



Entrusting Heart is A Source of Our Strength



The flourish of Buddhist organization is not determined by the number of followers nor by the greatness of its temporal authority but it is determined by the addition of even one who has acquired entrusting heart-shinjin (to Buddha's boundless and unconditional compassion).

Rennyō (1415-1499)

Master Rennyō was the 8th spiritual head of the Hongwanji of Jodo Shinshu to which our temple belongs. From his words above, I learn two things. First, although he was the head of the largest religious organization in Japan in those days, he was humble and considered himself merely a temporary authority. In Jodo Shinshu, everyone is the same traveller of the Buddha Way. There is no above no below in Buddha's compassion. Secondary, he reaffirmed that "entrusting heart- shinjin" (to the Buddha of compassion, Amida) is always the center of our life. He did not say, however, the number of followers is not important. Actually, when Rennyō said these words, the temples of the Hongwanji were always full of followers to listen to the teachings. The donations made to the Hongwanji out of their gratitude for the benevolence

of the Buddha were flowing in. He dedicated all his life to share the teaching. He wished as many people as possible to acquire "entrusting heart" and thereby live peacefully and courageously.

One time in Japan, there was a large and well known Buddhist temple with many ministers and laypeople working. But it faced a financial crisis. Actually it was driven toward bankruptcy. The leaders of the temple got together each night and discussed how to get out of this critical situation but they could not find a solution. Finally, they decided to ask a prominent minister outside their temple to handle the situation. The minister who was asked declined the offer because he was not a financial consultant and had never been involved in such a situation. He was not a politician either. But because of many strong and recurring requests from the temple he finally consented to take the position for just one year. From the first day, the minister started the morning service with a dharma talk. He asked all the other ministers and lay people who were working for the temple to come to the main hall and started to deliver the dharma talk by himself. After the morning service, he did not fail to ask the other ministers and lay people if he or she attended the service and if they understood what he had said. Those who made excuses for not attending the service could not do so any longer. So everyone started to attend the morning service every day and listened to his dharma talk carefully. Attendees for the services gradually increased. What the minister kept saying to the temple leaders was, "Don't worry about money but rather worry whether you have an 'entrusting mind'." He had a strong conviction that the donations would naturally come to the temple out of gratitude for the benevolence of Buddha's compassion. Sure enough, the temple was

able to escape from the financial crisis of bankruptcy within a year. "Entrusting heart" naturally strengthens our life no matter what kind of hardships we face.

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

アウトリーチ

あと2ヶ月で今年も終わります。早いものです。12年前当地に再赴任になったとき、いろいろ目標を立てましたが、その一つに、アウトリーチ（社会とのかかわり）があります。その一環として、軽犯罪を犯した青年たちの更生所の訪問をしています。毎月一、二度、要請に応じて何人かの青年の話を聞くのです。そうです。こちらから話をしに行くというより、話を聞きに行くのです。これがなかなか難しいのです。つつい教えに照らして相手を指導しようしたり、社会の道徳面からものを言ったりしてしまうのです。つまり、上からものを言おうとする姿勢です。仏教は、真実に目覚めた人（仏様）の教えですから、いまだ目覚めていない私たち一人ひとりが教えに頭を下げて聞かねばならないはずです。私たちが、その場その場で相手を上に見たり、下に見たりするのは変なことなのです。私たち皆が、み仏の真実に照らされ、自己を見つめ、真実を聞いていくかねばならない教えでしょう。昔から「教えようとする人には教えられることはない」と言われます。教えを「共に聞く」、ということの大切さ、難しさを訪問するたびに教えられています。合掌 南アルバータ仏教会 開教使 泉康雄

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BTSA Notes

November looms as another busy month for BTSA as it prepares for mein-making, this time in anticipation of the annual Bodhi bake and craft sale on Nov. 29. Please refer to a poster (in this Hikari) calling for donations.

Mein noodles are a big seller, and a session is planned for Nov. 15. As at the October session, we look forward to a large workparty turnout. Another occasion to socialize and exercise the Buddhist principle of interdependence and interconnectedness.

BTSA hopes to collect enough donated “nearly new” Japanese items to provide an additional fillip to the sale this year.

Another item of note for November is literally a timely one, the return to standard time in Canada. Readers who receive the Hikari before Nov. 2, please keep in mind that the monthly memorial service on that date is an hour later than daylight time. It still begins at 10:30 a.m., but you’ll be an hour early for service if you don’t turn your clock back during the night.

The monthly memorial service will be held in conjunction with Eitaikyo, which has been described as meaning “to chant sutras in perpetual memorial tribute to our deceased loved ones.” Eitaikyo’s generality memorializes all those who have died before us and who may not have descendants to pay tribute to them. It is a way to demonstrate our gratitude for their contributions to the Buddhadharma.

Later in mid-month, we encourage everyone’s attendance and participation at the special general meeting called for Nov. 16, following the regular Sunday service. The board would like the membership to consider a request from the Calgary Buddhist Temple for a \$200,000 loan towards that temple’s renovation plans. Please look over the item about this request in this Hikari.

The big-ticket item in October, of course, was the fall chow mein supper on Oct. 25. Kudos to all our members and friends who helped prepare and execute this yearly fund-raiser. Our thanks to Pat Sassa for supervising.

The Alberta Buddhist Conference, which is usually held near the Remembrance Day weekend, will be suspended this year, and may eventually move to a two-year cycle. The board, at its October meeting, discussed the possibility of raising this matter at the annual general meeting in April to get feedback from the membership.

Please keep in mind that the minutes of all board meetings are available for viewing by the membership. They are kept in binders in the board room library.

Akira Ichikawa

BTSA to Consider Calgary Temple’s Loan Request

The BTSA Board at its October, 2014, meeting voted to call a special general meeting to discuss the request from the Calgary Buddhist Temple for a loan of \$200,000 toward the renovation of the its temple.

In accordance with Article 10.4 of the BTSA By-Laws, at least seven days written notice shall be given prior to the date of any a special general meeting. Article 10.5 states each member shall be notified of the special meeting by means of an announcement in the Hikari, the temple newsletter. Article 10.6 states that members shall be reminded that they have the right to vote by proxy.

This publication of the notice of the meeting in the Hikari constitutes official notification of the meeting to all members. The special meeting will be held after the regular Sunday service on Nov. 16, at the temple.

In preparation for the meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to be considered at the meeting. It reads:

“It is hereby resolved that the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta will lend the Calgary Buddhist Temple \$200,000.00 (two hundred thousand dollars) toward their temple renovation project. This loan will be paid back at 3% interest per annum. The principal plus interest will be paid back within 5 years and will be secured by the renovated temple property.”

All members are encouraged to turn out for this meeting and to discuss and participate fully to decide how the BTSA should proceed.

CHAIR SCHEDULE November & December 2014

Nov 02 SHOTSUKI/EITAIKYO
Chair: Sway Nishimura
Audio: Brenda Ikuta
(Daylight Time ends this Sunday)

Nov 09
Chair: Val Boras
Audio: Tak Okamura

Nov 16
Chair: Katie Nakagawa
Audio: John Dubbelboer

Nov 23
Chair: John Dubbelboer
Audio: Sway Nishimura

Nov 30
Chair: Ross Jacobs
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

Dec 07 SHOTSUKI
Chair: Robert Takaguchi
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

Dec 14
Chair: Pat Sassa
Audio: Tak Okamura

Dec 21
No Service

Dec 28
No Service

Dec. 31 JOYA NO KANE
New Year’s Eve at
Nikka Yuko Garden
(weather permitting)

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.

BOARD Nominations

BTSA solicits nominees for the temple board, in advance of the annual general meeting in March, 2015. Please consider serving a term on the board to help in governing the organization.

We're always on the lookout for people who are willing to serve and to offer new ideas on keeping the temple operating smoothly. If you're interested, please inform any of the current directors.

During the last year, the board has been operating with 10 directors, down two from previous years. We would like to restore the number to 12, if possible, but will be delighted with as many nominees as possible.

Directors are elected to two-year staggered terms, renewable each term, and are considered for the executive at the first meeting of the board following the AGM. We invite and encourage your nomination.

Call for Donations BAKE & CRAFT SALE

The annual Bodhi Bake and Craft Sale this year adds a special twist with an "Everything Japanese 'Nearly New' Sale." It's scheduled for Nov. 29 and will be capped with the draw for prizes in the World Buddhist Women's Conference (WBWC) raffle.

There is a call for various donated bake and craft goods, along with unwanted Japanese items, as noted in the accompanying poster. Please look it over and consider making a donation or donations.

In past years, baked products have sold out quickly, with one of the fastest-selling items being chow mein noodles, which members will be making again on Nov. 15.

WBWC raffle tickets will be sold throughout the sale, with the draw scheduled at the end of the sale. Just a reminder that first prize is a round-trip ticket for two persons to any scheduled WestJet destination; second prize, a hand-stitched queen-size quilt; and third prize, a gift basket of four bottles of wine and six hand-made placemats.

FOOD DONATIONS

It's that time of year when BTSA solicits food donations from its members, this time for the Interfaith Food Bank Society of Lethbridge. We will have the collection box in the multipurpose room, so please drop off any items you wish to donate.

The donation box will be left from now through January, and what is collected will be turned over to the food bank sometime in February. The need is great during the post-holiday season and we hope to cover that period with our donations.

The Society website's "Most Wanted Items" include perishable as well as non-perishable items, but the temple emphasizes the latter since it cannot store fresh items for a long period of time. The list also will be attached to the collection box.

The non-perishable items listed are: canned fruit/vegetables; canned meat/salmon/tuna; soup (cans and mixes); canned pasta/stew; unsweetened juices; baby food in jars; boxed cereal; infant cereal; baby formula; canned port and beans; peanut butter, jam; macaroni and cheese; and hamburger helper.

Perishables listed are fresh/frozen meat; fresh produce; and dairy products. Non-food items listed are financial contributions and grocery gift cards.

The BTSA will estimate the cash value of the donated goods and match that with a cheque.



Bodhi Bake and Craft Sale

plus...

Everything Japanese "Nearly New" Sale



**Saturday
Nov. 29, 2014
1-3 p.m.**

Please consider donating...

1) Baking

2) Crafts

- Drop off items between 9 a.m. and 12 noon
- Suggestions for pricing welcomed

3) Unwanted Japanese items looking for a new home

- Gently Used / Barely Used / New and Unused
- Leave them on the Board Room Table with a note that it is intended for the Sale

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

Craft sales will benefit the JSBTC World Buddhist Women's Conference (Calgary, 2015). Contact: Totsy Nishimura at (403) 752-3435 or swayn@telusplanet.net

Interested in participating in this event? Contact: Brenda Ikuta at (403) 317-0078 or rolikuta@shaw.ca

**Memberships to
Oct 25 - 216**

**Shotsuki Hoyo
Donations
October 2014**

John & Rita Aoki
Judy Fukushima
Shirley Higa
Neil Hinatsu
Marie Hirashima
Tomi Hisaoka
Teruko Ikuta
Yutaka & Chiyomi Matsuno
Gary E & Beverly S McIlroy
Ken & Vickie Nakagama
Kaz & Setsuko Ohno
May Ohno
Heidi Oishi
Yumiko Osaka
Craig & Sachi Scharf
Bob & Eiko Shigehiro
Joe & Mary Shigehiro
Tom & Mitsuko Shigehiro
Fumi Sugimoto
Noboru & Kazuko Sugimoto
Fugi Takeda
Glen & Pamela Takeda
Masaye Tanaka
Shirley Taniguchi
Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama
Tak & Yoko Tsujita
Jim Tsukishima
Keiko Kay Tsukishima
Sumie Tsukishima

Total \$1,575

**Other Donations
October 2014**

Roy & Nancy Adachi
John & Rita Aoki
Sunao & Kaye Ayukawa
Renae Barlow
Gordon & Brenda Boras
Tammy Dietrich
John & Donna Dubbelboer
D & L Ebata
Mr & Mrs C Ebata
Judy Fukushima
Floyd & Yoko Gilles
Yosh & Lois Hattori
Shirley Higa
Kaz & Yori Hiraga
Lorelei Hironaka
Rumiko Ibuki
Toshimi & Marian Ibuki
Akira & Lorita Ichikawa
Gail Ikebuchi
Haruko Ikeda
Doug & Alice Kamitomo
Roy Kamitomo
John & Alice Kanashiro
Tosh & Kaz Kanashiro
Stanley & Audrey Kanegawa
Etsuko Karaki
Tom & Katsuko Kosaka
Matt & Clara Kurio
Ken & Amy Kurio
Akira & Misae Masuda
Irene Masuda
Ronald & Jeanne Matsugu
Nobuko Matsui
Tom & Yoko Matsuno
Yutaka & Chiyomi Matsuno
Gerry Miyashiro

Joyce Miyashita
Kiyoshi & Marion Mori
Roy & Luri Nagata
Jim & Joan Nakagawa
Shig & Katie Nakagawa
Kazuo & Nancy Nakamura
Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden
Karen Nishiyama & Ron Wegner
Mac & Reyko Nishiyama
Sonny Ohama
Kimiko Ohno
May Ohno
Heidi Oishi
Sut & Neva Oishi
Sylvia Oishi
Tak & Jan Okamura
Okuma and Tashiro Farms
Setsuko Okuma
Yumiko Osaka
Jim & Daisy Oshiro
Ayako Otsuka
Jaglit S. (Jack) Panesar
Norm Plausteiner
Barrie & Jackie-Lynn Robb
Ken & Keiko Sampson
Mary Saruwatari
Mary Saruwatari
Gordon & Joy Saruwatari
Roy & Pat Sassa
Florence Senda
Bob & Eiko Shigehiro
Joe & Mary Shigehiro
Tom & Mitsuko Shigehiro
Toshino Shigemi
Nobuko & Mary Shono
Tomiko Shono
Dawn Sugimoto
Fumi Sugimoto

June Sugimoto
Noboru & Kazuko Sugimoto
Tomiko Sugimoto
Ken & Maureen Taguchi
Noris & Sachiko Taguchi
Yosh Taguchi
Tom & Tsuyako Tajiri
Harumi & Michi Takaguchi
Kazuko Takaguchi
Robert & Judy Takaguchi
Fugi Takeda
Toshiko Takeda
Wendy Takeda
Reiko Takeyasu
David & Linda Tanaka
Glen & Pamela Tanaka
Ken & Midori Tanaka
Masaye Tanaka
Masaru & Ayako Taniguchi
Sam & Betty Taniguchi
Masae Taniwa
Bill & June Terakita
Bill Teshima
Clifford & Mary Thomas
George Tokuda
Jim & Marion Tomiyama
Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama
Kaz & Marjory Tomomitsu
Yukio Tsuji
Tak & Yoko Tsujita
Fujio & Yoshiko Tsukishima
Keiko Kay Tsukishima
Sumie Tsukishima
Lorraine Wolsey Family
Brian & Patti Wright
Yasuo & Lil Yamashita
Aiko Yoshihara

Total - \$7,390

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.



2014 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 B.T.S.A. 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!**

REGULAR EVENTS

Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

Contact: Katie Nakagawa 403. 327.4296 or katieinak@shaw.ca

Tonari Gumi Tuesdays, 12-3pm

Taiko Class Tuesdays, 6:30 (Youth) and 7pm (Adult)

Contact: David Tanaka at 403.330.1548 or david@eyesquared.com

The Lethbridge Karaoke Club Wednesdays, 1pm

PROGRAMS

Shakyo class copying sutras with a brush (supplies provided)

Wednesdays at 10am (about an hour) to Nov 26.

Instructed by Mrs. Teruko Ikuta and Rev. Izumi. All welcome!

Gentle Beginning Yoga for Seniors with Val Kunimoto

Thursdays 9 - 10 am, to Nov. 20

Gentle Restorative Yoga for Seniors with Val Kunimoto

Thursdays 10:30 to 11:30 am, to Nov. 20

Aiki Breathing and Qigong (meditative movement) with Lincoln Chew

Mondays 11-12 am to Nov. 17

Art Expression for Seniors

Six Fridays 2 - 4 pm November 14 – December 19

Themes such as life transitions, loss, memories and physical concerns will be explored through art making.

No previous art experience necessary!

Contact Maya at 403.382.1268 or mayaichikawa9@gmail.com

Minyo dancers Tuesdays, 4-6pm

Contact Pat Sassa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences

The BTSA expresses heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost loved ones:

Matsu Sakaguchi (94) Oct. 7, 2014

Yasuko Terashima (81) Oct. 10, 2014

WBW Convention Raffle Ticket Return Reminder

Please return the books to Donna Dubbelboer before the November 29

BUDDHIST Q & A

Q. What does "Sensei" mean? 「先生」の意味は？

A. "Sensei" is an honorific title meaning a teacher or an expert. It literally means "the one who is born before". So, the word can be applied to elders who know better. But the elders who know better do not call or claim themselves as "sensei" because they know who they really are. There is an old poem: "The boughs that bear most hang lowest." It is odd in Japan if someone addresses himself or herself as a "sensei" before an adult. Master Shinran (1173-1263) never used the title for himself but rather called himself as a "stubble-haired ignorant". (Y.I.)

TOBAN UPDATE

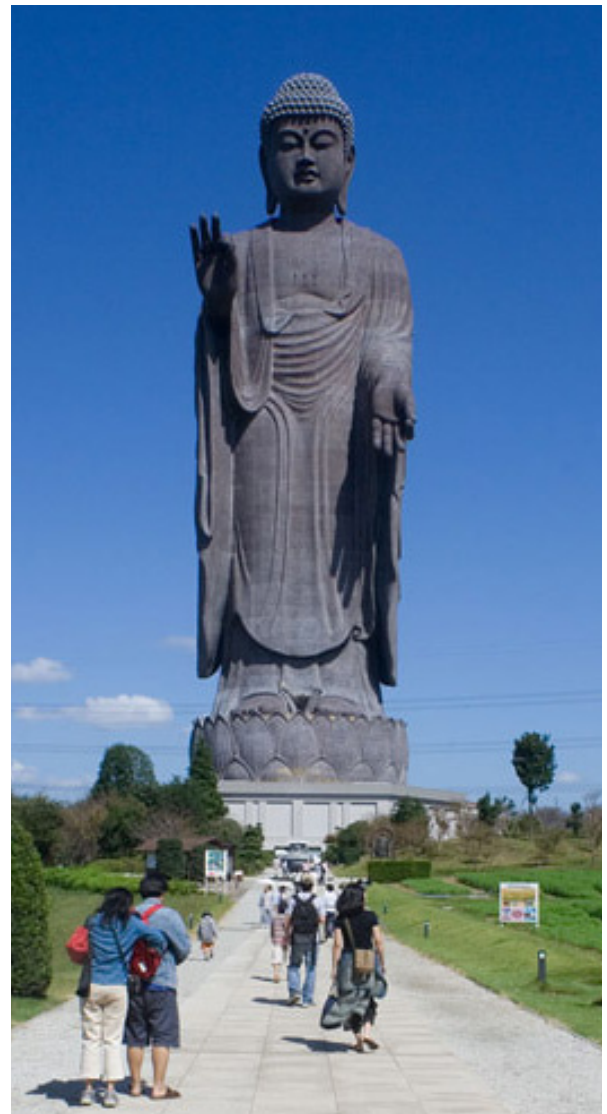
If you are not on a toban call list and would like to help in any way, please contact lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com or 403.327.1668 Both members and friends are welcome!

Volunteers don't just do the work - they make it work. – Carol Pettit

Thank you to **Toban 2** for a very busy month.

Toban 2014/15 Schedule

Nov. Toban 3	Jan. Toban 3
Dec. Toban 2	Feb. Toban 4



The Ushiku Amida Buddha in Japan.

<http://buddhism.about.com/od/iconsofbuddhism/ig/Big-Buddhas/>

Fall Chow Mein Supper

Thanks to everyone for pitching in to make the fall chow mein supper on Oct. 25 the usual sellout. Hardworking members and friends toiled through most of the week to put the supper together. A great turnout for preparations the day before assured the supper would proceed smoothly. Special thanks to Pat Sassa who agreed to coordinate the event.

Financial details will be ready for next month's Hikari after all the outstanding expenses are received. Besides BSA appreciation to all those who helped out, thanks also are extended to the following for donated goods and time:

- R. Nakagama Co. - Ken and Vicki Nakagama
- Westbridge Construction - Frank Beekman
- Wanda, Sumi and Joe Tomiyama – pickles
- P&H Milling - Bob Grebinsky
- Gouw's Quality Onions - Casey and Kyle Gouw
- Harwood Distributor – Jim Wallace
- Hiroba Restaurant - Wayne Kwan
- Fairfield Appliance - Glen Tanaka
- Hironaka Employees Benefit - Norris Hironaka
- Jim Tsukishima



photos: John Dubbelboer
Akira Ichikawa





THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

children & youth dharma classes

The Dharma School is hosting a **“Bring a Buddy” Pancake Breakfast fundraiser** in support of the Lethbridge Food Bank and The Interfaith Food Bank

Sunday, November 30 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 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 support food banks and feed families in need.



Bodhi Day Bake and Craft Sale

+

Everything Japanese “Nearly New” Sale

Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

(470 40th Street South)

Saturday, November 29, 2014

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Looking for something different?

Check out our unique crafts and much sought after specialty food items such as sushi, manju and mein noodles. Wonderful home baking for the holidays and much more...

FREE ADMISSION

Bodhi Day commemorates the day that the historical Buddha, Shakyamuni or Siddhartha Gautama, experienced enlightenment.

Schedule 光 November & December 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。

NOVEMBER: TOBAN 3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10:30am Shotsuki Memorial/ Eitai-kyo Service 2	11am Aiki Breathing and Qigong 3	12pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo Dance 6:30/7pm Taiko 4	10am Shakyo (copying sutras with a brush) 1pm Karaoke 5	9am Beginning Yoga 10:30am Restorative Yoga 6		10:30am Explore Buddhism 8
10:30am Regular Service 9	11am Aiki Breathing and Qigong 10	12pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo Dance 6:30/7pm Taiko 11	10am Shakyo 1pm Karaoke 7pm BTSA Board Meeting 12	9am Beginning Yoga 10:30am Restorative Yoga 13	2pm Art Expression for Seniors 14	10:30am Explore Buddhism Mein Making 15
10:30am Regular Service Special General Meeting 16	11am Aiki Breathing and Qigong 17	12pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo Dance 6:30/7pm Taiko 18	10am Shakyo 1pm Karaoke 19	9am Beginning Yoga 10:30am Restorative Yoga 20	2pm Art Expression for Seniors 21	10:30am Explore Buddhism 22
10:30am Regular Service Dharma Class Pancake Breakfast 23 30		12pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo Dance 6:30/7pm Taiko 25	10am Shakyo 1pm Karaoke 26		Correctional Centre visit 2pm Art Expression for Seniors 28	1-4pm Bake Sale 29

DECEMBER: TOBAN 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		12pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo Dance 6:30/7pm Taiko 2	1pm Karaoke 3		2pm Art Expression for Seniors 5	10:30am Explore Buddhism 6
10:30am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service 7		12pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo Dance 6:30/7pm Taiko 9	1pm Karaoke 7pm BTSA Board Meeting 10		2pm Art Expression for Seniors 12	10:30am Explore Buddhism 13
10:30am Bodhi Day service (Pancake Breakfast) 14		12pm Tonari Gumi 4pm Minyo Dance 6:30/7pm Taiko 16	1pm Karaoke 17		2pm Art Expression for Seniors 19	
No Service 21					Correctional Centre visit 26	
No Service 28			11:30pm Year End Bell Ringing at Nikka Yuko Garden 31			