



Peace

The following is a summary of Rev. Izumi's talk at Inter-Faith dialogue on "Peace"

I am a Buddhist priest and belong to Jodo Shinshu, Pure Land teaching in Buddhism. The founder of Jodo Shinshu is named Shinran. He was born in Kyoto, Japan in 1173 and died in 1263. During his 90 long years of life, there was great calamity in Japan: one hundred years of civil war had just come to an end; famine, drought and plague were found throughout the empire; league upon league of the countryside were the scene of devastated houses, burned remains, and an absence of human habitation of any kind.

One historical record describes: Warriors rose to prominence and whether in the West, East, North or South, there is nowhere that is spared of fighting. The number of people who perish seemingly without end is mind-boggling. It all hardly seems real.

This is the world that surrounded Shinran in medieval Japan. There was fear, uncertainty and anxiety. And yet he did not succumb to these but lived courageously thinking of peace and happiness of others. In his letter to his followers he wrote: "May there be peace in the world, and may the Dharma spread!" The Dharma here means the teaching of the universal law of oneness.

In 2011, Shinran's 750th memorial observance will be held at our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan. Its slogan is "May peace and tranquility prevail throughout the world." The slogan for this observance was taken from



Shinran's original words which I mentioned a moment ago.

"Peace" is called "Heiwa" in Japanese which literally means "Harmony with equality" or "Harmony with no discrimination and

prejudice." We humans tend to discriminate against people by their physical appearance and attributes such as birth, gender, race, colour, religion, occupation, etc. We ordinary people, more or less, inherently have a discriminatory mind. Therefore, it is hard for human beings establish peace and harmony in the world with the sense of equality, with no discrimination. In our contemporary society we also see various events occur which show little or no concern for another's life, and a lack of concern of the importance of the lives of others. Through honest and sincere reflection we will see the oneness of all our lives. We are connected to each other. We are dependent upon each other. We live life together with each other.

There is a simple story in Buddhist teaching to illustrate this point. It is a story about a bird with two heads. At one time there lived in the Himalayas a bird with one body and two heads. One day one of the heads noticed the other head eating some sweet fruit and felt jealous and said, "You are always eating sweet fruit. It is not fair. You ought to share the sweet fruit with me sometime." But the other head did not do so. The head who complained said to itself: "I will then eat poison fruit." So it ate poison and the whole bird died.

The bird is called "Gumyo" meaning "Life together". Whenever we have a thought beginning with "I", "Me", "Mine" we have a mind of discrimination and prejudice. Two worlds appear which we call duality. In this dualistic mind we say, "I am right and you are wrong," "I am good, you are evil." or "I am pure and you

are impure." We must realize that with this kind of self-righteous thinking, true peace will be never realized. We are really all brothers and sisters. We are inter-"I". We are not separated from others but connected with a visible and invisible thread, the thread of life.

We humans are self-centred beings filled by thoughts of ego, including religious ego, sectarian ego, group ego and not concerned about other's benefits. While we as humans cannot see the thread that connects us, Amida's light makes us to see this reality. In this realization we are able to walk together to create a truly harmonious and peaceful world.

I would like to conclude my talk with a quotation from Dhamapada: "Hatred is never appeased by hatred; it is appeased by non-hatred. Everyone fears violence, life is dear to everyone."

「名号」(みょうごう)

名号という字は名前の「名」と号令の「号」が使われています。親鸞様は南無阿彌陀仏を、仏様からの「呼び声」と頂かれました。普通は、南無阿彌陀仏とは

「私」が「となえる」ものと理解されています。つまり、親鸞様が理解された「南無阿彌陀仏」と、普通の理解とは全く違っていています。仏様を中心になっているのと、私を中心になっているのとの違いです。しかしながら、考えてみると、

「私」とは不完全で頼りない者です。条件によって、どうにでも変わります。そのような不完全な、簡単に変わるような「私」を頼って毎日を安心して生きる訳にはいきません。親鸞様は、「私」の心を仏様の智慧と慈悲の心に樹(た)てなさいと云われました。「樹」とは、しっかりと大地に根を張っている状態です。そのような、揺れ動くことのない世界に導いて下さっているのが、仏様の「呼び声」です。私達の称える「南無阿彌陀仏」は、仏様のその「呼び声」に添えている姿なのです。「われ称え、われ聞くなれど南無阿彌陀仏、連れて行くぞの親

仏様の呼び声」
合掌 開教使 泉康雄

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BTSA President's Notebook

Thanks to the Coaldale Buddhist Church for welcoming the BTSA members to their services each Sunday while we wait for the new temple to be completed. The Coaldale members have been very gracious and generous to our visiting members.

A large crowd congregated at the new temple on October 19 to see the progress in the building. Brickwork was being completed on the northeast corner to allow some of the utilities to be installed so that heating could be started. Once the heating is turned on the painters will be able to paint the interior. The millwork and floor coverings will then proceed. Our hope is to occupy the building by the new year. It was nice to see the parking lot full of cars as it will hopefully be a common site on Sundays starting in the new year. Thanks to Tak Okamura and Wesbridge for organizing this event. In the past few days the window

on the west side near the roof was installed. It has a large wisteria etched in it.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Roland Ikuta and the fundraising committee and to a large number of private and corporate donors who made the fundraising dinner on October 20 such a great success. I didn't see the final numbers at the time of this writing but understand the profit was somewhat in excess of \$30,000. Congratulations! Unfortunately for some of our BTSA members the event was sold out and they were unable to attend. I understand that the fundraising committee is planning a second fundraising dinner that will ensure all members get a chance to attend.

The Alberta Buddhist Conference was held in Calgary on November 8 – 10 and I'll include a summary of it in the next *Hikari*. The theme was "Living the Dharma Today" and the guest speaker is Sensei Jerry Hirano from Salt Lake City, Utah

If you have experience or interest in serving on a non-profit board of directors please give some thought to running for our own board. The current board of directors has worked hard for two years to put the amalgamation of the four temples in place. This has been a lot of work and I thank all board members for their participation, dedication and hard work. There are still lots of challenges ahead. We need to continue work on building a unified team from our large and diverse membership. We need to get some new blood on the board and I encourage you to come forward and make your willingness to volunteer known to one of the board members. The Annual General Meeting will take place in January.

— David Major

BTSA Fundraising Dinner — THANK YOU

The BTSA held a fund raising dinner at the Regent Restaurant on October 20th 2008. There were 150 people in attendance. The event included a 11 course dinner provided by Wayne Kwan and his staff at the Regent Restaurant, a silent auction of over 80 items and a live auction of over 20 items. Many very generous donations were made for this event by the business community of Lethbridge. The MC for the evening was Jeff Coffman who entertained the crowd and kept the evening running very smoothly. The live auction was highly entertaining thanks to the effort of Bob Bailog. Over \$30,000 was raised for the building fund. We hope to have a similar but slightly lower key event for the members at the new temple.

The BTSA Fund Raising Dinner Committee extends its sincere appreciation to the Firms and Individuals listed here for their generous donations of goods, services and cash. A special thanks to Bob Balog, Jeff Coffman and Wayne Kwan and his staff. Your generosity has added to our Building Fund as we work towards completion of our new Temple.

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BTSA Fundraising Update to mid-October, 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 \$750,000 in donations or pledges.

To make a contribution or pledge please contact Jim Tsukishima (327-1279) mtsfarm@telus.net, Roland Ikuta (317-0078) Rolikuta@shaw.ca or send cheques to Robert Takaguchi (P.O. Box 1249 Raymond, Alberta T0K-2S0).

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THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA children & youth dharma classes

Although dharma classes and activities are currently on hold, plans are being made for the green space right outside the classroom windows. As shown below, it is a basic design with space for a play structure and plenty of grass for games and rolling around. The very north edge will provide an area to plant flowers, and perhaps other types of gardens depending on the season.

Since this area is not included in the construction, the dharma class will be able to get their hands dirty doing the landscaping. Planting trees and learning about nature will be wonderful lessons for the kids, which they will experience first-hand.

The dharma class will be calling on volunteers to help with laying sod, shovelling pea gravel for the play area, digging holes, etc. This will likely occur in the spring of '09. If you are interested in helping with the manual work or have some good ideas, please contact Maya at scratchykawa@gmail.com

New Temple Dedication

“A building can stand only as tall as its foundation allows. A temple can only grow as much as its members allow. A foundation is only as solid as the earth it sits on. A member is only as enriched as the Nembutsu path (s)he walks”

Rev. Shigenori Makino

Planning and projects are underway for the New Temple Dedication to be held April 25 -26, 2009 in conjunction with the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) Annual General Meeting in Lethbridge. A dozen people attended the first meeting of the New Temple Dedication Committee, October 11.

Rev. S. Makino, Toronto Buddhist Temple, formerly of Hawaii is being invited to give the Dharma message. BTSA members and friends, BCC Ministers, as well as assistants and other dignitaries are expected for the dedication events. Plans are underway for a banquet and the dedication/memorial service followed by a luncheon. Events will include an Ochigo procession as well as other activities for the Dharma kids. Photos are being collected for a commemorative “Coming Together” slide show and committee members are pulling together budgets for the numerous tasks.

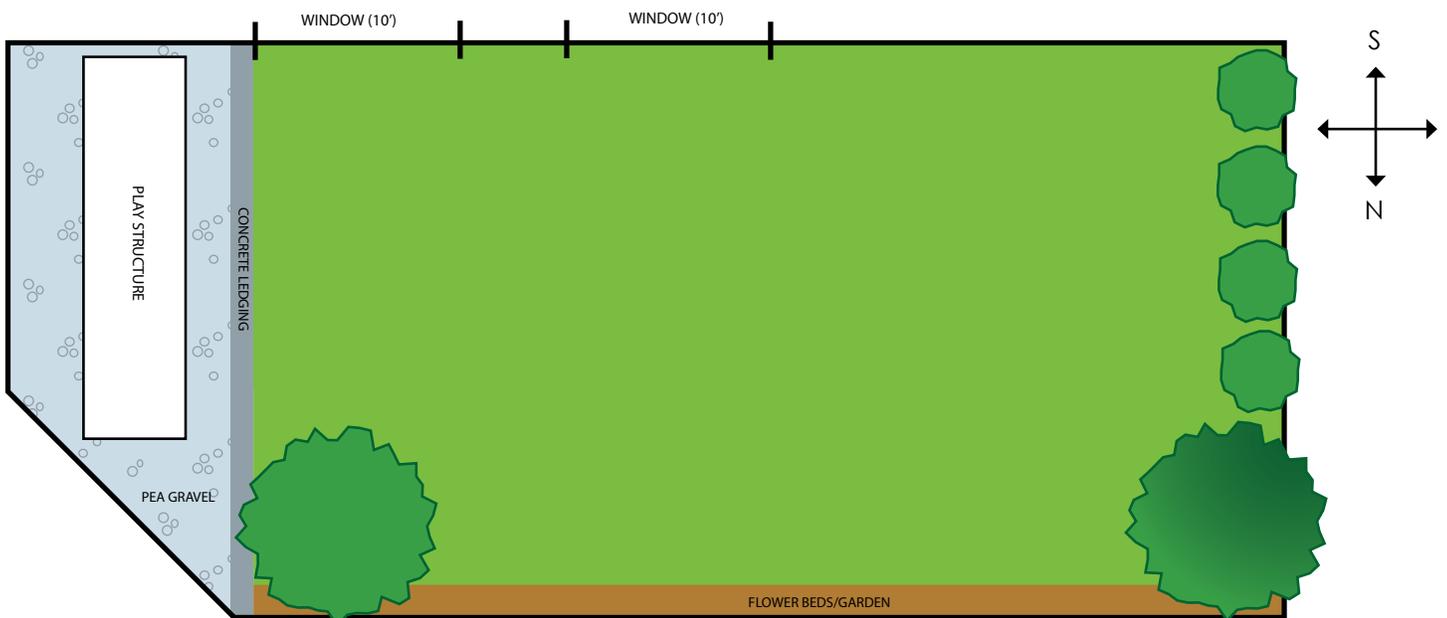
There are approximately fifteen committee volunteers and the co-chairs would like an even larger group to work on or with the committee. If you can help or have ideas to share, please contact Harry or Lorita.

harrysugimoto@shaw.ca (320-8170) lorita.ichikawa@gmail.com (327-1668)

“Buddhism is like a good fluoride toothpaste. You can look at it and study it all you want, but it won't help you prevent cavities until you apply it.”

Rev. S. Makino

BTSA TEMPLE Northside(Classrooms)



November & December Schedule

11月と12月の予定表

November

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| 2 (Sun) | 10:30am | Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service at Coladale |
| 5 (Wed) | 7:00pm | Religious Committee Meeting |
| 7 (Fri) - 9 (Sun) | | Annual ABC in Calgary |
| 12 (Wed) | 7:00pm | BTSA Monthly Meeting |
| 16 (Sun) | 10:30am | Regular Service & Study Group at Coaldale |
| 23 (Sun) | 10:30am | Regular Service & Study Group at Coaldale |
| 30 (Sun) | 10:30am | Regular Service & Study Group at Coaldale |
| | 2:30pm | Memorial Service at CHR |

December

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| 7 (Sun) | 10:30am | Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service |
| 14th (Sun) | 10:30am | Regular Service & Study Group at Coaldale |
| 21 (Sun) & 28 (Sun) | | No Service |
| 31 (Wed) | 11:30pm | Year End Ringing (Joya no Kane) at Nikka Yuko Garden |

Regular Events

Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

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

Study/Discussion Group

Please feel welcome to join in the BTSA study/discussion group on Sundays right after the morning service. The purpose of meeting is to deepen our understanding and appreciation of Buddha's teachings, study the Dharma and facilitate discussion. Each study/ discussion group session will be preceded by a brief chanting lesson..

Please contact Renae Barlow (renae@telus.net) or Rev. Izumi (382-7024)

Donations

Monthly Memorial Donations

Sept. 24-Oct. 22, 2008

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Note From Treasurers

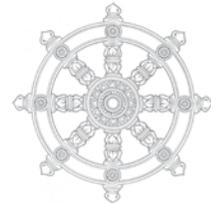
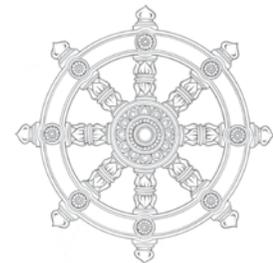
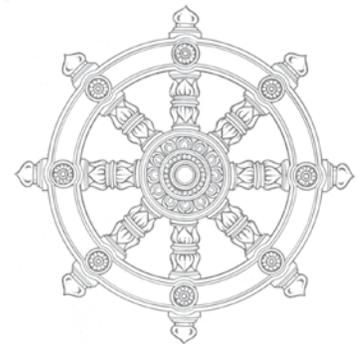
It has been brought to our attention that some members are questioning the fact that they have not received receipts for the donations that they have made to BTSA. What we have been doing is issuing receipts to anyone who has made a donation to the "Building Fund", since the amount is usually much larger 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承下さい。)

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me, Robert Takaguchi (403)752-4012 or Gordon Saruwatari (403)752-4078.

In Gassho,
Co-Treasurers
Robert Takaguchi &
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Buddhist Memorial Service 仏教徒の年忌

Year of Death (死亡年)

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| 2007..... | First annual memorial | .1 year from death |
| 2006..... | 3rd anniversary memorial | .2 full years from death |
| 2002..... | 7th anniversary memorial | .6 full years from death |
| 1996..... | 13th anniversary memorial | .12 full years from death |
| 1992..... | 17th anniversary memorial | .16 full years from death |
| 1984..... | 25th anniversary memorial | .24 full years from death |
| 1976..... | 33rd anniversary memorial | .32 full years from death |
| 1959..... | 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)