



## 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](mailto:calgarybuddhisttemple@gmail.com) or drop off comments at the Temple

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# 2020 MEMBERSHIP

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.

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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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\_\_\_ Please contact me regarding volunteering

We also want to hear from you! How are we doing? The comment box on the back of this form is for your feedback! You can also email comments to [calgarybuddhisttemple@gmail.com](mailto:calgarybuddhisttemple@gmail.com)

## A Year in Review

In April, Sensei James Martin retired as resident minister of the Calgary Buddhist Temple where he has served since 2008. Sensei James has been instrumental in running the temple over the past decade and has worked tirelessly to spread the dharma within Calgary, Southern Alberta and across Canada. We will miss his weekly presence at the temple, his insightful and humorous dharma talks and his guidance on the board of directors. Best wishes to Sensei James and his family in his retirement.

Sensei Robert Gubenco has taken over as the full time minister. In November 2018, he successfully completed his Kyoshi training to become a fully ordained Jodo Shinshu minister. Sensei Robert previously served as an assistant minister at the Calgary Buddhist Temple since 2014.

Ongoing fund-raising events including a fifth annual chow mein dinner and manning a table at the Calgary Japanese Festival where we sold gently used Japanese

items, such as dishware and kimonos, as well as an assortment of ojuzus and T-shirts. Other activities included our annual garage sale, a Grey Cup party at the temple, cooking demonstrations, movie nights and hosting the interm meeting of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple of Canada board of directors.

Last year, we successfully resolved our litigation with Stahle Construction, our contractor on the temple renovations. Thank you to Laura & Tom Sugimoto, Sugimoto & Company and the Building Committee for all their expertise and hard work in this matter. Due to cost certainty that came out of this settlement, we were able to pay down the majority of our loans and are nearly debt free.

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 the 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](http://www.calgary-buddhist.ab.ca) and click on the Make a Donation button.