# 法のともしび
# LIGHT OF THE DHARMA

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

We conduct 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

JAPANESE PLAYGROUP
Takarajima Tuesdays 10-12

SEIZA MEDITATION
Thursdays 7:30pm

MORNING MEDITATION
Fridays 10:00am

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Sunday December 1st 10:30am
Shotsuki Memorial Service

Monday December 2nd 7:00 pm
SBT Board Meeting

Sunday December 8th 9-12
Temple Clean up

Sunday December 15th 10am
10am Dharma School
10:30 Bodhi Day Service
12pm Bonenkai Party

December 24-27 Temple Closed

Tuesday December 31st
2pm Joya-E Service
11:30pm Joya-E Evening
(with Bell Ringing)

Wed. January 1st 10:30am
New Year's Day Service

Sunday January 5th 10:30am
Sotsuki Memorial Service

**FUJINKAI TOBAN 2**

Contact: Itoko Akune
604-244-7710

## New Year's Eve Temple Bell

As hard it is to believe, 2024 is quickly coming to an end. 2025 will mark a quarter of a century since we entered the 21st Century. 25 years ago, just around this time, the big hype was about the Y2K crash that everyone was fearing would come about as we changed over from 1999 to 2000. There were many who were concerned that computers throughout the world would crash as they would not be able process the changes required in the computers. Of course, none of the fears came about and here we are today with technology advancing by the second. A good example of this is the cellular phone. At the beginning of the 21st Century, we saw the birth of the cellular phone with just over 100 million cell phones in existence. Today, it is said that there are over 8 billion cell phones. There are more cell phones than there are humans on this Earth. In such a rapidly changing world, it is easy for us to lose our humanity. The numerous Japanese Buddhist traditions surrounding the New Year's helps us ground spiritually.

In Japan, it is traditional at the end of the old year to clean one's home thoroughly as a way to cleanse the physical self, to start the New Year off with a fresh start. Similarly, on New Year's Eve, people in Japan attend temples where the temple bells are rung 108 times to cleanse our spiritual being, again to start the New Year off with a fresh start.

When I was a minister in Toronto, we used to go to a Provincial Amusement Park known as Ontario Place to ring in the New Year. In 1977, the Japanese Canadian community in Ontario all pitched in and donated a large temple bell to the Ontario government in commemoration of 100 years since the first Japanese, Manzo Nagano, came to Canada. The bell was situated in the heart of this provincially run amusement park and we would gather there on New Year's Eve. The park itself would be closed for the winter, and we would be given special permission to enter the premise to access the large temple bell. There would normally be about 100 to 200 people in attendance, and I always found it kind of eery as we would make our way through the dark amusement park to get to where the bell was located. Because the park was located right on the banks of Lake Ontario, some winters it would be well below -30 degrees, and we would have to bundle up with layers of clothing to withstand the cold temperatures. Despite the frigid conditions, I always remember with great fondness ringing the New Year's Eve Temple Bell at Ontario Place.

The cleansing of oneself at the year end is an important because of the religious connotations associated with it. By cleansing oneself, it doesn't mean that we rid ourselves of the past, but it is a recognition in gratitude for the culmination of past events.

So, what does this all mean? To begin with, let us look at our physical being. Although we think of ourselves as being individuals, in actuality we are the culmination of countless forms of life that sustains us throughout our lives. Physically, this means all of the energy from the food that we eat, all of which comes from living beings. Spiritually and emotionally, it means we are shaped through the many encounters that we have in our lives.

The cleaning of the house is the cleansing of our physical being, while the ringing of the New Year's Eve bell is more spiritual as we reflect on all of the many events of the past year. Throughout the many ups and downs of life, the Nembutsu reassures us that no matter what happens in our lives, Amida Buddha is always with us giving us confidence to live our lives to its utmost.

Throughout the past year I'm sure you have encountered many events in your lives. On New Year's Eve, as the rich tone of the Temple Bell fades gently into the night air, so the many events of 2024 gently fade into our memory. With sincere gratitude for the many encounters during the past year, may I wish all of you a peaceful Holiday Season, and a fulfilling New Year.

In Gassho, Grant Ikuta

## 婦人会からのお知らせ
吉原ヒロコ

November was a busy month for the Fujinkai ladies. They gathered in November to make manju to sell after the Shotsuki service and also made the ever popular karinto to sell after the December Shotsuki service. The Minister's appreciation lunch (dim sum) was held at Sea Fortune Restaurant on Saturday, November 16 to show gratitude to Rev. Ikuta and Roy Akune, ministers assistant. Thank you to Kuni Ikuta who made the arrangements. Our annual Eshinni nikko service in memory of Lady Eshinni and Fujinkai members was held on Sunday, November 24. Tea and refreshments were served in the classroom following the service.

## FUJINKAI NEWS
Hiroko Yoshihara

11月は比較的に忙しい月でした。11月の祥月法要後販売された餅饅頭や、12月の 祥月後に販売されるお寺の大人気お菓子のかりんとうを作りました。
更に、11月16日に生田先生とアシスタントの阿久根ロイさんへの日頃の感謝の昼 食会がSea Fortune中華料理店で飲茶式で行われました。尚、この昼食会を企画して 下さった生田くにさんに感謝致します。毎年行われている恵信尼公法要が婦人会の会員によって今年は11月24日（日）に行われました。法要後はクラスルームにて恵信尼公の法要にいらして下さった方のためお茶菓子が用意されました。

## FUJINKAI DONATIONS

A quick reminder: All Fujinkai Donation Cheques need to be made out to 'Steveston Buddhist Temple' so we are able to process them through our temple accounts and issue Tax receipts. You can put "Fujinkai" in the memo line, so we can allocate the donation to the correct cause. If you make your donation on the Temple Website, you can also choose 'Fujinkai' as the category for your donation.

## 婦人会へのご寄付

再度のお知らせですが、婦人会に寄付をなさる時は小切手の支払先（Pay to）にはSteveston Buddhist Temple と書いて下さい。そうすると、お寺の口座に入金されますので、税金の領収書を発行する事ができます。メモの所に「婦人会」と書いて下されば入金をそちらに割り当てます。お寺のウエッブサイトから寄付をなさる時もカテゴリーの欄に Fujinkai と書く事もできます。どうぞよろしくお願いいたします。

## Moe No Kai
Keiko Go

November Moe No-Kai was held on November 14th. 16 seniors showed up to watch a movie "The Ramen girl". This was an encore presentation in honor of the actor Toshiyuki Nishida, who passed away Oct. 17th, 2024. Mr. Nishida was a beloved Japanese actor whose career spanned over 50 years. I believe seniors enjoyed the movie since there were a few seniors who wanted to eat ramen noodles after watching it. Our last Moe No-Kai of the year will be held on Thursday December 5th. Please bring your friends and join our last Moe No-Kai of the year.

Thanks to the volunteers for supporting the program and most of all, we thank all the seniors for coming to Moe No-Kai this year. See you next year on January 16th, 2025. We will have Shinnenkai with lots of games and food. Happy Holidays to you all.

## 萌の会
郷恵子

11月の萌の会は14日に行われ今回は映画が上映されました。約16名のシニアの方が「ラーメンガール」の映画を見に来られました。この映画は10月17日にお亡くなりになった俳優の西田敏行さんのご冥福をお祈りするにあたって上映されました。西田敏行さんは、50年以上のキャリアを持つ俳優として国民から愛されました。観賞後ラーメンが食べたくなったシニアが数人いらしたので、きっと映画を楽しんでくれたのかと思いました。さて、12月5日は今年最後の萌の会となります。是非お友達をお誘いの上いらして下さい。このプログラムをお手伝いして下さったボランティァの皆様、有難うございました。そして、何よりも参加して下さったシニアの皆様今年もお世話になり有難うございました。どうぞ引き続き来年も是非いらして下さいませ。来年は１月１６日が最初の萌の会になり新年会で始まります。どうぞ良いお年をお迎え下さいませ。

## 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. 8th starting at 9:00 am. Help us clean the temple so we can welcome 2025 with a fresh start. There will be no regular Sunday service.

## お寺の年末大掃除

１２月８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。一人でも多くの方にご参加くださるよう、ご協力お願い致します。

## Mochi Tsuki

The temple is looking for helpers to make mochi for the Bonenkai and the 2024 New Years' Service in January.

We will be making the mochi on Saturday, December 14th starting at 9:00 am. Hope to see you there.

## 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14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

## Bodhi Day and Bonenkai Party

## December 15th, 2024

Tradition has it that roughly 2,500 years ago in 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.

Please attend our Bodhi Day Service on Sunday, December 15th at 10:30 am followed by the Bonenkai Party at 12:00 noon.

Cost for Bonenkai: $25 per member and $35 for non-members; Free for Dharma School Children

Enjoy fellowship with the Sangha
Good Food, Great Entertainment, Games, Gifts

Please let the office know as soon as possible if you will be attending.
Deadline for ticket purchase is Monday, December 2
Contact: The Temple Office at (604) 277-2323

Collecting non-perishable food items for Richmond Food Bank

## 7-5-3 Event at the temple

On Sunday, November 17th, we held the annual 7-5-3 event at our temple. The 7-5-3 event is to celebrate children of the ages of 3, 5, and 7 years old. In days gone by, in Japan, infant mortality rate was much higher than it is today. It was believed that if a girl lived until she was 3 years old, then she would be past the threat of infant death. Likewise, for boys it was the age of 5 years old when they were seen to be beyond the threat of early childhood death. Because of this, when girls turned 3 and boys turned 5 the family would visit either a Shinto Shrine or Buddhist Temple to express their gratitude for their blessing. The age of 7 is a celebration for girls as it was seen as the first step into womanhood. The three events are celebrated together forming the 7-5-3 event, typically held in the middle of November.

## お寺で七五三イベント

１１月１７日にお寺にて七五三お参りを執り行いました。
式前日が大雨だったため天気が心配でしたが、当日は雨も降らずに無事に式を終えることが出来ました。
きれいに着飾った子供達、とてもかわいかったですよ。
これからの毎日が、夢と希望に満ち溢れたものになるよう願っております。
『這えば立て、立てば歩めの親心』

## Jishin Kyo Ninshin - Imparting Buddhism

to Kwantlen Polytechnic University Students

Recently, I had the fortune of meeting and sharing the Buddha Dharma as related to Jodo Shinshu with 30 students enrolled in Asian Religious Studies at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Arrangements were made by Dr. Todd Klaiman, a former student of mine at Richmond Senior Secondary School and now professor of Asian Studies at Kwantlen.

What raised my curiosity most of all was the students' keen interest in Pure Land Buddhism as it evolved from India to China and to Japan. The students had already visited the Ling Yen Mountain Buddhist Temple on No. 5 Road and were very interested in the transmission of Buddhism into Japan.

Using the visual backdrop of the hanging scrolls on the Naijin (the altar), we traced the development of Jodo Shinshu from the seven Patriarchs to Prince Shotoku to Shinran to Rennyo and to present day Japan. With the central focus on Amida Buddha, a historical perspective was provided through Shinran's twenty year Tendai sojourn in Mt. Hiei where he became despondent of monastic practice and where the dream appeared on the 95th day of his 100 day meditation at Rokkaku-do in Kyoto. This dream led to his eventual meeting with Honen, whereupon, he was able to clarify his thoughts about the Nembutsu.

Integrated with this perspective, we noted the difference between Amida Buddha and Kannon, the Bodhisattva of Compassion, the central figure at Ling Yen Mountain temple.

It was quite the challenge, not knowing the background of the students and their knowledge of General Buddhism. However, the one and half hour session went very quickly. The challenge was to explain to students with different heritage and backgrounds some of whom were from Afghanistan, the Netherlands and India. The feedback was very positive.

Donations to the Steveston temple were received from the University and students.

If one is able to strike an interest and impart some knowledge of Pure Land Buddhism, specific to Jodo Shinshu, in the minds and hearts of the young people, I believe, that one has enacted on the spirit of Jishin Kyo Ninshin - "securing one's own entrusting heart to the Dharma and guiding others to the same path".

We are very fortunate that we have in our possession a calligraphy wall hanging of Jishin Kyo Ninshin, one written by His Eminence Monshu Ohtani Kojun, the 25th generational descendant and head priest of Nishi Hongwanji. This phrase comes from the Hymns of Birth in the Pure Land composed by Shan-tao, the 5th Patriarch of Pure Land Buddhism.

In Gassho,
Roy Akune

## Message from the Temple President

Hard it is to believe that 2024 is almost over. I know that I am not the only one that wonders where the time has gone. We are aware that change is a constant in our lives and certainly we have experienced it this past year. The Temple windows and doors have been a constant since the Temple was built in 1963. The single pane windows have served us well but are now old and not environmentally friendly. And, were ready for change.

Through the Japanese Canadian Legacy program, we qualified for a grant to replace all exterior windows with sealed double panes, and exterior doors. We also qualified to have the interior of the Temple painted. For this, we are most grateful and thankful to the Legacy Program.

The Temple activities, as in the past, have been very, very successful. The main activities - Moe No Kai seniors program, Obon Festival, Lecture Series, Seiza Meditation, Golf Tournament, Children's Dharma Program, have all continued throughout 2024. All these events and programs at Steveston Buddhist Temple require many volunteers to organize, to plan and to succeed. We are thankful and appreciative.

Steveston Buddhist Temple wishes to thank Keiko Go, Office Administrator, Renako Miura, Bookkeeper / Office Assistant, Rev. Grant Ikuta, Roy Akune Sensei, Fujinkai, and Temple Board Members - Kuni Ikuta, June Ikuta, Jeanne Ryan, Alan Kaita, Durgesh Kasbekar, Doug Anzai, Casey Akizuki, Brent Nakata. As President, it is a privilege to represent the Temple Membership and Executive Board.

In Gassho,
Ted Akune

November Shotsuki

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## 成道会法要と忘年会
## 2024年12月15日

約2500年前にお釈迦様がインドの北部にあるボッダガー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日であったと伝われています。

そして、毎年お寺では12月にお釈迦様の悟りを記念に「成道会法要」を勤修しています。今年のお参りは12月15日午前10時半に行われますので、お参りの後に正午より忘年会を行います。年末に皆さんと一緒に楽しい一時を過ごしませんか？

忘年会の参加費：メンバの皆様はお一人様　＄２５、
メンバ以外の方はお一人様　＄３５、

美味しいお食事、素敵なパファーマンス、ゲームや景品など、皆さんで楽しい時間を過ごしましょう。
チケットのご購入〆切日は１２月２日（月）になります。
お寺のオフィス（６０４）２７７－２３２３までお問合せください。

尚、缶詰、ドライフードなど今年もフードバンクに寄付をしますので、
忘年会の日若しくはそれまでにお寺にお持ち下されば幸いです。

## トロントでの除夜の鐘つき

信じがたいことですが、2024年はあっという間に終わりに近づいています。 2025年は、21世紀に入ってから四半世紀を迎えます。ちょうど25年前の今頃、1999年から2000年にかけて、誰もが恐れていたY2Kの暴落が大々的に取り上げられました。世界中のコンピュータがクラッシュし、コンピュータに必要な変更を処理できなくなるのではないかと心配する人が多くいました。もちろん、恐れることはなく、今日、テクノロジーは秒単位で進歩しています。携帯電話の開発を見るとよくわかります。21世紀の始まりに携帯電話が誕生し、携帯電話は1億台以上存在しました。現在、携帯電話は80億台以上あると言われています。この地球上には、人間よりも多くの携帯電話があります。このように目まぐるしく変化する世界では、私たちは人間性を失いがちです。新年を取り巻く数多くの日本仏教の伝統は、私たちに自分を見つめる機会を与えてくれます。

日本では、年末に家を徹底的に掃除することで、身体を浄化し、新たなスタートを切るために新年を迎える意味が含まれています。同様に、大晦日には寺院に参拝し、鐘を108回鳴らして私たちの煩悩を浄化し、新たな気持ちで新年を迎えます。

私がトロントにいた頃、毎年新年を迎えるためにオンタリオプレイスと言う州立遊園地に除夜の鐘をつくために毎年行っていました 。1977年、オンタリオ州の日系カナダ人コミュニティは、日本人初の永野万造氏がカナダに来てから100年を記念して、オンタリオ州政府に大きな梵鐘を寄贈しました。 鐘はオンタリオ政府が運営する遊園地の奥に設置されました。公園自体は冬の間閉鎖され、除夜の鐘つきのために３１日の夜特別な許可をいただき、暗闇の遊園地を抜けて鐘のある場所まで約１００人の参拝者と一緒に行きました。公園はオンタリオ湖のほとりに位置していたため、冬には-30度をはるかに下回り、寒さに耐えるために衣服を重ねて着る必要がありました。極寒のコンディションにもかかわらず、オンタリオプレイスでの除夜の鐘つきはいつもとても懐かしく思い出されます。スティーブストン仏教会でも毎年お寺で除夜の鐘つきを行われています。皆様もご参加いかがでしょうか？最後になりましたが、この一年間、多くの出会いに心から感謝するとともに、皆様が平和な年末年始をお迎えくださいますように心から願っています。

合掌、
生田真見

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**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.**

## DECEMBER 2024 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Amadatsu, Toshi
Asari, Sadajiro
Doi, Tomoyuki
Goto, Tokiyo
Hama, Sayo 'Sally'
Hamade, Hiroshi
Hamaura, Motaro
Harada, Misako
Higo, Yui
Hikita, Kojiro
Hirose, Tanejiro
John, Fred
Kanno, Eiji
Kanno, Sakae
Kariya, Yoshio
Katayama, Gorosuke
Kawasaki, Shizuko
Kimura, Kiyoko
Kobayashi, Kotome
Kondo, Tamotsu
Koyanagi, Herby
Koyanagi, Chuzo
Kuramoto, Jiro
MacPherson, Una Marjorie
Maekawa, Fujie
Matsuyama, Iyo
Mukai, George Seishi
Mori, Kiyoshi
Mori, Koji
Morishita, Kino
Morishita, Tome
Nakane, Mitsutaro
Nakano, Kiichi
Nakano, Sadao
Nakatani, Inosuke
Narukami, Uta
Nishi, Hitoshi
Nishi, Yoshiko
Nishikihama, Mitsuo
Niwatsukino, Keiko
Niwatsukino, Kyoko
Niwatsukino, Ume
Nomura, Kimiko
Ohara, Chieko
Okano, Sekiji
Omori, Hiroshi
Sakai, (Frank) Yonekazu
Sakai, Yoshiko
Sakamoto, Jean Harumi
Sakata, Eiichi
Sakata, Yone
Sakata, Tomizo
Sakashita, Yutaka
Sakiyama, Aiko
Sameshima, Kuniyoshi
Shinde, Eiko
Sokugawa, Mike
Suzuki, Fumi
Tateyama, Kazue
Takasaki, Yukio
Tanigami, Hideko Ruth
Teraguchi, Nami
Tsumoto, Takeshi
Uno, Yoneko
Uyeda, Haruo
Wu, Heke Terry
Yamashita, Douglas
Yesaki, Miyakichi
Yokota, George
Yokota, Shigeo
Yoshida, Yonekichi
Yoshida, Yoshiko
Yukawa, Katsue

## JANUARY 2025 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

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

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The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after November 23, 2024 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.

最近一年を通し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 ($1,610)** Akune Roy & Itoko, Anzai June, Cavanaugh Genevra, Chow Suezone & Nobu, Hirose Mary, Ikuta Kuni & June, Japanese Dementia Support Association, Martin Michael, Miki Paul, Nitta Ayako, Onouye Hideko, Tsukijima Judy, Watanabe Sachiko, Yazawa Chiharu, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

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**November:** Akune Roy & Itoko, Atagi Shirley, Baumann Elaine & Paul, Doi Peter & Louise, Hamanishi Betty, Guy Garry & Rosa, Hayashi Eizo, Higo Hiromi, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Hirano Chiyoko, Hirose Mary, Hori James, Horii Caryn, Ichiiwa Ken & Bea, Izumi Basil & Etsuko, Kakehi Tomoko, Kamachi Sumiko, Kariya Florence, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawamoto Tobo & Hiroko, Kokubo Christine, Kuramoto Isao, Kuriyama Paul, Kuriyama Richard, McElwain Taylor, Matsuo Ken & Akiko, Miller Karen, Mizuta Harry & Akemi, Morimoto Anthony, Morimoto John, Morimoto Mas, Morizawa George, Morizawa Leonard, Morizawa Paul, Morizawa Sazare, Murao Heidy, Murao Keith, Murao Ray, Nishi Albert, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi Greg & Mary, Nishikihama Calvin, Nishikihama Eiko, Nishikihama Eiko, Nishikihama Karen, Nishikihama Ken, Nitta Ayako, Nitta Jeff, Okabe Mary, Okamoto K., O'Sullivan Linda, Oye Hanako, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Sakiyama Butch & Marilyn, Sakiyama Liz, Sato Karen, Sawada Jack, Sawada James & Norma, Sakurai Tommy & Naomi, Sameshima Raymond & Famey, Setterstrom Amy, Takasaki Charlotte, Takasaki Keith & Sandra, Tamayose Yukiko, Tanaka Jim, Tasaka Cheryl, Tasaka Janice, Tasaka Joyce, Tasaka Rick & Naomi, Teraguchi June, Teraguchi Lorne, Charney-Teraguchi Irene, Terai K., Teramura Ken & Pauline, Thomas Joy, Tipple P., Tubajon Paul & Julie, Uyeyama Tom, Yamanaka Keiko, Yoneda Kaz, Yoshida Douglas & Luz, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, Anonymous

**October, June and April:** Tanaka Jim

**1st year Memorial & Inurnment Service of Chiyoko Morizawa:** Doi Peter & Louise, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Murao Ray, Tasaka Joyce

**1st year Memorial Service of Miyuki Nitta:** Family of the late Miyuki Nitta

**Membership 2024/25 paid:** Hamaura Mitsue

# OBITUARY

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

Masayoshi Mineta November 6, 2024 90 Years Old

# 敬弔

次の方がご逝去されましたので、生前のご苦労を偲び、謹んで敬弔の意を表します。

峯田 正義 h2024年11月06日寂 90歳

## Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Our temple members took place in Remembrance Day Ceremonies at both the Japanese Canadian Veteran's Cenotaph at Stanley Park as well as at Wisteria Place. The following are some pictures from both events.

Far right: Rev. Grant, Ken Hokazono, Tomoko Kakehi with some of the residents from Wisteria Place

## JOYA E SERVICE
## NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE
## December 31, 2024

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, 2025, 10:30 AM

Don't forget that we will be having the New Year's Day Service on January 1st, 2024. 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 2024.

## 除夜の鐘

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『煩悩の闇』を指しています。仏教では我々は皆百八つの煩悩を持っていると言われています。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悩が消え去り、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。

２０２４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、２０２５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、お越しくださいませ。

## 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。

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Join the Sangha and spread the Dharma

## Notice from the Office

The office will be closed from Dec. 24th to 27th and Dec. 31st to Jan. 3rd for New Year. We would also like to announce that any donations received after December 20th will not be included in the income tax receipt of 2024. Please give us a call at the office if you have any concerns. Office staff would like to thank you for all your support and generosity throughout the year. We hope you have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.

## オフィスからのお知らせ

今年も終わりに近付いて来ました。年内のドネーションは12月20日（金）を最後とさせて頂きます。その後のドネーションに関してましては2024年度のインカムタックスには含まれませんのでご了承下さいませ。尚、お寺のオフィスはホリデーシーズンにより、12月24日から27日迄休業致します。年末年始は12月31日から1月3日迄お休み致します。今年も皆様に大変お世話になりました。スタッフ一同お礼を申し上げます。来年もくれぐれ宜しくお願い致します。どうぞ良いお年をお迎え下さいませ。

## Hoonko 2025

Please join us in honoring our founder, Shinran Shonin with the Hoonko Service on January 19th, 2025.

We are very fortunate to announce that we will have joining us as our special guest, former Steveston Buddhist Temple resident minister, Rev. Masumi Kikuchi. Kikuchi Sensei will be here in person, visiting us all the way from Kyoto, Japan.

We are planning on holding a special lecture by Kikuchi Sensei on Saturday, January 18th at 3:00 pm, followed by our Hoonko Potluck dinner at 5:00 pm. Make sure you mark these dates in your calendar and come and welcome back Kikuchi Sensei.

## 2025年報恩講法要

2025年 1月 19日に報恩講法要を勤修いたします。報恩講法要は御開山親鸞聖人のご命日法要であり、浄土真宗では一番大切なお参りであります。今回は大変嬉しく、元スティーブストン仏教会開教使、釋氏真澄をご講師として、お招きすることができました。釋氏先生は1月18日（土）の午後3時より講演会を開き、その後に報恩講ポットラック食事会を行われます。報恩講法要は１月１９日の午前１０時半より始まります。皆様のお参りをお待ちしております。

## Donations and Legacies

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who continue to donate to the temple at our various activities and events. At present, donations are our main source of income, as we have tried to keep membership fees consistent.

Expenses that exceed donations, cause us to dip into our 'Rainy Day Fund', but this is not sustainable in the long run. Over the past few years, a number of members have left a legacy to the Temple in their will, and these have covered our budget shortfalls.

If you are considering a legacy donation, please don't hesitate to contact the Sensei or the temple office to see if a donation for a specific purpose or a general donation would make the most sense. We appreciate that you keep us in your thoughts and appreciate your support.

## 寄付と遺産

お寺の様々な活動や行事にいつも寄付をして下さる方々にお礼を申し上げます。会費を同じ額にとどめようとしていますので、現在、寄付がお寺の最大の収入源です。

寄付金以上の出費があると緊急用の資金を使うことになりますが、これは一時的な方法でしかありません。ここ数年間、多くの会員の方が遺言状にお寺に遺産を残すことを記載して下さり、これがお寺の資金不足を補填（ほてん）しています。

もしお寺に遺産の寄付を考えていらっしゃるなら、その寄付をある特定の目的のために使った方が良いか、それとも目的を定めない方が良いか等を考えるために先生かお寺にご連絡ください。

皆様のご支援と暖かい思いに感謝いたします。