

Kelowna Buddhist Temple

The New Dharma Express



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Special points of interest:

- Wed. Mar. 2, Thurs. Mar. 3 and Fri. Mar. 4: TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm
- Sun. Mar. 6, Dharma School 10am
- Tues Mar. 8, Deadline for Chow Mein Orders 8pm
- Wed. Mar. 9, Chow Mein Prep 8am, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm
- Thurs. Mar. 10, Chow Mein Prep 8am, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm
- Fri. Mar. 11, Chow Mein Prep 8am, TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm

Monthly Memorial

Miss Sueme Uemoto
 Mr. Kyojiro Ono
 Mr. Kikumatsu Fudatate
 Mr. Tokijiro Koyama
 Mr. Tatsujiro Terada
 Mr. Hikobe Oikawa
 Mr. Tokuichi Tomiyama
 Mr. Kametaro Nishi
 Mr. Chosuke Ozamoto
 Baby Suzuki
 Mr. Megumi Ohara
 Mr. Einosuke Uyeyama
 Mr. Kasoji Uemoto
 Mrs. Ayako Tanemura
 Mrs. Sadako Iwasaki
 Mrs. Shizue Ueda
 Mr. Hitoshi Suzuki
 Mrs. Mitsuko Yoshikawa
 Mrs. Iye Tanemura
 Mr. Tom Tanemura
 Mr. Shosaku Sugie
 Mr. Hikoichi Tashima
 Mr. Takao Horiuchi
 Mrs. Atsuko Kawaguchi
 Mr. Yoshiharu Wakano

- Sat. Mar. 12, Chow Mein Prep 8am, Sale 2-3:30pm
- Sun Mar. 13 Dharma School 10am, Monthly Memorial 2pm

Clean-up Altar Toban

Group #1
Mr. Rick Suzuki
Mr. Sumio Tahara
M/M Alec Pelletier
Ms. Peggy Tanaka
Mr. Jack Ueda
M/M Morio Koga
M/M Yosh Terada
Ms. Karen Stewart
Mr. Harry Tonn
Mrs. Janice Richardson
M/M Rob Eikenaar
Mrs. Julie Johnson
M/M Minoru Mori
M/M Morio Tahara
Mr. Terry Hikida
Mr. Brad Diduck

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- Wed. Mar. 16, Thurs. Mar. 17 and Fri. Mar. 18: TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm
- Sun. Mar 20, Dharma School 10am
- Wed. Mar. 23, Thurs. Mar. 24 and Fri. Mar. 25: TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm

- Sun Mar. 27, Dharma School 10am, Spring Ohiganye & Eitaikyo Service 2pm
- Wed. Mar. 30, Thurs. Mar. 31 and Fri. April 1: TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n-1pm

From Sensei

Our Connections with others

We all have feelings of loneliness from time to time. Within that loneliness, we are overtaken by feelings of separateness from others, at a very deep level. Our feelings as individuals of being separate from others begin from early life, as we become increasingly aware of our physical separateness from our mothers, and others. This is also counterbalanced by our emotional needs to seek relationships with others, and to connect with them.

Throughout life, there is a balancing act, between our need for closeness, versus acceptance of isolation. Regardless of how smooth the transition from birth to maturity, there are times in our lives when the process of growing up, and becoming separate individuals, is difficult. There are times when we feel alone. This may also be accompanied with feelings of anxiety, abandonment, insecurity, loneliness, and isolation from others.

The old saying that one can feel lonely in a crowd is also true. One who is constantly surrounded by people may still feel desperately lonely. People seeking help for overwhelming feelings of loneliness may also have an active social life, a busy job, a stable relationship or marriage, and a family.

Sometimes people think of aloneness and solitude as the same thing, and view both as negative. Yet being alone is not the same as being lonely. Some creative people, for example, may need to be alone, in order to promote their creativity.

Blaise Pascal, the 15th century genius, once said, "All evil stems from this: men do not know how to handle solitude ---they avoid being alone as though the escape from solitude were the most urgent task to be undertaken." Pascal recognized that in solitude, one cannot avoid the recognition of the ultimate separateness, which is death. Shakyamuni Buddha regarded our human life as suffering, and the ultimate suffering as the ending of life. In the Larger Sutra we read "*in the midst of worldly attachments people are born alone and die alone, come alone and go alone.*" What is the critical dimension that we fear? Is it the underlying fear of death? Is it the loss of the ability to communicate meaningfully with one another that underlies our deep feelings of loneliness? The next story describes the deep loneliness that a young wife

felt, in the midst of an affluent lifestyle. However, with mutual understanding, the couple were able to re-focus their lives.

Millard Fuller, a well-known philanthropist, became a millionaire by age 29 years. He used to boast to friends that he had bought his wife, "everything that she could possibly want." However, one day on returning home, he was shocked to find her gone. She had left a note, telling him of her unhappiness, and her decision to leave. Fuller was distraught. He searched for her, and finally caught up with her in New York, one Saturday evening. She agreed to meet, and they talked into the early morning hours. He listened as she poured out her innermost feelings, telling him that the "things" that he valued, were simply not meaningful to her. She told him that her heart felt empty, her spirit burned out. Fuller was shocked by this, and resolved to make changes. The couple talked throughout the night and Fuller made a decision to radically change their lives. The couple returned home together, began selling their possessions, dedicated themselves to serving the poor and the needy, and began working to promote justice for the oppressed. A few years later, they founded the well-known charitable Foundation, Habitat For Humanity.

All too often we lack a sense of mindfulness in our everyday lives with our loved ones. Family and friendships, which in the past used to provide reliable support at times of loss and change, have become dissipated in our increasingly fragmented society in which relatives often live too far away to be really helpful or influential. Friendships are often superficial, and there are few people on whom to rely. Our reliance on religion and religious teachings, which in the past used to provide guidance and support during times of crises, seems to have lost ground, in our world which is changing so quickly that all traditional ideas tend to be overlooked.

May we have the vision to see what is truly meaningful in our lives, and the awareness of Amida's great compassion. Namo Amida Butsu In Gassho, Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa

From a dear friend, we have missed your thoughtful words

One of my treasured friends loaded with spiritual quickness and a much talented heart has produced and captured one of life's most touching moments.

Yes, Sensei Miyakawa has brought with him a wondrous virtue of spirituality for everyone to all share and behold. His few words remind me of Amida Buddha as they shine like the harvest moon and brighten the strength of his congregation.

Message from the Editor

I purchased my first Hotokisan, family altar, and am very excited to have a shrine in my house. Growing up, my parents placed a lot of importance on the family shrine, offering rice and incense and doing Gassho. At the time, it made little sense and for me, wasn't something that I would have thought to be very important and in really thinking about it now, I thought it was kind of silly back then. Why would anyone want such a dust collector in your home? Today, I don't see it as silly or a dust collector... even if the wife has to dust it, I think if we looked around any home today, what do you see that depicts such

There are many kinds of Amida's golden rivers, one is the strength of his karma and another, the beam of Amida's smile of compassion. These fresh streams carrying Amida's peace and great compassion in one direction are never being disturbed under Amida's midst of good will.

In Gassho, Yuki

serene calmness, eastern beauty, and yet has strong religious significance. A materialistic treasure, but hardly like the big flat screen TV or like most materialistic things that wear out, my home shrine will continue to give for me and future generations of my family pleasure forever.

In Gassho, jiro

Almost Wasted

*Throughout life Amida called,
Sent messengers to beckon.
Teachers to open heart and mind,
So mired in seas of ignorance
Like a recalcitrant child
Who takes evil delight in confusion.
Suffering becomes ego,
Ego is suffering.
To have called The Name,
And been embraced by Light,
The mind opens and comprehends
The dark, useless dross that
This life has been.
So grateful for Amida's compassion,
To never give up.
This spirit now soars
With gratitude and purpose,
This life **not** wasted.
Namo Amida Butsu,
Namo Amida Butsu,
Namo Amida Butsu*

Barb, Spring 2010

Chow Mein 2011

Deadline for orders Tuesday, March 8th at 8pm
Chow Mein Prep—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8am
Chow Mein Pick-up 2-3:30pm
250-860-2980
250-762-2653

Buddhism of the Heart

Often I am overwhelmed by all the stress and responsibility in my life. But I am never permanently stressed or overwhelmed. Just as often, a sudden moment comes when I wake up to all the forces that are supporting me in every situation, and I am reborn as a thankful person who can't help saying "Namu Amida Butsu!" And then I am grateful that I am able to change from my self—obsession toward a more Buddhist attitude. In this way, I guess rebirth is important to me after all. Whenever we turn away from self-centeredness we are born once again in the Pure Land.

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13 <i>Dharma School 10am, Monthly Memorial 2pm</i>	14 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	15	16 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n—1pm</i>	17 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n—1pm, Temple Executive Meeting 7pm</i>	18 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n—1pm, Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	19
20 <i>Dharma School 10am</i>	21 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	22	23 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n—1pm</i>	24 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n—1pm</i>	25 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n—1pm, Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	26
27 <i>Dharma School 10am, Spring Ohiganye & Eitai-kyo Service 2pm</i>	28 <i>Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	29	30 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n—1pm</i>	31 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n—1pm</i>	1 <i>TSS Meditation 9:30am, Guided Meditation 12n—1pm, Taiko Practice 7pm</i>	

行事案内

3月 2日(水)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
3日(木)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
4日(金)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
6日(日)	午前 10時	日曜学校
8日(火)	午後 8時	チャウメン予約締切日
9日(水)	午前 8時 午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	チャウメン準備 千部経三昧 座禅案内
10日(木)	午前 8時 午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	チャウメン準備 千部経三昧 座禅案内
11日(金)	午前 8時 午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	チャウメン準備 千部経三昧 座禅案内
12日(土)	午前 8時 午後 2-3時半	チャウメン準備 チャウメンセール
13日(日)	午前 10時 午後 2時	日曜学校 3月祥月法要
16日(水)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
17日(木)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時 午後 7時	千部経三昧 座禅案内 仏教会役員会
18日(金)	午前 9時半 午後 12-1時	千部経三昧 座禅案内
20日(日)	午前 10時	日曜学校
23日(水)	午前 9時半	千部経三昧

Contributions from a “newbie”

Throughout my life I have often found it much easier to express my thoughts on paper. Because of this (and with a bit of encouragement) here I am, writing thoughts that may end up being a monthly contribution to the newsletter.

I am a “newbie”. Although I have been searching for the truth that I have found in Jodo Shinshu my whole life, I am new to Buddhism. Also, although I have always had tremendous respect for traditional Japanese values, I am also new to personal experience of these.

Over the past year, there have been many books read, questions asked and answered, and a few amazing epiphanies. My entire life has been one of a spiritual journey, of seeking for what I always somehow knew was “the way”. What I have embraced over the past year has completed my journey. It is also wonderful, for me, to have ended up in a place that is filled with wonderful, caring, hardworking people. After only a very short time, I feel like I am becoming part of the family, and for this I deeply thank you all.

So, for the foreseeable future, you will hopefully each month be getting a few of my thoughts, observations, feelings, and possibly even the odd epiphany. The more I read, study and learn, the more I realize how foolish I can truly be. If I ever offend, please forgive, when I am wrong, please teach and when I take a detour in the journey, please light my way back home.

Namo Amida Butsu,
In Gassho, Barb

Japanese Calendar of Events continued from page 5

	午後 12 - 1 時	座禅案内
24日(木)	午前 9 時半	千部経三昧
	午後 12 - 1 時	座禅案内
25日(金)	午前 9 時半	千部経三昧
	午後 12 - 1 時	座禅案内
27日(日)	午前 10 時	日曜学校
	午後 2 時	春の彼岸会、永代経法要
30日(水)	午前 9 時半	千部経三昧
	午後 12 - 1 時	座禅案内
31日(木)	午前 9 時半	千部経三昧
	午後 12 - 1 時	座禅案内

未だ未だ寒い日があり、春が待たれます。

3月に入れば、恒例のチャウメン、そして春のお彼岸です。

チャウメンの予約は3月8日迄に、上本リンダ (250-860-2980)

又は西タミー (250-762-2653) にお申し込み下さい。 そし

て、10日から12日迄チャウメン準備・セールに是非

ご協力、ご支援下さいますよう、お願い致します。

春のお彼岸は27日午後2時からです。ご法名もご持参下さい。

with that task (I sometimes need a chaperone myself).

In my opinion, these senior Taiko players are very wise in training and preparing the youth... we need to do that here at the Kelowna Buddhist Temple. We try with the Japanese Cuisine sessions and are open to any activities to include the younger people. It is so imperative to pass along tradition and culture, hopefully like these young Taiko players, we can find those that are willing to take part in this training. Of course in Japan, being selected for training with the prestigious Kodo group is an honor, yet here in Kelowna, one would think being asked to serve on the Temple Executive an onerous task, not so honorable a position. One day I predict, we will all come to the realization that this Temple is worth protecting and preserving for future generations and will consider it an honor to assist in that goal, hopefully with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

In Gassho, jiro

Just Rambling Two:

Was in Vancouver to a Kodo Taiko performance at the Queen Elizabeth Theater... AMAZING would be the word to describe the show. I travelled with 15 young friends in two cars (fellow Taiko members, friends and family) and there was another 5 that met us at the theatre. Kelowna Temple Members Alan and Barb Yamaoka, Em Nishi and Julie Johnson were also in the totally enthralled audience. Now many of you know that I am one of the founding members of our local group, Yamabiko Taiko, and as much as my imagination believes that I look that good in a fundoshi, these young performers from Japan did a fantastic job in presenting a powerful, musical and energetic performance. The oldest player was 35 and in an article that I was reading the older generation is passing along their experience to the younger generation. Very wise move on the senior's part as I can attest it is getting harder and harder to keep up with the younger generation especially after the performance. I was supposed to chaperone, apparently, but those that know me best, think I should never be left

Relax with friends at the BC Federation Convention Harrison Hot Springs 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

Warm Welcome Wishes to Lorri Simpson, our newest Temple Member—thank you for joining our Sangha
In Gassho

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

The JSBTC (Formerly BCC) Women's Federation is launching a 'Gift Card Shop and Support Campaign' to major retailers (for a complete list, contact Tomoye Yamaoka, or Barb Yamaoka) - a portion of the Gift Card will go to support the 2015 Women's Convention and the 750th Anniversary (2011) of the passing of our Founder, Shinran Shonin. Obviously these cards will make a great Birthday, Anniversary or Christmas Gift, they will be made available over the next few months, however, don't delay, get your Gift Cards today.

In Gassho

With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations

Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution and Apologies

for any Errors or Omissions.

General

Ueda, Mrs. Yosh (KeiroKai)	\$20
Kawaguchi, Ms Nancy (KeiroKai)	\$20
Suzuki, M/M Tosh (KeiroKai)	\$20
Nishi, Mrs. Em (KeiroKai)	\$20
Uemoto, Mr. Kaichi (KeiroKai)	\$20
Sugie, M/M Sam (750th Memorial)	\$20
Tanaka, Mrs. Sachiko (In Appreciation)	\$20
Koga, M/M Morio (KeiroKai)	\$25
Hayashi, Mrs. Shiz (KeiroKai)	\$25
Tahara, Mr. Sumio (KeiroKai)	\$25
Sugie, M/M Sam (KeiroKai)	\$25
Yamaoka, M/M Nob (750th Memorial)	\$25
Uemoto, M/M Kaichi (750th Memorial)	\$25
Mori, M/M Min (KeiroKai)	\$30
Terada, M/M Yosh (KeiroKai)	\$30
Yamaoka, M/M Nob (KeiroKai)	\$30
Yamaoka, Mrs. Chiyoko (KeiroKai)	\$30
Yamaoka, Ms. Carrie (750th Memorial)	\$40
Terai, M/M Isao (KeiroKai)	\$50
Tahara, M/M Morio (KeiroKai)	\$50
Ogi, M/M Teruo (KeiroKai)	\$50
Hayashi, Mr. George (KeiroKai)	\$50
Tanemura, M/M Yuki (KeiroKai)	\$50
MacCarl, Barb (750th Memorial)	\$50
Terada, M/M Yosh (750th Memorial)	\$50
Uyeyama, M/M Joe (750th Memorial)	\$50
Mori, M/M Min (750th Memorial)	\$50
Ogi, M/M Teruo (750th Memorial)	\$50
Nishi, Mrs. Sakae (750th Memorial)	\$50
Terai, M/M Isao (750th Memorial)	\$50
Yamada, M/M Ken	\$50
Tanaka, M/M Herb (750th Memorial)	\$60
Tanemura, M/M Yuki (750th Memorial)	\$75
Yamaoka, M/M Alan (750th Memorial)	\$75
Yamaoka, Mrs. Chiyoko (750th Memorial)	\$75
Tahara, Mr. Sumio	\$75
Dux, Mr. Larry	\$100
Unno, M/M Dr. Mark	\$100
Tamaki, M/M Sid	\$175
Yamaoka, Mr. Brian	\$800
Ho-onko	
Hatanaka, Ms. Maurine	\$20
Favell, M/M Don	\$20
Sugie, M/M Sam	\$20
Nishi, Mrs. Em	\$20
R. Suzuki/P. Tanaka	\$20
Suzuki, M/M Tosh	\$20
Tamaki, Toyoko	\$20

Mori, M/M Min	\$20
Richardson, Mrs. Janice	\$20
Yamada, M/M Ken	\$20
Hayashi, Mrs. Shizue	\$25
Yamaoka, M/M Nob	\$25
Ishikawa, Mrs. Mitsuko	\$25
Tanemura, M/M Yuki	\$25
Nishi, Mrs. Sakae	\$30
Hatanaka, Mrs. Sugino	\$30
Koga, M/M Morio	\$30
Tahara, M/M Morio	\$30
Tahara, Mr. Sumio	\$40
Koga, Mr. Suey	\$50
Martin, Mr. Michael	\$50
Eikenaar, M/M Rob	\$50
Fujikawa, Rev. Orai	\$50
Stewart, Karen	\$100
Simpson, Lorri	\$110
Memorial	
Terai, M/M Isao (In Memory of Aiji Hokazono)	\$50
Monthly Memorial	
Kitaura, Mr. Barney	\$20
Ohashi, M/M K. (In Memory of Tomemchiyo Teramura)	\$25
Crosbie, Ms. Linda (In Memory of Bob Crosbie)	\$75
Budo, Misao (In Memory of Honzo/Harue/Roy Budo)	\$150
Newsletter	
Ueda, Yosh	\$25
Kouchiyama, M/M Jason	\$30
Kitaura, Mr. Barney	\$30
Ohashi, M/M Minoru	\$50
Budo, Misao	\$50
Crosbie, Ms. Linda	\$50
Yetman, Jean & Pat	\$75
Yamaoka, Mr. Brian	\$75
Membership	
Takeda, Mr. Nathan	\$125
Dux, Mr. Larry	\$125
Ueda, Yosh	\$125
Ueda, Scott	\$125
Tahara, Mr. Sumio	\$125
Ishikawa, Mrs. Mitsuko	\$125
Martin, Mr. Michael	\$125
Cavanaugh, Genevra	\$125
Simpson, Lorri	\$125
Kitaura, Mr. Barney	\$125
Yamaoka, Mr. Brian	\$125

Temple Executive

In the next few weeks, our Temple will be busy with dough making on February 25th. I understand that on February 17th, members will be testing out the new noodle making machine. Hopefully, this will be a success. The week of March 7th will be chow mein preparation with sales on March 12th. Inform your friends and relatives to pre-order and not be disappointed by the usual sell-out. Preliminary drawings were presented for the commercial/residential housing project. Three storey's of commercial space and fourth storey for residential. Very large underground parking. Looks great and feasible. To get this project off the ground, there is a lot of various approvals to be met such as Member approval, City of Kelowna re-zoning etc. Even if the Groundhog predicted 6 more weeks of winter, hopefully Spring will arrive soon.

In Gassho

Tamaki, M/M Sid	\$125
Takeda, M/M Jerry	\$250
Tanaka, M/M Herb	\$250
Uemoto, M/M Kaichi	\$250
Yamada, M/M Ken	\$250
Kouchiyama, M/M Jason	\$250

Fujinkai Donations: Shinbo-kukai and Tsuito Hoyo to be included in next month's issue, sorry for the slight delay.