力を高める簡単な頭の体操をしました。更にカナダ生まれの日系人のシニアの方には特別に時間を作ってもらい、戦争中の生活についてのインタビューが生田先生によって行われました。生憎、私は扁桃炎で復帰したばかりだったので、今回の色紙でのあやめ作りの準備などは全てボランティアさんをお願い致しました。ボランティアの皆様には心から感謝を致します。さて、7月と8月は夏休みとしてお休みさせていただきますので、6月の萌の会は夏休みに入る最後の萌の会になります。従って次回の萌の会は6月29日(木)午前10時に行われ、ちょっとした小さなパーティーで盛り上がると思っています。どうぞ、2ドルの小銭をお持ちの上、是非参加して下さいませ。お待ちしております。See you soon!



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OBON お盆

Our Obon weekend is just around the corner. We will be holding all of our Obon events in person. We hope you will be able to join us for the weekend.

The following is the schedule for our Obon Weekend.

OBON NOKOTSUDO SERVICE 納骨堂お参り

Saturday, July 15th, 10:30 am
7月15日 (土曜日) 午前10時半

BON ODORI 盆踊り

Saturday, July 15th, gates open at 3:00 pm Odori Dancing begins at 4:00pm
7月15日 (土曜日) 午後3時開門。盆踊りは午後4時より始まります。

OBON SERVICE お盆法要

Sunday July 16th at 10:00 am
7月16日 (日曜日) 午前10時

Our guest for Obon this year will be retired Rev. Orai Fujikawa
今年のお盆法要のご講師は引退開教使の不二川往来先生です。



2023 BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Vancouver Island Obon Tour

Date: August 10 –13, 2023

Fee: \$675 per person (based on double occupancy)

Registration Deadline: June 30, 2023

Maximum Participants: 12 people



The BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation is proud to announce the 2023 Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Tour from Aug. 10 to 13th.

During WWII, the forcible removal of Canadian citizens from Vancouver Island led to many cemeteries being destroyed and desecrated. In 1967, as an act of reconciliation, the BCJSBTF along with the NAJC and other local organizations gathered the headstones strewn about at the Cumberland Japanese Canadian Cemetery site and brought them all together to form a central memorial monument. Cemeteries in other towns such as Chemainus, and Port Alberni would follow suit.

For the 2023 trip, we will be making a new stop to visit Ucluelet to learn a little of the Japanese Canadian fishing community which existed there prior to WWII. We will also be holding our regular cemetery services in Port Alberni, Cumberland, Nanaimo, Chemainus, Duncan and Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria.

Join us for this special journey of the heart. A trip you won't want to miss.

For registration forms and detailed schedule of weekend events or for more information please contact Rev. Grant Ikuta at rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca, or at the Steveston Buddhist Temple (604) 277-2323.

What's Included:

- Transportation Expenses: Unlike last year, we will not be chartering a bus, but instead, we will be renting a 12 seater bus. We will be meeting up at the Steveston Buddhist Temple on Thursday morning. Personal vehicles may be left over the weekend in our covered parkade at Wisteria Place.
- Ferry fees to and from the Island.
- Hotel for 1 night in Ucluelet, 1 night in Courtenay, and 1 night in Nanaimo (double occupancy). (Fee is based on 12 individuals. Price may change slightly once everything is finalized).
- Expenses for renting the van.
- Breakfast on the morning of the 12th (Saturday) and 13th (Sunday).

What's not included:

- Expenses for Lunch and Dinner on Thursday; Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Friday; Lunch and Dinner on Saturday; and Lunch and Dinner on Sunday (1 breakfast, 4 lunches, and 4 dinners).
- The meals were not included as with the smaller number, we won't have to order set meals. People can order from the regular menus which gives the individual more flexibility in how much they want to spend per meal, this is beneficial particularly for the lighter eaters.

Please note, as space is limited for the trip, should the number of applicants exceed the allotted spaces, we will be making a lottery draw after the deadline. (Three spaces have already been reserved as my uncle and I are the designated drivers for the van and my aunt is accompanying my uncle.)

Trip Sponsors & Supporters: BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation, BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Women's Association, Cumberland Village, Seven Potatoes Nikkei Society, Comox Valley Nikkei Association, Victoria Nikkei Community Society, Ross Bay Old Cemetery Society

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Attention : Convention Registration.
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