



September 2009

## Kokuho (Treasure of the Nation)



**D**uring Bon Odori this summer, we set up several booths at the Bon Odori site in Galt Gardens located in the center of busy downtown

Lethbridge. At one of the booths, the BTSA ladies sold homemade aprons made of recycled Kokuho rice bags. The ladies had neatly sewed each of them by machine making beautiful aprons. Each apron had a kanji character, “kokuho” (國寶) on the front. The apron was well accepted by onlookers and I heard that all 25 aprons, at a cost of \$20 each, were quickly sold!

I asked one of the ladies selling the aprons if she knew about the meaning of “kokuho”. She said, “No, I do not. But I do know that this is one of the names of a rice brand, isn’t it?” So I jokingly said to her, “You are promoting Kokuho Rice at Bon Odori, aren’t you.” We laughed. The word “Kokuho” literally means “treasure of the Nation”. Yes, rice is indeed a treasure of Japan! Whoever adopted “kokuho” as the name of a brand of rice must be wise. The word, however, actually has a long history in Buddhism. It can be found in a Buddhist book written in the year 594 in China, and later a great Buddhist monk in Japan, Saicho (767-822), used the word “kokuho” in his book. Saicho was the one who founded the Japanese Tendai school on Mt. Hiei in Kyoto. Almost all great Japanese Buddhist monks including Shinran (1173-1263) of Jodo Shinshu, studied at Mt. Hiei, the center of Buddhist studies in those days.

In his book, *Rules and Regulations for students on Mt. Hiei*, Saicho asked, “What is a treasure of the Nation?” He responded himself saying, “The treasure of the Nation is the mind to seek the Way (of Enlightenment). Then again he asked, “Who is the treasure of the Nation?” He declared, “A humble seeker of the way is the treasure of the nation. Temporary material things are not a treasure of the nation.” He continued saying “A treasure of the Nation is the one who illuminates a single corner (of the country).”

Saicho says that the one who is studying Buddha’s mind is the treasure of the nation, not the one who is seeking wealth, reputation and social position as an ultimate goal in his or her life. A nation’s riches are not its physical and material wealth, but rather the individuals who truly seek the Way and entrust their minds to Buddha’s mind.

What is Buddha’s mind, then? Buddha’s mind is the great compassion which takes other’s suffering as his own and thus liberates all sentient beings to enlightenment without fail. A true entrusting mind is called Shinjin, which we experience in the moment when Buddha’s mind reflects on our mind of delusion.

What Saicho wanted to convey to his Dharma students was, I believe, that those who attain Shinjin and practice Buddha’s mind of compassion in their lives are illuminating and brightening a single corner of the country.

In other words, those who have Shinjin are treasures of the nation. They are the ones who are truly illuminating and brightening a single corner of the nation and the world. Without these people our nation will not truly flourish in peace, harmony and joy.

This corresponds to the words of Rennyō of Jodo Shinshu (1415-1499): The flourishing of the temple is not determined by the largeness of the congregation nor by the greatness of its temporary authority. The

flourishment of a temple is determined by the addition of even one person who has attained Shinjin.

“Kokuho” is indeed a true spirit and aspiration of the great teacher, Saicho, who was posthumously given the title, “great master Dengyo” by the current emperor, meaning “the one who truly transmits the Dharma”. This spirit and aspiration must become ours.

In Gassho,  
Yasuo Izumi, Minister of BTSA

### 「国の宝」

第六回南部アルバータ仏教会の盆踊りが、ゴルトガーデンズで今年も行われました。今年はいくつかの売店が出ましたが、國寶ライスのバッグを再利用して作られたエプロンが良く売れました。ところで、「國寶」と言う言葉の歴史は古く、比叡山に天台宗を開かれた最澄(伝教大師)もその著「山家学生式」に使っておられます。そこには、国の宝とは、仏様のみ教えを学ぶ者であり、その人は世の中の一隅を照らす人である、という事が書かれています。つまり、仏様の心を謙虚に学んでいく人が、国の宝となり、真に世の中を照らす人である、ということでしょう。とにかく、お金や、名誉、地位を人生の最高目標のごとく考え、そのためには、他人を省みることもなく、自己中心に生きている現代人には、最澄の言葉は、時と処をを超えて、まさに警鐘となるものと思われまます。比叡山でご修行された親鸞聖人もまた、仏道とは「仏様の大慈悲心を学ぶこと」と頂かれ、九十年のご生涯を生きられました。私たちも、私たちの迷いゆえに、深い智慧の世界から現れたみ仏の温かい大慈悲のお心に、一刻も早く目覚め、明るく、力強く、安心した生活をさせていただきます。合掌 いずみ

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# PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

July 10, 2009

Dear BTSA Members,

It is with sadness and regret that the Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of Harry Sugimoto as President, as of Wednesday July 8th, 2009.

Due to health issues, Harry has been forced to reduce his activities and withdraw from the level of participation he has been engaged in.

Harry has worked very hard during his brief term as President and we are saddened that we are losing a valuable member of our board. Harry has indicated he will continue to help out and participate in activities of the temple, but for now needs some rest.

I hope you will join us all in thanking Harry for his contributions to date and in wishing him a speedy recovery and long term health.

For now, Renae Barlow as Vice Chairperson, will be assuming Harry's duties until the September board meeting when a successor will be determined. Renae can be contacted at renaeb@telus.net or by phone 403-328-1580 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
BTSA Board Members

## Ken Yamada Sensei of Berkeley; ABC Speaker

Rev. Ken Yamada, resident minister of the Berkeley, California, Higashi Hongwanji Temple will be the main speaker at the 31th annual Alberta Buddhist Conference Nov. 13, 14 and 15 at the new Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta in Lethbridge.

This year's theme, "Dharma Energy – Tranquility" (translated as "Yasuragi" in Japanese), attempts to capture the renewed strength embodied in a new building and sangha to emphasize Buddhist serenity, peace and gratitude.

Some of Rev. Yamada's Dharma talks may be read on his temple's website: <http://www.bombu.org/>

The conference is open to the public. Registration is \$60, which includes lunch and banquet. All events will be held at the new temple, 470 – 4th Ave South.



**BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA**

hosts the 2009 Alberta Buddhist Conference

## ***Dharma Energy – Tranquility*** (Yasuragi)

**Rev. Ken Yamada**  
Guest Speaker  
Resident Minister Berkeley (CA)  
Higashi Hongwanji Temple



**November 13-14-15**  
**All events at the**  
**Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta**

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### REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Children's Names & Ages (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Special food requirements or additional information: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cost is \$60/person for the entire Conference**

There will be a charge for additional meals  
(Cheques payable to: Alberta Buddhist Conference)

Please email, fax or mail registration prior to October 30, 2009:

ABC Registration  
c/o Judy Takaguchi  
Box 1249  
Raymond, AB T0K 2S0

Email: [guch@shockware.com](mailto:guch@shockware.com)  
Phone: 403-752-4012  
Fax: 403-752-4294

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A block of rooms has been reserved until Oct. 23 at the Best Western Heidelberg Inn, 1303 Mayor Magrath Drive South Lethbridge, AB, T1K 2R1. Toll free reservations: 1-800-791-8488 Fax: 403-328-8846. 1 or 2 persons in a standard room with 1 or 2 queen beds - \$89.00 + taxes Additional persons - \$10.00 each + taxes; 1 or 2 persons in a business room with 1 king bed - \$99.00 + taxes

## Bon Odori

The Bon Odori is a dance of joy, a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us. It is also a time of self-reflection which reminds us to practice Dana (self-less giving) to family, friends, and all beings. The sixth annual Bon Odori held on July 18 was a festive occasion with a great turnout and the help of many volunteers. Thanks to the many who participated in the stage/lantern set-up and take down. Our appreciation goes to Rev. Izumi; Aya Hironaka, Odori teacher and the Bon Odori Dancers; David Tanaka and Kynan Gordon, Taiko.

Sheila Oishi was an energetic Master of Ceremonies and Andrew Ichikawa coordinated the music and sound system behind the scenes. Karaoke performers Katie Nakagawa and Yumiko Osaka, and Taiko group Hibikiya provided entertainment at the intermission. The Bon Odori dancers were joined by many of the approximately 500 attendees, especially for the Tanko Bushi finale.

Sell-out bazaar items included bento boxes of teriyaki chicken and sushi as well as manju and senbei. The food committee included Lilly Oishi, Eiko Shigehiro, Mitsuko Shigehiro, Chiyomi Matsuno, and Setsuko Okuma with the help of many toban volunteers. Hand made Kokuho rice sack aprons by Pat Sassa, Debbie Friesen and crew, were also a hit. Pat is taking names of volunteers as well as donations of unbleached rice sacks for the next bazaar go-round.

Special attractions were children's games organized by Kimie Sudo and friends. Eiko Shigehiro with the assistance of Sachi Izumi did names in Japanese calligraphy and Lisa Sakamoto and Mariko Boulet made and sold sno-cones. Also on sale were recycled Hakimachi, Japanese doll bookmarks by Patti Tomita, Kelowna Cookbooks, and Lantern/fan activity craft packages. The Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden sold passes and cultural items and Hibikiya, their t-shirts. Thanks to Dawn and Richard Takeda, Maya Ichikawa, Susan Storey, Mary and Joe Shigehiro, Judy and Robert Takaguchi, Totsy and Sway Nishimura, Mary and Cliff Thomas, Lilly Oishi, Randy Ohno, Dale Fujita Akira Ichikawa, Jim Tsukishima for sales and cashiering. To all those who contributed to Bon Odori, Thank you!

In gassho,  
Lorita Ichikawa, Chair  
Bon Odori Committee



## Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, September 12, 2009

Marketing Plan 1:00 - 2:20pm

Proposed Rental Policy 2:40 - 4:00pm

On September 12th we will hold a Town-Hall meeting for everyone. We will discuss the Marketing Plan that was passed at the March board meeting and a proposed policy for renting the temple.

There are a number of Action Items that were passed as part of the Marketing Plan and it is important that all of our members and attendees know what was agreed. In the Marketing Plan there was also a proposal for different categories of membership. It has been proposed that the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta add two more categories to the existing Full Membership. One is Associate Membership. This is intended to attract friends and family of our Full Members who have an interest in the temple but for various reasons do not or are not able to attend the temple on a regular basis. For example, many Full Members have adult children who live in other parts of the country. The other new category is Affiliate Membership. This is intended to attract Buddhists who are not Jodo Shinshu such as Tibetan, Vietnamese, Thai and many others. The idea is that we want to expand our circle to include a place for all Buddhists in Southern Alberta.

The second part of the Town-Hall meeting will be to discuss a proposed Rental Policy for the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta. Currently we have no policy for rental so this policy will provide us with guidelines on how to respond to requests for rental of the temple. Part of the rental policy will include a number of guidelines for what is expected of renters and members when they are using the temple.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 12. Everyone is welcome and all will have a chance to voice their opinions. In order to facilitate discussion, you are encouraged to go to our website at [www.theBTSA.com](http://www.theBTSA.com) and then click on Board at the top right, then September then Town Hall Meeting. You will then see a link to the two documents. Please read these over before the meeting so that we can proceed directly to a discussion of the issues.

## Funeral Fair

Exhibits & presentations

Saturday, October 24, 2009

The BTSA and The Funeral Committee are organizing a one day event, to be held at the temple, to inform individuals within the BTSA congregation and the general public about funerals, estate planning, personal directives, writing a will and other matters concerning end of life issues. The following services, industries and information sources are being invited to participate as exhibitors and presenters: Funeral Homes, Estate Planners, Government services (Office of the Public Guardian, Ministry of Senior and Social Services (personal directives), Canada Revenue Services, Industry Canada), Cemeteries, Monuments/Urns, Memorial Societies, and Financial Planners.

The event will be marketed through news releases, email campaign, BTSA newsletter and posters throughout Lethbridge and surrounding areas. More information will be circulated to temple members as exhibitors and seminar topics are confirmed.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this event. If you know of anyone who you think would be interested in being an exhibitor, please contact one of the funeral committee members or Renae Barlow at [renaeb@telus.net](mailto:renaeb@telus.net) or phone 403-328-1580 with contact information.

### Shotsuki Hoyo

June 2009

Higa Shinako (Sheila)  
Nishikawa May  
Ohno Frank & Kimi  
Okamura Fujiko  
Taguchi Noris & Sachiko  
Takaguchi Kazuko  
Tsukishima Fujio & Yoshiko  
Yoshihara Aiko

July 2009

Hamabata Chiduka  
Hirashima Marie  
Ibuki Rumiko  
Karia Irene  
Nakatsuru Roy & Minnie  
Nishimura Sway & Totsy  
Nishiyama Mac & Reyko  
Okamura Fujiko  
Senda Yoshio & Florence  
Shono Nobuko  
Sugimoto Fumi  
Takaguchi Kazuko  
Terakita Mas  
Tomita Shizuo & Dorothy  
Tsukishima Fujio & Yoshiko  
Tsukishima Keiko  
Tsukishima Sumie

**TOTAL: \$430.00**

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# BTSA BUILDING DONOR UPDATE June & July 2009

Official tax receipts can be issued by the BTSA for any charitable donations. Anyone wishing to donate to the building fund can make a one time donation or pledge their donation over the next 3-5 years. The donor levels are as follows:

<b>DIAMOND</b> \$25,000 or greater	<b>GOLD</b> \$5,000 to \$9,999
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## DIAMOND Level Donors

- Sonny & Kimiko Nakashima

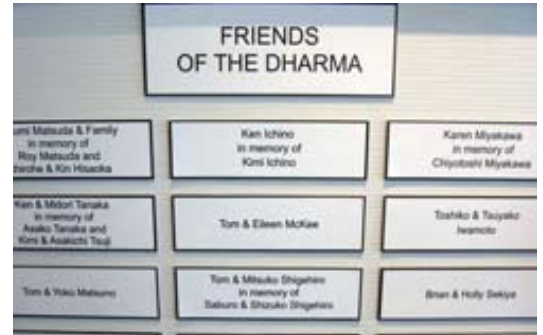
## SILVER Level Donors

- Sue Kado in memory of York Kado, Shoji & Midori Saga, Miyo Saga, Dallas McKenzie, Shizuo Kado and Machiye Kado Tomanek

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- Toshiko Tsukishima in memory of Mrs. Masuko Kado and Mrs. Sagami Tsukishima
- James & Patricia Miyada in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiharu Miyada
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- Eiji & Irene Tsukishima in memory of Mrs. M. Kado, Mr. & Mrs. H. Tsukishima
- Jeanne Ryan & Larry Ryan in memory of Aunt Ayako Omae

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## PLEDGE FORM

**I wish to support the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta**

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TOTAL CONTRIBUTION \_\_\_\_\_ I wish for my pledge to remain confidential \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Instalments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly instalments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years

\_\_\_\_\_ One-time Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Notation (eg. *In memory of*) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Memorial Donation

June 2009

Adachi Roy & Nancy  
Bauer Arlon & Sharon  
Hatanaka Shizue  
Higa Shinako (Sheila)  
Hinatsu Hideo & June  
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Ichikawa Akira & Lorita  
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Kurio Matt & Clara  
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& LaVerne Hamabata  
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Oishi Hideko  
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Sassa Roy & Pat  
Savage Peter & Terry  
Sendo Yoshio & Florence  
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Taniguchi Sam & Betty  
Tomita Shizuo & Dorothy  
Tomiya Jim & Marion  
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**TOTAL: \$2,380.00**

July 2009

Adachi Roy & Nancy  
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Fukushima Mas  
Furuiye Kirsti  
Hamabata Chiduka  
Hinatsu Hideo & June  
Hinatsu Janet  
Hirashima Marie  
Ichikawa Akira & Lorita  
Imahashi Ayako  
Inouye Joan  
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Sakamoto Norman  
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Senda Yoshio & Florence  
Shigehiro Bob & Eiko  
Shigehiro Tom & Mitsuko  
Sugimoto Hajime  
Sugimoto Noboru & Kazuko  
Sugimoto Tomiko  
Sunada Marc & Beth  
Sunada Masato & Miyo  
Takaguchi Kazuko  
Takaguchi Don & Lisa  
Takeyasu Reiko  
Taniguchi Sam & Betty  
Tomita Shizuo & Dorothy  
Tsuji Tak & Yoko

**TOTAL: \$2,975.00**

## Obon Donations

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Adachi Joyce  
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Aimoto Yosh  
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Aoki Rita & John  
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Bandura Stan  
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Nagata Shigemi  
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Nakagama Nobuko  
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Nakagawa Shig & Katie

Nakahama Tosh  
Nakamura Kazuo & Nancy  
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Nakamura Teiji  
Nakatani Kenny & Shoko  
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Nishida Hideo & Jennifer  
Nishikawa May  
Nishimura Sway & Totsy  
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Oga Noriko  
Oga Tak & Mitsuko  
Ohno Frank & Kimi  
Ohno Kaz & Setsuko  
Ohno May  
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Saruwatari Tosh & Joyce  
Saruwatari Gordon & Joy  
Sassa Roy & Pat  
Sawada Natsuko  
Senda Yoshio & Florence  
Setoguchi Ken & Nancy  
Shigehiro Bob & Eiko  
Shigehiro Joe & Mary  
Shigehiro Tom & Mitsuko  
Shigemi Takaaki & Hajime  
Shigemi Toshino  
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Yokoyama Roy & Joyce  
Yoshida Min & Novey

**TOTAL: \$12,856.45**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Dharma Class Committee

A Dharma Committee for Children & Youth will be formed in the fall. Members that have an interest in helping with lesson preparation, conducting services in the Dharma classroom, activities and crafts, and forming a group to take care of the Dharma garden are asked to attend. Once the initial meeting date is determined, it will be emailed out and posted at the temple.

### Childrens' Playground at the Temple

It is still being determined whether a play structure can be put on the north grounds of the temple. In the meantime, the Dharma class would like to thank Marko Hilgersom for organizing the garden area this summer. Two apple trees have been planted, and a Sunday in July the class planted strawberry plants, lettuce and herbs. The lettuce has come up already so please help yourself!

**Please contact Brenda Ikuta or Maya Ichikawa for further information.**



Planting at the temple gardens



Annual BTSa Service & Picnic, June 2009





## 2009 September & October Schedule

### 九月と十月の予定表

Sunday Regular Service starts at 10:30am

\*Study/Discussion group held after regular service

#### SEPTEMBER

06 SUN	10:30am	Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service 祥月法要
09 WED	7:00pm	BTSA Meeting
13 SUN	10:30am	Regular Service
15 TUES - 17 THURS		Ministers' meeting in Richmond, BC
20 SUN	10:30am	Regular Service
27 SUN	10:30am	Regular Service

#### OCTOBER

04 SUN	10:30am	Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service
11 SUN	10:30am	Regular Service
18 SUN	10:30am	Regular Service
25 SUN	10:30am	Regular Service

## 2009 COMING EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

17 Chow Mein Supper  
Bake Sale & Bazaar

#### NOVEMBER

13-15 Alberta Buddhist Conference  
21-22 Mochitsuki  
29 Noodle Making

#### DECEMBER

31 New Year's Service Bell Ringing,  
Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden

Any questions or requests? Please  
contact your minister (403)382-7024

## OBITUARIES

Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta express our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

Ritsuko Kimura, 90	June 08, 2009
Kinji Takeda, 82	July 06, 2009
Haruye Nishikawa, 103	July 16, 2009
Ishie Oishi, 91	Aug 09, 2009

## 2009 Buddhist Memorial Service

### 仏教徒の年忌法要

#### Year of Death (死亡年)

2008	First annual memorial	.....1 year from death
2007	3rd	.....2 full years from death
2003	7th	.....6 full years from death
1997	13th	.....12 full years from death
1993	17th	.....16 full years from death
1985	25th	.....24 full years from death
1977	33rd	.....32 full years from death
1960	50th	.....49 full years from death

A memorial rite marking the death of the deceased not only calls for the adornment of the shrine and the reading of the sutra but also is a precious occasion for recalling the cherished memories of the beloved and the most of all to realize the blessings of the Light of Wisdom and Life of Compassion which embrace us all. (from Jodo Shinshu Handbook for laymen) On the first or near the first Sunday of every month, the BTSA observes a monthly memorial service in memory of those people whose date of death (meinichi-命日) falls in that month. Please bring a Homyo of your loved one.

## REGULAR EVENTS

#### \*Study/Discussion Group

Sundays after morning service and tea. The purpose of meeting is to deepen our understanding and appreciation of Buddha's teachings, study the Dharma and facilitate discussion. Please contact Renae Barlow (renaeb@telus.net) or Rev. Izumi

#### Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

Thursdays 7 - 9pm  
Please contact Lorita Ichikawa 403.327.1668

#### Tonarigumi

Tuesdays, 12 - 3:30pm

#### Taiko Class

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Please contact David Tanaka  
403.330.1548 or david@eyesquared.com

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2009 Membership Fee is \$100 per person.**

**We appreciate your support!**

**Let's expand a circle of the Dharma.**

#### Many Congratulations!!

Douglas Hideo Nishiguchi  
& Stephanie Mary Hagel,  
married August 01, 2009

#### Dharma: My Guiding Light

仏法: 人生の道しるべ  
In celebration of new Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta, Sensei Izumi has published his seventh book in the series "Dharma:

My Guiding Light". The BTSA has printed 500 of these publications for distribution across Canada. If you would like to order copies, please contact Renae Barlow (renaeb@telus.net) or Sensei Izumi. A donation of \$2.00 per book to cover printing costs would be appreciated. (Thank you, Toronto Buddhist Church for ordering 150 copies.)

**Temple User Groups** This is a reminder and request that all booked and frequent users groups leave the premises clean. Please wash used dishes and cups. They should first be soaked, 3-5 minutes in a bleach solution (Chinook Health Regulation), placed in the automatic dishwasher and washed. Also, please check that all Temple doors are securely closed before leaving the building. Thank you.

**Dharma Class Fund Raiser:** We are collecting containers, vases, baskets etc. that you receive your flowers from the florists. A few of the local florists will reimburse us for clean containers that we can recycle. Please bring these articles to the Temple and leave them on the large table in the kitchen. If you need them picked up, call Jan at 327-0464. This is a fund raiser for the Dharma Class. Thank you in advance.