

Kelowna Buddhist Temple

The New Dharma Express

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Special Points of Interest:

- Wed., Nov. 1 - T.S.S. Meditation, 10am - 12:30pm
- Thurs., Nov. 2 - T.S.S. Meditation, 10am - 12:30pm, Chow Mein Prep, 6pm - 9pm
- Fri., Nov. 3 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm, Chow Mein Prep, 6pm - 9pm
- Sat., Nov. 4 - Chow Mein Prep, 8am - 5pm
- Sun., Nov. 5 - Chow Mein Prep, 8am - Chow Mein Sales, 1pm - 3pm
- Tue., Nov. 7 - Women's Association meeting - 6pm
- Wed., Nov. 8 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm
- Thurs., Nov. 9 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm
- Fri., Nov. 10 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm
- Sun., Nov. 12 - Dharma Shotsuki - 10am
- Wed., Nov. 15 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm
- Thurs., Nov. 16 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm
- Fri., Nov. 17 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm
- Wed., Nov. 22 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm
- Thurs., Nov. 23 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm
- Fri., Nov. 24 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm

Shotsuki Memorial		Clean-up & Altar Toban	
November		November	
Master	Fumio Matsuda	M/M	Ken Yamada
Mr.	Sanpei Matsuo	M/M	Jason Kouchiyama
Mr.	Kazuo Ohta	Mrs.	Yoshiko Ueda
Mrs.	Fusa Ohashi	Mrs.	Anne Stack
Mr.	Tokujiro Tsuji	Mr.	Reg Tomiye
Mr.	Akira Ibaraki	Mr.	Derek Mayeda
Mr.	Jinnosuke Masumoto	Mrs.	Tammy Nishi
Mr.	Komakichi Tamaki	Mrs.	Shirley Tanemura
Mrs.	Hide Nakayama	Mrs.	Meiko Ewuk
Mr.	Yoshio Tabata	November Service Chairpersons	
Mr.	Jutaro Ueda	November 12 - Dharma Shotsuki Service - 10am	
Mr.	Yukio Kurahashi	Herb Tanaka 	
Mr.	Yukihisa Tanaka	November 26 - Thanksgiving Service, Bishop's Visit - 10am	
Mrs.	Yuki Horiuchi	Pegi Hayashi-Uyeyama 	
Mr.	Tahei Tatebe		
Mr.	George Ueda		
Mrs.	Mary Hokazono		
Mr.	Aiji Hokazono		
Mrs.	Emiko Nishi		
Mrs.	Joan Kitaura		
Mr.	Robert Eikenaar		

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Japanese Calendar

Beginning with this edition of the New Dharma Express, we have decided to eliminate the Japanese calendar .



For 37 years, Shoko Yamada has been translating the newsletter for us.

With the exception of the past few years during which she has done the calendar only, she translated almost the entire publication each month.

Thank-you very much Shoko. We certainly appreciate your efforts!

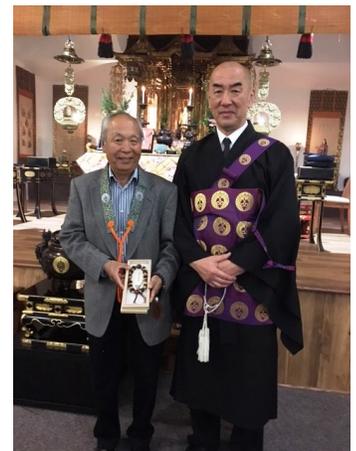
ありがとうございました

- Sun., Nov. 26 - Service - 10am
- Wed., Nov. 29 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm
- Thurs., Nov. 30 - T.S.S. Meditation - 10am - 12:30pm

For many years, Reg Tomiye has served on the Temple Board of Directors. He has skillfully fulfilled many roles, including that of Temple President and the Treasurer of B.C. Interior Jodo

Shinshu Buddhist Temples Association through use of his extensive business background. At the end of last year, Reg decided to step down to devote more time to his Haskap Berry farm. In appreciation of Reg's many years of service to the Temple, he was presented with a beautiful Onenju. The presentation was made by Miyakawa Sensei during our Ohigan (autumn equinox), Eitai-kyo (perpetual memorial) and October Dharma Shotsuki (monthly memorial) services.

Thank-you, Reg!



From Sensei

The Need for Spirituality in Life

It is now almost November, and a chill is in the air. The trees are changing color and losing their leaves. Before long we will have snow on the ground. It seems like only yesterday that we were having such extremely hot days and choking smoke from wildfires. The year is passing so quickly. I must be becoming older, that is why the year has gone by so fast. There is an expression that until our 50's a year goes by at the speed of an ordinary train. For our 60's the express train speeds up, and in our 70's and beyond it feels like a Super-express Bullet train. Every moment in our lives are so precious, but we don't seem to recognize it at the time. There is a Buddhist fable, which tells a story about the traveler who is surprised in the desert by a wild beast. Seeking to save himself, he jumps into a well with no water in it; but at the bottom of this well he sees a dragon waiting with open mouth to devour him. He was afraid to go out, since he would become the prey of the beast. He was also unable to jump to the bottom of the well where he could be devoured by the dragon. Instead he clung to the branches of a wild bush growing out of one of the cracks in the well. His hands grow weaker, yet he holds on. As he clings on for his life, he notices two mice, one white, one black who are gnawing the branches of the bush to which he is clinging. They are gnawing off the roots. The traveler sees this, and knows that he will ultimately perish. As he hangs on, he notices some drops of honey on the leaves of the bush. He reaches out with his tongue, and licks them off with enjoyment. He says to himself, "I hang on the boughs of life, knowing that the inevitable dragon of death is waiting ready to tear me up. I can see but one thing: the inevitable dragon and the mice - I cannot turn my gaze away from them." This seems like an impossible situation for anyone. What thoughts do you have for the traveler?

Using this fable, the famous writer, Tolstoy, looked at this dilemma. Around 50 years of age, Tolstoy had lost his sense that life had any meaning. He described his life situation as follows: "I felt that something had broken within me on which my life had always rested, that I had nothing left to hold on to, and that morally my life had stopped. An invincible force impelled me to get rid of my existence, in one way or another — I did not know what I wanted, I was afraid of life; I was driven to leave it; and in spite of that I still hoped for something from it. —I ought to have been completely happy. I had a good wife who loved me and whom I loved; good children and a large property—I was loaded by praise by strangers — I possessed a physical and mental strength which I have rarely met in people my age — And yet I could give no reasonable meaning to any actions of my life.

My state of mind was as if some wicked and stupid jest was being played upon me by someone." Tolstoy looked at the possible outcomes in the fable of the traveler. He showed the following four ways of coping with the situation: (1) adopting a life of "animal sense," sucking the honey without seeing the dragon or the mice (2) adopting a pleasure-seeking life (3) logical thinking, through which death becomes the only outcome (4) weakly clinging to the bush of life for whatever length of time that might be. In our own everyday lives, we are like the traveler. We are entrapped into using all of these as we try to cope with life. (1) Pursuing our own pleasure senses without knowing the realities of life. (2) Knowing the realities and seeking and enjoying life's pleasures. (3) Knowing reality, with the desperate recognition that death is ahead. (4) Emotionally affected by the ups and downs of life, however, Tolstoy began to think that there was another possibility. He said "whilst my intellect was working, something else in me was working too, and kept me from ending my life. — My heart had another longing emotion. I can call it by no other name than a thirst for "God" - a longing or craving emotion, a spiritual solution." By this, he is referring to an innate human need for spirituality. As we grapple with the realities of life, deep within us lies an internal need for spirituality. In a similar way, the longing or craving emotion from within us comes from the voice of Amida Buddha, who calls to us with the words "Namo Amida Butsu." This makes us then become aware of the depth of our inner spirituality.

In Gassho, Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa

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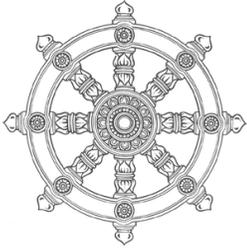
On page 4 of this publication, a copy of the Temple Membership Form has been inserted. If you or your family members are not members of the Kelowna Buddhist Society, please consider joining our Temple family. The future of our Temple depends on a strong membership. We have enjoyed 85 years of Jodo Shinshu practice since our Temple was established in Kelowna in 1932. Our numbers have been declining over the past several years and are now finding ourselves questioning the future viability of our organization. We have the wonderful doctrine of the Buddha, as interpreted by Shinran Shonin, to enrich our lives, as well as a beautiful Temple in which to share the Dharma. Our forefathers and mothers worked tirelessly to build the Temple and provide us a spiritual home in Kelowna. I believe that we now have to easy part in maintaining what has been handed down. Please attend our services and take advantage of Miyakawa Sensei's vast knowledge of the teachings. Spending a few hours at the Temple on Sundays, is always a better choice than the shopping mall.

In Gassho, Herb



November, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm	TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm, Chow Mein Prep 6:00pm	TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm, Chow Mein Prep 6:00pm	Chow Mein Prep 8:00am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Chow Mein Prep 8:00am, Chow Mein Pick Up 1pm ~ 3pm	Taiko Practice 7pm	Women's Associ- ation Meeting ~ 6pm	TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm	TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm Taiko 7pm	TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Dharma School & Dharma Shotsuki Services 10am	Taiko Practice 7pm		TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm	TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm Taiko 7pm	TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Taiko Practice 7pm		TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm	TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm Taiko 7pm	TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm	
26	27	28	29	30		
Dharma School & Thanksgiving Services, Socho (Bishop) Tatsuya Aoki visitation.	Taiko Practice 7pm		TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm	TSS Meditation 10am ~ 12:30pm Taiko 7pm		



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Temple Membership Form

Date: _____

Family Name: _____

Given Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Spouse: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Postal code: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Please add my email address to the Distribution List for the Newsletter: Yes ___ No ___

Details of Full Membership and Sustaining Dues – plus Associate Membership can be found on the web Site under Membership Entitlement or by contacting any member of the Temple Executive:

Please Return completed form to:

Kelowna Buddhist Temple Membership Committee

P.O. Box 22092, RPO Capri Center, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 7S9

With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations

Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution

Apologies for any Errors or Omissions.

<u>Dharma Shotsuki</u>		Mori, Mr. Glen (In Memory of Mrs. Midori Mori)	\$100.
Yokota, M/M Ken (Memory of Mrs. Tomiye Yokota)	\$50.	Mori, Mr. Minoru (In Memory of Mrs. Midori Mori)	\$100.
Russell, Ms. Doreen (Memory of Mrs. Tomiye Yokota)	\$50.	Young, M/M John (In Memory of Mrs. Tomiye Yokota)	\$50.
Koga, Mrs. Carol (Memory of Mrs. Florence Terada)	\$40.	<u>Autumn Equinox (Ohiganye)</u>	
Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley	\$20.	Tanaka, M/M Herb	\$30.
Terada, M/M Darren & Family (Memory of Mrs. Florence Terada)	\$100.	Murata, Mrs. Terumi	\$20.
Terada, Ms. Carrie / Sakaki, Mr. Dan (Memory of Mrs. Florence Terada)	\$100.	Terai, M/M Isao	\$20.
Suzuki, Mr. Rick / Tanaka, Ms. Peggy (Memory of Mrs. Florence Terada)	\$25.	Suzuki, Mr. Rick / Tanaka, Ms. Peggy	\$40.
Suzuki, Mr. Rick / Tanaka, Ms. Peggy (Memory of Mr. Koichi Hayashi)	\$40.	Minato, Mr. Dick	\$20.
Yamaoka, M/M Gerry (In Memory of Mrs. Tomiye Yokota)	\$30.	Yamaoka, M/M Alan	\$30.
Richdale, M/M Glen (In Memory of Mrs. Tomiye Yokota)	\$30.	Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley	\$30.
Yamaoka, Mrs. Mistuko (In Memory of Mrs. Tomiye Yokota)	\$50.	<u>Perpetual Memorial (Eitaikyo)</u>	
Nishi, Ms. Geri (In Memory of Mrs. Midori Mori)	\$20.	Suzuki, Mr. Rick / Tanaka, Ms. Peggy	\$60.
Sugie, M/M Sam (In Memory of Mother, Y. Sugie)	\$20.	Suzuki, M/M Tosh	\$50.
Yamaoka, Mrs. Tomoye (In Memory of Mrs. Midori Mori)	\$20.	Tomiye, Mr. Reg	\$40.
Suzuki, Mr. Rick / Tanaka, Ms. Peggy (Memory of Mrs. (In Memory of Mrs. Midori Mori))	\$25.	Yamaoka, M/M Alan	\$300.
Suzuki, Mr. Rick / Tanaka, Ms. Peggy	\$30.	<u>Special</u>	
Yamada, M/M Ken (In Memory of Mr. Hideo Yamada)	\$30.	Nguyen, Loc	\$20.
Yamaoka, M/M Alan (In Memory of Masao Yamaoka)	\$30.	Takasaki, Mrs. Myra	\$20.
Yamaoka, M/M Alan (In Memory of Mrs. Yuki Nishi)	\$30.	Cavanaugh, Genevra	\$50.
Yamaoka, M/M Alan (In Memory of Mr. Nobuo Yamaoka)	\$30.	Cavanaugh, Genevra	\$50.
Yamaoka, M/M Alan (In Memory of Mrs. Tomiye Yokota)	\$30.	Yamaoka, Mr. Alan (In Appreciation)	\$50.
Fujimoto, Mrs. Shizuko (In Memory of Mrs. Tomiye Yokota)	\$50.	Caruso, M/M Randy (In Appreciation)	\$150.
Martin, Mr. Michael	\$50.	Mori, Mr. Minoru (In Lieu of Membership)	\$100.
Mori, Mr. Minoru (In Memory of Nobue Nakano)	\$50.	<u>Building Fund</u>	
Mori, Mr. Minoru (In Memory of Shigeru Mori)	\$50.	Terada, Mr. Lorne (In Memory of Mrs. Florence Terada)	
Mori, Mrs. Elaine (In Memory of Mrs. Midori Mori)	\$50.	Terada, Mr. Lorne (In Memory of Terada)	
Mori, Ms. Julie (In Memory of Mrs. Midori Mori)	\$50.	Mori, Mr. Minoru	\$100.
Kumagai, Mr. Hiroshi (In Memory of Matsuye Terada)	\$100.	Dux, Mr. Larry	\$200.
		<u>JSBTC Day</u>	
		Yamaoka, M/M Alan	\$25.
		Mori, Mr. Minoru	\$50.

Legislation enacted by the Provincial Government restricts organizations from divulging personal information without the approval of the individuals affected. The donations generously made by Temple members and friends fall under the realm of personal information. Therefore, if you object to your donations being published in the Temple Newsletter, please let us know and we will cease doing so (Mail or Email your wish to be omitted from the published list). In Gassho,

With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations
Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution
Apologies for any Errors or Omissions.

Newsletter

Dux, Mr. Larry \$20.

Obon Donation

Tamaki, Mrs. Toyoko \$50.

Women's Association (Fujinkai)

Mori, Mr. Minoru (In Memory of Mrs. Midori Mori) \$100.

Farmer's Market Fundraiser Donation

Mori, Mr. Minoru \$50.

Chow Mein Fundraiser Donation

Mori, Mr. Minoru \$50.

Dux, Mr. Larry \$100.

Sensei's Vehicle Replacement

Mori, Mr. Minoru \$100.

Thank-you

A huge Thank-you to everyone that has come out to help with Mein making, Farmer's Market and Pie making projects. We depend on the volunteer labour to successfully complete critical fundraising activities for our Temple. Our autumn Chow Mein supper is scheduled for the first week in November. Please come out to assist us. We require all hands on deck!!

Chow Mein Fundraiser

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at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Message from the Editor



It is with an extremely heavy heart that I bid farewell to Mrs. Linda Terai. Linda, a hardworking member of our Temple family for over fifty years, passed away on Sunday, October 15th. I will always remember Linda for her radiant smile and sunny disposition. Over the years, Linda spent endless hours working with the Young Adult Buddhist Association, Dharma School and the Temple Women's Auxiliary. The success of our organization has been due to the efforts of members like Linda. We are truly indebted. Extending sincerest condolences to Isao, Mark and Wayne as well as your extended family.



On the morning of Sunday, October 22, I was stunned to learn the news of the sudden passing of Jerry Takeda. Jerry had been busy volunteering his time and talent to see that our annual Farmer's Market was a success for the days leading up to and including the event and appeared to be his usual happy, hardworking self. His constant enthusiasm was truly inspirational. His passing will leave a huge void in the lives of his entire family and friends. Jerry was always up-beat, happy and possessed a positive attitude towards everything he encountered. He was quick to share his time and lend a hand for all Temple projects. He served on the Temple board of directors for many years and used his expertise to tend to the treasury, the website, and the publishing of the New Dharma Express, taking it into the digital age. Jerry was never afraid to voice his opinion and I will always remember seeing Jerry with a huge smile on his face, looking after the affairs of the Temple. Jerry managed to retire early and spend time travelling to far off locations with Laurie over the last few years. He also became an endurance athlete and entered competitions. He loved to live life to the fullest. I'd like to extend my sincerest condolences to Laurie, Nathan, Aaron, Nicole and the entire extended Takeda family. Our Temple would not have been the same had it not been for Jerry's efforts.

Both Linda Terai and Jerry have contributed tremendously to the Temple and the greater community over their lifetimes. They have lived their lives in accordance with The Eightfold Path and enriched our lives in the process. Thank-you both, very much for being a part of my life. I will cherish your memory.

May the sacred presence of Him who said he would abide in His teaching be our guide. May we follow, with faith and thanks, His way and tread with unfaltering steps, this Noble Path, until we too, shall attain Enlightenment.

Namo Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu

In Gassho,

Herb