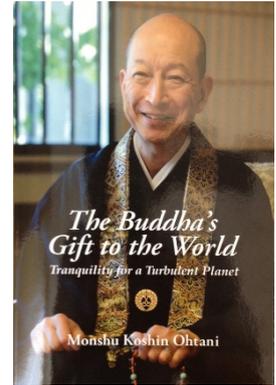


**Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC)
2014 May-September Report from Office of the Bishop**

**“The Buddha's Gift to the World: Tranquility for a Turbulent Planet”
by Former Monshu Koshin Ohtani**

The 24th Spiritual Leader of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, His Eminence, Koshin Ohtani, retired from the Monshu's position on June 5 of this year. This is his third book in English translation. This Book begins with an outline by the Gomonshu on Buddhism and society and a talk he presented to college students at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. The Buddha's Gift to the World reaffirms that our Buddha-Dharma teachings are as relevant today as ever, for addressing the very real and complex problems of our modern society and global community. The introduction was written by Bishop Tatsuya Aoki.



June 5-6, 2014

Ceremony of Transmitting the Jodo Shinshu Tradition at Nishi Hongwanji, Kyoto

The Ceremony of Transmitting the Jodo Shinshu Tradition (“*Hoto Keisho Shiki*” in Japanese) was held on June 5 and 6, 2014 at Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan. This is a ceremony to mark the retirement of His Eminence Monshu Koshin Ohtani and the succession of His Eminence Shinmon Kojun Ohtani to the position of Monshu. Monshu is the Head minister of the Hongwanji and Spiritual Leader of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. The tradition of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha has been transmitted from Shinran Shonin through successive generations of Monshu, and on this special occasion, the Jodo Shinshu tradition was transmitted from the 24th Sokunyo Monshu (His Eminence Koshin Ohtani) to the 25th Sennyō Monshu (His Eminence Kojun Ohtani).

June – Aug

Rev. Ryuhei Endo arrived Vancouver, on June 13, and his orientation was mentored by Rev. Grant Ikuta, in Steveston, BC.

- ✧ Rev. Ryuhei Endo is assigned as a resident minister of Toronto Buddhist Church and also supervise Hamilton and Montreal Buddhist Church as of August 13.
- ✧ Rev. Tomofumi Fujii has resigned from Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada as of September 15.



- ✧ On behalf of JSBTC, I would like to welcome Rev. Endo and thank Rev. Fujii for his 9 years of service in Canada.

August 31, 2014

World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting in Southampton, UK

September 1-4, 2014

Attending two international conferences with Zenmon Sama in Southampton, UK.

1. International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies Conference
2. European Shin Buddhist Conference

Coming Businesses

- A. Two ministers from Nishi Hongwani in Kyoto and Tsukji Hongwanji in Tokyo will come to Vancouver for Hongwanji International Propagation Training Program (Oct. 30 – Nov. 10, 2014)
- B. 2015 World Women's Convention in Calgary (May 30-31, 2015)

The 32nd World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting

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Hongwanji's Main Project and Promotion

1. Building Opportunities for Children and Youth
 - a. In the past, Buddhist education was largely experienced within the household. Today, the passing down of religious traditions has become more of a challenge. Among our many responses, our organization has developed the Kids' Sangha program, with the anticipation that in nurturing children to follow a life's path guided by the Nembutsu, they will become well-rounded and responsible members of society.

It is a movement involving the temple as a whole, where the minister and sangha members join their efforts in making the temple a sangha where children and adults alike can learn together.
In recognition of the Succession of the Jodo Shinshu tradition ceremonial observance, we will strive to further promote the Kids' Sangha program, providing children and youth, with as many opportunities as possible, to have the temple become an integral part of their daily lives. Combining our efforts toward generating more opportunities for children and youth to become engaged in the Dharma, let us keep in mind that **it is the temples and ministers, that must take the first steps in making a change.**
2. 2014 Tokudo Program for Overseas Candidates
 - a. Date: November 4 to 14, 2014
 - b. Candidate: 13 from BCA and 1 from JSBTC (Bob Gubenco from Calgary Buddhist Temple)
3. Hongwanji Propagation in Europe
 - a. Hongwanji in anticipation of the Jodo Shinshu teaching being further propagated in Europe, shall collect information on religious practices and situations of European countries and basic data on sangha activities.
In order to do so, Fons Martens, representative of Jikoji Temple in Antwerpen, Belgium has been designated as acting liaison in Europe as of May 27, 2014.