



THE SANGHA STREAM

May 2024

MINISTER ARTICLE

I read an article by Rev. Marvin Harada which he wrote in July 2001. The article is titled “Tears That Cleanse Our Eyes”. I was drawn to the title because of the word tears. Before reading the article, I started to think about all the tears that I have shed over the years and all the tears that I have witnessed being shed from others. The tears have been the result of different human emotions ranging from happiness, anger, and sadness to name a few. Tears can be related to weakness in our society and many of us have grown up in an environment that prefers us to hold back our tears as a form of protection against being the subject of judgement from others. Holding back tears is not easy for everyone to do especially if those tears are connected to strong human emotions. For example, I know of people who seem afraid to speak publicly when the subject matter is of a close and personal nature that is dear to their heart. Some of their fear is not wanting to be in the public eye, whether it be family and friends or acquaintances, because they don’t want to be in a position where they lose control of their emotions and have others see them with tears flowing from their eyes.

Rev. Harada’s article was inspired by listening to one of his teachers. In the article we find out that his teacher was inspired by an unlikely teacher. Awakening to the Buddha-Dharma is not only a teaching about understanding our human nature. It is also a teaching about listening to the voice of the Buddha-Dharma as it speaks to us from likely and unlikely places. The difficulty for many of us is finding the time to pause and listen to the Buddha-Dharma that surrounds us.

I hope you enjoy the following article as much as I did and it sheds a new light on the meaning of flowing tears. I am grateful to a wonderful teacher, Rev. Marvin Harada, for sharing his wisdom.

Tears That Cleanse Our Eyes

"Human tears are the smallest ocean created by man." - Shuji Terayama



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Once in a lecture by Professor Takamaro Shigaraki, my teacher at Ryukoku University, I heard a touching personal story that I would like to share.

Shigaraki Sensei was once riding in a taxi cab in Kyoto, and had struck up a conversation with the cab driver. They were talking about the weather and the recent rains. The cab driver seemed like a typical working-class fellow, but to Sensei's amazement, he learned a wonderful lesson from this particular cab driver.

Professor Shigaraki commented on how the rain cleans the air of the pollution and smog and makes it so nice the day after. The cab driver then gave a very unforgettable response. He said, "You know, we humans are the same way." "How is that?" Professor Shigaraki asked.

The cab driver said, "Unless we shed tears occasionally, to cleanse our eyes, we cannot see life very clearly."

Professor Shigaraki was struck by how true those words were by this cab driver, and he shared this story in one of his lectures. The tears we shed in life from our joys and sorrows, are the cleansing rain that enables us to see and live life fresh and clear.

I will never forget this story from Sensei. It is one of the many examples he used in his lectures to illustrate a point, or to make a Buddhist teaching or concept relevant to our lives.

Normally in life, we have no problem with tears that are shed in joy. When your son or daughter gets married, when your child graduates from high school or college, when your parents celebrate their Golden Anniversary, or any such event in life, we shed tears of joy.

I can remember when our first child Riki was born in Kyoto, Japan. I was at the hospital for the delivery. After his birth I went into the waiting room to tell Gail's mother that our son had been born. Both of us were in tears as we felt the joy of a new life coming into our family. Along with that joy, those tears gave me a new sense of responsibility, and I saw now for the first time, the view of life that my parents have had for all these years. Such tears of joy are both touching and memorable, and they can also give us a different view of life. It is the tears that are shed in sorrow, however, that are more difficult to accept and bear.



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Like the poem by Shuji Terayama, how can you not help but shed an ocean of tears when faced with deep sorrow or grief? To lose a child, a parent, a husband or wife, is to open the floodgates of our tears. To face failure in business or in marriage, to struggle with a family problem, is to shed many tears that seem to add up to a small ocean.

I know of one woman, who has lost her husband and all four of her children over the span of many years. She is now alone, in terms of immediate family. How she must've shed an ocean of tears in her lifetime. Just to lose one loved one is almost unbearable, but to lose all of your children and husband too, it is almost unfathomable the deep sorrow that she has experienced.

Our tears of sadness, sorrow, or failure, are not tears in vain. They are not meaningless tears. Those tears of sorrow, of sadness, of failure, are the tears that cleanse our eyes, that open our eyes to life and to truth that we have perhaps not seen before. Hard as it is to shed tears of sorrow, they are the tears that give us the opportunity to reflect on our life at its deepest level.

The reality of our life is that our life could be taken away from us at any moment, on any day. This is the fragile nature of life itself and of the lives of our loved ones.

When our eye is cleansed by the tears of sorrow, we can see our families, our friends, our work, even life itself, in a different light from a different perspective. How precious and dear to us do those things become when our eyes have been cleansed by the tears of sorrow and sadness.

Shakyamuni Buddha must have shed an ocean of tears himself in his lifetime. To become a Buddha doesn't mean that you no longer have any emotions. On the contrary, to one who is awakened, his tears of sorrow over the suffering of all humanity must've caused him to shed an ocean of tears. For the Buddha, tears he sheds are not simply the tears of his own life and suffering. They are the tears and sorrow that he feels for all of mankind, for all sentient beings.

Shinran Shonin must've shed an ocean of tears in his lifetime as well. To be orphaned at a young age, to spend twenty long years in arduous practice on Mt. Hiei must've caused him to shed many tears in lonely meditation and practice. Later in life, when he was exiled and separated from his beloved teacher, Honen. How Shinran must've shed tears of sadness.



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Before our first child, Riki, was born in Japan, my wife became pregnant with what we hoped would be our first child. Unfortunately, due to a miscarriage, we lost that child part way through the pregnancy. When we were in the hospital at that time, we were alone in the hospital room. As my wife lay on the bed, the tears began to flow from her eyes. We embraced, and together shed our tears of sorrow. Looking back, those tears truly cleansed our eyes, enabling us to see the true gifts that were to later come to us, our two children.

When I left Japan, I felt deeply saddened, not just because we were leaving behind wonderful friends that we had made during our time there, but for me, I was saddened to say goodbye to a wonderful teacher, Shigaraki Sensei. Words could not describe the deep gratitude that I felt to Sensei for what he had taught me during my years of study in Japan. Part of me wanted to hang on to Sensei, to cling to his trousers and not leave Japan. Another part of me knew that to truly follow his teaching meant that I must now move forward, and continue to seek and share the Nembutsu as I had learned from him.

I was so touched that Sensei and his wife came all the way to the Osaka airport to see us off. He was a tremendously busy man, soon to become the President of Ryukoku University. He had many, many students, all of them brighter and more deserving of his time than me. And yet he came to the airport to say goodbye. As we were about to board the plane, tears welled in my eyes, unstoppable. No words would come from my mouth, I was so emotionally choked up. I could only bow, in deep reverence to a wonderful man and teacher.

Looking back, those were truly cleansing tears that have enabled me to see a lot over the years. They were tears of sadness, on one hand, but were also tears of profound gratitude. They were tears of humility, of deep reverence. They were tears of inspiration and encouragement. They were tears of truth, tears of the Nembutsu.

Whatever you face in life, do not fear the tears that we must sometimes shed, in sorrow, in pain, in failure. Those tears are the tears that cleanse our eyes, our hearts and minds. May your tears enable you to see true gratitude, true humility, true life, and the truth of Namo Amida Butsu.

Namo-Amida-Butsu
Robert Gubenco Sensei



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MAY 2024 MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) SERVICE LIST

Randy Adrian	Earl Desjardins	Donald Schatkoski
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Jean Cruickshank	Svend Mortensen	Nobuo Teshima
Robert Cruickshank	Beverley Needham	Yuriko Lily Yoneda
Archie Desjardins	Elli Anne Primeau	

TEMPLE SERVICE REMINDERS

MAY SERVICES

- Wednesday, May 1st - Meditation Body Scan from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Sunday, May 5th - Shotsuki/Monthly Memorial at 10:00 am
- Tuesday, May 14th - Meditation and Naikan Reflection from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Thursday, May 9th – Book Club “Living Nembutsu” from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Sunday, May 19th – Family service & Gōtane (Shinran’s Birth) observance at 10:00 am
- Thursday, May 23rd – Book Club “Living Nembutsu” from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Saturday, May 25th – Final Book Club discussion “Living Nembutsu” at 3:00 pm
- Sunday, May 26th – Sunday service with guest minister Jeff Wilson Sensei
- Tuesday, May 28th - Meditation and Naikan Reflection from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Keirokai - May 19th

Please join us to celebrate Keirokai, Senior Appreciation Day, on May 19 following Gotanye Service.

Keirokai is held annually to honour our amazing senior Sangha members. There will be a luncheon, and family and friends of the honoured senior members are welcome as well.

Asign-up will be sent for non-senior members to contribute to the luncheon. Thank you.

- *Keirokai Toban*



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY OF MINISTER'S REPORT

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, April 14, 2024

I would like to begin by recognizing the important role that the members of the Board of Directors provide for the Calgary Buddhist Temple.

It is their unselfish effort and commitment to the operation and success of the Temple which has and continues to allow many individuals and families a place to gather and hear the Buddha-Dharma.

The challenges of being a member of the board go beyond the vision of setting in motion a way of living, learning and teaching a life of joy and gratitude through Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. It also includes making decisions regarding protecting the temple against vandalism and the safety of our members who gather at the temple.

Having the fence built around the temple last year has made a positive and welcomed change to the activities conducted at the temple. It has provided a sense of pride of membership along with a sense of security. I would like to thank our board of directors for getting the fence built, it has made a significant change for the better for all of us.

Thank you for all that you do in providing a peaceful refuge for all of us to encounter the Dharma.

I would also like to acknowledge all of the volunteers and the many people who have and continue to donate each year in support of the success of the temple. These people are the backbone of the temple and the reason why we can gather each week as dharma friends.

Namo-Amida-Butsu
Robert Gubenco Sensei



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

GYOZA MAKING

Saturday, May 11 from 8:30am - 12:30pm

Please join us for a CBT fundraising gyoza- making work session on Saturday, May 11. We will begin chopping at 9 am, and must be finished folding gyoza by noon.

Volunteers must bring their own cutting board and sharp knife (and apron), as the ingredients must be finely minced. Manual dexterity is required as we must pleat the gyoza and make them presentable for sale.

The work is a little intense, but we do have fun working together and getting to know new Sangha member/volunteers. And, as volunteer gyoza makers, we have the first chance to buy freshly hand-crafted gyoza.

If you are interested, please look for the Sign Up Genius notice in your email.



SPRING IKEBANA CLASS

*March 16 and 30, April 13 and 27, and May 11
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm*

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

The 5 classes are a series and the cost is \$250 total including flower material and instruction for Temple members or \$300 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



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Sunday, May 26, 2024 from 2pm-3:30pm

Join the Sangha as we gather in the Temple lower level to learn about Mental Health and Self-Compassion. A lack of compassion for the self can play a role in mental health conditions.

Many people find it difficult to feel self-compassion especially when it might be linked in the mind to self-pity or as undeserving. This self-judgment may lead to conditions such as anxiety, insecurity, or depression. Self-compassion, however, often allows people to accept their failures, move past them, and keep trying.

Our special guest speaker is Sara Clark who is a valued Jodo Shinshu Sangha member. She is a clinically trained Master's level social worker registered in the province of Alberta, and her focus is to help people live a fuller life.

No pre-registration required to attend what is sure to be an interesting, thought-provoking, free workshop open to all. Temple donations are always greatly appreciated.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Sunday, June 2, 2024

CALGARY
DROP-IN
CENTRE

We're continuing to support our temple community by providing lunch service at the Calgary Drop-In (DI) Centre.

Please join us on June 2 by registering online at: <https://bit.ly/community-02Jun24>



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

SUMMER IKEBANA CLASS

*June 1, 15, and 29 July 13 and 27
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm*

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CORNER

June 22 || August 9 & 10th || October 19th

Hello Sangha members!

Spring is finally here, and so is our fundraising season. I invite you to join us whenever you can to volunteer, help organize, and by donating. Fundraising activities not only raise much needed funds for the Temple but also are opportunities to contribute while meeting others and having fun together.

Garage sale: Saturday, June 22

We will be collecting items for the garage sale and for the Everything Japanese sale so please save your treasures for the Temple. More details on how to donate to follow.

Save the date:

1. Omatsuri - August 9,10 (tentative)
2. Ribs and Chow Mein Dinner- Saturday, October 19.





UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS



Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund

APPLICATION SUPPORT & ID ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Appointments Only between 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Calgary Buddhist Temple

658-1st Ave N.E., Calgary, AB T2E 3Y1

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT, call Susan Huntley at 403-973-5433 or email susan.huntley@jcwellness.org

An Outreach Worker can assist you with your application and/or validate your documents. Please be prepared to show 2 pieces of ID (one photo) plus proof of address.

For information on the grants available and requirements, see www.jcwellness.org or contact an Outreach Worker.

Alberta Regional Outreach Workers:

- **Roger Teshima** roger.teshima@jcwellness.org
587-896-5178
- **Susan Huntley** susan.huntley@jcwellness.org
(Takeda) 403-973-5433

We are grateful to be doing this work on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples.

03/20/2024



2024 BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Vancouver Island Obon and Japanese Canadian History Tour

Date: August 10 –14, 2024
Fee: \$800 per person for double occupancy
\$1300 for single occupancy
(space limited)



Registration Deadline: June 1, 2024

The BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation is proud to announce the 2024 Vancouver Island Obon and JC History Tour from Aug. 10th to 14th. Co-sponsored with the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society, and the Seven Potatoes Nikkei Society in Nanaimo, we are organizing a comprehensive tour highlighted by the Obon Cemetery visitations with additional focus on the Nikkei community history on Vancouver Island prior to WWII as well as the re-establishment of communities post WWII.

Maximum Participants: 48 people: Due to the co-sponsoring nature of this year's tour, we have blocked 15 spaces for the BCJSBTF members until April 30. This means that the first 15 applicants from any of our affiliated temples will receive priority acceptance. Once the first 15 applicants have been received, and/or from May 1st, any additional applicants will be included with the general public and would not be guaranteed a spot. In other words, the earlier you apply the greater chances of being accepted on the tour.

On May 5th, 2021, the BC Provincial Government acknowledged their part in the wrongdoing of the unlawful relocation of 22,000 Canadians of Japanese ancestry from the west coast in the early 1940's. As part of the reconciliation process, the government allocated a very large sum of money which became the basis for the Nikkei Legacy Foundation. For this year's Obon tour, the BCJSBTF has received a grant for \$40,000 from the Nikkei Intergenerational Wellness Fund. The Grant will help offset expenses for the trip.

Highlights from the trip include fellowship gatherings with local Nikkei communities in Victoria, Port Alberni, Nanaimo, and Cumberland. During these gatherings, we hope to get to know the local communities and learn about their history on the Island. We will hold healing circles to acknowledge injustices done in the past, but also to help forge ahead, looking towards the future with a sense of gratitude and hope.

Obon Cemetery services will be held in Victoria, Duncan, Chemainus, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, and Cumberland. In Nanaimo, we will be joining the Seven Potatoes Nikkei Community Sponsored Bon Odori Dance, as well as visit the "New Japanese Canadian Exhibit" and "the Broken Promises Exhibit" at the Nanaimo Museum.

Join us for this "Journey of the heart". A trip you won't want to miss.

For registration forms and for more information please contact Rev. Grant Ikuta at rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca, or at the Steveston Buddhist Temple (604) 277-2323.

What's Included:

- Transportation Expenses (Chartered bus will pick us up on Aug. 10 at the Steveston Buddhist Temple. Vehicles may be left over the weekend in our covered parkade at Wisteria Place)
- All meals included
- Hotel for 4 nights in Victoria, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, and Courtenay (double occupancy).

Trip Sponsors & Supporters: BCJSBTF, BCJSBTFWF, Japanese Canadian Legacies Foundation, Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society, Seven Potatoes Nikkei Society, Nanaimo Museum, Cumberland Village, Comox Valley Nikkei Association, Old Cemeteries Society of Victoria



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MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day this year is the second Sunday, May 12. The first Mother's Day in Canada was reportedly celebrated on May 9th, 1914.

Happy Mother's Day and good wishes to all Moms. We appreciate the unconditional love, sacrifices and dedication of mothers. The word for mother is similar across different languages. The modern English word mother comes from Middle English moder, from Old English mōdor. According to research, the m, p, and b sounds are the first consonant sounds babies can make. Some words used include: Mommy, Ma, Mama, Mammy, Mummy, Mater, Matka, Majka, Meme, Muter, Oma, Mère, Madre, Haha, and Okaasan. Also "Mother Earth" is mom to us all.

Many traditional celebrations of mothers and motherhood have existed worldwide for centuries. Anna Jarvis of USA is acknowledged as the founder of modern Mother's Day celebrations in 1905, the year of her mother's death. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world."



This Mother's Day remember and honor two mothers: Lady Eshinni, circa 1182-1268, (Shinran Shonin's wife) and Lady Kakushinni (Shinran Shonin and Eshinni's daughter). Among Shinran's descendants are Rennyō Shonin circa 1415–1499 the 8th Monshu, and the current 25th direct descendant Monshu Koujun Ohtani. "Many regard Eshinni as the "Mother" of Jodo Shinshu". (source JSBTC)

After Shinran Shonin's passing, Lady Kakushinni built a small temple in Higashiyama, Otani in Kyoto to enshrine Shinran Shonin's ashes and portrait. This temple gradually developed and became Hongwanji.

Other family celebrations

Many days are designated to recognize and celebrate beloved family members. A few are:

In Japan, May 5 is designated as **Children's Day** , こどもの日, Kodomo no hi), celebrating the healthy growth and happiness of children and became a national holiday in 1948, but it has historically been a day of celebration in Japan for centuries. That fifth day of the fifth month was traditionally called Tango no Sekku and was a festival for boys.

Father's Day celebrations usually occur on the third Sunday in June to thank and appreciate fathers and father figures.

April 10th, 2024, was designated as **Sibling Day**.



PAST WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

JSBTC WOMEN’S FEDERATION DANA DAY

On Sunday, March 24, all donations made at the temple or online which were identified “WF Dana Day” was sent to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Women’s Federation (WF) to promote social welfare. Thanks to you, we contributed a total of \$1,292.

It is amazing to be a part of such a thoughtful Sangha!

The WF will be holding their annual committee meeting towards the end of April to finalize the organization(s) that will be supported this year.



FROM MOUNTAINEER TO STROKE SURVIVOR



Accepting, with gratitude, are Sensei Robert Gubenco and Laurie Takeda.

On Sunday, March 24, it was such a pleasure to hear from the resilient author of “From Mountaineer to Stroke Survivor”, **Remy Bernier**.

Thank you, Remy, for sharing your life experiences and we are proud that you are part of the Calgary Buddhist Temple and an active member of our Sangha. You inspire others with your outlook and many achievements.

Remy also presented the Temple with a personalized, handcrafted work-of-art that he created. He is a man of many talents.





JAPANESE CANADIAN LEGACIES



Intergenerational Wellness and Sports Second Intakes Opening April 15

The JCLS is please to announce that two streams of the Community Fund will open for second intakes on April 15.

Sports Intake 2

A second category has been added for athletes. In addition to Elite/High-Performance Athletes, who can apply for up to \$5,000 in funding, High-Level Athletes can now apply for up to \$2,500 in funding. Applicants who were not funded in intake 1 are encouraged to re-apply in the second intake.

Applications open April 15, 2024.

Please refer to the Community Fund website for deadlines: jclebritiesfund.com/funding-streams/sports

Intergenerational Wellness Intake 2

Work is currently underway to revise guidelines and application forms in order to clarify and streamline the process for both applicants and the assessment teams. Families impacted by Government policies and actions of the 1940s are encouraged to apply for Category 1, Family Sharing and Healing for projects tied to the core value of family healing, sharing and intergenerational trauma. Eligible sharing activities may include, but are not limited to, self-published books, self-made art projects, digital scrapbooks, reflective storytelling, oral histories, family genealogy, internment camp tours, family counselling. JCLS staff are able to help with questions regarding the application process.

Applications open April 15, 2024

Deadline for applications: May 20, 2024

Application results out June 28, 2024

Category 1 & 3 projects must be completed by September 30, 2025

Category 2 projects must be completed by June 30, 2025

Expedited applications:

Individuals and families seeking grant funding for projects that involve travel during Summer 2024 are encouraged to submit their project applications as promptly as possible. This will allow the Project Office to process and bring forward applications for assessment on a rolling basis prior to any travel taking place

Already Completed Projects:

Per the Intergenerational Wellness Fund Guidelines, projects that are complete prior to applying are not eligible for funding. Likewise, projects that are complete prior to being assessed will not be eligible for funding.

Notice to Intake 1 Category 1 (Intergenerational Wellness) recipients regarding T4As and Social Insurance Numbers

Per the email notice issued March 6, 2024, the JCLS can confirm that it will *not* be issuing T4As for Category 1 – Intergenerational Wellness Family Sharing and Healing Grants. As such, please note that the organization will not collect SIN information for this purpose during any of its grant intakes.

The JCLS extends its sincere apologies to applicants from the 1st grant intake for any distress or confusion that arose during the grant agreement process.

If you receive any information which contravenes the above statement, please contact CEO Susanne Tabata directly at stabata@jclebrities.com. Should you have any questions regarding your projects and grant agreements, please contact the Intergenerational Wellness Program Manager Chika Buston at healing@jclebrities.com or by phone at 604.760.7650.

Please sign up to our newsletter (jclebrities.com/contact) for up-to-date information on Community Fund programs.



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Infrastructure Recipients

The Japanese Canadian Legacies Society is pleased to announce the results of the Infrastructure stream of the Community Fund. Thank you to the organizations and groups from across the country who applied in this important stream.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Assessment Team who juried the applications, going over and above the call of duty in the assessment process that stretched out over many months. The team was made up of Nao Seko, Mike Matsuo, Mike Aoki, Kim Kalanj, Yasushi Ohki, and chaired by Gary Kawaguchi. Special thanks to Jan Nobuto for working with communities on grant agreements.

Thanks also to the Infrastructure advisory team made up of Dan Nomura, Naomi Yamamoto, Jordan Riley, Art Miki, and Gary Kawaguchi who used their collective expertise in helping to refine and sharpen the draft guidelines.

CATEGORY 1 Building Improvements

The following community organizations have received grants to assist in the construction and renovation of community facilities. Building improvements may include renovations, repairs and accessibility upgrades.

Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Society \$250,000

For converting a room in the Beban Social Center into the 7 Potatoes Japanese Canadian Cultural Room.

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre of Hamilton \$223,718

For making the centre more accessible for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges and creating a more functional, attractive, environmentally friendly space.

Edmonton Japanese Community Association \$250,000

For remodelling and upgrading the kitchen facilities.

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple \$14,090.00

For upgrading the current HVAC to make the space more comfortable for services during the summer months.

Holy Cross Japanese Canadian Anglican Church \$145,880

For upgrading facilities including kitchen, washrooms, water fountain.

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre \$250,000.00

For repairing Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre's parking lot.

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre of Montreal \$250,000

For renovating the downstairs area, including the kitchen, library and multi-purpose room.

Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba \$250,000

For renovating our centre to make it a safe, secure and inclusive facility for all our membership.

Japanese Gospel Church of Toronto \$215,491

For restoration and repair of the roof and parking lot area

Kamloops Buddhist Church Society \$250,000

For renovation and repair of temple.

Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association \$250,000

For expanding the storage, renovating the museum, and doing repairs to the building.

Kelowna Buddhist Society \$103,334

For installing an elevator to make services and Temple functions more accessible to all.

Momiji Seniors Residence \$238,000

For re-establishing a leveled surface in the garden area

Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre \$250,000

For complete roof replacement on the NNMCC building

Nikkei Seniors Health Care and Housing Society \$250,000

For renovating the Nikkei Home Kitchen space for our seniors and residents at Nimi Nikkei Home.

St. Andrew's Japanese Anglican Church \$36,924

For updating audio and video capabilities

Steveston Buddhist Temple \$175,072

For window replacement and painting

Toronto Buddhist Church \$224,298

For building upgrades

Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall \$250,000

For HVAC and building upgrades

Vernon Japanese Cultural Society \$250,000

For building and parking lot upgrades.



Infrastructure Assessment Team



Infrastructure Advisory Team

CATEGORY 2 Capital Purchases

The following community organizations have received funding to assist in the replacement or addition of long-lasting equipment.

BTN Senior Care Management Limited Partnership \$100,000

Ceiling lifts, minivan, senior living furniture and surroundings.

Calgary Japanese Community Association \$32,158

Capital purchases bundle to support ongoing activities and events.

Greater Toronto Chapter, National Association of Japanese Canadians \$13,250

Capital purchases bundle to support ongoing activities and events.

Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association \$38,752 | Travel kit for outreach.

Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon \$100,000

Van and cargo trailer for transportation to programs and cultural events.

Japanese Community Volunteers Association \$80,000

7-passenger plug-in hybrid electric vehicle and installation of level-2 electric charger.

Momiji Health Care Society \$100,000

2023 Ram ProMaster 2500 that can be modified to become a full size Wheelchair Van

Nagata Shachu Japanese Taiko and Music Group \$99,224

O-daiko drum and Crew van

The Ottawa Japanese Community Association \$11,289

Purchase of event equipment

Powell Street Festival Society \$100,000

Festival event kit

Uzume Taiko Drum Group Society \$100,000

Cargo van, taiko drums, and drum stands.

Vancouver Taiko Society \$97,338

Set of taiko drums

Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society \$8,272

Mochi Tsuki Kai kit



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Following the first round of applications in Intergenerational Wellness, over 100 families received funds for projects which are now underway. Based on feedback from the first intake, we have modified application forms and revised guidelines to clarify and streamline the application and adjudication process. Notably, the budget template has been integrated into the online application form and is more user-friendly.

[CLICK HERE](https://jclegaciesfund.com/funding-streams/intergenerational-wellness/) or go to <https://jclegaciesfund.com/funding-streams/intergenerational-wellness/> for complete guidelines, to download worksheets to aid in the application process, and to apply.



Intergenerational Wellness Intake 2 Now Open for Applications



Dr. Karen Kobayashi, University of Victoria, 1967 — 2022



LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be open Sunday May 19 th after the service. Come downstairs and browse the books while you enjoy a tea.

Two books you can check out in our library:

- Shinran: An Introduction to His Thought, by Y. Ueda and D. Hirota
- Buddhism of Wisdom and Faith, by Master Thich Tien Tam

Belle is retiring from her position as Temple Librarian. **We are looking for someone** to join Masaye who is staying on as Library Assistant. The Librarian position involves:

- attending Temple in person the third Sunday of every month to open the library
- following up on overdue books once a year
- adding new books to the library when they are donated.
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Training will be provided.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Belle at belleauld@gmail.com.

Thanks, Belle and Masaye

CALGARY READS BIG BOOK SALE 2024

Dear Readers,

Do you have books that you wish to donate? The 20th CalgaryReads Big Book Sale in 2024, is looking for book donations.

The event will be held at the Calgary Curling Club May 10-20, 2024 at 720 3 Street NW, Calgary.

<https://www.bigbooksale.ca/buy-books>

The main book donation site is the Calgary Curling Club for 10 days, April 26-May 5 2024. April 27 – May 5 9am–8pm weekdays, 9am–5pm weekends.

If you can't make it to the Calgary Curling Club, stuff-a-truck events occur across Calgary.

Wherever you donate, bring your books in boxes or bags that you don't need returned.

“Discover more than 175,000 gently used books of every genre imaginable – and help more children experience the life-changing joy of reading. With your support, we can grow a thriving reading community! Proceeds from the Big Book Sale fuel critical early literacy work – and helping children become stronger readers has never been more important.”

<https://www.bigbooksale.ca/donate-books>

What to donate:

- Gently used books, Bestsellers, New releases, Books in other languages, DVDs & CDs, Audiobooks.





MARCH DONATIONS

Canada Helps

Giggs, Melanie
Gillis, Emi
Haddon, Samantha
Howard, Leslie
Kaur, Raman

Lloyd, Todd and Sandra
in memory of Alice Kimura
Martin, James
McCullagh, Bob
Miyanishi, Kiyoko
Robson, Tomiko

Stewart, Matthew
Sugimoto, Laura
Sugimoto, Sumire
Wright, Charlene
Zheng, Yifan

Temple Donations

Anonymous
Bowman, Jim
Calgary Kotobuki Society
in memory of Joe Fukumoto
Esler, Francis and Len
Evans, Kyle
Fukimoto, Kinuyo
*in memory of Joe and Edna
Fukumoto*
Goudie, Jane
in memory of Muneo Takeda
Gubenco, Robert & Lori
in memory of Denis Gubenco
Hironaka, Doug
*in memory of Alice Kimura,
Keiko Hinatsu and Joe
Fukumoto*
Huntley, Susan
*in memory of Muneo and
Connie Takeda*

Kitagawa, Susan
*in memory of Alice Kimura and Joe
Fukumoto*
Konno, Marie and Naozo
in memory of Joe Fukumoto
Langton, A
Liu, Olivia
Mahony, Ryan
Masuda, Jean
Masuda, Misae
McCormack, Dan
Miyanishi, Kiyoko
Nagai, Ruth
in memory of Alice Kimura
Nishida, Hideo and Jennifer
Oishi, Jits
*in memory of Alice Kimura, Keiko Hinatsu
and Joe Fukumoto*
Olexiuk, Brett

Ono, Yuko
Ota, Fumi
Pittman, Craig and Cathy
Sakamoto, Tobie
Sano, Tracee
Stewart, Sara
Sugimoto, Laura
in memory of Alice Kimura
Sugimoto, Noriko
Takaguchi, Hunk
in memory of Echi Kondo
Takeda, Laurie
Takeda, Nathan
Tanaka, Masaye
in memory of Alice Kimura
Teshima, Roger and Lynne
in memory of Joe Fukumoto
Tremly, Isabelle

There was an error in the April 2023 newsletter. We accidentally posted an outdated donors list. The error was corrected soon afterwards but here is the correct donors list for February 2024 . We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.



FEBRUARY DONATIONS

Temple Donations

Bucholtz, Danielle (plus
Ella and Nolan Quigley)
Canadian Online Giving
Foundation
Delisle, Yuri
Dolph, Heather
Evans, Kyle
Hemans, Anna-Mariska
Hinatsu, Sharon
in memory of Keiko Hinatsu

Hironaka, Doug
Huntley, Susan & Chris
Kitagawa, Susan
Klatt, Amy Miyoko & Ken
Masuda, Jean
McCormack, Dan
Miquelon, Dixie

Niksic, Anissa
Oshiro, Evan
Pittman, Craig and Cathy
Sakamoto, Louise
in memory of Joe Fukumoto
Sano, Tracee
Shoults, Erin
Tanael, Madonna
Waeckerlin, Regula
Christine

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Giggs, Melanie
Gillis, Emi
Haddon, Samantha
Howard, Leslie
Martin, James

McCullagh, Bob
Miyanishi, Kiyoko
Parmar, Vadana
Robson, Tomiko

Stewart, Matthew
Sugimoto, Laura
Sugimoto, Sumire
Wright, Charlene
Zheng, Yifan



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2024 MEMBERSHIP

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Name:

Name:

Address: Line 1

Address: Line 2

City, Province,

Postal Code:

Telephone:

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- Full Membership (\$100 per member)
- Student (Under 18) Membership –No Charge
- Honorary Senior (65 & over) Membership
– Complimentary

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