



THE SANGHA STREAM

January 2023

2023 GOMONSHU SAMA MESSAGE

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。

まず、2022年2月に始まったロシア連邦のウクライナ侵攻に対して、私たち念仏者は親鸞聖人がお示しくださった「世のなか安穏なれ」のお言葉を改めて深く心に刻み、武力による他国の主権の侵害を強く非難するとともに、一刻も早くウクライナに平和が訪れることを願ってやみません。

さて、昨年も、世界では新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行が続きました。新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられたすべての方々に、謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆様、後遺症を患われている皆様に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、医師や看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行は、科学技術が発達し、医療も進歩した世の中にあっても、私たちの予想できない事柄が現実にかかるということを知らしめました。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、この世を諸行無常であると示されました。約2500年たってもそのことに変わりはありません。そして、この真理をそのままに受け入れることができず、悩み苦しむ私たちの姿も変わることはありません。

それ故にこそ、新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行以前も以後も変わることなく、親鸞聖人が説かれた浄土真宗のみ教えが、日々悩み苦しむ私たちの生きる支えとなります。阿弥陀如来を中心とするお寺の集まりは、み教えを聞く場であると同時に、同じみ教えを依りどころとする私たちがお互いに支え合い助け合って、安心して集うことのできる場でもあります。

皆さまには、今後も様々な工夫を凝らして、広くみ教えを伝えられることで、お寺に多くの方が集まり、その誰もが心穏やかに過ごせる場所となりますことを願っております。そして、引き続きお寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げ、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2023年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光淳



New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, as Nembutsu followers who have deeply inscribed in our hearts and minds Shinran Shonin's message of "May there be peace in the world," we firmly stand against the military infringement of the other nation's sovereignty, and also aspire for immediate return of peace in Ukraine.

Over the last year, COVID-19 continues to be a global pandemic. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and other frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.



The pandemic has forced us to learn firsthand that we will continue to be confronted by unexpected situations even in modern times despite technologies both in science and medical fields being highly developed.

Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear that there is no life nor entity in this world that lasts forever. This truth, the principle of impermanence, has never changed even in this time and age approximately 2500 years since his time. Another fact that does not change is our inability to accept this truth as it is, and because of this, we continue struggling.

This is the very reason why, regardless of the pandemic, we can rely on the Jodo Shinshu teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, which guides us as a spiritual foundation that enables us to move forward even when being overwhelmed with difficulties. A gathering at the temple with Amida Buddha as its center provides a great opportunity to receive the Dharma as well as an occasion in which people can support and reassure one another as fellow practitioners who follow the same teaching.

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather and find comfort in its activities. I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



2023 NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

On behalf of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC), I wish to thank all of you for your support and understanding throughout the past year.

Looking back on 2022, we can reflect on the many changes that have affected our lives in subtle ways, some for the better and others for the worse. We give gifts to loved ones not truly knowing what it is they wish to receive. By the same token we receive whether it is that which we desire or not. It is not in our control. What is most important as a Shinshu follower is to know that the giving and receiving is done with a heartfelt sense of appreciation and gratitude.

During the first few weeks of the New Year, we greet everyone with a "Happy New Year!" It's a wonderful expression that has such a feeling of "freshness." As we begin a fresh start of the new year, I would like to suggest a theme of "Healthy Sangha". Let us continue to nurture and sustain our sangha in health and wellness.

This past year we have welcomed two fresh and new ministers to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada. Rev. Naoki Hirano was assigned to Kelowna, Vernon, and Kamloops Buddhist temples in interior BC and has now completed his one-year Kaikyoshi (overseas minister) training and has been granted Kaikyoshi status by Nishi Hongwanji our mother temple in Kyoto as of July 1, 2022. Rev. Dr. Roland Ikuta was assigned to the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta in Lethbridge as of November 1, 2022 to begin his one-year Kaikyoshi training.

To all members and friends of the JSBTC, thank you for your kindness and support throughout the last year. We look forward to another wonderful year together. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Holiday Season!

In gassho,
Tatsuya Aoki
Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada





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旧年中は大変お世話になりました。カナダ開教区を代表して、謹んで御礼と新春のお慶び申し上げます。一年を振り返るこの時期、ウィルス拡散の規制解除によって家族や友達と過ごせる時間が増えました。ギフトを送る、頂くだけではなく、一緒に過ごせる限りある時間が大切で、ありがたいことだと気付くことが大事ですね。新年の教団からのテーマは「ヘルシー サンガ」を掲げたいと思います。身体健康だけではなく、だれもが安心して来れることができる仏教会としていきましょう。教団のニュースとしては、BCインテリア仏教会（ケローナ、バーノン、カムループス）に駐在している平野直樹先生が一年の開教使研修を経て、正式に西本願寺から開教使としての辞令が7月1日付で発布されました。また、南アルバータ仏教会には生田ローランド先生が11月1日付で一年の開教使研修が始まりました。

仏教会メンバーの皆様におかれましては、昨年に引き続き教団へのサポートと理解を宜しく願います。

合掌

カナダ開教区 総長

青木 龍也





MINISTER ARTICLE

Happy New Year, everyone! It seems that with every New Year we hope that this year will be better than the last. I sat for a few moments in silence and I could not recall having heard someone say; last year was great, I hope the New Year will be just as great. There is nothing wrong with hoping that the New Year will be better than the last. But if we are hoping that the world suddenly changes and everything goes our way then we will be disappointed. The world changes according to inconceivable causes and conditions which we cannot control. Therefore, the Buddha-Dharma awakens in each one of us the wisdom to accept reality as it is and to understand how our attachment to likes and dislikes plays a key role in our happiness.

It would seem with each New Year there is a desire not encounter difficulty in our lives. However, the Buddha-Dharma teaches us that life is unavoidably connected to difficulty. With this understanding our hope for a better New Year compared to the last has a spiritual shift. Happy New Year's changes from I hope all goes well for you in the New Year to may the light of the Dharma continue to be your guide on the path to happiness.

Thank you for being a friend in the Dharma and may we have patience, courage, understanding and determination to meet and overcome inevitable difficulties, problems and failures in life.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Robert Gubenco Sensei



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TEMPLE SERVICE REMINDER

January 2023

- Sunday, January 01, 2023 - New Year's Day and Shotsuki/Monthly Memorial Service at 2pm
- Tuesday, January 10th and 24th – Meditation and Naikan Reflection from 7 to 8 pm
- Sunday, January 15, 2023 – Ho' Onko/Memorial Service at 10 am (Observing Shinran Shonin's passing)
- Sunday morning's the Temple offers 30-minute seated meditation from 9 to 9:30 am

February 2023

- Sunday, February 05, 2023 - Shotsuki/Monthly Memorial Service at 10 am
- Tuesday, February 14th and 28th - Meditation and Naikan Reflection from 7 to 8 pm
- Thursday, February 9th, 16th, 23rd and March 2nd, 9th – Buddhism 101 from 7 to 8 pm
- Sunday, February 12, 2023 – Nirvana Day Service at 10 am (Observing Shakyamuni Buddha's passing)

JANUARY 2023 MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) SERVICE LIST

Clay Broen-Giggs
Thich Nhat Hahn
Marshall Hironaka
Barbara Kerry

Heizo Kitagawa
Shinran Shonin
Tomeo Takahashi
Selene Tse
Asaye Yamamoto

2023 YEAR OF RABBIT

2023 Is The Year of Rabbit!

Years of the Rabbit include 2023, 2011, 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963, 1951, 1939, 1927, 1915...

The 12 zodiac animals are, in order: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.

Each year has an animal sign according to the 12-year-cycle.





UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

FUROSHIKI WORKSHOP – A MORE SUSTAINABLE (AND BEAUTIFUL) WAY TO WRAP

Sunday, January 29th, 2023 at 1pm

Furoshiki is where art meets sustainability – using decorative fabrics to wrap gifts, packages, and for other purposes, the furoshiki offers an earth-friendly alternative. It has been used for hundreds of years for a great many uses. The Word “Furo” translates to “bath”, and “shiki” means “to spread out”. Originally, they were used to wrap up sacred and important items at temples or shrines, then later were adopted for carrying personal items to and from the public bathhouse. More recently, Furoshiki became very popular as a simple handbag, grocery bag, and especially, as a reusable gift wrapping!

The Calgary Buddhist Temple Sangha Engagement is pleased to organize this in-person workshop on Sunday, Jan 29/23 which will be held at the Temple and will be taught by a local business, Nanao Kimono (www.nanaokimono.com). Nanao Kimono is a Japanese lifestyle shop in Kensington full of an assortment of treasures brought from Japan, including towels, tableware, tea and soaps. Cost of the workshop is \$30 per person which includes a furoshiki along with green tea and light refreshment.

Maximum registration is 10 people but if this workshop is full, another class may be offered.

To register and pay in advance to attend this workshop, please go to: <https://bit.ly/Furoshiki-29Jan23>



COOK WITH THE SANGHA

Sunday, February 26th, 2023 at noon

A fun, relaxed way to learn something new. This will be an in-person cooking demo of several tasty recipes so come on out and join the Sangha as we learn together and enjoy each other's company at the same time.

Open to EVERYONE at a cost of \$5/person payable in cash on the day of. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the sangha! Space is limited so please register early: <https://bit.ly/Cooking-26Feb23>



THEATRE CALGARY PLAY – FORGIVENESS

Sunday, March 11th, 2023 at 2pm



Theater Calgary is offering a discount on the play *Forgiveness* on March 11/23 @ 2pm for those aged 55+. Use the Promo Code 437474 for 20% off the performance only.

The location is Art Commons, Max Bell Theatre – 220 – 9th Ave SE Calgary, AB. To find tickets or for more information on the play, please go to:
<https://www.theatrecalgary.com/shows/2022-2023-forgiveness>

Forgiveness is the acclaimed 2018 Canada Reads–winning novel by Mark Sakamoto. It’s a memoir of Sakamoto’s grandparents and their harrowing experiences during the Second World War. Mark’s maternal grandfather was a Canadian soldier who spent years as a prisoner of war in a Japanese camp. His paternal grandmother was one of the thousands of Japanese–Canadians interned by the Canadian government during the war. In the face of tremendous adversity and transgressions, they chose not to live a life of anger but instead to embrace and teach forgiveness. Be prepared to be moved by this Governor General’s Literary Award-winner Hiro Kanagawa’s heartfelt adaptation.

Even without the discount, this is a play that everyone will enjoy.

JSBTC WOMEN’S FEDERATION DANA DAY

Sunday, March 30, 2023

Now that we’re back to in-person services at the Temple, Sunday, March 30 is the day when all donations made on this particular day will go to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Women’s Federation Dana Day. These donations are consolidated with Temples across Canada and are directed specifically to national organization(s) promoting social welfare.

For those unfamiliar, “Dana” is giving without thought of receiving something in return. The JSBTC Women’s Federation sincerely thank everyone who think of the challenges of others before themselves.



AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Women's Federation has a fantastic fundraising project of these beautiful cards which are available for purchase at the Temple.

The cards are 6 in a package for \$10 and are versatile as well as a perfect gift giving idea!

JSBTC Women's Federation Fund Raising Project



Cherry Blossoms
Artwork by Laurie Takeda
Calgary Buddhist Temple



Castle Two Trees
Artwork by Y Izumi
Buddhist Temples of
Southern Alberta



Calla Lilies
Photo by Ted Akune
Steveston Buddhist Temple

- A pack of 6 blank cards (4.25" x 5.5") are \$10 a pack
- Each pack has 2 cards of each of the above three designs
- Cards are perfect for any occasion
- Available for purchase at the Calgary Buddhist Temple
- Fundraising to help offset the travel costs of reps to attend the 2023 World Women's Conference in Kyoto

Thank you for your support!



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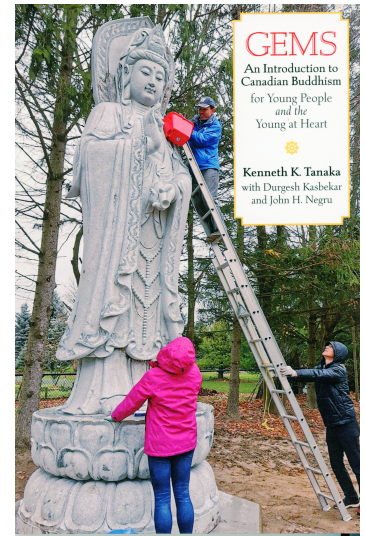
CALGARY BUDDHIST TEMPLE LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

GEMS -An Introduction to Canadian Buddhism

Copies of the book have been added to the CBT library.

On Sunday, November 20th the Steveston Buddhist Temple hosted the global book launch of Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka's most recent publication, "**Gems – An Introduction to Canadian Buddhism for Young People and the Young at Heart**".

Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka primarily authored the Canadian version of his book, "**Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts, and the Young at Heart**" which he published in 2020 for the people in the United States. Contributors were Mr. John Negru, publisher of the Sumeru Press, Canada's only independent Buddhist book publisher and Steveston Buddhist Temple Board member, Dr. Durgesh Kasbekar.



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