



January 2009

New Year's Greeting "Immeasurable Light and Life."

At the beginning of the year, I would like to send you my greetings from Hongwanji, Kyoto. May we all live our lives cherishing everyday and reflect that all lives, including my own, are illuminated and embraced by the light and compassion of Amida Tathagata.

The restoration of the Hongwanji Founder's Hall will soon be completed. In the midst of the cold in January 1999, following the completion of Rennyō Shōnin's 500th Memorial Services, the ground-breaking ceremony was conducted. In June of the same year, the image of Shinran Shōnin was moved from the Founder's Hall to the Hall of Amida Buddha. For the ten years since that time, the restoration work has been carried out without any serious problems thanks to your generous donations, public subsidy, and the efforts of many professionals.

Historians describe Shinran Shōnin as having lived in temporary lodgings throughout his life because he had never built a temple. They may be correct. The Hongwanji's Founder Hall was not built because of a request made by Shinran Shōnin. Rather, the structure was erected by the many people who highly regard him. I have no doubt that they made great efforts to express their respect and adoration for him. Constructed in an era when there was no electricity, they used their ingenuity to make the best use of natural light and sound. The main entrance to the Hall is on the east side because the Pure Land is believed to be in the west and it is a custom for members to hold Buddhist services facing west. However, it is really impressive to have the sunlight shining into the Hall during the morning service at Hongwanji. Moreover, a treasure of Hongwanji is seeing and hearing Jōdo Shinshū Buddhists from throughout the country who have gathered in the Founder's Hall, chanting *Shōshinge* with all their heart.

In the Founder's Hall, I can feel the joy and sadness of those who have paid homage there for 370 years. You can visit the Hall with your friends and family on an occasion of a Buddhist service, or you can visit alone and quietly engage in a dialogue with Master Shinran. Either way is appropriate when visiting Hongwanji.

It may not be easy for overseas district members to visit the Hongwanji in Kyoto, but I hope that you will be able to come to Honzan when you have a chance to visit Japan. Also, I sincerely hope that you would have Shinran Shōnin and Hongwanji in your mind while you chant *Shōshinge* in front of the Buddhist altar in your home or in front of the image of Amida Buddha at your local temple.

January 1, 2009

OHTANI Koshin

Ohtani Koshin

Monshu

Jōdo Shinshū Hongwanji-ha



年頭の辞

光寿無量

新しい年の初めにあたり、京都の本願寺よりご挨拶申しあげます。今年も、如来の智慧と慈悲に、照らされつつまれた私であり他のいのちであることを日々を大切に過ごしましょう。

本願寺では、いよいよ御影堂の修復が完成です。蓮如上人の五百回遠忌が勤年の翌1999年1月、寒さの中、起工式が行われ、6月には、宗祖親鸞聖人を隣の阿弥陀堂におうつしいたしました。それ以来10年、皆さまのご懇念と助、専門の方々のご尽力で、修復工事が順調に運びました。

歴史家は、親鸞聖人がお寺をお建てになることなく、仮住まいのご一生で言います。その通りでありましょう。本願寺の御影堂は親鸞聖人がお作りにならぬのではなく、親鸞聖人を慕う人々が建てた御堂です。どうすれば、聖人を敬うや慕う思いを表現できるか、苦心されたに違いありません。電気の無い時代、を活かす工夫もされたことでしょう。御堂が東向きなのは、西方浄土に向いてる意味でありましょうが、お朝事の途中で差し込んでくる日の光も感動的です。全国の門信徒が声高くお正信偈を唱える姿は本願寺の宝です。

御影堂には、370年にわたってお参りされた方々の喜びや悲しみも染みこるような気がいたします。法要行事に揃ってお参りすることとともに、個人で座り、親鸞さまと対話をするのも本願寺の特色だと思えます。

海外の皆様には、簡単にお参りいただくことができませんが、訪日の折りにお参りしていただきたく思いますとともに、平生は、ご自宅の、あるいは、ごのお寺や仏教会のご本尊の前で、親鸞聖人を偲び、本願寺を思いながら、お正唱えてくだされば、まことに有り難いことです。

2009年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光真

Five Kalpas

"When I carefully consider the Vow which Amida Buddha brought forth after five kalpas' contemplation, I find that it was solely for me, Shinran, alone." - from Tannisho



How did you spend your winter break? During the holiday season, one of our daughters came to visit us from Toronto with her husband and their three children aged 5, 4 and a 4 month old baby. It was quite an exciting and chaotic twelve days for us in our home. My wife planned well for the situation. She spent almost one month contemplating and preparing for the way she would feed them for their visit. First, she spent a lot of time making a daily menu: 36 meals plus snacks. Then she went shopping, bought all the groceries, meats, necessary ingredients and so on. She prepared their daily necessities, remembering to buy extra boxes of kleenex in case anyone should have a cold. (Sure enough they did!) She also thought of activities and games for them to play. And of course, she cleaned their rooms for them to sleep. When I saw her working and preparing diligently for her children and grandchildren, the above quotation came to my mind.

The quotation was once uttered by Shinran Shonin before Yuien, his disciple and the author of Tannisho. Shinran's words here were religious sentiment and expressed from his experience of encountering Amida and His Vow. Shinran took Amida's five kalpas' contemplation personally and literally and appreciating it deeply with great joy. He encourages us to have the same experience of joy and appreciation in our lives.

Amida Buddha is the personification of true and real life. Amida's Vow is the vow to bring all sentient beings to His life of Enlightenment; a life which is true, real and sincere. In order to deliver all sentient beings from their life of delusion to the life of Enlightenment/Pure Land, it is said that Amida spent five kalpas in contemplation and preparation. A "Kalpa" is an

extremely long period of time beyond human calculation. One interpretation of "kalpa" is as follows: imagine a huge rock of 4 cubic kilometers. A heavenly being with a feather robe flies down once every three years and touches the rock. One day in the future the rock will be worn out. That length of time is considered one kalpa!

Even a grandmother prepares many things for her children and grandchildren for their relaxation and comfort for a short stay. Amida spent five kalpas in contemplation for our spiritual liberation. This is not just a story. Amida's five kalpas of contemplation also symbolizes the depth of human delusion. When we reflect deeply on our own depth of delusion and blind passions, we are grateful for the Vow of Amida who resolved to ensure all sentient beings are liberated from ignorance to wisdom, darkness to light and delusion to Enlightenment/Pure land.

In Gassho,
Namo Amida Buddha in gratitude.
Yasuo Izumi, Minister-Kaikyoshi

読者の皆様、あけましておめでとうございます。

私事、娘夫婦が三人の子供を連れて、トロントから年末に遊びにやって来ました。生後四ヶ月のベビーを含めた五人を迎えるために、妻は一ヶ月も前から食事のことについて考え、用意をしていました。何しろ12日間、毎日違ったものを食べさせようとするのですから大変です。メニューを作り、買い物をし、孫には、退屈させないようと、おもちゃを買い、ゲームを考え。。。等々。そんな妻の姿を見ながら、親鸞聖人が唯円様に仰った「阿弥陀様が五劫という長い間、衆生の救いについ

てお考えになり、用意されたのは、ひとえに、私のためでありました」というお言葉を思い出しました。人間の親でさえ「子供や孫がゆたりと休めるように、楽しめるように」と、大変な用意をするのです。ましてや、あらゆる生きとし生けるものを、迷いの世界より救おうとお誓いになった阿弥陀如来。その如来様は、衆生の救いのために、五劫という気も遠くなるような間、お考えになったのです。永い、永い用意があったのです。この五劫という時間を「自分の迷いの深さ」と味わいつつ、救われている身の確かさを喜んでいかれたのが親鸞聖人でありました。合掌 いずみ

一月は親鸞聖人を偲び、感謝の思いを表わす「ご正忌報恩講」が勤められます。いよいよ、聴聞させていただきます。合掌 いずみ

The Members' Fund Raising Dinner and Silent Auction is

to be held in the new Temple on Feb. 23, 2009, and we invite all members, guests and friends to attend.

ADULTS \$50
(with a \$25 donation receipt)
STUDENTS 14 - 25 \$25
CHILDREN 6 - 12 \$12
5 yrs & under free

Committee members will be phoning but you may call for tickets to (Jan - 327.0464), (Mary - 328.8757) or (Betty - 329.0548). Silent Auction items will be appreciated.

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BTSA FUNDRAISING UPDATE through December 2008

The BTSA now has an official status as a charitable organization. Official tax receipts can now be issued by the BTSA for any charitable donations. Any one wishing to donate to the building fund can make a one time donation or pledge their donation over the next 3-5 years. A plaque with the donors name will be included in our donor wall. The target for the fund raising committee is around \$1,000,000. The donor levels are as follows:

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The BTSA greatly appreciates the contribution from the above in starting the fund raising drive. To date we have raised \$1 million in donations or pledges.

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BTSA PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

David Major

As of last month, our Fundraising Committee announced that our donations and pledges had passed the one million dollar mark. This is an amazing milestone. On behalf of the board of directors, thanks to each of you who have committed to this fund, and to the Fundraising Committee. We still need donations so if you are planning to and have not yet done so please do so. Our Fundraising and Building Committees are now working on the final details of the donor wall so there is still time.

On a chilly December 20, 2008 about a dozen volunteers moved the Butsudan from its storage at the Coaldale temple to its home at the new BTSA temple. Thanks to the Coaldale members for storing the Butsudan and to those who came out to move it and photograph this historic occasion.

At our last board meeting on December 10, 2008 the Membership Committee reported on their deliberations about what the 2009 membership fee should be. The plan is for the Membership Committee to make a recommendation to the board and then the board will make a recommendation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The BTSA currently pays \$55 per member per year to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC).

The costs of operating the new temple are not known yet. They will probably be in the neighbourhood of \$25,000. Other costs are expected to be more than \$100,000 and bridge-financing expenses might add \$35,000.

Projected income, such as membership fees, donations, holding one chow mein supper and one bazaar and bake sale, will fall short of expenses. Discussions will be needed to get our income and expenses to balance.

The board of directors has set Sunday, March 1, 2009 as the date for the AGM. I encourage each of you to ask questions of our board members so that you are fully aware of our situation and to attend the AGM to make your views known.

The new temple will be ready to occupy early in January and our hope is to hold

Hoonko in the new temple on January 11, 2009. Before that we will be looking for help to move into the new building. The Program and Operations Committee is organizing Tobans that will look after the temple and are organizing how everything should be done. The co-chairs of the P&O committee are Lorita Ichikawa and Pat Sassa. They are doing a terrific job of getting everything organized so that the move will be smooth.

The coming year will be one for the history books for the BTSA as we move into the new building. There are still many unknowns and lots of challenges facing us, but we have proven in the last year that our members have the strength and courage to see these through.

On behalf of the BTSA Board of Directors please accept our best wishes in the New Year.



O-Chigo Parade

“Chigo” refers to children between the ages of three to twelve years old. (“o” is an honorific prefix.) According to tradition, noble households sent their children to temples for their education. While attending the temple, children participated in the temple festivals and ceremonies often dressing up to represent celestial beings.

Both boys and girls wear a robe with long, wide sleeves worn over a hakama or loose trousers. Both boys and girls wear the ancient make-up of the nobility which consists of two black dots just above the space between the eyebrows. The costume is differentiated between the boys and girls by a stiff hat for the boys and a crown of the phoenix bird for the girls.

BTSA will provide an opportunity for temple members' children to participate in a ceremonial procession, “O-Chigo Parade” at its dedication ceremony to be held on April 26, 2009 at 9:45am at BTSA. (Please come by 9:00am for preparation and photo at Dharma Class)

Those who are interested in participating in O-Chigo Parade please contact: Maya Ichikawa, Brenda Ikuta or Rev. Izumi



A Happy New Year to you all!

2009 January & February Schedule

1月と2月の予定表

All events will take place at the new BTSA temple:
470 - 40th Street South, Lethbridge

Sunday Regular Service starts at 10:30am
*Study/Discussion group will be held following English Regular Service.

JANUARY

- 11 (Sun) 10:30am Regular Service (subject to change)
14 (Wed) 7:00pm BTSA Board Meeting
18 (Sun) 10:30am English Regular Service (subject to change)
25 (Sun) 10:30am Hoonko Service with Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service
報恩講並びに祥月法要

FEBRUARY

- 01 (Sun) 10:30am Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service 祥月法要
08 (Sun) 10:30am Regular Service
15 (Sun) 10:30am Nirvana Day Service 涅槃会
22 (Sun) 10:30 am Regular Service
23 (Mon) Fundrasing dinner ファンドレイジング デイナー
29 (Sun) 10:30 am Regular Service

Any questions or requests? Please contact your minister 403.382.7024

REGULAR EVENTS

*Please feel welcome to join in the **Study/Discussion Group** on Sundays right after the morning regular service. The purpose of meeting is to deepen our understanding and appreciation of Buddha's teachings, study the Dharma and facilitate discussion. (勉強会)
Please contact Renae Barlow (renaeb@telus.net) or Rev. Izumi (403.382.7024)

Taiko Class

Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30pm
Please contact David Tanaka
403.330.1548 or david@eyesquared.com

Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

Every Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Please contact Lorita Ichikawa 403.327.1668

COMING EVENTS

Fundraising Dinner February 23 (Mon)
BTSA AGM March 1(Sun)
after Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service
Bazaar March 28(Sat)
JSBTC AGM / Dedication Ceremony
..... April 25(Sat) & 26(Sun)
Picnic and Keiro-kai ... June 21(Sun)
Bon Odori July 18(Sat)
BTSA Obon Service July 19(Sun)

December Memorial Donation

Mr. Dick Adachi	Mr. & Mrs. Roy & Nancy Adachi	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hirashima
Mrs. Violet Horii	Mr. & Mrs. Ichio Ibuki	Mr. & Mrs. Akira Ichikawa
Mr. & Mrs. Mac Nishiyama	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ohno	Mrs. Hideko Oishi
Ms. Darcee Richardson	Mr. & Mrs. Noboru Sugimoto	Mr. & Mrs. Noris Taguchi
Mr. & Mrs. Kinji Takeda	Mr. & Mrs. Eichi Tanaka	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Yoshihara
Total.....\$960.00		

Other Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Akira Ichikawa	Calgary Buddhist Temple
Mr. & Mrs. John Dubbelboer	Mr. Jim Tsukishima
Total .....\$480.00	

Donation to "Hikari"

Ms. R. Sudo (Cranbrook)
Mrs. Chizuko Kimura (Edmonton)

2009 Buddhist Memorial Service 仏教徒の年忌法要

Year of Death (死亡年)

2008	..... First annual memorial	..... 1 year from death
2007	..... 3rd anniversary memorial	..... 2 full years from death
2003	..... 7th anniversary memorial	..... 6 full years from death
1997	..... 13th anniversary memorial	..... 12 full years from death
1993	..... 17th anniversary memorial	..... 16 full years from death
1985	..... 25th anniversary memorial	..... 24 full years from death
1977	..... 33rd anniversary memorial	..... 32 full years from death
1960	..... 50th anniversary memorial	..... 49 full years from death

A memorial rite marking the death of the deceased not only calls for the adornment of the shrine and the reading of the sutra but also is a precious occasion for recalling the cherished memories of the beloved and the most of all to realize the blessings of the Light of Wisdom and Life of Compassion which embrace us all. (from Jodo Shinshu Handbook for laymen)

On the first or near the first Sunday of every month, the BTSA observes a monthly memorial service in memory of those people whose date of death (meinichi-命日) falls in that month. Please bring a Homoy of your loved one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It has been brought to our attention that some members are questioning the fact that they have not received receipts for the donations that they have made to BTSA. What we have been doing is issuing receipts to anyone who has made a donation to the 'Building Fund', since the amount is usually much larger and we acknowledge to the donor that we have received the funds. Where we haven't issued receipts is donations made to the "Sandai Hoyo's" and the "Memorial Donations" unless they are not members. Since we have 248 members and if every members donated four or five times a year, we would be issuing over a thousand receipts in a year. To save costs we decided to issue one receipt to each member for all the donations made by them during the year. The receipt will be sent to them at the end of our fiscal year which is December 31. (建設資金以外のご寄付は年末にまとめて皆様に領収書を発行いたしますのでご了解下さい。)

Concerns or questions please contact
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Maya Ichikawa will be in charge of "Hikari" (The Light) starting from 2009 January issue.
Thank you very much David Tanaka for your time and labour.