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Monthly Memorial

NOVEMBER

- Master Fumio Matsuda
- Mr. Sanpei Matsuo
- Mr. Kazuo Ohta
- Mrs. Fusa Ohashi
- Mr. Tokujiro Tsuji
- Mr. Akira Ibaraki
- Mr. Jinnosuke Masumoto
- Mr. Komakichi Tamaki
- Mrs. Hide Nakayama
- Mr. Yoshio Tabata
- Mr. Jutaro Ueda
- Mr. Yukio Kurahashi
- Mr. Roy Tanaka
- Mrs. Yuki Horiuchi
- Mr. Tahei Tatebe
- Mr. George Ueda
- Mrs. Mary Hokazono
- Mr. Aiji Hokazono
- Mrs. Emiko Nishi

Special points of interest:

- Wed. Nov 12, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Intro to Buddhism 6:45pm
- Thurs. Nov 13, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Meditation 7pm, Temple Exec Meeting 7pm
- Sun. Nov 16, Dharma School 10am

Clean-up Altar Toban

Group #5

Taiko Group

Special points of interest:

- Tues. Nov 18, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Intro to Buddhism 6:45pm, Meditation 7pm
- Wed. Nov 19, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n
- Thurs. Nov 20, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Meditation 5pm
- Sun. Nov 23, Dharma School 10am, Dharma Shotsuki 1pm
- Tues. Nov 25, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Meditation 7pm
- Wed. Nov 26, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Intro Class Cancelled
- Thurs. Nov 27, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Meditation 7pm

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- Sun. Nov 30, Dharma School 10am

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- Sun. Nov 2, Dharma School 10am
- Tues. Nov 4, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Meditation 7pm
- Wed. Nov 5, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Intro to Buddhism 6:45pm
- Thurs. Nov 6, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Chow Mein Prep 6pm
- Fri. Nov 7, Chow Mein Prep 6pm
- Sat. Nov 8, Chow Mein Prep 8am
- Sun. Nov 9, Chow Mein Prep 8am, Pick-up and Sales between 1pm-3:30pm
- Tues. Nov 11, TSS Meditation 9:30-12n, Meditation 7pm



From Sensei

In Accord with *Jinen*

“With the eyes to see its colors, with ears to hear its sounds, with noses to smell its fragrance, with tongue to taste its flavor, with bodies to touch its light, and with minds to conceive of the tree, all attain profound insight into existence...” (The Larger Sutra)

Recently I had the opportunity to visit the beautiful community of Williams Lake, which is around 300 Km north of Kamloops. It was a peaceful experience, driving along the highway, especially at this time of year, with its brilliant colors, falling leaves, and wildlife, surrounded by trees, lakes, forests, birds, wild animals and sky. From time to time, I had to honk the horn at some of the deer grazing along the highway, to stop them from wandering on the road. Nature never ceases to amaze us with its diversity and flow of life. In many ways I feel that autumn provides us with many important insights about life. The leaves eventually fall to nurture the earth, in preparation for the new life that will eventually emerge. In Buddhism we learn that one of the main principles is that the flow of life is constant and continuing. Life is a seamless flow. Every life is a part of the very essence of nature, and nothing remains the same. All that is formed is in a constant process of the flow of life.

The term “nature” is based on the Latin derivative which means “to produce or give birth to.” Within the Larger Sutra, the term “nature” is used many times. Its meaning is translated as “to be made to become so” which is free from human action or calculation. The Larger Sutra also said, “*The cosmic principles proceed naturally and never stray from their course.*” This seems to be influenced by the Lao-tzu’s Tao philosophy “*wuwei*” (actionless action) from the time of Master Samghavarman’s translation of the Larger Sutra in China.

In the Western world, nature tends to be viewed objectively. This is probably influenced by the Judeo-Christian world-view as described in the Bible’s book of Genesis and its description of how God created the world and human beings. Human beings were described as having been created “in God’s image.” “*And now we will make human beings; they will be like us, and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small.*” Indeed, throughout our contemporary world, east and west, human beings tend to view and exert control over nature in this way.

Human beings, from their self-centred perspective of affluence and pursuit of pleasure, have tended to exploit nature with little concern for the long-term consequences. For many years, scientists have been warning us about the current crisis in our environment. Many people

are now beginning to change their attitudes towards nature and the integrity of our environment, since they have become alarmed about the diminishing arctic ice cap, the melting permafrost, and impact of these changes on sea levels and endangered species of animals and other forms of life.

The book “A Sand County Almanac” was written by Aldo Leopold (1887-1948), a man often referred to as a pioneer ethicist of the environment. Many years ago he described some of his perceptions on nature, “*In human history, we have learned that the conqueror role is eventually self-defeating. Why? Because it is implicit in such a role that the conqueror knows just what makes the community clock tick, and just what and who is valuable, and what and who is worthless, in community life. It always turns out that he knows neither, and this is why his conquests eventually defeat themselves.*”

The word, “nature” is translated as “*shizen*” in Japanese, which means “perfect harmony, as it is-ness or self-evident.” Every existence is considered worthwhile and has a reason to exist without exception. Human beings are a part of nature and follow the flow of nature. There is no such thing as superior or inferior. Even the idea of subject and object does not exist - instead subject and object merge into one. Any thoughts about conquering or governing nature are simply non-existent.

One of Shinran Shonin’s favorite words was “*jinen*” which is a Buddhist term for “*shizen*.” Shinran used this term as follows; “If one is in accord with the reality of “*jinen*”, one will surely awaken to the benevolence of the Buddha and of one’s teachers and respond with gratitude.” Nature is our source of wisdom, and is the ultimate reality within Buddhism.

It teaches us to exist in harmony with all beings, rather than to exert dominance and control over them according to our human-centeredness. We need to pause and reflect upon our lives, and recognize that indeed all beings exist in harmony with one another. As we experience the beauty of our autumn season, try to stop and just observe our surroundings moment to moment, without feeling any need to comment on them. Just appreciate the specialness of the moment, and you will be imbued with a sense of awe and fulfillment which is rare to encounter and realize. Just be there and experience it. Hear the sounds of autumn. Namo Amida Butsu.

In Gassho, Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa

From the Temple Executive

Greetings everyone, the Temple has been a bee hive of activity since September. There was mein making at the start of the month. Thanks to Jack Yamaka, Reg Tomiye, Pegi and Haley Uyeyama for coming down early so we could start early. The introduction of Buddhism class has been going to a full class under the guidance of Barb MacCarl and Michael Martin every Wednesday evenings. Barb and Genevra have also facilitated the meditation classes every Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoons. Come out to give your mind a soothing rest, we all need it.

October 24, we will need a lot of help with pricing and weighing of produce, flea market items and apples. The Fujinkai are making sushi, California rolls and gyoza and are selling baked goods to raise funds for the up coming 2015 World Women's

Conference in May in Calgary, 2000 delegates from around the World. If you can bake, please they will except your wonderful goods. On the 28th & 29th of October, we are going to be making pies. Please, if you can come roll, peel, slice some apples, even for an hour, we would gladly welcome your help. If you can't come in the evening, we could use some help making dough 9AM, Tues. Oct 28th. If there are any concerns about our Temple, please do not hesitate and let Sensei or one of the board members know. One of our biggest fund raisers will be the take out chow mein sales in November, we will require humungous amount of labour starting a few days before the cooking doing veggie prep work. Bring a friend, we do have a lot of fun. Thanks everyone for all your help.

In Gassho, Alan

Message from the Editor

I was asked recently what my beliefs were and why? Yes, I was born a Buddhist, but when we first moved to B.C. with a young family, the kids attended the United Church, and I doubt would call themselves Buddhist. I have two cousins here in Kelowna, but it was Min and Mid Mori that took me into their home and helped me transition my young family to Kelowna (19 years ago). They introduced us to the Sangha, but I truly didn't start my involvement right away. I felt an appreciation for the Temple and the Sangha, but was busy like everyone else. But, after Yuki Tanemura and Min Mori came to recruit me, I decided that maybe I could devote some time to Temple affairs, but now I keep involved because of the rewarding sense of family and community that I gain. Is it about learning and understanding Buddhism... maybe not for me, but we all take

different roads to hopefully one day end-up at the same destination.

As hard as I have tried in my editorials, I don't think many of the son's and daughter's of members see value in supporting the Temple, seriously... which is too bad. I might have to change my editorials to encourage those curious about Buddhism, to become members... it seems I'm not having much luck encouraging the more obvious candidates. If this sounds a touch discouraging, yes, I am... we are but a small group and I truly wish we could get more support from our kids. It isn't a "waste of time" it isn't "same old", come see for yourself and just maybe you will come to appreciate Sensei's Dharma messages, and what some of us are trying so hard to preserve for future generations.

In Gassho, jiro

Buddhism of the Heart

Political refugees sadly often find they are unwelcome in their new land and unable to return to the old. But refugees who come to the Pure Land all become full citizens of the Land of Bliss. Nembutsu becomes our national anthem and the Dharma our Constitution. We pledge allegiance as bodhisattvas to do what we can to offer aid to others, to laugh at the foolishness of our self-cherishing, and to retain a mind of grateful awareness for the gift of refuge in our true home. We return to the Old Country of samsara to help bring stranger and loved ones back to refuge with us, or to work for peace and happiness among those who do not realize yet that they too are refugees.

November 2014

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<p>30 Dharma School 10am</p>						

LDC Update:

-LDC Purpose:

To strengthen temple resources, promote Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to the greater community and to encourage Jodo Shinshu studies or scholarship

How Can We Do This?

- Encourage the study of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism through subsidies for the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence course (JSCC), encourage attendance and supporting Jodo Shinshu conferences, supporting learning modules that exposes and deepens appreciation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to the greater community

- Organize, encourage, execute and document learning modules

Use the national JSBTC website, LDC Facebook and Twitter accounts to reach out to the greater community

What Have We Done?

- We have been fortunate to obtain the services of Brenda Ikuta from BTSA to assist the LDC as Program Administrator. Welcome and thank you Brenda!

- In 2014 to date we have subsidized 3 young adults to attend various Jodo Shinshu conferences. Their attendance has engaged them to encourage a deeper and greater involvement at their local temple.

- Sponsored Dharma service modules (“Dharma Retreat”) for youth and young adults at the Toronto Buddhist Church. The skills honed at the retreat empowered them to lead services at the annual TBC children’s summer camp.

- Donated to help fund the translation of the previous Gomonshu’s last book of the trilogy of “Buddha’s Wish for The World”.

Encouraged several members of different JSBTC temples to apply for the 2015 JSCC and informed the interested parties of possible subsidies available through the LDC.

What Are We Doing Now?

(1) A Weekend of Intensive Dharma Studies – At the end of November there will be a sharing of the Dharma at the SBT with the former BCA Bishop, Rev. Koshin Ogui, as the highlighted guest. This will be open to the first 30 registrants. Please contact Amy Wakisaka (wakisaka.a@gmail.com) for further details.

(2) Dharma School Modules – Brenda Ikuta is documenting various Dharma School lesson plans so we can share them with all the JSBTC temples. As our volunteer base declines, the work per volunteer increases, thus we are pooling our volunteers nationally by sharing proven lesson plans. Current Dharma School leaders often find the old lesson plans are not relevant to our current time and demands on parents. This important job of documenting proven lessons give the leaders ready access to play based lessons that they can adapt to their specific environment. We also hope to provide some strategies in adapting their Dharma Schools to be more relevant and fitting to the realities of today.

(3) The Gratitude Project – We will be collecting stories of people who have either just joined or those who have rejoined the Jodo Shinshu community and their encounter(s) with Buddhism. These stories will be posted on the national website.

(4) JSBTC Pamphlet – An introductory pamphlet for all temples as an outreach tool. Target audiences are the newcomers unfamiliar with our organization and Buddhism in general.

What’s In The Works?

(1) Minister’s Assistants Aspirants Workshop – We need to encourage more Minister’s Assistants to help our ministers in engaging the community. As our current membership decreases, we must look to ways to financially work smarter. If temples cannot afford a full time minister, the Minister’s Assistant will be able to help fill the void of a religious leader and they can also aid the ministers in their work load.

(2) Jodo Shinshu Scholars Confab – This is not just for scholars who specialize in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism but for scholars who are Jodo Shinshu followers. This will create a network in the academic world in Canada to help support our local temples and make Jodo Shinshu more available to the post secondary audience.

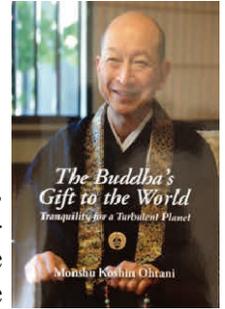
(3) Dharma Service Retreat (Winnipeg, Manitoba) – These Dharma service study sessions are meant to deepen the appreciation of the rituals and practices of the Canadian Jodo Shinshu service. A side benefit is that it often encourages participants to do further studies and perhaps apply to the Minister’s Assistants program.

(4) Continued Recording of Lectures – Usually guest lecturers that are subsidized in part by the LDC will be recorded for posting on the National YouTube channel for access.

**Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC)
2014 May-September Report from Office of the Bishop**

**“The Buddha’s Gift to the World: Tranquility for a Turbulent Planet”
by Former Monshu Koshin Ohtani**

The 24th Spiritual Leader of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, His Eminence, Koshin Ohtani, retired from the Monshu’s position on June 5 of this year. This is his third book in English translation. This Book begins with an outline by the Gomonshu on Buddhism and society and a talk he presented to college students at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. The Buddha’s Gift to the World reaffirms that our Buddha-Dharma teachings are as relevant today as ever, for addressing the very real and complex problems of our modern society and global community. The introduction was written by Bishop Tatsuya Aoki.



June 5-6, 2014— Ceremony of Transmitting the Jodo Shinshu Tradition at Nishi Hongwanji

The Ceremony of Transmitting the Jodo Shinshu Tradition (“*Hoto Keisho Shiki*” in Japanese) was held on June 5 and 6, 2014 at Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan. This is a ceremony to mark the retirement of His Eminence Monshu Koshin Ohtani and the succession of His Eminence Shinmon Kojun Ohtani to the position of Monshu. Monshu is the Head minister of the Hongwanji and Spiritual Leader of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. The tradition of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha has been transmitted from Shinran Shonin through successive generations of Monshu, and on this special occasion, the Jodo Shinshu tradition was transmitted from the 24th Sokunyo Monshu (His Eminence Koshin Ohtani) to the 25th Sennyō Monshu (His Eminence Kojun Ohtani).



June – Aug—Rev. Ryuhei Endo arrived Vancouver, on June 13, and his orientation was mentored by Rev. Grant Ikuta, in Steveston, BC.

Rev. Ryuhei Endo is assigned as a resident minister of Toronto Buddhist Church and also supervise Hamilton and Montreal Buddhist Church as of August 13.

Rev. Tomofumi Fujii has resigned from Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada as of September 15.

On behalf of JSBTC, I would like to welcome Rev. Endo and thank Rev. Fujii for his 9 years of service in Canada.

August 31, 2014—World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting in Southampton, UK

September 1-4, 2014 -Attending two international conferences with Zenmon Sama in Southampton, UK.

1. International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies Conference
2. European Shin Buddhist Conference

Coming Businesses

Two ministers from Nishi Hongwani in Kyoto and Tsukji Hongwanji in Tokyo will come to Vancouver for Hongwanji International Propagation Training Program (Oct. 30 – Nov. 10, 2014)
2015 World Women’s Convention in Calgary (May 30-31, 2015)

The 32nd World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting
REPORTS

Hongwanji’s Main Project and Promotion

Building Opportunities for Children and Youth... In the past, Buddhist education was largely experienced within the household. Today, the passing down of religious traditions has become more of a challenge. Among our many responses, our organization has developed the Kids’ Sangha program, with the anticipation that in nurturing children to follow a life’s path guided by the Nembutsu, they will become well-rounded and responsible members of society.

It is a movement involving **the temple as a whole, where the minister and sangha members join their efforts in making the temple a sangha** where children and adults alike can learn together.”

In recognition of the Succession of the Jodo Shinshu tradition ceremonial observance, we will strive to further promote the Kids' Sangha program, providing children and youth, with as many opportunities as possible, to have the temple become an integral part of their daily lives.

Combining our efforts toward generating more opportunities for children and youth to become engaged in the Dharma, let us keep in mind that **it is the temples and ministers, that must take the first steps in making a change.**

2014 Tokudo Program for Overseas Candidates

- a. Date: November 4 to 14, 2014
- b. Candidate: 13 from BCA and 1 from JSBTC (Bob Gubenco from Calgary Buddhist Temple)

Hongwanji Propagation in Europe

Hongwanji in anticipation of the Jodo Shinshu teaching being further propagated in Europe, shall collect information on religious practices and situations of European countries and basic data on sangha activities.

In order to do so, Fons Martens, representative of Jikoji Temple in Antwerpen, Belgium has been designated as acting liaison in Europe as of May 27, 2014.

JSBTC Board Update—October 10, 2014

(1) New JSBTC By-law and Articles of Continuance:

Industry Canada recently accepted our new JSBTC By-law and Articles of Continuance submission under the Canada Not for Profit Act. This follows the approval by members of the JSBTC, at the AGM in Vancouver in April 2014. The By-law Committee and JSBTC Board have devoted considerable time and effort, to this important project with significant help from some very well informed temple members.

The most significant technical change in the new By-law is that JSBTC temples are now the only direct members of the JSBTC and individual temple members are indirectly related through their temple membership.

The new Canada Not for Profit Act creates a new financial reporting challenge for non-profits. It introduces a non-member donation threshold of \$ 10,000.00 (CAD). Once the threshold is exceeded, the organization becomes what is known as a "soliciting corporation". "Soliciting Corporations", are subject to much more stringent and expensive financial accounting/reporting requirements than "Non Soliciting Corporations". The JSBTC has addressed this legal requirement by changing how we accept donations for events like JSBTC Day and the WF Dana Day. We now ask that temples collect the donations on behalf of JSBTC and WF for these events and submit them as a single, collective, Temple donation to JSBTC or WF.

The WBWC 2015 will likely pose challenges for our organization, as donations will likely exceed the threshold in that particular year. So far, our understanding is that while we may be a "soliciting organization" one year, the classification for subsequent years may be different depending on the donations received and filed. The Board and the By-law Committee are investigating this matter further.

(2) Investigation of Administrative and Minister Assistant Benefits:

The JSBTC Board is researching the addition of temple personnel (ie: office staff and Minister Assistants) to the benefits program we currently administer for temple Ministers. We are looking into ways of bringing down the overall costs of the benefits program. It is hoped that by adding temple staff and possibly others to the contribution base we may realize some overall cost savings. Interested temples are now submitting information regarding their personnel and a Board Committee is working with our insurance brokers, to determine the best way forward.

(3) JSBTC National Office in Richmond, B.C. :

As we don't use all of the space at our National Headquarters in Richmond, B.C., we have rearranged things to make the old Bishops office area and part of the garage available for renting. The current lessee has agreed to rent the additional space resulting in an increase of \$ 300.00 per/month in rental revenue. Thank you to Joanne Yuasa, Greg Chor and Dave Ohori for doing the work to make this space available to rent.

The Headquarters Office and Residence has been painted and necessary annual maintenance functions have been completed.

(4) Manitoba Buddhist Temple Request to JSBTC Board:

The Board of Directors of the Manitoba Buddhist Temple have respectfully asked the JSBTC Board to consider the

possibility of allowing MBT to host the Annual JSBTC AGM 2016, as they will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary that year. The Toronto Buddhist Church had volunteered to host the 2016 AGM but has since indicated their willingness to step aside to accommodate MBT's request. There will be a formal resolution put before the 2015 AGM to formalize the change in venue for 2016.

(5) JSBTC National Website:

Robert Miyai (MBT) and new JSBTC Director Harvey Kaita (MBT) will be further enhancing our national website. Ministers, temple leaders and congregation members are kindly asked to submit possible postings in order to keep our website informative, interesting and current.

(6) Calgary Buddhist Temple Building Fund

Our sangha in Calgary is working hard and earnestly to rebuild their temple in time for the WBWC 2015. Please do what you can to support their efforts.

(7) JSBTC Welcomes Rev. Ryuhei Endo to the TBC and Our Kyodan

The JSBTC Board acknowledges and thanks Bishop Tatsuya Aoki for working in consultation with the TBC in recruiting Rev. Ryuhei Endo to serve as the Kaikyoshi minister for Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and the growing fellowship in Ottawa. Many districts like the Buddhist Churches of America and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii are experiencing a severe shortage of Kaikyoshi ministers so we are grateful for the efforts of Socho Aoki in securing Rev. Endo to serve in Toronto.

Bishop Aoki officially installed Rev. Ryuhei Endo as a resident minister of TBC during a service at the recent JSBTC Fall Interim Meetings in Toronto.

The Board wishes to acknowledge and express its sincere, gratitude to Rev. Grant Ikuta and the Steveston Buddhist Temple who contributed in a significant manner to the orientation of Rev. Ryuhei Endo. While Rev. Grant provided valuable mentoring, he Noriko and family graciously hosted Rev. Endo in their home. Thank you Rev. Grant and family for giving so much to the Rev. Endo's first days in Canada.

The Board would also like to thank temple officials, ministers and members of our west coast and interior BC temples who also contributed in so many ways in welcoming and in assisting Rev. Endo upon his arrival to Canada.

(8) Gratitude Extended to Rev. Tomofumi Fujii for His Service in Canada:

The Board joins many others in expressing our sincere gratitude to Rev. Tomofumi Fujii for his nine years of dedicated service to the TBC and to the JSBTC as minister and Ministerial Association Chair. As most are aware, Rev. Fujii must return with his wife Naoko and son Harufumi to serve his family temple in Japan. Our very best wishes are extended to Rev. Fujii and his family.

(9) Bishop Aoki Represents JSBTC at WCC (World Coordinating Council Meetings):

Bishop Aoki represented the Office of the Bishop and the JSBTC at the recently held Jodo Shinshu World Coordinating Council Meetings in the UK. It is often the practice to send both the Bishop and the President of Districts to the WCC Meetings but this year the Board made the request to Bishop Aoki due to budgetary considerations.

(10) Bishop Tatsuya Aoki's Term as Bishop Extended to April 2017

At the Fall Interim Meetings 2014 in Toronto, the JSBTC Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Bishops Affairs Committee to extend Bishop Aoki's term for two years ending in 2017. The Board also accepted the recommendation of the BAC to review possible options to the current shared Bishop arrangement.

(11) Dr. Kenneth Tanaka a Guest Speaker at JSBTC Fall Interim Meetings 2014:

Dr. Kenneth Tanaka, Dean at Musashino University in Tokyo, Japan and well known Buddhist scholar and author of the popular book "Oceans" was a guest speaker at the JSBTC Fall Interim Meetings in Toronto. Dr. Tanaka led a wonderful and informative workshop with our JSBTC Ministers and Board in attendance, entitled "Promoting Jodo Shinshu Among the Wider Communities in North America: Contextualizing Buddhism In an Increasingly Secularized Society". The Living Dharma Centre will be making a videotape of this workshop accessible to all interested temples and parties very soon, so all can hear and share in the wisdom from Dr. Kenneth Tanaka. Dr. Tanaka was also able to deliver three Dharma talks at the TBC and a special public lecture which was well attended.

A special thanks is extended to Hongwanji, as they kindly sponsored Dr. Tanaka's trip to Toronto, and to the Ministerial Association (and in particular to Rev. Fujii), who worked hard to make Dr. Tanaka's visit, a reality.

The JSBTC Board would also like to extend its gratitude to the Toronto Buddhist Church and its many volunteers who helped to make all the delegates and visitors to the Fall Interim Meetings feel comfortable by providing a home away from home for everyone!



WBWC UPDATE November 2014

Honored Guest

We are pleased to announce that the World Buddhist Women's Convention will be honored by the attendance of Monshu Ohtani Kojun (Sennyō Monshu). The leadership of the Nishi Hongwanji Jōdo Shinshu in Kyoto was passed to Monshu Ohtani Kojun (Sennyō Monshu) in June, following the retirement of his father, Monshu Ohtani Koshin (Sokunyo Monshu). Unfortunately, Lady Ohtani is unable to attend, as had been previously planned.

Planning for You!

Keynote Speakers. We welcome **Reverend Patricia Kanaya Usuki** as the Speaker in English and **Reverend Nana Yanase** as the Speaker in Japanese. Rev. Patricia Usuki is a Sansei was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Since 2004, she has served as a Buddhist Churches of America resident minister assigned to the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Rev. Yanase is the sixth generation resident minister of the Kyō On Ji Temple in Nara Prefecture. The temple belongs to the Jōdo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha denomination of Shin Buddhism.

Workshop Sessions based on themes of the Eightfold Path will include Jōdo Shinshu Buddhism in Canada, Depiction of Women in Japanese Buddhist Art, Oneness from a First Nations Perspective, Peace of Body & Mind Yoga, Buddhism in Music, Work-Life Balance and Buddhism, Naikan (Self-Reflection), Living a Life of Gratitude, Learn to Line Dance and a Performance by Hiroshima Gagaku-kai (Japanese Court Music/Dancing). Stay tuned for more details!

You Can Do!

More **volunteers** are needed to make the convention a success. If you can help before, during, or after the convention, please go online and identify dates, times, and area(s) of interest. The "Volunteer Application" link is on our website.

Check out the three-day post-convention Canadian Rockies Trip for Canadian Delegates which includes Banff and the Columbia Ice Fields. Details and booking information has been sent to all temples.

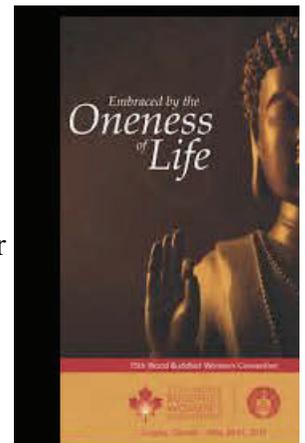
Register Now!

The final registration date of **Saturday, November 29** is fast approaching but there is still time. After the final registration date, any uncommitted spots of the 200 reserved for the Canadian delegations may be let go for other countries requesting them. To register, please visit www.wbwcconvention.com

Whether or not you are able to attend, please continue to support local temple fundraising efforts for the convention or kindly consider making a donation or "In Memory" donation – a thoughtful way to remember loved ones.



2015 WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION



Kelowna Buddhist Temple Annual Fall Chow Mein Sales

Chow Mein Prep November 5 to 8th and Chow Mein Sales
November 9th between 1-3:30pm

This is of course one of our major fund raising projects,
please make every effort to come out and support.

In Gassho

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4日(火)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
午後 7時 座禅
5日(水)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
午後6時45分 仏教案内
6日(木)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
午後 6時 チャウメン準備
7日(金)午後 6時 チャウメン準備
8日(土)午前 8時 チャウメン準備
9日(日)午前 8時 チャウメン準備
午後1-3時半 チャウメンセール
11日(火)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
午後 7時 座禅
12日(水)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
午後6時45分 仏教案内
13日(木)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
午後 5時 座禅
午後 7時 仏教会役員会
16日(日)午前10時 日曜学校
18日(火)午前9-12時 千部経三昧

午後6時45分 仏教案内
午後 7時 座禅
19日(水)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
午後6時45分 仏教案内
20日(木)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
午後 5時 座禅
23日(日)午前10時 日曜学校
午後 1時 11月祥月法要
25日(火)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
午後 7時 座禅
26日(水)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
27日(木)午前9-12時 千部経三昧
午後 5時 座禅
30日(日)午前10時 日曜学校

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