



January 2021

New Year's Greeting

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.

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りましたが、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わけではありません。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



The single path of the Buddha alone is pure and tranquil.

The great Master Zendo (613-681)



May you be Happy and realize Peace in 2021.

The first day of the year we exchange New Year greetings, “Happy New Year in 2021!” At the same time, we ponder about what has happened in 2020. We were not happy and joyous because of the Covid-19 pandemic to which over one million people, young an old, men

and women, lost their precious lives. And the pandemic is not over yet. It is still with us.

This is my first experience in my fifty-years ministry in Canada to welcome New Year with mixed feelings. We are not able to even shake hands openly, we are not able to talk with each other without mask. We are not able to meet our family members who live afar. It is not only inconvenient but sad. We see the reality of life that things do not go as we like. We experience the life of uncertainty.

We should not forget, however, that we are able to hear Amida’s assuring call, *namo amida butsu* in the midst of the world of uncertainty and sadness. Amida Buddha calls us, “I will always be embracing you and never abandon you. Please rely on Amida’s Immeasurable Life and Immeasurable Light,” Amida’s call is a torch which illuminates our life of the darkness in the world.

Here, we feel peace and comfort in our heart and mind. We put our palms together in one with deep appreciation. We think of our departed loved ones. And they think of us. In our *gassho*, by putting our palms together quietly we hear the voice of our loved ones. When we think of them, they are one with us. We hear their voice, “Live this life to the fullest in the life of Amida.” We should not waste their lives.

People think that departed people never talk to us. But a young man who lost his father due to the pandemic told me, “Since my father died, I feel he is much closer to me. I think I was able to meet my father for the first time after he was gone. I think why should I talk to him more and why should I care of him more. Thinking of him I recite the *nembutsu*, *namo amida butsu*, in deep gratitude.”

We remember Shinran Shonin’s words to his followers in his later years. He said, “My life has now reached the fullness of its years. It is certain that I will go to birth in the Pure Land before you, so without fail I will await you there.”

When we put our palms together in front of Amida Buddha we feel that our loved ones are guiding us to the Pure Land-*ojodo* every day. The Pure Land-*ojodo* is filled with pure and tranquility. *Namo amida butsu* I recite is a compassionate call from *ojodo*. Knowing this we live each moment today with strength in gratitude.

In *gassho*,
Yasuo Izumi, Minister
Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta



皆様、お元気ででしょうか。新年のご挨拶を申し上げます。

「初心忘るべからず」と言います。ある男が、元旦の朝起きて、「今年こそは禁煙しよう」と決意し、早速、墨で「禁煙」と書いて、部屋のいろいろなところに張ったそうです。疲れた彼は、「まあ、一服」とタバコを吸った、という笑い話があります。私たちの決意というのは、多くの場合この程度のことなのでしょう。決意とは「強い意志」のことですが、世の中には強い意志さえ持っていれば、この世を一人で生き抜くことが出来る、と思っている人が結構多いのではないのでしょうか。あるおばあちゃんが、「私は自分独りで頑張って生きてきました。人の世話にはなりません」と元気なことを言われました。しかし、人間は、私たちの決意とか意思とは関係なく、耳がおとろえ、目がおとろえ、歩くことも出来なくなっていくものです。多くの人の世話なく生きていくことはできません。大体、人間は誰でも、生まれてきた時から、いや、その前から太陽の光、空気、水なくしては生きられないのです。そのうえ、生き物の命を頂いて生きているではありませんか。そのことに気づけば、独りで頑張るって生きる事など、出来るはずもありません。他人のお世話になりながら生かしてもらうのです。「一人で頑張るって生きてきた」というような、いわば我儘な、自己中心の殻を破って、広く、温かく、大きな世界へ導いて下さるのが仏様の働きではないのでしょうか。この心を、新年の初心として新しい年を歩みたいと思います。 合掌 泉康雄

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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, Jodo 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、新型コロナウイルスの拡散抑制における制限の生活が続きます。ウイ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、広島の中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原爆の式典で中学生の女の子が読んで弔辞です。

恨みからは、恨みしか生まれません。

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90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。

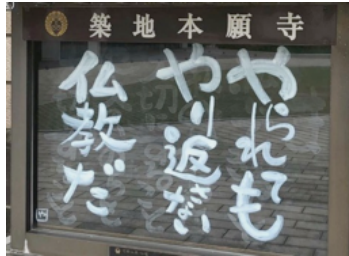
しかし、父は、苦しい息の中から、こう言いました。

「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」

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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る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

BTSA Notes from the Board of Directors

Happy New Years from the Board of Directors of the BTSA!

2020 will be a year we remember for the rest of our lives. While it has been extremely difficult, there were significant accomplishments at the BTSA. We had our solar panels installed. Not only is this good for the environment and supporting sustainable energy, it will hopefully be of financial benefit in the future. With our new A/V system, we were able to move our services for funerals and Shotsuki (Memorials) to an online format fairly easily. We started producing podcasts and other videos to get the Dharma out in a virtual format and we now have a new and improved webpage! While we have not been able to see each other for the past several months there is an end to this pandemic insight. With the vaccine, we hope to be free to gather again as a Sangha in a few months time. The BTSA board would like to thank all of the members for their support and understanding over the past year.

a) COVID restrictions will still be in place for the first two weeks of January. Therefore, all in-person activities will continue to be suspended. The situation will be reassessed at the January Board meeting to determine plans for February. During this suspension of activities, **the Minyo dance group** (Mondays at 6:30 p.m.) and **Explore Buddhism group** (Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.) will continue to meet via Zoom. If you would like more information on the odori (dance) group please contact Pat Sassa (sas7@telus.net) and if you would like to join the Explore Buddhism group contact Robert Muskovich (bobmuskovich@gmail.com).

b) Funerals: In-person temple activities have been suspended. Families will need to gather at their home or at a funeral home. The temple will be able to provide a virtual component for the service. If you would like this type of involvement from the temple, please contact Roland Ikuta.

c) Thursday Evening Sangha via Zoom – Roland and Brenda Ikuta have restarted this gathering every other Thursday (2nd and 4th Thursdays) at 7 pm. Participants can get updates, ask questions, express concerns, and catch up with one another. If you would like to participate please contact Roland at rolikuta@shaw.ca In January, we will get together on Jan 14th and 28th.

d) The new webpage for BTSA has now open to the public. Thank you to Arjan Gill for creating it and streamlining the information on our page. It is much easier to navigate and has a much cleaner aesthetic. Please visit the webpage at www.thebtsa.com and give us your feedback.

e) The BTSA continues to produce regular podcasts about everyday life and Buddhism. If you have not checked it out, please search for *A Buddhist Life* from wherever you download podcasts. You can also access them directly from our new webpage. These are 30 – 60 minute discussions related to many different topics and how Buddhism affects our way of thinking. If you have any ideas about potential subjects or interviews please send them to Roland.

We are going to try something different for our **services in January**. We would like to try the Zoom format for the Jan 1st service, and for the Shotsuki/Hoonko service on January 10th. These services will give people an opportunity to interact and see other members of our Sangha. We will open the Zoom gathering 30 minutes early so people can check their links and visit. Please contact Roland or Brenda if you have any questions about how to access Zoom or use its features. The service portions will be recorded and made available on our YouTube channel at a later time for those who can't access it in person.

This is the zoom link for the **January 1st** service:
Time: 10:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84387155651?pwd=alF2MGxYQ0NrMlIiXbXRPT3lQWWRQQT09>
Meeting ID: 843 8715 5651
Passcode: 096870

This is the zoom link for the BTSA Shotsuki and Hoonko **January 10th** service:
Time: 2:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89450329112?pwd=dEgxSE9BWLpwWHp3RlN2a0h4T3RxZz09>
Meeting ID: 894 5032 9112
Passcode: 759106

f) The light standards in the parking lot at the temple have not been working and the board has approved an upgrade to new LED bulbs. Hopefully this will give brighter lighting and the new bulbs will last longer and use less energy. Thanks to David Major for arranging this change.

g) The BTSA Board has approved donations to both the Interfaith and Lethbridge Food Banks as well as YMCA Harbour House.

If you have any questions or concerns about temple activities please do not hesitate to contact Roland Ikuta or any member of the board.

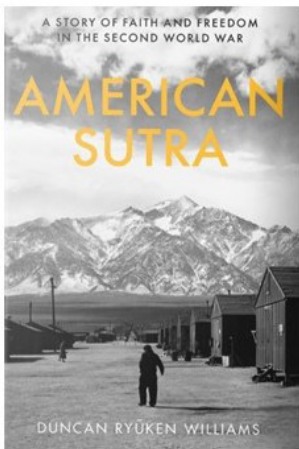


Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

Living Dharma Centre Lecture Series



"Dharma Lessons from the WWII Japanese American and Canadian Incarceration"



Saturday, January 23rd

9am BC

10am AB

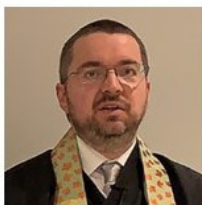
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Noon ON

by **Dr. Rev. Duncan Williams**



(Professor of Religion, University of Southern California)



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SAT, FEB 27

Dr. Jeff Wilson

Zoom registration is available

www.jsbtc.ca



For further information about Speaker, Rev. Williams visit www.duncanryukenwilliams.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Year-End Bell Ringing at Nikka Yuko Gardens this year due to COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions

2021 YBICSE POSTPONEMENT

The Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE) is a program for young Jodo Shinshu Buddhists (from 9th grade to age 25). Its basic purpose is for young Jodo Shinshu Buddhists to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Nembutsu teaching by visiting our Mother Temple or Honzan, the Hongwanji, experiencing a home stay, and traveling to several historical and/or significant sites with fellow young Buddhists. The YBICSE is held biennially and was scheduled for 2021. However, due to the current pandemic situation, this program has been postponed until 2022.



Image of Wisteria Garden at Ashikaga Flower Park in Japan.
<https://zafigo.com/stories/zafigo-stories/japans-magical-wisteria-garden/>



For Younger Children

In a small town there were two brothers. The older one was 10 years old. He was a bit of a naughty boy. The younger one was 7. He was a kind boy. One day, the younger boy came home and told his big brother, “Did you know that there is Hell in this world?”

“No way, there is no such place in this world,” said the big brother.

“But my teacher told us. So, it is true!” said the younger brother.

“I think your teacher was just teasing you.”

“No! Our teacher never teases us!” he said, offended.

“Well, then, I’ll ask a priest at a temple tomorrow morning,” replied the big brother.

The next morning, the big brother went to the temple and asked the priest there, “Sensei, I have a question. Is there Hell in this world?”

The gentle priest closed his eyes for a moment or two. Then he opened his eyes and said, “There is no Hell in this world.”

“I thought so! Thank you, Sensei. I’ll tell my brother what the sensei said.”

The big brother was about to leave the temple. The priest called out, “Wait, wait. I said there is no Hell but don’t create it!”

“What?! What do you mean?”

The priest said, “I know you will go home and tell your younger brother what I have said. Then you might start fighting with your younger brother. That is Hell! So, don’t create Hell. All right? Be kind to your brother,” said the priest, who then smiled.

“Thank you!” The big brother also smiled and ran back to his home.

Yasuo Izumi

Activities for Home

Do you have brothers and/or sisters? Maybe close cousins and friends. Think about the times you have had arguments and even fights when there is hitting or kicking. Usually someone ends up crying, feeling mad and sad. And the other person may not feel any better.

During the moments when you want to argue, yell and fight try to stop yourself, notice how your body feels and take a few nice deep breaths. Ask yourself if there is another way to act? It is okay to be frustrated, angry and upset at another person, but how are some ways to cope with these feelings without hurting others?

Breathing activity: Hold up your hand and with the finger on your other hand, trace up the thumb, breathing in, and down the thumb, breathing out. Next, trace the index finger in the same way following your breath. Go through the rest of your fingers and then in reverse, if you need to continue your focus.

For Older Children

One day, an old man was walking on the road. It was a very warm day. Then he saw a big tree. He was very happy. As soon as he got to the tree, he sat peacefully.

While he was sitting under the shade of the big tree, a greedy man shouted at him, “With whose permission are you sitting there? This tree is mine!”

“What?! Is this tree not for everyone?” asked the man.

“No, I brought it here and planted it with manure and water,” said the greedy man.

“Well, I will just sit here under the shade. I know it is your tree but it is not your shade, is it?”

“Shut up. Leave here!” said the greedy man.

The old man was not happy. After thinking a moment, he said, “Then, I will buy the shade. Is that okay?”

The greedy man grinned. “Well, then, it is okay. The shade is yours. Please rest at home.”

The next morning, the old man came to the tree and gazed on the ground around the tree. The shade from the tree was getting dark because the sun was gradually rising. Finally, it completely covered the entrance of the greedy man’s house. The old man knocked on the door of the greedy man.

“Who is there? It is still morning time.”

“It’s me. I will have a rest at your house entrance.”

“What!? This is my house!” said the greedy man.

“I know. But you know, I bought the shade. Soon the shade will cover your house. So I will sleep in your house,” said the old man. The greedy man couldn’t say anything.

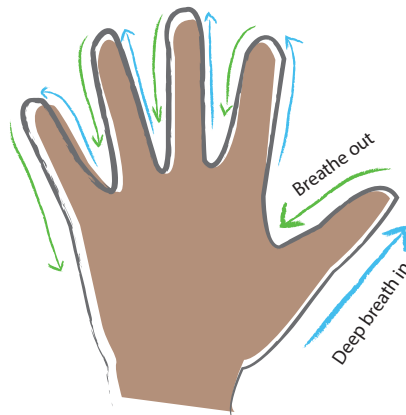
Yasuo Izumi

Activities for Home

1. Think about how school would be different if we didn’t share the resources in the classroom. What would happen in our classroom if one person were in control of the water fountain, the sink, the reading books, the pencils, and the pencil sharpener? What would happen if someone refused to share? Why is it important that we share?

http://ipm.uconn.edu/pa_curriculum/k1/lessons/2_1.pdf

2. Make a shadow puppet theatre and act out the story.



SHOES MUSE

**SHOES
CAN HELP US EXPLORE
BUDDHIST CONCEPTS SUCH
AS COMPASSION,
INTERDEPENDENCE, GRATITUDE,
IMPERMANENCE AND
ECOSANGHA.
WE ARE WORKING ON
LESSONS AND ACTIVITIES
YOU CAN ACCESS
ONLINE.**

HAVE YOU HEARD THESE SAYINGS?

- **PUT YOURSELF IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES.**
- **IF THE SHOE FITS, WEAR IT.**

CAN YOU THINK OF OTHERS?

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT SHOES?

- **shoes prevent disease and injury.**
- **shoes help improve chronic foot problems.**
- **shoes allow us to move in hazardous environments.**
- **shoes allow us to travel further and faster.**
- **shoes reflect our hobbies, jobs or social standing.**
- **shoes allow us to express our individuality.**

**PROJECT #1:
HELP US MAKE A
"THANK YOU SHOES" VIDEO**

- Tell us your name
- Show us your favourite shoe (footwear)
- Why are they so great?
- Do you look after them in a special way?
- Make sure to thank your shoes at the end of the video

Record the video with a computer, smartphone or tablet. Send it to Andrew via google drive: adichikawa6@gmail.com
Or ask about sending it another way. We will compile these videos and you can view it on YouTube.

Instructions <https://youtu.be/LoGyYY30Dg4>

Examples <https://youtu.be/nhKgXfaDzrk>

Inspiration <https://youtu.be/QPi8cFSvmA8>

(If links are not clickable, copy URL and paste into address bar)

With your submission of videos, photos and/or audio recordings of you/your child, you consent to their use in educational resources, publications, print and electronic media related to the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta, the Calgary Buddhist Temple and the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, Living Dharma Centre. You can withdraw your consent at any time.

Contact Us!

at btsaboard@gmail.com with further questions

We hope you join our Dharma Circle!

In Gassho, Dharma School Leaders

CALGARY BUDDHIST TEMPLE & BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

2020 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.: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

- Check to receive The Hikari newsletter by email only.

Please send this form and your remittance to:
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 470 40th Street South
 Lethbridge, AB, T1J 3Z5

***Note**

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 does not include membership in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, the national organization.

LET'S EXPAND THE CIRCLE OF THE DHARMA!

Membership to Dec. 23 – 200

Shotsuki Donations
 December 2020

- Dorene (Keiko) Gordon
- Terry Horii
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Total - \$2,039.40

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- Norreen Nishiyama
- Jaglit S. (Jack) & Jeet Panesar
- Sachi Scharf
- Trent Takeyasu & Veronica Horn
- Alan & Margaret Tanaka

Total - \$6,344.73

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- Eleanor Katakami
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- Heidi Oishi
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- Betty Ann Polson
- Barrie & Jackie-Lynn Robb

- Chiyeko (Chec)Robinson
- Tomiko Shono
- Noris & Sachiko Taguchi
- Kazuko Takaguchi
- Michael Takaguchi

Total - \$2,614.91

Total Donations
 December - \$10,999.04

Please inform us if your name has been omitted from or misspelled. Anyone wishing not to be acknowledged in print, please let us know so it will not be published. Thank you.

Structures Around Temple

Empty land around the temple is growing scarce as new structures are nearing completion, particularly south of BTSA. The photos, taken on Dec. 14, 2020, depict the area which was open when the temple was erected. See following historic shots.

Photos: Akira Ichikawa



Work on new buildings around the temple continued in Dec. The first photo shows the mostly-completed one in front of the temple and another further down 40th Street with workmen. The second photo from the back of the temple, depicts the structure across from the temple parking lot. In between is the building in the first photo.



The first photo taken June 29, 2013, shows the old temple sign with open space in front of the temple. The second photo dated Dec. 2, 2014, shows the open area south of the temple all the way to T.H. Hill Blvd