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Gotan-e

Shinran Shonin (born on May 21, 1173) the founder of Jodo Shinshu, never intended to start a new tradition. He considered himself as simply a person who accepted Amida Buddha's Primal Vow as the vehicle by which the Pure Land could be reached. After many years of study and practice, he came to understand the precise difficulty in achieving Enlightenment; it was impossible because of the poison of self-centeredness in every human action. Thus, he abandoned the difficult path and began traversing the easy path of relying on Amida's compassionate Vow. After studying the works of the seven masters, maintaining that they were ones who properly transmitted the Pure Land teaching, he came to revere Honen Shonin. Shinran coined the term "Jodo Shinshu," meaning "True Teaching of the Pure Land," and employed it to indicate that the teaching he had received from Honen was the true teaching. Exhibiting modesty and humility throughout his life, Shinran inspired and won the respect of many people.

In Memoriam

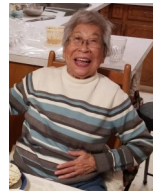
Mrs. Shigeko Kurahashi was born on January 12, 1930 in Mio-mura, Mihama-cho, Hidaka-gun, Wakayama-ken, Japan. In her younger years, she worked as a clerk in the laundry facilities at the Tachikawa US Air Force base near Tokyo. Later she worked as a housekeeper for the family of Capt. Riley, a judge advocate.

Shigeko married Yukio Kurahashi, who was born in Steveston but grew up in Mio-mura. Together, they moved to Canada. Originally living at Buffalo Creek, near 100 Mile House then moving to the Sunnyside area of Westbank around 1959. Shigeko worked as a labourer in the local orchards and later was employed at the Westbank packinghouse. During her time in Westbank, she made many friends in the local Japanese Canadian community and through her and Yukio's work. They lived a simple but happy life, typical of many of the new immigrant Japanese at that time. Although they never had children of their own, Shigeko was very fond of her nieces and nephews and later her grand nieces and grand nephews and was always known as 'Baba'.

As a member of the Kelowna Buddhist Temple, she enjoyed her monthly group Temple cleaning rotation and the noodle making for the Chow Mein suppers. As she grew older and driving became more difficult, she attended Temple activities less frequently but was very appreciative of the support from the temple members.

Predeceased by Yukio in 1989, she lived a joyous life up until her untimely stroke on March 1, 2021. For the next 6 weeks she fought to recover in hopes of returning to her home, but on April 14, 2021 she peacefully passed away. Always a social person with a smile and good humour, she was that way till the end.

Thank-you to Victor Nishi for providing this wonderful article in honour of his aunt. She truly was a happy, out-going person and a friend to everyone. Sincere condolences to Shigeko-san's extended family.



**Namu Amida Butsu**



## JODO SHINSHU GONSHIKI” – “JODO SHINSHU RITUALS”

REVEREND YOSHIMICHI OUCHI

### THE HOW, WHY, WHEN & WHERE OF

TRADITIONAL NAIJIN (ALTAR) ARRANGEMENT

DEMYSTIFYING CHANTING SUTRAS AND GATHAS

#### Part 2: TRADITIONAL NAIJIN (ALTAR) ARRANGEMENT

Sunday May 16, 2021

7pm ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT

#### Part 3: DEMYSTIFYING CHANTING SUTRAS AND GATHAS

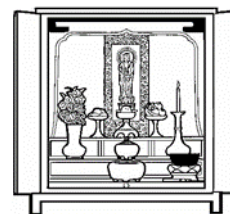
Sunday June 13, 2021

7pm ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT



#### Pre-registration is required.

A graduate of Gonshiki Shidosho in Kyoto, Rev.Ouchi received his licence of Tokubetsu Homuin in 2016 and is Canada’s only Ritual Specialist. Rev. Ouchi is currently head minister of the Toronto Buddhist Church.



#### Part 2 - TRADITIONAL NAIJIN (ALTAR) ARRANGEMENT - Sunday May 16, 2021

7pm ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT

Do you know how to properly set up your home altar (Obusudan)? Do you know what types of offerings you should prepare? Rev. Ouchi will demonstrate how to set up the Obutsudan and will also explain what the Temple’s offerings mean in the teaching of the Buddha.

#### Q & A will follow the lecture.

Advance registration required:

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlc2oqD4jE9cU8DBP46cPgXgn6iqAVoLK>

#### Part 3 - DEMYSTIFYING CHANTING SUTRAS AND GATHAS - Sunday June 13, 2021

7pm ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT

Chanting a sutra or verses during the Buddhist service is the most important ritual in the service. You will learn why it is important to chant. Rev Ouchi will explain the meaning of chanting and how to chant.

#### Q & A will follow the lecture.

Advance registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsf--trTlqGNwohRHdzFZH3PZTx-2dNai>

Presented by Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada’s Living Dharma Centre and the JSBTC Women’s Federation.

*With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations*

**Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution**

**Apologies for any Errors or Omissions.**

**Fujinkai (Women's Association) Tsuito Hoyo**

Suzuki, M/M Toshiya	\$40.
Koga, Mrs. Carol	\$40.
Niven, M/M Jim	\$50.
Hatanaka, Ms. Edith	\$50.
Favell, M/M Don	\$40.
Hatanaka, Ms. Wendy	\$25.
Kondo, M/M Tad	\$50.

**Memorial (Fujinkai)**

Sato, M/M Masaki ~ in memory of Amy Ueda \$800.

**Dharma Shotsuki**

Richardson, Mrs. Janice ~ in memory of Morio Koga	\$50.
Koga, Mr. Gary ~ in memory of Morio Koga	\$50.
Koga, Bob & Shauntelle ~ in memory of Morio Koga	\$50.
Dovey, Mrs. Diane ~ in memory of Morio Koga	\$50.
Elshar Executive Enterprises, Inc ~ in memory of Sharon Midori Tanemura Maynard	\$200.
Yokota, Ken & Yumi ~ in memory of Jinichiro Yokota	\$50.
Kendal, Martha ~ in memory of "Mom" Misuyo Wakano	\$50.
Kendal, Martha ~ in memory of "Dad" Yoshiharu Wakano	\$50.
Ohashi, Mrs. Hanako ~ in memory of Tomechiyo Teramura	\$50.
Terada, M/M Takeru ~ in memory of Kayo & Tatsujiro Terada	\$100.
Sato, Masaki & Jenny ~ in memory of Benichi & Amy Ueda	\$100.
Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley ~ in memory of Shigeto Kimura	\$50.
Tahara, Mrs. Jane ~ in memory of Rihachi Tomiye	\$100.
Tamaki, M/M Stan ~ in memory of Ron Tamaki	\$50.
Sugie, Sam & Irene ~ in memory of Shosaku Sugie	\$25.
Sugie, Sam & Irene ~ in memory of Ume Tatebe	\$25.
Yamaoka, Alan & Barb ~ in memory of Carl Nishi	\$30.

**Memorial**

Ueda, Mrs. Yoshiko ~ in memory of Amy Ueda \$40.

Ogi, Teruo & Mutsuko ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$100.
Kondo, Tadashi & Elaine ~ in memory of Dr. Alan Forsyth	\$50.
Kondo, Tadashi & Elaine ~ in memory of Sandra Edwards	\$50.
Kondo, Tadashi & Elaine ~ in memory of Shig & Chiyoko Tanaka	\$200.
Kendal, Martha ~ in memory of Chic Mori	\$40.
Kendal, Martha ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$40.
Kendal, Martha ~ in memory of Mari Mori	\$40.
Tahara, Tim & Sandy ~ in memory of Jack Tahara	\$200.
Tahara, Mrs. Jane ~ in memory of Jack Tahara	\$200.
Mayeda, Derek ~ in memory of Shigeko Kurahashi	\$30.

**Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial)**

Sato, Masaki & Jenny ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$500.
Tahara, Mrs. Jane ~ in memory of Shigeru Tanaka	\$50.

**General**

Uemoto, Kaichi & Linda ~ in appreciation of Covid dinner	\$30.
Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley ~ in appreciation for Bento	\$25.
Hunter, M/M Jay ~ in appreciation of Covid dinner	\$30.
Katz, Diane Service to the Buddhist community	\$100.
Koga, Mrs. Carol ~ in appreciation of Bento	\$100.
MacLean, Ms. Marilyn	\$50.
Yamada, Ken & Shoko ~ in appreciation of Covid dinner	\$30.
Ogi, Teruo & Mutsuko ~ in appreciation of Covid dinner	\$50.
Ueda, Mrs. Yoshiko ~ in appreciation of Covid dinner	\$40.
Kawaguchi, Ms. Nancy ~ in appreciation of Covid dinner	\$40.
Yamaoka, Alan & Barb ~ in appreciation of Covid dinner	\$100.
Sato, Masaki & Jenny ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$1400.
Cavanaugh, Ms. Geneva	\$25.
Tahara, Tim & Sandy	\$150.
Sugie, Sam & Irene ~ in appreciation of Bento dinners	\$50.
Martin, Mr. Michael	\$50.
Anonymous ~ In appreciation	\$500.
Dux, Larry	\$250.

<b><u>Hanamatsuri</u></b>		Terada, George ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$40.
Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley	\$50.	<b><u>Sustaining Fees</u></b>	
Yamaoka, Alan & Barb	\$50.	Araujo, Anderson	\$175.
Suzuki, Rick & Tanaka, Peggy	\$100.	Tahara, Tim & Sandy	\$340.
Mayeda, Derek	\$50.	Tomiye, Reg	\$170.
<b><u>Building Fund</u></b>		Yates, Dawson	\$170.
Naka, Frank & Kiku ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$25.	<b><u>Newsletter</u></b>	
Tomiye, Reg	\$125.	Yamaoka, Alan & Barb	\$50.
Anonymous ~ in memory of Amy Ueda	\$50.	<b><u>In Kind</u></b>	
Tahara, Mrs. Jane ~ In lieu of Membership	\$300.	Yamaoka, Alan & Barb ~ Screw Driver Bits	\$17.

## From the Temple Executive

It is April and we are beginning to experience beautiful spring weather. Flowers are beginning to bloom and life is rejuvenating after a long winter.

April, sadly, also marks a year since we have suspended Temple services and activities because of Covid 19. For the second year in a row, we have had to cancel our Hanamatsuri service. Hopefully, with the continuing care taken by everyone and the increasing availability of vaccines, we will soon be able to get back to some kind of normal life and Temple activities.

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, Socho Aoki conducted a Dharma Shotsuki service for the months of January, February and March. We are planning another service in June for the months of April, May and June and will let you know when we have a time and date finalized.

We have held a number of Zoom meetings with Kamloops and Vernon Temples, the other members of the BC Interior Shin Buddhist Temples, about bringing in a new minister to the Interior and continue to have discussions with Socho Aoki and the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada to accomplish this important task. Covid 19 restrictions have greatly complicated negotiations and planning but we hope to be able to share details soon.

Our Newsletter is back online, so please be sure to check it out. Thanks again to Chad Kohalyk for working with Pegi Uyeyama to get our web site back up in its basic format. Chad is also working to create a more permanent and improved web site. If you have any ideas on improvement of the site, please let Mark Gilbert, who is Chad's Board contact now. A reminder to send in your photos for our Temple calendar to [kelbudt@gmail.com](mailto:kelbudt@gmail.com).

Thanks to all our members and friends who continue to support the Temple with your generous donations despite the fact that we have been unable to conduct in person services. Hopefully, we can all get together again soon.

In Gassho,

Derek Mayeda



### Meaning of Eitaikyo

Eitaikyo is an abbreviation of "Eitai Dokyo" which means the perpetual recitation of the sutras. Consequently, this service is also known as "Perpetual Memorial". Names are recorded onto the Eitaikyo Scroll when the family honors their loved one to help the Temple propagate in perpetuity by making an endowment to the Perpetual Memorial Fund. Donations to the Perpetual Memorial Fund is used specifically to refurbish/enhance the altar such as purchasing candles, incense and altar cloths to mention a few. The names on the scroll are read out during the Eitaikyo service which is observed twice a year by the Kelowna Buddhist Temple in conjunction with Spring and Fall Ohigan Services, at which time donations to the general treasury are gratefully accepted. The members on this list will be remembered in perpetuity for as long as the Temple is operating. The Nembutsu gave our ancestors the strength to live their lives, making many sacrifices and having hope for the future that we are all now a part of. This is part of the living legacy of the Temple.