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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.

Sat 7/2	• Hatsubon First Bon Memorial Service Time: 10:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person (limited seating, RSVP required) & via Zoom
Sun 7/3	• Jikoen Bon Memorial & Shotsuki Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Rev. Irene Nakamoto, In-person & via Zoom
Mon 7/4	Fourth of July Holiday Observed (Office and Preschool closed)
Sun 7/10	• Jikoen Family Dharma Moments Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama and Pieper Toyama, In-person & via Zoom
Sun 7/17	<ul> <li>Sangha Family Service         Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person &amp; via Zoom     </li> <li>Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting         Time: 10:30 a.m., On Zoom     </li> </ul>
Wed 7/20	<ul> <li>Last Day of Preschool Summer Program</li> <li>Living Dharma Gathering         <ul> <li>Time: 6:00 p.m., Facilitator: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person &amp; via Zoom</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Sun 7/24	• Lay Speaker Sunday Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: TBA, In-person & via Zoom
Sun 7/31	• Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person & via Zoom
Sun 8/7	• NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN  (continued on page 2)

Sun 8/14	NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN
Fri 8/19	Statehood Day Observed (Office and Preschool closed)
Sun 8/21	NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN
Sun 8/28	• Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person & via Zoom

#### 2022 Bon Dance Canceled...

Jikoen (In Person) Bon Dance has been canceled for 2022. Stay tuned for upcoming details or visit www.jikoenhongwanji.org for Jikoen 2022 Online Bon Dance Summer Connections

#### MINISTER'S MESSAGE Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

## My Life Story (Part 5)

(continued from the June, 2022 newsletter)

The first time I met the late Rev. Chikai Yosemori was in 1991. He was the resident minister of Jikoen Hongwanji. Part of the new minister's orientation was to observe a senior minister in his daily ministerial work. So I visited Jikoen and observed his day-to-day work, including his work with the Lumbini preschool. He showed me how to print and mail out the temple's monthly newsletter. I watched him do memorial services, office work, and other ministerial tasks. To this day, I treasure my time with Rev. Yosemori. He was a kind and earnest person especially when he talked about the most critical parts of ministry. I cannot forget the one thing he repeated to me: Ministers must be compassionate and kind, always. Kindness and understanding individual members' lives and problems are most important in nurturing their spiritual life. This advice sounds like an easy task; however, now I understand that it is a difficult thing to do all the time. Rev. Yosemori's open heart and kindness inspired me. He loved sharing the Dharma. I think he was around my age at the time when he mentored me. Now I am following his path sharing the Dharma at Jikoen.

After I left Kauai, I became Bishop Yosemori's executive secretary for about five years. It was only a couple of

months into my assignment when he called me into his office. He told me, "Rev. Nishiyama, I plan to establish a Hongwanji high school here in Honolulu. We will be busy preparing for it. I am asking you to work hard to assist me. Okay?"

At first, I didn't know what he was talking about, but then I realized that he was planning to start the first Buddhist high school program in the U.S. In the following days, I met then Hawaii Kyodan's President, Mr. Fred Nonaka from Kamuela. In our first meeting in the HQ conference room, Fred and Bishop Yosemori discussed the tasks we faced and the financial issues we needed to resolve. Bishop Yosemori saw the big picture. He saw a promising future for the Hongwanji educational program based on sharing Buddhist values in our community. I was impressed and surprised by Rev. Yosemori's plan, his decisiveness, and his strong commitment. Two months later, I met Mr. Pieper Toyama. He was a principal of Parker School, and Bishop Yosemori and Mr. Nonaka recruited him to be the first Head of School for Pacific Buddhist Academy. I knew that he faced large challenges in organizing, planning, and promoting PBA in our community, and he did well. We all felt we were in a small boat departing into the vast ocean. Today, the Pacific Buddhist Academy has grown into a great Buddhist high school in Hawaii nineteen years later.

I still clearly remember how hard Bishop Yosemori

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worked to appeal to the Honzan Hongwanji leaders in Kyoto, Japan, when we went to present the PBA plan. Because Bishop Yosemori and Mr. Nonaka worked hard work and never gave up on their commitments, Hawaii Kyodan received one million dollars to start PBA.

In September 2001, I was busy preparing to welcome Rev. Itoku Takeno, the Governor-General of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha in Kyoto, Japan, and the Overseas Ministry Committee members to Hawaii. They would be presenting the check for one million dollars and attending briefing meetings. It was a tough week-long series of meetings, and their return flight was on September 11, 2001. My energy was almost depleted taking care of those ten dignitaries from Japan. I was looking forward to taking a few days off after they left Hawaii. However, a phone call from my friend, Rev. Nakao of Honpa Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan woke me up around 5:00 am on September 11. When I picked up the phone, he said, "Shindo, turn on the TV! America is under attack!"

All airports in the US were shut down immediately and were under a State of Emergency until further notice. So, I had to continue taking care of the Honzan dignitaries for another week until the State of Emergency was lifted. I struggled to regain my energy and commitment to host them. My wife recalled that I slept for almost two days after they left for Japan. 9-11 was a painful tragedy worldwide, and the lives of countless innocent citizens were lost. I will never forget 9-11. However, because the dignitaries stayed in Hawaii for nearly two weeks, Rev. Yosemori and I developed a good relationship and strong connection with Honzan leaders for planning the future.

The late Rev. Yosemori, Mr. Nonaka, and Mr. Toyama worked hard to open the first Shin Buddhist high school in the US. The Pacific Buddhist Academy could not have been established without the strong commitment and hopes of these three men.

After serving Bishop Yosemori for six years, I was assigned to Jikoen and in charge of Kailua Honganji (presently Windward Buddhist Temple) in 2005. My challenging life continued with my responsibilities for Kailua, Jikoen, and Jikoen Lumbini Preschool. I was 42 years old and busy raising two children, Shanna, and Skyler, who were both attending the Hongwanji Mission School. The late Mrs. Lois Yasui was a principal at Mission School, and she helped me a lot in managing the preschool. She especially helped me with financial and safety concerns.

My first job at Jikoen was to review financial matters.

I was shocked that Jikoen's finances were in terrible condition. There were insufficient savings and no sinking fund to cover any emergency for the temple and preschool operations. One of the assignments that Rev. Yosemori had given me when I was assigned to Jikoen was to rebuild Jikoen's financial resources. He told me to reorganize the preschool so it could provide stable income for temple operations. In 2007, I asked my wife, Suzie, to help with Lumbini Preschool as the Director. Through her commitment and hard work, she rebuilt the preschool program so it is not only financially stable but also meets today's daycare requirements and safety concerns. Today Lumbini Preschool is thriving. Suzie and I settled down at the Jikoen residence and began a new life with Jikoen and Kailua Honganji members.

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#### TEMPLE NEWS

## Traffic Alert - No Right Turn on Red

New traffic signs "No Right Turn on Red" have been posted near Jikoen. Right turns on red are no longer permitted at the following stops:

- East on N. School Street in front of Jikoen and turning Right (makai) onto Likelike Highway.
- West on N. School Street in front of Kam Bowl Restaurant and turning Right (mauka) onto Likelike Highway/Kalihi Street.



Please be careful and mindful of drivers who may not yet be aware of or used to these changes. We want everyone to be safe.

## Grateful To Be a Buddhist

by Terry Jean Arakaki

The following is a Dharma Reflection given on March 27, 2022.

I was born in Kohala on the northern tip of the Big Island. It once was a thriving town with 5 sugar plantations and a railroad that carried all the sugar to the natural port of Mahukona. Both of my parents were born and raised

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in Kohala and my mother continued to live there until about 3 years ago. They used to say, Kohala No Ka Oi. How lucky to be born in Kohala, live there your whole life, and know it's the best place in the world!



My large family included 5 children, my parents and a paternal grandmother. I have an older cousin that my parents raised as their eldest son. Then came 3 more boys. I'm the

youngest. When my dad used to call out "Let's go boys," I knew I had to run along and jump in the jeep too, or I would be left behind. My friends say I must have been so spoiled being the only girl, and in many ways I was. But I was raised the old-fashioned way. I had to obey the males in the family, do a lot of housework, help mom with the cooking, and iron a ton of clothes. But I am forever grateful that I was never expected to cook the slop for the pigs or help in the slaughter of the pigs, cows, chickens, and rabbits. Speaking of the animals, they were so cute when they were babies. My friends and I always wanted to play with them, but dad warned us that they were not pets, but food. This gives you an idea of how "country" my childhood was.

When I was about 6 years old, our old wooden Hongwanji temple in Niulii, Kohala opened its door for the first time since the war. Now my family finally attended temple. Our first minister was Rev. Saigusa. I still remember he gave us a lesson on how to *oshoko* properly and we all lined up to practice under his watchful eyes. He provided service only once a month since he was also a minister to three other temples. The parents took turns providing service on the other Sundays using a reel-to-reel taperecording machine for the chanting and music. I believe this reinforced the Buddhist Teachings among the parents as well as introducing the dharma to the children.

As a side note, I was thrilled to meet Mrs. Saigusa and her children a couple of years ago when she was honored as a Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Living Treasure. I still remember the children running around the old Kohala Hongwanji Temple grounds when they were very young.

I often joke about the fact that I need to read books and attend many seminars on Buddhism. But my parents didn't; they just tried to live the Buddhist life. It was simple and made sense to them. The Four Noble Truths

# Living Dharma Study Gathering



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

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

There will be no gathering for August 2022.

explain why we suffer, the Eight Fold Path gives us a guide to live by and the Golden Chain reminds us that we are all interconnected.

My dad, **David Masaichi Arakaki**, who was born on July 9, 1919, had a difficult life. His father died suddenly when his mother was pregnant with her tenth child. My dad was in the eighth grade. As the oldest son, he quit school and started working at the sugar mill to help his mom support the family. As a boy he performed



odd jobs, but later worked as a blacksmith repairing cane wagons, plows, sleds, and factory equipment. He also fixed horseshoes and even took care of the camp's water lines. Years later he became a journeyman, and finally a foreman. In 1975 the plantation completely phased out its sugar operation in Kohala. My father was 56 years old and had worked 41 years for the sugar industry. Instead of moving out of Kohala to find work as many other people did, he worked as a private contractor. He knew it would be difficult to move his elderly mother and my mother to another island. The following year his mother passed away on her 80th birthday and he was glad he had stayed in Kohala.

I once asked him, didn't you feel cheated of an education? Did he ever resent the fact that his youngest sister and brother got a college education? I don't believe he ever did. He told me that until he quit school, he had been kind of spoiled. His father owned a store, had a car, and

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wrote letters to Okinawa for people in the community. My dad accepted the present reality, but he also worked to improve his future reality. He was always learning new things. He took a series of correspondence courses and studied every morning before going to work at the plantation. These classes helped him eventually become the foreman of his division. He learned how to weld and made jeep bodies to supplement the family income. With the help of my uncles, he built the last house we lived in. And he always had a hobby. When he took up photography, he built himself a darkroom and developed his own pictures. When he started growing orchids, he built two green houses and joined the Big Island club.

He loved fishing and made his own lures and weights. He kept busy by helping people fix their houses or working on projects with the Future Farmers of America. He also made numerous items for my classroom and once replaced my old chalkboards with wipe-off white boards. He truly believed he had a good life. And he loved the Kohala Hongwanji Temple. In the early years, he took his turn conducting service because he wanted the children to have temple service every Sunday. He was the all-around maintenance man. He even took the lead in constructing a new temple in Halaula.

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#### **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

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

Haruko (Okuhara) Gakiya (103) passed away peacefully in Pearl City (formerly of Hawaii Kai) on May 25, 2022. Born in Honomu, Hawaii, she was a retired farmer and member of Yomitan Sonjin Kai. Preceded in death by husband, Shigeo, survived by her son, Kenneth Gakiya; daughters, Jean Chur, Caroline (Benjamin) Ogawa, Gail (Lloyd) Cerelejia, Karen (Ronald) Oshiro, and Earlene (Robbie) Nakachi; brothers, Satoru, Tatsuo (Tomeko), and George Okuhara; sisters, Lillian Okamoto and Doris (Warren) Hatamoto. Predeceased by parents, the late (#1) Sojin & Kamaru (Oshiro) Okuhara.

Tokucho "Toku" Ige (100) was born in Hanalei, Kauai,

on September 6, 1919 and passed away in Honolulu on June 2, 2020. Toku was predeceased by his wife Irene Asayo Ige and is survived by his four sons: Gerald, Alvin (Donna), Brian, and Vernon. He is also survived by his brother Thomas (Nobu) Ige, sisters Sakae Loo and Natsuko Minami. He was a member of the 442 Battalion and worked at Stewart's Pharmacy in Kaimuki until the late 60's and later became one of the longest employed at the Waialae Bowling Alley until February 28, 2008.

**David Yoshiaki Kaneshiro** (73) of Honolulu passed away unexpectedly on August 31, 2021. He was a graduate of Farrington High School, Class of '65. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilfred & Karole Kaneshiro and survived by brothers, Keith M., Gary T. (Jocelyn) & Kevin S. Kaneshiro.

**Sumi Kaneshiro (91)** of Honolulu passed away on March 4, 2022. She was born in Itoman, Okinawa and was predeceased by husband Keiichi Kaneshiro. She is survived by her children, Kim Kaneshiro, Mark (Wendy) Kaneshiro, Nathan Kaneshiro, and her sister, Toyoko.

**Chosei Maekawa (92)** passed away in Mililani on April 11, 2022. He was born in Kohala, Hawaii. He is survived by wife, Harumi Maekawa; son, Dan (Dana); grandsons, Joey, Jacob and Jaron.

Gareth "Nappy" Kalani T. Napuunoa (56) of Aiea, passed away in St. George, Utah on August 22, 2020. He was born in Honolulu and is survived by his wife, Lianna, daughter Keani; sons, Garyn and Lason; parents Gary and Janice Napuunoa and predeceased by maternal-grandparents, Matsusei and Tatsuko Miyasato.

Lillian Yukie Oshiro (81) of Honolulu, was a retired teacher at Wilson Elementary School, a member of Jikoen Hongwanji and Haebaru Club. She passed away at home on April 14, 2022. She was predeceased by husband James Masao Oshiro. She is survived by sons, Lance (Debbie), Darryl (Ruby) and Tracy (Alice); brothers, Stanley (Ann), Daniel (Gail), Kenneth (Veronica), Walter (Sharlene), Andrew (Carol) and Ronald (Patti) Miyasato; sister, Ellen (Raymond) Nagamine.

Misao Takara (94) passed on September 24, 2020 at Navian Hospice Kailua Home. She was born in Punene, Maui to the late Moriichi and Uto (Higa) Taira. She was predeceased by husband, George Hiromi Takara. She is survived by sons, Stephen (Dale Ogata), Wayne (Joy), Earl (Barbara Ann Uchima); daughter, Karen (Larry) Sakoda.

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**Nora Osue Tamanaha (93)** of Waipahu, passed away on August 18, 2021 at Kalakaua Gardens. She was born in Yokohama, Japan. She is survived by sons, Myles and Wesley (Amy); daughter, Jo Ann Oda; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Frances Tomi Uehara (89) passed away on March 22, 2022. She was born in Honolulu and is survived by son Keith Kaoru (Ayako), daughter Joy Michiko Fishel; Brother Thomas Kazuo, sister Florence Sakae, sister-in-law Edith Kikue Tamashiro.

**Senmatsu Ueunten (92)** of Pearl City, a Korean War Army veteran and retired FAA technician, passed away on May 5, 2022 at home. He was born in Lawai, Kauai. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia; son, Alvin (Carole); daughters, Julia (Kevin) Nakamura and Irene (Todd) Saito; brothers, Thomas, Stanley (Mildred), George and Marvin.

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



# HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES (June, 2022)

## "AMIDA, I choose you!"

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Address delivered by Bishop Eric Matsumoto at the Opening Service of the 65th Jr. YBA State Convention held June 17-19, 2022 on the Big Island of Hawaii at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin.

On behalf of the entire Sangha of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii from here, the Big Island to Kauai, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Hawaii Federation of Jr. Young Buddhist Associations as we gather for our 65th Jr. YBA State Convention, the first in person Convention after 2 virtual conventions.

Thank you for responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Great Love and Unconditional Compassion, being guided and inspired by the Dharma or Teachings and encouraging each other to continue being an integral part of the Hongwanji Sangha. At the foundation of everything is your Buddha Endowed Mind of True

## 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

#### July 2022

- 02 Mr. Josh Hernandez Morse
- 09 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto
- 16 Rev. Jeffrey Soga
- 23 Dr. Benjamin Bruch
- 30 Mrs. Juliet Kono Lee
- ✓ Japanese-language Dharma talks Saturdays on KZOO AM1210 on Saturdays 7:30 am – 7:45 am; ondemand 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.

Entrusting/Shinjin/Faith in Amida Buddha. We owe so much to Amida Buddha who has been reaching out and calling out to us since time immemorial. As we find in the "The Teaching of Buddha" it says:

One should never forget that it is not because of one's own compassion that one has awakened faith (True Entrusting), but because of Buddha's compassion which long ago threw its pure light into human minds and dispelled the darkness of ignorance.

Also, as we find in the famous "Parable of the Two Rivers and the White Path," Amida Buddha calls "...with mind that is single, with right-mindedness, come at once! I will protect you. Have no fear of plunging [in]to...the [raging] water or fire [of greed and anger]." How amazingly wonderful and kind of Amida Buddha, don't you think?

Amida Buddha is so concerned about you and me. In fact,

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many people are not even aware of the raging water of greed and the raging fire of anger. Some people are aware of it, but don't know what to do and thus in deep despair and grief. According to the Parable, Sakyamuni Buddha, the Historic Buddha, is encouraging us to seek refuge in Amida Buddha's Vow, Promise, which is unconditional in its acceptance and embrace or as I like to express it All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion. Amida Buddha is calling out to each and every one of us especially to those of us who are living in these Latter Days of the Buddhist Teachings, 1) a world of wars and where natural disasters abound, 2) there is confusion of values, 3) increased anger, greed and ignorance, 4) inferior quality of human life including egotism, and 5) the wasting and shortening of human life known as the 5 defilements. Sound familiar?

This week, I just visited my primary care physician for a semi-annual check-up. I noticed that since the Pandemic started physicians are asking, regularly, if people are experiencing depression and anxiety. It's probably due to the Pandemic because of the isolation and fear that it has caused and also could be because of all the social issues like racial discrimination, political divide, wars, and gun violence related mass shootings and so many other incidents which maybe affecting people very negatively with fear and despair. As, I continued my discussion with my doctor, our conversation shifted to how people, in general, seem to be reacting to all these situations with such intensity and hate. It reminds of me of what is written in the Smaller Sutra about this Latter Age of the Dharma when the so called blind passions of anger, greed and ignorance greatly intensify and more. Yes, I thought, we are certainly living in such times (mappou) and how in such times, how important it is to respond to people and situations and not react. In too many instances, we react to other people and what is happening. Here is where Buddhism with its teachings of being mindful and reflecting including reflecting on oneself and especially Jodo Shinshu's emphasis on being aware of how easy it is for the "ugly" side of me to appear becomes really meaningful, important and relevant. A time, more than ever, when the Teachings of Namo Amida Butsu, become all the more appropriate and needed. However, as one source explains although it is the Last Dharma Age, "however, this typically was not a cause for despair, because this scheme was accompanied by teachings that the Buddha, having foreseen the coming of this dark age, had provided beforehand...(that) which were suitable for the time." Thus, indeed, it is the perfect age and time to, as our convention theme and slogan indicate "AMIDA, I

choose you!" Jr. YBA members, thank you for choosing Amida Buddha.

However, have you ever wondered about the meaning of the 5th stanza of "Gassho to Amida" which says "When I call Amida's Name, It's Amida calling me; Buddha's voice, my voice are one. I gassho to Amida"? Or have you pondered why Rev. Kenryu Tsuji shared, "Namo Amida Butsu...it is the song of gratitude not of my finding the Buddha, but Buddha finding me." When I deeply reflect on our Convention Theme "AMIDA, I choose you!", I conclude that it is possible because Amida Buddha has already chosen you and me, actually chosen all of us! Amida Buddha initiates the call by imploring, please entrust yourself to me which is Namo Amida Butsu or the Buddha's Name Which Calls Me to entrust and I respond to the Buddha's Call by saying the same Namo Amida Butsu which is, now, Namo Amida Butsu, the Buddha's Name That I Call out in awareness, joy and gratitude. There is nothing, but Namo Amida Butsu.

Thus, as we start Convention, please reflect including self-reflect on the world and ourselves as bonbu/spiritually-foolish beings and come to realize the depth and breadth of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion and live in full awareness and joyous appreciation of Amida Buddha's Great Love and Compassion reaching out, embracing us and nurturing us. Let's have a meaningful and fun Convention!

To slowly conclude, my gratitude to Lay Advisors of Jr. YBA especially Joy Nishida, Minister Advisors, and all other supporters of Jr. YBA for your assistance and help. A special shout of appreciation to the United Jr. YBA of Hawaii Island, this year's Convention host, especially Convention Co-Chairs Manami Alspach and Sara Igawa. Thank you to one and all!

Finally, let's recite Namo Amida Butsu, again, the Buddha's Name Which I Call in gratitude in response to Namo Amida Butsu, the Buddha's Name That Calls Me to entrust. Please join me in gassho/anjali. Namo Amida Butsu, Namo Amida Butsu, Namo Amida Butsu/ Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

## Hawaii Kyodan Funeral Service

Reverend Yoshiaki Fujitani, the 11th Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away on May 17,

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2021, at the age of 97. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii sponsored funeral service has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. More detailed information will be shared later.

## 850th/800th Joint Celebration and the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention In Kyoto In 2023

Online registration is now available for the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth & the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching and the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto in 2023. If you are interested in, please contact your temple or Honpa Hongwanji Headquarters to get a registration link.

### Update for the Sadako Project

Thank you so much for your support of the project of establishing an eternal flame monument in Hawaii for world peace for all peoples and nations and the creation of a documentary film on the late Sadako Sasaki. So far, we received \$850 from individual donors. We will continue to collect your donation until end of this month.

## Buddhist Study Center (BSC) 50th Anniversary Presentation

Lecture 1: Encountering the Words of Shinran

Date: Saturdays, August 6 & 20, 2022

*Time:* 10:30 am to 12 noon *Place:* BSC and on YouTube

Guest Lecturer: Prof. Dennis Hirota (Emeritus Professor of Shin Buddhist Studies and Research Fellow, Ryukoku University and Head Translator, Collected Works of Shinran)

Summary of the Content of Prof. Hirota's Workshops:

This workshop will introduce materials designed to help readers interested in understanding what Shinran said in his own words. Through the provided materials, it will be possible to become familiar with important passages from his writings as he wrote them. No prior knowledge of Japanese language is necessary.

# Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Green Initiative

#### CENTRAL UNION CHURCH GOING GREEN DAY #212 E-WASTE RECYCLING

Saturday, July 9, 2022 9:00-11:00 am – Punahou St. Lot

#### Accepting:

- Computers, printers, scanners 1 load max.
- 1 TV per car
- HI-5 Beverage containers
- Batteries: Auto & Lead Acid ONLY
- Canned Goods for Hawaii Food Bank
- Gently used clothing only
- Used eyeglasses and hearing aids
- Prom dresses and accessories
- For Pets: towels, blankets and pet food
- Free Towing of unwanted cars, call (808) 291-6151 Rene Mansho

For questions contact: Rene Mansho, (808) 291-6151, renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

During each workshop, we will practice reading sample passages from Shinran with the help of romanization, literal translation, and simple grammar notes.

After the workshop, it will be possible to continue using the materials for a number of important passages selected from Shinran's writings.

Please register for Prof. Hirota's Workshop by emailing kwong@honpahi.org or calling 808-973-6555.

Lecture 2: Learning from Shinran about Ourselves as Moral Persons

Date: Saturday, August 13, 2022

*Time:* 10:00 am to 12 noon *Place:* BSC and on YouTube

Guest Lecturer: Prof. Charles Hallisey (Yehan Numata Senior Lecturer on Buddhist Literatures, Harvard Divinity School)

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#### DONATIONS FROM MAY 18, 2022 THRU JUNE 17, 2022

General Operations (\$1 - \$99)	Miscellaneous (\$1 - \$99)	IMO Steve Sadaaki Higa (Nokotsudo)	Offertory (\$1- \$99)	
May & June, 2022	Lumbini Preschool			
	IMO Bert Yasui	Lumbini Preschool (Kainoa's Birthday)	Offertory (\$100 - \$199)	
	Nokotsudo	IMO Bert Yasui	Offertory	
General Operations (\$100 - \$499)		Guest of Pieper & Lois Toyama	5/15/2022 Gotan-E Service \$147.00	
	Lumbini Preschool (Kosei's 4th Birthday)	IHO Office volunteers	5/22/2022 Service\$134.00	
	Mini Market Sales	IMO Fumiko Yoshimoto	5/29/2022 Service\$136.00 6/5/2022 Service\$163.00	
Gotan-E (\$1 - \$99)	Various Mini Market Sales	Miscellaneous (\$500 - \$599) Anonymous	6/12/2022 Service\$99.00	
	IMO Sadako Shimabukuro (Shotsuki)	IHO Reverend & Mrs. Shindo Nishiyama		
	IMO Sadako Shimabukuro (Shotsuki)	Miscellaneous (\$1,000 - \$1,099)	Thank you for your	
Gotan-E (\$100 - \$299) 	Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$399)	 IMO Richard Jakahi	generous support! 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.

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

KiyokoSunao Afuso ~ August 10, 2014 (86)

Haruo Arakaki ~ August 20, 1996 (78)

Rachel Tamae Arakaki-August 20, 2018 (88)

Ushi Arakaki ~ August 15, 1996 (90)

Katherine Hideko Asato - August 13, 2015 (89)

Tetsu Asato ~ August 1, 1988 (14)

Kame Azama - August 9, 1996 (93)

Shizuko Azama ~ August 2, 1995 (84)

Emiko Demon ~ August 26, 1997 (64)

Masajiro Macky Gima - August 15, 2013 (90)

Maka Goya ~ August 14, 1999 (98)

Tsuruyo Hashiba ~ August 17, 1995 (86)

Cynthia Chiyoko Higa - August 14, 1996 (69)

James Seishun Higa ~ August 14, 2014 (84)

Kana Higa ~ August 25, 1988 (91)

Seian Hokama ~ August 16, 2009 (95)

Teruko Higa ~ August 1, 2014 (93)

Tom Takeyoshi Higa ~ August 18, 2005 (77)

Seiju Ifuku - August 18, 2004 (89)

Ushi Ige ~ August 22, 1989 (97)

Benjamin Shinichi Iha - August 7, 1997 (82)

Taru Irei - August 29, 1971 (92)

Nancy Yoshiko Kamemoto - August 2, 2003 (71)

David Yoshiaki Kaneshiro-August 31, 2021 (73)

Ethel Chieko Kaneshiro - August 30, 1998 (66)

Takeo Kohatsu ~ August 13, 1997 (88)

Kenneth Kosho Kaneshiro - August 12, 1995 (57)

Roy Yasuo Kaneshiro ~ August 21, 2016 (96)

Tsuneo Kaneshiro - August 31, 2002 (80)

Nobuyuki Kawabata - August 18, 2007 (88)

Kenko Kina ~ August 8, 2015 (90)

Kame Kinjo ~ August 7, 1988 (88)

Satoru Kudaishi - August 1, 1999 (77)

Toshiharu James Kuniyuki - August 20, 2000 (83)

Masaru Miyataki - August 7, 2008 (84)

Hideki Muranaka - August 5, 2008 (88)

Joe Nakamatsu ~ August 20, 2014 (93)

Thelma C. Nakamasu ~ August 9, 2002 (88)

Jonalyn Mieko Nakamoto - August 25, 2002 (21)

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Jason Yukio Oka ~ August 20, 2014 (43)

Nancy O. Okuma ~ August 16, 2014 (98)

Clara Sueko Oshiro - August 9, 2009 (88)

Kama Oshiro ~ August 25, 1989 (86)

Kamaji Oshiro - August 11, 1989 (98)

Roy Katsuaki Oshiro - August 22, 2007 (64)

Hiroko Sakihara - August 4, 2012 (94)

Tsuruko Senaga - August 7, 2014 (86)

Shintaro Shimabuku - August 9, 2009 (86)

Gilbert Shinkichi Shimabukuro - August6, 2009 (92)

Kamata Shimabukuro - August 1, 1971 (82)

Eizun Shimamoto - August 25, 2008 (101)

Marshall Jitsuo Shimamoto - August 9, 2009 (63)

Haruko Shinsato - August 27, 2012 (96)

Nora Osue Tamanaha - August 18, 2021 (93)

George Shoichi Takara ~ August 20, 2009 (90)

Mineko Tamashiro - August 4, 2014 (88)

Harold Jinko Tamaye ~ August 17, 2012 (91)

Florence Tamayose - August 6, 2013 (88)

Nancy Hatsumi Toguchi - August 24, 2012 (90)

Seisaburo Tokuda - August 10, 2009 (84)

Haruko Uehara - August 10, 2009 (93)

Ume Sakumoto - August 21, 1997 (92)

Setsuko Wakukawa - August 6, 2019 (90)

Doris Sachiye Wauke - August 9, 2016 (85)

Jacob Shigeo Wauke - August 30, 2016 (88)

Yukiko Yahiku - August 28, 2017 (96)

Koei Yamashiro - August 20, 1988 (83)

Shizuko Yamashiro - August 28, 2018 (98)

Richard Seichi Yogi - August 22, 2012 (70)

Aran Taro Yoza ~ August 5, 2012 (96)

#### 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!



## **Bon Dance Practices**

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

- July 1
- July 8
- July 15 NO PRACTICE
- July 22
- July 29

- August 5
- August 12
- August 19 NO PRACTICE
- August 25

## 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	No Bon Dance	
Jikoen Hongwanji Mission	(808) 845-3422	July 3, 2022	9:00 AM	No Bon Dance	
Moiliili 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	No Bon Dance	

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	No Bon Dance	
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	No Bon Dance	
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

<sup>\*</sup>Updated June 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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If you are planning to attend in-person, please register by emailing kwong@honpahi.org or calling 808-973-6555 in-person is limited to 30 people, masks are required.

About Prof. Hallisey, excerpts from an Ohio University Internet article:

An expert on Buddhist Literatures at the Harvard Divinity School, Hallisey said this time studying in both the United States and Sri Lanka led him to study Buddhism though the lens of its literature and the translation of text.

"I can see that people were studying Buddhism, not just as a religion, but as something of a culture and even something of a civilization," Hallisey said." ....

"To point of a translation isn't to understand primarily another world you won't have access to otherwise. Instead, it is to give you resources for understanding yourself," he said. ...

"As I learned more... I saw things I was learning about the Buddhist world (and) Buddhist ways of seeing the world. It helped me to make sense of the things that had happened to me," he said.

Prof. Hallisey's Presentation and Prof. Hirota's Workshops will be immediately available on YouTube for viewing at any on BSC's YouTube channel: "BSC Hawaii"

#### Bishop's Award for Japanese Language School Students

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Japanese Language School committee honored following students who received Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Bishop's Award at their Graduation of Award days in May 2022.

> Fort Gakuen 8th grader: Donovan Hu

Hilo Hongwanji Gakuen 6th grader: Kaitlyn Liu

Hongwanji Mission School 8th grader: Donovan Hu

Wailuku Hongwanji Gakuen 6th grader: Kazumasa Trevor Amby 8th grader: Sera Mieko Chang

#### **HUOA Upcoming Events**

The Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) is proud to announce the 2022 Legacy Award honoring Mark Mugiishi, Jane Serikaku (posthumously), and Paul Yonamine. After a two-year hiatus, the event will be held in-person at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom on Sunday, July 24, 2022.

The Legacy Award, HUOA's annual fundraising event, honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the Okinawan community and to the worldwide community-atlarge.



## **Other Upcoming Events**

- Jul 9 "Wachimugukuru Utati Katayabira: Sharing My Heart Through Song"
   Kenton Odo Dokuenkai, Pearl City Cultural Center
- Aug 7 Hui Makaala Fashion Show Scholarship Luncheon, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- Sep 3 & 4 Okinawan Festival, Hawaii Convention Center
- Sep 17 Autumn Matsuri, HOC
- Oct 30 Nov 2 Worldwide Uchinanchu Taikai & Study Tour in Okinawa
- Nov 26 & 27 Winter Craft Fair, HOC
- Dec 7 An Evening in Waipio Craft Fair, HOC

Check <u>www.huoa.org</u> for more information.





Jikoen will once again participate in *Give Aloha*, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program.

Foodland's Give Aloha 2022 program begins on *Thursday, September 1, 2022 and runs through Friday, September 30, 2022!* 

Each year with the Matching Gifts Program we have earned an extra 20-23% through your generous donations. Foodland and Western Union will match a portion up to \$249 for each Maika'i member.

Please support Jikoen and consider donating the maximum of \$249 in September. Jikoen will receive additional earnings if you do! If you're not a Maika'i member, please consider becoming a member. It's free and you will be helping Jikoen.

Mahalo for your support!

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