



# A New Image for the Calgary Buddhist Temple



**CALGARY BUDDHIST TEMPLE**  
[www.calgary-buddhist.ab.ca](http://www.calgary-buddhist.ab.ca)

- Ensure Our Future
- Create a Place for Community
- Build on Tradition



## An Urgent Need for a New Temple

The building which houses the Temple was originally built in 1912 as a Ukrainian Catholic Church. The Shin Buddhist community bought the church in 1981 after it had been owned by a variety of Catholic congregations. In addition to the deterioration of the building over its 100-year history, the church had also been badly damaged by fire in 1942 and repaired.

As the building aged, concerns about its safety and the costs of repairs became an ongoing focus of discussion for the Temple's Board and ministers. In 2002, the Board identified an urgent need for a new building, and began the fundraising process.

## A Campaign to Build the Temple's Future

As a small Temple with limited resources, the Board has worked diligently over the past 12 years to reserve a small portion of annual funds for Temple renovations. Through fiscal responsibility and a dedication to future sustainability, the Board expects to fund **almost 50% of the \$1.95 million** required for renovations and related costs. These funds have been achieved through individual donations, fundraising events and provincial government grants.

**Our fundraising goal is to raise \$1 million** - the remainder of the required funds - in order to complete renovations by early 2015.

## Ways to Give

Please see the Ways to Give section about different ways to give and donor recognition.

## Campaign Contacts

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Rennovated Exterior



Rennovated Interior

## Ways to Give

There are many ways to contribute financially to our new Temple, including:

- One-time donation (cheque or online)
- Monthly donation
- Pledge (payment installments for a period of 1-3 years)
- Donations in honour of celebrations (e.g. wedding; birthday; graduation)
- Memorial gifts
- Donations of securities (stocks, bonds and mutual funds)

## Recognition of Donors

A donor wall with a plaque for the donor's name will honour all donations of \$1,000 or more. Donors who contribute donations of \$1 - \$999 will be recognized in a special commemorative brochure that will be prepared for the official opening of the new Temple.

## Donor Wall

<b>Bronze</b>	\$1,000 - \$4,999
<b>Silver</b>	\$5,000 - \$9,999
<b>Gold</b>	\$10,000 - \$19,999
<b>Platinum</b>	\$20,000 - \$49,999
<b>Diamond</b>	\$50,000 - \$99,999
<b>Lotus</b>	\$100,000 or more

We are deeply grateful to all donors who participate in our fundraising campaign.

## Online Donations

One-time and monthly donations can be made online through the Temple website: [www.calgary-buddhist.ab.ca](http://www.calgary-buddhist.ab.ca) (link to Support Us and Donate Online).

## Donations By Cheque

Please complete the donation form on the following page for all donations by cheque. The form and your donation can also be given to Sensei Martin or a Board member after Temple services.

## Donations of Stocks

If you are interested in donating stocks, bonds or mutual funds to the campaign, please speak to a Board member.

## Do You Know About the First-Time Donor's Super Credit (FDSC)?

First-time donors are given an additional tax credit of 25% on donations made after March 20, 2013 (a first-time donor is any individual who has not claimed a charitable donations tax credit after 2007). The FDSC applies to any gift of money up to a maximum of \$1,000, and can only be claimed once from 2014 - 2017.



## About the Calgary Buddhist Temple

Members of the Calgary Buddhist Temple are followers of the Jodo Shinshu "Shin" sect of Pure Land Buddhism. Shin Buddhism is a Mahayana tradition of Buddhism whose core practice is gratitude.

Since its beginnings in 1951, the Calgary Buddhist Temple has grown from a small group of Buddhists who met in each other's' homes to an established Temple that offers weekly services, meditation, children's classes and community events.

Throughout its sixty-year history, the Temple has provided an opportunity for anyone - whether dedicated or just curious - to explore Buddhist teachings, learn to apply the teachings to the challenges of contemporary life in Canada, and practice daily living within a spiritual framework.

The Temple welcomes each individual with a goal of enhancing personal beliefs and philosophies through a focus on joy and gratitude.

Architectural Renderings of Temple,  
2013 Robert Pashuk Architecture Inc.  
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## Mission Statement

### Our Vision

To set in motion a way of living, learning and teaching a life of joy and gratitude through Jodo Shinshu Buddhism

### Our Mission

To develop knowledge, understanding and awareness of Shin Buddhism by:

- offering regular Temple services, Dharma school and study groups
- celebrating Buddhist ceremonies and established traditions
- sharing a dynamic resource centre for Buddhist study for all ages
- skillfully applying Buddhist teachings within the sangha and community at large.

### Our Values

- Compassion
- Gratitude
- Transformation
- Wisdom
- Community

## Priorities for Our New Temple

### Ensuring our Future

Our new Temple ensures our sustainability for current and future generations as a unique and dynamic Buddhist resource centre for people of all ages and beliefs.

### Creating a Place for Community

The design of the new Temple includes a multi-purpose meeting space for creating meaningful interaction and events with the greater community.

### Building on Tradition

Our new Temple honors the tremendous sacrifices and efforts of our original members by building on their tradition and making a major leap towards an enriched Temple.

### What We Offer

**Weekly Services** ... Weekly services are conducted in English and offer a contemporary approach to Buddhist teachings.

**Buddhist Celebrations** ... On days when special Buddhist days are celebrated, the Temple provides luncheons where new and old members and visitors can connect.

**Dharma School** ... The Dharma school translates Buddhist teachings into fun, learning activities for children and their parents.

**Meditation** ... A short meditation period is offered every Sunday morning to provide opportunities for inner peace and reflection.

**Seminars on Buddhism** ... Throughout the year, the Temple offers short seminars on Buddhist teachings, ranging from introductory courses to in-depth explorations.

**Community Events** ... The Temple provides or participates in a variety of events to reach out to the community, including the Bridgeland Japanese Festival and Buddhist Film Festival.