

# Kelowna Buddhist Temple

## The New Dharma Express



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#### Special points of interest:

- Wed. April 13, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm
- Thurs. April 14, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm

### Clean-up Altar Toban

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#### Special points of interest:

- Fri. April 15, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm
- Sun. April 17, Dharma School 10am
- Wed, Thurs, Fri. April 20, 21, & 22, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm

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- Sun. April 2, Dharma School 10am
- Wed. April 6, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm
- Thurs. April 7, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm, Exec Meeting 7pm
- Fri. April 8, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm
- Sat. April 9, Spring Yard Clean-up 8am
- Sun. April 10, Hanamatsuri and Monthly Memorial 2pm

## From Sensei

### The Nembutsu in a Nutshell

The popularity of Buddhism is rising in comparison to a few decades ago. People are drawn by Buddhist philosophy and teachings. Our Temple also receives many inquiries from people outside of Buddhist communities, from other faith backgrounds. They are searching for meaning in their lives, and have explored some aspects of Buddhist teachings. Some have read books on Eastern spiritual practise, meditation or philosophy that have been written by famous Buddhist leaders, such as the Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh, Taitetsu Unno, Alfred Bloom etc. These writers are our role models, and they eloquently express Buddhist teachings to English speaking people. People have various reasons underlying their interest in Buddhism, but they are generally seeking the inner spirituality of Buddhism. The word Buddhism means “the way of enlightenment,” or the transformation of illusion into enlightenment. Buddhism may be regarded as a religion, a philosophy of life, or a vision of humanity living in harmony with the oneness of the world.

When it comes to spirituality, it is not so much the ideas and kinds of meditative techniques, but rather the entire Buddhist lifestyle that is of appeal. When we say that we are Buddhist, people around us recognize us as Buddhist, and tend to form an image or impression of Buddhism through the ways in which we conduct our everyday lives. The image that we create might be one of patience, gentleness, kindness, compassion, calmness, thoughtfulness, selflessness, living a life that benefits humankind. If it is appealing to them, they might think “I would like to have what you have.” They may believe that the Buddhist way of life will bring positive changes to their own lives. It may be an impetus to those who seek a more peaceful life of harmony, freedom, and fellowship with other living beings. Most are in search of a balanced, harmonious life. They come to our Temple to see how we practice Buddhism.

Although there have been many wonderful books written about our Jodo Shinshu teachings, the focal point for us is the recitation of the Nembutsu. What is it that is so powerful for us in saying the name “Namo Amida Butsu?” Why have so many of us stopped saying it? After all, it is the “easy prac-

tice,” yet for us this is the part that is “difficult to believe.” This is it in a nutshell. We still do not realize that this act of saying the Nembutsu is what needs to happen. This is the part about our teachings that is “difficult to believe.” Shinran said “*One may dedicate a lifetime of a thousand years, but still the dharma-eye will not be opened.*”

In order for this to happen, we need to have the entrusting heart. This is not something that we simply achieve by our own effort. In order for us to have the entrusting heart, we need to immerse ourselves with our whole being into Amida’s compassion. The rest will happen by itself. In other words, you cannot hold Amida’s compassion, instead Amida’s compassion will hold you and completely eliminate all your doubts.

When I read about the life of Tao-cho, Shan-tao, and Honen, I was totally amazed to learn that they literally lived the Nembutsu life every moment of the day. Each one recited the Nembutsu thousands of times each day. It is recorded that Tao-cho (Shan-tao’s Master) recited the nembutsu 70,000 times per day, Shan-tao (Honen’s teacher) 30,000 times a day, and Honen (Shinran’s Master) 70,000 times a day. I wanted to experience this, and decided to try to count the number of times I could recite the Nembutsu every day. I purchased a tally counter at a stationery store and began to experience the feeling of reciting the Nembutsu with self-conscious effort. Even with my best conscious efforts, the most that I could reach was around 10,000. My average day was 4,000-5,000.

One important lesson that I learned from this endeavour was the experience of being immersed in the Nembutsu. Everywhere that I went, I thought of Amida Buddha. From this I learned that Shan-tao and Tao-cho and Honen were most definitely at one with Amida Buddha.

In the Kikigaki, Rennyō Shōnin (a descendant of Shinran and called “Restorer of the Hongwanji Tradition”) tells the story of Kazue of Gunke Village in Settsu Province as follows:

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## From the Temple Executive

Firstly, we wish to express your sadness of the recent passing of Dr. Rev. Leslie Kawamura, quoting Dave Ohori, JSBTC president: “he was a good friend as well as the Director of the Living Dharma Center, he was always willing to help everyone and to guide them in the right path. He touched the lives of people who had the honour in meeting him. His teachings and his personality was truly Living Dharma.” Our recent Spring Chow Mein Dinner 2011 is in the history books, and proved to be a resounding success. Not only was it a major fundraiser, but it reinforced the benefits of our new process to make the chow mein noodles. We notice great quality, higher yield, less time in prep, cooking and making chow mein. A HUGE “Thank You” to those that helped... even though the work was easier and quicker, we still needed the same amount of people (a little more help would have been nice). Thanks Reg Tomiye,

Gord Lacey and Pegi Uyeyama for taking the bold steps to make positive changes. The new environmentally friendly packaging is another bold step, thanks Shirley Tanemura for moving away from the old Styrofoam containers.

Changes made by Central Okanagan Regional District Waste Reduction Office, have made it necessary to address yard waste, paper, cardboard and plastics. With the potential of fines levied, we have locked the Temple dumpster and are doing our part in recycling were possible, we appreciate everyone’s support of these changes.

Hanamatsuri, Buddha’s Birthday, is just around the corner, come pour sweet tea over the statue of Baby Buddha. Don’t forget, Spring Yard Clean-up Saturday at 8am April 9th & lawn cutting begins —In Gassho, Jiro

## Message from the Editor

My wife is on a diet... and I’m helping! “What”, you say, “where is Jiro and to whom am I speaking?” OK, I’m on a variation of her diet, but I’m right there with her... eating celery. This eating health is really difficult when you like things that are fried, with lots of flavor and has the word “processed” on the package. Don’t get me wrong, I like vegetables and fruit... but I also like lots of everything and on a diet – it is like a long list of “no”, a short list of “yes”, a spoon of this, fist full of this, or thumb nail of that. Who would have thought, white rice wasn’t good for you, Japanese people have been eating it for centuries... now it’s brown rice. Mind you who can afford rice these days anyways, but I’m still a white rice fan and I miss it very much. I’m

not weighing myself, I have no weight goals, I’m just along for the ride (I really don’t like to cook). Hopefully I will feel better and live longer, mind you, I would have to make this a lifelong commitment and my hope is this will only last for 4 weeks and we can get back to normal (don’t tell my wife). Like most of us, I don’t “eat to live”, I “live to eat”, so beings as I won’t live forever, I figure that I might as well enjoy lots of everything while I can (that’s my philosophy). So my message, if you never had it before, you will never miss it and keep your children away from processed food! I have fun with these editorials, as you can read, In Gassho, jiro

Ps—Today is my free day—white rice baby!

## Buddhism of the Heart

*Jodo Shinshu is the Buddhism of permanent defeat. That isn’t something to celebrate or take pride in. We are only special in the way we have come to realize that we aren’t going to reach the goal on our won, that our defeat is permanent, part of our nature, and existed before we even tried. Yet it is by accepting the permanency of our defeat that we become aware of another avenue to the finish line, of the possibility that, odd as it may seem at first, defeat leads to victory when it causes us to relax back into our natural state and simply let Other Power, like the calm but relentless winds and tides, carry us to our destination.*

# April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## 'Infinite Light' Journal of Shin Buddhism—Book Review

### THE 1918 SHIKOKU PILGRIMAGE OF TAKEMURE ITSUE

An English translation of *Musume Junreiki* by Susan Tennant

(Bowen Publishing, Bowen Island Canada, 2010)

Many readers of this review will know of the Shikoku pilgrimage. Today, thousands of people each year still follow the pilgrimage route around Japan's smallest island, Shikoku, to visit each of the 88 temples connected to Kobo Daishi, the founder of the Shingon school of Japanese esoteric Buddhism. Historically, and probably today too, people have undertaken the pilgrimage for any number of reasons: as a spiritual search, to seek good (or avoid bad) fortune, to find a cure for illness, looking for adventure and many others.

This book is an account of one woman's experience of the pilgrimage. The translation is a work of considerable scholarship and also, I should think, a labour of love. As well as providing the reader with a thoroughly idiomatic translation, the translator provides useful footnotes to explain the usages, clothing, food, vegetation etc. particular to the time and place. She adds extensive end notes putting the pilgrimage and Takamure in context, a glossary of frequently encountered terms and a bibliography. Susan Tennant has previously written about the Shikoku pilgrimage and clearly has a deep understanding of its importance to many Japanese. Part of the value of this book is that it may convey some of that feeling to a Western audience.

The main part of the book consists of articles written by Takamure Itsue for a newspaper. The articles are brief and read as journal entries. Takamure Itsue was unknown to me before I read this book, but she lived until 1964, leading an unusual life for a woman of her time and becoming well known in Japan as a feminist, social historian, political activist and literary intellectual. Apparently, she wrote other accounts of her pilgrimage some years later but Tennant tells us they lack the charm and emotion of the original articles.

I found, as one often does, this book to be not quite what I had expected. Takamure was 24 when she went on the pilgrimage - young enough to impress the people she met along the way, but older, and more experienced than she looked. She was well educated and, for a Japanese woman of her age and background, it was unusual to set out on the pilgrimage alone (although she did not end up going alone - an 'old man' that she met ended up travelling with her as her attendant). It is hard to know what her motivations were. She was ambitious that her account be published. She seemed sometimes flattered, sometimes embarrassed and sometimes simply annoyed by the attention she received on her travels. Some of the articles are matter of fact accounts of where Takamure was and who she met - and Takamure is good at setting the scene of unfamiliar places - but most digress into her thoughts and feelings, and here the tone varies immensely.

What I expected, from the time and place, was an account of indigenous Buddhist piety. This is not on offer and I was naïve to expect it. Although Takamure barely touches on the events in the wider world, she was writing at a time of transition into the modern world for both East and West. The woman revealed in her articles embodies a complex mixture of the traditional and modern, of naïveté and knowingness. She expresses conventional Japanese appreciation of nature and conventional Buddhist ideas of the transitoriness of experience and of life itself. She regularly gives account of the Buddhist practices of the pilgrims, but reveals little of any deeper meaning she might take from the practices. Perhaps this is discretion. Perhaps it is in consideration of her audience which was the readership of a general newspaper, not a specifically religious community. She encounters a priest who discusses with her what seem to be Jodo Shinshu teachings. She is unimpressed, preferring a rather nebulous 'Zen-like' philosophy - but, as far as we find out, not a Zen practice. At times, Takamure rather comes across as a modern spiritual tourist! I would be very interested to know in which direction her spirituality developed subsequently.

I can recommend this well-prepared book as an introduction to the Shikoku pilgrimage and as an introduction to an interesting woman. - *Mark Healsmith*

## Article from page 2, continued:

*“Since he recited the Nembutsu incessantly, he used to cut himself while shaving. He recited the Nembutsu, forgetting what he was doing. He (Kazue) said ‘it seems that people of the world cannot say the Nembutsu even for a short while unless they move their mouths intentionally. How shameful!’”*

I could not believe that Kazue was so immersed in the Nembutsu, that the dangers of shaving were not important to him. Now, I am not suggesting that you go

to these kinds of extremes. However, I hope that you can now understand the concepts of *easy practice*, and *difficult to believe*. I would like to borrow Shinran’s words: *“Just say the Nembutsu and be saved by Amida” Nothing else is involved.* Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,

Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa

### Donations to Earthquake/Tsunami Relief

Delegates to the 750 Shinran Shonin Memorial will be presenting in person, to the Home Temple Hongwanji, Kelowna’s contributions to Earthquake Relief for those adversely affected by the devastation in Northern Japan. Please make your donation known to the Treasurer, before April 27th

## Just Rambling two

Have you ever lost a friend because of a misunderstanding? I recently had that misfortune and I can tell you that it isn’t much fun. Those that truly know me, realize that I would love to make everyone around me happy and never cause anyone grief or pain. So it saddened me to hear that because of a miscommunication and assumptions, we lost a friend and caused hard feelings between us. Without going into details, it had to do with this individual believing that a person’s essence is in their possessions. If you follow my articles, I’m always talking about how people hang on to materialistic things and believe that worldly possessions are what make up the person. So you have a big stereo, so you drive a nice car, so you have designer clothes... is this who you are?

I believe that who you are, is the memories you create or the intangible actions of the individual, and

isn’t this what is truly important. If we never make mistakes, we never learn... if you never learn, you remain ignorant. Most mistakes can be resolved if both parties are willing to communicate and very often it all started because of an assumption. “Mistake” is my middle name; I plow through life with my big foot stuck in my mouth, making a fool of myself quite often. I’ve actually made it an art form, which puts me on the receiving end of most jokes about who to blame (not that I mind as long as no one has hurt feelings, especially with my mistake about reporting memberships—another article perhaps).

Time has always worked its magic in people maturing or coming to terms with conflict. My hope is that in time, we can forgive, forget and renew friendships. We have so little time, so make the use of it and find friendship (in our Sangha perhaps) and peace in your life. In Gassho, jiro

## Notes from a Newbie:

Here we are coming out of a long winter and starting to enjoy warmer days, birds singing, planning our gardens. The sun shining on our faces can't but help to lift our hearts and make us glad to be alive. Amidst this: the sorrow and heartbreak that we are all feeling regarding the terrible disaster in Japan. In our discussion time during the last TSS session that I was at, we were talking about how we have to really live in the moment, truly enjoying everything

we have, and everything around us. Nothing brings this home more than a disaster such as this...especially one that hits so closely to so many hearts within the temple. What am I personally going to take from this all? To try even harder to live in the moment and be thankful, to live the Eight Fold Path to the best of my ability and try to bring the happiness of knowing Amida Buddha to all that are ready to listen. In Gassho, Barb

## BC Federation Convention Sept 23-25, 2011

The convention promises a very streamlined agenda for Saturday morning and lunch with hospitality suites to meet up with friends and lots of free time to plan individual and group activities. In fact, to get reservations for facilities such as the spa and boat tours, each of us will have to call several weeks ahead. A limited number of units can accommodate 2 couples. Right now we are just taking a count of who is interested and might need transportation. We still need volunteers to help plan so please call or email Greg Chor if you can spare a few hours to plan part of the convention. (bcfconvention@gmail.com 604.613.3100) or if you have questions.

Timing:

April 3rd, 2011	Registration Closes
May 23rd, 2011	Late Registration Closes; Guaranteed Convention Room Rate and Rooms held for Convention until now
June 1-30th, 2011	Group activity planning (boat tours, golf, area wine tours), Copper Room Dinner and Dance)
July 1 to Sept 10, 2011	ideal time to book individual activities (spa, golf, Copper Room Dinner and Dance)
August, 23rd, 2011	last day to reserve hotel, convention rate applies only as available
Sept 23rd, 2011	arrive in Harrison Hot Springs

We look forward to a time of relaxing and meeting with friends and family in a very special local facility with hot springs and local (and imported from BC Temples) wildlife. [www.harrisonresort.com](http://www.harrisonresort.com)

### *The Moment*

*No petition or prayer, it is what it is  
On this level, we must endure,  
We are but brief candles, whose light is lit  
When fair winds blow  
Our glow so fragile, so dependent on forces  
To not snuff out.  
But in the moment, our light is fair and warm  
Knowing an ill wind could blow at any time  
We glow now  
And one light in darkness shines.*

*Barb, 2011*

### **LDC Manning Park Family Retreat - May 21-23 2011, Manning Park, BC**

Enjoy a weekend designed to promote fellowship between the various age groups within the families attending. Participate in activities, lectures and workshops. The event is open to anyone who is curious about or interested in the teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism or is just a friend or family of someone who is. This year will be surprise theme following the last two Olympic themes.

Accommodations will be community style with shared cottages and hotel rooms. When requesting your group to stay together, please submit all names on one registration form. Organizers will try to accommodate your requests and use discretion being mindful of other guests. Accommodations will be filled on a first come first served basis. All other meals will be provided as planned by the organizing committee. All guests will sign up for meal preparation, cooking and cleanup duties. Please let us know if any member of your group has food allergies. **Local guests are welcome to bring home-made desserts to share.**

Manning Park is just 3 hours from Vancouver and 2 ½ hours from Kelowna. Participants are responsible for their own travel to Manning Park. Registration is open from 2:00-3:00pm Saturday, May 21 and closing services will end by 11am on Monday, May 23. Final Registration must be received with payment by **March 23, 2011**. All cheques payable to “**Vancouver Buddhist Temple**”

*\*Discounted rates apply for adult members of the JSBTC (Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada), BCA (Buddhist Churches of America), Hawaii Kyodan and members of any affiliate of the Nishi Hongwanji.*

Sponsored by: The Living Dharma Centre Hosted by: Vancouver Buddhist Temple. To request a registration form or if you have any questions, please contact: VBT at **604-253-7033** or Email: [retreat.vbt@gmail.com](mailto:retreat.vbt@gmail.com)

Last Chance -30-35 Chow Mein Left over—in Deepfreeze—take and settle-up with Jerry or Shirley

## 行 事 案 内

4月 1日(金)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
3日(日)	午前 10時	日曜学校
6日(水)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
7日(木)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
8日(金)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
9日(土)	午前 8時	お寺境内掃除
10日(日)	午後 2時	花祭り、祥月法要
13日(水)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
14日(木)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
15日(金)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
17日(日)	午前 10時	日曜学校
20日(水)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
21日(木)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
22日(金)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
24日(日)	午前 10時	日曜学校
	午後 2時	婦人会75周年慶讃法要と夕食
27日(水)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内
28日(木)	午前 9時	千部經三昧
	午後 12時—1時	座禪案内

Attention All Temple Members and Friends:  
You are cordially invited to celebrate the  
**Kelowna Buddhist Women's Associations'**  
**75<sup>th</sup> anniversary**  
April 24th at 2pm  
Service and Dinner to Follow

### IMPORTANT Notice

In 2011, the City of Kelowna and the Central Okanagan Regional District Waste Reduction Office are implementing a program aimed at reducing the amount of recyclables being put in the garbage by local businesses and multifamily developments. Prohibited:

**Clean Wood, Metal, Plastic Film** (empty plastic bags and plastic wrapping), **Cardboard, Paper Products, Plastic Containers, Yard Waste, Asphalt and Concrete Drywall, Beverage containers, Hazardous Waste** (fluorescent bulbs, paint, pesticides, oil and oil filters, pharmaceuticals, thermostats, flammable liquids, antifreeze and solvents), **Tires, Batteries** (all types), **Cell Phones, Electronic equipment** (televisions, stereos, telephones, computers), **Small appliances** (any counter top appliance, )

The occurrence of banned materials in a load of garbage will result in a **\$150.00 per metric tonne surcharge levied against the hauler of the waste**, over and above any other required tipping fees. As a result, if the necessary changes are not made to the way you manage your waste the cost to manage that waste could increase dramatically.

29日(金)午前 9時 千部経三昧  
午後12-1時 座禅案内

- # 日本の大地震で大変多くの方が亡くなられ、ここに謹んでご冥福をお念じ申し上げます。被災された方々のご健康とこれからのご無事、そして一日も早く安らぎの日がきますように、と願ってやみません。
- # 今年はまだまだ寒い日が続いていますが、花祭り、婦人会75周年の法要がもうすぐです。お揃いでご参拝下さい。

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### 2011 Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Buddhist Youth Tour

Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange ((YBICSE))

For many years, the Hongwanji has been sponsoring the YBICSE program. The basic purpose of this program is to expose young Buddhists to ideas about sharing Nembutsu teaching with others by visiting Hongwanji (mother temple), experiencing a home stay, touring historical Jodo Shinshu sites, and meeting people and YBAs from different countries. The trip will comprise of two parts, the first will be just the Canadian group on our own for Tokyo and other cities, and the second part will be organized through the Hongwanji (July 30 – August 7). Opportunity will be afforded for those youths who wish to receive confirmation rites by Gomonshu-sama. Please keep in mind that the participated youth will be the ambassadors representing your local temple and the JSBTC.

Youths who wish to visit with relatives or friends at the conclusion of the group tour may do so; however, please notify me so that the return flight to Canada can be coordinated.

Candidate Qualifications: ✓ Jodo Shinshu Buddhist ✓ Between the age of 15 and 25 ✓ In good health

Dates of Trip: July 27 – August 9, 2011 Cost of Trip: CDN \$2,000.00 (plus Travel Insurance if one needs)

Application and Selection Process:

1. Fill out the application and waiver form(s), write an essay, and ask your resident minister and lay member (preferably a local temple Dharma School Teacher or a temple president) to fill out the reference forms.

2. Application forms must be submitted to:

Rev. Tatsuya Aoki

YBICSE Registration

Vancouver Buddhist Temple

220 Jackson Avenue

Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3

3. Application Deadline: **April 22, 2011**

4. Ten [10] Participants will be selected from Canada.

5. Canada Delegates will be announced by May 4, 2011.

Application form is available from your local temple and your minister.

If there are any questions regarding 2011 YBICSE, please contact Rev. Tatsuya Aoki (2011 JSBTC Group Leader). Vancouver Buddhist Temple: (604) 253-7033 E-mail: rev.aoki@telus.net

Special “Thank You” for Kelowna Buddhist Temple Friends Roy & Nikki Kawamoto and Nancy Kawaguchi—they worked tirelessly for the benefit of our Temple at Spring Chow Mein. Also, Temple Member Karen Stewart (assistants: Peggy, sister and Barb MacCarl) for her kind donation of proceeds from beautifully crafted jewelry she created. It was Barb’s idea to set-up the Earthquake relief fund—thank you for your caring spirit.

*With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations*

*Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution and Apologies*

*for any Errors or Omissions.*

**Fujinkai Donations:**

**Shinbokukai**

M/M K. Uemoto	\$20.00
M/M T. Suzuki	\$20.00
M/M I. Terai	\$25.00
Rev. O. Fujikawa	\$50.00
Mr. S. Koga	\$50.00
Mrs. C. Yamaoka (Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial)	\$25.00

**Fujinkai Donations: Tsuito Hoyo**

M/M T. Itani	\$20.00
M/M M. Koga	\$25.00
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Mrs. C. Yamaoka	\$30.00
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Mrs. E. Nishi	\$25.00
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Ms. T. Murata	\$20.00
Mrs. S. Yamada	\$20.00
M/M Y. Terada	\$25.00
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