

## 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.

*For all Zoom services and programs please contact the Jikoen office for access information.*

Sun 4/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN</b></li><li>• <b>Hawaii Buddhist Council Virtual Buddha Day Service</b> Time: 9:30am, Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson – Prof. of Religious Studies &amp; East Asian Studies at Renison University College at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada <b>(Registration required – see page 11 flyer for details)</b></li></ul>
Sun 4/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Virtual Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service via Zoom</b> Time: 9:00am</li></ul>
Sun 4/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Virtual Sangha Family Service via Zoom</b> Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</li><li>• <b>Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom</b> Time: 10:30am</li></ul>
Wed 4/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Living Dhamra Gathering CANCELLED</b></li></ul>
Sun 4/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Intergenerational Service with Jikoen Dharma School BINGO (see below for details)</b></li></ul>
Sun 5/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Virtual Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service via Zoom</b> Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</li></ul>

For our April 25th Intergenerational Sunday Service, Jikoen Dharma School will be running our version of BINGO. Playing boards will be accessible virtually; however, if you would like a hard-copy of the board mailed to you, please contact Jikoen DS via email at [jikoends@gmail.com](mailto:jikoends@gmail.com) by **Friday, April 16**. Please include your full name, mailing address, and the number of cards you want mailed to you.

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

### *A Surprise Encounter (Part 3)*

A Fictional Narrative

*(continued from March, 2021 newsletter)*

*Shindo and Buddha are sitting in Kamehameha Park in the early morning...*

*Buddha:* Yes, Shindo. Namaste! I slept well. I really enjoyed the cool Hawaiian night.

*Shindo:* Master, I have several questions about your life. After you left your palace and your family, what did you do?

*Buddha:* I went to find different teachers. I wanted to learn how to liberate myself from the ties and suffering in the material world. I studied Cosmology, Yogic Exercises, Medicine, the Ascetic Disciplines of Self-Control and Self-Denial. After I studied these many subjects, I gave up all worldly attachments to clear my self-centered mind. However, my ego was still alive. So, I continued in these rigorous practices. I did not eat. I lost weight and I became ill. I was frustrated and confused.

*Shindo:* Then what happened?

*Buddha:* These extremely harsh practices brought me near death. But a young woman, named Sujata, found me, and gave me some rice and milk. Her compassion saved my life. After I recovered, I reflected on my experience. It was then I realized that I would never reach my goal through severe ascetic practices.

*Shindo:* I see. What did you do next?

*Buddha:* After my recovery, I went to sit under the Bodhi Trees to meditate and it was there that I entered the final stage of becoming Buddha, the Awakened One. I was awakened to "The Middle Way."

*Shindo:* "The Middle Way." What is that?

*Buddha:* "The Middle Way" is the path for everyone. It is like preparing a good hot bath. We do not want it to be too hot and we do not want to be too cold. We have to make it just right and comfortable so *everyone* can enjoy. That is what we do in walking "The Middle Way." We embrace all just as they are. We practice non-judgment and non-discrimination for all. We follow the Universal Law that tells us to save all living things unconditionally, the weak and the strong, the

small and the large, the poor and the rich, the high and the low, and the good and the bad. We help them to awaken to their endless desires and blind passions that create the darkness of suffering.

*Shindo:* Thank you, Master, for your sharing "The Middle Way." I understand that you were born on April 8 over 2,600 years ago in Lumbini Garden. This is the month of April. Let's celebrate your birthday at Zippys? I will buy Loco Moco for you! It is the best!

*Buddha:* What? Loco Moco? Okay, I trust you, Shindo.

*Shindo:* Come with me, Master, I am sure you will like it!

*Buddha:* I really appreciate your kindness and caring!

*Shindo:* Don't worry please! I am so glad that I met you here in Hawaii to learn about your life and teachings. I am a very lucky person!

*Buddha:* Namaste.

*To be continued...*

## TEMPLE NEWS

### *Annual Memorial Services Scheduled for May & June, 2021*

#### 1st Year Anniversary Memorial (Year of Death 2020)

Mrs. Hideko Higa (92) ..... DOD May 5, 2020  
Mr. Shoei Kaneshiro (93) ..... DOD May 8, 2020  
Mrs. Jane Hanae Kaneshiro (84) ... DOD June 11, 2020

#### 3rd Year Anniversary Memorial (Year of Death 2019)

Mr. Sherman Akira Futenma (81) ... DOD May 9, 2019  
Mrs. Sandra Sueno Enokawa (72) ... DOD May 19, 2019  
Mr. Grant Kosei Onaga (96) ..... DOD June 1, 2019  
Mrs. Jane Kimie Matsumoto (100) DOD June 12, 2019  
Ms. Jacqueline Noborikawa (21) ... DOD June 15, 2019  
Mr. Howard Tadashi Asato (68) .... DOD June 20, 2019  
Mrs. Flora Shizuko Moriyama (94) . DOD June 22, 2019

#### 7th Year Anniversary Memorial (Year of Death 2015)

Mrs. Fumie Asato (94) ..... DOD May 4, 2015  
Mrs. Haruko Nakasone (95)..... DOD May 8, 2015  
Mr. Shinsuke Goya (100) ..... DOD May 13, 2015  
Ms. Sharon Uyehara (56) ..... DOD June 8, 2015  
Ms. Sadako Shimabukuro (91) ..... DOD June 9, 2015  
Mr. Herbert Yamaguchi (84) ..... DOD June 20, 2015

#### 13th Year Anniversary Memorial (Year of Death 2009)

Mrs. Ayako Aichan Tomita (77) ..... DOD May 3, 2009

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Mr. Roy Tokusei Shimabukuro (94) .. DOD May 4, 2009  
Mrs. Nancy Kameko Toyama (92)... DOD May 8, 2009  
Mrs. Chiyoko Shiroma (97) ..... DOD May 14, 2009  
Mr. Tadao Akamine (97) ..... DOD May 16, 2009  
Mrs. Asayo Tengan (91) ..... DOD May 17, 2009  
Mrs. Shizue Rose Shimabukuro (86) ..DOD May 24, 2009  
Mr. Warren Eiji Tamashiro (80) ..... DOD June 1, 2009  
Ms. Jane Harue Inafuku (63) ..... DOD June 11, 2009  
Mrs. Natsue Kaneshiro (80) ..... DOD June 26, 2009

*17th Year Anniversary Memorial (Year of Death 2005)*

Mrs. Chiyoko Arakaki (86) ..... DOD May 12, 2005  
Mrs. Masako Oshiro (92) ..... DOD May 15, 2005  
Mrs. Haruko Zaa (91) ..... DOD May 22, 2005  
Mrs. Miyoko May Yokogawa (87) ... DOD May 22, 2005  
Ms. Misao Oshiro (90) ..... DOD May 27, 2005  
Mrs. Haruko Evelyn Gushi (90) ..... DOD June 1, 2005  
Mr. Sume Shimabukuro (83) ..... DOD June 17, 2005  
Mr. Masaichi Sesoko (83) ..... DOD June 21, 2005  
Mr. Karole Uchihira Kaneshiro (79) ...DOD June 24, 2005

*25th Year Anniversary Memorial (Year of Death 2005)*

Mrs. Ushi Miyashiro (103) ..... DOD May 3, 1997  
Mrs. Matsu Ogimi (97) ..... DOD May 2, 1997

***Congratulations, Masuo Kino!***

Masuo Kino, who will be 92 in April, walked his 37th consecutive Great Aloha Run on February 14, 2021. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, participants were free to run/walk the 8.2 miles over several days.

Mr. Kino chose to walk all 8.2 miles in a single morning. He was accompanied by his granddaughter, Lorie Okada, on the 5 mile segment in the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden

***2021 Memorial Service Schedules***

1st Year Memorial ..... passed away in 2020  
3rd Year Memorial ..... passed away in 2019  
7th Year Memorial ..... passed away in 2015  
13th Year Memorial ..... passed away in 2009  
17th Year Memorial ..... passed away in 2005  
25th Year Memorial ..... passed away in 1997  
33rd Year Memorial ..... passed away in 1989  
50th Year Memorial ..... passed away in 1972

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and his daughter, Pamela Kino, on the 3.5 mile segment in the Hawaiian Memorial Park.

He is looking forward to the 38th Great Aloha Run, which will be held on President's Day, Monday, February 21, 2022.

Chibariyo, Mr. Kino!



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**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

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

Robert Doktor (94)  
*of Southern California, passed away on March 7, 2021*

Betsy Taye Miyahira (93)  
*of Honolulu, passed away on January 10, 2021*

Hiroko Shimabukuro (102)  
*of Honolulu, passed away on February 11, 2021*

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



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### ***Mahalo to Rev. and Mrs. Nishiyama***

On March 7, Rev. and Mrs. Nishiyama held their 3rd Project Sangha Gratitude Drive-Thru Lunch pick up for Jikoen's super seniors. Much mahalo to Sensei, Suzie, and volunteers who helped pack, distribute and deliver the lunches. Included was delicious miso soup, chicken tomato curry, fruit salad, takuan, cucumber kim chee and rice.

The CPB Foundation, Sun Noodle and HUOA supported the community with a Sun Noodle Give away for the clubs of HUOA. Young Okinawans of Hawaii kindly donated 5 cases of their allotment and we were able to include it with the lunch that day. They also received a container of Aloha Tofu with their lunch from a generous donor.

Please support:

- Sun Noodle's online shop [sunnoodlehawaii.com/kama-aina](http://sunnoodlehawaii.com/kama-aina)
- HUOA's online marketplace [shophuao.com](http://shophuao.com)
- Aloha Tofu Factory [aloha-tofu.com](http://aloha-tofu.com)

Ippee nifee deebiru! Thank you to everyone!



Aloha Tofu from  
◀ a generous  
anonymous donor

volunteers hard  
at work ▶



◀ Sensei's delicious  
lunch plate

Sun Noodle donations  
via Young Okinawans  
of Hawaii ▶



### ***"Born Again Uchinanchu" Book Project***

We are in receipt of a request from the steering committee of the *Born Again Uchinanchu* (BAU) community book, being written by Karleen Chinen, recently retired longtime editor of the *Hawaii Herald* and a member of Jikoen. She expects to complete her manuscript sometime this year.

BAU will cover the achievements of the Nisei and Sansei Okinawans in Hawaii, from 1980 to 2020, a 40-year period which saw the renaissance of Okinawan culture in Hawaii, and the rise to the top of our Okinawan community among all the ethnic communities here.

BAU will be hardcover, 5,000 copies, about 300 pages in length, 80% text, 20% photos, including color ones.

The community book will be sold at cost if purchased before it debuts. Right now, they anticipate the pre-order

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### **WHITE WAY RADIO**

Moiliili Hongwanji's  
Weekly Dharma  
Message

⚡ **Saturdays at 7:45 a.m. on  
KZOO AM1210**

⚡ **Weekly messages go to  
[www.moiliilihongwanji.org](http://www.moiliilihongwanji.org)**

#### **April 2021**

- 03 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 10 Rev. Sol Kalu
- 17 Mr. Alan Goto
- 24 Rev. Jay Okamoto

#### **May 2021**

- 01 Bishop Tatsuya Aoki
- 08 Rev. Kazunori Takahashi
- 15 Rev. Masanari Yamagishi
- 22 Rev. David Nakamoto
- 29 Mrs. Irene Nakamoto

*Directives, Recommendations and Guidelines  
from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
Headquarters  
(March 21, 2021)*

**Vaccination Update**

The state has expanded COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to people age 65 and older and those who qualify as individuals in phase 1C since Monday, March 15, 2021. Religious organization employees (clergy and lay staff) are Phase 1C, but are currently not eligible to book their appointment and being asked to wait until their turn comes.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii encourages every eligible person to consider getting vaccinated. However, this is voluntary, not mandatory. If you have specific questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and your health, please consult with your healthcare provider.

For further information, updates, and registration details regarding vaccinations, please check the following websites:

- [State Department of Health Vaccine Information \(https://hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccine-info/\)](https://hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccine-info/)
- [City and County of Honolulu \(https://www.oneoahu.org/vaccine\)](https://www.oneoahu.org/vaccine)
- [County of Kauai \(https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Emergency-Management-Agency-formerly-Civil-Defense/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19/Vaccine\)](https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Emergency-Management-Agency-formerly-Civil-Defense/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19/Vaccine)
- [County of Maui \(https://www.mauicounty.gov/Faq.aspx?QID=1036\)](https://www.mauicounty.gov/Faq.aspx?QID=1036)
- [County of Hawaii \(https://coronavirus-response-county-of-hawaii-hawaii-countygis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/vaccine-information\)](https://coronavirus-response-county-of-hawaii-hawaii-countygis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/vaccine-information)

**For the City and County of Honolulu (Oahu)**

As of February 25, 2021, the City and County of Honolulu (Oahu) has entered Tier 3 with less restrictions. In addition, the City and County of Honolulu announced the amendment to Honolulu's COVID-19 Recovery Framework on March 8, 2021. The following amendment became effective March 8, 2021:

Funeral, mortuary, cremation, burial, cemetery, and related services, provided that each death-related event (funeral, etc.) are allowed to operate without the strict 25 person limit, but limiting capacity to ensure six foot distancing is maintained as with other controlled business categories in Tier 3.

The following Restrictions, regulations, and recommendations are still ongoing:

Gatherings. Indoor and outdoor social gatherings of more than ten (10) individuals are prohibited. For purposes of this Order, a "social gathering" is a gathering or event that brings together persons from multiple households or living units at the same time for a discrete, shared or group experience in a single room, space, or place such as a private home, park, auditorium, stadium, arena, conference room, lunch room, meeting hall, or other indoor or outdoor space. In-person spiritual services. In-person spiritual services may be conducted provided applicable Social Distancing Requirements are adhered to including, but not limited to, the wearing of face coverings and maintaining proper physical distancing.

Drive-in services (e.g., drive-in movies, holiday-related drive-in/drive-thru events, spiritual/religious services, etc.). May be conducted provided all of the following:

- a. All persons attending the service must drive up in an enclosed vehicle. Attendees of the service must remain in their vehicles at all times, except to use the restroom while complying with Social Distancing Requirements (including wearing a face covering and maintaining six (6) feet of physical distance between others). Where restroom facilities are provided, the organizers must ensure the availability of handwashing stations or sanitizer, and the routine maintenance and cleaning of the facilities consistent with CDC guidance.
- b. Vehicle windows, sunroofs and convertible tops must remain closed during the entire service, unless the vehicle is parked more than six (6) feet away from any other vehicle.
- c. Each vehicle may only be occupied by either (i) members of the same household or living unit; or (ii) limited to five (5) individuals for mixed household/living unit attendees.
- d. Generally, no food, beverages, equipment, or materials of any kind may be distributed or collected during the service. However, organizers may use unattended drop-boxes, or distribute individually packaged (or pre-ordered) food, beverages, equipment, or materials consistent with CDC guidelines and the Order. Please refer to C&C of Honolulu website for more details.

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Full version of the Mayor's Emergency Order No. 2021-03 and the amended Honolulu's COVID-19 Recovery Framework can be found [here](http://www.honolulu.gov/mayor/proclamations-orders-and-rules.html) (<http://www.honolulu.gov/mayor/proclamations-orders-and-rules.html>).

### **For Kauai County, Maui County, and Hawaii County**

#### **Gatherings.**

For Kauai County and Hawaii County, indoor social gatherings of groups up to ten (10) persons are permitted and outdoor gatherings of groups up to 25 persons are permitted.

For Maui County, indoor or outdoor social gatherings of up to 5 persons are permitted.

#### **In-person spiritual services (including funeral and related services).**

In-person spiritual services may be conducted provided applicable Social Distancing Requirements are adhered to including, but not limited to, the wearing of face coverings and maintaining proper physical distancing. Organizers should limit the number of persons attending in-person spiritual services to ensure this physical distancing requirement is met.

For Kauai County, in-person spiritual services are limited to no more than 50% of the maximum occupant load of the facility or room.

### **For All Counties**

Please check the following websites for further information and updates.

- [Centers for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>)
- [State of Hawaii](https://recoverynavigator.hawaii.gov/reopening-status/) (<https://recoverynavigator.hawaii.gov/reopening-status/>)
- [State Department of Education](https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/Pages/Home.aspx) (<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/Pages/Home.aspx>)
- [City and County of Honolulu](https://www.oneoahu.org/) (<https://www.oneoahu.org/>)
- [County of Kauai](https://www.kauai.gov/covid-19) (<https://www.kauai.gov/covid-19>)
- [County of Maui](https://maui.strong.net/) (<https://maui.strong.net/>)
- [County of Hawaii](https://coronavirus-response-county-of-hawaii-hawaii-countygis.hub.arcgis.com/) (<https://coronavirus-response-county-of-hawaii-hawaii-countygis.hub.arcgis.com/>)

### **HQ Recommendations:**

1. Air travel is not recommended for Hawaii Kyodan business unless it is an emergency or urgent

business.

2. Local temple leaders, please use your discretion taking into consideration your ability to provide safety measures including sanitation and disinfection and the overall sentiment of your membership and temple staff and/or volunteers as to whether you reopen or not to provide in-person services. If you are providing online spiritual services, it is highly recommended that you continue to do so. If you are reopening another consideration is a hybrid service of in-person and online. Please refrain from mass singing.
3. HQ recommends continuing the policy of virtual services and limited in-person services until the ministers and lay staff (who choose to be vaccinated) have had a chance to get vaccinated.

Finally, mindful of parameters, in making our temples vibrant and sound and to connect with one another and help each other, let us think outside of the box as we try to adjust to this new normal and adjust to the still fluid situation with COVID-19 by using modern technology and age-tested methods of safe communication and good communication. Thank you for tirelessly endeavoring to keep our temples and community operating and safe!

*In gassho,*

*Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop & Dr. Warren Tamamoto,  
State President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii*



## **2020-24 SLOGANS**

### **HHMH FIVE-YEAR THEME "Building Healthy Sanghas"**

**2020: "Embracing Generosity and Openness"**

**2021: "Nurturing Empathy and Respect"**

**2022: "Connecting with Others"**

**2023: "Sharing Joy Together"**

**2024: "Sharing Nembutsu Moments"**

# “Born Again Uchinanchu” Book

## Call for Photos



Karleen Chinen, former longtime editor of The Hawaii Herald, a Japanese-American community newspaper, is currently writing an Okinawan community book. The book is tentatively entitled “Born Again Uchinanchu” with plans to print 5,000 hardcover copies. We would welcome photos related to the following topics for possible inclusion in the book:

- October 1980 trip to Okinawa by 37 young Uchinanchu leaders from Hawaii
- HUOA Okinawan Festivals
- Hawaii Okinawa Center, Hawaii Okinawa Plaza and Maui Okinawa Cultural Center
- 80th, 90th, 100th and 120th anniversaries of Okinawan Immigration to Hawaii
- Okinawan music and dance performances
- Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Association
- Okinawa “Taikai” events

Other Okinawan community activities such as:

- UH Center for Okinawan Studies
- Okinawa Genealogical Society of Hawaii
- Hui O Laulima Women’s Club
- Young Okinawans of Hawaii Club and Shinka Hawaii
- Okinawa-Hawaii Student Exchange

- Other Okinawan clubs and cultural organizations
- Children’s Day Camp
- Uchinanchu “at heart”

Photo contributors will be acknowledged in the book and compensated \$25 for each photo published, or receive a complimentary copy of the book.

Send photos for consideration to John Tasato — and please limit your submissions to the five (5) most interesting ones!

**MAIL** 95-1018 Hookaau St.  
Mililani, HI 96789

**EMAIL** BAUpphoto21@gmail.com  
or call him at (808) 398-3343

Please call or email John Tasato with any questions.

Mahalo and Chibariyo!  
From the Steering Committee of the  
“Born Again Uchinanchu” Book

P.S. Please note that the title, “Born Again Uchinanchu,” is a working title and subject to change.

Shisa courtesy of Cane Haul Road

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price will be about \$25-30; after debut, the price will increase to \$35-40.

**We hope our Jikoen ohana will pre-order the book at cost!** The cost for shipping and handling has not been determined at this time.

Please email the number of books you would like to pre-order to Doris Oshiro by April 15, 2021 at [dorisoshiro.jikoenhm@gmail.com](mailto:dorisoshiro.jikoenhm@gmail.com) or call the office at (808) 845-3422.

If you have already reserved your books, thank you very much for your support. Please feel free to contact Doris should you have any questions.

### Call For Photos for the BAU Book

The attached “Call for Photos” is for the “Born Again Uchinanchu” book. It will be the first public effort on

our community BAU book project written by Karleen Chinen.

The “Call” was prepared professionally by Chris Pearce, who published the sold-out “Uchinanchu” photograph book in 1990, and publishes the successful “Hana Hou” inflight magazine for Hawaiian Airlines.

Please send John Tasato your five best, interesting photos for possible inclusion in the book:

95-1018 Hookaau Street  
Mililani HI 96789  
(808) 398-3343  
[BAUpphoto21@gmail.com](mailto:BAUpphoto21@gmail.com)

Photo contributors will be acknowledged in the book and compensated \$25 for each photo published or receive a complimentary copy of the book.

Aloha and mahalo for your support!





## HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(March, 2021)

### *As we observe Buddha Day (Hanamatsuri)...*

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

For Buddhists especially in the East Asian Traditions, one of our most important and significant observances Buddha Day, when we celebrate the birth of Prince Siddhartha Gautama or the soon to be Historic Buddha Sakyamuni, will soon be here. Unfortunately, due to the Pandemic, much of our observance of Hanamatsuri (Flower Festival) will be virtual or online, once again. I am saddened that so many of us will not be able to visit temple and participate in the traditional pouring of Sweet Tea which has been a custom in East Asian Buddhist communities for over 1,500 years. Though we are not able to throng to our temples and pour Sweet Tea to celebrate Buddha Day that does not make this year's celebration any less significant.

We are all familiar with the life of the Buddha marked by his birth, enlightenment and passing away to enter into Parinirvana. However, today, I would like to highlight a fourth occasion or event of the Buddha's life and that is the Buddha's sharing of the Dharma or the contents of Enlightenment with others so that others may also attain the same peace and happiness, and wisdom and compassion too. This is a very important point. The ultimate goal in Buddhism is not only one's own enlightenment, but the enlightenment of all others too. Unless, all are happy and at peace, one cannot be happy and at peace and the peace and happiness of one is dependent on the peace and happiness of all others. The Buddhist aspiration is the peace and happiness of all existence whether human or otherwise, animate or inanimate, visible or unseen, those living in the past, present and future, not limited to Earth, but extends to the farthest reaches of space including other dimensions. It is compassion which, literally, knows no bounds and includes all.

This compassion is intricately linked/connected with wisdom. Sakyamuni Buddha became aware of many universal truths with the attainment of enlightenment, and one of the most fundamental and basic universal realizations was that all existence is equal, precious and interconnected. Due to this new realization, this new mindset, the Historic Buddha was able to equally treat all with loving-kindness, respect and compassion. He was opposed to the caste system with its insistence that birth and class made an individual noble and instead

proclaimed that wholesome good deeds are what makes a person noble. He, also, refuted that gender hindered the attainment of enlightenment. Thus, people of all walks of life were accepted into the Sangha. The following is a quote of the Buddha from [www.Buddhanet.net](http://www.Buddhanet.net) website which recognizes the equality of everyone in the Sangha. "Just as, O monks, the great rivers Gangâ, Yamunâ, Aciravati, Sarabhû, and Mahi, on reaching the ocean, lose their earlier name and identity and come to be reckoned as the great ocean, similarly, O monks, people of the four castes (vannas).... who leave the household and become homeless recluses under the Doctrine and Discipline declared by the Tathâgata, lose their previous names and identities and are reckoned as recluses who are sons of Sâkya" (Udâna 55). There is also a comment on the website which shares that "The Buddhist position regarding racism and racial discrimination made explicit at such an early age is one reflected in the moral and scientific standpoint adopted by UNESCO in the present century (Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice, UNESCO 1978).

In short, the Buddha did not approve of any kind of discrimination and treated all that came before him with respect, equality and compassion. As the Sangha, let us be guided and inspired by the Buddha-Dharma and share Enlightenment's message of the preciousness, equality and interconnectedness of all life, all existence to address the suffering in the world and nurture peace and harmony. It is with such intent and hope that the Office of the Bishop released a statement speaking out against the violence against Asians which was jointly authored with a few members of the Committee on Social Concerns, Rev. Blayne Higa Chair.

As we observe Buddha Day (Hanamatsuri), let us take a moment to reflect upon the deep significance of the Buddha's birth and the Buddha's wish that one and all are freed from suffering and sorrow. Please have a happy and joyous Buddha Day, but most importantly a meaningful Buddha Day!

### *Ministerial Assignments*

Reverend Kazunori Takahashi, currently serving at the Headquarters as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop and at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as the Acting Rimban, was relieved from the position of Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of March 15, 2021.

Reverend Sol Kalu, currently serving at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister, has been

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appointed as the Interim Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of March 16, 2021. Rev. Kalu will continue his assignment to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister.

### Condolences

Mr. Yoshio Kijima, a member of Makawao Hongwanji Mission, passed away on February 13, 2021. Mr. Kijima served as the President of Makawao Hongwanji Mission and the treasurer of the Makawao Hongwanji Mission, Makawao Hongwanji Preschool in Pukalani, and the Maui Hongwanji Council. He also served the greater Maui community as treasurer of the Maui Hiroshima Kenjin-kai, and as a leader of the Maui Japanese Language

School Association. The Ingo of CHUU-SHIN-IN 忠信院 which means "One who is sincere, loyal and true" in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on March 6, 2021.

### Communications & Resources on COVID-19

The Office of the Bishop has issued a series of memos (1-15) 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 March 21, 2021 following recent changes in vaccination eligibility and restrictions on the various islands.

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

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## 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 May 2021:*

Roy Shoyei Agena ~ May 29, 2013 (85)  
Tadao Akamine ~ May 16, 2009 (97)  
Chiyoko Arakaki ~ May 12, 2005 (86)  
Daniel Hiroyoshi Arakaki ~ May 31, 2013 (64)  
Mary Haruko Arakaki ~ May 9, 2003 (93)  
Chosei Kenneth Arasaki ~ May 20, 2017 (98)  
Fumie Asato ~ May 4, 2015 (94)  
Sandra Sueno Enokawa ~ May 19, 2019 (72)  
Kenyu Ken Fukuhara ~ May 8, 2013 (92)  
Sachie Futenma ~ May 2, 2016 (99)  
Sherman Akira Futenma ~ May 9, 2019  
Masakichi Gima ~ May 3, 2011 (89)  
Harriet Utome Goya ~ May 2, 2014 (97)  
Shinsuke Goya ~ May 13, 2019 (100)  
Frances Fusae Hanashiro ~ May 4 2013 (90)  
Edward Yoshio Higa ~ May 22, 1999 (81)  
Hideko Higa ~ May 5, 2020 (92)  
Richard Isamu Higa ~ May 12, 2003 (85)

Robert Yuumei Higa ~ May 1, 1999 (74)  
Shozen Higa ~ May 8, 2004 (79)  
Warren Takemitsu Higa ~ May 16, 2015 (95)  
Yoshinobu Higa ~ May 27, 2013 (91)  
Lawrence Takeichi Ige ~ May 7, 2003 (76)  
Dawn Yoshie Isa ~ May 19, 2014 (55)  
Yoshiko Ishimine ~ May 4, 2004 (87)  
Rachel Tazuru Kamiya ~ May 24, 2000 (73)  
Masao Kaneshi ~ May 27, 2001 (83)  
Bertha Kazuko Kaneshiro ~ May 24, 1999 (65)  
Haruko Kaneshiro ~ May 4, 2008 (95)  
Hayako Kaneshiro ~ May 27, 2007 (91)  
Hatsuyo Kaneshiro ~ May 5, 2000 (89)  
Natsuko Ella Kaneshiro ~ May 11, 2018 (85)  
Shoei Kaneshiro ~ May 8, 2020 (93)  
Yoshio Kawabata ~ May 29, 1981 (65)  
Richard Shinichi Kiyuna ~ May 17, 1987 (69)  
Henry Hiroshi Kuwana ~ May 31, 2003 (83)  
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Shizuko Maeda ~ May 24, 2000 (65)  
Alice Hatsuko Makishi ~ May 29, 2001 (89)  
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Zenon Miyashiro ~ May 24, 2004 (90)  
Matsu Nagamine ~ May 8, 2012 (102)  
James Isao Nagamine ~ May 9, 2013 (84)  
Ryozen Alfred Nakama ~ May 11, 2004 (90)  
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Jane Kiyono Nakasone ~ May 7, 2014 (89)  
 Jisuke Nishihara ~ May 16, 2006 (99)  
 Matsu Ogimi ~ May 2, 1997 (97)  
 Chotaro Ogimi ~ May 22, 2013 (91)  
 Cyril Norio Okamoto ~ May 16, 2010 (79)  
 Sakiko Okamoto ~ May 16, 2013 (98)  
 Zenshi Okuma ~ May 28, 1995 (92)  
 Herbert Onaga ~ May 23, 2014 (89)  
 Tomiko Betty Onaga ~ May 16, 2001 (74)  
 Mitsuko Osato ~ May 21, 2000 (79)  
 Aileen Aiko Oshiro ~ May 6, 2017 (63)  
 Brian Yoshinari Oshiro ~ May 8, 2011 (44)  
 Hatsuye Oshiro ~ May 4, 2017 (92)  
 Kosei Oshiro ~ May 11, 2001 (85)  
 Masako Oshiro ~ May 15, 2005 (92)  
 Masao Oshiro ~ May 4, 2012 (78)  
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 Myrtle Yukiko Oshiro ~ May 9, 2014 (77)  
 Setsuko Oshiro ~ May 26, 1999 (68)  
 Sadako Shiira ~ May 21, 2003 (87)  
 Jane Kyoko Shimabukuro ~ May 1, 2017 (87)  
 Shizue "Rose" Shimabukuro ~ May 24, 2009 (86)  
 Jane Kyoko Shimabukuro ~ May 1, 2017 (87)  
 Roy Tokusei Shimabukuro ~ May 4, 2009 (94)  
 Sunko Shimabukuro ~ May 25, 2017 (96)  
 Mrs. Uta Shimabukuro ~ May 14, 1990 (94)  
 Max Wayne Shinkawa ~ May 23, 2017 (71)  
 Chiyoko Shiroma ~ May 14, 2009 (97)  
 John Saburo Taira ~ May 18, 1982 (81)

George Hiromi Takara ~ May 23, 2004 (76)  
 Shizu Tamanaha ~ May 12, 1999 (93)  
 Stephen Shigenobu Tamayori ~ May 29, 2001 (82)  
 Asayo Tengan ~ May 17, 2009 (91)  
 Takeo Tengan ~ May 26, 2018 (93)  
 Shigeru Teruya ~ May 13, 1999 (66)  
 Taro Teruya ~ May 3, 1995 (89)  
 Alice Masako Tokuda ~ May 7, 2018 (93)  
 Ayako Aichan Tomita ~ May 3, 2009 (77)  
 Nancy Kameko Toyama ~ May 8, 2009 (92)  
 Liliane S. Tsuha ~ May 30, 2020  
 George Tuhako ~ May 17, 2007 (78)  
 David Seiei Uechi ~ May 15, 2003 (77)  
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 Shoichi Jonah Uehara ~ May 24, 2001 (80)  
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 Sharon Matsue Zaan Yonamine ~ May 12, 2011 (85)  
 Haruko Zaa ~ May 22, 2005 (91)

### *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!

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# Hawaii Buddhist Council

## Virtual Buddha Day Service

### “Hanamatsuri”

Celebrating the Birth of Shakyamuni Buddha

**Date:** Sunday, April 4, 2021

**Time:** 9:30 am (HST)

**Where:** Online via Zoom

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson



Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson is a professor of Religious Studies and East Asian Studies at Renison University College, at the University of Waterloo, in Ontario, Canada. In 2018 he was the Numata Visiting Professor in Buddhist Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Dr. Wilson is the author of numerous books, including “Mindful America” and “Buddhism of the Heart.” His current research is focused on Japanese-American Buddhism and social engagement. He is also an ordained minister in the Honpa Hongwanji tradition.

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***Bishop's Statement***  
**Statement Against Anti-Asian Violence**

March 21, 2021

The recent killing of eight people in a series of mass shootings that took place at Asian-owned spas in Atlanta, Georgia are both shocking and horrifying. We mourn the loss of life and denounce the continued acts of violence against Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities across our country.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began a year ago, there has been an exponential rise in hate crimes directed toward Asian Americans. As with other marginalized groups, there is a long and painful history of racism, scapegoating, and exclusion of AAPI communities in the United States.

The conditions for violence have been fomented by the continued use of hateful speech directed toward Asian Americans. This kind of racist language has resulted in verbal and physical harm. We must all work together to stop these acts of violence.

The Buddha taught, "The mind is the forerunner of all

actions. All deeds are led by the mind and created by the mind. If one speaks or acts with an agitated mind, suffering follows, as the wheels of a cart follow the ox pulling it. If one speaks or acts with a calm mind, happiness follows, as surely as one's shadow."

Let us take great care to use language in ways that foster compassion and love, not anger and hate.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is a spiritual community devoted to sharing the Buddha's teachings so everyone may enjoy lives of harmony, peace, and gratitude. We decry with deep lament all acts of hatred and violence and we stand in solidarity with all who walk the path of peace and equality.

May we be guided by the light of all-inclusive wisdom and all-embracing compassion in the difficult days ahead.

*Namo Amida Butsu*

*Eric Matsumoto, Bishop*

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