

# Monthly Newsletter

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### THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, all in-person services, activities, and events are canceled until further notice. All dates and times may be subject to change without notice.

Sun 11/1	• NO SERVICE
Tue 11/3	• General Election Holiday (Office and Preschool closed)
Sun 11/8	• NO SERVICE
Wed 11/11	• Veterans Day Holiday (Office and Preschool closed)
Sat 11/14	• BDK-Fujitani Interfaith Virtual Program – “Finding a Middle Way” (registration required)
Sun 11/15	• NO SERVICE • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom Time: 10:30am
Wed 11/18	• Living Dharma Gathering via Zoom with Rev. Nishiyama Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Sat 11/21	• Virtual Appreciation Event via Zoom (registration required) Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm
Sun 11/22	• Keirokai Recognition and Rev. Nishiyama's Drive-Thru Gratitude Lunch
Thu, 11/26 thru Fri, 11/27	• Thanksgiving Holiday (Office and Preschool closed)
Sat 11/28	• HUBWA General Membership Meeting via Zoom (registration required)
Sun 11/29	• NO SERVICE

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

### *Do You Remember?*

Do you remember when you were born into this world and had a hard time entering this world? Do you remember who helped you on your birth at the hospital? Do you remember that you cried when you were born? Do you remember when you started to walk? Do you remember when you began to eat? Do you remember when your parents changed your diapers day and night?

We don't know how much caring and loving we received from our parents or guardians or from other people. We are now independent and can do most things by ourselves. However, we do not realize that there were so many people who contributed their blessings on us in order to support our birth and growth. We can truly realize now that without these people we would not have been able to survive.

Last week, when I went grocery shopping, I saw a teenaged girl yelling at her mother in the parking lot. She continued to repeat bad words to her mother. I could pick up on what she was angry about — her mother did not have the money to buy her new clothes. This young girl had her eyes on her phone and kept yelling at her mother.

Today, we live in a very difficult world full of disrespect especially due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In this money-focused, materialistic, and isolated life we are losing sight of what is truly valuable and precious. Almost every day we hear or see acts of violence against human dignity like loud protests, shootings, killings, racism, and actions against those who are weaker than us. Yes, we know that life is suffering and pain; however, life is also precious and beautiful because it is unrepeatable in this world of impermanence. We know that once our life is destroyed, it can never be repeated or replaced. We have heard this truth of the Universal Law many times and yet, so many of us do not seem to understand it.

When we were born, our parents, siblings, relatives, and neighbors welcomed us and cared for us as a precious being. It didn't matter what kind of person we were. We were all welcomed by them the way we welcome new-born babies.

The young teenager who criticized her mom was an ignorant person who could not see the truth of human life.

When I was her age, I too, was a person who never truly understood how much my parents loved and cared for

me. I often criticized and judged them with my selfish ego. But then, I began to listen to the Dharma. As I listened to the Dharma I began to understand and learn to live a life of appreciation, humbleness, respect, and gratitude. The Nembutsu helped me to become a person who listens to the most important teachings of Amida Buddha. That is: life is suffering but also precious; and, we should feel *Okagesamade* and gratitude for all blessings which sustained our lives in the beginning and up to now.

When Shakyamuni Buddha left his retreat on his last journey at the age of 80, he stopped in the middle of a mango garden that amazed him because of its beauty. He said to his disciple Ananda, "Ananda, look at this beautiful garden! I have told many people that life is suffering and painful, but look! How grateful we are! We are living in such a beautiful world! Ananda," I believe that Shakyamuni Buddha tried to show us that Nirvana is not far away from this painful world. Nirvana is always here whenever we live in gratitude and *Okagesamade*.

Do you remember when you were born? You were born into this human life with Amida Buddha's Benevolence. We all hold Amida's Wisdom and Compassion which embraces each of us unfailingly so that we can carry on in his great hands anytime and anywhere. When we were born, Amida Buddha also began to share his benevolence with us.

Yes, we don't remember anything when we were born but we were welcomed by mom, many others and Amida Buddha with his unconditional love and care. Yes, we don't realize that there were countless number of people before us who contributed to our growth and well-being. I strongly hope that the young lady who criticized her mother in the parking lot will be awakened as a person who appreciates all the blessings she receives now as well as the blessings she has received from those who came before her. As a result, I hope that she is able to live a life of gratitude and *Okagesamade*. We born alone, live alone, and die alone in this human life said Buddha. But we are not born alone, live alone, and die alone in the Namoamidabutsu. The Nembutsu, Namoamidabutsu is always embracing each of us as it is.

Please take care yourself and family and be safe. Gassho.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doris Oshiro

With all that we have gone through this year, I am truly touched by the overwhelming support we have received from our members and supporters. With Covid-19 continuing to be a challenge, let us not forget all who do valuable work for Jikoen and our community during this difficult time.

On behalf of Jikoen Hongwanji, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all who continue to support us not only financially but by volunteering, donating supplies, helping to support our fundraisers and taking care of each other.

These past few months, we had to adapt to changing situations on how we operate due to the coronavirus. Most meetings were held virtually via Zoom. In-person meetings are held with strict Covid-19 protocol. All in-person temple activities and events have been cancelled until further notice.

The contract for the Elevator Access Lift installation has finally been signed and work is scheduled to start in mid-November. Volunteers are busy clearing out & cleaning areas for equipment to be delivered soon.

Members' dues alone are not enough to sustain Jikoen.

We have just completed two fundraisers and will be focusing on completing our **5 Year Ukajidebiru Capital Campaign Improvement Project in 2021.**

As always, our top priority is keeping everyone safe.

Everyday is a day filled with uncertainty but together we can continue our mission to keep Jikoen going.

I kindly ask for your continued support.

Mahalo, Doomo Arigato, Ippee Niffee Deebiru! Please take care and stay safe.

## TEMPLE NEWS

### *Memorial Services*

Jikoen is now accepting all memorial services at temple or outside of temple from November 1, 2020 as same as before pandemic. You will be required to wear masks and hand sanitize before enter the temple and during the service. Please call the temple office or email Rev. Nishiyama for make appointments. Thank you.

## *Annual Memorial Service Scheduled for November thru December 2020*

### 1st Year Service died in 2019

November 10, 2019... Mr. Clarence Tomokazu Nakasone (89)  
November 22, 2019 ..... Mrs. Betty Yukiko Brock (94)  
November 27, 2019 ..Mr. Harold Tatsuo Kaneshiro (83)  
November 30, 2019 ..... Mrs. Emiko Inoue Sauer (88)  
December 5, 2019..... Mrs. Elina Mitsuyo Chinen (86)  
December 11, 2019.....Mr. Charles Eizo Yoshimura (85)  
December 14, 2019..... Mr. Kiichi Oshiro (100)  
December 20, 2019.....Mrs. Tsuruko Kaneshiro (95)

### 3rd Year Service died in 2018

November 1, 2018 ..... Mr. Sonsei Nakamura (102)  
December 2, 2018..... Mrs. Jeannette Sanae Ige (74)  
December 2, 2018..... Mrs. Yaeko Oshiro (88)  
December 16, 2018.....Mr. Kokuji Kochi (83)  
December 16, 2018..... Mr. Toshio Onaga (93)

### 7th Year Service died in 2014

November 4, 2014 ... Mr. Toshimitsu Shimabukuro (89)  
November 6, 2014 ..... Mr. Douglas Yoshio Jakahi (72)  
November 16, 2014 ..... Mrs. Fumiko Kaneshiro (96)  
November 30, 2014 .....Mrs. Betty Toshi Bhagavan (85)  
December 2, 2014.....Mrs. Haruko Oyama (96)  
December 11, 2014....Mrs. Gail Setsuko Kaneshiro (84)  
December 12, 2014..... Mrs. Sumiko Shiroma (96)  
December 21, 2014..... Mr. Kiyoshi Nanbu (91)

### 13th Year Service died in 2008

November 4, 2008 .... Mrs. Shirley Masako Arakaki (95)  
November 8, 2008 .....Mrs. Yoshi Kobashigawa (76)

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## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

*The Jikoen ohana sends its condolences to the families of our Dharma friend:*

Haruko A. Soma, (age 94)

*passed away on August 17, 2020*

*Former Sunday School teacher, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and active member of Jikoen Hongwanji.*

*May happy memories and the O-Nembutsu sustain you in your sadness. Namo Amida Butsu.*

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November 11, 2008.....Mr. Frank Morito Nishimura (90)  
November 23, 2008 ..... Mrs. Yoshiko Kaneshiro (93)  
November 27, 2008....Mr. Elton Ichio Shimabukuro (58)  
November 29, 2008 .....Mr. Paul Takejiro Arakaki (87)  
December 4, 2008 ... Mrs. Helen Tsuneko Nakamura (84)  
December 5, 2008..... Mrs. Hisako Shimabukuro (85)  
December 21, 2008.....Mr. Charles Isao Yamashiro (91)  
December 31, 2008.....Mr. Toyoyuki Oda (85)

#### 25th Year Service died in 1996

November 1, 1996 ..... Mrs. Kama Oshiro (98)  
November 2, 1996 ..... Mrs. Haruko Nagamine (84)  
November 25, 1996 ..... Mr. Fred Hideo Yara (82)  
November 26, 1996 ..... Mr. Rinsei Shimabukuro (96)  
December 2, 1996.....Mr. Matsuei Yara (76)  
December 28, 1996.....Mr. Saburo Robert Isa (74)  
December 29, 1996.....Mr. Shinsuke Tamayose (68)

### ***Mahalo for Your Support***

Due to the coronavirus restrictions, we had to adapt to the changing situations on how we operated our fundraiser in September. A decision was made to have the Popeyes Chicken Hawaii Fundraiser from October 1–31, 2020.

Thanks to your generosity the fundraiser was a great success!

Please extend our sincere appreciation to all of your family and friends who supported this fundraiser by purchasing tickets or sending in a donation.

There are many behind the scene volunteers who are always there to support us quietly without recognition. Jikoen wouldn't be complete without all of you.

With deepest gratitude for your continued support. Thank you very much!

### ***Shinsato Shosei Kai***

Sanshin classes with Katsumi Shinsato sensei and lead by Marleen Nishimiya has been discontinued at Jikoen Hongwanji.

Born in Waipahu in 1922, Shinsato-sensei is now 98 years old. After returning from Okinawa to Hawai'i at age 20, he began his training with Eikichi Miyagi sensei and later for over thirty years with Shinsuke Yamashiro sensei. He earned his teaching certificate in 1964 and his master's certificate (shihan) in 1971. In 1975, he established Shinsato Shosei Kai and has been teaching ever since. He is a member of Yonashiro Chojin Kai and Haeburu Club.

Jikoen Hongwanji wishes him good health and many more years to come.



## **HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES** (October, 2020)

### ***Bishop's Corner***

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

#### *"Encouragement as Election Day Nears"*

Are you confused? In doubt? Feeling uncertain? If you are, do not despair. You are not alone. Have you heard of the Kalama Sutta (translation from Pali by the Venerable Soma Thera)?

In Ancient India, during the time of Sakyamuni Buddha, there was a people known as the Kalamas. One day, they approached Sakyamuni Buddha and confessed they did not know what to do. They explained that they had listened to many teachers and sages, but confessed that they were uncertain about how to determine what is true and what they should embrace.

The Buddha responded "It is proper for you, Kalamas, to doubt, to be uncertain; uncertainty has arisen in you about what is doubtful. Come, Kalamas. Do not go upon what has been acquired by repeated hearing; nor upon

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### ***Living Dharma Study Gathering on ZOOM!***

Please mark your calendars for the next sessions **via Zoom 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.:**

- ***Wednesday, November 18, 2020***
- ***Wednesday, December 16, 2020***

You will need to download the Zoom App or access from a web browser. Please RSVP to get the log-in information by calling the office at 845-3422 or emailing [jikoen.info@gmail.com](mailto:jikoen.info@gmail.com)



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tradition; nor upon rumor; nor upon what is in a scripture; nor upon surmise; nor upon an axiom; nor upon specious reasoning; nor upon a bias towards a notion that has been pondered over; nor upon another's seeming ability; nor upon the consideration, 'The monk is our teacher.' Kalamas, when you yourselves know: 'These things are bad; these things are blamable; these things are censured by the wise; undertaken and observed, these things lead to harm and ill,' abandon them."

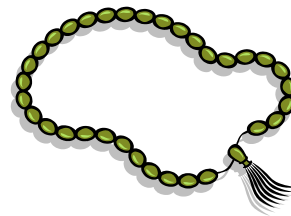
The Buddha is saying we should not simply decide on matters based on: what you are told by others, has been said from the past, hearsay, on something just because it is cited in a text, mere logic, mere inference, it is "common sense," preconceived notions, because a speaker seems trustworthy, and "This is what our teacher says." The depth and profundity of the Enlightened One's advice is that he includes himself and the Buddhist teachings to this scrutiny or inquiry too! The Buddha saw the potential in people that people skillfully guided could understand higher truths and make positive wholesome decisions which benefit self and others. He encourages everyone to become critical thinkers or think for yourself. It is important to base matters on fact and that which can be confirmed by our experience(s). Buddha noted that anything that is based on greed, anger and ignorance will not be positive and will not lead to wholesome outcomes. The Buddha says if whatever you are contemplating leads "to harm and ill, abandon them."

On the other hand, matters which are not connected to greed, anger and ignorance will lead to positive and wholesome outcomes should be embraced, but the Buddha emphasizes it should be based on sound reasoning and confirmed by experience and that "these things (should) lead to benefit and happiness" as he says "Come, Kalamas. Do not go upon what has been acquired by repeated hearing; nor upon tradition; nor upon rumor; nor upon what is in a scripture; nor upon surmise; nor upon an axiom; nor upon specious reasoning; nor upon a bias towards a notion that has been pondered over; nor upon another's seeming ability; nor upon the consideration, 'The monk is our teacher.' Kalamas, when you yourselves know: 'These things are good; these things are not blamable; these things are praised by the wise; undertaken and observed, these things lead to benefit and happiness,' enter on and abide in them."

Also, mentioned in this Sutta is the importance of loving-kindness, compassion, empathetic joy and equanimity known as the "Four Immeasurables." Loving-Kindness aspires for the happiness of others, Compassion aspires for all others to be free from suffering, Empathetic Joy

rejoices at others' happiness and successes, and Equanimity emphasizes equality for one and all!

Here in America, we, average citizens, have the privilege to elect our government leaders. In many parts of the world, people still do not have the option or opportunity. We should not take voting for granted. Thus, I would encourage everyone to vote! Some of you may have already voted, thank you. If you have not registered, there is still time to register and vote with same day registration and in-person voting at Voter Service Centers until November 3rd. As you decide on who to vote for, please keep in mind, the wise words of Sakyamuni Buddha to the Kalamas. "Kalamas, when you yourselves know: 'These things are bad; these things are blamable; these things are censured by the wise; undertaken and observed, these things lead to harm and ill,' abandon them." and Kalamas, when you yourselves know: 'These things are good; these things are not blamable; these things are praised by the wise; undertaken and observed, these things lead to benefit and happiness,' enter on and abide in them." May the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha guidance us. Thank you.



### *Virtual Appreciation Event*

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will be holding the Virtual Appreciation Event to honor and extend our deep appreciation to Mr. Pieper Toyama who provided wonderful leadership as the President of HHMH during the past 6 years, and to welcome Dr. Warren Tamamoto as our newly installed President of HHMH.

Traditionally, the Aloha Luncheon was held soon after a presidential transition occurred. However, we will be holding the Virtual Appreciation Event instead of the luncheon due to the current pandemic situation.

- **Date:** *Saturday, November 21, 2020*
- **Time:** *11:00 am – 12:00 pm*
- **Hosted Online by Zoom**
- **No Registration Fee**

The registration form was sent to the temples. Each temple is requested to disseminate the information and submit a participant list to HQ by Saturday, November 14, 2020. This event will be held after the Special Session

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of Legislative Assembly, but everyone is welcome.

### *Wedding*

Reverend Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka, the resident minister of Puna Hongwanji Mission and the oversee minister of Pahala and Naalehu Hongwanji Missions, got married to Haruka Kuratate on July 18, 2020. The wedding ceremony was held at Windward Buddhist Temple officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto. Congratulations!

### *Committee on Social Concerns*

The 2020-2021 Social Concerns Fund Drive will begin in November. Please see the letter from the Committee on Social Concerns to temples for information. Thank you for your generous donations each year which have allowed the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to continue to make donations to various worthy organizations. This year, several donations were also made to temples with projects in response to COVID-19 which have helped the community and the state of Hawaii.

### *Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i Ho'omenemene Awards*

Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i held the annual Ho'omenemene Awards online on October 3, 2020. Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin was one of the recipients this year at this annual event. The following is the except from their website.

Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin in Honolulu is the main temple of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i (Hawai'i Kyodan). The Betsuin offers Sunday services and Buddhism classes, education for children and teens, and hosts numerous organizations and cultural activities. The Betsuin is a strong advocate for mental health and a positive presence in the community. Since 2000, as part of their community outreach efforts, Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin has provided a safe, dedicated counseling room for Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i to serve clients. The Betsuin grounds are a place of healing in the urban landscape, with graceful architecture and a peaceful atmosphere that contributes to one's overall health and well-being.

Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i provides individual, family, and couples counseling, both in-person on O'ahu and through telehealth, regardless

of ability to pay. Whether individuals are coping with anxiety about COVID-19, stress over life's transitions, or relationship conflicts, they provide help. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.samaritancounselingcenterhawaii.org/>

### *Communications & Resources on COVID-19*

The Office of the Bishop has issued a series of memos (1-13) to provide directives and recommendations regarding temple activities and procedures during the COVID-19 outbreak. These are available in the following page of our Hawaii Kyodan Website. The latest memo was issued on September 26, 2020.

This page includes additional important resources which would be helpful to your temples, affiliates and individual members. Please check it periodically to see if there are resources that can help you.

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2020/03/13/covid19/>

### *HHMH YouTube Channel Program*

HHMH continues to provide online programs as listed below. Videos will premiere on HHMH YouTube channel and become available on-demand. Please share this information with your family and friends and subscribe to it to continue receiving updates.

<https://www.youtube.com/honpahongwanjimissionofhawaii/>

- **Online Dharma Message**

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2\\_OHwwi](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2_OHwwi)

11/01–11:00am Rev. Kerry Kiyohara (Makawao Hongwanji Mission)

11/08–11:00am Rev. Jeffrey Soga (Waipahu Hongwanji Mission)

11/15–11:00am Rev. Shawn Yagi (Aiea Hongwanji Mission)

11/22–11:00am Rev. Toyokazu Hagio (Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin)

11/29–11:00am Rev. Blayne Higa (Kona Hongwanji Mission)

- **Health Care Heroes Mahalo Video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jE4m3v1KMF8&list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN5sjQAQfeIHck0UAxLmO2Vb>

Wednesdays, 12:00pm: "Health Care Treasures" and Essential Workers

# 1st Okinawan FEASTival

*A Celebration of Okinawan Food & Okinawan Owned Restaurants*

**www.hawaiiokinawans.com**

November 2nd to 8th, 2020

Okinawan FEASTival is a time we can celebrate our Okinawan owned restaurants by ordering Okinawan food, discovering new eateries by checking out their FEASTival specials, and finding new favorites dishes. At the end of the week, the hope is that you will know all the Okinawan owned restaurants on the island and can continue to support them throughout the year. FEASTival is a time to explore new places and re-visit old favorites!

**SPECIAL DISHES FOR FEASTival!** 17 of the Okinawan owned restaurants are connecting to their roots and creating special Okinawan inspired dishes that will only be available during FEASTival week! Details at [www.hawaiiokinawans.com](http://www.hawaiiokinawans.com)

**CELEBRATING OKINAWAN FOOD!** We are extremely lucky to have so many Okinawan dishes regularly available for us to eat. Not just for a special week but ALL YEAR. Okinawan dishes were not on regular menus but added on by request. The owners thought Okinawan food would not sell. If we don't regularly order these dishes, then it will prove it's not worth it to keep on menus. We need to prove that wrong!

**Hide-Chan Restaurant** in Moili'ili: Miso Rafute (specialty), Goya Tempura, Okinawan Sweet Potato Tempura, Moyashi Chanpuru, Goya Chanpuru, Okinawa Soba, Pigs Feet Soup, Pigs Feet Soba, Sparerib Soup, Sparerib Soba, Nakami Soup, Nakami Soba

**Utage Restaurant** in Kalihi: Nabera Chanpuru (specialty), Goya Chanpuru, Okinawan Pig's Feet Soup, Okinawan Soki Soba, Nakami Chanpuru, Nasubi Chanpuru, Okinawan Miso Soup, Shoyu Pork, Soki Soup, Andagi (Fridays), Kandabajushi (Tuesdays)

**Sunrise Restaurant** in Kapahulu: Okinawan Yakisoba (specialty), Okinawan Soba, Okinawan Miso Soup, Pig's Feet Soup, Spare Rib Soup, Goya Champuru, Shoyu Pork, Yasai Champuru, Okinawan Tempura

**OKINAWAN FOOD RELATED BUSINESSES** also need our support! 50th State Poultry, Aloha Tofu, Higa Food Service, Island Eggs, Kings Hawaiian, Koala Moa, Menehune Mac, Okuhara Foods, Sun Noodle, Tamashiro Market, Two Lady Farmers. Most sell directly from their factories and warehouses, at lower prices!

FEASTival is one week out of year, please consider supporting these Okinawan owned restaurants throughout the year. One way is "Okinawan Tuesdays," where we can support businesses on their slowest day by buying Okinawan.

## SHOTSUKI JOYOUS MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Shotsuki Monthly Service* is a time to remember our loved ones and a time to express gratitude in Gassho. This memorial service is held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00am, in memory of those whose date of death falls in that month. We also recognize the efforts of those who have passed and thank them for their continuing influence in our lives and for giving us the opportunity to share the Buddha-Dharma.

Due to the Covid-19 situation all in-person services and events have been canceled until further notice.

*Here are our loved ones who will be remembered in the month of December:*

Kathy Yoko Arakaki ~ December 15, 1998 (63)  
 Yoshino Azama ~ December 17, 2016 (94)  
 Kikumi China ~ December 24, 2009 (83)  
 Elina Mitsuyo Chinen ~ December 5, 2019 (86)  
 Masayoshi Chinen ~ December 2, 2015 (88)  
 Wallace Seiko Chinen ~ December 17, 2002 (87)  
 Kathleen Fukumoto ~ December 25, 2017 (98)  
 Shizuko Okita Furumoto ~ December 3, 2006 (98)  
 Iris Fusako Hayashida ~ December 20, 2009 (55)  
 Masanobu Higa ~ December 10, 2006 (92)  
 Teisho Higa ~ December 30, 2011 (89)  
 Uto Higa ~ December 24, 2006 (99)  
 Kenneth Kenji "Ken" Horio ~ December 11, 1999 (74)  
 Jeannette Sanae Ige ~ December 2, 2018 (74)  
 Violet Chiyoko Iha ~ December 31, 2008 (99)  
 Bill Yoshikiyo Isa ~ December 22, 2016 (66)  
 Herbert Masaru Isa ~ December 22, 2012 (82)  
 Lance Isa ~ December 28, 2015 (53)  
 Saburo Robert Isa ~ December 28, 1996 (74)  
 Kanye Izumigawa ~ December 16, 1999 (95)  
 Shizuko Jakahi ~ December 12, 2012 (96)  
 Charles Tetsuichi Jitchaku ~ December 22, 2012 (91)  
 Gail Setsuko Kaneshiro ~ December 11, 2014 (84)  
 Harold Bokuichi Kaneshiro ~ December 29, 2006 (90)  
 Setsuko Gail Kaneshiro ~ December 11, 2014 (84)  
 Tsuruko Kaneshiro ~ December 20, 2019 (95)  
 Jean Kimiko Kawakami ~ December 14, 2011 (68)  
 Kokuji Kochi ~ December 16, 2018 (83)  
 Rosaline Sumiko Kotani ~ December 5, 2016 (88)

Ted Katsumi Matsuura ~ December 26 (72)  
 George Moribe ~ December 31, 2007 (82)  
 Jiro Muramoto ~ December 14, 2006 (86)  
 Hatsu Nagamine ~ December 20, 2002 (85)  
 Helen Tsuneko Nakamura ~ December 4, 2008 (84)  
 Richard Shigeru Nakamura ~ December 29, 2016 (79)  
 Stanley Kiyoshi Nakasone ~ December 12, 2016 (79)  
 Tsuruko Nakasone ~ December 26, 2011 (101)  
 Kiyoshi Nanbu ~ December 21, 2014 (91)  
 Toyoyuki Oda ~ December 31, 2008 (85)  
 Toshio Onaga ~ December 16, 2018 (99)  
 Haruko Oyama ~ December 2, 2014 (96)  
 James Kazumi Ono ~ December 11, 2013 (71)  
 Daniel Koyei Oshiro ~ December 9, 2013 (89)  
 Kiichi Oshiro ~ December 14, 2019 (100)  
 Masaichi Oshiro ~ December 29, 1992 (67)  
 Yaeko Oshiro ~ December 2, 2018 (88)  
 Haruko Oyama ~ December 2, 2014 (96)  
 Janet Setsuko Sasaki ~ December 18, 2017 (88)  
 Lillian Eiko Sato ~ December 16, 2014 (86)  
 Chiyo Shinsato ~ December 18, 2015 (97)  
 Hisako Shimabukuro ~ December 5, 2008 (85)  
 Phyllis Keiko Shimabukuro ~ December 31, 2009 (62)  
 Sumiko Shiroma ~ December 12, 2014 (96)  
 Frank Takemori Sueyoshi ~ December 23, 2016 (97)  
 Chiyoko Takara ~ December 22, 1999 (89)  
 David Kenzo Takushi ~ December 26, 2016 (87)  
 Iris Yoshiko Tamashiro ~ December 4, 2009 (99)  
 Shinsuke Tamayose ~ December 29, 1996 (68)  
 Hideko Toguchi ~ December 26, 1999 (85)  
 Albert Mitsuo Tomei ~ December 13, 2015 (59)  
 Masao Uchida ~ December 19, 2013 (89)  
 Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno ~ December 13, 2014 (85)  
 Matsue Yara ~ December 2, 1996 (76)  
 Charles Isao Yamashiro ~ December 21, 2008 (91)  
 Brian Yasuhide Yoshimoto ~ December 30, 2007 (92)  
 Charles Eizo Yoshimura ~ December 11, 2019 (85)

*Namu Amida Butsu*

If you would like to honor your loved one, please call the office at 845-3422 or email [jikoen.info@gmail.com](mailto:jikoen.info@gmail.com) with your name and contact information and we will get back to you. Mahalo!



**Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**  
**Five Year Slogan: Building Healthy Sanghas**  
**Theme for 2020: Embracing Generosity and Openness**





# Jikoen Hongwanji Mission

1731 N. School Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

November 1, 2020

Dear Jikoen Ohana,

## 2020-2021 Social Concerns Fund Drive

We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the Eitaikyo observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. The fund drive will be from November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 and we will submit Jikoen's collected donations in September 2021.

Through the generous contributions of Sangha members and supporters, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will be able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we are able to lend our support to organizations such as Project Dana, MA'O Farms, The American Red Cross Pacific Region, Ohana Arts, A Cup of Cold Water, and various food banks on each island.

The Golden Chain of Love Grant program was established to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world. Many of the grants awarded this year were COVID-19 related, including temple projects to prepare and distribute meals and to make and donate masks (to schools).

An envelope has been provided for you.  
Please make your check payable to **JIKOEN HONGWANJI**.

Jikoen will then make one combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Your kokua is greatly appreciated. We encourage you to continue supporting the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

Mahalo!

Respectfully in gratitude,

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama  
Resident Minister

Doris Oshiro  
President

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# DONATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 THRU OCTOBER 15, 2020

O-Higan (\$1 - \$99)

Popeyes Chicken Donation (\$1 - \$99)

Popeyes Chicken Donation (\$400 - \$599)

Popeyes Chicken Donation (\$700 - \$799)

General Operations (\$1 - \$99)

General Operations (\$100 - \$399)

General Operations (\$1,000 - \$3,099)  
Anonymous

Miscellaneous (\$1 - \$99)

Popeyes Chicken Donation (\$100 - \$299)

Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$399)

Miscellaneous (\$1,000 - \$3,099)

Hands & Hearts Together (\$1 - \$299)

Foodland "Give Aloha"

We received the receipts from the above list. Mahalo to all the other anonymous donors. Jikoen received a total of \$3,535.00 in donations from members, families and friends.



Thank you for your generous support!

有難うございます

## Congratulations!

**Jikoen's success in Foodland's "Give Aloha" 2020 program has resulted in a top 100 finish!**

**Jikoen Hongwanji Mission Donations  
\$3,535.00**

**Foodland's Matching Gift  
\$837.00**

**GRAND TOTAL  
\$4,372.00**

*Sincere mahalo for your donations and continued support!*





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### HUMBLY ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Dear Members of **Jikoen Hongwanji Mission**:

We are writing this letter to urge your support of **Jikoen Hongwanji Mission** fundraising efforts at the end of this most difficult year. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives. It has changed the way we work and play, even the way we meet with our friends and families. Businesses are failing and jobs are lost.

These are difficult times, and yet our temples are responding by helping our elders with shopping, cleaning, sharing meals, and telephone calls. We sew masks and donate them. We wear our masks in public, practice social distancing and continue to support our temples in whatever way we can. Ministers share the Dharma through YouTube, Facebook, phone calls and letters. Our Sanghas are living testaments of Amida Buddha's compassion.

While we look forward to 2021 with optimism, we accept the reality that we cannot be sure exactly what will unfold. However, we do know that these uncertain times have put a tremendous strain on our temples. Weekly services are cancelled. Fundraisers are cancelled. Our entire Obon season, as we know it, disappeared. As a result, temples have experienced a significant loss of income in 2020.

***The Buddhist Sangha is composed of those who share the Dharma and those who support those who share the Dharma. They, together, disseminate and perpetuate the Dharma.***  
**ONLY WITH YOUR SUPPORT ...THANK YOU!**

Thus, we are asking you to respond as generously as you can to your temple's end-of-year request for donations. **Only with your support can Jikoen Hongwanji Mission continue to shine the light of the Dharma on your members and the community.**

Thank you in advance for your contribution and also for all that you do for **Jikoen Hongwanji Mission**.

In Gassho,

Rev. Eric T. Matsumoto  
Bishop

Dr. Warren Tamamoto, MD  
State President

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# **Jikoen Keirokai Recognition**

## **Sunday, November 22, 2020**

### **11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

#### **Keirokai Recognition (Honoring Our Elders)**

#### **and Rev. Nishiyama's Drive-Thru Gratitude Lunch**



**ATTENTION:** If you or someone you know will have reached the age of 80, 88 and 90 years or older by December 31, 2020 and would like to attend Jikoen's Keirokai Recognition with Rev. Nishiyama's Drive-Thru Gratitude Lunch, please fill out and mail the form below...

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit honoree information to the Jikoen Hongwanji Office by calling 845-3422, via email to [jikoen.info@gmail.com](mailto:jikoen.info@gmail.com), or mail to:  
Jikoen Hongwanji Mission  
1731 N. School Street  
Honolulu, HI 96819  
**Please submit NO LATER THAN November 13, 2020**

— — — — — Cut and mail to Jikoen by November 13, 2020 — — — — —

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