

Hikari the Light



April 2011

Memorial Service Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan

The Buddha pervades the countless worlds; it fills the hearts and minds of all beings. Therefore, the Buddha is called "unhindered light." "Unhindered" means that it is not obstructed by blind passions of beings. Know, therefore, the Buddha is light, and that light is the form of wisdom and compassion.



We are gathered here this morning to observe a special memorial service for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami that struck northern Japan, Sendai area on March 11th. I have received many concerns and good will from unknown individuals and groups. They feel that the sufferings and hardships of others are their own. Many people are trying to reach out. I am grateful for their empathy at the time of extreme difficulties in Japan

There are many things in our lives we are not able to control. The disasters such as earthquakes and tsunami are some of these. At this moment we think of all those who tragically died. We also think of all those who lost their loved ones so suddenly. We lost so many friends at once from the dreadful and horrible disasters. How do we Buddhists think of them? How do Buddhists deal with the deaths of others? We think of them as not only good friends but also good teachers of the Dharma, the universal law of life. We deal with

others' deaths as reflections of our own. Unlike some other religions, Buddhists have no concept of God as a creator, judge or one who controls us and punishes us. Buddhism talks about the universal law of impermanency. Our friends who have gone are our teachers who are showing us the reality of human life, a fragile nature of human life. They have gone but in truth we also will leave this world sooner or later, maybe not by disaster but we also will die without fail. Actually, we are dying every day since our birth. Those who have gone are teaching us the fragility of life. In the letter written by Venerable Rennyō of the Hongwanji, he says that though in the morning we may have radiant health, in the evening we may return to white ashes. We are really like the morning dew. It disappears soon. It is transient. However, we see the countless morning dewdrops glistened by the shining and reflecting sun. Each dewdrop is bathed equally in the morning sun. The morning sun dwells on each dewdrop and makes it shine beautifully. In the same way, although our body is so fragile that no one can escape the life of transience and impermanence, the light of Buddha's compassion shines, reflects and dwells on each sentient being. In the midst of the life of transience, the Buddha is living and becomes one with us all and thus transforms our life into Buddha's life. We are mortal and yet shining. Nothing obstructs the working of Buddha's light of compassion coming out of wisdom of oneness. May those who have gone guide us to the realm of

Buddha's enlightenment. May those who are left behind find peace and comfort in the light of Buddha's infinite wisdom and boundless compassion. May those of us live each moment and every day in deep gratitude and appreciation and reach out to those in suffering.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Yasuo Izumi, Minister of BTSa

「できるだけのことを」

日本の東北地方を襲った地震と津波は、想像を絶する被害をもたらしました。死者、行方不明の方々の数は二万を超えています。人間の無力さを知らされると同時に、無常の人生を思わされます。親鸞聖人が85歳の頃、日本は、全国的な大飢饉と悪疫におそわれ、死者がはなはだ多かったと言われています。聖人は、悲しみの思いの中にも、「生死無常のことわりは、み仏の説いておられることで、驚くことではない」と門弟に仰っておられます。そして、いよいよ仏様の大慈悲の心に一刻も早く目覚めることを勧めておられるのです。死は、私たち誰にでも、等しく襲うのです。いつ、どこで、どのように死ぬのか、私たちにはわかりません。しかし、み仏は、衆生の苦しみ、悲しみ、悩みを、わが苦しみ、悲しみ、悩みと観られ、その智慧は、大慈悲の心となって、常に私たちに働きかけ、抱きとってくださるのです。そのお心を、私たちの心に頂きながら、たとえ無力な私たちであっても、被害者の方々を思い、出来るだけのことをさせていただくではありませんか。合掌 泉康雄

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BTSA NOTES

Close to 180 persons attended the special memorial, combined with the regular Sunday service, on March 27 for victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck northeast Japan on March 11. Izumi sensei's talk is reprinted in this Hikari. The service included a reading of "On White Ashes" along with "A Letter from Sendai" that has been receiving considerable circulation on the Internet. A video produced for the Calgary Japanese Association Community with images of the affected area with a voice-over of the song, "Sen no Kaze" (A Thousand Winds) also was shown.

At the same time, BTSA launched its Japan Disaster Relief Fund to raise monies to send to Japan. By the time you read this, an udon supper/movie night scheduled for April 2 may already have been held. BTSA also will be co-sponsor of a bake sale scheduled for April 30.

A separate account will be set up for the proceeds and in several months' time, the board will arrange to transfer them to a qualified Canadian charity. We will be checking out several sources to determine which offers the best relief to Japan.

Please check the website regularly to see what is scheduled for further fund-raising.

April heralds the full-blown arrival of spring, although on the calendar it came on March 20. Along with it comes one of the three most important services in Jodo Shinshu, Hanamatsuri. Tomofumi Fujii sensei of the Toronto Buddhist Temple is our guest speaker. He will be running a nenju-repair workshop on the morning of April 10, then will be featured at the Hanamatsuri service which begins at 2 p.m. A meal will be served following the service.

Our annual general meeting on March 6 saw the election of new directors to the board to two-year terms. The old directors standing for nomination will fill one-year terms, thus initiating a staggered term system. We welcome Val Boras, John Dubbelboer, Sway Nishimura, Roy Sassa, Eichi Tanaka and Trent Takeyasu who join five continuing members: Akira Ichikawa, Brenda Ikuta, Roland Ikuta, Sylvia Oishi and Tak Okamura. BTSA will continue to seek a twelfth director to fill out the board.

BTSA extends its appreciation to Robert Takaguchi and Gord Saruwatari who served as co-treasurers for five years, Robert much longer as treasurer of the old Buddhist Federation of Alberta; Renae Barlow who was vice president, chair of the religious committee and general workaholic responsible for workshops and the Funeral Fair (twice); and Jack Nagai, Nobby Sudo, Noris Taguchi and Joe Tomiyama who provided

thoughtful advice and direction. Thanks to all; we look to them for continued counsel. Various reports, including the review

engagement describing the temple's financial status, were presented. All have been uploaded onto the BTSA website where they may be viewed. Copies also are available at the temple for anyone wishing a set.

Briefly, the temple's financial health is strong, and the AGM approved to keep membership dues at \$100. April has been declared membership month and we look forward to everyone's renewal. Please refer to a membership article elsewhere in this Hikari. We also welcome several new members who have become regular attendees at Sunday services. Welcome aboard.

The executive elected for the coming year is: Akira Ichikawa, chair; Roland Ikuta, vice chair; and Brenda Ikuta, secretary. A treasurer will be selected shortly.

We lost a key charter member of BTSA in March when Rev. Dr. Les Kawamura died in Calgary. Kawamura sensei's loss is keenly felt by those close to him as he grew up in southern Alberta and spent most of his life here. Condolences go out to his wife, Toyo, their daughter Nao and her family.

An enthusiastic thank you to everyone who helped out in March to make mein noodles for sale to members and preparatory to our spring chow mein supper on May 14. Tickets for the event have been distributed.

At its first meeting since the AGM, the board on March 9:

- learned BTSA has been assigned the Rotary Picnic Shelter in the Lethbridge Sports Park (28th St. & 30th Av. North) for its annual picnic on June 19;
- agreed to \$255 to match the estimated value of donated goods for the Interfaith Food Bank. The Food Bank picked up the goods on March 13;
- switched the May monthly memorial service date to the second Sunday, May 8, since sensei will still be at the JSBTC AGM in Toronto on May 1;
- asked Sylvia Oishi to be one of the two BTSA representatives to the JSBTC AGM, with a second still to be named;
- approved the payment of \$1775 as dues remitted to the JSBTC Women's Federation; and,
- voted in favor of renting the temple facilities for a sleepover April 16 to the SPARKS girl's organization for 5-year-olds supervised by Juli Talerico, one of our new members.

Finally, a reminder that records of all board meetings are available for members to peruse. They are kept in binders in the board room

Akira Ichikawa

TOBAN UPDATE

Toban Schedule

Please help out anytime you are available but especially when your Toban is scheduled.

April Toban 2

Members: Nancy/Roy Adachi, Ainscough Katie, Donna/John Dubbelboer. Mutsuko/Mas Fukushima Haruko Ikeda, Sue Kado, Totsy/Sway Nishimura, Betty/Eichi Tanaka, Keiko Gordon, Aya/Jim Hironaka, Sharon/Bob Imahashi, Spud Kitagawa, Betty Nakamura, Reyko/ Mac Nishiyama, Judy/Robert Takaguchi, Mary/Cliff Thomas, Margie/Kaz Tomomitsu, Setsuko Okuma, Chiyomi/Yuse Matsuno Sakamoto Irene Cozac, Joy/Gord Saruwatari, Mary/Joe Shigehiro Mitsuko/Tom Shigehiro, Eiko/Bob Shigehiro, Tomi Takeyasu, June/Bill Terakita, Sumi Tsukishima, Jim Tsukishima, Yoshiko/Fujio Tsukishima, Carol//Dale Fujita

Thanks to Judy Takaguchi for two years of dedicated service as leader. Judy resigned as of February 1.

Hanamatsuri: It is requested that all **Toban 2** members and friends who are able, assist with the supper preparation beginning at 8 a.m., Sunday, April 10. If you are unable to help, please notify one of the following coordinating group members: Totsy Nishimura, Keiko Gordon, Betty Tanaka, June Terakita, Mary Shigehiro or Marge Tomomitsu.

Thanks to **Toban 1** for duties during the month of March, especially the many Japanese specialty foods prepared by Lilly Oishi and several of her crew for our weekly tea. Thanks also to other Toban members, who helped Toban 1 with the monthly clean-up: Tosh Ibuki, Tak Okamura, Roy & Pat Sassa and Ken McQuarrie from Red Deer

Toban 3 meets Sunday May 1 after service (11:30 am) for June planning. Please contact Lorita or Pat if you are not able to make that meeting.

Thanks to David Major who stepped into the leadership role of Toban 3 a little over a year ago. David resigned in March.

Toban 4 will be up for the month of **May** (having switched months with Toban 3). They also coordinated the recent **Soup Kitchen** Following is a brief note from Jan.

"Thirteen from our Toban gathered at the Soup Kitchen on March 24 to prepare a lunch of Spaghetti with meat sauce and grated cheese, a very nice salad, fresh buns, apple pie and tea/coffee/or punch. We served 112 guests who enjoyed our spaghetti and came back for several helpings. It was nice to hear many of the guests comment and thank us for the lunch."

Upcoming Soup Kitchen Schedule

May 23, Toban 1



Toban 4 volunteers at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen on Mar. 24. Front row, from left: Rie Nagai, Heidi Oishi, Judy Fukushima, Jean Oga, Betty Taniguchi, Kay Tsukishima and Jan Okamura. Back row: Tak Okamura, Yumi Osaka, Noriko Oga, Sachi Taguchi, Stan Peters and Sam Taniguchi.



2011 Membership Form

- Full Membership (\$100 for each member) Student Membership

Last Name: _____ First Names(s): _____

Last Name: _____ First Names(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City, Province, Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

- Check to receive The Hikari newsletter by Email only.

Please send this form and your remittance to:
 Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta Treasurer
 470 40th Street South
 Lethbridge, AB, T1J 3Z5

LET'S EXPAND THE CIRCLE OF THE DHARMA!

Shotsuki Hoyo

March 2011

Joyce Adachi
 Jim & Atsuko Hagihara
 Shinako (Sheila) Higa
 Shirley Higa
 Marie Y. Hirashima
 Tomi Hisaoka
 Rumiko Ibuki
 Toshimi & Marian Ibuki
 Molly H. Ito
 Takeshi & Sue Koyata
 Katoye Maruno
 May Nishikawa
 Mac & Reyko Nishiyama
 Takumi & Mitsuko Oga

Frank & Kimi Ohno
 Kaz & Setsuko Ohno
 May Ohno
 Bob & Eiko Shigehiro
 Sonia Sitz
 Noboru & Kazuko Sugimoto
 Tomiko Sugimoto
 Tom & Tsuyako Tajiri
 Robert & Judy Takaguchi
 Fudge Takeda
 Toshiko Takeda
 Toshiko Tanaka

Total \$1,090.00

April is BTSA Membership Month!

At the Annual General Meeting of the BTSA on March 6th, the annual membership fee of \$100 was approved. It is common for many of us to forget to pay our membership dues because there are no deadlines or notices sent by the BTSA and the years blend together. As a result, the Membership Committee has established April as our Membership Drive Month.

There are two categories of membership with the BTSA.

- 1) Students attending a post secondary education institution can be registered free of cost.
- 2) Regular members pay a fee of \$100. This allows you to vote at the AGM and participate as a member of the board of directors. It also allows you to rent the temple at a reduced cost.

The temple's annual operating cost is around \$150,000. The current membership of the BTSA is around 250 members. Therefore, membership dues cover only a small portion of the temple's operating costs. Donations and fund raising activities such as the Chow Mein suppers and Bake sales cover the vast majority of temple expenses. The Board of Directors want to emphasize that participation in temple activities is most important.

We would like to thank the members for their ongoing support of the BTSA both monetarily and with their time and energy.

*The color of flowers
 does not last a
 hundred days.*

– Buddha Dharma Kyokai, Canada

REGULAR EVENTS

Morning Chanting

9:40am Sundays (except first Sunday of the month, please note calendar)

Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

Thursdays 7 – 8:30 pm

New members always welcome!

Please contact Katie Nakagawa 403.327.4296 or katieinak@shaw.ca

Tonari Gumi

Tuesdays 12 – 3pm

Taiko Class

Tuesdays 7 - 8:30pm

Please contact David Tanaka 403.330.1548

or david@eyesquared.com

The Lethbridge Karaoke Club

Wednesdays 1:30 – 4pm

All interested are welcome to join or just listen and enjoy

Minyo (Folk Dance)

Will meet two Fridays in April: 15th and 29th

6:30 – 8pm

Contact: Aya Hironaka at 403.752.4065

PROGRAMS

Aiki Breathing Class

Spring session begins April 11 and will run from 11:00 to 12:00 for six sessions. (No class April 25.)

This class introduces non-martial aspects of breathing, and gentle stretching. It is for people interested primarily in cultivating health, relaxation and overall well-being.

New participants welcome. For registration, please contact Lorita at 403.327.1668 or lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com

Gentle Yoga for Seniors

began March 29 and will run Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:30 to May 10.

(No class April 12)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chow Mein Supper May 14

Annual Picnic June 19 at Rotary Picnic Shelter, Lethbridge Sports Park

Toban 3 Members will meet Sunday May 1 after service

(approximately 11:30 am) in the Board Room. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan activities for the month of April. Please call Lorita at 403.327.1668 if you are not able to attend or for further discussion.

Nenju Repairing Sunday, April 10, 10:30am

Please bring your broken Nenju

Onenju (Ojuzu) For Sale

New Onenju from Japan are available. (\$15 for male onenju. \$18 and \$20 for female onenju) **The scrolls of Amida Buddha are also available.**

Flowers or fruit basket will be delivered to those in hospital. If you know of someone who is in hospital for at least one week please contact Sumi & Joe Tomiyama, 403.327.3110 or sumi.tomiyama@gmail.com

2011 Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

BUDDHIST YOUTH TOUR

Anyone interested, please contact the temple for further description and application forms.

Movie Night at the Temple

A special event to help raise funds for the Japan Disaster Relief Fund

Saturday April 2, 2011 • 7pm

The Cup, directed by Khyentse Norbu Rinpoche
Rated G, 94 minutes

World Cup soccer fever hits a Buddhist monastery.

Tickets for the udon supper at 6 pm are sold out, but anyone may come to the movie at 7 pm. All of the net proceeds will go towards the Japan Disaster Relief Fund. We will also be collecting separately donations for the relief fund for which receipts will be issued at year's end for members, and as soon as possible for non-member donors. Receipts will not be issued for supper tickets.

Bake Sale

Fundraiser for Japan Disaster Relief Fund

Saturday, April 30 • 1 – 3 p.m.

Jointly sponsored by the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta (B TSA) "Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area (NCS), Okinawa Cultural Society (OCS), Japanese United Church (JUC), and Southern Alberta New Japanese Immigrants Association (SANJIA).

Please bring two baking items to the temple by 10 a.m. the morning of the sale. Contact: Pat Sassa at 403.329.3105 or sas7@telus.net



Mein-making in March

Memorial Donations

March 2011

Roy & Nancy Adachi	Wesley & Fumi Jasiukiewicz	Tsutomu Stony Nakano	Takako Sugimoto
Brian Akune	Mr & Mrs Jerry Johannson	Dick Nakatsu	Tom & Laura Sugimoto
Martha Akune	Christopher & Yumi Johnson	Mr & Mrs Ted Nakatsu	Tomiko Sugimoto
Eiko Aoki	Dave & April Johnson	Hideo & Jennifer Nishida	Noris & Sachiko Taguchi
Doug & Lisa Brown	Mr & Mrs Reyn Johnson	Setsuko Nishiguchi	Tom & Tsuyako Tajiri
Toni Lynn DeGeer	S. Sue Kado	Grace Nishimura	Nancy Takada
Yuri Delisle	Tom & Lily Kaga	Sway & Toshiko Nishimura	Don & Lisa Takaguchi
Guido & Eleanor DiStefano	Sab & Kiyomi Kamitakahara	Brian J.Nishiyama	Harumi & Michi Takaguchi
Ayako Endo	Doug & Alice Kamitomo	Kiyomi Nishiyama & Daniel McGee	Kazuko Takaguchi
Earl & Leanne Fisher	John Kamitomo	Mac & Reyko Nishiyama	Robert & Judy Takaguchi
Yoshio Fujimoto	Roy Kamitomo	Sonny Ohama	Dell S. Takahashi
Dale & Carol Fujita	John & Alice Kanashiro	Mrs. Alice Ohashi	Mr & Mrs Eldon Takahashi
Marg Fujita	Toshio & Kazuye Kanashiro	Frank & Kimi Ohno	Mr & Mrs Tak Takahashi
Judy Fukushima	Sadae Kanegawa	Kaz & Setsuko Ohno	Mrs Tom Takahashi
Gloria Gilmore	Sumi Kanomata	May Ohno	Paul & Juanita Takahashi
Alan & Barbara Grant	Eleanor Katakami	Gil & Rose Oishi	Shin & Hisako Takahashi
Jim & Atsuko Hagihara	Isamu & Sharon Kawade	Hideko Oishi	Mrs T. Takao
Brent Hall	Mary Kirk	Jitsuya & Reiko Oishi	Sonoko Takasaki
Bob & Ina Harris	Hiroshi Kitagawa	Mitsuko Oishi	Fudge Takeda
Shirley Hashizume	Sue Kitagawa	Osamie & Junko Oishi	KB & Lila Takeda
Yosh & Lois Hattori	Lido & Echi Kondo	Rocky & Jean Oishi	Reiko Takeyasu
Keiko Higa	Aki & Chick Konno	Dr T.Okamura	Art & Nao Tamayose
Larry & Mary Higa	Tom & Katsuko Kosaka	Dr Y Okamura	Mariko Tamura
Shinako(Sheila) Higa	Alan Koyata	Tak & Jan Okamura	Eichi & Betty Tanaka
Shirley Higa	Takeshi & Sue Koyata	Kay Y.Okugawa	Jim & Irene Tanaka
Sue & Wes Higa	Wayne Koyata	Kay Osaka	Masaye Tanaka
Hideo & June Hinatsu	June Lastuka	Yumiko Osaka	Morison Tanaka
Janet Hinatsu	Corolyn & Ken Macdonald	George & Grace Oshiro	Shigeko Tanaka
Marie Y. Hirashima	David Major & Laverne Hamabata	Jim & Daisy Oshiro	Toshiko Tanaka
Gaye K.Hironaka	Katoye Maruno	A. K.Otsuka	Harry & Betty Tanigami
Robert Hironaka	Mr & Mrs Reg Masuda	Frank & Mary Ann Pavka	Sam & Betty Taniguchi
Tsuyoshi & Mariko Hironaka	Kay K.Matsuda	Tod & Hollis Pickerell	Masae Taniwa
Tucker Hironaka	Kinuko Matsuno	Hisae Price	Dr. Frances Tatebe & Ralph Arnold
Tomi Hisaoka	Randall Matsuno	Darcee Richardson	Joe & Jean Tatebe
Violet Horii	Yutaka & Chiyomi Matsuno	Kenneth & Keiko Sampson	Bill & June Terakita
Chris & Susan Huntley	Darcy McKenna	Mary Saruwatari	Mas Terakita
Rumiko Ibuki	Jane McMullin	Tosh & Joyce Saruwatari	Masaji & Shirley Terakita
Toshimi & Marian Ibuki	Tom & Sumi Medoruma	Ken & Elsie Sasaki	Tami Terakita
Gail Ikebuchi	John & Jean Miyanaga	Jiro & Mae Sasaki	Yosh Terakita
Helen Ikebuchi	Robert & Toshi Miyanaga	Roy & Pat Sassa	Bill Teshima
Yoshiye Ikebuchi	Gerry Miyashiro	Peter & Terrie Savage	Raymond & Sue Thibodeau
Bonnie Ikeda	Kiyoshi & Marion Mori	Natsuko Sawada	Clifford & Mary Thomas
Craig Ikeda	Kiyo & Kay Moriyama	Harry & Fumi Sekiya	Teruko Tokitsu
Debra Ikeda	Thomas & Mariko Mura	Bob & Jane Senda	Shizuo & Dorothy Tomita
Haruko Ikeda	Ayako Murakami	Gregory & Jane Senda	Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama
Pamela Ikeda	Cecil Murakami	Roy & Kyoko Senda	Kimiye Tsuji
Susumu & Teruko Ikuta	Joe & Helen Myndio	Ken & Nancy Setoguchi	Yukio Tsuji
Ayako Imahashi	Jack & Rie Nagai	Sumio & Shirley Setoguchi	Tak & Yoko Tsujita
Bob & Sharon Imahashi	William T. & Setsuko Nagai	Aige Shigehiro	Fujio & Yoshiko Tsukishima
Yoshiko Imahashi	Roy & Luri Nagata	Bob & Eiko Shigehiro	Keiko Kay Tsukishima
Fumi Inaba	Ruth Nagata	Joe & Mary Shigehiro	Sumie Tsukishima
Kenneth Ito	Sho & Rose Nagata	Ted Shigehiro	Toshiko Tsukishima
Molly H.Ito	Ken & Vickie Nakagama	Tom & Mitsuko Shigehiro	V.F. Boras Professional Corporation
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Glen & Collette Iwaasa	Shig & Katie Nakagawa	Dewy & Eileen Spitzer	Morris Walker
Mits & Clara Iwaasa	Tosh Nakahama	Emily Stitt	Ralph Walker
	Amy Nakamura	Dawn Sugimoto	Yasuo & Lil Yamashita
	Betty Nakamura	Fumi Sugimoto	Casey & Yuriko Yoneda
	Kazuo & Nancy Nakamura	June Sugimoto	Gord & Sandra Zacher
	Susumu Nakamura	Noboru & Kazuko Sugimoto	
	Teiji Nakamura	Pamela Y.Sugimoto	Total \$8,496.00



Learning to Breathe

Yoga instructor, Juli Talerico joined the Dharma class in March for an activity using bubbles and breath work. The kids were occupied for quite a long time, creating different size bubbles, different shapes, and bubbles within bubbles by controlling their breath through a straw. Thank you to teacher Juli for a fun and informative class! And thank you to Kiyomi, Skyla and Lily for assisting in the clean-up job.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Origami with Joe Tomiyama
 Sunday, April 3
 Dharma Room

Hanamatsuri Service (Buddha's Birthday)
 Sunday, April 10 • 2:00
 Kids' activities and birthday cake

April & May 2011 Schedule 4月と5月の予定表

Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service 祥月法要 Please bring Homyo (Buddhist Name) of your loved one. 法名をご持参ください。

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL							6pm Udon Supper (ticket is required) 7pm Movie Night at the Temple
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	10:30am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service		10:30am Gentle Yoga 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke	7pm SAB Choir		
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10:30am Nenju making 2pm Hanamatsuri (Buddha's birthday) Rev. Fujii, Toronto	11am Aiki Breathing class	No Gentle Yoga 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke 7pm BTS Board Meeting	7pm SAB Choir	6:30pm Minyo Dance	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
9:40am Chanting 10:30am Regular Service	11am Aiki Breathing class	10:30am Gentle Yoga 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke	7pm SAB Choir			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
9:40am Chanting 10:30am Regular Service	no class Aiki Breathing class	10:30am Gentle Yoga 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke JSBTC Ministers' Meeting/AGM, Toronto (until May 1)	7pm SAB Choir	6:30pm Minyo Dance	1pm Bake Sale for Japan Disaster Relief	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

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MAY	10:30am Regular Service	11am Aiki Breathing class	10:30am Gentle Yoga 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko		7pm SAB Choir		
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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	10:30am Service Gohtane (Shinran Shonin's Birthday)	11am Aiki Breathing class	12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke	7pm SAB Choir		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
9:40am Chanting 10:30am Regular Service (Spring Equinox)	11am Aiki Breathing class Soup Kitchen	12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko	1:30pm Karaoke	7pm SAB Choir			
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9:40am Chanting 10:30am Regular Service		12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko					
29	30	31					