

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Day 2019



JSBTC or Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Day is a special memorial service which is traditionally held by local temples across Canada in the months of October or November to observe, remember and honour our pioneers of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and all who were followers in Canada. Our first Jodo Shinshu minister arrived from Nishi Hongwanji (our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan) to Vancouver on October 12, 1905 and thus the month of October is important in Canada to mark our historical beginnings.

JSBTC Day allows us all to gather together at our local temples to collectively express our gratitude to all those who spread the Dharma Teachings before us.

As is often the case, we can think of things in relation to the past, the present and the future. We can think of the past in terms of all those dedicated Jodo Shinshu followers and ministers who have preceded us and remember them for all that they have done to get us where we are now. Our present thoughts can be centred on our current ministers who guide us in our daily lives now. For the future, let us remember to provide for our dedicated retired ministers as well as those ministers who may be considering retirement in the future.

This year, our National Board of Directors want to ensure that a part of any donations kindly made towards JSBTC Day goes directly to our Ministers' Retirement Fund. Let us all remember with gratitude those who have passed before us and share in these quiet moments of JSBTC Day services together and also remember those in our present and future who we can help to secure a decent and well deserved retirement. Please kindly check with your local temple for the date of the JSBTC Day Memorial Service and let us all observe, remember and honour with gratitude together as one common national sangha.

With Gratitude and in Gassho,

Larry Wakisaka
JSBTC President

*** Please note that due to Canada Revenue Agency and the Canada Not-For-Profit Act, we ask that if donations are made by cheque, kindly make the payee your local temple and write in the memo area of the cheque "JSBTC Day". Any and all donations made to JSBTC Day are gratefully accepted.