



THE SANGHA STREAM

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Impermanence, Shakyamuni Buddha's teaching that all things are subject to change. We often reflect on impermanence in relation to our health, our relationships, our joys and sorrows. Yet impermanence also appears in very ordinary ways such as the buildings we occupy and take for granted.

Recently, our temple has been affected by water damage in the basement that led to the growth of mold, as well as discovering a ceiling panel in the Hondo/Main Hall becoming loose. These are serious safety concerns, and out of care for the well-being of the Sangha, the Temple Board Members made the difficult decision that the temple must remain closed until these issues are fully resolved. The Buddha taught that nothing remains permanent, not buildings, not governments, not even sacred spaces. The Calgary Buddhist Temple was established through many causes and conditions. Over the years the temple has been sustained through much effort, care, and harmony.

Yet the temple is not immune to wear, aging, and change. The Buddha did not teach impermanence as a method to discourage us. Instead, his message is to bring to our awareness that the understanding of impermanence reduces our clinging and opens our hearts and minds to gratitude. By understanding that things do not last forever, they become more meaningful. Because we value the space that the temple provides, we take the necessary steps to protect the safety of all who gather here. Temporarily closing the temple can be seen as a responsible expression of compassion. Although we are not currently able to gather at the temple, the Buddha-Dharma, the Nembutsu continues to be a guiding light wherever we are.

May this pause to gather at the temple remind us that impermanence is not something to fear, but something that teaches us how to live with gratitude for each moment we are given.

Namo Amida Butsu

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2026 CALGARY BUDDHIST TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE, SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN OUR SANGHA

The 2026 Calgary Buddhist Temple membership form is now available (see last page of the newsletter). Please consider taking out a membership to help support the temple. Membership is required for voting privileges at the Calgary Buddhist Temple.

Please note that of the \$150 Membership fee, \$100 goes to our national organization, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC). The JSBTC consists of volunteer board members from temples across Canada; it provides funding for the Bishop (Socho) of Canada, funding and management of health and wellness benefits for ministers, leadership through the Living Dharma Centre, and financial and investment oversight.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM CBT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

2026 is the year of the HORSE.

The Calgary Buddhist Temple as a non-profit organization, relies on volunteers to achieve our goals and missions. Volunteers enhance and extend services, and assist to accomplish mutual objectives. Appreciation and gratitude are conveyed to all the volunteers who support the Calgary Buddhist Temple.

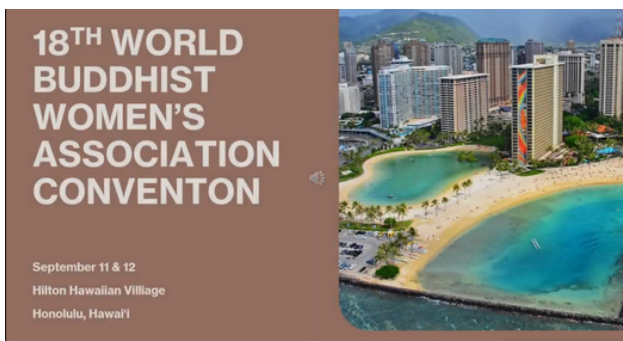
Thank you all fundraising volunteers for chow mein supper, gyoza and mein noodle making in 2025.

The October bake sale fundraiser was successful; bakers and cooks contributed beautifully presented delicious goodies. Many varieties of cakes, cookies, cupcakes, loaves, mochi cakes, muffins, pies, snack treats, squares, tarts, yeast sweet buns comprised the numerous donations. As usual, the mein noodles were a very popular choice. Regrets for not acknowledging everyone We did not receive contact information for donations of mochi cakes, cranberry pistachio bark and peanut butter macadamia chocolate chip cookies; Thank you to those individuals.

We are accepting Everything Japanese items throughout the year. You can email Mickey at mhkuta@outlook.com

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2026
THANK YOU, MERCI, DOMO ARIGATO
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WOMEN'S FEDERATION CONVENTION



[VIEW THE VIDEO HERE](#)

The Women's Federation is preparing for the upcoming convention to be held in Hawaii, September 10-12, 2027.

Check out the attached info. To see the daily activities, hotel / convention costs, entertainment.

In Gassho
Laurie Takeda
Womens Federation Leadership Committee



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

2026 SPECIAL ONLINE DHARMA SESSION

- “Jodo Shinshu - Buddhism for our Modern Times”
- Guest Lecturer: Rev. Patricia Kanaya
- Date: February 21st, 2026, 1:00 pm (PST)
- To register please e-mail: Jsbtcwf@gmail.com



JSBTC Women's Federation 2026 Special Online Dharma Session

***“Jodo Shinshu - Buddhism for our Modern Times”
Guest Lecturer: Rev. Patricia Kanaya
Date: February 21st, 2026, 1:00 pm (PST)***



The JSBTC Women's Federation is honored to sponsor a special online Dharma Session with Rev. Patricia Kanaya on Saturday, February 21st, 2026, at 1:00 pm (PST).

In a turbulent and rapidly changing world that we live in, Rev. Kanaya will be giving a Dharma Talk on why, more than ever, is Jodo Shinshu the Buddhism for our modern times.

Born and raised in Toronto, Pat Sensei has led a fascinating life working first for the Government of Canada as a Public Servant and eventually finding her way to Japan where she was teaching English. It is there that she encountered the teachings of Shinran Shonin and started her studies to become a Kaikyoshi minister. Upon completion of her studies, Pat Sensei served as a Kaikyoshi minister in the Buddhist Churches of America, where she served for 16 years as the resident minister at the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. From 2018 – 2020, she also served as the Chair of the BCA Ministers' Association. In 2015, Rev. Kanaya was the keynote speaker for the World Buddhist Women's Convention which was hosted in Calgary by our own JSBTC Women's Federation. In 2023, Rev. Kanaya retired from the BCA and moved back to Canada and is currently residing in Ottawa, Ontario.

Please join us for what will surely be an insightful afternoon of the Buddha Dharma. Registration for the zoom link can be done through your local WF representative or through your temple office.



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SANGHA ENGAGEMENT

The Temple's Sangha (community) Engagement would like to start off the new year by having mochi together, so we'll set a date as soon as the temple re-opens – let's call it "Thank You Very Mochi". Stay-tuned!

Also in the works for the first part of 2026 is an origami session, drumming circle, Mother's Day Ikebana, and making a Japanese windchime. Dates and times are pending.



If there's a topic or activity, you'd be willing to present or share with the Sangha, let us know! New ideas and a wide variety of options will promote synergies and positive learning. Email calgarytemplesangha@gmail.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CALGARY DROP-IN CENTRE

Volunteers are vital not only within the temple but in the community as well. Let's continue to think of others by providing lunch service at the Calgary Drop-In Centre.

Volunteers must be 18+ to participate. We leave after service from the Temple around 11:15am and walk over to the Drop-In

Centre together or you can meet us there at 11:30am. We ask people to register to ensure we have the requested number of volunteers.

- Sunday, Feb 1 – to register: <https://bit.ly/Drop-In-01Feb26>
- Sunday, May 3 – to register: <https://bit.ly/Drop-In-03May26>

Donation Centre (new)

On Sunday, March 1 from 1:00pm-4:00pm, volunteer with us at the Calgary Drop-In Centre Donation Centre. This family-friendly volunteer opportunity is for those 12 years of age or older. Volunteers may sort and manage donated goods like clothes, furniture, and electronics, test items, stock shelves, build kits (kitchen, hygiene), wrap gifts, help community members select items with dignity, and assist where needed. Varied tasks crucial for getting essential household goods to low-income individuals.

Please sign up and meet us at the Donation Centre (3640 11a Street NE Calgary) on March 1 – to register: <https://bit.ly/Drop-In-01Mar26>



DECEMBER DONATIONS

Canada Helps

Anonymous
Chen, N
Dodds A,
Ghann, J.
Giggs, M.
Haddon, S.

Howard, L.
McCullagh, B.
Miyanishi, K.
Oishi, J.
Oishi, J.
Post, D.
Robson, T.

Shikaze, S & H
In memory of Ben & Florence
Shikaze
Stewart, M.
Sugimoto, L.
Sugimoto, S.
Wright, C.

Temple Donations

Auld, B.
Delisle, Y.
Davaney, C. & Morgan, M.
Douglas, A.
Fukumoto, K.
Goudie, J.

Hironaka D.
In memory of Russ & Sally Hironaka
Kitagawa, S.
Masuda, M.
McCormack, D.
Miller, D & Gomyo, Y.
Nakano, T.
Odagaki. S.

Ota, F.
Nelson, P.
Porteous, A.
Saruwatari, R.
Tsukishima, L.
Wrolson, B



2026 CBT Membership

Please take a few moments to complete the attached form and return it to the temple. Cheques can be made out to The Calgary Buddhist Temple. Mailing address: 207-6th St N.E. Calgary, Alberta T2E 3Y1. Tel: (403) 263-5723. Alternately, membership fee payments can be made online through [Canada Helps](https://canadahelps.org/en/dn/39361) (canadahelps.org/en/dn/39361) or via e-transfer (calgarybuddhisttemple@gmail.com). Just make sure to write "membership" in the message field. PDFs of completed forms can then be emailed to calgarybuddhisttemple@gmail.com.

Name:

Name:

Address: Line 1

Address: Line 2

City, Province,

Postal Code:

Telephone:

E-mail:

- ☐ Full Membership (\$150 per member)
- ☐ Student (Under 18) Membership –No Charge

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

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