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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Hybrid Services from April 10, 2022

We are pleased to announce that beginning Sunday, April 10, 2022, all Sunday services will be held in-person and via Zoom in the Hondo. All other in-person activities and events are postponed until further notice. We will continue to follow all Federal, State and City safety protocols. Please keep in mind that service schedules are subject to change without notice. Thank you.

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

Sat 4/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Buddhist Leadership Seminar Time: 3:00–5:00 p.m., On Zoom, Speaker: Dr. Michael Cheang, Theme: From Values to Actions: Working Towards A Purposeful Life, Free Registration
Sun 4/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN • Hawaii Buddhist Council Combined Virtual Buddha Day Hanamatsuri Service and Victims of Covid-19 Memorial Service Time: 9:30 a.m., Guest Speaker: Dr. Glenda Nogami Streufert (Former Manager, Kauai Emergency Management Agency), see page 7 for QR Code and details
Sun 4/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid Sangha Family & Shotsuki Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person & via Zoom
Sun 4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person & via Zoom • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m., On Zoom
Sat, 4/23 thru Sun, 4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWA State Conference (in-person and via Zoom)
Sun 4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN
Sun 5/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STATE DHARMA SCHOOL & SANGHA GATHERING AT JIKOEN Time: 9:30 a.m., In-person & via Zoom, Everyone welcome, Registration required – see page 11 for schedule and details

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Sun
5/8

• **Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service**

Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person & via Zoom

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

My Life Story (Part 2)

(continued from the March, 2022 newsletter)

My parents continued the child care center they founded after the war in my hometown of Omuta City. It was not easy. They had difficult times due to a shortage of money. Also, our family temple was poor because it was located in the countryside, and its membership was small. A number of parents couldn't pay tuition or their payments were late.

So my father decided to raise calves to help fund the preschool. He and temple members built several barns on the mountainside for the cattle. I did not like helping my father in caring for the cows before and after school. It was a tough job for a small boy to cut and collect grass from the riverside twice a week to feed the cows. Then there was shoveling manure and washing the cows. My two older brothers also helped, but they were clever enough to make up excuses for avoiding their chores. So I became the most important and dependable assistant to my father. One evening, one of the cows slipped into a small valley and got stuck. Some temple members came to help pull it out, but without any hope of being saved, the cow died. I was so shocked to see it and realized this is the reality of all living beings. I raised and cared for that cow since it was a baby and it died and now we were separated forever.

My mother was the preschool director since the school was established in 1950. She woke up around 5 a.m. to open the school and start preparing the preschool lunch on a stove heated with wood since we did not have a gas or electric stove. I remember that my mom's fingers and face were always dirty with charcoal from the stove. Most lunch menus were potato dishes with chicken or pork, brown rice and skim milk made from powder from the U.S., the cheapest drink. I recall that my parents were busy and did not have time for their own children. I don't remember them attending my school activities and we never had family vacations. Still, I genuinely respected

their hard work and dedication to saving the lives of the orphans and continuing to offer childcare services to the community. Their commitment was passed on to my older brother who continues the school to this day.

My parent's difficult and dedicated life showed me the spirit to never give up. It is that spirit that drove me to keep Jikoen's Lumbini Preschool operating through the financial crisis of 2008. It is that spirit that has helped me to deal with other critical situations since I took over responsibilities as the head of Lumbini Preschool. My parents taught me important lessons in how to take care of and educate preschoolers that I use today. *Okagesamade*. I am here as Head of Lumbini Preschool at Jikoen today because of their guidance.

After graduating from high school, I entered Ryukoku University in Kyoto to study General Buddhism and Jodo Shin Studies. I was so relieved when I passed the university entrance exam. It was my chance to run away from my home temple because my childhood experience was not pleasant. Growing up, I spent much of my time helping around the temple and preschool. I felt that I was now free from family duties and obligations. I was looking forward to meeting a lovely girl and enjoying student life in Kyoto.

However, life did not turn out as smooth as I expected in Kyoto. My father told me that he could help to pay for tuition until graduation from college, but he could not pay for my food, housing, and spending money. So, my dream of living in a lovely apartment near the school disappeared. To help me, my older brother, who was also attending Ryukoku University, arranged for me to stay at Unryuin Sennyuji Temple in Kyoto. It is a small temple of the Shingon Sect at the top of Higashiyama (east mountain). I stayed in one of the rooms for priests. The room was small but had enough futon space. I cannot say that I liked sharing bathrooms and the kitchen. There was no furo or shower room. For bathing, I went to the public bath, a 30-minute walk down from the top of the mountain to downtown Higashiyama. I cannot say that I liked the arrangement because my hair froze after taking a bath on the walk back to my room in the winter. I stayed

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there patiently for two years until I moved to a place near the Kyoto Imperial Palace!

My dream of school life was not what I expected! I had to work hard to pay for my housing and living expenses. I worked at a restaurant from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. almost every night. I still practice patience and putting one foot in front of the other to this day.

On the other hand, my college life was perfect for meeting good teachers and friends despite difficult living conditions. I met Professor Rev. Kyoshin Asano, Narumi Asai, Hisao Inagaki, Takamaro Shigaraki, and other dynamic teachers. And I met good friends from all over Japan. When I recall my college life from 1982-1986 in Kyoto, I know I was fortunate to meet those great masters and lovely friends who helped me to learn and to enjoy my life. *Okagesamade*. Because of them I was able to learn and spend my four years in Kyoto encountering Jodo Shin Studies and good friends.

After graduating from Ryukoku University, I returned to my home to help at my home temple and preschool in 1987. I drove the school bus, cleaned the school, and assisted with my father's ministry until I left for the U.S. to study English. I wanted to become a Hongwanji Overseas Minister (*Kaikyoshi*). However, coming to the U.S. was a whole new challenge due to my limited language skills and it being my first time in the U.S.

(To be continued...)

TEMPLE NEWS

Annual Memorial Service Schedules for May thru July 2022

1st Year Memorial died in 2021

Mrs. Sadako Tokuda (94)	June 7, 2021
Mr. Randal Sadao Kobashikawa (63)	June 18, 2021
Mrs. Nancy Hideko Oshiro (86)	June 26, 2021
Mrs. Kimiye Oshiro (95)	July 2, 2021
Mr. Steve Sadaaki Higa (97)	July 3, 2021
Mr. Loren Masami Hieda (65)	July 16, 2021
Mrs. Clara Kikuye Irei (95)	July 19, 2021

3rd Year Memorial died in 2020

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

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Jikoen ohana sends its sincere condolences to the families of our Dharma friends:

Loren Hieda (65), of Honolulu, passed away on July 16, 2021. Predeceased by mother, Laura F. Hieda (84) who passed away on April 13, 2020. Survived by brothers, Wayson and Wendell and sister, Paula Kaiura.

Eric Sunao Inazaki (56), of St. Louis, MO, passed away on December 31, 2020. Survived by mother, Helen and brother, Jon.

Kennethe Kiyoshi Kaneshiro (90), of Honolulu, passed away on April 6, 2020. He was born in Lahaina, Maui. He and his wife Florence, started the Von Kenric Brushes distributor in 1966. Survived by sons Eric and Von (Judy), daughter Gayle Nakama, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Milton Kunio Kikuchi (65), of Honolulu, passed away on February 10, 2022. Retired from the City & County Department of Transportation Services. Survived by mother, Clara; brother, Mark and niece, LesliAnn.

Sueko "Sue" Okuhara, (95) of Honolulu, passed away on January 9, 2022. Preceded in death by her husband, James N. Okuhara (96) of Okuhara Foods, who passed away on March 24, 2020. Survived by sons, Eric and Phil; daughter, Lori (Dexter) Teruya; 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

Stuart Shoji Oshiro, (63), of Pearl City, passed away on January 18, 2022 in Mt. Prospect, IL. Employed at United Airlines as a Senior Instructional Designer for 38 years. Survived by wife, June Hong; mother, Natsue Oshiro; sister, Faith (Roland) Hamao, brother, Carlton "Cal" (Karen) Oshiro; nephews, Brandon Oshiro and Cassidy Oshiro.

Juliet A. Shimabukuro (63), of Waipahu, passed away on November 14, 2021. Survived by husband, Dean; sons, Ryan (Pua) and Brent (Ihilani Haru).

Lucille Aiko Tamayori (95), of Honolulu, passed away on March 30, 2021. She was born in Lahaina, Maui and graduated from Leilehua High School. Survived by siblings Patrick Tamayori, Thomas Tamayori, Sylvia Ehara, Nancy Billings and George Tamayori.

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

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Mr. Stanley Seiji Akamine (75).....June 18, 2020
Mrs. Ruth Sai Uchida (94)July 16, 2020
Mr. Seisun Shimabukuro (91)July 28, 2020
Ms. Yoshiko Moribe (100).....July 30, 2020
Mrs. Lillian Setsuko Nakagawa (91)July 31, 2020

7th Year Memorial died in 2016

Mrs. Sachie Futenma (99)May 2, 2016
Mrs. Doris Kikuye Yamashiro (92)May 18, 2016
Mr. Robert Takeo Isa (98)July 2, 2016
Mrs. Nancy Natsue Oshiro (82)July 18, 2016
Mr. Takeyei Onaga (91)July 21, 2016

13th Year Memorial died in 2010

Mrs. Iku Nakamura (94)May 16, 2010
Mrs. Chieko Shinsato (94)May 25, 2010
Mrs. Sue Teruko Omizo (87).....June 15, 2010
Mrs. Ikuyo Bates (75).....June 16, 2010
Mr. Joji Oshiro (92)June 18, 2010
Mr. Paul Susumu Takushi (61)July 1, 2010
Mr. Howard William Bates (74)July 8, 2010
Mr. James Shunyei Oshiro (83)July 22, 2010
Mr. Toshio Miyamoto (92).....July 27, 2010
Mr. Kiichi Kobashigawa (91).....July 31, 2010

17th Year Memorial died in 2006

Mrs. Doris Haruko Kaneshiro (87)May 6, 2006
Mrs. Hatsuyo Tokuda (93)May 8, 2006
Mr. Grant Michael Uyeshiro (29).....May 11, 2006
Mr. Harold Komei Shimabuku (79)May 18, 2006
Mr. Edward Masami Kuwana (79)May 24, 2006
Mr. Kenneth Seiko Higa (90)May 27, 2006
Mr. Harry Seiichi Akamine (91).....June 11, 2006
Mr. Kenneth Keniichi Kaneshiro (102)June 7, 2006
Mrs. Jean Yoshiko Sakanashi (47)June 18, 2006
Mrs. Karen Yoshie Agena (65)June 20, 2006
Mr. Robert Soichi Moriyama (94)July 4, 2006
Mr. Donald Seisuke Ishiki (89)July 8, 2006
Mrs. Tayeko Serizawa (80).....July 13, 2006
Mrs. Masae Doreen Shinsato (81)July 24, 2006

25th Year Memorial died in 1998

Mr. David Toma (65)May 3, 1998
Mr. Richard Higa (76)May 3, 1998
Mrs. Nancy Tokuko Higa (69).....May 6, 1998
Mrs. Kama Kaneshiro (90)May 22, 1998
Mrs. Amy Setsuko Shimabukuro (58)May 23, 1998
Mr. Takeshi Nakagawa (75)June 10, 1998
Mrs. Fumiko Higa (87)June 24, 1998
Mr. Thomas Saneo Tamanaha (59)June 23, 1998

Mr. Takeichi Shimabukuro (83)July 2, 1998
Mrs. Omito Shinsato (97)July 7, 1998

33rd Year Memorial died in 1990

Rev. Jikai Yamasato (78)May 27, 1990
(Jikoen minister 1941-1981)
Mr. Kenneth Kenichi Momohara (72).....June 10, 1990
Mrs. Uto Ganeku (94)June 13, 1990
Mr. Ricki Yasuhiro Uezu (2 months)July 23, 1990

*Great Aloha Virtual Run, Walk in Honor of
Masuo Kino*

Mr. Masuo Kino, who will be 93 in April, has participated in every Great Aloha Run since 1985. He completed his 38th Great Aloha Run virtually on Monday, February 21, 2022, Presidents Day. Joined by wife **Alice**, daughter **Pamela Kino**, and granddaughter **Lorie Okada**, Mr. Kino led the caravan from Jikoen to the in-person, Drive-



Thru Finish Line. This was the last scheduled event held at the Aloha Stadium.



The caravan also included other registered participants

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HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(March, 2022)

“Dharma Message for a 49th Day Service in Honor of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh”

(Part 1)

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

This message was given at a 49th Day Service in honor of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh at Honoka‘a Hongwanji on March 12, 2022.

Aloha Kākou! Today, as we pay tribute to one of the greatest modern day Buddhist Teachers in the world, the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh, who passed away on January 22, 2022 at the age of 95, it is not without sadness that I share this message. Many in the world may be thinking, as what happened when the Historic Buddha entered Parinirvana, that “Too soon he passes from this world.” Needless to say, the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh was an extraordinary leader and teacher embodying so much of the Buddhist Teachings, the Dharma with his thoughts, words, and actions. In fact, it was his life.

In our allotted time, today, I cannot enumerate all of his life endeavors and accomplishments. Also, many of you, know much more about his contributions in which he stayed true to the words of the Historic Buddha, Sakyamuni, “Go forth for the good of the many, for the happiness of the many, out of compassion for the world, for the welfare, the good and the happiness of gods and men.” Thus, today, I would like to focus my message, in honor of him, on the significance of the comment he made in 2015 and how we might truly pay our respects, express our gratitude and possibly alleviate some of the sadness and lament which many might be experiencing because of his passing.

If I were a great bodhisattva or highly advanced on the Path, I would be able to fully integrate without obstacles the words of the Historic Buddha:

My disciples, my last moment has come, but do not forget that death is only the end of the physical body. The body (that was) born from parents and nourished by food; just as inevitable are sickness and death. “But the true Buddha is not a human body-it is Enlightenment. A human body must die, but the Wisdom of Enlightenment will exist forever in the truth

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and passengers: **Grant Ito, Earl Kita, Kaycie Moribe, Marcie Moribe, Morris Moribe, Judy Muramoto, June Nakamasu, Doris Oshiro, Jean Oshiro, Fran Scott, Sandra Toma and JoAnn Yosemite.**



Pieper Toyama and granddaughters, participated in the Virtual Great Aloha Run from Colorado in honor of Masuo Kino. **Lois Toyama** (not pictured) also participated.

Congratulations, Masuo Kino!



New Members, Welcome to Jikoen!

Jikoen would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Carole Hayashino & Kyle Tatsumoto

We look forward to your participation at Jikoen services via zoom and look forward to welcoming you to in-person services soon.

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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 my teaching truly sees me. After my death, the Dharma shall be your teacher. Follow the Dharma and you will be true to me.

Most recently, we, at Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, had our Ministers' Spring Seminar with our Guest Lecturer Prof. Rev. Kensuke Okamoto of Ryukoku University of Kyoto, Japan. Two of his lectures focused on the topic of "What the Buddha Taught Before His Death." In one of his lectures, he shared the attitudes and perspectives of 3 disciples when they were confronted with the absence of the Buddha. To be clear, these 3 stories are not from the time of the actual demise of Sakyamuni, but from the episode of his life when he was not physically present in the human world or dimension with his ascending to the Heavenly Realms as he sought to share the Dharma with his deceased Mother, the former Queen Maya who did not have the opportunity to hear the Dharma while she was living in the human world.

As the Historic Buddha, out of compassion, embarked on this particular journey of sharing the Dharma, the disciples of the Buddha in the human dimension were faced with the dilemma of his absence. In a way, similar to what many would later experience with the Buddha's Parinirvana. The question is "How did people deal with and respond to the Buddha's absence?" Likewise, "How are we, of the present, responding to the passing of one of the greatest teachers of our current times?"

As we continue to reflect, let me introduce, the responses of the Disciples Uppalavanna, Pingiya, and Subhuti which was shared by Prof. Okamoto.

First, the Disciple Uppalavanna. She wanted to be the first to worship the Buddha after the Buddha's return from the Heavenly Realms. Thus, she dispersed a crowd that had gathered to greet the Buddha and was able to worship the World Honored One before anyone else. She was focused on the physical presence or the human body of the Buddha which is a very common reaction.

Next, there was the Disciple Pingiya. He, in part says, "I cannot stay away from him even for a moment... from Gotama of great understanding, from Gotama of great intelligence". "I see him with my mind as if with my eye..." "I go constantly on a mental journey for my mind...is joined to him." According to Prof. Okamoto:

Pingiya...presents the position that through the act of thinking of or remembering the Buddha, we can meet him, even if he (the Buddha) is not in front of us. In



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- 02 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 09 Rev. Sol Kalu
- 16 Mr. Alan Goto
- 23 Rev. Daido Baba
- 30 Bishop Tatsuya Aoki

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*other words, even if one is away from a person one
depends on, it is possible to relieve one's anxiety.*

Finally, there is the response of the Disciple Subhuti. According to Prof. Okamoto, in sharing about Subhuti, "He did not go to the Buddha's place of descent, but rather deeply contemplated the Buddha's teachings (dharma observance)." In one of the accounts, it is said that Subhuti is about to do the same as Uppalavanna, but reconsiders when he deeply reflected and realized that the physical body and mind of the Buddha and human beings including the surrounding physical environment all are composed of the same earth, water, fire and wind and when he further contemplated on the following teaching,

*The buddhas of the past and the future, as well as the
Buddha of (the) present, are all impermanent. If you
want to worship the Buddha, you should observe the*

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Hawaii Buddhist Council

2022 Buddha Day Service “Hanamatsuri”

& Memorial Service
for the Victims of COVID-19



DATE

Sunday, April 3, 2022
09:30 AM
(HST)

SPEAKER

Dr. Glenda Nogami Streufert
Former Manager,
Kauai Civil Defense Agency

- Theme -

“Adapting & Responding to uncertain situations – Interaction with others”

Dr. Glenda Nogami Streufert grew up on the Island of Lanai before moving to the Midwest, to Germany and later to Washington DC, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. She has worked in both academic and governmental positions in Germany and the U.S. Since retiring to Kauai, she has managed the Kauai Civil Defense Agency (now Kauai Emergency Management Agency) and served on the County Planning Commission & on Board of Hawaii Health Services Corporation. She holds a Ph.D. from Purdue University.

Zoom Link

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dhammas in the past, future, and present.

According to Rev. Okamoto, Subhuti's response shares that "deep consideration of the Buddha's teaching (dhamma observance) is nothing other than worshipping the Buddha." He (Prof. Okamoto) consoles and encourages us that:

We feel anxious when someone close to us, someone we respect and depend on, leaves us... And if such a person passed away, it is not hard to imagine that one would then be filled with anxiety and loneliness. The Buddhists of the past must have felt the same unease when the Buddha went away and when he entered final nirvana. However, Buddhist scriptures teach us how to stay close to the Buddha even in such times.

The Historic Buddha is known to have said that even if a person is right next to him holding on to a corner of his robe if that person does not embrace the Dharma, the person is not close to me. However, a person who might be separated from me by hundreds or even thousands of miles, but knows the Dharma, that person is very close to me.

Let us now turn to the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh. He is known to have said,

I have a disciple in Vietnam who wants to build a stupa for my ashes when I die. He and others want to put a plaque with the words, "Here lies my beloved teacher." I told them not to waste the temple land...I suggested that, if they still insist on building a stupa, they have the plaque say, "I am not in here." But in case people don't get it, they could add a second plaque, "I am not out there either." If still people don't understand, then you can write on the third and last plaque, "I may be found in your way of breathing and walking."

This is my interpretation, but to me, the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh is saying exactly the same thing as the Historic Buddha and encouraging us to focus on the Dharma, the Teachings and this is the way to be close to the Buddha and also honor our great masters and teachers. It is by not overly focusing on their physical presence or lack of it, but focus on what they taught, focus on how they lived in the Dharma.

(To be continued in the 2022 April issue of Bishop's Corner)

Statement on Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

On February 24, 2022, Russia aggressively began its invasion of Ukraine through military force.



Pacific Buddhist Academy Open House

April 27, 2022 • 5:00 PM

Register at: <https://pacificbuddhistacademy.org/admissions/open-house>

This virtual open house is the perfect opportunity to learn more about PBA's unique approach to Enlightened Learning. Meet teachers, administrators and PBA Students. A Q&A session will be held to answer any questions you may have.

It has been reported that in cities across Ukraine, many civilians including children have become victims in addition to the well over one million Ukrainian citizens forced to flee becoming refugees.

We, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist organization, strongly condemn taking human life lightly as well as using military force to unilaterally try to change reality through violent actions for no matter what reason.

In addition to the invasion of Ukraine, the reality is that terrorist attacks and military warfare continue across the world. Reiterating our stance against violence, it is our fervent hope that a peaceful resolution may be realized as soon as possible and that there be a safe return to peace for the people of Ukraine.

Overcoming conflict that arises through mutual exclusion and differences in thinking and values, I firmly believe that through joint efforts, the path to perpetual peace will open up to a life of spiritual richness.

March 8, 2022

IWAGAMI Chiko

Governor General

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

Condolences

Mr. Sadao Harold Aoki, a member of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, passed away on January 28, 2022. Mr. Aoki served as the President of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin from 1988 through 1991. He was also an advisor for Hilo Betsuin Kendo Club. He contributed to the community through as Vice Principal of Kapiolani School, Waiakea High School and Waiakea Elementary School. He coached the Waiakea High School Baseball and the Hawaii AJA Baseball. The Ingo of KAI-DOU-IN 開導院 which means "One who truly Provided Guidance" in recognition of his life of Nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on February 25, 2022.

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.

Here are our loved ones who will be remembered in the month of May, 2022:

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)
 Haruko Mary Arakaki ~ May 9, 2003 (93)
 Masako "Nancy" Arakaki ~ May 18, 2019 (90)
 Chosei Kenneth Arasaki ~ May 20, 2017 (98)
 Fumie Asato ~ May 4, 2015 (94)
 Sandra Sueno Enokawa ~ May 19, 2019 (72)
 Rev. Yoshiaki Steve Fujitani ~ May 17, 2021 (97)
 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)
 Kenneth Seiko Higa ~ May 27, 2006 (90)
 Richard Higa ~ May 3, 1998 (69)
 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)
 Doris Haruko Kaneshiro ~ May 6, 2006 (87)
 Haruko Kaneshiro ~ May 4, 2008 (95)
 Hayako Kaneshiro ~ May 27, 2007 (91)
 Hatsuyo Kaneshiro ~ May 5, 2000 (89)
 Kama Kaneshiro ~ May 22, 1998 (90)
 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)
 Edward Masami Kuwana ~ May 24, 2006 (79)
 Henry Hiroshi Kuwana ~ May 31, 2003 (83)
 Kameyo Kuwaye ~ May 13, 2013 (90)
 Matthew Masao Asato Laroya ~ May 8, 2021 (33)
 Shizuko Maeda ~ May 24, 2000 (65)
 Alice Hatsuko Makishi ~ May 29, 2001 (89)
 Ichiro Bert Minehira ~ May 12, 2001 (83)
 Walter Takashi Miyashiro ~ May 24, 2013 (78)
 Ushi Miyashiro ~ May 3, 1997 (103)
 Zenan 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)
 Iku Nakamura ~ May 16, 2010 (94)
 Haruko Nakasone ~ May 8, 2015 (95)
 Jane Kiyono Nakasone ~ May 7, 2014 (89)
 Jisuke Nishihara ~ May 16, 2006 (99)
 Matsu Ogimi ~ May 2, 1997 (97)
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**State Dharma School Gathering
Sunday, May 1, 2022**



A Commission on Buddhist Education (CBE) Project of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

9:30 AM: Service –
*Dharma Message by Rev.
David Fujimoto of Mililani
Hongwanji Mission*

10:00 AM: Breakout
Rooms
*DS Sessions: Jr. YBA
Moderators
Adult Session: Rev. David
Fujimoto – “The Pale Blue
Dot” discussion*

10:50 AM: DS
Families/Adult Sessions
End

11:00 AM: DS
Teachers/Educators
Gathering Session Begins

12:00 PM: End



RSVP Deadline is April 16.
Click on the following link to
register:
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Any Questions?
Contact: **Debbie Kubota**
at dekub88@gmail.com

Gathering Zoom Link will
be emailed to participants
by Friday, **April 29**.

Born Again UCHINANCHU

The Hawaii Experience

Born Again Uchinanchu:
The Hawaii Experience is the working title for an Okinawan community book that is tentatively scheduled to be published this summer. It is being written by Karleen Chinen, the longtime writer and editor of *The Hawaii Herald*, who retired recently to research and write this book.

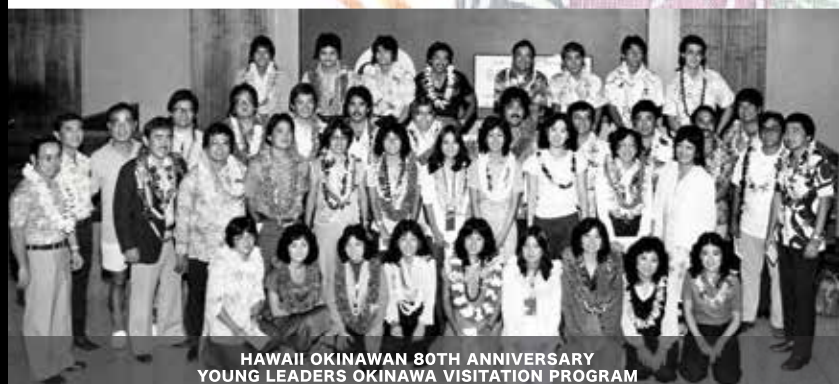
The hardcover book chronicles the 20-year period from 1980 to 2000, which saw the rise of Hawaii's Okinawan community and the renaissance of Okinawan culture.

The book will be approximately 450 pages in length: 70% text, 30% photographs, including color photos.

The book will be sold at cost if pre-ordered (price to be determined). After the book's debut, the price will increase by \$10 per copy.

The pre-order form will appear in a future UCHINANCHU newsletter.

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