



COMMENTS

We want to hear from you. Please let us know if you have comments or questions about the Calgary Buddhist Temple. Contact us at calgarybuddhisttemple@gmail.com or drop off comments at the Temple

Each year we ask that you consider becoming a friend, a member, of the Calgary Buddhist Temple and join us in the preservation of its success. The success of the Temple is reflected in the ability to manage monetary commitments but more importantly in the ability for us to unite as a Sangha in the shared interest of spreading the dharma.

We are truly grateful for your continued friendship as a member of the Calgary Buddhist Temple and may we all continue to be guided by the light of the Dharma. If you require any further information, one of the board of directors or sensei's of the Temple would be happy to answer your questions.

Namo-amida-butsu,
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2018 MEMBERSHIP



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We would like to use this opportunity to refresh and update our Sangha list. Please take a few moments to complete the attached contact information and return it to the temple. Please make cheques out to *The Calgary Buddhist Temple*. Cheques or cash can also be dropped off at the temple during services - Mailing address: 207-6th St N.E. Calgary, Alberta T2E 3Y1. Telephone: (403) 263-5723.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

The Calgary Buddhist Temple has seen attendance at weekly services rise steadily this year with strong turn outs at both our Sunday morning and Thursday night services. With the Temple Refuge Circle on Tuesday evenings, mediation classes on Wednesdays and our Buddhism 101 Series, we have greatly expanded the offerings of our temple within the community. Additionally, we were able to bring in numerous guest speakers including Sensei Brian Nagata from California, Sensei Fred Ulrich from Winnipeg and Dr Jeff Wilson from the University of Waterloo.

We have had several fun volunteer sessions making mein noodles and gyoza, a third annual chow mein fundraising dinner and a successful day at the Calgary Japanese Festival where we sold gently used Japanese items (such as dishware and kimonos) as well as an assortment of ojusus and "Have a Buddhaful Day" T-shirts. Other activities included our annual garage sale, a Grey Cup party at the temple and well as a movie night and a group hike in Kananaskis.

A successful temple requires effort from many people, and events take a lot of time to plan and organize. Thank you to the organizing committees and the small army of volunteers (the tobans) for all their hard work and dedication: organizing events, teaching Dharma School, cooking, and cleaning the temple.

We continued to raise funds to pay for the costs of renovation as well as operating costs. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have raised approximately

\$1.85 million of our \$2 million goal. Regular fundraising and our capital campaign will continue in 2018. As well, the building is being rented by several groups on an ongoing basis, which helps cover operating costs.

Please be sure to check our website and newsletter for upcoming events, classes and volunteer opportunities. Thank you once again for your continued support of our temple.

Please subscribe

Please note that of the \$100 Membership fee, \$80 goes towards supporting our national organization, the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada. The JSBTC provides funding for the Bishop (Socho), the Ministerial Association Group Benefit Plan, and support for ministerial assistants' training. That only leaves \$20 to cover the cost of operating the Calgary Temple.

Monthly contributions

Monthly contributions provide stability by allowing the Board to prepare more accurate budgets and forecasts for the future.

Donate online

Donations can conveniently be made via our online donation system. It allows for a single donation or an option for ongoing monthly contributions by credit card. To make an online donation, check our website at www.calgary-buddhist.ab.ca and click on the Make a Donation button.



THE BUDDHIST SANGHA

Throughout the history of Buddhism one of the important values associated with all Buddhists is the community, the sangha. The Calgary Buddhist Temple recognizes and is deeply grateful for the friendship and support that our Temple community provides each year. This friendship associated with our members is the heart and work which allows the Calgary Buddhist Temple to continue living and teaching a life of dharma.

Your support enabled the Temple to accomplish so much in the year. We were able to invite senseis from the United States and Canada to visit our Temple as guest speakers, and through their wisdom and dharma messages we gained a sense of our extended Buddhist community.

We were able to enhance our audio and visual experience in the Hondo by adding a flat screen TV, thus benefiting our ability to deliver and receive dharma messages during services and ceremonies.

We were able to achieve the goal of completing the Columbarium, Nokutsudo, which will allow for the family of the deceased to visit the Temple for the conduct of a memorial observance.

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- Full Membership (\$100 per member)
- Student (Under 18) Membership -No Charge
- Honorary Senior (65 & over) Membership - Complimentary

Check to receive the CBT newsletter if you do not already receive it

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