

At the General Meeting of Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta ... March 1, 2020

Time flies. I was reassigned to southern Alberta in November, 2002 after Rev. Hattori. Since then 18 years has already passed. During these years many members and friends who dedicated so much for the betterment of our temple passed away. I sincerely pay my respect to them.

Highlights of events during 2019:

Jan. 1 (Wed) New Year's Day Service

Jan. 13 (Sun) Hoonko Service (Guest Speaker - Naoki Hirano Sensei from Richmond) /New Year Party

Jan 26 (Sat) attend Nikkei Cultural Society New Year Party

Feb. 10 (Sun) Nirvana Day & Pet Appreciation Service

March 10 (Sun) Eshinni /Kakushinni Memorial Service

March 17 (Sn) Spring Equinox-Ohigan Service

April 13 (Sat) Seminar by Rev. Candice Shibata ...Buddhist perspective of Grief

April 14 (Sun) Hanamatsuri (Guest Speaker - Rev. C. Shibata from Florin Buddhist Church, California

April 24 (Wed) - April 28 (Sun) Minister's Meeting /JSBTC AGM at Vancouver Buddhist Temple/

Vancouver 110th Anniversary (guest speaker Rev. Izumi)

May 19 (Sun) Gotan-e (Shinran Shonin's Birthday)

June 16 (Sun) Annual Picnic at John Martin Recreation Area (Pavan Park)

July 7 (Sun) Obon Cemetery Service at Brooks / Obon Service at Brooks Heritage Inn

July 14 (Sun) Obon Cemetery Service at Magrath, Temple Hill and Taber

July 16 (Tue) attend Twinning Society 30th Anniversary

July 20 (Sat) 6:00pm 15th Annual Bon Odori at Galt Gardens

July 21 (Sun) 2:00pm BTSA Obon Service

Aug. 4 (Sun) Peace Day at Nikka Yuko Japanese garden (assisted Kynan Gordon)

Aug. 5 (Mon) Heritage day at Enmax (Calligraphy demonstration)

Aug. 10 and 11 Obon Service in Edmonton at Japanese Cultural Center (assisted by Roland Ikuta)

Aug. 26 (Mon) - Sept. 1 (Sun) JSBTC Ministers' Seminar in Berkeley and attend The World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco

Sept. 8 (Sun) BTSA 10th Anniversary

Sept. 15 (Sun) a guest speaker at Manitoba Buddhist Temple, Winnipeg

Sept. 22 (Sun) Autumn Equinox – Ohigan Service

Oct. 13 (Sun) JSBTC Day

Dec. 8 (Sun) Bodhi day

Dec. 31 (Tue) Joya-no-kane Year End Bell Ringing at Nikka Yuko Japanese garden (assisted by Kynan Gordon)

*Regular visit the Lethbridge Correctional Center (twice a month)

*Attend Monthly Pastoral Care meeting at CRH

*Regular Visitation to Chinook Regional Hospital, Senior Homes, Age care

*Explore Buddhism discussion, every Saturday

*Monthly Hikari Newsletter articles (English & Japanese) ... I thank editor and distributors

*The number of funeral: 21 (It often involves Last Rite Service, Cremation Service, The first 7th day Service and Interment Service)

*The number of Wedding: 3

In Gassho

Respectively submitted by Yasuo Izumi, Minister