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To our temple members and friends:

As we enter the 7th month of the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope that you are keeping safe and well. It seems that we are adapting to a new normal with masks and social distancing but so many things continue to remain uncertain.

At the temple, safety is first on our minds and so all group services and activities have been cancelled and the temple will remain closed for the remainder of this year.

We were able to complete the spring chow mein sale in three sessions at the end of June and beginning of July using COVID rules. This proved to be very successful. This income will help with the temple finances for a while.

The Board of Directors continue to meet virtually every month to review our situation. Please contact us with any concerns.

Please take good care of yourselves and each other.

In Gassho,
Board of Directors

KAMLOOPS BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR FOR 2020

September 6th Shotsuki - Cancelled
September 13 Virtual Board Meeting 11:00am
September 20th Service - Cancelled
September 18-20 BCJSBTF Convention in Vancouver - Cancelled
September 26th Fall Bazaar - Cancelled

October 4th Shotsuki 10:30am - Cancelled
October 18th JSBTC day 10:30am - Cancelled; Board Meeting

November 1st Jorei 10:30am – Cancelled
November 15th Shotsuki 10:30am – Cancelled; Board Meeting
November 28 Chow Mein Sale - Cancelled

December 6th Shotsuki 10:30am - Cancelled; Board Meeting
December 19th Year End Party 5:00pm - Cancelled
December 20th Bodhi Day 10:30am - Cancelled

Chow Mein Sales Successful

The spring chow mein sale had been postponed due to COVID 19. Tickets had been distributed and sold; the mein had been made and we were ready to go but decided to cancel the sale in March and to continue at a later date when it was safe to do.

Thank you very much to the following for their time and hard work. Nancy Keller, Jean Swaim, Bill & Julie Turley, Jo-Anne Kobayashi, Rob & Kathy Kuroyama, Kazuyo Isobe, Ken & Gail Jefferies, Tosh & Donna Tabata, Len Nakashimada, Marie & Grant Reed, Mariko Shirato, Tim Araki, Rick & Maureen Nakashimada, Ken Kobayashi, Barry & Anna Kato. We were able to use the same crew for all three sales.

We decided to divide the large sale into 3 different sale dates, mainly to reduce the number of workers to maintain the new rules that COVID placed. This worked well. We were able to work with minimal staff, being able to complete the day by lunch time, each

day. Distribution was assigned times from 11am until 1pm for pick up.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. The chow mein sales are a major fundraiser for the temple and it couldn't be done without all of your help.

It couldn't be done without printing the tickets, distributing and selling the tickets, buying the tickets and all the work parties involved - mein making, preparing the chicken stock, making the eggs and cutting the chicken for topping, chopping and weighing all the vegetables, cooking, cooling and packaging the chow mein and then distribution!

We hope that everyone who had tickets, received their chow mein.

“Thank you everyone. Otsukaresama deshita!!”

Condolences:

We are deeply saddened and respectfully remember our long time temple members who have recently passed away. This is such a difficult time, during the Corona virus pandemic as we are unable to gather to support the family and to mourn the loss of our Dharma friends.

We are truly grateful and appreciate Daniel Heslop who is able to help the families with the services in the absence of our minister, Sensei Miyakawa. Having the family services gives comfort to the families and helps to bring a sense of closure which is so important at this difficult time.

Our deepest condolences to Dennis, Diane and Brayden Hori and relatives, on the loss of mother and grandmother, **Kimie Kay Hori**.

Kay passed away suddenly on June 14, 2020 at 96 years of age.

A memorial service is planned for a future date.

Our deepest condolences to the Nishikawa family on the loss of **Sue Nishikawa** on July 6, 2020 at 95 yrs of age. Sue was a long time member of our temple.

Our deepest condolences to Sharlene, Eiko, Rosanne, Russell, Kevin and families on the loss of their father **Shoji Tabata**.

Sho passed away on August 14, 2020 at the age of 93. Sho had moved from Kamloops to Nikkei Home in Burnaby. A celebration of life is planned for a later date.

Our deepest condolences to Janet (Ken), Jean (Tim), Bryan (Patsy) and families on the loss of their mother and grandmother, **Shizuko Susie Tomiyama**.

Susie passed away on August 16, 2020 at the age of 96. She had recently moved to her new home at Pine Grove center.

A memorial service is planned for a future date.

Our deepest condolences to Charlene (Terry), Lyle, Ryan (Wendy) and families on the loss of their mother and grandmother, **Betty Hirowatari**.

Betty passed away on August 27, 2020 at the age of 90 years.

Remembering our senior members who have recently passed:

When Eddie Hori passed away earlier this year in May, we felt a definite void in the temple. But, when Kay passed away, just two weeks after Eddie, we were in shock and disbelief. We had lost two of our Dharma friends at once.

Today, we list more of our senior members extending our heartfelt condolences.

Kay Hori was our guiding light and we turned to her often for her knowledge and experience. Hiroko Shidei said that she was an 'ikijibiki' - a walking dictionary!. Age had not even slightly slowed down her quick wit and ability to take care of Eddie and attend to many Temple activities between the Fujinkai and Bukkyokai. We will dearly miss her.

Sue Nishikawa was a long time member of the temple.

Sho Tabata was a standard at our temple for many many years. He served on the board as treasurer and was the maintenance man for our temple. He would sharpen the knives in the temple kitchen. Even when he lost his sight, he was dedicated to tend to the temple's needs.

Shizuko Tomiyama was active in her community and the Sunday School. Susie was our pianist for many, many years. And, she was an avid Kamloops Blazers fan!

Betty Hirowatari was a dedicated member of the temple and involved with the Sunday School for many years.

"Thank you" for your dedication and many years of contribution to the temple.

In Gassho, Namu Amida Butsu

JSBTC - President's Diary - August, 2020

It's been six months since the beginning of the COVID pandemic in Canada, with no end in sight and with our lives still upended. It has been a difficult time for Temple boards and ministers, making challenging decisions affecting the mental, physical, and financial well-being of the sanghas.

Some of our temples remain closed, while others are open but limiting attendance to ensure appropriate social distancing. However, fortunately, our ministers have fully embraced technology and engaged on social media to reach our sanghas, over YouTube, Zoom, Facebook live streaming, and podcasts (see below for more details). In July, Socho organized a national Obon service on Zoom which was amazing, with ministers and ministerial assistants from across Canada participating and providing wonderful insights.

This month, we have two milestones to celebrate: **Izumi Sensei** has served the Canadian kyodan for FIFTY years of dedication in spreading the Dharma. Thank you Izumi Sensei! And **Robert Gubenco Sensei** has received his formal kaikyoshi designation from Nishi Hongwanji. Congratulations Robert Sensei! The Alberta Sangha is very fortunate to have two great ministers.

As was noted in the last edition of the Nenju News, Amy Wakisaka has stepped down as Director of the Living Dharma Centre. Since there is no one who could possibly replace her, the JSBTC Board has, at least for now, divided her job up: Greg Chor will handle temple and individual requests for funding, Harvey Kaita will be the technology point person, Tanis Moore Sensei will manage the LDC Facebook page, and Brenda Ikuta will continue to manage the Dharma School

Leaders Facebook page. If you are looking for support from the LDC, please contact Greg or me.

On a personal note, over the past several months, I've had the opportunity to participate in a number of online events organized by the Buddhist Churches of America, two on communications and two on temple reopening/safety and fundraising. The communications webinars were great learning experiences for me and the other Canadians who attended, while I found the two for US ministers and lay leaders eye-opening.

Because the BCA is a much bigger organization than the JSBTC with more resources, we think it must have "all the answers", but in fact, it is struggling with the same issues as the JSBTC. In these online Zoom sessions, I realized that Canadian temples actually have some distinct advantages over their American counterparts. This is especially true with respect to COVID issues. US temples have to address conflicting advice and regulations from federal, state, county, and city governments, with limited safety guidelines, e.g., in Orange County, CA, the city mandated masks but the county said no masks. We, on the other hand, have detailed safety guidelines from our provincial health agencies with possibly additional masking requirements from our municipal governments and no conflicting regulations. While temples such as Seattle and San Francisco have fantastic and very sophisticated technology and technical skills resources, the smaller US temples have the same lack of technology/technical skills that

we work with. And all the temples are facing financial issues from closures and cancellation of major fund raising events.

I also attended several lectures offered through Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii and its Buddhist Study Center. There was a week of evening Zoom sessions with Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams, author of *American Sutra*, entitled "Interlinked: Understanding the Origins and Evolution of American Buddhism". There was also a Zoom session with Dr. Ken Tanaka based on his new book "Jewels"; I even saw some familiar Canadian faces on that session.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to participate in and learn from these webinars, and I encourage everyone to check out what is available and to sign up. For example, the Seattle Betsuin is offering an interactive seminar on October 3rd and 4th "Women in Buddhism: Tools for Spiritual Wellness". We will continue to circulate information about webinars to the local temples, so check with your temple or check temple Facebook pages for details.

Thank you all for your support and good wishes since I took on the role of President, after Larry Wakisaka stepped down. I look forward to your continued input and suggestions as the JSBTC goes forward in this chaotic time.

With gratitude and in Gassho,

Laura Sugimoto,
President, JSBTC

Online service information:

Socho Aoki's Dharma messages to YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_-Gw4NTDSEjB9Skua6TMLg Many of the services are broadcast live on the YouTube channel at 10:30am Sunday mornings.

Rev. Grant in Steveston is holding a Zoom service every Sunday morning at 10:00 am PDT. To receive an invitation to participate in the Zoom call and receive reminders, email: info@steveston-temple.ca
Website: <http://steveston-temple.ca/>
Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SteveSton-Buddhist-Temple-136413149761882/>

Calgary Buddhist Temple holds regular online Sunday Services starting at 10:00 am MDT by live streaming from Calgary Buddhist (Jodo Shinshu) Temple Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CalgaryBuddhistTemple/>. Sensei Robert is also live

streaming a daily evening service/mediation starting at 9:00 pm MDT using Calgary's Facebook page. Sunday Services are on YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtW0VjcC02o98KL_EWF8wrg

Dr. Roland Ikuta (President, BTSA) has posted a series of ten short videos, "10 Things to do to cope with COVID-19." The

videos can be found on the BTSA Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BuddhistTempleOfSouthernAlberta>

In addition, Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta has started a series of podcasts called "A Buddhist Life":

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/a-buddhist-life/id1525943674>

As well, many temples in the US and in Hawaii have live services.

BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA:

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org>

HAWAII HONGWANJI TEMPLES:

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com>

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Day 2020

JSBTC Day is a special memorial service held by Canadian temples in October/November to remember and honour Jodo Shinshu Buddhism pioneers and followers in Canada. The month of October is important in Canada as it marks the historical beginning of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Canada: the first Jodo Shinshu minister arrived from Nishi Hongwanji (our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan) in Vancouver on October 12, 1905.

Traditionally JSBTC Day has allowed us to gather at our local temples to collectively express our gratitude to all those who spread the Dharma Teachings before us. Unfortunately, this year, it is not likely that we will all be able to physically meet in October or November. Some temples may not yet have reopened while the others will be practising responsible social distancing and limiting the number of attendees. However, even if we are not actually in our temples, we can meet electronically to remember and honour those dedicated Jodo Shinshu followers and ministers and to honour those ministers who guide us today.

Last year, donations made on JSBTC Day went into the Ministers' Retirement

Fund, recognizing the commitment of the JSBTC Board to ensure a sufficient fund to support our dedicated ministers as they take well earned retirement. This year's donations will be directed to the JSBTC Sustaining Fund.

Let us remember with gratitude those who have and those who continue to spread the Dharma. Please check with your local temple for the date of the JSBTC Day Memorial Service and let us all remember and honour with gratitude together as one common national sangha.

With Gratitude and in Gassho,

Laura Sugimoto
JSBTC President

*** Please note that due to the requirements of the Canada Revenue Agency and the Canada Not-For-Profit Act, we ask that any donations made by cheque should be payable to your local temple and marked "JSBTC Day". All donations made to JSBTC Day are gratefully accepted.

2020 JSBTC Day Message from the Office of the Bishop

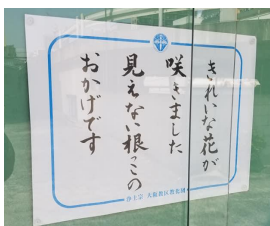
The first recorded assembly of Japanese Buddhists living in Canada took place in Vancouver in 1904. Fourteen Buddhists met to request a minister from Nishi Hongwanji (our mother temple), in Kyoto, Japan. Rev. Senju Sasaki, appointed as a *Kaikyoshi* (overseas minister) arrived in Vancouver with his wife, Tomie on October 12th, 1905. With the minister's arrival, the local Buddhists formed the Vancouver Nihon Bukkyo-kai (Japanese Buddhist Association) and 116 years ago our history began.

I would like to express my most sincere appreciation to all the Jodo Shinshu Temples of Canada (JSBTC), temple ministers, assistant ministers, national board of directors, and all temple members and non-members for keeping our organization active and accessible; for working tirelessly for the sake of our temples, for all the members, and the community at large. May I ask for your

continued support to our ministers and directors.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I started walking and running every morning, and in the process I lost 11 pounds. As I go to do my daily exercise outside, I notice the daylight is getting shorter, the air is getting cooler, and the leaves are starting to change colour. When I observe the transition of nature and the change in myself, it reminds me of the Buddhist teaching of impermanence.

When I was studying and living in Kyoto, I didn't have a car. I took public transit and walked every day. While walking, I enjoyed reading bulletin boards at the front entrance of temples. The bulletins usually had a Buddhist quotation, and even though those quotes are very short, they were telling many teachings. I would like to share some of them with you.



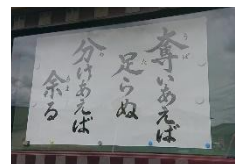
*"Beautiful flowers have bloomed!
Because of roots we do not see."*



*"It is already half full,
It is still only half full,
Depending on your way of thinking."*



*"We should not question using our judgement,
We should question our judgement."*



*"When we plunder there is not enough
When we share, there is enough."*

In gassho,
Tatsuya Aoki, Bishop
Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

Donations List

*We gratefully acknowledge and thank the following for their generous donations for
July - September, 2020*

Eitaikyo - \$25.00

Tomi Wakabayashi

May Shotsuki - \$60.00

Tosh & Donna Tabata – in memory of Nobue Tabata

Tosh & Donna Tabata – in memory of Masayuki Nakashima

June Shotsuki - \$50.00

Tosh & Donna Tabata – in memory of Saburo Tabata

Rick & Maureen Nakashimada

Special Donation – in memory of Eddie Hori - \$1170.00

Larry & Jean Ryan	Gordon & Lynn Gordey
Frank & Sumiye Nabata	Donald & Judi Knapp
Bill & Julie Turley	Kuniko & Katsuji Chiba
Mary & Cindy Mochizuki	Ken & Michiko Kochi
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Norio & Marie Sakaki	Roy & Itoko Akune

J. Shimokura
Marv & Nancy Keller
Shelley Uyeda - family
S. Tanemura

Special Donation – in memory of Kay Hori - \$415.00

Shirley Tanemura	Norio & Marie Sakaki
Rick & Maureen Nakashimada	Kuni & June Ikuta
Marv & Nancy Keller	Bill & Julie Turley
Gordon & Lynn Gordey	Larry & Jeanne Ryan

Katsuji & Kuniko Chiba
Roy & Itoko Akune

Special Donation - in memory of Eddie & Kay Hori - \$3745.00

Tomi Wakabayashi	Jo-Anne Kobayashi	Rosanne Holden
Tosh & Donna Tabata	Toyoko Tahara	Eiko Eby
Dave & Pat McDonald	Dick & Mich Sawada	Dawn & Brian Beck
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Eileen Gill	Neil & Lee-Ann Donald	Gord & Edna Miyahara
Shuji & Sylvia Tabata	Chelsey Mack	Jim & Satoe Motokado
Art & Connie Komori	Geri Rines	Alan & Barb Yamaoka
Kats & June Kitamura	David & Mutsuko Barclay	Jim & Alice Tateishi
Shizuko Tomiyama	Tak & Kaz Kitamura	Sylvia Fukami
Toshiko Maeda	Joseph & Mitzi Doucette	Pamela Dalglish
Wayne & Bonnie Yoshida	Shoji Tabata	David & Donna Nishimura
Tim & Jean Swaim	Sharlene Tabata	Les & Colleen Tabata
Stan & Judy Nukina	Russell Tabata	Katsumi & Eiko Tabata
Kazuyo Isobe	Kevin Tabata	

July Shotsuki - \$70

Tomi Wakabayashi – in memory of Sho Yamada

Kathy Yamada

Obon - \$150

Tomi Wakabayashi	Rick & Maureen Nakashimada	Jo-Anne Kobayashi
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Special Donation - \$1330.

Bill & Julie Turley

Dave & Pat McDonald

Kazuyo Isobe – in memory of Sue
Nishikawa**August Shotsuki - \$120**

Tomi Wakabayashi - in memory of Shintaro Yamada	Tak & Kaz Kitamura – in memory of Shintaro Yamada	Tak & Kaz Kitamura – in memory of Sue Kitamura
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Special Donation – in memory of Shoji Tabata - \$150

Rick & Maureen Nakashimada

Kazuyo Isobe

Shuji & Sylvia Tabata

Special Donation – in memory of Shizuko Tomiyama - \$695

Rick & Maureen Nakashimada

Dick & Mich Sawada

Herb & Cheryl Tanaka

Tak & Kaz Kitamura

Don & Anne Traeger

Rae Ostapchuk

Kazuyo Isobe

Tosh & Donna Tabata

Jim & Alice Tateishi

P. Tanaka

Special Donation – in memory of Betty Hirowatari - \$600

Charlene Hirowatari

John Coyne & Patricia Archibald

September Shotsuki - \$250Tomi Wakabayashi - in mem of Kikuye Yamada
Sumiko KitagawaRoss Nogami – in memory of Tomoyuki Nogami
Harvey Nogami – in memory of Tomoyuki Nogami

SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI:

1948	Kamachi, Reiko	1992	Kitagawa, Moto	2007	Nukina, Saki
1954	Kinoshita, Umekichi	1993	Yamada, Kikuye	2015	Roy Inouye
1957	Takenaka, Sutekichi	1998	Nishimura, Ichihei	2016	Tomio Nakashimada
1978	Urano, Hayame	2001	Tanaka, Fujiye	2017	Tami Nishikawa
1979	Araki, Ayako	2002	Kuroyama, Fumito		
1982	Sakaki, Tetsuo	2005	Nogami, Tomoyuki (Tom)		

OCTOBER SHOTSUKI:

1948	Isojima, Yaeno	1974	Nishimura, Yoshio	1997	Hayashi, Chu
1949	Kinoshita, Harry	1981	Yoshioka, Fumi	2001	Yamakawa, Hideko
1951	Shoyama, Kimi	1983	Maeda, Shio	2004	Nukina, Masao Mike
1953	Yoshida, Mitsuo	1984	Uyeyama, Kaoru	2016	Ohashi, Shigeo
1957	Maeda, Takeshi	1986	Tabata, Masae	2016	Fukami, Thomas (Tom)
1970	Shibata, Minoru	1989	Kitagawa, Mac		
1972	Tsuji, Tatsu	1993	Nishimura, Ichizo		
1973	Maeda, Tahei	1997	Omatsu, Asayo		

NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI:

1944 Kashino, Masao
1947 Kobori, Yasukichi
1948 Miyahara, Machi
1949 Kinoshita, N.
1941 Kashino, Kiiko
1965 Ide, Koshiro
1965 Yabumoto, Shinishi
1965 Kamachi, Yukie
1968 Hirowatari, Uso
1968 Yoshida, Tori

1970 Kitamura, Yajiemon
1970 Hori, Katsutaro
1973 Ryujin, Matsujero
1975 Goto, Yasuji
1980 Ohashi, Shigetaro
1982 Nakano, Nobuki
1987 Yoshioka, Sutejiro
1989 Kaminishi, Kayano
1990 Kuromi, Etsuko
1995 Kitamura, Takeo

1998 Yamamoto, Takashi
2001 Matsuda, Yuichi
2004 Hirowatari, Satoru
Charlie
2016 Ohashi, Shigeo
2016 Yamamoto, Makiko
2017 Tomiye, Hedao (Al)
2018 Sakaki, Frank

DECEMBER SHOTSUKI:

1942 Omura, Misao
1950 Yoda, Kunitaro
1950 Kobayashi, Harumi
1951 Takahashi, Gibee
1951 Nishiyama, Eihachi
1954 Yoshikami, Takazo
1958 Nabata, Sutezo
1960 Nogami, Sankichi

1960 Tahara, Shimaju
1962 Tanaka, Toshi
1965 Iio, Kemezo
1970 Tatsumi, Shigeru
1976 Mochizuki, Sozo
1980 Yabuki, Takayoshi
1987 Nishizaki, Mika
1989 Miyahara, Toshihiko

1990 Ryuyin, Iwano
1994 Tahara, Toshiyuki
2005 Kodama, Masue
2006 Yamamoto, Hisakazu
2010 Tahara, Kikuye
2017 Isobe, Teichi (Ted)