



THE SANGHA STREAM

June 2023

## MINISTER ARTICLE

I am reading a book about Zen Buddhist lessons which is derived from teachings of several great Zen masters of China. The chapters are based on private records, letters, and documents from the tenth to thirteenth century.

The Zen lesson I will be sharing with you today comes from a letter. I have not thought about a handwritten letter in many years, and it occurs to me that we seldom sit down to put pen to paper ever since computers and smartphones have become the media of choice to communicate with written words. Some of the letters translated in the book were found many years after the passing of the Zen master. Similarly, the letters of Eshinni were found many years after her passing, and they provided important insight into her life and her relationship to her spouse, Shinran Shonin.

I wonder if future generations will have the same opportunity to find letters since they will most likely be stored on a computer. With handwritten letters, if they were kept as a memory, they would have the possibility of being found after a person's passing. Will there be the same opportunity to find letters stored on a computer that requires a password to search its contents?

The Zen letter I would like to share with you this month is titled "Feelings" and was written by Master Caotang Qing:

*"The fire that burns a meadow starts from a little flame; the river that erodes a mountain starts drop by drop. A little bit of water can be blocked by a load of earth, but when there is a lot of water it can uproot trees, dislodge boulders, and wash away hills. A little bit of fire can be extinguished by a cup of water, but when there is a lot of fire it burns cities, towns, and mountain forests.*



## MINISTER ARTICLE

*Is it ever different with the water of love and attachment and the fire of hate and resentment?*

*When people of old governed their minds, they stopped their thoughts before they came up, stopped their feelings before they arose. Therefore, the energy they used was very little while the accomplishment they reaped was very great.*

*When feelings and nature are disturbing each other, and love and hatred mix and conflict, then in oneself it will harm one's life, and in relation to others it will harm their beings. How great is the peril, beyond salvation."*

The symbolism of the fire in the letter rings true because of the summer fires that we continue to experience each year. We don't usually hear about the small fires in the province that are easily controlled but when the fires are out of control, it becomes a great concern. We want to be able to control and stop the unwholesome thoughts in our mind before they lead to words and actions that will ultimately result in suffering.

Namo-Amida-Butsu

Robert Gubenco Sensei



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## TEMPLE SERVICE REMINDERS

### JUNE SERVICES

- Sunday, June 04, 2023 - Shotsuki/Monthly Memorial Service at 10 am
- Tuesday, June 13th and 27th – Meditation and Naikan Reflection from 7 to 8 pm
- Sunday, June 18, 2023 – Family Picnic – Edworthy Park Site #2 at 11:00 am

### 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

## MAY 2023 MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) SERVICE LIST

Joyce Burkey  
Brenda Cox  
Michael Gubenco  
William Lane Sr.

Tamiko Miyanishi  
Seiji Mori  
Shizu Nagai

Reiko Oishi  
Heidi Terakita  
Misao Teshima  
Takao Teshima



BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist  
Temples Federation Convention

# THE DHARMA OF PIE: MANY INGREDIENTS MAKE ONE

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*Guest Speaker*

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James Martin Sensei

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SEPTEMBER 23TH & 24TH, 2023  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

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- Saturday, June 10: Gyoza Making Fundraiser
- Sunday, June 18: Father’s Day/Family Picnic at Edworthy Park – Site #2 (NO meditation or Sunday Service at the Temple on this day)

### MATINEE AT THE TEMPLE

*Saturday, June 17th, 2023 at 2:00pm*

Join us for an afternoon movie matinee! The Calgary Buddhist Temple is pleased to host a FREE showing of “Sleeping Tigers: The Asahi Baseball Story” presented by High Summit Immigration. Everyone is welcome!

This feature-length documentary, made in 2003, tells the story of the Asahi baseball team. This team 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.

Discussion to follow and then stick around to watch “Our Beloved Otera” from 2009 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.

Light refreshments will generously be provided by a grant from the Calgary Nikkei Cultural Fund and the Calgary Japanese Community Association. Let’s come together and make this afternoon educational, engaging and enjoyable for all!

Register so we know the number of people to expect by going to <https://bit.ly/Matinee-17Jun23> or via QR code.



## JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT (IKEBANA) CLASSES

*April 23rd, May 7th and 28th, June 11th and 25th  
1:30 PM to 4 PM*

Classes will be held on Sunday afternoons at The Calgary Buddhist Temple from 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

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 kenzan (frog). 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 alter 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>



## PAST WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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



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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 an “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](mailto:dan37mcc@gmail.com).

The Temple appreciates your support of this fundraiser!

### SUMMER BREAK

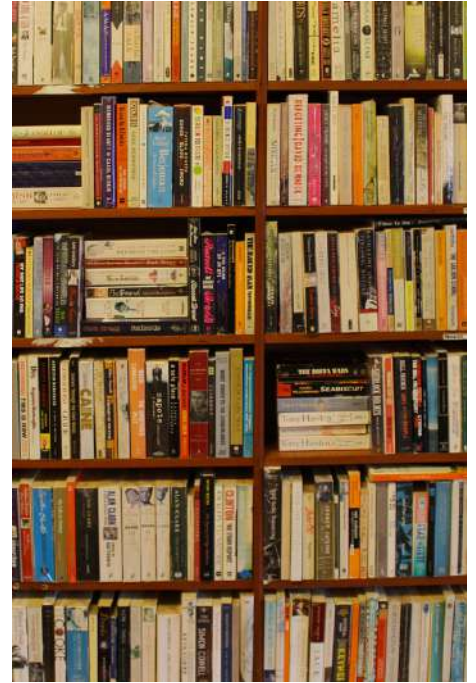
There will be no organized Sangha Engagement activities for the month of July and August. Enjoy the summer!





## LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be closed on June 18 for the Father's Day picnic.  
Please return any library books you have borrowed by Sunday June 11.



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### Temple Donations

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