

# Monthly Newsletter

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### THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

*All scheduled Sunday services will be held in-person and via Zoom in the Hondo unless otherwise noted. 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.*

Sun 6/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person &amp; via Zoom</li></ul>
Fri 6/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kamehameha Day Holiday Observed (Office and Preschool closed)</b></li></ul>
Sun 6/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Family Dharma Moments</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama and Pieper Toyama, In-person &amp; via Zoom</li></ul>
Wed 6/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Living Dharma Gathering</b> Time: 6:00 p.m., Facilitator: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person &amp; via Zoom</li></ul>
Sun 6/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Family Sangha and Father's Day Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Brad Nakamura, In-person &amp; via Zoom</li><li>• <b>Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting</b> Time: 10:30 a.m., On Zoom</li></ul>
Sun 6/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Irei no Hi Battle of Okinawa Memorial Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person &amp; via Zoom</li></ul>
Sat 7/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Hatsubon First Bon Memorial Service</b> Time: 10:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person (limited seating, RSVP required) &amp; via Zoom</li></ul>
Sun 7/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jikoen Bon Memorial &amp; Shotsuki Memorial Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Rev. Irene Nakamoto, In-person &amp; via Zoom</li></ul>
Mon 7/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fourth of July Holiday Observed (Office and Preschool closed)</b></li></ul>

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*Rev. Shindo Nishiyama*

Dear Jikoen Members and Friends,

It's been over two years since the Pandemic began. During that time, Jikoen has been closed for Sangha Family Services, Dharma School Programs, Jikoen Buddhist Women's Association activities, and other significant activities, including our New Year's Party, BBQ Chicken Sales, Annual Bazaar, Keirokai gatherings, and Bon Dances. We couldn't meet, talk, and enjoy our fellow Jikoen members during these past two years. But now, we have reopened for weekly in-person Sangha Family Services, and we are slowly restarting other activities.

Our weekly in-person services are also shared on Zoom for those who are unable to come to the temple and those who find it more comfortable to join the service from their homes. It is clear that the traditional way of offering Jikoen's services needs to change to meet today's conditions if we are to continue sharing the Buddha Dharma with everyone.

We are still not sure about the changing Covid-19 situation, so we need to be ready to adjust our lives to deal with whatever happens in our community and the world. Please continue to take care of yourself and your family and be safe! Remember that Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion are always with you in the name, *Namoamidabutsu*. Email or call me if you need help from our Jikoen family!

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Temple President **Doris Oshiro**, and former JBWA President **June Nakamasu**, for their hard work in the Jikoen office every day. My heartfelt thanks to BWA President **Dorene Toma** and her husband, **Jimmy Toma**, to the Dharma School staff, **JoAnn and Ai**, to our volunteers who clean the yard, **Earl & Esther Kita** for maintaining the social hall and temple, to BWA members who come every week to clean the altar, to **Wayne** for his knowledge and skills for financial matters, to all Board members who work hard to keep Jikoen operating, to **Sandy Toma** for coordinating the services, **Norman** for editing our monthly newsletter, to **John Toguchi** for arranging for temple renovations, especially for our newly installed lift, to **Pieper** who helps edit my minister's messages and provides me a wide range of advice, and to all Lumbini Preschool staff for their dedication to our community throughout the pandemic conditions. Of course, to everyone else, thank you for the many ways you support our Jikoen Ohana! !

I am very fortunate to be your Jikoen minister for all these years. I am what I am because of all your kindness and understanding. I promise to continue providing compassionate care to all and work with you to preserve Jikoen's legacy for present and future generations. *Namoamidabutsu*.

*Gassho,*

Reverend Shindo Nishiyama



### *My Life Story (Part 4)*

*(continued from the May, 2022 newsletter)*

One of the first people I met from Jikoen was Dr. Albert Miyasato. He was a unique, dynamic, and joyful Shin Buddhist. I liked his good ideas for supporting and improving Hongwanji. He used to say to me, "Sensei, I am so lucky to encounter Buddhism. It teaches me to live my life in joy and gratitude. Buddhism helps me to understand why I was born." We will never forget his dedication to our Hongwanji, especially the Hongwanji Mission School and other educational programs. One of his most outstanding achievements was to help establish the Pacific Buddhist Academy with the late Bishop Yosemite, Fred Nonaka, and Pieper Toyama.

After a year assigned to Hawaii Betsuin and completing the New Minister's Orientation Program in Honolulu, I was posted to Waimea Hongwanji on Kauai on July 1, 1992, by the late Bishop Tom Nakanishi. A week before their Bon Dance and two months before Hurricane Iniki hit.

When we arrived at the Lihue Airport, the late Muggsy Morikawa (Nisei veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion) came to pick us up in his Honda Civic. I had expected temple leaders and BWA members to welcome us with leis, but Mr. Morikawa had come by himself. We had at least four or five suitcases and boxes with all our belongings. His Honda Civic was too small. I apologized, but I also reminded him that HQ had informed Waimea temple leaders that we were bringing several suitcases and boxes. He looked at our luggage and said, "Sensei, you bring too much from Honolulu! We only need simple clothes, a little money, and food to live. No good to have too many things!"

Suzie and I were a little uncomfortable with his comments instead of words of welcome. However, I later understood what he was trying to tell us. "SHOYOKUCHISOKU"

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means to live with “fewer desires and more appreciation for what we have.” He followed his advice to live simply because he came to see us at the airport with rubber slippers, wearing an Aloha Airlines t-shirt with a few puka. He was unique and casual, but he held a deep and heartfelt love for the Hongwanji and his temple.

Our busy new life in Waimea began with Bon Dance preparations. Suzie and I quickly settled down to life in Waimea. We met many people through the Bon Dance who welcomed us as the new minister and his wife from Japan. The late Norman Takashiba, the late Henry and Michiko Tanaka, the Murakami family, the Kakuda family, the Morikawa family, the Date family, the Taniguchi family, the Miyamotos, the Ishihara family, the Kobashigawa family, and many other Waimea Hongwanji members were so kind and welcoming. We received support and love from everyone to start our new life in Waimea.

However, our greatest challenge came in two short months, on September 5, 1992. We heard the emergency siren in the early morning, but we didn't know what was happening. We didn't have a TV yet since we moved to Waimea. The late Mr. Takashiba called me, “Sensei, you have to evacuate to Waimea High School! A big hurricane will hit Kauai soon!” Police officers came and warned us to evacuate. However, I told my wife, “No worry! A hurricane is like a typhoon in Japan. I have had many experiences with typhoons because my hometown Kyushu is in a typhoon path! Suzie, don't be afraid and relax! Don't worry, be happy!”

However, I was wrong! Hurricane Iniki was a Super Typhoon (with 145-160 mph winds) that destroyed Waimea Hongwanji's two social halls and the minister's residence. All the utility poles were blown down and blocked the main roads. Suzie and I evacuated to the main temple hall and found shelter behind the temple organ on the alter. I will never forget the sounds of crashing debris blown about by powerful winds. Iniki hit around 6:00 AM and continued to around 2:00 PM. During those horrible eight hours, Iniki destroyed over 14,000 homes and many hotels. The winds and debris damaged cars, blew down utility poles, and destroyed public facilities. The minister's residence sustained major wind and rain damage. After Iniki passed through, about 50 neighbors came to the temple to stay with us for a couple of weeks. There were babies and small children. We spent the days and nights without electricity, water, and hot meals. Also, we did not have enough clothes and blankets. We wore

## *Living Dharma Study Gathering*

on  zoom

Please mark you calendars for the next sessions at **6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on:**

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*



*Wednesday, July 20, 2022*

You will need to download the Zoom App or access from a web browser. Please RSVP to get the login information by calling the office at 808-845-3422 or emailing [jikoen.info@gmail.com](mailto:jikoen.info@gmail.com)

the same clothes for a whole week because there was no water to do laundry. Some people were washing their clothes at the Waimea riverside. We also had to dig several holes for bathroom use.

On the following day, in the early morning, I checked Waimea Town. There were National Guard soldiers standing in front of banks, stores, and the post office, guarding against looters. Suzie and I were shocked by the massive changes after Iniki hit. I still remember clearly that the Waimea Canyon mountainside lost all of its green colors. I could see only the red clay that exposed the mountain surface.

The next day, the late Mr. Takashiba came to see us. He said all fallen utility poles had been moved to the roadside by local volunteers in Hanapepe and Waimea. The roads were open for rescue trucks from the National Guard, Red Cross, and U.S. Military.

We were still new in Waimea, so we didn't know what to do to. But with temple members' and neighbors' kindness and help, Suzie and I survived. We put a tent up in the Japanese garden next to the temple, and Suzie and I lived there with homeless neighbors living in the main temple throughout September. Later we moved to an empty house in Kekaha that belonged to a Waimea temple member.

Two weeks after Iniki hit, the late Bishop Nakanishi flew to Kauai to visit all five temples on Kauai. He was chosen as one of the religious leaders to be a part of a select rescue team formed by the Hawaii State government. Nakanishi

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Sensei came to see us after visiting all the other temples. He brought a Suehiro shoyu chicken bento for his lunch, but we ate most of it since we had no cooked meals for over two weeks. Since we ate his Suehiro (presently Gyotaku) Bento, we offered him our military rations. I want to say “Sumimasen” to Rev. Nakanishi for eating his bento!

Our new life on Kauai began with this most challenging experience. It was tough. However, we learned so many things, especially how to survive a serious natural disaster. From this experience, I learned what I must do as a minister for temple members and friends in case of a community emergency. It is very important for our temples to open their halls to support our community in an emergency. Jikoen has contracted with the American Red Cross since 2006 to serve as a designated emergency shelter. I am so proud that Jikoen is ready and willing to open its doors to help our community.

After seven years on Kauai, serving the Waimea, Hanapepe, and Koloa temples, I was reassigned to Bishop Yosemite’s office in 1999. I moved to Honolulu with our two children, Shanna and Skyler, and a little cat that had lost its mother during Hurricane Iniki. I was so excited to work at HQ under the guidance of Bishop Yosemite.

(To be continued...)

## TEMPLE NEWS

### *Jikoen Hatsubon Service*

Hatsubon is the first Bon memorial observance for those who passed away since June 2021. This service will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. As of May 21, 2022, the following Dharma friends will be memorialized:

Kikue Higa (97) - February 10, 2020  
Tokucho Ige (100) - June 2, 2020  
Sadako Tokuda (94) - June 7, 2021  
Randal Sadao Kobashikawa (63) - June 18, 2021  
Nancy Hideko Oshiro (86) - June 26, 2021  
Kimiye Oshiro (95) - July 2, 2021  
Steve Sadaaki Higa (97) - July 3, 2021  
Loren Masami Hieda (65) - July 16, 2021  
Clara Kikuye Irei (95) - July 19, 2021  
Nora Osue Tamanaha (93) - August 18, 2021  
Dave Yoshiaki Kaneshiro (73) - August 31, 2021  
Akiko Kiyota (94) - September 4, 2021



## 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.moiliilihongwanji.org](http://www.moiliilihongwanji.org)

### June 2022

- **04 Dr. George Tanabe**
- **11 Rev. Shawn Yagi**
- **18 Rev. David Fujimoto**
- **25 Rev. Mariko Nishiyama**

✦ Japanese-language Dharma talks Saturdays on KZOO AM1210 on Saturdays 7:30 am – 7:45 am; on-demand dharma talks in Japanese

✦ Dharma talks in Japanese are produced by Hawaii Betsuin and are archived on their website

✦ Your donation to Moiliili Hongwanji will be greatly appreciated to help support the White Way Radio broadcasts.

Happy Mitsuo Toyama (98) - September 5, 2021  
Tomoyoshi Higa (94) - September 9, 2021  
Lily Yoshiko Horio (91) - October 17, 2021  
Richard Toji Jakahi (84) - October 27, 2021  
Shigeru Yamaguchi (94) - December 14, 2021  
Aileen Sana Miyahira (69) - December 19, 2021  
Janet Tsuruko Yoon (93) - December 28, 2021  
Sueko "Sue" Okuhara (95) - January 09, 2022  
Stuart Shoji Oshiro (63) - January 18, 2022  
Haruyo Yoshii (95) - January 26, 2022  
Milton Kunio Kikuchi (65) - February 10, 2022  
Aeja "Aiko" Chan (65) - March 19, 2022  
Sumi Kaneshiro (91) - March 4, 2022  
Frances Tomi Uehara (89) - March 22, 2022  
Chosei Maekawa (92) - April 11, 2022  
Lillian Yukie Oshiro (81) - April 14, 2022

Please contact the Jikoen office for further details and information for this service or to schedule your own family service. *Seating is limited and RSVP is required.*



## BSC Summer Session 2022

Held In-person and via Zoom

### *Jōdo Shinshū and the Making of American Buddhism* *Is Shin Buddhism the foundation of American Buddhism?*



**Dr. Scott Mitchell**, author of *Mid-Century Modern Buddhism*, examines Buddhism in the United States before, during, and after World War II, when Nisei Jodo Shinshu Buddhists reacted to the trauma of racial and religious discrimination by laying claim to an American identity inclusive of their religious identity. In the pages of temple-supported magazines, such as the *Berkeley Bussei*, Nisei argued that Buddhism was both what made them good Americans but also what they had to contribute to America, a rational and scientific religion of peace.



**Dr. Mitchell** is the current Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. He is a scholar of Buddhism in the West, Pure Land Buddhism, and Buddhist Modernism. He has taught classes on “American Buddhism” and “Buddhism and Popular Culture” for the past fifteen years.

**June 20-24, 2022 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

### **CLASS SCHEDULE**

(Times are Hawaii Standard Time)

**Monday, June 20, 2022**

6-8 pm Opening Service and Lecture: “The Buddhist Movement in America”

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

6-8 pm Lecture: “Buddhist Modernism, Shin Modernism”

**Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

6-8 pm Lecture: “The Nisei Problem”

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**

6-8 pm Lecture: “Transpacific Buddhist Crossing”

**Friday, June 24, 2022**

6-8 pm Closing Service and Lecture: “The Foundations of American Buddhism”

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**Free Registration Required** (in-person space limited)

Use this link: <http://bit.ly/bscsummersession2022>

Or contact the BSC Office at (808) 973-6555

For more information, select this link: <https://bschawaii.org>, or contact the Buddhist Study Center

**Suggested tax-deductible donation, 5 sessions \$50, single sessions \$10. Checks made out to HHMH.**

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## HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES (May, 2022)

### *PBA Baccalaureate 2022*

PBA's Baccalaureate Service was held on Thursday, May 5 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, and the Commencement Ceremony was held on Friday, May 6 at Waikiki Shell. 26 students graduated. Please visit PBA's Website and social media for further information.

- **Website:** <https://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/PacificBuddhistAcademy>
- **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/pacificbuddhistacademy/>

### *“Congratulations, Graduates!”*

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

The greeting “Glad to see you!” held more meaning than ever this year as Pacific Buddhist Academy's Commencement Exercise was, once again after 2 years, held in person. As is the tradition, on the Thursday evening before Commencement, a special Baccalaureate Service sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, planned by Executive Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Daido Baba and Ms. Liane Vilorio of PBA was held at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin with Temple's Ministers and Family & Friends of the Graduates present. At the Service, each Graduate was presented with a special PBA montoshikisho in “recognition of their engagement with the Dharma, or Buddhist Teachings, during their studies at PBA.” Also, participating was Mr. Josh Morse, PBA's Head of Schools, and Ms. Teddi Yagi, Vice Principal of Hongwanji Mission School who presented an award. Dr. Warren Tamamoto, State President of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii shared a congratulatory message on behalf of Hawaii Kyodan. A Congratulatory Message from the Administrative Head of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji World-wide Denomination Governor General Chiko Iwagami was read by Executive Assistant to the Bishop and PBA Chaplain Rev. Daido Baba.

Then, on Friday, May 6, 2022, the Commencement Exercise honoring the 26 Graduates of PBA's Class of

2022 was held at the famous Waikiki Shell. The sharing of an individualized personal message crafted by the Head of Schools to each Graduate and the Graduates presenting kukui nut lei to their family members before the crowd of well-wishers as an expression of their gratitude for the love and support they received are two of the unique highlights of PBA's Graduation every year.

*The following Aspiration was given by Bishop Eric Matsumoto at Commencement:*

Today, under a Hawaiian sky, as we gather for this Commencement Exercise for Pacific Buddhist Academy's Class of 2022 at the Waikiki Shell, in the presence of All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion, Amida Buddha, let us reflect and aspire.

The Buddha's compassion is often likened to the sun or rain. Just as life sustaining rain without prejudice falls equally upon on all and the sun casts its light on all without discrimination, so does Buddha's wisdom and compassion shine upon all. It guides and nurtures us to truly understand Universal Reality and encourages us to do what is right and proper or “pono” as we would say in Hawaii. Also, I share with you the Historic Buddha's exhortation to the monks and nuns of his time. The Buddha said “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 people.”

At Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and PBA, we hope that our Graduates have learned not only the academic knowledge and skills necessary to pursue their dreams and careers, but that they have also gained some insight and perspectives into truths like interdependence which gives rise to virtues like mutual respect and appreciation, and fosters being a caring presence with courage, humility, equanimity and equality, non-discrimination and non-judgement aspiring for peace and harmony throughout the world. May All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion continually guide them throughout their life so they may exemplify the ideal way of living which is “Simultaneously benefiting both self and others.”

Today, as we extend our congratulations to our Graduates and their Families, let us express our acknowledgment and gratitude to all others, not limited to our human relations, for the part they played in our lives and embrace the aspiration for the happiness and well-being of one and all.

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To conclude this Aspiration, please join me in *gassho/anjali*, a gesture of reverence and respect in Buddhism, to recite Amida Buddha's Honored Name in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu. Namu Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

***Message from the Governor General of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Bishop Chiko Iwagami for 2022 PBA Baccalaureate***

First, congratulations to this year's graduates!

As we share this moment, you may be looking back on the many memories of your time spent here at PBA.

Graduation marks the end of one of many chapters in one's lifetime, and at the same time, it is also the starting point as you embark on a new goal. As you set off from Pacific Buddhist Academy, you will carry the memories of your days here at PBA together with your hopes and dreams in the next phase of your life.

In response to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic these past two years, in-person learning, as well as extracurricular activities and events have been limited. As a result, your senior year of high school may not have gone as you had hoped, and many may have found this very disappointing. But perhaps, these unprecedented circumstances gave us an opportunity to stop and carefully think about our lifestyle and future that we had been taking for granted.

Bulletin boards at schools are often used for making announcements and sometimes displays a motto or slogan. Buddhist temples also have this kind of bulletin board on which inspirational words or a short phrase filled with Buddhist wisdom are shared. Maybe you have seen one of these. A few years ago, a Japan-based Buddhist organization called Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai held a contest of inspirational phrases shared by Buddhist temples through their bulletin boards. This contest, which is called "Let it Shine! Temple Bulletin Board Project" has been gaining attention in Japan. The Grand Prize winner for 2020, which was selected from a total of 1,677 entries, was a remark made by a salesperson of a drugstore in Kanagawa prefecture, which was displayed at a temple in Kumamoto prefecture. It read, "The thing that scared me the most was not COVID, but humans."

We were faced with many challenges when the first state of emergency was declared in Japan in April 2020. The media reported that a healthy person with no underlying health conditions had died of COVID-19 within a couple of days. People were panic buying face masks and hand sanitizers. Customers were lashing out at store employees because of the empty shelves. Some were even engaging in the reselling of medical masks and price gouging. In learning that we become infected through contact with others, we have become suspicious of people around us. Sadly, this has led to stigma and discrimination against frontline medical workers and COVID-19 patients. Everyone is scared in the same way, but the feeling of fear has driven us into an egocentric shell. The phrase, "the most terrifying are humans," is a description of the reality of us humans, which was revealed in the circumstance of the pandemic.

The phrase that took second place in the contest that year was one that was displayed on the bulletin board of Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo, a Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha branch temple. The phrase is, "Even if you hurt me, I would not hurt you back. This is Buddhism."

In fact, Sakyamuni Buddha taught us that if you take revenge on someone, in turn, that person will take revenge on you, and so in this way, the hatred would never end. You may feel you have the upper hand when you take revenge on someone whom you hate, but it only puts that person in the same position as you were in and that individual would plot vengeance against you. Thus, hatred between the two of you would never diminish.

The only way out of this sad circle of hate is through sharing feelings with each other. Let us try to rid ourselves of our own egoistic mind and feel the joy and sorrow of others.

Just as no one could have ever predicted this pandemic, what awaits us in the future is also unknown. There may be happy occasions, as well as some sad ones too. Please continue learning more about Buddhism, which is the spiritual legacy of this school's foundation, and Buddhism will surely provide you with the guidance you need whenever you are feeling lost in your own fear or hatred.

Our lives are all interrelated and interconnected. It is important that we keep in mind this feeling of gratitude for one another, as we continue to practice the spirit of placing our hands in *gassho*, and make every effort to respect and uphold the dignity of all life. In today's

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world, we are too often only concerned with the results. Although you may endeavor, it may not always pay off. However, try to not feel distressed in such situations, and try not to boast when your efforts are rewarded. All you need to do is just continue in your efforts. When this naturally comes to you, you are then a truly respectful and beautiful human.

It is my hope that you will face things you encounter with a feeling of gratitude that “thanks to you, I am enabled to dedicate myself to this.” Then, I am confident that a bright future will await you.

In closing, I would like to extend my congratulations once again. Thank you.

May 5, 2022  
Governor General Iwagami, Chiko  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

### Condolences

**Reverend Sandra Sanae Hiramatsu**, a former Kaikyoshi minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Rev. Hiramatsu passed away on Friday, February 18, 2022, at Pali Momi Hospital in Aiea, HI, at the age of 71. Her memorial service was held as a private service by her family.

Rev. Hiramatsu became a Kaikyoshi minister in March, 1982 and served at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Headquarters (as Youth Activities Specialist) and Kailua Hongwanji Mission before resigning in 1995.

### 63rd Annual Honpa Hongwanji State Ministers' Association Seminar

The 63rd Annual Honpa Hongwanji State Ministers' Association Seminar will be held on June 7-9, 2022 via Zoom hosted by Hawaii District Ministers' Association. The theme of the seminar is “Immeasurable Life” and the lecture title is “Shinran’s wisdom for a broken world.” The keynote speaker will be Rev. John Paraskevopoulos, member of the Hongwanji Buddhist Mission of Australia. He has actively sought to spread the teachings to Western audiences through his books, articles and lectures. He is the editor of Muryōko, an online journal of Shin Buddhism, and is active in the academic arena as well as in giving pastoral support to people as a minister.

### 65th Jr. YBA State Convention

The Hawaii Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Associations will be holding its 65th Jr. YBA State Convention on June 17-19, 2022 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and Hilo Hawaiian Hotel hosted by the United Jr. YBA of Hawaii. The theme of this year’s convention is “AMIDA, I choose you!”

### BSC Summer Session

*“Jōdo Shinshū and the Making of American Buddhism: Is Shin Buddhism the foundation of American Buddhism?”*

The Buddhist Study Center will offer its 48th Annual Summer Study Session as a free in-person and online class series on June 20-24, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (HST) featuring the noted scholar, Dr. Scott Mitchell. **See full details on page 5.**

The study class series livestream will be available online through a link available at the Buddhist Study Center website, <http://bschawaii.org>. Pre-registration is required and the lectures are free and open to the public. Due to concerns with COVID-19, we are limiting the amount of in-person attendees to 30 people. Donations to the Buddhist Study Center are gratefully accepted in the spirit in which they are given. Detailed information and the full syllabus are available at <http://bschawaii.org>. For more information, please call the Buddhist Study Center at (808) 973-6555.

### Satellite Seminars on Neighbor Islands:

#### 6/25 Kauai

- Online Lecture: 10 AM – 12 PM

#### 6/26 Maui

- Wailuku Hongwanji Sunday Service (Guest Speaker): 9 AM
- Lecture at Wailuku Hongwanji: 10:30 AM – 12 PM

#### 6/26 Big Island

- Lecture at Kona Hongwanji: 5 PM

#### 6/27 Big Island

- Talk Story at Naalehu Hongwanji: 9 AM
- Lecture at Puna Hongwanji: 2 PM

#### 6/28 Oahu

- Lecture at Pearl City Hongwanji: 7 PM



## Bon Dance Practices

Jikoen Social Hall  
Friday Evenings  
7:00pm – 9:00pm

*Beginners and novices of all ages welcome!*

- June 3
- June 10
- June 17 NO PRACTICE
- June 24
- July 1
- July 8
- July 15 NO PRACTICE
- July 22
- July 29
- August 5
- August 12
- August 19 NO PRACTICE
- August 25

*Dates and times may be subject to change. Confirm by email to: [info@youngokinawans.org](mailto:info@youngokinawans.org).*

## 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 July, 2022:*

Kiyoko Akamine ~ July 30, 1997 (86)  
Mae Setsue Arakaki ~ July 25, 1997 (61)  
Francis T. Arata ~ July 22, 1997 (89)  
Agnes Tsugiyu Asato ~ July 30, 2009 (95)  
Shokazu Asato ~ July 21, 1997 (82)  
Maka Awakuni ~ July 3, 1971 (80)  
Moga Gaza ~ July 2, 1989 (85)  
Tsuruko Gushikuma ~ July 26, 2019 (89)  
Shintoku Hamadon ~ July 1, 1999 (69)  
Jinichi Higa ~ July 7, 1988 (74)  
Haruko Miyasato Higa ~ July 11, 2009 (96)  
Kameko Higa ~ July 31, 1999 (90)  
Kamatoku Higa ~ July 23, 2003 (99)  
Masako Higa ~ July 5, 2014 (76)  
Robert Jenko Higa ~ July 15, 2012 (84)  
Ruby Fumie Higa ~ July 15, 2014 (90)  
Takeshi Higa ~ July 21, 1997 (96)  
Ushiya Higa ~ July 23, 1989 (96)  
Nae Higashionna ~ July 2, 2011 (95)  
Yasushige Ifuku ~ July 14, 2004 (91)  
Shozen Irei ~ July 6, 1971 (94)  
Robert Takeo Isa ~ July 2, 2016 (98)  
Elaine Kaneshiro ~ July 31, 2004 (89)

Koichi Kaneshiro ~ July 16, 2008 (81)  
Masaichi Kaneshiro ~ July 28, 2004 (91)  
Otsuru Kaneshiro ~ July 6, 2012 (101)  
Seichi Kenneth Kaneshiro ~ July 23, 2007 (83)  
Albert Hajime Kawabata ~ July 6, 2016 (74)  
Harry Kido ~ July 28, 2009 (94)  
Charles Noboru Kimura ~ July 28, 2009 (91)  
Sadako "Sadie" Kinoshita ~ July 26, 2012 (94)  
Kazue Ella Kipi ~ July 31, 2003 (83)  
Dennis Kiyuna ~ July 31, 1995 (50)  
Hanami Kohatsu ~ July 23, 2017 (86)  
Byron Tetsuo Kuwana ~ July 15, 2000 (45)  
Betty Maeshiro ~ July 20, 2018 (92)  
Kamoto Minei ~ July 4, 1988 (89)  
Riyosuke Miyahara ~ July 18, 2007 (91)  
Karen Yukie Miyasato ~ July 25, 2017 (87)  
Seiko Miyasato ~ July 18, 2019 (99)  
Toshi "Frances" Miyashiro ~ July 18, 2014 (88)  
Yoshiko Moribe ~ July 30, 2020 (100)  
Steven Kunio Muramoto ~ July 4, 2018 (71)  
Nabe Nagamine ~ July 28, 1989 (84)  
Alfred Nakachi ~ July 19, 1988 (63)  
Lillian Nakagawa ~ July 31, 2020 (91)  
Harold Yoshimitsu Nakamura ~ July 20, 2017 (68)  
Hideki Nakamura ~ July 28, 2012 (90)  
Rose Sadako Nakamura ~ July 10, 2020 (91)  
Mrs. Usa Nakamura ~ July 7, 1999 (97)  
Glenn Jitsuo Nakasone ~ July 8, 2013 (64)  
Kame Yoshiko Nakasone ~ July 10, 1999 (91)  
Warren Susumu Nakasone ~ July 10, 2019 (77)  
Wayne Take Nakasone ~ July 14, 2009 (56)  
Jinsho Nako ~ July 20, 2014 (97)

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**Jikoem Hongwanji Mission**  
 1731 N. School Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

June 1, 2022

Dear Jikoem Ohana,

As we celebrate the Obon season, we take this time to remember our loved ones. We are giving families the opportunity to purchase Memorial Ribbon & Mini-Chochin Set(s) to honor your departed loved one(s).

Drive-through pick up is Saturday, July 23 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The supply is limited so please be sure to mail in your form by Sunday, June 26, 2022. The ribbon and chochin will be mailed to those who are unable to pick them up.

Please mail your completed order form(s) and a “Memorial Ribbon Donation” of \$20.00 for each set with your check payable to: **Jikoem Hongwanji**. For more information, please contact the office at 808-845-3422 or email [jikoem.info@gmail.com](mailto:jikoem.info@gmail.com)



In Gassho,

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, *Resident Minister*

**2022 OBON MEMORIAL RIBBON & MINI-CHOCHIN SET Order Form**

Please **PRINT** clearly. Mail order form and \$20.00 donation for each set to Jikoem by **JUNE 26, 2022**. Please follow the character limits below. If you go over the limit, it will result in either a portion of the name being cut off or the name being printed very small. Your kokua is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

**In Memory of**

**First Name(s)** (Please limit to 15 characters only):

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**Last Name(s)** (Please limit to 15 characters only):

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**Donated by** (Please limit to 30 characters only)


Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/St./Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check and form to: **Jikoem Hongwanji 1731 N. School St. Honolulu HI 96819**

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
2022 Obon Schedule

HONOLULU	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii	(808) 536-7044	July 3, 2022	10:00 AM	<i>No Bon Dance</i>	-----
Jikoen Hongwanji Mission	(808) 845-3422	July 3, 2022	9:00 AM	<i>No Bon Dance</i>	-----
Moilili Hongwanji Mission	(808) 949-1659	July 10, 2022	9:00 AM	July 2, 2022	5:00 PM
Windward Buddhist Temple	(808) 262-4560	July 3, 2022	9:00 AM	July 9, 2022	7:00 PM

OAHU	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Aiea Hongwanji Mission	(808) 487-2626	TBD		August 27, 2022	TBD
Ewa Hongwanji Mission	(808) 681-5222	June 26, 2022	11:00 AM	<i>No Bon Dance</i>	-----
Mililani Hongwanji Mission	(808) 625-0925	August 14, 2022	9:00 AM	August 19-20, 2022	TBD
Pearl City Hongwanji Mission	(808) 455-1680	TBD		TBD	TBD
Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission	(808) 622-4320	TBD (August)		June 25, 2022 (Virtual)	7-8 PM
Waialua Hongwanji Mission	(808) 637-4395	August 6, 2022	10:00 AM	<i>No Bon Dance</i>	-----
Waianae Hongwanji Mission	(808) 677-4221	July 10, 2022	10:30 AM	July 16, 2022	7:00 PM
Waipahu Hongwanji Mission	(808) 677-4221	July 9, 2022	6:00 PM	July 9, 2022	7:00 PM

*\*Updated May 22, 2022. This schedule was voluntarily compiled by Honpa Hongwanji HQ. Please contact the temple office to confirm the schedule and for more information and details. Schedule is tentative and may change depending on Federal/State/County regulations.*

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