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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 as noted. 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 your understanding.

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 新年明けましてお目出度うございます!



Sun 1/1	• NO SERVICE (New Year's Day Holiday)
Mon 1/2	• New Year's Day Holiday Observed (Office & Preschool Closed)
Sun 1/8	• Hoonko & Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Minister: Rev. Joshin Kamuro (Hilo Betsuin) • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m., On Zoom
Sun 1/15	• Hoonko Service at Hawaii Betsuin Time: 9:30 a.m., Speaker: Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Intergenerational Taiko Activity to follow in the social hall (RSVP by Jan. 4) • NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN
Mon 1/16	• Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Office & Preschool Closed)
Wed 1/18	• Living Dharma Gathering (see page 2 for details) Time: 6:00 p.m.
Sun 1/22	• Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m.
Sun 1/29	• General Membership Meeting & Service (see page 2 for details) Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Hondo • New Year's Luncheon (see page 2 for details) Time: following service, Location: Social Hall

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Sun 2/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m.
Fri, 2/10 thru Sat, 2/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 111th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) (see page 9 for details) Location: Hawaii Betsuin, for registered participants• Living Treasures Luncheon (see page 9 for details) Location: Hilton Hawaiian Village, for registered participants
Sun 2/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jikoen BWA Dana Day Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Nancy Shimamoto (Moiliili Hongwanji)

Please mark/adjust your calendars for these upcoming events (subject to further change, more info to follow)...

- **Hoku BBQ Chicken Fundraiser in February – CANCELLED**
- **April 1, 2023: Annual Jikoen Bazaar (preparations starting from March 26)**
- **July 21-22: Jikoen Bon Dance**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Toguchi

Nifee Deebiru! immediate past-President Doris Oshiro. The membership and friends of Jikoen Hongwanji Mission are truly grateful for the 9-years of Doris' excellent leadership that allowed us to emerge out of Jikoen's financial crisis and navigate through the coronavirus pandemic. We're on good footing!



Doris left HUMUNGOUS shoes to fill. I will need everyone's hands to help me fill those shoes.

Although I've been associated with Jikoen all my life, I did not truly get involved until 2010. I've met many long-time members and great supporters of Jikoen. I've seen new members and young families join our Sangha. I want to hear your stories.

I look forward to seeing Jikoen through a year of many transitions with all of you!

In Gassho,

John Toguchi, AIA – LEED AP

LIVING DHARMA GATHERING VIA ZOOM

Please mark your calendars for the next sessions via Zoom, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.:

- **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**
- **Wednesday, February 15 – NO SESSION**
- **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

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

Jikoen Shinnen Enkai New Year's Party

DateSunday, January 29, 2023

**Time9:00 a.m. Service & General
Membership Meeting**

**10:30 a.m. Party to follow in the
Social Hall**

Program....There will be the
usual great food,
entertainment and
lucky number prizes.

**RSVP by January 20. Please call
the office at 808-845-3422 or
email jikoen.info@gmail.com**



NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

New Year's Greeting from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani



Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, as Nembutsu followers who have deeply inscribed in our hearts and minds Shinran Shonin's message of "May there be peace in the world," we firmly stand against the military infringement of the other nation's sovereignty, and also aspire for immediate return of peace in Ukraine.

Over the last year, COVID-19 continues to be a global pandemic. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and other frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

The pandemic has forced us to learn firsthand that we will

continue to be confronted by unexpected situations even in modern times despite technologies both in science and medical fields being highly developed. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear that there is no life nor entity in this world that lasts forever. This truth, the principle of impermanence, has never changed even in this time and age approximately 2500 years since his time. Another fact that does not change is our inability to accept this truth as it is, and because of this, we continue struggling.

This is the very reason why, regardless of the pandemic, we can rely on the Jodo Shinshu teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, which guides us as a spiritual foundation that enables us to move forward even when being overwhelmed with difficulties. A gathering at the temple with Amida Buddha as its center provides a great opportunity to receive the Dharma as well as an occasion in which people can support and reassure one another as fellow practitioners who follow the same teaching.

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather and find comfort in its activities. I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ga

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

まず、2022年2月に始まったロシア連邦のウクライナ侵攻に対して、私たち念仏者は親鸞聖人がお示しくださった「世のなか安穏なれ」のお言葉を改めて深く心に刻み、武力による他国の主権の侵害を強く非難するとともに、一刻も早くウクライナに平和が訪れることを願ってやみません。

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さて、昨年も、世界では新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行が続きました。新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられたすべての方々に、謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆様、後遺症を患われている皆様に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、医師や看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行は、科学技術が発達し、医療も進歩した世の中にあっても、私たちの予想できない事柄が現実起こるということを知らしめました。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、この世を諸行無常であると示されました。約2500年たってもそのことに変わりはありません。そして、この真理をそのままに受け入れることができず、悩み苦しむ私たちの姿も変わることはありません。

それ故にこそ、新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行以前も以後も変わることなく、親鸞聖人が説かれた浄土真宗のみ教えが、日々悩み苦しむ私たちの生きる支えとなります。阿弥陀如来を中心とするお寺の集まりは、み教えを聞く場であると同時に、同じみ教えを依りどころとする私たちがお互いに支え合い助け合って、安心して集うことのできる場でもあります。

皆さまには、今後も様々な工夫を凝らして、広くみ教えを伝えられることで、お寺に多くの方が集まり、その誰もが心穏やかに過ごせる場所となりますことを願っております。そして、引き続きお寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げ、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2023年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光淳



2023 Bishop's New Year's Message

My New Year's Resolution is...

Let me take this precious opportunity to wish you a sincere "Happy New Year!" More than any other time of the year, the start of the year is a time we are filled with hope and expectation for a brighter and better year.



While, we may have personal desires and goals for myself, let us not forget to also have more inclusive aspirations and goals which embraces all others. In the words of Mitsuo Aida, whose calligraphy piece for Gan (or Negai in vernacular Japanese) is reproduced here, he says very different from personal wishes centered only on oneself are wishes such as: may there be no wars, aspiring for peace and harmony in the world, and may our human contrivances not contribute further to the contamination of our natural environment of the land, sea, and air. When we sincerely embrace these sorts of wishes, they are referred to as "Gan" (or aspirations or vows). If held deeply in our hearts, even the tiniest aspiration will be reflected in our eyes and faces. May we embrace vows and aspirations within our means and contribute to a brighter prospect for our future.



When I look at Mitsuo Aida's calligraphy above, I am reminded of Amida Buddha's 48 Vows especially the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha which promises "If those who entrust themselves to my Vow should not be born [in my (Pure) land], I shall not become Buddha." which expresses Amida Buddha great aspiration by conditioning the Buddha's own Supreme Enlightenment with the Enlightenment of all others including you and me. Could there be a greater wish or aspiration? Please reflect on this matter.

Further, let us make manifest our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme & Slogan for 2023 which is "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together." As Shinran Shonin rejoiced in one of his poems, *The light of compassion illumines from afar; Those beings it reaches, it is taught, Attain the Joy of the Dharma, So take refuge in Amida, the great consolation.*

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Do not keep that joy and happiness of the Nembutsu hidden within you. Culturally, for many of us, being reserved and somewhat stoic is a culturally emphasized trait, but when it comes to the Joy of Buddha-Dharma, “No enryo (Don’t hesitate)” would be my recommendation. Let it flow from the depths of your being outward and allow it to be known to others. This is, one way, we are able to share our joy. Needless to say, this “Sharing Joy Together” is not limited to our close circle of family and friends, but it does start with them.

To conclude, once again, I hope you detached Gomonshu’s “Our Pledge” from last year’s Hawaii Kyodan Calendar and have it where you and others can see and recite it daily as it shares how we can live our life together. As I express my best wishes to you for a happy, joyous and meaningful New Year, please join me in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion which guides, nurtures, and embraces us (eventually transforms with birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment), to recite Namu Amida Butsu or The Buddha’s Name Which I Call (in gratitude) in response to Namu Amida Butsu or The Buddha’s Name That Calls Me (to entrust). Namu Amida Butsu. Thank you and, once again, “Happy New Year” from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s Office of the Bishop.

*In gassho/anjali,
Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop
January 1, 2023*

President’s New Year’s Message for 2023 Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

*Happy New Year! Akemashite
Omedetou Gozaimasu! Hauoli
Makahiki Hou!*

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and in good spirits as we enter the New Year, 2023. The COVID-19 situation in the USA has improved over the past year with the development of effective and safe vaccines and antiviral treatments. However, over 1 million Americans (and much more worldwide) have died since the pandemic started in 2020. The COVID-19 virus still results in serious illness and death for susceptible people. Therefore, we must continue



to be cautious and respectful of others. Simple guidelines that we can follow include vaccination, staying home when sick, handwashing and wearing masks when close to others. Please try to be safe as we re-open our temples.

As we move into the new year, we will reflect often on our theme and slogan for 2023, “***Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together***”. As we reflect, let us remember the concept of **ondobo-ondogyo** as a guide to our thoughts and action. Shinran used this phrase to explain that we are all fellow travelers, or companions on the Nembutsu path. Shinran saw himself as an ordinary person, a *bombu* (foolish person) walking the Nembutsu path along with his Dharma friends. In Shinran’s view, we are all equal. As

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Kenneth Yeiko Kiyabu (85) passed away peacefully at home on October 12, 2022. Retired from Theo H. Davies & Co., he is survived by his wife, Ruth, daughters Laurene (Jason) Kurata and Rachel (Brian Kraus), grandsons Tyler & Matthew Kurata, sister Nancy Sakai and nieces & nephews.

Edward Nobuo Okita (94) of Kaneohe passed away on September 15, 2022. Retired carpenter and FUJIFILM USA employee. Born in Honolulu, he is survived by his wife, Haruko (Kiyabu); sons, Erwin Okita (Audrey), and Bruce Okita; daughter, Carol Nakagawa (Harry); and 2 grandsons.

Ethel Hideko Oshiro (80) of Waipahu, passed away on October 5, 2022. Born on December 18, 1941, on Maui to Takeo and Matsue Tanaka, she was a longtime special education teacher at Honowai Elementary School. Preceded in death in 2010 by her husband, Joe Susumu Oshiro, she is survived by her children, Joleen Oshiro (Noel Sen), JoAnn Kimura (Darren), Jolson Oshiro (Jonathan Tupua), and 2 granddaughters.

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

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fellow travelers, we share each other's joys and sorrows, each other's burdens and celebrations. In **ondobo-ondogyo**, there is a profound sense that we are equal and interdependent. Also, with the spirit of **ondobo-ondogyo** there is a natural experience of gratitude as we give support, and we are in turn supported by the presence of our fellow travelers.

As we look back on our journey for the past few years, let us express our appreciation to our ministers and temple leaders for their dedication, resilience and creativity in sharing the Nembutsu teachings with our community under difficult circumstances. And, let us continue on our journey in joy and gratitude for Amida's universal and unconditional compassion for all.

*With Gassho,
Warren Tamamoto
President, Honpa Hongwanji
Mission of Hawaii*



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES (December, 2022)

"Why?"

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

The end of the year is a time of reflection. What kind of year was 2022 for you and your loved ones? What kind of year do you want 2023 to be?

In general, coming out of the pandemic, we anticipate that 2023 will be a much better year as we resume much of our pre-pandemic activities. However, it is also a fact that 3 whole years have passed and, directly and indirectly, the world including ourselves have changed in many ways.

On one hand, the Pandemic showed how susceptible we are to worldly conditions and, at the same time, our resilience. However, as we move forward, it is not merely a simple matter of resuming pre-pandemic activities by scheduling them. We need to connect more than ever with each other including with the Dharma and our purpose as an organization.

Have you ever wondered "why" the Bodhisattva Dharmakara (Amida Buddha) made vows such as in the



HMMH Five-Year Theme: Building Healthy Sanghas

Year 4: 2023 Sharing Joy Together

**Year 5: 2024 Sharing Nembutsu
Moments**

Buddha's realm there would be no hellish, craving-ghostly, and beast-like existences or that one and all would be of radiant pure gold, or that everyone's appearance would be equally pleasing to all, or that each would possess the wisdom to see into the minds of others, and thus...know the(ir) thoughts, and that those who, even now, receive the Buddha's Light will become soft and gentle in body and mind?

Did you know that Sakyamuni Buddha promised that "In the future, all the sutras will become extinct. However, out of compassion and pity, I will ensure that this (Larger) sutra alone remains for a further one hundred years. Those sentient beings who encounter this sutra will attain emancipation in accordance with their aspiration."

Do you know why "When the (Historic) Buddha finished expounding this sutra, Bodhisattva Maitreya (see photo), the bodhisattvas from (all) the ten quarters (of the universes), the Elder Ananda, all the great sravakas, and all those who were in the assembly, without exception, rejoiced upon hearing what the Buddha taught."?

Do you know why Shinran Shonin was able to read the (Larger) Sutra in the following way "If there are persons who, having heard the Name of that Buddha, leap and dance with joy and say it even once, know that they receive the great benefit; that is, they acquire the unexcelled virtues."

Do you know why our Hongwanji Denomination's Constitution states our purpose as "...The organization transmits the wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata to all people, and in doing so, contributes to the realization of a society in which everyone, both within and outside of the organization, is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment." and why our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Mission Statement reads "To share the living Teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude."?

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If you don't, in 2023, I would encourage you and those who have a connection with you to visit your nearest Hongwanji temple to find the answers. I sincerely hope that in the New Year, we will be able to meet at the temple with the Nembutsu of Awareness and Gratitude in our hearts and be able to share that Joy with each other to bring to life our Hawaii Kyodan Theme and Slogan for 2023 "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together." I close by expressing my wish that 2022 closes for you in a meaningful way which prepares you for a bright 2023. Thank you and Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting the All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

Benediction for the Inauguration Ceremony by Rev. Blayne Higa

On December 5, 2022, Rev. Blayne Higa, Resident Minister of Kona Hongwanji, offered the Benediction at the Inauguration Ceremony for Governor Josh Green and Lt Governor Sylvia Luke.

Governor Green, Lt. Governor Luke, Distinguished Guests, and the People of Hawai'i. Aloha!

It's an honor to offer this aspiration as we celebrate the beginning of this journey—this new beginning.

Please join me in a moment of meditation and reflection as we offer our goodwill and loving kindness to our new Governor, Lt. Governor, and their Administration.

The Buddha teaches that nobility is not a matter of one's birth or status, but rather is a matter of one's actions and conduct.

Leadership is about action in service to others. To place the welfare of those we serve as the highest aspiration.

A true leader demonstrates nobility by listening. A true leader knows that they alone do not have all the answers. A true leader speaks honestly with a heart and mind of compassion. A true leader offers protection, shelter, and safety equally to all. A true leader tempers their ego and selfishness by losing themselves in service to others.

Living with this spirit of a bodhisattva—an enlightened being who sacrifices their own awakening, ensuring no one is left behind, may you undertake this noble vow of service to the people of Hawai'i.

So go forth, and lead.
Lead with compassion for everyone.



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

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⚡ 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.

Lead with integrity in all that you do.
Lead with courage to make difficult decisions.
Lead with wisdom to discern the wholesome from the unwholesome.
Lead with vision for a brighter future for us all.
And always lead with the spirit of Aloha in your heart.

Entrusting in the dynamic activity of all-inclusive wisdom and all-embracing compassion, we call the Honored Name of Amida, the Buddha of Infinite Light and Life in gratitude, joy, and awareness.

Namo Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu, Namu Amida

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Butsu. Mahalo!

You may also watch the video for his heart-felt message of encouragement, hope, and Aloha through this link: <https://www.blaynehiga.com/post/a-benediction-on-leadership>

Personnel

Ms. Kerrie Wong will be resigning from the position as the Assistant to the Director of the Buddhist Study Center, effective January 6, 2023.

State Dharma School Gathering

Our 4th Virtual Statewide Dharma School Gathering, “Sharing Our Joy” will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Zoom. Our service will feature Dharma School student emcees representing each of our Hongwanji districts. Acting Rimban Yuika Hasebe, from the Hawaii Betsuin will be our guest speaker and will also present a message in the Adult Breakout Room. Dharma School students will be in their own breakout rooms creating haiku based on the theme, “Sharing Our Joy,” then sharing their creations once all participants return to the main meeting room. The last hour will be a gathering for Dharma School Teachers/Educators and will feature a Dharma School resource presented by Reverend Kevin Kuniyuki along with some time for sharing of successful in-person activities by Dharma School teachers. We welcome participants of all ages to join us! (Registration Link)

Documentary Film – “Carving the Divine”

The Hawaii premiere of the award-winning documentary film “Carving the Divine” will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm at Hawaii Betsuin, sponsored by Buddhist Study Center, Hawaii Buddhist Council and Hawaii Betsuin. It provides a fascinating look into the journey of mastering a 1,400-year-old tradition of the Busshi. Yujiro Seki has captured on film a world unknown to most. The journey of becoming a master sculptor of Buddhist images is one in which one also gets to know oneself. Meet the producer, Yujiro Seki in person. “Carving the Divine” has been shown at 30 film festivals in 22 countries winning awards at 13 festivals such as the Best Director Award of a Foreign Language Documentary at World Cinema Milan and premiering at the famous Raindance Film Festival in London.

Peace on Your Wings

“Peace On Your Wings” an Ohana Arts original musical based on the true story of Sadako Sasaki and her one thousand paper cranes, written by composer Jenny Taira and lyricist Laurie Rubin; directed by Cari Chung; and choreographed by Dani Hannah Bensky. Sadako Sasaki was made famous for having folded over a thousand paper cranes to fulfill an old Japanese legend that would grant one wish to anyone who would fold one thousand cranes. To this day she is a reminder of innocent victims of war, and her story of her thousand paper cranes have inspired a movement of folding cranes for peace.

“Peace On Your Wings” was born from an idea sparked by Bishop Eric of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to create a touring musical with a Buddhist message. Composer and Ohana Arts co-founder Jenny Taira suggested the writing of a musical adaptation of 12 year-old Hiroshima atomic bomb victim Sadako Sasaki’s true story. “Peace On Your Wings,” shares the message, “Ichi-go ichi-e,” meaning “one chance, one meeting,” or “today is the first and last day of your life” through Sadako’s determination to focus on living every moment of life to the fullest, even as her health steadily declined. She became world famous for folding over a thousand paper cranes to fulfill the challenge presented by an old Japanese legend which promised that a wish would be granted to the folder of a thousand origami cranes. Long after her passing, her story lives on, and her paper cranes have become the symbol of a global peace movement.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii provided funding through grants to produce the show for an Oahu premiere in 2014, and a subsequent tour to the neighbor islands of Kauai, Maui, and the Island of Hawaii in 2015. The show has been embraced by Jodo Shinshu Buddhist communities nationwide, and the show has continued touring with performances in Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, San Jose, and Sacramento.

Ohana Arts will be remounting the production this February 9th-11th, 2023 at the historic Hawaii Theatre. This short 1-weekend run will premiere a newly revised version of the show (with new songs!) that will be taken to Hiroshima next summer for its official JAPAN PREMIERE, starring this all-youth, Hawaii-based cast! There are only four performances, so be sure to book your tickets early.

Honpa Hongwanji members receive a 10% discount. Please call your temple office for the discount code. Buy

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tickets: <http://hawaiiitheatre.com/peaceonyourwings>.

Learn More about "Peace On Your Wings": <http://peaceonyourwings.com>. Learn More about Ohana Arts: <http://ohanaarts.org>.

Ka Leo Kāhea Submission Guidelines

Is something interesting happening at your temple? *Ka Leo Kāhea*, the statewide newsletter of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, informs and connects every member of our statewide Sangha. Through this connection, temples and districts learn from and help each other, thus strengthening our organization. Bishop Eric Matsumoto, President Warren Tamamoto, and the newsletter team invite you to contribute articles. Below are the deadlines for submitting articles for 2023:

- March issue – January 15, 2023
- June issue – April 15, 2023
- September issue – July 15, 2023
- December issue – October 15, 2023

Here are some submission guidelines:

- Articles should be 500-1000 words, typed, in Microsoft Word. Please include the author's (or contact's) name and title, temple or affiliation, and suggested article title. Articles should be submitted as an email attachment and sent to newsletter@honpahi.org. Please include the article title or subject in the file name. Please do not format articles with photos.
- A photo or photos to accompany the article will enhance the presentation. Images should be at least 2MB in size. The image files should be from the original phone (not from text messages). Please send each image as a separate JPEG or TIFF file. Send article and photos separately. Include photo captions with the text. Do not embed images in Word documents or send PDF files.

Feel free to email us if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving your wonderful articles and photos!

Jr. YBA Report

Chad Okawa

President, Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBAs

On behalf of the Hawaii Federation of Junior YBAs, we hope you are all doing well! The last few months, Juniors

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2023 GISEIKAI HONPA HONGWANJI 111TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

- **Dates:** February 10 & 11, 2023
- **Place:** Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
- **DELEGATES:** Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, John Toguchi, Eric Yosemite
- **OBSERVERS:** Terry Jean Arakaki, Pete Doktor, Judy Muramoto, Doris Oshiro, Dorene Toma, James Toma, Wayne Toma, JoAnn Yosemite

ALOHA LUNCHEON AND 48TH ANNUAL LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII RECOGNITION

The Legislative Assembly registration fee includes the Aloha Luncheon & Living Treasures Recognition.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them.

**Fred Keakaokalani Cachola, Jr.
Hiromi Nakai Peterson
Frederick S. Nonaka
Peter T. Young**

- **Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2023
- **Place:** Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom
- **Time:** 11:00 am Registration
12:00 pm Lunch & Program
- **Attire:** Aloha
- **Cost:** Early Registration – \$100.00 for payments received by January 21, 2023
Late Registration – \$150.00 for payments between Jan. 22 - Jan. 28, 2023

**Additional fee for payments by credit card*

- Reservations will not be accepted after January 28, 2023 or if maximum capacity is reached.
- Sponsor Tables are available: Gold – \$5,000; Silver – \$3,000; Bronze – \$1,500. *Deadline to purchase a Sponsor Table – January 13, 2023.*

Please call the office at (808) 845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com if you would like to attend the Living Treasures luncheon.

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have been busy with their Hawaii Buddhist Youth Month fundraising efforts. Every year, the congregation picks an organization they would like to support through community-focused or fundraising events. The year of 2022, we are supporting World Central Kitchen, a Humanitarian organization currently working to support victims in Ukraine. Listed below are a few events our Juniors led to help fundraise. A portion of their proceeds will go to World Central Kitchen to support their work.

- Hawaii: Managed a feed the hungry project
- Honolulu: Planning a CPK fundraiser & sold shaved ice at Bon Dance
- Kauai: Recycled temple members' cans and bottles
- Maui: Baked and sold sweet potato Manju to temples
- Oahu: Baked and Distributed Manju at temples across the Central Oahu district

Overall, all the Uniteds' fundraisers or community service efforts were successful. Thanks to Mr. Burt Tsuchiya,

who led a Manju making workshop at the 2022 Jr. YBA Convention, some of the Uniteds could apply his lessons and baked delicious Manju, which pleased many customers.

We are currently looking forward to two in-person events. After conducting meetings and get-togethers virtually over the last two years, it will be nice to see everyone together again. In January, the United of Maui will host the Winter Federation Meeting- the first In-person Federation Meeting since the pandemic. In the summer of 2023, the 66th Jr. YBA State Convention will be held. Hosted by the United of Oahu, the theme is Sangha- Our Interdependent Environment, which is inspired by the television series Avatar the Last Airbender and focuses on Environmental Awareness.

After passing a resolution in 2022, anyone can join our organization regardless if they are members of a temple. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please check our website: <https://www.hawaiijryba.com/>. We encourage you to join!

SHOTSUKI JOYOUS MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Shotsuki Monthly Service is a time to remember our loved ones and a time to express gratitude in Gassho. This memorial service is held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00am, in memory of those whose date of death falls in that month. We also recognize the efforts of those who have passed and thank them for their continuing influence in our lives and for giving us the opportunity to share the Buddha-Dharma.

Due to the Covid-19/variant situation and recent rise in cases, all in-person services and events have been canceled until further notice.

Here are our loved ones who will be remembered in the month of February, 2023:

Kiyu Arakaki ~ February 20, 1990 (89)
Archie Atsushi Fujitani ~ February 11, 2019 (94)
Toshio "Lefty" Goya ~ February 11, 2017 (83)
Fumiko Higa ~ February 10, 2010 (91)
George Sanjiro Higa ~ February 26, 1990 (75)
Jean Hatsue Higa ~ February 1, 2020 (94)
Kikue Higa ~ February 10, 2020 (97)
Matsumori Higa ~ February 17, 2013 (97)
Nancy T. Higa ~ February 14, 2015 (80)
Shizue Higa ~ February 1, 2011 (91)
Richard Shoichi Ikei ~ February 15, 2010 (91)
Seikin Inamine ~ February 14, 2010 (88)
Kenneth Kiyoshi Ishikawa ~ February 14, 1995 (51)

Otoyo Izumikawa ~ February 22, 1998 (86)
Mitsuo Kamisato ~ February 19, 1999 (81)
Haruko Kaneshiro ~ February 1, 2015 (97)
Lorraine Tsuruko Kaneshiro ~ February 23, 2010 (87)
Masako Kaneshiro ~ February 12, 2008 (95)
Masaru "Kane" Kaneshiro ~ February 19, 2007 (83)
Thomas Sanjiro Kaneshiro ~ February 4, 1995 (74)
Richard Hideo Kaneshiro ~ February 10, 2018 (87)
Kiyono Fuchigami Kawabata ~ February 15, 2015 (91)
Milton Kunio Kikuchi ~ February 10, 2022
Etsuko Kishaba ~ February 23, 2007 (69)
George Kishimoto ~ February 03, 2013 (89)
Tsurue Sally Kiyuna ~ February 17, 2021 (94)
Nobuko Ruth Kobashigawa ~ February 4, 2016 (92)
Tomiko "Tomi" Masaki ~ February 2, 2018 (83)
Helene J. Minehira ~ February 27, 2020 (94)
Ethel Tokiko Minei ~ February 13, 2014 (94)
Kameko "Violet" Miyahira ~ February 1, 2015 (101)
Claudia Arakaki Miyamoto ~ February 7, 2017 (79)
Dr. Albert H. Miyasato ~ February 24, 2006 (80)
Dennis Kazuo Miyasato ~ February 16, 2011 (66)
Fumiko Miyasato ~ February 5, 1999 (74)
Kenneth Yukio Miyasato ~ February 24, 2010 (36)
Gensho Miyashiro ~ February 1, 2015 (102)
Miyoko Miyashiro ~ February 21, 2014 (87)
Tsuruko Miyashiro February 9, 2003 (84)

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Momose Janet Moribe ~ February 4, 2011 (87)
 Kosei Nagamine ~ February 14, 1999 (83)
 Kamado Nakamura ~ February 26, 1995 (94)
 Masue Nakamura ~ February 19, 1995 (77)
 Kalen Akio Nakasato ~ February 25, 2003 (27)
 Fuji Nakasato ~ February 5, 1995 (81)
 Matsuro Nakasone ~ February 7, 1995 (91)
 Usako Nakata ~ February 10, 2016 (97)
 Kamewa Nagamine ~ February 18, 2006 (87)
 Ayano Nishimiya ~ February 22, 2001 (76)
 Richard Shintaro Nishimiya ~ February 22, 1995 (70)
 Fusae Oshiro ~ February 15, 1990 (64)
 Guy Itsuo Oshiro ~ February 7, 1999 (42)
 Katsuo "Kats" Oshiro ~ February 7, 2007 (77)
 Olga Ochiyo Oshiro ~ February 28, 2005 (89)
 Tokuichi Oshiro ~ February 8, 1990 (68)
 Sonoko Sakai ~ February 2, 2014 (76)
 Kenneth Tamotsu Sakamoto ~ February 6, 2014 (68)
 Seiji Sakihara ~ February 15, 1998 (75)
 Hirotsuke Shimabukuro ~ February 1, 2003 (85)
 Larry Eikichi Shimabukuro ~ February 17, 1991 (72)
 Matsuichi "Mutt" Shimabukuro ~ February 5, 1998 (77)
 Francis Haruo Taketa ~ February 19, 2010 (75)
 Susan A. Tamashiro ~ February 15, 2016 (61)
 Minoru Tamashiro ~ February 15, 2010 (88)
 Yasuko Tamayori ~ February 28, 2002 (76)

Dennis Sunao Tamayose ~ February 26, 2006 (52)
 George H. Tanahara ~ February 28, 2014 (75)
 Shizuka Teruya ~ February 25, 1995 (75)
 Utomi Teruya ~ February 14, 1995 (93)
 Victoria Futae Toguchi ~ February 25, 2003 (57)
 Yoshiko Tokeshi ~ February 10, 2018 (93)
 Seitoku "Stanley" Tokuda ~ February 1, 1998 (74)
 Kamei Toyama ~ February 27, 1991 (76)
 Ernest Tatsuo Tsumuro ~ February 21, 2007 (75)
 Edward Matsuji Uyesato ~ February 21, 2005 (78)
 Elmo Eimo Yamaguchi ~ February 21, 2006 (86)
 John Hisa Yamaguchi ~ February 20, 2021 (95)
 Martin Yeimatsu Yamaguchi ~ February 22, 2005 (66)
 Haruko Yamashiro ~ February 25, 2010 (84)
 Lois Kiyomi Yasui ~ February 25, 2010 (68)
 Yoshie Yasui ~ February 17, 2016 (96)
 Shinho Yogi ~ February 16, 2007 (99)
 Haruko Yonashiro ~ February 6, 2016 (93)
 Hiroshi Yoshida ~ February 19, 2007 (86)
 Tomiko Yoza ~ February 7, 2018 (97)
 Ethel Kiyoko Zahi ~ February 16, 1996 (82)

Namu Amida Butsu

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

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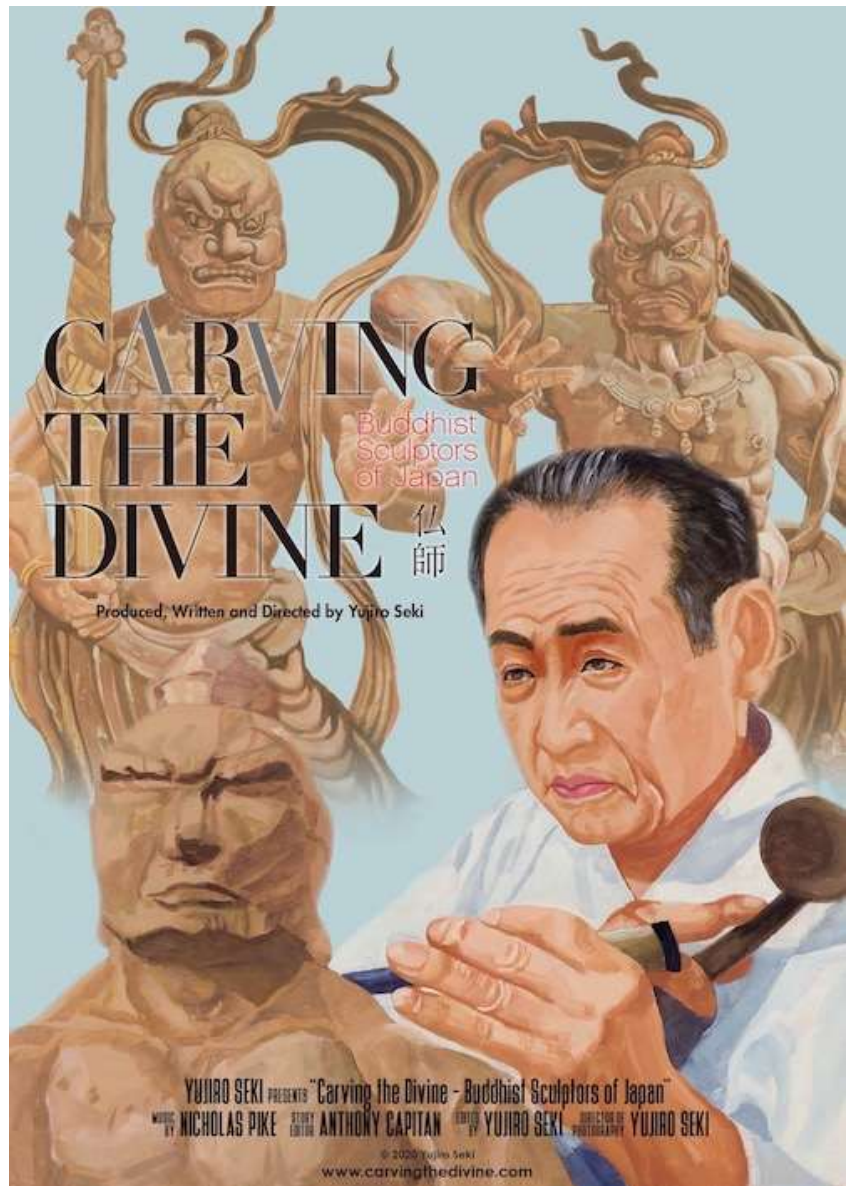
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4th VIRTUAL STATE DHARMA SCHOOL GATHERING

Sunday, February 19, 2023

9:00 am – 12 noon



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2023 Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii Slogan

9:00 AM: SERVICE

Dharma Message by
Acting Rimban Yuika
Hasebe of Honpa
Hongwanji Hawaii
Betsuin

9:40 AM: DHARMA SCHOOL & ADULT BREAKOUT ROOMS

10:30 - 11:00 AM:
MAIN ROOM -
DS/Adult Groups

11:00 AM: DS FAMILY SESSION ENDS

11:10 AM: DS TEACHERS/ EDUCATORS SESSION:

Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki
previews a new
Dharma School
Resource/Open
Sharing of successful
DS activities

12:00 PM: END

RSVP Deadline is **February 4.**

Click on the following link to
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Any Questions? Please contact: Debbie
Kubota: dekub88@gmail.com

Gathering Zoom Link will
be emailed to participants
by Friday, **February 17.**

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Help Needed @ Jikoen

If you have special skills, experience or knowledge and can serve on any of the committees or help on any projects, we welcome your help.



We are in need of volunteers to help us with cleaning, landscape & beautification, monthly newsletter mail out, flower arrangements, recycling redemption, ongoing projects and fundraisers.

The upkeep of our temple and our ongoing events cannot continue without the tireless efforts and dedication of our volunteers and supporters.

If you are able to assist in any way for an hour or two, once a month or once a week, please call the office at (808) 845-3422, or email us at jikoen.info@gmail.com with your contact information.



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