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# THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, all in-person temple 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.

Sat 11/6	<ul> <li>Honolulu &amp; Oahu Council Fall Nembutsu Seminar – Mindfulness in Today's World (LGBTQIA+, Stop AAPI Hate &amp; BLM)</li> <li>Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Matt Hamasaki, Buddhist Church of Sacramento</li> </ul>
Sun 11/7	• Jikoen Eitaikyo Memorial & Shotsuki Service via Zoom Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest speaker: Rev. Joshin Kamuro, Hilo Betsuin
Thu 11/11	Veterans Day Holiday (Office and Preschool closed)
Sat, 11/13 thru Sun, 11/14	• Maui Hongwanji Council Virtual Nembutsu Seminar Time: 9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m. (no registration required, see page 9 for details and Zoom link)
Sat 11/13	• HHMH HDMA Buddhist Education Series: "Learning from the Shoshinge" Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. HST, Guest speaker: Rimban Kazunori Takahashi, Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin REGISTRATION IS FREE: once registered, you will be sent a Zoom link; go to this link to register: https://forms.gle/bQToK62Pi6J2UoD78 (Google Forms)
Sun 11/14	<ul> <li>Windward Buddhist Temple Service (IN PLACE OF JIKOEN VIRTUAL SERVICE)         Time: 9:00am, Guest speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, Youtube: https://www.         youtube.com/windwardbuddhisttemple</li> <li>Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom         Time: 10:30am</li> </ul>
Sun 11/21	<ul> <li>NO SERVICE</li> <li>Drive-Thru Keirokai Recognition &amp; Bento Pickup (see page 11 for details)</li> </ul>
Thu, 11/25 thru Fri, 11/26	Thanksgiving Holiday (Office and Preschool closed)

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Sun 11/28	NO SERVICE (Thanksgiving Observance)
Sun 12/5	Bodhi Day Service – HBC Hawaii Buddhist Council (NO VIRTUAL SERVICE AT JIKOEN)
Sat 12/11	• HHMH HDMA Buddhist Education Series: "Living with Wisdom and Resilience" Time: 10:00 a.m -11:30 a.m. HST, Speaker: Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Retired Minister of HHMH (email: hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com)
Sun 12/12	Jikoen Bodhi Day & Shotsuki Memorial Service via Zoom     Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

# A Surprise Encounter (Part 9)

A Fictional Narrative

(continued from the October, 2021 newsletter)

Buddha and Shindo are sitting in Starbucks Coffee in Kalihi...

Shindo: Buddha, I am so happy that you enjoyed your Cafe Latte!

Buddha: Yes, I love this drink. Tastes like Chai in India. Thank you Shindo!

Shindo: You're welcome! It's my pleasure. And thank you for sharing your wisdom. I hope you don't mind but I have another question. I've been wondering about the meaning of "Nirvana." Can you explain it to me?

Buddha: Okay. But, it is very difficult to understand the concept of Nirvana. Many people imagine Nirvana as a beautiful garden with gentle breezes, colorful flowers and a perfectly blue sky where there is peace and love for all. But Nirvana is not a place. It is not somewhere you go, such as heaven or the afterlife.

Nirvana is here all the time, however it is a very hard to realize it due to our ego and blinding passions.

Shindo: So, what does "Nirvana" mean?

Buddha: Nirvana, literally means "extinguishing or blowing out the Fires of Desire." It is an indescribable

thing, but I can say that Nirvana is completely opposite of your life right now. There is no discrimination, hatred, jealousy, blind passions, and anger. There is no good or bad, beautiful or ugly, young or old, strong or weak, smart or dull, rich or poor. In these ways, Nirvana is the opposite of this life you live in.

Shindo: So how can I realize Nirvana?

Buddha: The path to Nirvana begins with listening to the Buddha Dharma and hearing the name of the Buddha, Namo Amida Butsu, arising from your heart. It is the path of expressing your joy and gratitude for the precious gift of your life. By listening to the Dharma you have the opportunity to see beyond your blind passions and awaken to Namo Amida Butsu. So, Shindo, please continue to walk on the path of awakening and open your heart to the Buddha Dharma. It leads you to the Name That Calls, Namo Amida Butsu.

Shindo: I will keep your guidance in my mind. Thank you, Buddha.

Buddha: You're welcome. Well, Shindo, time has come. I need to leave Hawaii and travel to meet future generations to share the Dharma.

Shindo: I understand well. The time has come to say goodbye. Buddha, I am so glad to have encountered the Buddha Dharma. Now I know that it has no hidden meaning. It clearly shows us how to live in this unrepeatable life! I am so lucky!

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Buddha: Shindo, remember that your life is not only yours. You are connected to all other life in this moment. Not because of you, but because of others, you are living in this moment. Please don't forget that you are not alone. The Dharma and the calling name of Amida Buddha, Namo Amida Butsu, are always with you, always embracing you with unconditional love. Please recite the name in joy and gratitude for every moment you grasp the preciousness of your life.

Shindo: Yes, I will keep it in my mind always. I am not alone because of Namo Amida Butsu.

Buddha: I will leave tonight. Thank you so much for everything! I had a very nice time and learned lots of things in Hawaii with you and Pieper. Please tell him to listen to the Dharma and stay on the path to a meaningful life.

Shindo: Yes, I will tell him that. Are you able to return to Hawaii again in the future?

Buddha: Maybe, but you can meet me in the Buddha Dharma anytime and anywhere with Namo Amida Butsu.

Shindo: Yes, I understand. Thank you so much!

Buddha: Mahalo and Arigato for your help during my stay in Hawaii. Hawaii is a very unique place in the universe. It is so beautiful. And I loved the ono mix of foods! I love it here! I shall never forget!

Shindo: Namaste and Mahalo!

To be continued...

# TEMPLE NEWS

# Memorial Service Schedules for November and December in 2021

Mrs. Hideko Ifuku (104)...... December 25, 2020

1st Year Memorial (Died in 2020)	
Mrs. Rose S. Yamaguchi (98)	November 10, 2020
Mrs. Yoshiko Kaneshiro (96)	November 13, 2020
Mrs. Alice Asato Arakaki (91)	November 30, 2020
Mrs. Kimie Miyashiro (93)	December 10, 2020
Mrs. Beatrice Haruye Kuba (91)	December 14, 2020

### 3rd Year Memorial (Died in 2019)

Mr. Clarence Tomokazu Nakasone (89	9) November 10, 2019
Mrs. Betty Yukiko Brock (94)	November 22, 2019
Mr. Harold Tatsuo Kaneshiro (83)	November 27, 2019
Mrs. Emiko Inoue Sauer (88)	November 30, 2019
Ms. Elina Chinen (86)	December 5, 2019
Mr. Charles Eizo Yoshimura (85).	December 11,2019
Mr. Kiichi Oshiro (100)	December 14, 2019
Mrs. Tsuruko Kaneshiro (95)	December 20, 2019

# 7th Year Memorial (Died in 2015)

Mrs. Florence Hatsuyo Estes (90)	November 2, 2015
Mrs. Gladys Matsue Higa (98)	November 10, 2015
Mr. Yukio Tokuda (93)	November 11, 2015
Mr. Michael Shigeo Tamaye (88)	November 12, 2015
Mrs. Clara Otome Tobara (99)	November 23, 2015
Mr. Masakazu Toguchi (63)	November 29, 2015
Mr. Thomas Hiroshi Tokumoto (82)	November 29, 2015
Mr. Masayoshi "George" Chinen (88	8) December 2, 2015
Mr. Lance Yoshio Isa (53)	

# 13th Year Memorial (Died in 2009)

Mr. Charles Naoharu Shinsato (69)	November 3, 2009
Mr. Robert Sonyu Iha (96)	November 8, 2009
Mr. Hideaki Shimizu (59)	.November 15, 2009
Mr. Yasumori Tomei (90)	.November 17, 2009
Mrs. Lynn Midori Oganeku (79)	December 11, 2009
Mr. Seitaro Nakamoto (86)	. December 14, 2009
Mr. Shigeo Roy Nakasone (85)	. December 14, 2009
Mrs. Kimie Oshiro (92)	. December 22, 2009
Mrs. Kikumi China (83)	. December 24, 2009
Mrs. Phyllis Keiko Shimabukuro (62)	December 31, 2009

Mr. Isamu Agena (91)	November 3, 2005
Mrs. Alice Shizuko Oshiro (89)	November 4, 2005
Mr. Keith Tadashi Nakamoto (50)	November 8, 2005
Mrs. Verna Chiyoko Kido (84)	November 12, 2005
Mr. Tadayuki Nishita (94)	November 16, 2005
Mrs. Helen Masako Uyehara (91)	November 23, 2005
Mr. Kenneth Shigemi Oshiro (60)	December 6, 2005
Mr. Takeo Take Nakachi (84)	December 22, 2005
Mrs. Fumiko Chinen Uyeno (57).	December 23, 2005
Mr. Richard Masayoshi Yamada (63)	) December 23, 2005
Mr. Nobuharu Kohagura (93)	December 26, 2005

## 25th Year Memorial (Died in 1997)

Mrs. Yoshino Miyamoto (99)November 18, 1997
Mr. Douglas Kenichi Uechi (73) November 20, 1997
Mr. Harry Nobuichi Kaneshiro (62) December 9, 1997
Mrs. Kama Kushimaejo (96) December 21, 1997

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Mrs. Alice Masue Nakamura (68).... December 29, 1997

## 33rd Year Memorial (Died in 1989)

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Mrs. Kamado Tanahara (93)	November 3, 1989
Mrs. Nabe Tengan (96)	November 15, 1989
Mr. Harry Seiki Higa (75)	November 28, 1989
Melanie Crawford-Miyasato (0)	December 5, 1989
Mr. Gail Keiko Shimabukuro (26)	December 7, 1989
Mrs. Alice Yaeko Azama (59)	December 8, 1989
Mr. Seiei Takayesu (83)	December 23, 1989
Mr. Walter Kamesuke Shimabukuro (77	7) December 28, 1989
Mr. Kameichi Shiroma (73)	December 30, 1989

# Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Virtual 58th Annual State Lay Association Convention

The 58th State Lay Convention hosted by the Maui District was held on September 10-11, 2021 via Zoom. 118 participants (delegates, observers, and guests) attended. Jikoen's delegates were **Wayne Toma and Eric Yosemori**. There were a total of 14 participants from Jikoen.

Friday, September 10, started with the Lay Association Board of Directors Pre-convention meeting and Business Session.

Saturday, September 11, the Opening Service was led by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Reverend Shinkai

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Much Wahalo for participating in Foodland's 2021 Give Aloha Community Program. Foodland does not send us the list of donors so please turn in your receipts to Jikoen so we can recognize your donation.

Thank you to the following members and supporters who took the time to participate and turned in their receipts:

Terry Jean Arakaki Derwin & Debbie Kanayama Janet C. Miyahira (Wailuku Maui) Morris & Ann Moribe Judi Matsumoto & Shirley Takara Judy F. Muramoto June & Roy Nakamasu Kenneth & Myrna Nishihara **Doris Oshiro** Jean Oshiro Karen & Ross Sakuda Frances Scott Ruby Shimabukuro Sharon Shimabukuro Wayne & Sandy Toma **Gertrude Tomokiyo** Lois & Pieper Toyama Katsuo & Jean Yamashiro

# Congratulations!

Jikoen's success in Foodland's "Give Aloha" 2021 program has resulted in a top 100 finish!

Jikoen Hongwanji Mission Donations \$4,092.00

\$987.14
GRAND TOTAL
\$5,079.14

Sincere mahalo for your donations and continued support!

November 1, 2021

Dear Jikoen Ohana,

### 2021-2022 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, 2021 through August 31, 2022 and we will submit Jikoen's collected donations in September 2022.

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, Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), Malama Kauai, 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. We also created the Covid-19 Resilience Grant to help temples acquire PPE and cleaning supplies for the health and safety of Sangha members.

An envelope has been provided for you.

Please make your check payable to **JIKOEN HONGWANJI MISSION**.

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 to help worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community.

Mahalo!

Respectfully in gratitude,

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama Resident Minister Doris S. Oshiro President

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Murakami. Brief messages about the convention theme, "Dharma Visibility, Relevance and Engagement" were given by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Dr. Warren Tamamoto (President of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii), and Chris Richardson (President of Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Association) of Lanai Hongwanji.

After the opening service, the Keynote Speaker \*Rick Stambul spoke on the topic of "Shin Buddhism: A Response to Anti-Asian Racism and Hate in 21st Century America". He was a foot soldier during the Civil Rights movement, past President of the Buddhist Churches of America and a lawyer with focus on issues of Social Justice.

A discussion panel was convened with the theme "Connecting with the Dharma: The Hidden Potential of Growing our Sanghas." The generation born from approximately the 1980's forward, followed. Panel members were Sean Higuchi, Brent Izutsu, Michelle Suyama and Dan Thompson. Participants attended breakout rooms to "Meet and Greet Fellow Participants". Followed by a lunch break and workshop sessions.

Two workshop sessions with 3 Sections in each were attended by participants:

Growing Membership

A Successful Case Study with Terri Omori, Administrator for the Vista Buddhist Temple and President-Elect of the Buddhist Churches of America discussed how the Vista Buddhist Temple has been able to grow membership over the years. She did her presentation twice.

• Jin Shin Jyutsu

The Ancient Art of Harmonizing and Balancing the Energy Pathways of the Body.

Practitioner Sandy Dioso presented a lifestyle session explaining the physical and philosophical basis of the ancient healing art of Jin Shin Jyutsu, a form of healing which harmonizes the life energy of the body through touch and breath.

• Past, Present and Future

Journeys of Lanai Hongwanji and Lahaina Hongwanji was presented by Sharon Nohara and Chris Richardson.

• Nisei Veterans Memorial Center: "Discovering the Hero Within Yourself"

Ms. Deidre Teharden, the Executive Director of the

Nisei Veterans Memorial Center provided an overview of the projects and community efforts and to inspire people to find the hero in themselves through the legacy of the Nisei.

Podcasts as an Alternative Dharma Propagation Method
Ryan Ozawa, technologist and independent journalist,
explored the role of podcasts in todays technologybased world of communication.

The convention continued with Installation of 2021-2022 Directors, followed by the Closing Service with Closing Remarks from outgoing president, Chris Richardson.

Thank you to the Maui District planning committee for a great virtual convention.

(The 58th Lay Convention Keynote Address by Rick Stambul, "Shin Buddhism: A Response to Anti-Asian Racism and Hate in 21st Century America" is available to watch on the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/QzjU7e8a60A)

# A Profile in Dana: Myrtle Hirayama

As an active member of Jikoen BWA, Myrtle Hirayama has willingly volunteered and participated in many activities from fundraising to temple cleaning and supporting community organizations and events.

For most of 2021, she has been working to raise funds for Jikoen's Ukajidebiru Capital Campaign Improvement Project.

During her spare time, she makes book markers, face mask hangers, and donates face masks sewn by her sister-in-law. She has been donating all the material and proceeds to Jikoen. To date, she has raised over \$2,000 for our capital campaign fund.

A big mahalo to Myrtle. She truly exemplifies the true spirit of the Buddha's teaching of selfless giving (DANA).

Here is Myrtle's story:

I was raised in Papaikou on the Big Island attending Kalanianaole School Elementary and Intermediate School and Hilo High School, class of 1964.

It was a plantation town with various nationalities as neighbors. My father, Noboru worked at Onomea Sugar Company, retiring at the age of 62 years. He developed lung cancer and died at 65. My mom, Fujie, worked at

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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 December, 2021:

Kathy Yoko Arakaki - December 15, 1998 (63) Alice Yaeko Azama ~ December 8, 1989 (59) 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) 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) Hideko Ifuku - December 25, 2020 (104) 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) Kanyei Izumigawa - December 16, 1999 (95) Shizuko Jakahi ~ December 12, 2012 (96) Charles Tetsuichi Jitchaku - December 22, 2012 (91) Harold Bokuichi Kaneshiro - December 29, 2006 (90) Harry Nobuichi Kaneshiro - December 9, 1997 (62) 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) Nobuhara Kohagura - December 26, 2005 (63) Rosaline Sumiko Kotani - December 5, 2016 (88) Beatrice Kuba - December 14, 2020 (91)

Kama Kushimaejo - December 21, 1997 (96) Ted Katsumi Matsuura - December 26 (72)

Kimie Miyashiro - December 10, 2020 (93)

George Moribe - December 31, 2007 (82)

Jiro Muramoto - December 14, 2006 (86) Hatsu Nagamine - December 20, 2002 (85)

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### Namu Amida Butsu

If you would like to honor your loved one, please call the office at 808-845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail. com with your name and contact information and we will get back to you. Mahalo!

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various jobs and enjoyed her busy life until the age of 99 years.

To supplement our family income, Papa sold his jerk meat going hunting for wild boar practically every weekend taking his three sons. Mama sewed 25 canvas raincoats to sell at the local supermarket. Doing these things was a family project.

I am the fifth child of a family of eight. Wearing hand me downs did not faze me, I used my sewing ability to alter it to fit my tiny frame.

There was always food on the table. We went through 150 pounds of rice per month in my childhood and had rice three times per day. Homemade lunch included a huge musubi and few pieces of okazu. The only time I ate school lunch as when the union called a strike. We had school meal coupons for three months. The usual meal at dinner was rice, hot tea, peach ume, various pickled vegetables and one main dish. During the week we ate pork of various dishes, another day fish and Friday was beef stew. Beef stew was my favorite dish.

I started to babysit at 10 years of age, so I always had spending money of my own.

I am a bookworm. My father had to constantly remind me to do chores before reading. During my school days I wanted to become a librarian but I did not fulfill my dreams.

Today I read various subjects. My favorite TV channel is Smithsonian and PBS Hawaii Public TV. Of course, I am hooked on various Korean shows during the week.

During my childhood years until senior year in school, I attended Papaikou Hongwanji Mission. It was walking distance from my home.

After high school I did not feel that I had to continue my religion.

After my freshman year at UH Hilo Campus, I volunteered to join VISTA an anti-poverty program (domestic version of the Peace Corps).

I was assigned to work with migrants (fruit and vegetable pickers). at 19. I rode 5 planes to reach my destination in Fort Myers, Florida. I had culture shock. The living conditions were poor and I did not get to work with the migrants,

The male volunteers worked side by side in the fields. I was assigned to a day care. I saw the migrants only dropping and picking up the children,



After six months I resigned and returned to college earning a degree in Asian Studies, Bachelor of Science in 1970.

When I graduated, I had a \$3,500 federal loan that I had to pay for seven years at \$42,.00 per month, I quickly got a job at AA Electric, Ltd., as a clerical worker. After a few years, I decided to live by my self. I had 13 roommates since I left home. I bought a condominium at age 55 in McCully living with my younger brother, Wayne. I have been the president of the board for several years.

I started going to Las Vegas in the 1980s and I learned to play table craps in 1990s. That was my downfall. My bucket list is to become a Golden Arm rolling one hour at the California Hotel. Wish me luck,

My adult years are filled with craft works-Christmas stockings, afghan, luggage tags, etc.

I first traveled in 1991 going on an east coast trip. Then in 2000 my first to Japan was from Hokkaido to Nagasaki.

After resting for a few years, I then had the travel bug visiting two times to Okinawan, Korea, Hokkaido, and Kyushu.

Traveling to the west coast to Seattle, Los Angles, San Francisco to visit friends and relatives,

Then in 2012 on an 18 day tour to Europe.

I enjoy beautiful scenery instead of shopping. Time sure flies during my adult years,

In 2016, I had to focus on my live style. Something was (continued on page 9)

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missing. Religion. I was invited to join prayer meetings at a Christian church. For several months I read the old and new testaments. I could not accept this religion,

Then I remembered about my background in Buddhism. I told Sandy Toma, "I shall join Moiliili Hongwanji Missdon since it was close to my apartment". She said," No, come to Jikoen. I will pick you up and bring you home." I used the Uber service for one year to take me to the weekly service. Then my brother, Wayne quit his Sunday job so he takes me to Jikoen now.

Now I am at peace. I enjoy the zoom services relating to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

I grew up wearing hand me downs. Now I have a closet full of clothes,

My retirement income and investments have made me feel comfortable.

I am surrounded by relatives and friends who give me a safe bubble and support.

I am a happy camper living each day to the fullest.

Namu Amida Butsu



On Sunday, October 10, 2021 Jikoen held a Law Enforcement Appreciation Service (via Zoom), in conjunction with National Faith and Blue Appreciation Weekend. Speakers for the service were Lt. Michael Oakland (pictured right), State of Hawaii Sheriff's Deputy and Rev. Alan Urasaki (pictured left), Chaplain for the Bureau of Prisons/Federal Prison System (DOJ) at the Federal Detention Center Honolulu. We also recognized Jikoen's own HPD law enforcement officers, Eric Yosemori and Bradon Ogata. (Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, pictured center)

# Maui District Nembutsu Seminar

- The Seminar is changed to be held in-person AND Zoom Online.
- Guest Lecturer: Rev. Ken Fujimoto, Minister Emeritus, Buddhist Churches of America
- Topic: "SHIKARASHIMU," Shinran's World of Nembutsu (A Perspective of Other Power)
- No registration required.
- Saturday November 13, 2021 9:30 AM Hawaii

Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82127707325?pwd=T2RGc1NuL2xmTTRVN-VNkSjFmS3Vudz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82127707325?pwd=T2RGc1NuL2xmTTRVN-VNkSjFmS3Vudz09</a>

Meeting ID: 821 2770 7325 • Passcode: 736846

Sunday November 14, 2021 10:30 AM Hawaii

Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86019188869?pwd=REtFU2N6OGxtdU05W-G9UU0svTFNwUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86019188869?pwd=REtFU2N6OGxtdU05W-G9UU0svTFNwUT09</a>

Meeting ID: 860 1918 8869 • Passcode: 931757

Your donation will be truly appreciated. Donation payable to "Maui Hongwanji Council" and mail it to *Wailuku Hongwanji Mission* at 1828 E. Vineyard Street, Wailuku, HI 96793 and noted Nembutsu Seminar.

Contact number: 808-244-0406 (Wailuku Hongwanji Mission)

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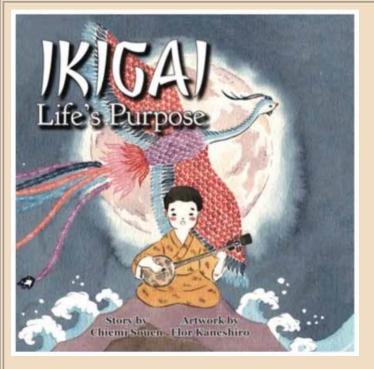


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