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With mixed emotions, I write this article acknowledging the retirement of Miyakawa Sensei. Sensei has ministered to the Sangha of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada for over forty-five years, including more than sixteen years in the southern interior of British Columbia. He has demonstrated his great passion for sharing his immense knowledge of the Nembutsu throughout his entire career by selflessly using his discipline and perseverance to shine the light of the Dharma upon everyone. His initiatives include but are not limited to, marathon swims in Kelowna and Kamloops, marathon chanting sessions in Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops and Thousand Sutra Samadhi Chanting sessions. Sensei's research and compilation of the English translation of Jodo Shinshu texts culminated in the publishing of the JODO SHINSHU SHOGYO. This project was a huge undertaking and has been a tremendous tool to broaden the understanding of our school of Buddhism by both young and old(er) followers. Many Dharma School students have embraced the opportunity to share time with Sensei and learn through the use of this book. At Sensei's suggestion, our Temple commissioned a locally created statue of Shinran Shonin, for our seventy-fifth anniversary celebration. Through the generosity of Morio and Jane Tahara and Elliot and Sharon (Tanemura) Maynard the statue became a reality. We also moved into modern times with the acquisition of the electronic sign to communicate with the general public. On a more personal note, I cherish the relationship that I have had the good fortune of building with Reverend Yasuhiro and Dr. Valerie Miyakawa. My selfish side wishes that we have not reached this point and that our Sangha could continue to be guided by this wonderful couple. The Buddha teaches us about impermanence and helps us prepare for these changes in life. My realistic side would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Sensei and Valerie and wish you both a long, peaceful and healthy retirement. THANK-YOU VERY MUCH!

NAMU AMIDA BUTSU

Thanks to Shirley Tanemura for researching the dates of passing and the full names of deceased members on our Shotsuki Memorial list.



Merry Christmas Happy New Year!



Thank you - Life's Journey with you and the Nembutsu

It is already December and the year 2020 is drawing to a close. This has been a difficult year for all of us. We have never experienced such levels of stress for such a length of time. This is because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope that you are all managing OK and are safe and strong. Our family have also needed to be careful in managing our everyday lives. We have not gone out unless it was a necessity, such as grocery shopping or medical appointments. Over the last year, with this pandemic, we have all had lots to think about in our lives. Things that we had taken for granted, we no longer take for granted. I have also thought about my future as well.

It is now, with mixed feelings, that I have decided to retire from the ministry. This may be unexpected to many of you. However, I have thought about this decision over the past few months. After a great deal of thought, I have come to the realization that now is the time for me to move on to the next stages of life.

As I look back over my Ministry, I have had opportunities for enriching my life and for meeting many Dharma friends across Canada. These have influenced me, and the person whom I have become today over time. I arrived in Canada and my first assignment was Resident Minister of the Toronto Buddhist Temple. I then moved to the Calgary Buddhist Temple. These were my formative years during which I learned and adjusted to Canadian culture. After a few years, I moved to Southern Alberta, then moved to the Manitoba Buddhist Temple. In 2004 I moved to the Thompson-Okanagan Buddhist Temples along with my wife, Valerie. We have enjoyed many years with all of you. Within the three communities, temple activities, celebrations, conferences and fund-raising activities, we have developed close friendships and precious memories with all of you.

I am grateful to have had the privilege of worked in the ministry as my lifetime profession. Within the ministry which I began in Japan 45 years ago, I have had the desire to share the Nembutsu teachings in Canada. In many ways, I will still continue to have the feeling and aspiration to share the teaching with our Dharma friends here in Canada. However, my physical abilities and responsibilities for the three communities have been more challenging and effortful for me over the past years. It is now time for me to let go some of my responsibilities. It will be hard for me. In some ways it may seem selfish to say, but I need to take care of myself and spend time with my family.

I have felt so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with a number of dedicated Ministers and Temple members, and this has influenced my life. Working in the Ministry has given me the privilege of knowing many of you and your families. I am grateful, and will treasure the time that I spent with all of you.



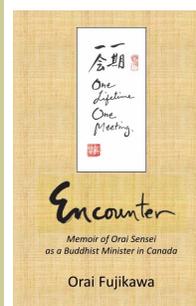
Happiness and unhappiness, joys and sorrows, ups and downs, are an inevitable part of my life, but in dealing with these, I feel constantly anchored in the depth of Amida's wisdom through Buddhist fellowship in our organization. As I reflect on my retirement from the Ministry, I feel a sense of peace of mind, and complete acceptance of what life brings me through the support and cooperation of our fellow Nembutsu followers.

Nembutsu teachings have given me the realization about the compassion and direction of my life. This comes from the deepest sources of wisdom and compassion. The compassion and directions seem to me a manifestation of Amida Buddha as I recite and hear the Nembutsu (Namo Amida Butsu). The power of the Nembutsu has the ability to nurture and transform my life in many ways. I would like to continue my spiritual life journey with Amida Buddha.

At this moment in time, all I can say is two words: "THANK YOU" for having served as your Minister for this long period of time in the Thompson-Okanagan community. With a deep sense of appreciation, we will be continuing to live in our Okanagan community and we will participate with you as a Nembutsu follower.

In Gassho

Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa



Reverend Orai Fujikawa, retired Minister and former Bishop of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, has written his memoir, "Encounter". His reflections on Shin Buddhism and recollections from a 48-year career as a Japanese Canadian Buddhist minister.



His book is available for purchase online at the address below.

<https://www.lulu.com/en/us/shop/orai-fujikawa/encounter/paperback/product-kjynmj.html?page=1&pageSize=4>

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all. Throughout the last year, the world suffered from the pandemic of COVID-19, which brought tremendous hardship to many people, and we still are not able to see when normalcy would return to our world. On this occasion, I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to COVID-19 and express my sympathies to those who are currently undergoing treatment. When social activities have been largely restricted as measures for preventing the spread of infection and protecting people's lives, many temples have been struggling for continuing their propagation. It concerns me that many people have been left isolated in the midst of hardship. 'Dependent origination' is a universal truth that Buddha Sakyamuni presented. This fundamental Buddhist principle expresses that every thing, matter, and phenomenon arises from various causes and conditions. None of us lives by ourselves. We are living being interconnected and mutually supported by one another. Here in Japan, a new type of lifestyle called the 'new normal' has been introduced to protect people, their loved ones, and communities from infection. Considering the reality that we cannot even fathom when the pandemic will decline, it is important that everyone deeply reflects on the principle of Dependent Origination that represents the true state of the world. Even though having been introduced to the truth by Buddha Sakyamuni, ordinary people like us are still not able to accept it as it is. Therefore, to guide us to cope with the suffering caused by our own ignorance, Shinran Shonin clarifies Amida Buddha's compassion that always embraces all of us. When the world is facing this unimaginable crisis, it is crucial that each of us experiences Amida Buddha's great compassion ourselves, and live each day to the utmost, having that joy and sensation in our hearts as the basis of our life. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, I sincerely ask for your understanding and cooperation to allow them to be so. With my heartfelt appreciation for each one of you, I would like to conclude my new year's greeting.



January 1, 2021

OHTANI Kojun Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年は新型コロナウイルス感染症(COVID-19)が世界的に大流行し、多くの方が犠牲と なられましたが、いまだその収束が見通せません。ここに、新型コロナウイルス感染症に よりお亡くなりになられた方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆 さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。

感染の拡大を止め、私たちの命を守るためにさまざまな社会活動が制限される中、寺 院活動も自由に行えない状況となりました。このような中で悩みや苦しみを抱えている方、 孤独な状況に置かれている方も多くおられるのではないかと思います。

仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、「物事は必ず何らかの原因があり条件があって生じ、存在し ている」という存在に関する普遍的な原理を「縁起」として示されました。私たちは、自 分一人で生きているではありません。周りのすべての方々とのつながりの中、お互いに 支え合って生活しています。日本では、自分や周りの方、そして地域を感染拡大から守る ために「新しい生活様式」の実践が呼びかけられています。新型コロナウイルス感染症が 終息しない現状にあって、この世界のありのままの姿である「縁起」の道理を深く心に留 めたいと思います。

親鸞聖人は、お釈迦様の説かれたこの世界の真理をそのままに受け入れることができず に悩み苦しむ私たちに、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが届いていると明らかにされました。思 ってもみなかった出来事に見舞われている世界ですが、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、 それを依りどころとして日々の生活を過ごしてまいりましょう。これからもお寺が皆さま の心の支えとなりますよう、お寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上 げ、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2021年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光淳

JSBTC President's Diary, November 2020

Even though several COVID vaccines are nearing the approval stage, our infection rates are terrible, and it is likely that the next month will be a dire time for Canadians. Several provinces are back in lockdown, which means that most of the Temples are once again closed. I know that we are all tired and frustrated, wishing that life was “normal” again. But it is not, and instead we have to work towards what will be our new “normal”. The JSBTC Board, the Ministerial Association, and the Women's Federation held their interim fall meetings via Zoom, necessitating limited agendas. As well, we have decided that the AGM in April, 2021 will also be held via Zoom.

As was mentioned in the last edition of the *Nenju News*, the JSBTC urgently requires more board members. The JSBTC bylaws state that there must be at least six directors, but as of January 1st, there will only be five, and another director will be retiring at the AGM. The Board and the Temple presidents are meeting (Zoom of course) on December 1st to discuss this; if you want more information or can help in any way, please contact me or your Temple president.

On a positive note, good things are happening. The new JSBTC website has launched, thanks to the dedicated work of Robert Miyai and Harvey Kaita. Check it out: www.jsbtc.ca. Thank you Robert and Harvey. Also, we continue to build the national sangha through national events. Socho has arranged for Rev. Henry Adams of San Mateo Buddhist Temple in California to speak to us, via Zoom, on December 19th, entitled “Waking up to Peace of Mind in the Age of Conflict and Distorted Views”. This talk is open to everyone (not just temple members), but pre-registration is required. This is the pre-registration link which can also be found under “Events” on the JSBTC website: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqduGhqz4oGtyCGO7fAou6u8XTX2i4nZxR>.

In addition to our regular services via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube, Buddhist Churches of America has shared its Dial the Dharma program. This program works through telephone and is especially meant for people who do not have access to a computer or internet. The program has 5-minute Dharma messages, one in English and one in Japanese, and they are changed every week on Wednesday. **The toll-free number is 1-800-817-7918, press “1” for English and “2” for Japanese.** Please make use of this service which BCA has so kindly shared with us.

Personally, November has been a month of reflection for me. On November 1st, I was at the Calgary Buddhist Temple for Sunday service. When I arrived, Grace, our Dharma School student (greeter and COVID enforcer), reminded me to “Chant with your heart, not with your mouth”. What good advice! Robert Sensei chanted Shoshinge in Gyo-fu style; it was so peaceful to sit in the Temple and just let the beautiful sound of the chant and Sensei's voice wash over me. Then Sensei's dharma talk was on pandemic fatigue, which was appropriately followed that afternoon with a Calgary Buddhist Temple Zoom lecture by Dr. Ken Tanaka (from Tokyo) on “Living with the Pandemic from a Buddhist Perspective”.

Remembrance Day is of course truly a day of contemplation. This year it marked the 100th anniversary of the Japanese Canadian war memorial in Stanley Park, and the speakers at the event spoke of the commitment Japanese Canadians made fighting on behalf of Canada and of their families' experiences after the wars and during internment. It was especially meaningful in the context of the racial inequalities and issues which still affect so many different people today. I am grateful that Ted Akune, President of the BC JSBTC Federation, laid a wreath at the memorial on behalf of the BBCJSBTCF. This period of remembrance concluded with Sensei Roy Akune's moving Dharma talk the following Sunday at Steveston Buddhist Temple. And finally November 22nd was the Eitaikyo or Perpetual Memorial service at the Calgary Buddhist Temple. Robert Sensei spoke of the meditative and connecting roles of chanting, which made me think again of the first service this month and how moving I found his chanting of the Shoshinge Gyo-fu style. He concluded the service by reading Rev. Tsuji's *Eternal Now*, which was very fitting for this month.

Looking back at the month, I realized that I attended five temple services, four meetings, a BCA webinar, and a seminar, and I was only physically present at one event. The rest were all thanks to Zoom. The new normal indeed! I hope that you are all well and staying safe. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please email me. I like to hear from you!

With gratitude and in Gassho,

Laura

Laura.a.sugimoto@gmail.com



2021 New Year's Greeting from Office of the Bishop

On behalf of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, I wish to thank all of you for your support and understanding throughout 2020. As December brings the year to a close, we naturally find ourselves reflecting on the events of this year. Due to COVID-19, there have been so many changes and challenges. 2020 has certainly been full of many meaningful meetings and many difficult partings – new friendships, marriages, and births, and also the loss of people we love.

I recently read an article in a Japanese newspaper, which reported on a survey taken on people's perception of happiness. In response to the question, "What gives you the greatest sense of happiness?", the number one answer was "to be healthy" and the number two answer was "to be able to do what one wishes." Certainly, it is the wish for all people to be healthy. However, in reality, no matter how much we wish for a healthy life, there are no guarantees in maintaining good health, and we do not know if we will ever be free from suffering ill health.

The famous Japanese poet and Buddhist monk, Kenko Yoshida (1283-1352) states in "Tsurezuregusa (*Essays in Idleness*, also known as *the Harvest of Leisure*)" that, "there are seven undesirable things seen in friends", and lists one as, "a strong person who has never been ill". He says that people who are healthy and who have not been sick are not well-suited to be friends. Why did he make such a statement?

In general, we learn to understand things through experience. To know the suffering of illness, we first learn the pain and hardship of illness when we fall ill ourselves. Similarly, it could be said that people having personally struggled with hardship and pain are better able to understand suffering and pain in others, and therefore, are kind and understanding. Those who lack that kindness and understanding are said to be not appropriate as friends.

For Shakyamuni Buddha, and other Masters, they taught the path to enlightenment, having the heart of sorrow through truly knowing the suffering and anxiety of people. It is important to understand Buddha's words, "Life is suffering", from this viewpoint, and not to confuse his teachings of old age, illness, and death as a pessimistic teaching based on a negative perspective. The underlying foundation of Buddha's teaching is based on a deep view of the reality of life. This view is born from the heart of deep sorrow, and transformed through enlightenment, to become the heart of compassion helping all people with comfort and courage. Buddha's serene pose illustrates this.

The poet Akio Murakami who passed away in his twenties wrote,

*"Through illness I learned of something that was faster than light
Through illness I learned of something that was wider than the ocean
Through illness I learned of something that was deeper than the ocean. . ."*

Written while suffering an illness in which he could not move his body even slightly due to paralysis, it shows us that there is an important view to looking at life. The literary critic Shouichiro Kamei, who hails from Hokkaido like myself, has stated, "Anguish is the labour pain of humans to become reborn." There is no life without anguish, and people are able to understand themselves through their anguish. According to him, through anguish, people's eyes are opened to view life truly, resulting in the birth of a new human.

Shakyamuni Buddha makes clear the reality of humans in which we are drowning in the ocean of endless desire and sinking in the abyss of ignorance. "Life is suffering" are words of the Buddha, as one who understood the reality of himself, as he was. Through these words, I am now able to touch Buddha's deep wisdom and boundless compassion. How wondrous is the truth of enlightenment! The poet probably felt that 'wonder' and wrote those words. I think that to have "learned", is an expression of joy at having awakened to the unattainable Truth. Please continue to take good care of yourself. Be safe, be kind, and be mindful.!

In Gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki, Bishop

Joodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada



2021 年頭の辞

旧年中は大変お世話になりました。カナダ開教区を代表して、謹んで御礼と新春のお慶び申し上げます。BC州オカナガン教区に駐在頂いた宮川泰弘先生が2021年1月1日にご引退されます。宮川先生は35年間、カナダ各地にて法義の伝道に尽くされました。宮川先生の長年のご功績とご尽力に厚く御礼申し上げます。

カナダ各地において、新型ウィルスの拡散抑制における制限の生活が続きます。ウィルスは身体だけではなく、「心」にも大きく影響していると感じる日々です。マスクをする・しない、ソーシャルディスタンスを守る・守らない、ニュースで映し出される毎日の争い・憎しみの姿です。

海外の仏教青年を対象とした研修会（YBICSE）が二年に一度西本願寺が主催して行われます。その研修中に、広島市の平和公園と原爆資料博物館を訪れます。私が引率した際に、資料館にあった広島市の原爆の式典で中学生の女の子が読んだ弔辞です。

恨みからは、恨みしか生まれない。

私たちは、この悲しみを、受けた傷を、相手にぶつけることで解決しようとしてはならない。

この子の祖父母は、原爆症で亡くなったそうですがなかなか言えない言葉だと思います。

今から約900年前にも同じようなことを言われていた人がいました。親鸞聖人の師でもある、法然上人（ほうねんしょうにん）のお父様です。法然上人の父は、美作国（みまさかのくに・今の岡山県）の兵を率いて領内の治安を守る役人でした。しかし、保延7年（1141）の春、かねてから仲の悪かった、この地の支配者の夜討ちに遭い、あえない最後を遂げたのです。武士たるもの、戦場で果てるならばいざ知らず、寝込みを襲われたのでは、痛恨の極みです。この時、法然上人は数え9才でした。幸いにも、物陰に隠れて難を逃れ、賊が去ってから瀕死の父の元へ駆け寄り、「私が必ず、父上の恨みをはらしてみせます」と敵討ちを誓ったのです。

しかし、父は、苦しい息の中から、こう言いました。

「決して犯人を恨んではならない。私が非業の死を遂げるのは、前世からの種まきの結果であり、因果応報（人の行いの善悪に応じて、必ずその報いが現れること）なのだ。もし、そなたが敵討ちをすれば、相手の子供が、またそなたを敵と狙うだろう。敵討ちが幾世代にも続いていく。愚かなことだ。父のことを思ってくれるなら、出家して自ら仏法を求めてくれ」

この父の遺言に従って、法然上人は出家をしました。

TVジャパンでも放映されたドラマ「半沢直樹」の「やられたらやり返す。倍返しだ！」という言葉が記憶に新しいです。ののしられれば、ののしり返し、怒りには怒りで報い、打てば打ち返す。だが、それが悲劇のはじまりなのですね。果てしのない報復の連鎖がはじまります。自分の運命の全ては、過去自分のまいた種まきの結果と知らされれば今の現状を冷静にみて、光に向かって幸せのタネを蒔いていけないのではないのでしょうか。願わくば、お互いに幸せになれる道を進みたいものです。たとえ一時は苦しくとも。



合掌 カナダ開教区 総長 青木龍也

In Memoriam



Hatanaka, Yoshiyuki "Jack"
September 12, 1939 ~
April 2, 2020



Yamaoka, Mitsuko "Shirley"
October 28, 1922 ~
September 16, 2020



Tahara, Shigeaki "Jack"
May 8, 1938 ~ September
14, 2020



Tanaka, Chiyoko "Kathy"
January 30, 1929 ~
October 22, 2020

Namu Amida Butsu

With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations

Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution

Apologies for any Errors or Omissions.

Fujinkai

Tanaka, Ms. Naomi & Matsuyama, Mrs. Linda ~
In memory of Chiyoko Tanaka \$100.

Dharma Shotsuki

Tanemura, M/M Melvyn ~ In memory of Sam Tanemura \$100.

Koga, Mrs. Carol ~ in memory of Yosh Terada \$50.

Suzuki, Mr. R./Tanaka, Ms. P. \$30.

Anonymous ~ in memory of Rob Eikenaar \$325.

Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley ~ in memory of Yukio Tanemura \$60.

Ewuk, Mrs. Meiko ~ in memory of Yuki Tanemura \$50.

Virtue, Mrs. Sandra ~ in memory of Yuki Tanemura \$50.

Anonymous ~ in memory of Linda Terai \$30.

Terai, Mr. Isao ~ in memory of Linda Terai \$150.

Terai, M/M Wayne ~ in memory of Linda Terai \$150.

Memorial

Scott, Ann ~ in memory of Chiyoko Kathy Tanaka \$50.

Yamaoka, M/M Jack ~ in memory of Kiyo Yamaoka \$50.

Yamaoka, M/M Jack ~ in memory of Jack Hatanaka \$30.

Yamaoka, M/M Jack ~ in memory of Chiyoko Tanaka \$30.

Koga, Mrs. Carol ~ in memory of Chiyoko Tanaka \$50.

Koga, Mrs. Carol ~ in memory of Audrey Yamaoka \$50.

Yamaoka, M/M Gerry ~ in memory of Jack Hatanaka \$30.

Anonymous ~ in memory of Mitsuko Shirley Yamaoka \$75.

Yamaoka, M/M Alan ~ in memory of Audrey Yamaoka \$50.

Yamaoka, M/M Alan ~ in memory of Chiyoko Tanaka \$100.

Suzuki, Mr. R./Tanaka, Ms. P. ~ in memory of Yuki Tanemura \$25.

Suzuki, Mr. R./Tanaka, Ms. P. ~ in memory of Audrey Yamaoka
\$100.

Komori, M/M Art ~ in memory of Jack Tahara \$50.

Yamaoka, Mr. Brian ~ in memory of Audrey Yamaoka \$1,000.

Turigon, Don & Claire ~ in memory of Chiyoko Kathy Tanaka
\$100.

Stafford, Warren & Donna ~ in memory of Chiyoko Kathy Tanaka
\$100.

Memorial continued

Anonymous ~ In memory of Chiyoko Kathy Tanaka \$100.

Ball, Bruce & Wendy ~ In memory of Chiyoko Kathy Tanaka \$100.

Tanaka, Ms. Naomi ~ In memory of Chiyoko Tanaka \$300.

Matsuyama, M/M David ~ In memory of Chiyoko Tanaka \$300.

Ito, Mr. Morio ~ In memory of Mitsuko Shirley Yamaoka \$20.

Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley ~ In memory of Audrey Yamaoka \$40.

Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley ~ In memory of Gayle McDonald \$25.

Collins, Pat & Wendy ~ In memory of Chiyoko Kathy Tanaka \$300.

Hamura, Mrs. Misaye ~ In memory of Jack Hatanaka \$30.

Bodhi Day

Suzuki, Mr. R./Tanaka, Ms. P. \$50.

Tanaka, M/M Herb \$30.

Newsletter

Suzuki, Mr. R./Tanaka, Ms. P. \$50.

Niven, Jim & Seiko \$50.

Favell, M/M \$50.

Eitaikyo

Yamaoka, M/M Alan ~ in memory of Jack Hatanaka \$100.

Tanaka, Ms. Naomi ~ in memory of Chiyoko Tanaka \$150.

Matsuyama, M/M David ~ in memory of Chiyoko Tanaka \$150.

Sustaining Fees

Yamaoka, M/M Alan \$390.

Yamaoka, M/M Alan ~ Lisa \$195.

Yamaoka, M/M Alan ~ Carrie \$195.

Suzuki, Mr. R./Tanaka, Ms. P. \$340.

Anonymous \$170.

Charpentier, Mrs. Junko \$170.

Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley \$170.

Ewuk, Mrs. Meiko \$170.

Virtue, Mrs. Sandra \$170.

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Building Fund

Yates, Mr. Dawson ~ Roof repair	\$100.
Anonymous ~ Roof repair	\$500.
Nishi, Ms. Geraldine ~ in memory of Chiyoko Tanaka	\$25.
Nishi, Ms. Geraldine ~ in memory of Jack Hatanaka	\$25.
Nishi, Ms. Geraldine ~ in memory of Kenji Ito	\$50.
Richardson, Mrs. Janice ~ Roof repair	\$100.
Hokazono, Lloyd & Temesy, Ali ~ in memory of Mary & Aiji Hokazono	\$200.
Favell, M/M Don ~ in memory of Audrey Yamaoka	\$100.
Yamaoka, M/M Alan ~ Roof repair	\$150.
Suzuki, M/M Toshiya ~ Roof Repair	\$200.
Hatanaka, Mr. Dan	\$500.
Anonymous ~ Roof repair	\$100.
Ueda, Mrs. Amy ~ in memory of Nikkei members who passed away in 2020	\$200.
Sato, M/M Masaki	\$100.
Charpentier, Mrs. Junko ~ Roof repair	\$150.
Matsuyama, M/M David ~ Roof repair	\$200.
Mori, Ms. Julie ~ Roof repair	\$100.
Ewuk, Meiko ~ Roof repair	\$100.
Virtue, Mrs. Sandra ~ Roof repair	\$100.

Brown, Mrs. Gail ~ Roof repair	\$200.
Uemoto, M/M Kaichi ~ Roof repair ~ in memory of Ivan Young	\$100.
Kusaka, Mr. James ~ Roof repair ~ in memory of Ivan Young	\$30.
Omae, Mrs. Shizue ~ Roof repair	\$200.
Terada, Mr. George ~ in memory of Shirley Yamaoka	\$40.
Terada, Mr. George ~ in memory of Audrey Yamaoka	\$40.
Terai, Mr. Isao ~ Roof repair	\$100.
Terai, M/M Wayne ~ Roof repair	\$100.

General

Kawaguchi, M/M Vern ~ Farmers Market	\$40.
Aura, Elaine ~ Farmers Market	\$40.
Minato, Dick ~ Farmers Market	\$40.
Tasaka, Bruce & Nan ~ Farmers Market	\$40.
Kurahashi, Mrs. Shigeko ~ Farmers Market	\$20.
Kawaguchi, Vern & Betty ~ Farmers Market	\$40.
Kellough, Joanne ~ In honour of Isao Terai and Anonymous	\$100.

In Kind

Yamaoka, M/M Alan ~ Tape	\$31.65
L & D Meats & Deli ~ Chlorine Test Strips - Raimac	\$17.75
Kimura, M/M Mike ~ Azuki	\$74.85

From The Executive

What a year this has been. We recognize that these past months have been challenging and we want you to know that the board is thinking about everyone. Even though we are still closed, there are jobs being done around the Temple. This past month we had the vent cleaned above the big woks. Alan and Jack Yamaoka stripped the wallpaper, fixed the roof and then painted the kitchen. Thank you very much for all the hard work.



As you have probably heard, Sensei Miyakawa has announced his retirement. Sensei started at the Temple in the fall of 2004. He is the longest standing Minister the Temple has ever had. The board would like to extend our gratitude to Sensei Miyakawa. He has done an outstanding job teaching us about Buddhism, being our guide and friend these past 16 years. Thank you Sensei for everything.

Shirley Tanemura has decided to relinquish the responsibilities she has been doing for many years. Thank you Shirley for your dedication and hard work.

If anyone has a bit of time each month to help us with these responsibilities, please let us know.

We hope that in 2021 things might get back to normal around the Temple but in the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a board member.

Have a safe and happy New Year

In Gassho,

Mark Gilbert