



Water of Wisdom (Prajna)



I am sure you all know my name by now. The other day, I went to a clinic for my annual blood test. The nurse who took my blood was very friendly. Looking at my health card, she asked, "Are you Rev. Izumi? You are a Buddhist minister, aren't you?" I said, "Yes, there is only one Buddhist minister around here. I am the one." Then she asked again, "I took a Japanese class before. I understand that all Japanese kanji characters have their meaning. What does your name mean?" I said "My name 'izumi' means a fountain or a spring." Then I said with a little joke, "Like the fountain, the water of wisdom is constantly coming up to my brain." She laughed and said, "I see. It is a beautiful and nice name. You should drink a lot of water!"

When I went to Toronto a couple of months ago, I went to a Japanese restaurant and happened to find the same kanji as my name on the label of a Japanese sake bottle. The kanji was beautifully written in calligraphy with "IZUMI" written in Roman letters underneath. I do not know who branded this Japanese sake "IZUMI" but I think someone knew its meaning well.

There are five precepts or moral rules which were specifically set for lay Buddhists by the historical Buddha. The last of the five moral rules is "not to take intoxicants, including alcohol and harmful drugs." The first four rules are said to be major rules which, I think, all religions follow: to not kill or injure living creatures, to not take what has not be given, to avoid misconduct in sensual matters, and to abstain from false speech. As a human, we all must try to follow these rules. The last and fifth rule, to not take intoxicants, harmful drugs and alcohol, is said to be minor. Although it is minor, Buddhists should try to follow the rule. If we get drunk and intoxicated, it could be dangerous. We may lose our sense of judgement may go away. We must be careful. But even Buddhist priests in Japan drink Japanese sake. Actually, many of them like it. I like Japanese sake and occasionally drink it but try not to get drunk. Interestingly, Buddhist priests in Japan often make excuses when they consume alcohol, saying "Well, this is the water of wisdom (Prajna). The more I drink the more wisdom comes up to my brain." Really!?! Then you naturally do not get drunk. I do not know who put the brand name "IZUMI" on the label for the Japanese sake but, I believe, he or she must be very clever!

Thank you all for everything.
Happy New Year in 2014 to all readers of "Hikari The Light"!
Kanpai and Cheers!!

In Gassho,
Yasuo Izumi, Minister
Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

年末を迎え

最近は何年近くになると、今年も無事によく働いてきたなあ、という気持ちになります。そして同時に、ワイフもよく一緒に働いてくれたなあという思いになるのです。歳を取ったせいかもしれません。若い頃は、自分ひとりで頑張っているくらいに思っていました。「人」と言う字は二つが支えあっている字です。「幸せ」は「仕合せ」と書きたい、と言った方がいます。全く同感です。仕えあって暮らしが成り立つでしょう。人間はうっかりすると「己が分を思量」することを忘れ、高慢になつたりします。「〇〇と、煙は高く上がる」、との金言もあります。蓮如上人(1415-1499)は「人はあがりあがりて、落ちることもある、ということを知らない」と仰しゃっています。人生無常です。いつも自分の思い通り行くというものではありません。ですから、上人は「つつしむこと」の大切さを教えてくれています。しかし、「つつしまねばならない」と、気負う必要もありません。私たちの先輩方は、仏様の前に座ることを教えて下さいました。仏様の智慧の光は、私たちの、高慢な心、思い上がりの心を、いつも照らし、やさしく打ち砕いて下さるのです。それは仏様が、私たちのために誓って下さった願いの一つです。そこには、「仏の光に包まれた者は、むさぼり、いかり、おろかさの三つの毒が消えて、身も心もやわらぐようにしよう。」とあるのです。来年も、いよいよ、慈光の中で聴聞させて頂きたいものです。

皆様には、よき新年をお迎えください。
合掌。 泉

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BTSA NOTES

The BTSA board decided at its November meeting to donate \$3,000 to the Red Cross in relief of the devastation that Typhoon Haiyan left in the Philippine Islands on Nov. 7. The board acted at that time to insure it met the promise of matching funds from the Canadian government, whose announced deadline is Dec. 8. (This was extended to Dec. 23 recently by the Canadian government.)

Other appeals for relief assistance include a Sunday breakfast on Dec. 15 after the regular service, and a movie night/supper on Jan. 25. (See a related item in this issue.)

As we enter the final month of the year, please keep in mind the following key dates and events:

- Dec. 1: monthly memorial service, beginning at 10:30 a.m.;
- Dec. 7: 5th annual Bake and Craft Sale, 1 to 2:30 p.m.;
- Dec. 22 and 29: no Sunday services;
- Dec. 31: Joya-no-Kane (year-end bell-ringing), Nikka Yuko Garden, 11:30 p.m., weather permitting;
- Jan. 1, 2014: New Year's Day Service, 10:30 a.m; and,
- Jan. 12: Ho-onko and monthly memorial service, beginning at 2 p.m., followed by the New Year's Party.

A busy November began with the Alberta Buddhist Conference on Nov. 2. Please see a related article on Dr. Jeff Wilson's talk. Our thanks to all who helped plan and put on this event. Thanks, too, to members who contributed to the delicious udon supper that wrapped up the conference.

Mein-making on Nov. 16 drew a great crowd who socialized while making the noodles for the upcoming bake and craft sale. Manju and sushi-making sessions are planned. Once again, the call is out to all members for donations of pastries and other goodies.

Just a side note: the snow that accumulated in the temple lot on mein-making day was cleared in time for the Sunday service the following morning, thanks to Jamie Meeks with whom the board had signed an agreement for another year of snow removal.

A repeated request goes out to all members to allow their names to be nominated for a board position. The two-year terms of six board members expire at the annual general meeting in March. Please consider standing for a directorship.

Once again, BTSA makes its seasonal appeal for food parcel donations, this year, for the Lethbridge Food Bank. A box awaits any gifts members are able to provide, with the estimated total monetary value being matched by the BTSA. Donations will be turned over to the Food Bank in February, 2014.

As 2013 enters its last days, BTSA expresses its deep appreciation to the membership for its backing and assistance throughout the year. Because of the members devoted and energetic contributions, our temple thrives and maintains its vitality in the community. BTSA looks forward to everyone's continuing support in 2014.

Akira Ichikawa

BUDDHIST Q & A

Why do we offer o-buppan (cooked rice) in front of the statue of Amida Buddha?

Offering the rice to the Buddha originated in India. As I mentioned in the last issue, the historical Buddha, Sakyamuni, and his disciples in India used to go out daily into the local community to beg for food to maintain their physical body. By doing so, they were able to spread the dharma, the truth of life. Their begging for food is called "alms-begging round". The lay followers of the Buddha would joyfully offer food to them out of respect and gratitude. We have been following this custom and offer o-buppan to Amida Buddha, the embodiment of the dharma, of infinite wisdom and boundless compassion. Sakyamuni Buddha and his disciples used to consume their food before midday. Accordingly, it is also our custom that we take the o-buppan down before midday. Y.I.

CHAIR SCHEDULE December 2013 & January 2014

Dec 01 SHOTSUKI

Chair: Sway Nishimura
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

Dec 08

Chair: Sylvia Oishi
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

Dec 15

Chair: TBA
Audio: Tak Okamura

Dec 22

No Service

Dec 29

No Service

Dec 31 JOYA-NO-KANE

Nikka Yuko Garden
(weather permitting)

Jan 01 NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

Rev. Izumi

Jan 05

Chair: Joyce Shigehiro
Audio: John Dubbelboer

Jan 12 HO-ON-KO/SHOTSUKI

2 PM
Chair: Deanna Jones
Audio: Sway Nishimura

Jan 19

Chair: Pat Sassa
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

Jan 26

Chair: Robert Takaguchi
Audio: Tak Okamura

MC designates: if you are unable to chair on your assigned date or have made other arrangements on your own, please inform Sway Nishimura. Thank you.

ABC Recap

About 90 persons attended the 35th annual Alberta Buddhist Conference held at the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta on Nov. 2.

The guest speaker at the one-day event was Dr. Jeff Wilson, an associate professor of Religious Studies and East Asian Studies at Renison College, University of Waterloo, Ontario. Wilson sensei also received his tokudo ordination at the Nishi Hongwanji and is an occasion speaker at the Toronto Buddhist Temple. (Please see a brief summary of his talks below.)

The day's activities included a presentation by Kynan Gordon, who was the BTSA delegate to the Japan youth tour sponsored by the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada; a youth taiko performance with Thomas Ota, Ryan Jensen and Kai Ichikawa; and a Buddhist-inspired documentary entitled "KanZeOn", a leisurely examination of the sights and sounds in Japan as they might have been inspired by Kannon, the bodhisattva described as compassion incarnate.

The wrap-up was a delicious udon supper, prepared by members of the temple. Please check out the photo of the bowl of udon and the accompanying description.

ABC Speaker: Dr. Jeff Wilson



While the idea of compassion is not unique to Buddhism, Buddhism has a tendency to extend it beyond humans to all things that have life, including animals and plants.

Dr. Jeff Wilson described what compassion means and traced its role in Buddhism as the featured speaker at the 35th annual Alberta Buddhist Conference at the BTSA on Nov. 2.

Defining compassion as a feeling of strong sympathy for another who is suffering and a desire to take away that suffering, he said its role in Mahayana Buddhism emphasizes the interdependence of life.

In Jodo Shinshu, Amida as the bodhisattva Dharmakara makes his 48 vows to relieve all who are suffering, an act itself of enormous compassion. This concern, he adds, evokes gratitude that is expressed in the form of the nembutsu.

Dr. Wilson, who is a professor of Religious Studies and East Asian Studies at Renison College, University of Waterloo, Ontario, also spoke the following day at the November monthly memorial service.

In an extemporaneous dharma talk—he set aside his planned message—he related personal examples of how his clothing misjudgments accentuated his imperfections. From the previous day, when he said he had forgotten to bring proper attire to wear under his robes, he said he corrected that for the Sunday service and was wearing one of his favorite T-shirts that was emblazoned with the words, "Don't Mess with Texas." Wilson sensei was born in Texas.

This example and one from his inability to tie a knot correctly for his ordination in May, 2012, at the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto, gave rise to his self-characterization as an "upside-down, backward" person. At the same time, he noted that Shinran Shonin's teaching that focuses on "just as you are" (sonomama, Jpn) tells us that because we're imperfect, we are embraced by the Buddha.

In keeping with his earlier ABC talk, he said that Buddha's great compassion offsets our shortcomings and all we can say is "thank you."

Dr. Wilson also gave a lecture at the University of Lethbridge in which he looked at the extent to which Buddhism has been popularized in the west, especially with the idea of mindfulness, and how it might evolve in a North American setting.

By way of comparison, he did show the extent to which each new culture embraced Buddhism historically did so by shaping it to the traditions of that culture.



2013 Membership Form

Full Membership (\$100 for each member) Student Membership*

Last Name: _____ First Names(s): _____

Last Name: _____ First Names(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City, Province, Postal Code: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Cellphone No.: _____

Email: _____

Check to receive The Hikari newsletter by Email only.

Please send this form and your remittance to:
 Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta Treasurer
 470 40th Street South
 Lethbridge, AB, T1J 3Z5

Notes

*Student membership is limited to persons 18 years or older who are currently registered in a recognized educational institution. It is free of charge with a valid student ID card. Student Members are not entitled to vote at general meetings or to hold office in the BTSA and this category of membership does not include membership in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

LET'S EXPAND THE CIRCLE OF THE DHARMA!

Memberships to Nov 14: 225
Please note: Membership deadline for 2013 is Dec 31

Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

November 2013

Lorne Bunney & Mayumi Tanigami-Bunney
 Nob & Yoko Fujimoto
 Jim & Atsuko Hagihara
 Nadine Hamabata
 Shirley Higa
 Neil Hinatsu
 Marie Hirashima
 Molly H. Ito
 Tom & Lily Kaga
 Dave & Val Kunimoto
 Mark & Shelly Murakami
 Shig & Katie Nakagawa
 May Nishikawa
 Sway & Toshiko Nishimura
 May Ohno
 Tak & Jan Okamura
 Hitoshi & Aiko Sakurai
 Roy & Pat Sassa
 Craig & Sachi Scharf
 Ken & Nancy Setoguchi
 Tom & Mitsuko Shigehiro
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 Fumi Sugimoto
 June Sugimoto
 Noboru & Kazuko Sugimoto
 Don & Lisa Takaguchi
 Robert & Judy Takaguchi
 Fugi Takeda
 Glen & Pamela Tanaka
 Masaye Tanaka
 Harry & Betty Tanigami
 Herb & Lissa Tanigami
 Bill & June Terakita
 Shizuo & Dorothy Tomita
 Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama
 Keiko Kay Tsukishima

Total \$1,370

Other Donations

November 2013

Syed & Cheryl Ali
 Rachel Crowder
 John & Donna Dubbelboer
 Dorene Gordon
 Robert & Teiko Hashiguchi
 Shinako (Sheila) Higa
 Neil Hinatsu
 Rumiko Ibuki
 Dave & Val Kunimoto
 Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens
 Jagjit S. (Jack) Panesar
 Barrie & Jackie-Lynn Robb
 Shig Sakamoto
 Roy & Pat Sassa
 Joyce Shigehiro & Trevor Van Sluys
 Lisa D Sutherland
 Noris & Sachiko Taguchi
 Fugi Takeda
 Reiko Takeyasu
 Glen & Pamela Tanaka
 LLoyd Tsukishima

Total \$4,030

We try to be as thorough as possible but occasionally make errors. Please inform us if your name has been omitted from or misspelled in the donation lists. Anyone wishing his/her name not be acknowledged in print, please let us know so it won't be published.
 Thank you.



November Shotsuki

More than 100 persons attended the November monthly memorial service, the day after the ABC. Dr. Jeff Wilson—whose various talks he gave are described elsewhere—was the featured speaker. The temple choir performed the gatha, “When I Look Up at the Sky” and led the congregation in “Let It Begin With Me.”



REGULAR EVENTS

Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir will meet in new year to practice for the Hoonko service, January 12.
Contact: Katie Nakagawa 403. 327.4296 or katieinak@shaw.ca

Tonari Gumi

Tuesdays, 12-3pm

Taiko Class

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm (Youth) & 7 pm (Adults)
Contact: David Tanaka at 403.330.1548 or david@eyesquared.com

The Lethbridge Karaoke Club

Wednesdays, 1pm
Dec 11 will be the last session before the holidays.
Resumes Jan 8, 2014

PROGRAMS

Minyo Dance Practice

Tuesday, 4:30 to 6pm
Dec 3, Jan 7 & 21, Feb 4 & 18
Contact: Pat Sassa

Women's Federation World Convention Craft Group

Meets the 3rd Sunday monthly after Tea
Contact: Totsy Nishimura 403.752.3435 or swayn@telusplanet.net

Gentle Yoga for Seniors and Aiki Breathing

will be offered in spring, 2014
Contact lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com or
403.327.1668

The 5th Annual BAKE & CRAFT SALE



**Saturday, December 7, 2013,
1 - 2:30 pm in the multipurpose room**

- Sushi, manju and mein noodles
- Homemade snacks and desserts.

Please drop off crafts and baking from 9 am to noon.

Doors will be closed between 12 and 1 to prepare for the sales.

If you are interested in participating in the event, please contact volunteer co-coordinators, Pat Sassa and Akira Ichikawa.

Craft sales will benefit the World Buddhist Women's Convention to be held in Calgary in 2015. Contact Totsy Nishimura.

TOBAN UPDATE

Contact lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com or 403.327.1668

An **All Toban** meeting will be held on **Sunday December 8** following service. As you may know, Pat Sassa is retiring as lead for Toban 3, however she will continue with her many other temple activities. We are working on, but do not yet have, a replacement. This could be a time to make changes in the toban system as the board has also voted to trial a cleaning service for the temple (see adjacent article). If successful, this could greatly reduce some of the Toban duties. In any event, it is a goodtime for discussion and our annual re-evaluation as we need input from all, please plan to join us . If you are not able to attend please forward any suggestions or comments to me.

Thanks,
Lorita

December	Toban 4
January	Toban 2

Thanks to **Toban 3** for you efforts and work during the month of November.

BTSA to trial a Janitorial service starting December

The BTSA will have a trial Janitorial services provided for the next 3 months We have contracted with A+ Janitorial services to do a basic cleaning of the temple every other week. They will essentially do all the floors and washroom. On alternate weeks they will come in and do the washrooms only. The cost for this service is \$260 per month. They will not be cleaning the kitchen stove or other appliances, will not clean the Naijin, and will not do any dusting. This will be for a trial period of 3 months and if the services are felt to be satisfactory we will contract the services for 1 year. They will be in to clean the temple on Thursday afternoons.

The services for a complete cleaning will occur on December 5 & 19, 2013 (Dec. dates are tentative and may change to accommodate the bake sale); January 2 & 16; February 6 & 20, 2014.

Only the washrooms will be cleaned on December 12, 2013; January 9, 23 & 30; and February 13 & 27, 2014.

The complete cleaning will include the following:

- Sweep and mop kitchen floor
- Sweep and mop multi-purpose room
- Clean 4 small washrooms and 2 large washrooms
- Vacuum 2 children's rooms
- Vacuum the large Service room (hondo)
- Sweep and mop floors of the 3 entries and hallways
- Vacuum the hallway carpet
- Vacuum the cloakroom
- Vacuum minister's anteroom
- Vacuum the board room

Thanks to all the ladies and men who helped prepare the Udon meal at the ABC Conference.

The meal was delicious and \$1,033 was made for the 2015 World Buddhist Women's Convention in Calgary.

Donna Dubbelboer



Movie Night at the Temple & Fundraiser Meal

Saturday, January 25

Supper at 6:30 • Oyako Donburi (chicken, egg & onions on rice)

This movie night will raise funds towards the Philippine's Haiyan Typhoon disaster.

KABEI

A Japanese film released in 2009 which won several awards in Japan. The producer is Yoji Yamada who collaborated on many films with Akira Kurosawa. It depicts the strong bond between a mother and her family during WWII. It is set in Tokyo in 1940. The peaceful life of the Nogami family suddenly changes when the father, Shigeru is arrested and accused of being a communist. His wife Kayo, works frantically from morning to night to maintain the household and bring up her two children. Her husband does not return and WWII breaks out and casts dark shadows on the entire country. Kayo still tries to keep her cheerful determination and sustains the family with her love. This is an emotional drama of a mother and an eternal message for peace. It is based on Teruyo Nogami's memoirs who was Kurosawa's script supervisor for many years. It is in Japanese with english subtitles.



November Mein Making pictures





Annual Shopping Trip for the FOOD BANK



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bake & Craft Sale Saturday, December 7

The Dharma class will be selling **Dharma chips** again for the bake sale. Keep an eye out for their table at the sale.

“Bring a Buddy” Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 15

The Dharma class will host this event after regular service to raise funds for UNICEF survival kits (please see article elsewhere in this issue).

Goodbye 2013

The public is invited to participate in the year-end bell-ringing at the Nikka Yuko Garden. Known in Japanese as “Joya-no-Kane,” this year marks the 10th anniversary of the event’s inception. It is co-sponsored by the BTSA and the Nikka Yuko Garden and begins at 11:30 on Dec. 31 with a brief ceremony. Thereafter, those in attendance are invited to strike the huge cast-iron bell 108 times. Izumi sensei says the number is symbolic of the imperfections humans have, but also may be interpreted as Buddha’s assuring voice of compassion coming to those who hear.

The event is subject to the weather and will be cancelled if the temperature falls below -20 C. Following the bell-ringing, tea and refreshments will be served in the gift shop right outside the Garden. Participants are advised to bring flashlights to help them traverse their way from the Garden entry to the bell tower.



BTSA raises \$1,080 for JSBTC Dana Day

The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, our national organization, has sent a summary its role, and the purpose of the assessments and donations, to share with all member temples. The brief chart provides a breakdown of costs and goals. The BTSA collected \$1,080 during its JSBTC Dana Day appeal. BTSA Treasurer John Dubbelboer has sent a cheque in that amount to the JSBTC national office in Steveston.

An Overview of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

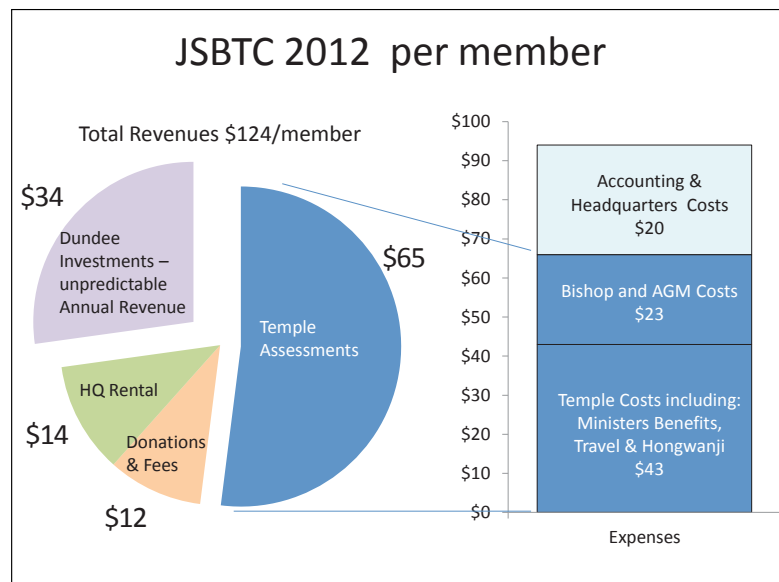
The primary purpose of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) is to provide Canadians general access to Jodo Shinshu Buddhist teachings. As your national organization, the JSBTC accomplishes this primarily through sustained services to your temple and ministers.

1. What Services does the JSBTC provide to my temple?

- Minister Benefits:** The JSBTC provides health and retirement benefit programs for your ministers by pooling the resources of all temples. This gives the ministers better health and retirement savings plans by optimizing the return on investment. The workload of the temples is reduced through centralized negotiation and administration.
- The Office of the Bishop (Socho):** The JSBTC employs the Bishop (Socho) to provide spiritual leadership, coordination amongst our ministers and handle communications with the Nishi Hongwanji (mother temple) in Kyoto, Japan.
- Fund Administration:** The JSBTC administers the funds of the LivingDharmaCentre.ca, the Ministers Retirement Fund, the Bishop's Special Fund, the Sustaining Fund and the Women's Federation Funds. The JSBTC manages these funds in compliance with the Canada Revenue Agency and Industry Canada regulations for Non-Profit Charities by means of our corporate by-laws. Temples can take part in nationally funded projects such as the Youth Tour to Hongwanji.

2. **Who Works for the JSBTC?** The JSBTC has 2 part time employees including Bishop Tatsuya Aoki Socho (shared bishop position) and Bookkeeper Joanne Yuasa Sensei and 7 volunteer Directors.

3. **Does my temple membership fee go to the JSBTC?** In 2012, \$65 of your temple membership fee passed directly to the JSBTC. \$43 of this went to fund your minister's health and retirement savings plans and to register ministers with Hongwanji. Another \$23 went to paying the costs of the Bishop and to the cost of the Annual General Meeting where Directors were elected and major decisions made. We are fortunate for the forward thinking of our predecessors who instituted the shared Bishop program in 2009 to reduce the cost of the Bishop's office by a net \$83,000 per year (\$49 per member).



4. **Why does the JSBTC ask for donations on Jodo Shinshu Day?** The JSBTC spends an additional \$20 per member on administrative cost including Accounting and Headquarters Administration. For this, we rely on your generous JSBTC Day donations and by renting out the residence above the HQ office. We are fortunate to receive investment income from the Sustaining Fund through Dundee however annual revenues are difficult to predict.



DHARMA CLASS TO HOST PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The Dharma School is hosting a “Bring a Buddy” Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in support of the Philippines Typhoon relief efforts through UNICEF.

Sunday, December 15 at 11:15

following Sunday Service in the Multipurpose Room

Invite friends and family to this fundraising breakfast:

- This is a good time to invite someone who has always wanted to visit the Temple but you have never got around to bringing them.
- Ask members of your extended family to join you for a yummy breakfast gathering.
- Ask friends who want to do something to help the people in the Philippines and they will have a good time in the process.



To help us plan for food preparation or if you would like to volunteer please contact Brenda Ikuta: (403) 317-0078 or Maya Ichikawa: mayaichikawa9@gmail.com



SURVIVAL GIFTS



Keep a child alive. Help a child thrive.

All proceeds will be directed towards UNICEF. The Dharma Class will be purchasing Survival Gifts:

First Aid Kit \$34

Put emergency response on the move. When children need immediate aid, this all-essential kit lets mobile health care workers arrive equipped to help and to heal. Contains: 1 First Aid Kit.

First Responder Kit \$35

Provide first responders with all the vital supplies they need to save and protect the lives of vulnerable children in a disaster. Your gift includes food, clean water, and protection against severe dehydration. Contains: 45 Plumpy'Nut® packets, 80 oral rehydration salts, and 900 water purification tablets.

Emergency Health Pack \$64

Dehydration and water-borne infections are quick to follow disasters. The Emergency Health Pack is designed for rapid, life-saving intervention. Contains: 554 Anti-Infection Tablets, 380 Oral Rehydration Salts, 1,668 Water Purification Tablets.

Emergency Relief Pack \$80

Having essential supplies when an emergency strikes makes all the difference. Every Emergency Relief Pack provides life-saving supplies to children and families in crisis situations. Contains: 1 First Aid Kit, 2 Water Sanitation Kits, 35 Measles Vaccines, and 100 oral rehydration salts.

Schedule 光 December 2013 & January 2014

Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service 祥月法要 (service in English)

Please bring Homyo (Buddhist Name) of your loved one. 法名をご持参ください。

DECEMBER: TOBAN 4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:30am Shotsuki Memorial Service 1	2	12pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo 6:30/7pm Taiko 3	1pm Karaoke 4	5	6	1pm Bake & Craft Sale 7
10:30am Bodhi Day Service 8	9	12pm Tonari Gumi 10	1pm Karaoke 7pm BTSA Board Meeting 11	12	13	14
10:30am Regular Service Pancake Breakfast 15	16	12pm Tonari Gumi 17	18	19	20	21
No Service 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
No Service 29	30	11:30pm 10th annual Joya-no-Kane (New Year's Eve bell ringing ceremony) Nikka Yuko Gardens 31				

JANUARY: TOBAN 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			10:30am Shusho-e New Year's Day Service 1	2	3	4
10:30am Regular Service 5	6	12pm Tonari Gumi 6:30/7pm Taiko 7	1pm Karaoke 7pm BTSA Board Meeting 8	9	10	11
2pm Hoonko/Shotsuki Memorial Service New Year's Party 12	13	12pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo 6:30/7pm Taiko 14	1pm Karaoke 15	16	17	18
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10:30am Regular Service 26	27	12pm Tonari Gumi 4:30pm Minyo 6:30/7pm Taiko 28	1pm Karaoke 29	30	31	