



Kamloops Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple



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Fall Bazaar ~ September 29th, 2018

It's bazaar time and we will have lots and lots of things for sale. Sushi, assorted manju, karinto, chow mein and mein noodles. Please come out to support the bazaar and enjoy a cup of tea and sandwiches at the Kamloops Buddhist temple.
Doors open at 2 and close at 4pm.

October Shotsuki

The Shotsuki Hoyo service for October will be held on October 7, at 10:30 am.

Chow Mein Sale ~ November 24th, 2018

Sold by pre-sold tickets only, available in October

EDITOR'S MESSAGE: (Anna Kato)

I apologize in advance for any omissions or mistakes and any corrections will be put into the December 2018 Newsletter.

Please forward any articles you wish to be published in the newsletters, either to my email at ayoshida@telus.net or mail to Anna Kato, 1677 Parkcrest Ave, Kamloops, BC, V2B 4W7, on or before the 10th in the month the Newsletter is to be mailed out.

Newsletters go out on March 15th, June 15th, September 15th and December 15th of each year.

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KAMLOOPS BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR FOR 2018

September 2 nd	Jorei 10:30
September 7-9	BCJSBTF Convention in Vernon
September 16 th	Ohigan/Shotsuki 10:30am Board Meeting 1:00pm
September 29 th	Fall Bazaar
October 7 th	Shotsuki 10:30am.
October 21 st	JSBTC day 10:30am
November 4 th	Jorei 10:30am Board Meeting 1:00pm
November 18 th	Shotsuki 10:30am
November 24 th	Chow Mein Sale.
December 2 nd	Bodhi Day 10:30am. Board Meeting 1:00pm
December 15 th	Year End Party 5:00pm
December 16 th	Shotsuki 10:30am

October Shotsuki and JSBTC Day Service dates.

The Shotsuki Hoyo service for October will be held the first Sunday of the month, October 7, at 10:30 am.

The JSBTC Day (formerly BCC Day) Service will be held Sunday October 21, 2018 at 10:30.

If you are making a donation for JSBTC Day please mark it on the envelope.

The JSBTC Day service is followed with a light lunch prepared by the Fujinkai.

Bodhi Day Service, December 2nd

Our Bodhi-day service will be held on Sunday December 2nd at 10:30 am, followed by lunch with sandwiches and refreshments prepared by our Fujinkai.

The Bodhi day service commemorates the morning Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment, and from that moment on is known as Shakyamuni Buddha.

Each year we have a decorated "Bodhi" tree set up in the Temple with a statue of Shakyamuni Buddha meditating beneath the tree.

This is a wonderful celebration and we would encourage all members to attend, as well as their families and friends!

Year End Party, December 15th

The Year End Party will be held in the dining hall of the Temple on Saturday December 15th. Happy hour begins at 5:00, and dinner at 5:30.

The Power of Hope

Summer is over, and what a summer it was in the Okanagan, particularly in the resort areas which were affected by the many wild fires, extremely hot, dry weather, and an atmosphere of heavy smoke. I hope that you all had a good summer and were not directly affected by these. However, most of us were affected by the polluted air, and this forced many to stay indoors. Within the cities of Kelowna and Kamloops we saw the wildfires with helicopters circling above, as everyone worked tirelessly to extinguish the fires. We are grateful to the dedicated firefighters, emergency personnel, and volunteers who worked so hard to try to contain the unprecedented number of wild fires and limit the degree of destruction to the environment.

September is the beginning of a new school year, and a return to old routines. We all hope for the successes of our children and young people as they begin a new school term, and work towards new goals. Every summer we notice the increasing growth of many of our present and former Dharma school students. They seem to be growing up so quickly. I am sure that their families are proud that their children and grandchildren are growing, both physically and socially and they have great hopes for their future.

The word "hope" is described an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes, events or circumstances in one's life. Hope is the feeling that what is being sought is possible, and that events will turn out for the best. It is the expectation that at some point in the future there will be the fulfillment of that desire. Hope always looks to the future - it keeps us going- it can make difficult times bearable because it promises a brighter tomorrow.

Without hope, something within us seems to be missing. We can live for several weeks without food, days without water, and only minutes without oxygen. However, without hope, everything seems impossible. There is an old saying: if you take from people their wealth, you hinder them; if you take from them their purpose, you will slow them down, but if you take away their hope, you stop them entirely. Most of us can carry on without wealth, even without purpose, for a while; but one cannot carry on without hope. There have been many examples that show the important relationship between hope and survival – both are interconnected.

One recent example is the rescue of 12 young boys and their soccer coach from the flooded

caves in Thailand. They were trapped in the caves for over 2 weeks by the rising flood waters. They were tired, hungry, and weak, yet these young boys and their coach were incredibly resilient throughout the days during which they were trapped. One-by-one, each endured a perilous rescue in cold, zero-visibility waters. In this Buddhist country, it was reported that Buddhist monks were involved in providing emotional support for the boys' relatives and held vigil at the mouth of the cave singing songs for the boys to keep up their spirits. It was also reported that the team's assistant coach who had trained to be a monk, helped the boys to conserve their energy through Buddhist meditation. When we think about their situation, without light, without food, in this dark, damp flooded cave, without knowing how long they would be there, how they would get out, there was little room for hope. Yet through the efforts of the local and world community, the boys were successfully rescued, and ultimately survived.

Following their rescue, the boys and their coach were taken to hospital for several days of medical observation, since they had all experienced a lengthy period of food deprivation within such a dark and damp environment. Televised interviews of some of the boys showed them to be smiling and generally upbeat as they greeted their families and friends with palms together. It was difficult to imagine that they had emerged from such a life-threatening ordeal that they had endured for more than two weeks. These young boys expressed thanks to their rescuers with their palms together in *gassho*. Everyone also paid tribute to the diver who had sacrificed his life in the in the early stages of the rescue attempts and expressed their sincere appreciation to the diver's family.

In the world around us, there are many examples that show how desperate situations can be transformed through hope and determination. The philosopher, William James, said intense difficulties in life can lead to strong religious emotion.

Through the experiences of their rescue, I am sure that these young boys experienced a feeling of the timeless working of compassion and love from people in the world. At that moment they came to appreciate the life that they were given, and their commitment to the world. They will be able to cherish their own unrepeatable life by living fully and gratefully each moment of their existence.

In *Gassho*

Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa

Condolences

Our deepest condolences are extended to **Toshiko Maeda and family** on the passing of son and brother, Ross Maeda on August 20, 2018 at 59 years of age.

A private family service was held.

Notice of Special General Meeting Sunday October 21, 2018

The Province of British Columbia has changed the Societies act, and requires all registered Societies to transition to the new act. This requires submitting a new Constitution and Bylaws before November 28, 2018.

In order to ratify a new Constitution and Bylaws, we have to hold a “Special General Meeting” to vote on the resolution.

We are holding this **Special General Meeting on October 21**, following our Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Day (formerly known as BCC Day) service, **at 1:00pm**. All members are encouraged to attend.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS B.C.’s new Societies Act (“Act “) came into effect on November 28, 2016,
and

WHEREAS every pre-existing society is required to ‘transition’ to the new Act by
November 28, 2018 and

WHEREAS the Transition process requires the Society to electronically file the
Constitution and Bylaws, and

WHEREAS the new Act has different requirements for the Constitution and Bylaws
from the previous Society Act

BE IT RESOLVED that the new Constitution and Bylaws presented with this
Resolution be approved and adopted by the members of the Society

RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE BOARD

A new vehicle for Sensei

Miyakawa Sensei has a new vehicle! The 2011 Dodge van has been replaced with a 2017 Honda Odyssey.

The cost of the vehicle is shared by Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops Temples. Originally, each member was to be assessed for \$115. but our contributions in Kamloops was supported by the Fujinkai.

Our Sensei travels extensively from his home in Kelowna. In the summer he covers the Kootenays and sometimes up north to Williams Lake. He travels to Kamloops at least twice a month for services and so it is important for him to have a reliable vehicle.

Thank you Fujinkai for your support.

BCJSBTF Convention & AGM – September 8 & 9, 2018

The BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation 2018 Convention and AGM was held on September 8 and 9, 2018 in Vernon, B.C.

A big “thank you” to the convention committee and the Vernon Buddhist Temple for a job well done. It truly was a great weekend.

Dr Kenneth Tanaka was the keynote speaker on Saturday. He spoke to his topic “The Heart of Shin Buddhism: The Path of Meaning and Happiness in an Anxious Life and World”. There was a full room audience attending his lecture. Attendees came from Winnipeg, Calgary, Spokane, the Lower Mainland and the Interior. There were 4 of us who attended from Kamloops.

The raffle draw was done at the banquet, Saturday evening. Unfortunately, no one from Kamloops won.

Sunday was the Annual General Meeting. Here are some of my notes:

- The Vancouver Island Tour continues annually in August and sounds very enjoyable.

- The BCJSBTF Raffle will continue again next year. It remains to be a good fundraiser for the federation.
- Scholarship winners this year are Josi Koerber (4 year entrance scholarship) from Revelstoke and Joanne Yuasa (Post Secondary Scholarship) from Vancouver.
- BC Women's League:
President – Misaye Hamaura
Vice President – Kim Conway
Secretary – Karri Natsuhara
Treasurer – Jeanne Ryan
- a wreath will be placed at the Japanese cenotaph in Stanley Park again this year by Kuni Ikuta
- 2018 Manning Park retreat was organized by Vancouver on the May long weekend. There were 57 in attendance.
- Results of the election of officers for BCJSBTF: incoming President – Ted Akune; Kuni Ikuta becomes Past President; Vice President – Larry Ryan; Secretary – Lucy Yoshioka; Treasurer – Phyllis Ohashi

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Kato

Manju Class ~ Saturday, October 6, 2018

A manju class will be held at the JC Cultural Centre. Learn the basics of making mushi manju, yaki manju, and mochi manju. Saturday, October 6, 9am -12pm.

\$10 for KJCA members, \$20 for non-members. Call 250-376-9629 to register or please see George in the office. Limited to 15 seats.

Food Bank and Christmas Amalgamated Donations.

The Kamloops Temple will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items, through the month of December to donate to the food bank, to try to make the holiday season a little more festive for the less fortunate in our community.

Boxes for donations will be placed just inside the entrance to the Hondo throughout December, and members are encouraged to bring items, at the Bodhi-Day Service held Sunday December 2nd, and the Year End Party held Saturday December 15th.

We need your Used Postage Stamps!!

Save the Children Canada collects used postage stamps for resale to dealers and collectors. Money raised by this method of fundraising is used to help provide a better life and a brighter future for children around the world and in Canada.

The JSBTC Women's Federation has been participating in the Used Postage Stamp program **since 1992**. To date, the WF has provided more than \$2,500 in aid to children in developing countries in the form of livestock, education, medical aid, famine and disaster relief.

Save the Children takes ALL stamps, foreign and Canadian.

The 2018-2019 Coordinator is Hiroko Yoshihara (Steveston Temple).

How to participate...these stamps are sold to stamp collectors by the stamp store so the condition of the stamps is important!!!

- Please cut with scissors (do not tear) and leave a 1/3 or 1/2 inch border around the stamp.
- Stamps with postmarks showing the location and date are worth more so please cut around the post mark. Leave multiple stamps together.
- If you have a postcard with the postmark showing the date and location, please turn in the whole postcard – do not cut it.
- If it does not show the town or city just trim around the stamp
- Stamps without enough border trim and machine generated business postage are not accepted.

Note: There is a big clear plastic bowl to collect stamps, on the counter in the kitchen at our temple.

Live the Nembutsu

Bring your heart to San Francisco!

The 2019 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention will be in San Francisco, California, USA. Dates are August 30th – September 1, 2019.

www.wbwconvention.com

JSBTC Day 2018 Message from JSBTC President Larry Wakisaka

On behalf of the JSBTC Board of Directors I would like to extend my personal greetings to all JSBTC Member Temples, their congregants, supporters and friends of the JSBTC. Many parts of our Kyodan across Canada experienced very hot temperatures this past summer so perhaps the Fall season will be more seasonal with somewhat cooler temperatures which hopefully will bring out the full spectrum of autumn colours in their full glory for all to enjoy.

The Autumn season also typically signifies that JSBTC Day is soon upon us. This is a day when we all do our best to pay our respects and to commemorate all those who have preceded us in spreading the Dharma. Each Temple in our Kyodan normally selects a day either in October or in early November to celebrate JSBTC Day.

I would encourage everyone to consider attending their local Temples to honour all those pioneers of our faith so that they will be honoured and remembered for many more years to come for all their significant contributions.

Our JSBTC Board continues to work hard to provide the most benefits possible in support of the local temples, their respective memberships,

to support the Office of the Bishop and our hard working Bishop Aoki, with our Ministerial Chair Rev. Grant Ikuta and, of course, all our dedicated Ministers who all work so hard to share the Dharma Teachings with all of us.

Our National Board sees Bishop Aoki, Rev. Grant and all our wonderful ministers working incessantly to walk the path of the Dharma with all of us so it is incumbent upon us to ensure that they receive benefits to allow them to also live gratifying lives. Please consider making a donation on JSBTC Day to help enable us to deliver important health and insurance benefits to all our ministers, to provide educational opportunities for them and to also enable us to assist local Temples in their challenge and quest to continue to share the Dharma to our greater communities.

Our elected National Directors look forward to your attendance and support at the upcoming JSBTC Day at your local temple.

With Gratitude and in Gassho,

Larry Wakisaka
JSBTC President (on behalf of the JSBTC Board)

Roof Fund update ~

The temple roof was replaced in March 2018.

We are still waiting for estimates for aluminum fascia and soffits from a couple of companies. Does anyone know why these companies do not get back to us?

Roof / Building Fund Contributors:

Roy & Marie Tahara
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Donations List

We gratefully acknowledge and thank the following for their generous donations for July – September, 2018.

June Donations: - \$300.00

D & L Music Concert Donation

June/July Shotsuki - \$610.00

Louise Kotani – in memory of Shima Kotani
Sakae Kotani – in memory of Shima Kotani
Nancy Keller
Reiko Tanaka
Barry & Anna Kato
Tosh & Donna Tabata
Eddie & Kay Hori
Irene Maeda
Kathy Yamada
Sylvia Fukami
Kaz Kobayashi

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S. Tomiyama – in memory of Hideo Maeda
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Tomi Wakabayashi – in memory of Sho Yamada
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Len & Mel Nakashimada
Jo-Anne Kobayashi – in memory of Ishisaburo
& Shizue Kobayashi
Mary Miyahara – in memory of Ryuji Kuromi

July Donations – 91.50

Konshi Box

Kazuyo Isobe – in memory of Vi Sakaki

Hatsubon /Obon Services - \$2735.00

Lana Tomiye - Hatsubon
Caroline Watt - Hatsubon
Terry & Sets Sakaki - Hatsubon
Hiroshi & Dona Kobayashi
Hiroe Kimura Cox
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Derek Mori & Janice Yakura
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August Donations - \$384.40

Rob & Kathy Kuroyama - Jorei
Canada Helps Org.
E. Doucette – Building fund

Gene & Dawn Ebata – in mem of Yoshio Mochizuki
Yasuko & Judith Komori- mem of Yosh Mochizuki
Cindy Mochizuki – for use of facility

August Shotsuki - \$205.00

Rob & Kathy Kuroyama

Kathy Yamada

Barry & Anna Kato

Tomii Wakabayashi –in memory of Shintaro Yamada

Tak & Kaz Kitamura – in mem of Shintaro Yamada

Tak & Kaz Kitamura – in memory of Sue Kitamura

SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI – Monthly Memorial Service

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, Mitsu	1984	Uyeyama, Kaoru	2016	Ohashi, Shigeo
1957	Maeda, Takeshi	1986	Tabata, Masae	2016	Yamamoto, Makiko
1970	Shibata, Minoru	1989	Kitagawa, Mac	2016	Fukami, Thomas (Tom)
1972	Tsuji, Tatsu	1993	Nishimura, Ichizo		
1973	Maeda, Tahei	1997	Omatsu, Asayo		

NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI

1944	Kashino, Masao	1968	Yoshida, Tori	1990	Kuromi, Etsuko
1947	Kobori, Yasukichi	1970	Kitamura, Yajiemon	1995	Kitamura, Takeo
1948	Miyahara, Machi	1970	Hori, Katsutarō	1998	Yamamoto, Takashi
1949	Kinoshita, N.	1973	Ryujin, Matsujero	2001	Matsuda, Yuichi
1941	Kashino, Kiiko	1975	Goto, Yasuji	2004	Hirowatari, Satoru Charlie
1965	Ide, Koshiro	1980	Ohashi, Shigetaro	2016	Ohashi, Shigeo
1965	Yabumoto, Shinishi	1982	Nakano, Nobuki	2016	Yamamoto, Makiko
1965	Kamachi, Yukie	1987	Yoshioka, Sutejiro	2017	Tomiye, Hedao (Al)
1968	Hirowatari, Uso	1989	Kaminishi, Kayano		

DECEMBER SHOTSUKI

1942	Omura, Misao	1962	Tanaka, Toshi	1994	Tahara, Toshiyuki
1950	Yoda, Kunitaro	1965	Iio, Kemezo	2005	Kodama, Masue
1951	Takahashi, Gibee	1970	Tatsumi, Shigeru	2006	Yamamoto, Hisakazu
1951	Nishiyama, Eihachi	1976	Mochizuki, Sozo	2010	Tahara, Kikuye
1954	Yoshikami, Takazo	1980	Yabuki, Takayoshi	2017	Isobe, Teichi (Ted)
1958	Nabata, Sutezo	1987	Nishizaki, Mika		
1960	Nogami, Sankichi	1989	Miyahara, Toshihiko		
1960	Tahara, Shimaju	1990	Ryuyin, Iwano		