



THE SANGHA STREAM

September 2023

MINISTER ARTICLE

We are in the month of September which means that we will be experiencing the autumn equinox on September 23rd. A time when the daylight and the nighttime are equal. As Buddhists this time of year reminds us to reflect on ourselves, we reflect on the Buddha-Dharma and the tendencies of the ego-self.

The month of September also highlights “World Peace Day” which is celebrated around the world annually on September 21st. A time of year, which is devoted to maintaining and developing the ideals of peace. With the hope that humanity will observe a period of 24 hours with non-violence and consider peaceful resolutions.

One smoky day in August I was out for an afternoon walk and observed that the Rocky Mountains were not visible. Normally during the afternoon walk and when the conditions are right the Rocky Mountains provide a beautiful landscape to behold. Because the contour of the majestic mountains was not visible, I began to consider a more personal meaning of witnessing the veil of smoke obscure the Rocky Mountains. I began to reflect on how self-centeredness can obscure relationships and a life of gratitude. Like the veil of smoke that obscured the Rocky Mountains my self-centeredness and blind passions cloud my understanding of true reality.

At times relationships can be difficult and the Buddha-Dharma teaches us that such difficulties arise because of self-centeredness. Consider the words of Rennyo Shonin (1415-1499) the 8th head priest of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Temple; “The faults of others are easy to see, but our own faults are difficult to recognize. If one sees that they have a fault, they must realize that the fault must be very grave indeed for them to recognize it themselves; thus, they must take steps to correct their fault. Because it is difficult for us to see many of our faults, we should listen to the advice of others.”



MINISTER ARTICLE

May we find the time to reflect on the ego-self through the teachings of the Buddha-Dharma. May we always have the courage to work towards a peaceful resolution. May we hear and listen to the words of others to recognize our own faults and at the same time learn to be less critical of others.

Namo-Amida-Butsu

Robert Gubenco Sensei



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TEMPLE SERVICE REMINDERS

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

- Sunday, September 03, 2023 - Shotsuki/Monthly Memorial Service at 10 am
- Tuesday, September 12th and 26th - Meditation and Naikan Reflection from 7 to 8 pm
- Sunday, September 17th – Sunday Family Service and Dharma Time at 10 am
- Sunday, September 17th – Temple Altar and Home Altar lecture at 1:00 pm



SEPTEMBER 2023 MEMORIAL (SHOTSUKI) SERVICE LIST

Louise Barron
Irene Dooge
Dorothy Hayash

George Kondo
Tracy Laberge
Edith Martin

Saneyoshi Oishi
Kanao Sugimoto
Toshi Takahashi

REMEMBERING THE YONEDA'S

Casey Kazufu Yoneda passed away on July 4, 2023 at the age of 98. He was predeceased two years ago on May 11, 2021 by his wife Lily Yuriko Yoneda at the age of 93.

Casey and Lily were the last remaining chartered members of the Calgary Buddhist Temple. Casey served several terms on the Board of Directors and took on the role of historian within the organization.

Lily was an active temple member who always helped prepare food for temple events and fundraisers. She was known for her culinary skills. The congregation enjoyed the many Japanese dishes she prepared for special services.

We are grateful to the Yoneda's for their contributions to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist movement during the Calgary Temples formative years.





UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEIN (NOODLE) MAKING

- Dough making – Friday, September 29, 6:30 pm at the Temple kitchen
- Noodle Making – Sunday, October 1, 8:30 am at the CJCA kitchen (2236 - 29 St SW)

Mein noodles is a key ingredient in the chow mein served at our special lunches and the annual Chow Mein and Rib Takeout dinner. Extra noodles are sold to the sangha and sell out quickly! Click here to sign up if you want to help with dough & mein making:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4EADAA28A46-cbtfundraising>

CHOW MEIN AND RIB TAKEOUT DINNER – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Save the date - Visit with friends and pick up some baked goods while waiting for your takeout at our popular annual event. More information to follow.

CASINO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY 3 AND 4, 2024 AT ACE CASINO AIRPORT

This is a very important fundraising event for the Temple; casino revenues allow us to provide our most fundamental programs to the Sangha. Once again, we will be relying on members and friends for this two-day event. More information and signup link are coming soon.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Sunday, September 10th, 2023

Sunday, November 5th, 2023

Sunday, December 17th, 2023

Supporting the interdependence of life, we'll be providing lunch service at the Calgary Drop-In Centre on these dates. We leave after the Sunday service around 11:15am and walk over to the DI together or meet there at 11:30am. Ten volunteers are required, and the minimum age is 16 years old.

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DROP-IN
C E N T R E

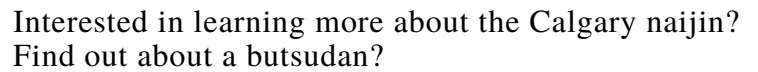
If you can sign-up for no more than two dates, it'll give more people an opportunity to participate.

- For Sep 10, go to <https://bit.ly/community-10Sep23>
- For Nov 5, go to <https://bit.ly/community-05Nov23>
- For Dec 17, go to <https://bit.ly/community-17Dec23>

This is a great way to support our community – please consider volunteering



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



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.

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

Sunday, September 17th and 23rd After Service



Sunday, Sep 17/23
(after service)

**The Calgary Buddhist Temple would like to show our appreciation
to our Sensei Robert Gubenco for his dedication
in sharing the Dharma and commitment to the Sangha.**

There'll be ice cream, fruit, and fixings – everyone is welcome!





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



FUROSHIKI WORKSHOP – WRAP SUSTAINABLY

Sunday, November 29th, 2023 at 1pm

Back by popular demand, and with Christmas just around the corner, the Calgary Buddhist Temple Sangha Engagement is pleased to host this workshop on **Sunday, Nov 26/23** at the Temple and taught by a local business rep from 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 durable furoshiki. Maximum registration is 10 people so don't delay! To register and pay in advance to attend this workshop, please use the QR code go to: <https://bit.ly/furoshiki-nov>

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!



Ministers' Appreciation Month September, 2023

The month of September, 2023 is Ministers' Appreciation Month. This is a joint initiative of the JSBTC and the JSBTC Women's Federation to show appreciation to the ministers and assistant ministers for their dedication and commitment to their sangha and to the communities they serve.

Each temple will be coordinating an event/activity to mark the occasion for their own minister(s), so be on the look out for more information from your temple.



Socho Tatsuya Aoki
Vancouver &
Fraser Valley Temples



Grant Ikuta Sensei
Steveston & Fraser Valley
Temples



Naoki Hirano Sensei
Kamloops, Kelowna &
Vernon Temples



Yasuo Izumi Sensei
Buddhist Temple of
Southern Alberta



Roland Ikuta Sensei
Buddhist Temple of
Southern Alberta



Yoshimichi Ouchi Sensei
Toronto, Hamilton &
Montreal Temples



Robert Gubenco Sensei
Calgary Temple

Assistant Ministers

Vancouver

Robert Akune Sensei

Steveston

Roy Akune Sensei

Lethbridge

Jeff Haines Sensei

Winnipeg

Tanis Moore Sensei

Toronto

Jeff Wilson Sensei
Joanne Yuasa Sensei



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.

PLEASE CONTACT VERNONBUDDHISTTEMPLE@GMAIL.COM
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):



JAPANESE CANADIAN LEGACIES UPDATES

The JC legacies has released more information about the Intergenerational Wellness stream opening up in September, as well as other information about other streams and the Monument database.

Background

On May 21, 2022, the BC Government made an historic announcement, marking a pivotal moment in our community, one that honours our elders past and present. A \$100 million dollar commitment was announced, reflecting funding to support the historical wrongs framework recommended by the National Association of Japanese Canadians BC Redress Project, in conjunction with Japanese Canadian communities in BC. The initiatives were developed from 2020 – 2022 and fit within six pillars: Monument; Education; Senior Health and Wellness; Community and Culture; Heritage Restoration; and Anti-racism.

Japanese Canadian Legacy Monument

The Monument pillar of Japanese Canadian Legacies is comprised of two components: the monument itself, and a database of names, which will be configured onto a monument wall. As a lasting legacy, a monument will be built close to the parliament buildings in the provincial capital of Victoria. A place of pilgrimage, reflection, remembrance and learning, the monument wall will frame the story of the uprooting, incarceration, internment, dispossession, and permanent displacement of the nearly 22,000 Japanese Canadians who lived in the coastal areas of BC. This project will be led by the BC Government jointly with the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society.”

If you have not yet done so, please submit names of interned family to be included in the MONUMENT.

The Community Fund honours the legacies of **Japanese Canadians in BC** by providing grants in six project streams: community projects, arts, sports, infrastructure, and intergenerational wellness.





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JAPANESE CANADIAN LEGACIES

Community Fund | jclegaciesfund.com

The Community Fund grants serve the broadest diversity of Japanese Canadians.



JCLS Team at the Powell Street Festival, from left: John Endo Greenaway, Taylor Uyesugi Ball, Larissa Higo, Mike Ogawa, Susanne Tabata

Community Fund Deadlines

COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATION DEADLINES

Community ProjectsOpen
InfrastructureOpen
Scholarships (Second Intake)	...TBA
SportsSeptember 1, 2023
Intergenerational WellnessSeptember 1, 2023
ArtsNovember 1, 2023

Scholarships

The JCLS thanks the hundreds of students from across the country who applied to the scholarship stream in the first intake. We will be very pleased to announce grant recipients in September. Our community elders have expressed how deeply moved they are that these opportunities are being afforded their descendants, given that post-secondary education was denied to them in the 1940s. These awards are created in their honour. Many descendants have also credited their grandparents and great-grandparents as their role models who built family and community through resilience, perseverance, and hard work.

We acknowledge the following individuals who have worked very hard on Scholarships. Advisory Committee: George Iwama, Lisa Domae, Kirsten McAllister, David Moritsugu. Assessment Team: George Iwama, Bev Ohashi, Kirsten McAllister, Richard Kobayashi, David Moritsugu.

The second intake for Scholarships opens in September for students enrolled January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The deadline is November 1, 2023 with application results out December 15, 2023.

Infrastructure

Assisting Japanese Canadian Organizations and groups with

CATEGORY 1 | Building Improvements
Funding of up to \$250,000 per application

CATEGORY 1 | Capital Purchases
Funding of up to \$100,000 per application.



Monument & Database of Names

Exciting progress is being made by the JC Monument Database team, who is developing a list of names of JCs living on the coast pre-war. The final list of names will be preserved permanently on a monument legacy wall in a location near the BC Legislature in Victoria. Look for us at community outreach events across BC this fall.

view the names-to-date: hcmc.uvic.ca/project/monument

Database of names booth at the Powell Street Festival: Linda Uyeda, Niall O'Dwyer, Henry Uyeda, Angela Uyeda, Rachel Kiyo Iwanasa Michael Abe, Susanne Tabata

Intergenerational Wellness

The Intergenerational Wellness stream is designed to assist Japanese Canadian individuals and families in healing the intergenerational impacts that BC government actions in the 1940s had on the Japanese Canadian community.

CATEGORY 1 | Family Sharing & Healing

Funding of up to \$5,000 per application

CATEGORY 2 | Seniors Intergenerational Group Wellness

Funding of up to \$10,000 per application

CATEGORY 3 | Intergenerational Group Gatherings

Funding of up to \$40,000 per application per organization

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.

CATEGORY 1 | Japanese Canadians Orgs

Funding of up to \$40,000 per application

CATEGORY 2 | Non-Japanese Canadians Orgs

Funding of up to \$10,000 per application

CATEGORY 3 | Unincorporated Japanese Canadian Groups

Funding of up to \$10,000 per application.



PAST WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

EVERYTHING JAPANESE

Everything Japanese Sale - We once again had our famous "Everything Japanese" table at this year's Omatsuri Festival on August 12th. We take the generously donated items from our members and find new, loving homes for them. In doing so, we raise a little money for the Temple and have a lot of fun doing it.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made both events possible and also thank you for your donated items. We will be doing a donation drive again next year so please keep us in mind when you are cleaning out your basement in the coming year!

Please contact Jean Masuda (j.masuda95@gmail.com) if you have any questions about volunteering or upcoming events.

Fundraising Committee



GARAGE SALE



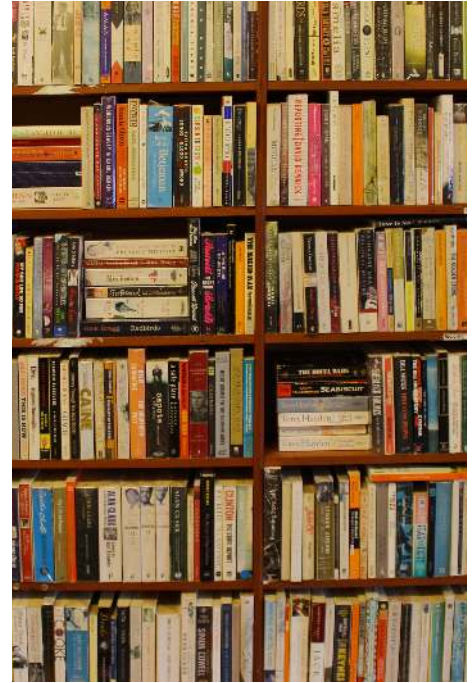
Garage Sale: After a 3-year hiatus we held our garage sale in July. It was quieter than usual, but we still raised some revenues for the Temple, and it enabled us to meet some neighbours who spoke positively about our new fence. One woman even gave us a donation in gratitude for the Temple security lights that helped her feel safe.



LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be open Sunday September 17th after the service. Come downstairs and browse the books while you enjoy a tea (and ice cream).

We will be organizing the library books in October. Please consider staying after Temple for an hour to help out. Stay tuned for more details when the Sign Up Genius sign up email comes out.



JUNE DONATIONS

Temple Donations

Anonymous
Auld, Belle
Daniel R
Goudie, Jane
Hironaka, Doug
Kilippenstein, Colin

Kitagawa, Susan
Masuda, Misae
Oishi-Lloyd, Sandra
Oishi, Cheryl
Ota, Fumi
Pavan, Kirsten & Evan
Pittman, Craig and Cathy

Rideout, Jason
Robb, Barrie and Jackie
Sano, Tracee
Seman, Michael
Takaguchi, Harumi
Tanaka, Harvey

Canada Helps Donations

Anonymous
Bridge, Barry
Giggs, Melanie
Haddon, Samantha

Howard, Leslie
Martin, James
McCullagh, Bob
Miyaniishi, Kiyoko
Robson, Tomiko

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