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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.

Sun 12/5	HBC Virtual Bodhi Day Service (NO VIRTUAL SERVICE AT JIKOEN)     Time: 9:30 a.m., via Hawaii Buddhist Council YouTube Channel		
Sat 12/11	<ul> <li>HHMH HDMA Buddhist Education Series: "Living with Wisdom and Resilience" Time: 10:00 a.m11:30 a.m. HST, Speaker: Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Retired Minister of HHMH (see details on page 5)</li> <li>Sustainable Development Goals &amp; Buddhism: "What Can We Do Now for Our Future from a Buddhist Perspective?" Time: 12:00 p.m 2:00 p.m., Keynote Speaker: Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi, via Zoom (see details on pages 7-8)</li> </ul>		
Sun 12/12	<ul> <li>Jikoen Bodhi Day &amp; Shotsuki Memorial Service via Zoom         Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani     </li> <li>JBWA Year End Membership Meeting via Zoom         Time: 10:00 a.m., limited in-person seating     </li> </ul>		
Wed 12/15	• Living Dharma Year-End Gathering via Zoom Time: 6:00 p.m.		
Sun 12/19	<ul> <li>Sangha Family Service via Zoom         Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama     </li> <li>Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom         Time: 10:30 a.m.     </li> </ul>		
Fri 12/24	Christmas Holiday Observed (Office & Preschool Closed)		
Sun 12/26	NO SERVICE (Holiday Weekend)		

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Fri 12/31

- New Year's Holiday Observed (Office & Preschool Closed)
- New Year's Eve Joya-E Service via Zoom Time: 6:00 p.m. (see details on page 3)



## HAPPY NEW YEAR! 新年明けましてお目出度うございます!



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Sun 1/2	NO SERVICE (New Year's Day Holiday)
Sun 1/9	• Shinran's Memorial & Shotsuki Memorial Service via Zoom Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Sun 1/16	<ul> <li>Sangha Family Service via Zoom         Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama     </li> <li>Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom         Time: 10:30 a.m.     </li> </ul>

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

## A Surprise Encounter (Part 10, Final) A Fictional Narrative

(continued from the November, 2021 newsletter)

Buddha and Shindo are standing in the Kamehameha State Park...

Buddha: Shindo, I will be leaving Hawaii soon. Thank you so much for your friendship and hospitality. I had a very good time here in Hawaii because of you and your Jikoen Sangha! I will miss you and everyone. Namaste!

Shindo: Buddha, I wish you can stay longer, but I understand that you must leave to share the Dharma with future generations. I will miss you very much!

Buddha: Shindo, I shared with you the path I followed to become the "Awakened one." Please follow the Path of the Dharma, and you will be true to me. I am so happy that you are one of my Dharma friends. Remember, the Dharma, like a friend, will show how to live your life without any doubts. Don't depend on superstitious things. The Dharma will show you what is most important in your spiritual life. The Buddha Dharma guides you to accept that everything in life is changing and momentary. We are born alone,

live alone, and die alone due to this impermanence of life. But the Dharma is always living with you. It is what is most dependable and will never abandon you. Amida Buddha's Name is unconditional love, *Namoamidabutsu*. It reminds you that you are most precious and embraced by Amida Buddha's Infinite Life and Light.

Shindo: Thank you, Buddha. I have one more request. Today's world is full of discrimination and racism, especially in America. Do you have any guidance for me in the face of this situation?

Buddha: Shindo, discrimination begins in our mind, and it is the result of our ignorance. If we are to change, we must understand that we are all different, thus we are all precious. No one is the same as you and me. I was born in India, and you were born in Japan. We have very unique family histories, but both are equally special. We are different but our lives are precious, each unto its self.

Think about flowers. There are many different kinds of flowers. No two are exactly the same but they bloom just as they are. They are peaceful and beautiful in nature. We, like flowers, are part of nature, living together every moment. There are no two individuals exactly the same. No good or bad. No high or low. We are all equal in life. We all live together dependent upon each other. When we discriminate against others, we discriminate against ourselves.

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Shindo: Thank you Buddha for your guidance. My very last question. Really, this is my last question. What is the Buddhism?

Buddha: Buddhism is not a religion to believe or trust. The reason is we are imperfect beings with impure minds. We are unable to trust or believe in anything because our egos keep our minds unstable and changing. Buddhism is a path we travel to see our true selves and how to live our lives just as we are. Remember, the Dharma Path of the Nembutsu teachings will stay with us always. It is a path we continue until we close our eyes forever. Keep listening to the teachings to become an awakened one. Now I have to leave! Shindo, thank you so much for everything.

Shindo: Buddha, before you leave, I have something important to tell you.

Buddha: Oh? What is it?

Shindo: You told me before that you are 78 years old now, right?

Buddha: Yes. I am, but why?

Shindo: Well, no, no. Please forget it. Please take care Buddha!

Buddha: Shindo, you were trying to tell me something important. I think you are trying to tell me that I will die within two years, at the age of 80. Am I right?

Shindo: How did you know that?

Buddha: I read a historical book in your office and saw that my life will end at the age of 80 in Kushalnagara, India as I travel back to my hometown.

Shindo: Oh, I am sorry. Yes, you will die two years from now.

Buddha: Shindo, thank you so much for caring about me, but please don't be sorry for my impending death. I have told you many times that life is impermanent and death is equal for all living things. Living means dying and dying means living; thus, we live today in joy and gratitude for all of our blessings. I am happy that I have two years to prepare to close out my life. Please take care of yourself and keep listening to the Dharma and the sound of Namoamidabutsu in your heart. Shindo, remember that the true Buddha is not in a human body, it is Enlightenment. A human body must die, but the wisdom of Enlightenment will exist

# Joya-E New Year's Eve Service via Zoom

## December 31, 2021 (Fri) 6:00 p.m.

Although we are unable to have any inperson service, please join us with family and friends to greet the New Year via Zoom.



Generally, this is a time for reflection! A yearend service to bring

the year to a close. It gives us an opportunity to reflect on the past year and to rejoice with gratitude, this life we have at the present time!

Ring out 2021 and ring in the New Year! You can ring a bell in your home 108 times, to ring out the 108 passions human beings are said to possess and ring in our aspiration to be mindful of ignorance, greed, and anger in 2022 and live a life of deep reflection.

Please register to join the service at jikoen.info@ gmail.com and you will receive the Zoom link.

forever in the truth of the Dharma and in the practice of the Dharma. He who sees merely my body does not truly see me. Only he who accepts and receives my teaching truly sees me. Shindo, please keep continue to follow the Dharma with Namoamidabutsu!

Shindo: Yes, I got it! Buddha, please be safe!

Buddha: Namoamidabutsu and Aloha!

Shindo: Namoamidabutsu. Thank you, Buddha, for everything you have given me. I shall never forget your stay in Hawaii. Namaste, Sayonara and Mahalo!

Writer's Note: Thank you so much for reading my "A Surprise Encounter" every month! Through this fictional narrative,

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I tried to touch upon the basic principles of Buddhism. I hope you were able to enjoy all of the episodes. If you have any questions or comments on this piece, please email me at jikoen1938@gmail.com. I will be happy to respond to you. Thank you again for your friendship and support to our Jikoen Ohana always! And my special "Arigato" to Mr. Pieper Toyama for editing my grammatical errors and also to Mr. Norman Kaneshiro for coordinating Jikoen Newsletter every month. Take care everyone and see you soon!

– Reverend Shindo Nishiyama Jikoen & Lumbini Preschool



## HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES (November, 2021)

## "Thank you, thank you and thank you!" Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we enter the time of the year in which we traditionally offer and express our gratitude with our Eitaikyo Services which is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude to those who supported Buddhism including our temples and also make our commitment to the perpetuation of the Dharma into the future, the Thanksgiving Holiday, and the many other religious and/or spiritual holidays including cultural observances, may I take this moment through this message to express my gratitude to the Buddha, the Dharma and you, the Sangha. Truly it is thanks to all Three Treasures that we are continuing as an organization to carry out our Mission Statement of "To share the living Teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude."

In Hawaii, the trend looks very good that the COVID Pandemic is more under control when compared to some other parts of our Nation and the World. However, not without sacrifice, challenges and great effort. I would like to thank you, Members and Friends of Hawaii Kyodan both ministers and lay, for your support, dedication and understanding which enables us to continue especially during this challenging time when, sadly, so many other businesses and institutions in our communities have had to close their doors and many livelihoods have been negatively affected. Lay Members including Staff at

temples and Headquarters, thank you for your continued financial support including volunteering your time and energy at temples and with affiliate organizations, and increasing your workload by assuming new responsibilities and contributing to the new Statewide Newsletter. By the way, thank you for the positive comments about Ka Leo Kāhea. Ministers, thank you for continuing to spread the Dharma including providing other spiritual needs for our members like more pastoral care as fellow ministers and members require more guidance, direction and care, in some cases by risking your own health and safety, sacrificing some of your compensation, and increasing your workload with online services and presentations. Lay Members and Ministers, your sacrifices, dedication, and willingness to support enables Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, its temples, affiliates, and programs and projects, to continue and thereby make a difference in one another's life and people's lives all across Hawaii. From the bottom of my heart-and-mind, thank you very much! You, the Sangha of Hawaii Kyodan are truly precious and vital, and essential part of the Three Treasures.

As I observe, I can see the influence of the Dharma in your lives. Thank you, Ministers for sharing the Dharma. It is truly sad that we have lost members and friends to COVID-19, but as I look at our Sangha, I notice that you are, generally, calm and collect, very aware and understanding of the situation and circumstances of the Pandemic, you take the necessary precautions and safety measures so we can all be as safe as we can, and try to make a positive difference by being supportive and caring of each other including the larger community in peaceful ways. I see very clearly the Buddhist teachings like the 4 Kinds of Suffering which includes impermanence, interdependence, equality, the 3 Kinds of Dana (sharing of the Dharma, supporting those who share the Dharma, and the removal of fear), non-violence and compassion to name a few at work as it guides you in your understanding and thus how you live too. Thus, I am very grateful to the wonderful teachings/Dharma which provide you and me with guidance and a balanced healthy perspective for the betterment of one and all.

Finally, we, I, must be grateful to the Buddhas like Shakyamuni for sharing the Dharma with us and especially Amida Buddha for Unconditional Compassion which accepts and embraces promising birth in the wondrous Pure Land of Enlightenment where there is no suffering and our ultimate transformation into a Buddha occurs. No wonder, many of our Sangha Members though living alone, not being able to socially gather with family and

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## Nembutsu Seminar 2021

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Hawaii District Ministers Association

## Living with Wisdom and Resilience:

Following the Footsteps of Nembutsu Practicers on the Big Island

Saturday, December 11, 2021 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**Click to register** 



SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS FROM HAWAII'S SHIN BUDDHIST PIONEERS



English Translation of Nembutsu Poems and Commentaries by

Tatsuo Muneto



Rev. Tatsuo Muneto Retired Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii



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friends, or facing economic challenges are still optimistic and filled with joy and gratitude which makes their life meaningful even in these circumstances of the Pandemic. Yes, knowing that Amida Buddha as Namo Amida Butsu is always with us, let us recite, the Nembutsu in grateful acknowledgement of Amida Buddha's love and compassion in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion.

Once again, to the Three Treasures, "Thank you, thank you, thank you" and Namo Amida Butsu (Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion)!

#### Condolence

Mrs. Akiko Kie, wife of the late Rev. Soshin Kie, passed away on July 23, 2021 at the age of 95. The ingo (Posthumous Title) of JOU-KOU-IN 净香院 which means "Pure Fragrance" was conferred by Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

## Interfaith Silent Vigil

Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Reverends Sumikawa, Furusawa, Baba and Chaplain Alan Urasaki of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii including Bishop Clark Watanabe of the Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii and Bishop Shokai Kanai of Nichiren Mission of Hawaii participated in the Interfaith Silent Vigil to honor those who passed away because of Covid-19 at Central Union Church, Honolulu, on November 1, 2021. There were 916 chairs lined up on the grass lawn at the Church. Each represented a Hawaii resident who died from COVID-19. At noon, a remembrance ceremony echoed through the neighborhood as the church bell rang 916 times, each toll signified a life.

## 2022 Legislative Assembly

The 2022 HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 11 & 12, 2022 virtually via Zoom. The registration forms were sent on November 2, 2021 to the Temple & Council Presidents. Please submit your completed registration form by December 31, 2021. Since the event will be held online, there is no registration fee. The 2022 Giseikai documents & Zoom link will be emailed to attendees in early February 2022. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

## WHITE WAY RADIO



Moiliili Hongwanji's Weekly Dharma Message

- ✓ Saturdays at 7:45 am 8:00 am on KZOO AM1210
- Weekly messages go to www.moililihongwanji.org

#### December 2021

- 04 Ms. Charlene Kihara
- 11 Rev. Blayne Higa
- 18 Rev. Shinji Kawagoe
- 25 Rev. Satoshi Kaimipono Tomioka

#### January 2021

- 01 Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani
- 08 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
- 15 Dr. Warren Tamamoto
- 22 Mr. Raymond Takiue Jr.
- 29 Rev. Bert Sumikawa
- Japanese-language Dharma talks Saturdays on KZOO AM1210 on Saturdays 7:30 am – 7:45 am
- Dharma talks in Japanese are produced by Hawaii Betsuin and are archived on their Hawaii Betsuin website

#### Committee On Social Concerns

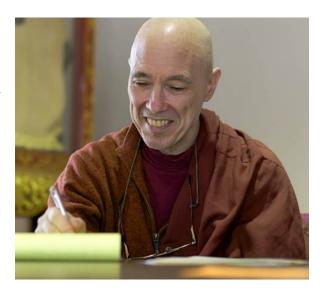
The Buddhist Churches of America Social Welfare Committee and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Committee on Social Concerns are planning a fun Zoom sharing session about food waste -- both the issue and how we can address it. The selected date of Saturday, April 16, 2022, helps tie the event to Earth Day (April 22).

We hope you will join us in a very impactful joint Hawaii Honpa Social Concerns Committee and BCA Social Welfare Committee event. No matter where we live on this Earth, we all enjoy eating!! But, many rarely consider how the estimated 40% of all food produced in the United States is wasted, discarded or never used for a variety of reasons.

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## Main Speaker: Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi





## SDGS & BUDDHISM GOAL 2: ZERO HUNGER

What can we do now for our future?
- From Buddhist Perspectives -

-PANELISTS-



Rev. Noriaki Ito



Rev. Konjin Godwin



Rev. Eric Matsumoto

2021.12.11 (SAT) 2-4PM (PST) FREE ADMISSION @ZOOM

Registration → https://forms.gle/YNpDGGBJQ1me7r3p7

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## SDGs & Buddhism What can we do now for our future? -From Buddhist Perspectives-

SDGs (sustainable development goals) aim both in the present day as well as in the future at "a society in which no one is left behind." This is a comprehensive and inclusive way that looks to resolving the seventeen related topics that 193 countries of the United Nations have identified including "poverty and hunger," "correcting inequality," "environmental conservation," and "the realization of a peaceful society."

We, the Soto Zen, Shinshu Otani-ha, Nichiren Shu and Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha International Centers in the Bay Area have created a group called the Bay Area Buddhist Association (BBA). We are planning to hold a Buddhist interdenominational event to learn about how Buddhism relates to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We hope that through this project ministers and members will learn about Buddhism and the SDGs from each other.

Now, let call for conscious action in accordance with the basic philosophy of SDGs most important goal of "Leaving no one behind," and the Buddha's teaching of the Four Major Principles found in The Meaning of Practice and Verification giving,: kind speech, beneficial deeds, and cooperation, which are based on the practice of the "Bodhisattva's Four Embracing Actions" the everyday way of life based on belief in Buddhism which is to carefully use the limited natural resources and food we receive without wasting anything

#### **Speaker:**

Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi is an American Buddhist monk originally from New York City. He holds a PhD in philosophy from Claremont Graduate University (1972). After completing his university studies he traveled to Sri Lanka, where he received novice ordination in 1972 and full ordination in 1973. From 1984 until 2002 he was the editor for the Buddhist Publication Society in Kandy, and its president from 1988 until 2010. Ven. Bodhi has many important publications to his credit, either as author, translator, or editor. His most recent publication is Reading the Buddha's Discourses in Pali: A Practical Guide to the Language of the Ancient Buddhist Canon (2020). Ven. Bodhi lives and teaches at Chuang Yen Monastery in upstate New York. In 2008, together with several of his students, he founded Buddhist Global Relief, a nonprofit supporting hunger and poverty relief for poor communities around the world.

#### Panelists:

- -Rev. Noriaki Ito, Bishop of Higashi Honganji North America District.(Shinshu Otani-ha)
- -Rev. Konjin Godwin, Director of Soto Zen Buddhism International Center and the abbot of Houston Zen Center.(Soto Zen)
- -Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.(Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha)

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We are looking for your ideas in all phases of the food supply chain, including better planning in purchasing, repurposing surpluses, and disposition (such as donation of extras) after your events. We look forward to your experiences and imagination in creating a better world with less food waste. Let's work together to learn and share ideas for controlling our own food waste as well as how we can help those who are less fortunate.

A survey form to share your experiences and ideas is available using the link below:

https://forms.gle/9FSjHnuGLm3ZUSyMA

## Jikoen "Living Dharma" Year-End Gathering on ZOOM!

Please mark you calendars for the year-end gathering session *via Zoom*:

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

RSVP to get the login information by calling the office at 808-845-3422 or emailing jikoen.info@gmail.com

The Hawaii Youth Symphony (HYS) is among the largest youth symphony programs in the country, serving 700 students annually from more than 100 schools across the state. To ensure that no interested child is turned away from a quality music education because of financial need, HYS offers assistance through its financial aid program.

HYS will present its virtual annual gala fundraiser, He Makana O Na Mele: The Gift of Music, as a one-hour televised and streamed special premiering at 7:00 p.m. on December 7, 2021, and December 9 on Hawaii News Now - K5. It will also be available to stream via <a href="https://hawaiinewsnow.com">hawaiinewsnow.com</a> and presented in Japanese via the HI Now Japan streaming player at <a href="hawaiinewsnow.com/hinow/japan">hawaiinewsnow.com/hinow/japan</a>. On the grounds of the Halekulani, talented HYS students, from ages 7-18 across the state, are featured performers with special guests, Jake Shimabukuro and Amy Hanaiali'i

This year's event is under the direction of Maestro Joseph Stepec, HYS Dir. of Orchestral Activities, Dean Taba, Dir. of HS Jazz, and Chad Uyehara, Dir. of the HYS Academy String Program. Honoring the special connection between Hawaii and Japan, junior orchestras from Ehime, Hokkaido, and Okinawa will also perform a special composition commemorating Hawaii's Queen Liliuokalani from HYS alumnus and acclaimed composer, Michael-Thomas Foumai.

HYS relies on the generosity of supporters to further its mission. Your contribution will go towards financial hardship, access to qualified music teachers, and the high cost of instruments.

Tune in and watch the show

Hawaii Youth Symphony Assn. 1110 University Ave. 200 Honolulu, HI 96826-1598 (808) 941-9706 admin@hiyouthsymphony.org HiYouthSymphony.org



#### DONATIONS FROM OCTOBER 16, 2021 THRU NOVEMBER 12, 2021

General Operations (\$1 - \$99)	IMO Minoru & Hideko Oshiro	 Keirokai	Miscellaneous (\$1,000 - \$1,099)	
		IMO Happy Mitsuo Toyama	Lumbini Preschool	
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		Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$299)		
	Popeyes Chicken (\$1 - \$99)	Anonymous IHO Bradon Ogata, Rev. Alan	<i>Offertory</i> 10/24/21 Service \$16.00	
		Urasaki, Eric Yosemori 	10/31/21 Service \$10.00 11/08/21 Service \$10.00	
Social Concerns (\$1 - \$99)	Eitaikyo (\$1 - \$99)	IMO Clytie K. Yogi (Shotsuki)	4.000	
		Lumbini Preschool	Elin Selven	
		Shotsuki		
	Miscellaneous (\$1 - \$99)	 IMO Edwin Shimabukuro	Thank you for your	
	Newsletter	(Nokotsudo)	generous support!	
Social Concerns (\$100 - \$399)	 IMO Ushiya Higa (33rd year memorial)	 Gushikawa Shinjin Kai	有難うございます	

#### 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 January, 2022:

Kamado Agena - January 23, 1996 ((97)
Mitsue Aka - January 22, 2018 (97)
Fumiyo Akamine - January 27, 2002 (87)
Sally Hatsuko Arakawa - January 31, 2018 (93)
Mrs. Otome Atta - January 24, 2015 (92)
Gladys Setsuko Chinen - January 17, 2018 (87)
Harry Teisuke Higa - January 17, 2014 (92)
David Shigemitsu Horiuchi - January 18, 2013 (77)
Kiyoko Doris Ige Isa - January 20, 2018 (95)
Yoshinori Isa - January 7, 2014 (84)
Fred Junzo Ito - January 22, 21 (91)
Ruby Fumie Jitchaku - January 31, 2017 (93)
James Masayuki Kagawa - January 19, 1996 (65)

Janet Yemiko Kaneshiro - January 4, 2021 (88) Otome Kaneshiro - January 8, 2011 (101) Mildred Kimie Kiyama - January 22, 2020 (95) Shinyu Kiyuna - January 1, 2017 (96) Betsy Taye Miyahira - January 10, 2021 (93) Tokutaro Miyahira - January 2, 2004 (101) Yoshiko Miyashiro - January 16, 2017 (91) Stanley Shojin Moriyama - January 8, 2004 (90) Donald Nagahide Nakachi - January 28, 2005 (75) Betsy Aiko Nakamoto - January 15, 2016 (87) Helen Harue Nakamura - January 27, 2004 (79) Masako Nakasone - January 4, 2007 (90) Toshii Yamazaki Nakasone - January 1, 2007 (74) Wallace Hitoshi Nakasone - January13, 2009 (64) Miyoko Noborikawa - January 5, 1998 (80) Barbara Nobuko Nohara - January 17, 2021 (96) Toshiko Noji - January 3, 2014 (84) Violet Ogawa - January 29, 2015 (90) Colonel Ellison Onizuka - January 28, 1984 (39) Uto Akamine Oshiro ~ January 9, 2007 (102) Sadano Oshiro - January 27, 2013 (73) Michael Mitsugu Sakihara - January 15, 2001 (71) Janet Setsuko Sasaki - January 18, 2018 (88)

Naoye Kaneshi - January 30, 2018 (90)

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Jane Kimie Shiira - January 8, 2013 (67) Earl Seisho Shima - January 22, 2008 (93) Gary Tadashi Shimabukuro - January 26, 2014 (84) Walter Hisao Shinkawa, Sr. - January 19, 2004 (76) Harue Shinsato - January 27, 1996 (61) Lawrence Kaoru Shinsato - January 14, 2008 (60) Betty Y. Suenishi ~ January 31, 2016 (72) Elizabeth Betsy Sugihara - January 22, 2008 (85) Albert Kanji Tatsuguchi - January 24, 2008 (87) Amy Teruya ~ January 7, 2016 (58) Matsumori Archibald Teruya - January 30, 2008 (90) Terry Masaji Toguchi ~ January 23, 2014 (66) JoAnn Kazue Tokushige ~ January 10, 2020 (68) Kiyoko Toma ~ January 19, 2020 (98) Edward Kiyoshi Tomasu - January 29, 2016 (56) Bert Shigeo Uyehara - January 11, 2008 (87)

Betty Uejo ~ January 28, 2015 (89)
Sentei Ueunten ~ January 3, 2002 (73)
Louise Toshie Wakakuwa ~ January 29, 2004 (63)
James Noboru Uyeunten ~ January 27, 2020 (75)
Barbara Mitsue Yamada — January 12, 2018 (90)
Helen Hanako Yamaguchi ~ January 27, 2014 (91)
Thomas Iwao Yamamoto ~ January 3, 2007 (77)
Jane Yukie Yamashita ~ January 10, 2010 (68)
Frances Tsuyako Yoshimura ~ January 7, 2020 (83)
Kenneth Isamu Zukeran ~ January 22, 2013 (92)

#### 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!

## JIKOEN MEMBERSHIPS

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission Statewide 2022 Calendar and Jikoen 2022 Membership forms will be in the mail soon!

This is a gentle reminder that our Jikoen membership records indicate that some of you have not renewed your membership for this year 2021. Hopefully, this is just an oversight. If you have recently renewed, or there is an error in our records, please contact the Jikoen office as soon as possible.

Your Jikoen membership benefits include:

- Learning about the Buddha's teachings
- Jikoen Newsletter
- Honpa Hongwanji Statewide Calendar
- 24/7 on-call emergency ministerial services
- Dharma Message from Sensei
- Fellowship and light refreshments after Sunday Service
- Use of facilities and services benefits
- Hall rental benefits for private parties
- Lumbini Preschool and Hongwanji schools benefits

## **Annual Membership Fee:**

\$90 Individual (single) • \$180 Family (with dependent children)

Please renew your membership to continue all of your member benefits. May we please ask for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you soon. Happy Holidays and keep safe!



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## PROPAGATION PROGRAM GRANT

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's "Propagation Program Grant Committee" would like to announce that the "Propagation Program Grant" is available to all of you for "New and wonderful ideas for propagating Nembutsu teachings into our community". Would you like to share your wonderful and creative Dharma projects with all of our community? If so, take action right away! We all are looking forward to seeing your innovative ideas!

The committee reviews all grant applications, which meet the following criteria:

- New, innovative, creative ideas or activities focusing on Buddhist Education and the propagation of the Dharma.
- 2. Each project may be funded only once within 5 years.
- 3. The maximum amount of the grant must not exceed \$10,000.00
- 4. The project would have statewide implications/ potential.

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