



THE SANGHA STREAM

July/August 2023

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I vividly remember one weekday in June when I went for a walk with my dog. The sky was overcast and the wind was gusting relentlessly which made the walk unpleasant. It was the kind of gust that forces a person to lean into the head wind in order to feel secure with their footing and not feel like you might get blown over if you stood tall. Our walks are usually most enjoyable and provide a time for me to hear the sounds of nature in the community while I watch with amusement how my dog enjoys being off leash and socializing with other dogs.

Depending on one's circumstance the wind can either be a help or a hindrance. For instance, a strong wind in your sails is helpful to move a boat forward. However, a strong wind is a hindrance for an outdoor wedding ceremony. With curiosity I searched the internet to find quotes about the wind, I came across this Chinese proverb: "When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills". The winds of change refer to impermanence. Due to causes and conditions everything is in a state of continuous change. Continuous change is difficult for us to accept. When things are going well, we would like it to remain unchanged. We would like to be able to hold onto the energy and strength of our youth. However, this is only wishful thinking and does not reflect the reality of life. I think this is why some people build walls and others build windmills when the winds of change blow. A wall might be able to shelter us from uncertainty for a limited time but the reality is that change is continuous and if we can accept this then the opportunity for spiritual growth will develop.

In a short book titled "Zen lessons the art of leadership" translated by Thomas Cleary we find a short letter titled "Two Winds".

"Those acting as leaders are often seen to be unclear in their knowledge when involved in two conditions. Touched by two winds, they lose the substance of the teaching.



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One of these conditions is unfavorable circumstances, in which most are touched by the wind of decline. The second condition is favorable circumstances, in which most are touched by the wind of gain.

Once you are touched by these two winds, the breaths of joy and anger mix in your heart, and looks of depression and moodiness show in your face.

Only the wise can turn circumstances into methods of teaching, beautifully guiding the later generations. For example, when Master Langya went to Suzhou, he happened to receive donations amounting to over twenty thousand dollars in cash. He sent people to count it secretly, had money sent anonymously to monks in the city monasteries, and the same day provided a feast for the community.

Master Langya himself, meanwhile, made his preparations and left before dawn the next day. At dawn, the community realized he was gone. Some followed him to Changzhou and got to see him, returning after obtaining the benefit of the teaching.

Seeing Master Langya made people develop faith and plant the seeds of the Way more deeply. This is what is called turning circumstances into a way of teaching. This is quite different from those who steel religious rank for their own personal profit.”

Our practice is to be aware of what we feel to be unfavorable and favorable circumstances and to not lose sight of the teachings that guide us towards understanding and kindness.

Namo-Amida-Butsu

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TEMPLE SERVICE REMINDERS

JULY SERVICES

- Sunday, July 02, 2023 - Shotsuki/Monthly Memorial Service at 10 am
- Tuesday, July 11th and 25th - Meditation and Naikan Reflection from 7 to 8 pm
- Sunday, July 16th – Sunday Family Service and Dharma Time at 10 am
- Saturday, July 22nd – Cemetery Services (Mountain View - 9:00 am, Strathmore - 10:30 am, Temple Columbarium - 2:00 pm)
- Sunday, July 23rd – Cemetery Services (Eden Brook – 11:00 am, Queens Park – 1:00 pm)
- Sunday, July 23rd – Temple Obon Service at 3:00 pm

AUGUST SERVICES

- Sunday, August 06, 2023 - Shotsuki/Monthly Memorial Service at 10 am
- Monday, August 07, 2023 to Saturday, September 02, 2023 Temple closed for summer break.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE

- Sunday, September 03, 2023 - Shotsuki/Monthly Memorial Service at 10 am

JULY 2023 MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) SERVICE LIST

Miyoko Nakayeda
Jack Nishiyama

AUGUST 2023 MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) SERVICE LIST

Michael Coulson
Fumi Fujiwara
Koichi Fujiwara

George Gubenco Sr.
Soma Kitagawa
Diane Laberge

Rokuji Rocky Oishi
Yasuko Sue Saruwatari
Robert Teshima



BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist
Temples Federation Convention

THE DHARMA OF PIE: MANY INGREDIENTS MAKE ONE

Guest Speaker

James Martin Sensei

SEPTEMBER 23TH & 24TH, 2023
VERNON JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER
4895 BELLA VISTA ROAD

Come for great Dharma talks on our Theme, Breakout sessions-
Mottainai dance, Ondokusan harmony, Tai-chi, lay speaker on The
Experience of becoming part of the ONE, fantastic Okanagan pies and
products, walks or drives along scenic trails or Vernon Vistas.

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FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Vernon, British Columbia



“The Dharma of Pie; Many Ingredients make ONE”

SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023

Hosted by: VERNON BUDDHIST TEMPLE, B.C., Canada

Venue: Vernon Japanese Cultural Center, 4895 Bella Vista Rd.

Guest Speaker: James Martin Sensei

CONVENTION: Come for great Dharma talks on our theme (English & Japanese).

Breakout sessions- Mottainai dance, Ondokusan harmony, Tai-chi, lay speaker on The Experience of becoming part of the ONE. Fantastic homemade Okanagan pies, Okanagan wine tasting. Visits to Davidsons Orchards, Planet Bee, Cambium Cidery, the Okanagan Rail Trail along beautiful Kalamalka Lake, or drives to scenic Vernon vistas.

REGISTRATION: Please register by one of the following methods by August 31, 2023

1. Email: humaric37@gmail.com (to send or obtain a fillable registration form)
2. Mail: complete the information below & mail to H. Cameron, 5600 Hartnell Rd. Vernon, BC, Canada V1B 3J5
Attention : Convention Registration.
3. Phone: 250-542-5633

PAYMENT: Cheques payable to: Vernon Buddhist Temple

Or Etransfer to vernonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com

Please include note with e-transfer indicating your name & stating “convention registration”.

Type of registration	Fee
Adult- convention including all meals and wine tasting	\$ 100
Lectures only	No charge. (coffee breaks/lunch by donation)
Saturday Dinner Banquet only	\$ 40.00

Accommodation: for **Hotel Reservations** please contact hotel directly:

Quality Inn & Suites, Vernon. 4204 32 Street, Vernon, BC. V1T 5P4.

Phone 250-542-4434. (Toll free 877-424-6423)

Mention “BC Buddhist Convention” for group rate of \$ 129.00 per night + tax (based on 2 adults per room).

Rates effective until Aug 15, 2023

Website: <https://www.choicehotels.com/british-columbia/vernon/quality-inn-hotels/cn661>

ENQUIRIES: phone - (250) 542-5633. Email – humaric37@gmail.com



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Please send this portion to: Vernon Buddhist Temple c/o H. Cameron, 5600 Hartnell Rd, Vernon, BC, Canada V1B 3J5 Attn: Convention Registration

Please fill in one registration form per family.

(please check type of registration)

Persons name(s):	Adult (check)	Child age	Banquet only	Any special dietary needs? Please specify
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Please enter your contact information (phone # & email):



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

TEMPLE GARAGE SALE

Saturday July 15, 9am - 2pm

Calgary Buddhist Temple, 658 - 1st Avenue NE



Temple Garage Sale is Back!

We are accepting the following donations:

- Unwanted new or gently used
 - household items
 - collectibles
 - Japanese items.

Due to limited space, we are unable to accept clothing, books, or large furniture.

You can drop off items at the Temple every Sunday after the service.

For more information or to make alternate arrangements contact Mickey (mhkuta@outlook.com) or Jean (j.masuda95@gmail.com).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Sep 10, Nov 5, and Dec 17

Sangha Engagement will be coordinating additional outreach activities in the community as we continue to support the interdependence of life. We'll be serving lunch at the Calgary Drop-In Centre on Sep 10, Nov 5, and Dec 17.

To sign-up to help on Sep 10, go to <https://bit.ly/community-10Sep23>.

Sign-up details for Nov & Dec will be posted in the fall.





FALL IKEBANA CLASSES

*September 17, October 22 , November 5 and 19 December 3
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm*

Classes will be at The Calgary Buddhist Temple.

The 5 classes are a series and the cost is \$225 total including flower material and instruction for Temple members or \$250 for non-members. No refunds for missed classes.

Students must supply their own containers (please ask Rika for a suitable size and shape), scissors and 2 kenzan (frogs).

Contact Rika if you need help selecting your items, but these are not supplied as part of the lesson.

Rika Saruwatari trained under Ms. Takako Yokoyama, and became a certified Shihan (teacher) in 2012.

Rika's contact info: rikaandshiro@gmail.com or call 403-701-0390



LET'S TALK NAIJIN AND A BUTSUDAN

Sunday, September 17th, 2023 at 1:00pm



Interested in learning more about the Calgary naijin?
Find out about a butsudan?

Meet us at the Temple on **Sunday, Sept 17 at 1:00pm** as the Calgary Buddhist Temple Sangha Engagement is pleased to have Sensei Robert present the history of the Calgary altar or naijin and walk us through the significance of the various components.

Sensei Robert will then familiarize us with the Butsudan or home shrine. Discover or deepen your understanding about a Butsudan's meaning, rituals, spiritual value, and upkeep.

This presentation is free and open to the public, so come and engage with the Sangha.

Register to attend: <https://bit.ly/Talk-17Sep23>



ALL THINGS JAPANESE

August 11 & 12

As part of the 2023 Calgary Japanese Festival Omatsuri taking place at Max Bell Centre on August 11 & 12, the Calgary Buddhist Temple will be having a “All Things Japanese” table where we’ll be selling Japanese knick knacks and items. In order to fill these tables, we are requesting donations from our membership of Japanese items. Many of these items come from families that are downsizing or have come into these items from their parents or relatives.

If you would like to find a new home for any Japanese items in your possession where they will be greatly loved, please consider donating those items to the Temple. If you have any questions, would like to make a donation, or arrange for items to be picked up or dropped off, please contact Dan McCormack at dan37mcc@gmail.com.

The Temple appreciates your support of this fundraiser!



SUMMER BREAK

- Summer Fundraising Events - watch for volunteer signup emails!



PAST WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

GYOZA MAKING - JUNE 17

Thanks to all Gyoza volunteers for a fantastic morning making Gyoza.

We had about 25 people helping, including fundraising committee members.

Jackie was our fearless leader, providing direction and assistance. She kept us all on track while keeping a watchful eye on quality control.

It was great to hear our industrious veggie and ingredient chopping, mingled with the conversations and general joviality of volunteers. This was our first gyoza making session since before the Covid shutdown.

The fruits of our hard labour? 156 dozen delicious, hand crafted gyoza to sell as a temple fundraiser, this will translate to about \$1500 in sales. Sales have been brisk in the first week. If you would like to purchase some, please contact myself (j.masuda95@gmail.com) or Dan (danmcc37@gmail.com) or see one of us after service.

Thanks also to Dan for supplying Timbits, and Tracee and Robert for bringing coffee.



Cheers to the Gyoza Volunteer Team!

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| • Tracee | • Frank | • Anna | • Misae | • Debbi | • Jay |
| • Robert | • Kim | • Harvey | • Jackie | • Cecilia | • Ryan |
| • Shirley | • Masaye | • Barrie | • Susan | • Esther | • Kodi |
| • Adele | • Tyler | • Connie | • Tyler | • Vero | • Nicole |



FUTOMAKI WORKSHOP

On Saturday, May 27, the Sangha enjoyed watching and learning how to make Futomaki which is a rolled sushi characterized by its large size and filled with a number of different ingredients. Huge thank you to Mary Nishi for preparing the ingredients in advance and showing the way she had been taught.

Each lucky participant took home a rolling mat plus one futomaki to enjoy! YUM!



MATINEE AT THE TEMPLE



A successful afternoon matinee was held on Saturday, May 27 with an impressive, enthusiastic turn-out. The Calgary Buddhist Temple was pleased to host **“Sleeping Tigers: The Asahi Baseball Story”** presented by Yusuke Hyogo of High Summitt Immigration.

The film tells the story of the Asahi baseball team which became a symbol of the Japanese Canadian struggle for equality and respect, and despite being disbanded and interned, left a legacy of inspiration for future generations of all Canadians. This remarkable story is told with a combination of archival footage, interviews, and dramatic re-enactments.

The second showing was the heartfelt **“Our Beloved Otera”** which is a tribute to the Raymond Buddhist Temple narrated by Reyko Nishiyama and Harry Sugimoto. It was the first Buddhist temple established in Alberta and functioned until 2006.

Thank you to the Calgary Nikkei Cultural Fund and the Calgary Japanese Community Association for the support of the delicious and greatly appreciated movie refreshments. Huge thank you to Yusuke and everyone who contributed to putting on such a positive event. Sharing of thoughts and experiences with those in attendance really made the movie matinee an excellent opportunity to provide an engaging, educational, and thought-provoking afternoon together.





KYOTO, JAPAN, MAY 2023



JSBTC members, family and friends from CBT(Calgary), Edmonton, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Kelowna joined over two thousand delegates; as one of five World districts (Japan, Hawaii, Buddhist Churches of America, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, and South America) in Kyoto, Japan.

The events of May 7-12, 2023 commemorated Shinran Shonin's 850th Birth Anniversary, the Jodo Shinshu 800th Foundation Anniversary Kysan Hoyo, and the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto, Japan.



Bishop Sensei Tatsuya Aoki from Vancouver, Sensei Yoshimichi Ouchi from Toronto and Sensei Naoki Hirano from Kelowna accompanied the JSBTC group. They also walked us to the Nishi Hongwanji Temple for the early morning 0600 services. As participants in Fellowship district entertainment, JSBTC group performed "Wonderful Canada" odori.



Susan Huntley from the Calgary Buddhist Temple represented Canada on a panel presentation with others from Japan, USA, Brazil, and Hawaii.

We toured:

- Otani Mausoleum where Shinran Shonin's ashes are interred
- Hongwanji Architectural treasures: Shoin Chambers and Hiunkaku pavilions
- Nara Deer park and Todaiji Temple- Todaiji Temple is the world's largest wooden structure and a UNESCO World Heritage
- The National Treasure Museum holding a huge collection of Buddhist art.







LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be open Sunday July 16th after the service. Come downstairs and browse the books while you enjoy a tea.

A few books in our collection:

- Pure Land Buddhism: Dialogues with Ancient Masters by Master Thich Tien Tam
- Space in Mind: East-West Psychology and Contemporary Buddhism By John Crook
- The Path of Compassion: Writing on Socially Engaged Buddhism by Fred Epseiner



MAY DONATIONS

Temple Donations

Anonymous
Auld, Belle
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in memory of K Ikuta
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LEGACIES

Community Fund

The Community Fund honours the legacies of Japanese Canadians by providing grants in six project streams:
community projects | arts | sports | scholarships | infrastructure | intergenerational wellness

NOW OPEN

Scholarships

- ✓ Are you Japanese Canadian?
- ✓ Was your family impacted by government actions of the 1940s?
- ✓ Are you enrolled in, or entering, post-secondary fields of study in undergraduate, graduate or vocational and career studies at a Canadian post-secondary institution*?

Scholarships up to \$5,000 and \$10,000 available for Japanese Canadian Descendants or Survivors

Application Deadline for first intake: July 14, 2023

Second intake opens: September 1, 2023

Deadline: November 1, 2023

*Post-secondary institutions can include universities and colleges, as well as vocational institutes, apprenticeship programs, and trade schools focused specifically on career skills and knowledge.

NOW OPEN

Infrastructure

Assisting Japanese Canadian Organizations and groups with

- Building Improvements** (Category 1)
Funding of up to \$250,000 per application or
- Capital Purchases** (Category 2)
Funding of up to \$100,000 per application.

OPENING SOON

Community Projects

Supporting community-led projects that promote Japanese or Japanese Canadian culture or opportunities for Japanese Canadians to connect with each other and/or their culture or identity.

- Japanese Canadians Orgs** (Category 1)
Funding of up to \$40,000 per application, or
- Non-Japanese Canadians Orgs** (Category 2)
Funding of up to \$10,000 per application, or
- Unincorporated Japanese Canadian Groups** (Category 3)
Funding of up to \$10,000 per application.

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