

Kelowna Buddhist Temple

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Special Points of Interest:

- Tue., Jan. 1 ~ New Year's service. 2pm
- Sun., Jan. 6 ~ Women's Association AGM at EK Grill. 11am
- Sun., Jan. 13 ~ Dharma School, 10am
Dharma Shotsuki, 1pm, Kelowna Buddhist Temple AGM 2pm, Supper to follow.
- Thur., Jan. 17 ~ Executive meeting 7pm
- Sun., Jan. 27 ~ Dharma School, 10am
Goshoki Hoonko & Installation of Officers Services, 2pm, Fujinkai Shibokukai (New Year's Party) to follow.
- Tue., Jan. 29. ~ Apple Pie Making



Shotsuki 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
- Mrs. Sharon Tanemura Maynard
- Mrs. Elfrieda Griep
- Mr. Takashi Omae
- Mr. Jinichiro Yokota
- Mr. Morio Koga
- Mr. Terry Hikida

Clean-up & Altar Toban

January

- Alan/Barb Yamaoka
- Lisa Yamaoka
- Carrie Yamaoka
- Brian Yamaoka
- Jim Nishi
- Teruo/Mutsuko Ogi
- Jean/Pat Yetman
- Shirley Yamaoka
- Jack/Marge Hatanaka
- Anderson Araujo
- Michael Martin
- Genevra Cavanaugh

Service Chairpersons

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day, 2pm ~ Michael Martin



Jan. 13 - Dharma School, 10am
January Dharma Shotsuki, 1pm ~ Alan Yamaoka



Jan. 27 - Dharma School, 10am
Goshoki Hoonko & Fujinkai Shinbokukai (New Year's party), 2pm ~ Genevra Cavanaugh



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Kelowna Buddhist Society Board of Director's Elections

Ballots have been distributed. Please take the time to mark your ballot and return it to the Temple by December 31, 2018. Please consider allowing your name to stand if you are elected.

Kelowna Buddhist Society Annual General Meeting

January 13 @ 2pm.

Please attend the AGM and voice your opinion on the affairs of the Temple.

Supper to follow @ 5pm (\$25.00 per person)



From Sensei

Greetings for the New Year

In this New Year, as we receive the Dharma and recite the Nembutsu, let us make every effort to acknowledge and cope with the reality we face. (Monshu Kojun Ohtani)

The year 2018 has come to an end and the New Year has begun to unfold. This past year was different from other years in many ways. Throughout the world, people experienced extremes in weather that resulted in many natural disasters and loss of lives. This is no longer a problem for other people, it has become a problem for each of us. This year will be a year to remember our growing concerns about the future of our planet and the importance of living in harmony with nature.

*“Dana for World
 Peace – overcoming
 poverty to nurture
 our children.”*

As we close the year, let us pause to reflect over the past year, and welcome the New Year 2019. I would like to express my sincere best wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year 2019. I wish all of you good health, happiness, and prosperity for the coming year. We begin the New Year with optimism, and positive expectations, but we never know what the year may bring us. Over the past year many things happened. These have influenced our lives in many ways. When we reflect on life, we recognize just how fragile and transient it can be. However, despite this, Amida Buddha’s wisdom and compassion will always be there for us. I hope that the coming year will be a meaningful and fulfilling year for all of you and your families in the light of Amida Buddha.

Over the past year, we had some memorable experiences with others, such as the New Year’s Day, Ho-on-ko Service, Hanamatsuri, and Obon Services with the whole community. In the Fall, we had the B.C. Federation Convention, in Vernon B.C. hosted by Vernon Buddhist Temple. These Temple activities gave us many opportunities to meet Dharma friends. In between, we enjoyed several social events and fund-raising activities. These all contribute to our sense of community and connection with others. Within our B.C. Interior Buddhist Communities, over this past year we lost several close Dharma friends. With feelings of sadness and grief in our hearts, we turn to our faith and take refuge in our spirituality to have a sense of comfort and the strength and courage to carry on. The memories of our loved ones and their contributions to us will remain within our hearts forever.

This coming year, we may also face lots of challenges. In this complicated world of today, it is important for us to show compassion, understanding, and acceptance to others. Our Go-Monshu Kojun Ohtani, in his New Year Greeting encouraged us to live to the best of our abilities, aspiring to live up to the Buddha’s Wishes. He also told us that Jodo Shinshu communities had begun a campaign against poverty using the slogan *“Dana for World Peace – overcoming poverty to nurture our children.”*

To our friends and families, may the coming year bring health and happiness to you. Happy New Year everyone! Let us worship together with our families at the shrine of Amida Buddha and deepen our spirituality. As we recite Amida’s name, *Namo Amida Butsu*, may we gain the strength to cope with whatever challenges the year ahead may have in store for us.

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year everyone.

In Gassho
 Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa.

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。

昨年は日本においては、豪雨・台風・地震など多くの災害が起こり、また、世界でもインドネシアにおける地震と津波、北米における大型ハリケーンなど多くの自然災害が起こりました。災害によってお亡くなりになられた方に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、被災された方に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、これら以外にも紛争やテロ・飢餓などによって、日々多くの方が犠牲となり、困難な生活を送っておられることも忘れてはいけません。

さて、私は2016年10月1日の親教「念仏者の生き方」において、「仏法を依りどころとして生きていくことで、(中略)仏さまのお心になう生き方を目指し、精一杯努力させていただく人間になるのです」と記しました。本願寺においては、昨年4月より「*貧困の克服に向けて～Dāna for World Peace～*—子どもたちを育むために—」という取り組みが始まっています。言うまでもなく、私たちは自己中心的な考え方を離れることができず、自力修行によって悟りを開くことができない凡夫です。しかし、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって自己中心的な凡夫であると気づかされるからこそ、そのような私を救って下さるお慈悲のお心に少しでもかなうよう、すべての人々の幸せを願い、現実の困難な課題に積極的に取り組むことが大切ではないでしょうか。

本年も浄土真宗のみ教えを聞き、南無阿弥陀仏とお念仏申す日々とともに過ごさせていただく中で、現実の課題に向き合う1年にしたいと思います。

2019年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派 門主 大谷光淳

New Year's Greeting

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you all. Last year, Japan was hit by frequent natural disasters like torrential rains, typhoons, and earthquakes. Other countries including Indonesia and the US were also visited by devastating earthquakes, tsunamis, and major hurricanes. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through the natural disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. We must also never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live and lives are being lost every day.

In my message entitled, *A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower* which I presented on October 1, 2016, the first day of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, I have stated, “by trying to live according to the Buddha Dharma, ...we can live to the best of our ability, aspiring to live up to the Buddha’s Wish.” In agreement with this proposal, beginning last April, our organization has launched a campaign against poverty under the slogan, “Dana for World Peace— overcoming poverty to nurture our children.”

Unable to part from our self-centered mentality, we are simply foolish beings, incapable of attaining supreme enlightenment through our own strength. It is all through the salvific working of Amida Tathagata that we are enabled to realize our selfishness. Furthermore, because of this self-awareness, with the hope of responding to the Buddha’s boundless compassion even just a little, we are enabled to aspire for everyone’s happiness and make a sincere effort in dealing with the many difficult problems of bitter reality in this world.

In this New Year, as we receive the Dharma and recite the Nembutsu, let us make every effort to acknowledge and cope with the reality we face.

January 1, 2019

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



January, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		New Year's Day Service, 2pm				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Women's Association AGM @ EK Grill, 11am	Taiko Practice, 7pm			Taiko Practice, 7pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Dharma School, 10am Dharma Shotsuki, 1pm, KBT AGM 2pm, Supper to follow.	Taiko Practice, 7pm			Executive meeting 7pm Taiko Practice, 7pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Taiko Practice, 7pm			Taiko Practice, 7pm		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Dharma School, 10am Goshoki Hoonko & Installation of Officers, 2pm Fujinkai Shinbokuikai (New year's party) to follow.	Taiko Practice, 7pm	Apple Pie Making		Taiko Practice, 7pm		

From The Executive

Akemashite omedetou gozaimasu! A Happy New Year to all! I hope you had time to get together with family and friends to enjoy each others company. Sometimes in our busy lives we forget to do this. It is also a time for relaxation and rejuvenation, reflecting on the past year and looking forward with optimism to 2019. Did you make any New Year's resolutions?

I would also like to again, thank everyone who helped in all our major fundraisers. They all seem to happen in October and November. We had mein making, Farmer's market, apple pies, chow mein, udon and mochi. A special thank you to the friends of the Temple who also gave of their time. Without all of you these fundraisers would not be as successful as they were. I would encourage other members to volunteer in our upcoming fundraising activities in the New Year. As they say, "many hands make light work"!

On Tuesday, November 20 we had our first Kizunakai Day. Seniors 65+ years were invited to come and socialize with others and enjoy a delicious lunch. Activities such as Wii bowling and solo cup games were enjoyed by all. Herb Tanaka gave an interesting and informative slide presentation on their family's recent trip to Japan. A big thank you to all who helped put on this event spearheaded by Maureen Hatanaka. We hope to continue with more of these days in the New Year.

Elections to the Temple Board have now been completed. If you were elected to one of the board positions, please seriously consider serving. New members would give a different perspective and enthusiasm to the board.

We are always looking for new fundraising activities (less labor intensive!!!) and also different social functions. If you have any ideas please pass them on to any Temple Board member.



Happy Holidays!
In Gassho,
Jack Yamaoka

From The Women's Association

Although fund raising activities are finished for the year and we can take a break from Temple activities, many of us are busy with preparations for the holiday season.

The Women's Association Manju Sale was a success. Most of the manju made has been sold. The proceeds from the sale will go towards a Dana Day donation to a local charity. Thank you to those who came out to help.

On November 24th Shirley showed a group of ladies how to make konnyaku the modern way. If you like eating konnyaku, making your own is very easy. I am sure I will try making it.

On November 21st an extra Women's Association meeting was held to provide feedback on the JSBTCWF (national women's association) draft Terms of Reference (ToR). The Terms of Reference will describe how the Women's Federation will operate since it is no longer a separate organization. Although there were only 3 of us that attended, we came up with some good feedback which will be forwarded to the ToR sub-committee.

The Women's Association will be holding their AGM on January 6th, 2019 at EK Grill (100 - 401 Glenmore Road) at 11:00am. This is open to all Women Association members. Lunch will be complimentary. This is a good opportunity to hear what we have accomplished in 2018. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

In Gassho,
Maureen Hatanaka



Hoonko (Shinran Shonin's Memorial)

Hoonko is a time to commemorate the death of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, on January 16, 1262. Literally, the Japanese characters "Ho-On" means "return of gratitude" and "Ko" means "to clarify the meaning of." Hoonko is the most important for the Jodo Shin Buddhists because it is a day to pay our respects to Shinran Shonin. On this occasion, we assemble together to pay our homage to his memory and to Amida Buddha for having awakened us to the existence of life's supreme debt of gratitude. Shinran Shonin lived in the Kamakura Era, Japan. In a time of disunity and violence, Shinran Shonin sought a way for all beings to attain perfect peace equally. Shinran Shonin interpreted Buddhism on the level of common people. During that period in Japan, to become a Buddhist meant having to leave one's home and family to enter a life of strict practices and intellectual study of Buddhism. Shinran Shonin however, lived the life of an ordinary person, the same as that of the farmers and fishermen. Shinran Shonin had a wife and children. He ate meat and fish. Shinran Shonin lived a Nembutsu life with his family and opened up the path to Buddhism to the common people. If Shinran Shonin had not clarified the teachings of the Primal Vow, our Temple and Sangha would not be in existence today. For this, we praise the virtues of our founder, express our sincere appreciation for having encountered his teachings and reconfirm our true entrusting minds to listen and live his teachings each day.



REMINDER - 2019 Temple fees are due January 1, 2019.

The sustaining fee will remain at \$170.00 per member. Membership dues remain at \$5.00 per member. (\$175.00 total) Please submit your payment to your district representative. Thank-you

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

<u>Fujinkai</u>		Suzuki, M/M Toshiya	\$30.
Mori, Minoru	In memory of Midori Mori	Yamada, Ken & Shoko	\$20.
<u>Thanksgiving</u>		Uemoto, Kaichi & Linda	\$25.
Tanaka, Herb & Cheryl		Koga, Carol	\$30.
Yamaoka, Jack & Darlene		Sugie, Sam & Irene	\$20.
Suzuki, Rick & Tanaka, Peggy		Tahara, Morio & Jane	\$20.
Martin, Michael		Kouchiyama, Jason & Keiko	\$20.
Tanemura, Shirley		Anonymous	\$10.
Terada, George		<u>General</u>	
<u>Dharma Shotsuki</u>		Ogi, Teruo & Mutsuko	Mochi Gome Orei \$100.
Ewuk, Meiko	In memory of Yukio Tanemura	Terada, Nagatoshi	\$50.
Tanemura, Shirley	In memory of Yukio Tanemura	Anonymous	\$400.
Koga, Carol	In memory of Yosh Terada	Suzuki, M/M Toshiya	Mochi Appreciation \$30.
Koga, Carol	In memory of Toshiko Terada	<u>Newsletter</u>	
Koga, Carol	In memory of Mary Koga	Suzuki, M/M Toshiya	\$30.
Kawaguchi, Nancy	In memory of Master Masami Ueda	Ueda, Yoshiko	\$30.
Ueda, Yoshiko	In memory of Master Masami Ueda	Yamaoka, Alan & Barb	\$30.
Ueda, Yoshiko	In memory of Jutaro Ueda	<u>Sustaining Fee</u>	
Richardson, Janice		Charpentier, Junko	\$170.
Suzuki, Rick & Tanaka, Peggy	In memory of Yukio Tanemura	Suzuki, M/M Toshiya	\$170.
Nishi, Tammy	In memory of Yukio Tanemura	Ueda, Yoshiko	\$170.
Tahara, Morio & Jane	In memory of Sumio Tahara	Yamaoka, Alan & Barb	\$390.
Tahara, Morio & Jane	In memory of Rihachi Tomiye	Yamaoka, Lisa	\$170.
<u>Bodhi Day</u>		Yamaoka, Carrie	\$170.
Tanaka, Herb & Cheryl		<u>Building Fund</u>	
Suzuki, Rick & Tanaka, Peggy		Dux, Larry & Sue	\$200.
Yamaoka, Jack & Darlene			
Tanemura, Shirley			
Martin, Michael			
Tomiye, Reg			
<u>Kizuna Kai</u>			
Tanemura, Shirley			
Tomiye, Reg			
Hayashi, Shizue			
Terai, Isao			
Hunter, M/M Jay			

As we bid farewell to 2018, I'd like to offer my thanks to:
Miyakawa Sensei for his tireless efforts, sharing his vast knowledge of the Buddha Dharma within our community. **Linda Uemoto** and **Shirley Tanemura** for proof reading the newsletter each month to ensure accuracy. Shirley also picks up the newsletters from the print shop and mails them out each month. **Chad Kohalyk** for maintaining our web site. **Maureen Hatanaka** for stepping in and publishing the newsletter during my absences. My fellow directors, for all of their hard work to keep our Temple viable and to everyone who came out and supported us in every way. It is my hope that all of the recipients of this publication have found it to be informative and a little bit entertaining and educational. Thank-you for your feedback!
 I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best that 2019 has to offer! HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 NAMU AMIDA BUTSU



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