

Kelowna Buddhist Temple

The New Dharma Express



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Special points of interest:

- Fri. January 1, New Years Day Service 2pm/Pot Luck Supper to follow
- Sun. January 10, Dharma School 10am, Dharma Shotsuki 1pm, KBT AGM 3pm, Supper to follow
- Wed. January 13, 7pm Cooking Demo
- Sun. January 17, Dharma School 10am, Women's AGM 11:30am at Duffers
- Tue. January 19, Dough Making 8am, Apple Pie Making 3pm
- Wed. January 13, 7pm Cooking Demo

Monthly Memorial

JANUARY

Miss Kiyoko Matsuda
 Mr. Ichimatsu Wakita
 Mr. Zenzo Otsubo
 Mr. Tatsuhiko Nakagawa
 Mr. Shizuo Sakai
 Mrs. Kikue Yamada
 Mrs. Hisako Tomiye
 Master Sueo Tahara
 Mr. Sakuichi Matsumura
 Mrs. Kotoyo Takata
 Mr. Iwajiro Yamaoka
 Mrs. Natsu Tamura
 Mr. Kinzo Nakano
 Mr. Honzo Budo
 Mrs. Fumi Suzuki
 Mr. Ben Ueda
 Mr. Masao Tanaka
 Mrs. Shige Terai
 Mrs. Haru Tanemura
 Mr. Sutezo Kumagai
 Sharon Tanemura
 Mrs. Maynard
 Mrs. Elfrieda Griep
 Mr. Takashi Omae
 Mr. Jinichiro Yokota
 Mr. Morio Koga

Pick-up your 2016 Calendars
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KBT AGM—January 10th 2016—3pm

Clean-up Altar Toban

Group #2

M/M Ken Yamada
 M/M Isao Terai
 Yoshiko Ueda
 Anne Stack
 M/M Kaichi Uemoto
 Derek Mayeda
 Crystal Naka
 Tammy Nishi
 Naoko Nakamura
 Deepu Mirchandari
 M/M Jason Kouchiyama

Special points of interest:

- Sun. January 24, Dharma School 10am, Goshoki Hoonko & Installation of Officers Service 1pm, Fujinkai Shinbokukai to follow
- Wed. January 27, 7pm Cooking Demo

New Year Day Service & Temple Pot Luck Supper Service 2pm—January 1, 2016 with supper to follow, check the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet, what a fantastic way to start the New Year, great food and company!

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KBT Fiscal Year-end Nov. 30th, 2015 Financial Reports will be available at AGM—Income Tax Receipts for 2015 fast approaching! 2016 Memberships have started coming in! In Gassho

Mochi, Udon, Tuna & Octopus for sale, also Fujinkai ladies are selling Ageh (40 piece pkg.)

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。

私は、2014年6月6日に、前門主の跡を承けて法統を継承し、本願寺住職ならびに浄土真宗本願寺派第二十五代門主に就任いたしました。この法統継承を仏祖の御前に奉告する「伝灯奉告法要」を本年10月1日より、京都の本願寺にてお勤めいたします。この法要を機縁として、多くの人々に浄土真宗のみ教えが伝わることを期待しています。

浄土真宗のみ教えは、今から約800年前に親鸞聖人によって説かれました。そして、今日の私たちにまで受け継がれてきています。親鸞聖人の時代においても現代においても浄土真宗のみ教えは、変わることなく、私たちの生きる依りどころとなります。なぜなら、私たちは、いつ終わるか誰にも分からない命を生きているからです。明日、私が事件や事故にあわないという保証は誰も出来ません。

本年もお寺へお参りし、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞かせていただきましょう。そして、そのことによって、自分自身の姿を省みて、日々のご縁を大切にしながら、南無阿弥陀仏とお念仏申す一年を過ごさせていただきましよう。

2016年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺
門主 大谷

光淳

New Year's Greeting

At the beginning of the new year, I would like to extend my greeting to you.

On June 6, 2014, receiving the Jodo Shinshu tradition from Monshu Emeritus, I was inaugurated as the Hongwanji Resident Head Priest and Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha 25th Monshu. To commemorate the occasion together with all of you in front of Amida Buddha and the Founder Shinran Shonin, *Dento Hokoku Hoyo*, or the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition will be observed at Hongwanji, Kyoto, Japan from this coming October 1. With this observance as an opportunity, it is my hope that the Jodo Shinshu teaching will spread to as many as possible.

The Jodo Shinshu teaching was set forth by Shinran Shonin nearly eight hundred years ago and it has been carefully transmitted to us today. Be it Shinran Shonin's time or the present day, the Jodo Shinshu teaching remains unchanged and continues to serve as our spiritual foundation. This is because in this world of impermanence we live our lives never knowing when it may end. No one can guarantee that tomorrow I will not be involved in an incident or accident that will bring about the end of my life.

In closing, let us continue our journey along the Nembutsu path by going to the temple to hear more of Amida Buddha's constant working for our benefit. In doing so, throughout this year, let us reflect on our true selves, come to appreciate all the encounters of our everyday lives, and in gratitude, recite the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu.

January 1, 2016

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



From Sensei: Greeting for the New Year

*I take refuge in the Tathagata of Immeasurable Life
I entrust myself to the Buddha of inconceivable light
(Shoshin-ge)*

The year 2015 is drawing to a close and the New Year is about to unfold. I would like to express my sincere best wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year 2016. I wish all of you good health, happiness, and prosperity for the coming year. Some of us experienced hardships and difficulties over the past year. My family and I, like many of you, had to cope with illness during the early part of the year. However, thankfully, for our family, things have improved and stabilized since then. These experiences made me realize how fragile life can be, and how we take our health for granted. I hope that the coming year will be a meaningful and fulfilling year for you and your family.

Over the past year we had many memorable experiences. We had the World Women's Convention in Calgary, in May 2015. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet Dharma friends from all over the world. It was a privilege to have our new Go-monshu Kojun Ohtani (ご門主, 大谷光淳) in attendance. Later in the year we received the news from Hongwanji, Japan of the birth of a baby girl, Akiko (顕子), to the Go-Monshu and O-Urakata on October 6th.

In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, our present Go-Monshu assumed his religious responsibilities as the 25th generation Monshu on June 16, 2014. His father, Koshin Ohtani (大谷光真) served as the Monshu for the past 37 years. During the coming year,

Lamp Transmission Ceremonies will be held for the Accession of the 25th generation Go monshu in Kyoto, Japan. Some Canadian Temple members are planning to attend the ceremonies in Kyoto, from October 1st 2016 to May 31st, 2017.

At the local level, over this past year our Buddhist communities within the BC Interior lost several respected Dharma friends. With feelings of sadness and grief in our hearts, we turn to our faith and take refuge in our spirituality, to gain a sense of comfort and the strength to carry on. The memories of our loved ones will remain within our hearts forever.

This coming year, we will no doubt be faced with some difficulties and challenges. In our complicated society of today we desperately need compassion, love and acceptance for our fellow beings. As our Go-Monshu Kojin Ohtani said, *"Let us always keep in mind the venerable words, "jishin kyo ninshin," "secure our own entrusting heart to the Dharma, guiding others to the same path" as we cope with the various problems and hardships of the contemporary world, walking together towards realizing a society in which everyone is equally respected."*

To our friends and families, may the coming year bring health and happiness to you and your loved ones. Happy New Year everyone. Let us walk together, deepen our spirituality and take refuge in Amida Buddha. As we recite and hear the name, Namo Amida Butsu, may we gather the strength to cope with whatever challenges the year ahead has in store for us.

In Gassho
Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa.

Farewell to Rev. Michael Hayashi:

Sensei Michael entered the Pure Land at 2:50 pm CST December 4th. His family was by his side and he passed away peacefully while listening to one of his favorite song "Dust to Dust" by The Civil Wars.

Loving Thoughts and Financial Gratitude

1. By mail addressed to:

Kiyomi Hayashi and family c/o JSBTC
220 Jackson Ave
Vancouver B.C. V6A 3B3

Cheques should be payable to: Kiyomi Hayashi Please include your name, address or email in your message.

2. **At your local Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple:** Temples will accept sealed envelopes containing cards and cheques marked with your name and address. Please avoid using cash however if this is necessary, include your name and address.

Farewell to Rev. Michael Hayashi: continued

3. By credit card on the web (in Canada and abroad):

visit: www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com on the homepage you will see an article and Button to "Send Support to Rev. Hayashi". Click on the button and follow instructions including entering your email, message and mailing address. The service costs approximately \$0.60 plus 5.5% of the transaction amount. The family will receive the net amount. This service may be available on other temple websites as well. This method will be available at least until January 1, 2016 and may be extended further.

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"Introduction to Buddhism"

Classes are scheduled to begin Wed. February 10, 2016– 6:45pm

Interest has always been high so we need your registration early before the class gets filled up. Contact bemaccarl@gmail.com if you are interested in securing a seat in these informative sessions. In Gassho

Message from the Editor

Amazing, we have supporters of the Temple Chow Mein project offering to help, I'm not talking members or their friends, but general people that want to help. The Sangha is very generous with their time and commitment to this project, but when I see our customers want to volunteer, it makes me so grateful. They obviously enjoy the food, understand that it takes several nights and days to prepare, and are very giving people to want to lend a hand. My hope is that their experience of enjoying the company of our loving Sangha will encourage them to attend future activities around the Temple. I know in working closely with Dharma Door that people are intrigued with our Temple and its culture, by opening our doors with the book store or welcoming strangers to the Temple at our projects they will be enriched because of their experience. I don't be-

lieve they come to help make chow mein because of wanting to understand Buddhism, but I do believe that the key to our future as a growing and strong group is by showing people that our Sangha is a fantastic group of people to be around. In other words, "plant the seed", it is up to our Sangha to "water it and make it grow". My Father was a huge supporter of our local Temple, I get satisfaction in knowing that he would be very proud of my involvement here in Kelowna. With the recent passing of our long time founding members, I hope their families find ways to express appreciation to their local Temple by becoming members. This is why I thought to write about people that want to lend a hand, that have no history, they just feel a need to give back. Amazing... In Gassho, jiro

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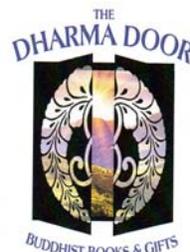
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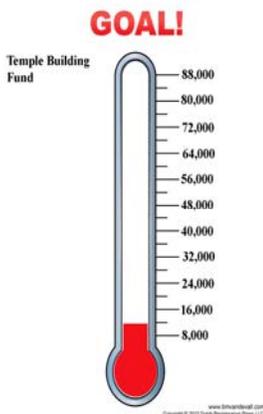


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January 2016

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Mid & Min Mori would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year—In Gassho

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New Year's Day Service 2pm/ Pot Luck Supper to follow

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Taiko Practice 7pm

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Dharma School 10am, Dharma Shotsuki 1pm, KBT AGM 3pm, Supper to follow

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Taiko Practice 7pm

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Cooking Demo 7pm

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Taiko Practice 7pm

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Dharma School 10am, Women's AGM 12n at Duffers on KLO road

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Taiko Practice 7pm

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Dough Making 8am, Apple Pie Making 3pm

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Cooking Demo 7pm

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Taiko Practice 7pm

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Dharma School 10am, Gosboki Hoonko & Installation of Officers Service 1pm, Fujinkai Shinbokukai (New Years Party) to follow

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Taiko Practice 7pm

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Cooking Demo 7pm

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Taiko Practice 7pm

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69th Annual Northwest Buddhist Convention

February 12-14, 2016, Ontario Oregon hosted by Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple

The 69th Annual Northwest Buddhist Convention is just around the corner. We are excited to announce Dr. Mark Blum as the keynote speaker. Dr. Blum is the author of "The Origins and Development of Pure Land Buddhism" (2002), co-editor of "Rennyō and the Roots of Modern Japanese Buddhism" (2005), "Cultivating Spirituality" (2011), and his translation

from Chinese of "The Nirvana Sutra: Volume 1" (2013). He is currently working on completing "Think Buddha, Say Buddha: a history of Nembutsu thought, practice and culture."

IOBT is looking forward to hosting you at the 2016 Convention... please let any board member know if you are interested in attending or ask Sensei for Registration Forms and more information. In Gassho

Cleaning out the Closet?

If you are and come across 'tenugui' Japanese cotton towels (not terry towel) and you're wondering what to do with them, please consider donating them to the Temple. Ideally we would like to have them about 12 - 13" width and minimum of 30" in length. These will be made into caps and resold through the Dharma Door. If you have any questions please contact Shirley.

行事案内

1月 1日(金)午後 2時 食会	修正会、持ち寄り夕
10日(日)午前10時 午後 1時 午後 3時 食	日曜学校 1月祥月法要 仏教会年次総会、夕
13日(水)午後 7時	料理教室
17日(日)午前10時 午後11時半	日曜学校 婦人会年次総会
19日(火)午前 8時 午後 3時	パイ皮作り アップルパイ作り
20日(水)午後 7時	料理教室
24日(日)午前10時 午後 1時	日曜学校 御正忌報恩講、役員
就任式	引続き 婦人会親睦会
27日(水)午後 7時	料理教室

年の瀬が迫り、皆様もお忙しい日々でしょう。
本年もケローナ仏教会へのご支援、ご協力を頂き、有難うございました。

新年も、何卒よろしくお願ひ申し上げます。
皆々様の、新年のご健康とご幸福を念じ申し上げます。

上記の通り、新年の行事が控えています。
お参り、ご出席、お手伝いをよろしくお願ひします。

Reflections/Resolutions

December a time of year for reflections and looking forward to a New Year and resolutions.

Reflection: Have you stopped to think about the future of the Kelowna Buddhist Temple?

Will it be still operational when your parents ask that their funeral services be held from the Temple?

Fact: Our Sangha is growing.

We are missing younger generations of pioneer families of our Temple.

Observation: Recently a comment was made *'becoming a member is a great way to honor the memory of your parents and ensuring this precious heritage survives for many more generations'*.

But, wait, why wait until they are no longer with us? Wouldn't it be nice to see their happy reaction when you join the Temple to show that their many hours of dedication to our Temple was not in vain.

I'm sure many parents have secretly wished their children become members of the Temple, but may not vocalize it in fear that it might alienate their children.

We realize many of the younger generation are already supporting the Temple with various fundraisers, but why not have the opportunity to voice your opinions.

Resolution: Become a member of the Kelowna Buddhist Temple.

Keep your ancestors vision alive and show gratitude for this wonderful heritage entrusted to us.

From Temple Executive:

The Happiest of the New Year to one and all! This is a joint report from Jerry and Barb as we are volunteering at the Dharma Door. We have been reminiscing about 2015 and how grateful we are to be able to call Kelowna Buddhist Temple home. The Executive has had a very busy year shepherding many changes and programs; there are far too many to list, but here are a few highlights: Many thanks to the Tanaka family for their gift of the industrial dishwasher; those who spend a lot of time in the kitchen, no longer have “dish pan hands”. They also very generously provided new flooring for the Naijin (which looks great). Soundproofing was done to the stage ceiling and the multi purpose room also got painted with beautiful pictures of Japan added. It was suggested by a few temple members and supported by the board, the Bishop and the Living Dharma Centre, to open a bookstore based upon Buddha Dharma. The Dharma Door opened in July and has been a wonderful conduit for outside people to come in and “check out” the temple, as well as being a resource for people looking for quality Dharma based books and gifts. We couldn’t do it without the small group of people, both temple members and non-members who have donated many Saturdays to volunteering at The Dharma Door. Without your con-

sistent support the doors would not be able to stay open. The Introduction to Buddhism continues to be very popular and a rewarding experience for all concerned. Many people who have come through the course have remained good Dharma Friends. Dharma school is flourishing with approximately 12 young people as well as new temple families and those looking to learn a bit about the Dharma in an informal setting. Genevra did a great job of organizing this last year, and Tammy Nishi has graciously accepted the position of coordinator for the 2015-2016 year. From a personal perspective both Jerry and I have just been commenting on how wonderful the newcomers to the temple are. With their smiling faces and fresh perspectives they have all been extremely generous with happily volunteering to help in any way possible. We hope that in 2016 we continue to see positive growth and change to build upon all of the great things accomplished in 2015. Impermanence/change can be very difficult and can take time. Let us all continue to embrace each other and grow together. Respectfully submitted: Jerry Takeda and Barb MacCarl

Fujinkai—Women’s Association Report

The Ladies Executive recently met to review upcoming events at the Temple. Our AGM will be held on Sunday, January 17th @Duffer’s, starting at 11:30. Executive meeting with the new executive to follow lunch. If you are interested in attending the meeting please let Joyce Favell know before January 13th, so we may make reservations. Sunday, January 24 following church service and the installation of officers, will be the yearly Shinbokukai New Year’s potluck. Please let Darlene know what you would like to bring to share when she calls. The Temple will be hosting four cooking demonstrations starting January 13, for four weeks. They are as follows:

Gluten Free – January 13 – hosted by Joyce Favell
Mochi manju, & Mushi manju – January 20 - hosted by Tomoye Yamaoka
Vegetarian/Vegan – January 27 – hosted by Genevra Cavanaugh
Japanese – February 3 – hosted by Jack Yamaoka
There will be a charge of \$5.00 per person for each of these demos. Everyone is welcome. 7p.m. start in the Temple kitchen.
The Ladies Executive along with the Temple Board extend our deepest condolences to the Hayashi family on the recent passing of Sensei Michael Hayashi. May he be welcomed into the spiritual garden of the Nembutsu.
Wishing everyone a safe and festive holiday season and all the best for the New Year. In Gassho

Dharma Door is missing a distinctive wrist mala, made from black crystal and has a large 6 character bead in the center. If you might know of it’s whereabouts, please let Barb MacCarl know. In Gassho

With Gratitude the Temple and all of its Affiliated Organizations
Acknowledge Your Generous Contribution and Apologies
for any Errors or Omissions.

Sincere Apologies, Missed in the October list of donations:

Dux, M/M Larry \$100 (Chow Mein Project)

Dharma School

Hokazono, M/M Lloyd \$50

Tanaka, M/M Herb (In Memory of Roy Tanaka) \$25

Yamaoka, M/M Alan \$25

Bodhi Day

Tanemura, Mrs. Shirley \$20.00

Yamaoka, M/M Alan \$30.00

P. Tanaka/R. Suzuki \$30.00

Tanaka, M/M Herb \$30.00

Martin, Mr. Michael \$50.00

Tomiye, Mr. Reg \$50.00

Stack, Mrs. Anne \$100.00

Dharma Shotsuki

Sugie, M/M Sam (In Memory of T. Tatebe) \$20.00

P. Tanaka/R. Suzuki (In Memory of Emiko Nishi)
\$20.00

Kurahashi, Shigeko \$20.00

Ostapchuk, Rae (In Memory of Roy Tanaka) \$20.00

Kawaguchi, Nancy (In Memory of Master Masami Ueda)
\$20.00

Ueda, Yoshiko (In Memory of Master Masami Ueda)
\$20.00

Ewuk, M/M Greg (In Memory of Yuki Tanemura)
\$25.00

Mori, M/M Min (In Memory of Emiko Nishi) \$30.00

Anonymous (In Memory of Emiko Nishi) \$30.00

Yamauchi, Kuniko (In Memory of Sister Mary) \$30.00

Mori, M/M Min (In Memory of Mich Sugimoto) \$30.00

Tahara, M/M Morio (In Memory of Sumio Tahara)
\$30.00

Nishi, M/M David (In Memory of Yuki Tanemura)
\$30.00

Tahara, M/M Jack (In Memory of Sumio Tahara)
\$40.00

P. Tanaka/R. Suzuki (In Memory of Roy Tanaka)
\$50.00

Nishi, Geri (In Memory of Emiko Nishi) \$50.00

Terada, N. (In Memory of Yosh Terada) \$50.00

Tahara, M/M Morio (In Memory of Rihachi Tomiye)
\$50.00

Tanaka, Dorthy (In Memory of Roy Tanaka) \$60.00

Tanaka, M/M Herb (In Memory of Roy Tanaka) \$80.00

Terada, Mr. Lorne (In Memory of Yosh Terada) \$80.00

Hokazono, M/M Lloyd (In Memory of Mary & Aiji Hokazono)
\$200.00

Memorial

Yamauchi, Kuniko (In Memory of Mrs. Yuki Horiuchi)

\$30.00

New Years Day Service

Yamaoka, M/M Alan \$50.00

Mori, M/M Min \$20.00

Newsletter

Yamaoka, M/M Alan \$30.00

Niven, M/M Jim \$50.00

Mori, M/M Min \$40.00

Special

Tomiye, Mr. Reg \$20.00

Terada, Mr. Lorne (Building Fund - Bodhi Day) \$20.00

Koga, Mrs. Carol (Building Fund in Memory of Tosh Terada) \$20.00

Koga, Mrs. Carol (Building Fund in Memory of Mary Koga) \$20.00

Delpont, Jeanette \$30.00

Yamauchi, Kuniko (Building Fund in Memory of Flo Terada) \$30.00

Mori, M/M Min (In Appreciation for Mochi) \$30.00

Koga, Mrs. Carol (Building Fund in Memory of Yosh Terada) \$30.00

Mori, M/M Min (Koden for Rev. Hayashi) \$40.00

Martin, Mr. Michael \$50.00

Cavanaugh, Genevra \$50.00

Kubota, Karen (Building Fund in Memory of Flo Terada)
\$100.00

Ogi, M/M Teruo (In Appreciation for Mochi-gome)
\$100.00

Yamaoka, M/M Alan (In Appreciation) \$100.00

Mori, Mr. Min (In Leu of Membership) \$150.00

Yamaoka, Mr. Brian (Farmer's Market) \$200.00

Yamada, M/M Ken \$200.00

Yamaoka, M/M Alan (In Appreciation) \$400.00

Membership

Mitton, Luke \$150.00

Brown, Mrs. Gail \$200.00

Uyeyama, M/M Joe \$300.00

Yamaoka, Ms. Carrie \$200.00

Yamaoka, Ms. Lisa \$200.00

Yamaoka, M/M Alan \$400.00

Mori, Mrs. Mid \$150.00

Mori, Julie \$150.00

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