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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 Jikozen office for access information.

Sat 4/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikozen Annual Bazaar Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Parking at Kapalama Elementary School
Sun 4/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOZEN • Hawaii Buddhist Council (HBC) Combined Buddha Day Service Time: 9:30 a.m., Location: Jodo Mission of Hawaii, Speaker: Dr. George Tanabe – “Why We Tell Stories” / 10:45 a.m. – “Jataka Tales” by storyteller Jeff Gere with Lesley Kline (violinist), <i>Free and open to the public</i>
Sun 4/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikozen Hanamatsuri & Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Rev. Char Kihara (Hawaii Betsuin)
Sun 4/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i>
Wed 4/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Dharma Session via Zoom Time: (NEW TIME) 10:00 a.m.
Sun 4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eshinni-Kakushinni Day Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Mrs. Claire Tamamoto (Aiea Hongwanji Mission)
Sun 4/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Dharma Moments Sunday Time: 9:00 a.m.
Sun 5/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOZEN • World Buddhist Women's Convention Group to Japan
Sun 5/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOZEN

*Memorial Service Scheduled for
April thru August 2023*

1st Year Service (Died in 2022)

Mr. Chosei Maekawa (92).....	April 11, 2022
Mrs. Lillian Yukie Oshiro (81)	April 14, 2022
Mr. Senmatsu Ueunten (92).....	May 5, 2022
Mrs. Juliet Yukiko Jakahi (85)	May 12, 2022
Mrs. Angela Shizue Uehara (99).....	May 14, 2022
Mrs. Shigecko Jane Nakamura (90).....	May 25, 2022
Mr. Bert Masamitsu Shiira (81).....	June 4, 2022
Mrs. Ivy Haruko Shiroma (98).....	June 6, 2022
Mr. Jinji Higa (97)	June 29, 2022
Mrs. Margaret Aiko Ueunten (93).....	June 30, 2022
Miss. Mitzie Mitsuko Kiyabu (97).....	July 17, 2022
Mr. Tsuneo Nakama (91)	July 18, 2022
Mrs. Betsy Tatsue Kakuni (96)	July 26, 2022
Mrs. Fumie Tengan (91).....	August 3, 2022
Mrs. Chiyo Sadoyama (99).....	August 28, 2022
Mrs. Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone (89)	August 30, 2022

3rd Year Service (Died in 2021)

Mr. Takashi Ito (92)	April 7, 2021
Mr. Aaron Sunao Shimabukuro (70)	April 13, 2021
Mrs. Doris Toshiyo Yamaguchi (90)	April 21, 2021
Mrs. June Hatsue Oganeku (88).....	April 26, 2021
Mrs. Kazuko Kinjo (90)	April 30, 2021
Mrs. Sadako Tokuda (94)	June 7, 2021
Mr. Randel Sadao Kobashigawa (63)	June 18, 2021
Mrs. Nancy Hideko Oshiro (86)	June 26, 2021
Mrs. Kimiye Oshiro (95).....	July 2, 2021
Mr. Steve Sadaaki Higa (97).....	July 3, 2021
Mr. Loren Masami Hieda (65)	July 16, 2021
Mrs. Clara Kikuye Irei (95)	July 19, 2021
Mrs. Nora Osue Tamanaha (93).....	August 18, 2021
Mr. Dave Yoshiaki Kaneshiro (73).....	August 31, 2021

7th Year Service (Died in 2017)

Mrs. Tatsuko Miyasato (94).....	April 27, 2017
Mrs. Jane Kyoko Shimabukuro (87)	May 1, 2017
Mrs. Hatsuye Oshiro (92)	May 4, 2017
Mrs. Aileen Aiko Oshiro (63).....	May 6, 2017
Mr. Chosei Kenneth Arakaki (98)	May 20, 2017
Mr. Max Wayne Yoshiteru Shinkawa (71)	May 23, 2017
Mr. Herbert Toshiyuki Oshiro (92)	June 7, 2017
Mrs. Ethel Haruko Isa (95)	June 19, 2017
Mrs. Kyoko Kamiya Kuniyuki (82)	June 28, 2017
Mr. Don Shinichi Tsukahara (52).....	June 30, 2017
Mrs. Nancy Yamauchi (100).....	July 4, 2017
Mrs. Hanami Kohatsu (86)	July 23, 2017

Mrs. Karen Yukie Miyasato (87).....	July 25, 2017
Mrs. Yukiko Yahiku (96)	August 28, 2017

13th Year Service (Died in 2010)

Mrs. Kazue Higa (86).....	April 3, 2010
Mr. Michael Saito (66)	April 10, 2010
Mrs. Iku Irene Nakamura (94)	May 16, 2010
Mrs. Chieko Shinsato (94)	May 2, 2010
Mrs. Sue Teruko Omizo (87).....	June 15, 2010
Mrs. Ikuyo Bates (75).....	June 16, 2010
Mr. Joji Oshiro (92)	June 18, 2010
Mr. Paul Susumu Takushi (61)	July 1, 2010
Mr. Howard William Bates (74)	July 8, 2008
Mr. Paul Hiroshi Kaneshiro (62)	July 12, 2010
Mr. James Shunyei Oshiro (83)	July 22, 2010
Mr. Toshio Miyamoto (92).....	July 27, 2010
Mr. Kiichi Kobashigawa (91).....	July 31, 2010
Mr. Masanobu Kaneshiro (77)	August 9, 2010
Mrs. Thelma Haruko Upton (91).....	August 12, 2010

25th Year Service (Died in 1999)

Mrs. Katherine Matsue Higa (86).....	April 6, 1999
Mr. Robert Yumei Higa (74)	May 1, 1999
Mr. Richard Isamu Higa (85)	May 12, 1999
Mr. Shintoku Hamadon (69)	July 1, 1999
Mrs. Kameko Higa (90)	July 31, 1999
Mrs. Maka Goya (98).....	August 14, 1999

Please call the Jikoen Office at 808-845-3422 or email at jikoen1938@gmail.com at least one month before the memorial dates. Thank you.

Save The Date: 2023 Jikoen Bon Dance

- Saturday, July 22, 2023, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Free Parking at Kapalama Elementary School

We're literally shaking off the rust off our mechanical yagura which has been idle since 2019. Bon Dance planning has begun and we must walk before we can run an event like we did three years ago. **It's one night only.**



We plan to continue our traditions of delicious andagi... BBQ plate with Okinawan Sweet Potato Pie...OG Fish Scooping Game...Eisa and Shisa Parade...Kachaashi

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Contest...Live Music and Lively Dancing.

Since the last bon dance, we haven't come together to put on large events. Jikoen members, friends and affiliate volunteers are needed to make this a successful fundraiser for Jikoen. We need your help!

Let us know you're there to help by calling the office at (808)845-3422 or sending us an email to jikoen.info@gmail.com. More information on ways you can help to follow.

Aloha and Mahalo, Seiya – A Hui Hou

Seiya Sawada was a frequent visitor to Jikoen and when hearing he had to return to Japan, Reverend Nishiyama's immediate thought was we should have a farewell event to thank Seiya for becoming part of the Jikoen Ohana.

This was at the beginning of Jikoen Shinnen Enkai.

At the end of the Shinnen Enkai when only a handful of us were still in the hall, beautiful piano music seemed to come out of nowhere. Some thought it was recorded music coming from the sound system that Norman Kaneshiro was putting away.

Well, Seiya found a piano hidden behind the backstage curtain and just started playing. We couldn't help but loudly applaud!

The separate instances of Seiya connecting with Jikoen, hearing he was leaving soon, Rev. Nishiyama suggesting a farewell for Seiya, hearing the music out of nowhere, led Norman to, on the fly, dream up the idea of a farewell performance featuring Seiya's talents and an opportunity to raise funds to help maintain Jikoen facilities – the "Shima Piano" event was conceived.



pictured from right to left: Brandon Ing, Derek Fujio, Doris Oshiro, Norman Kaneshiro, Seiya Sawada, John Toguchi, and Honoka

The concert performance and farewell party were held in the social hall on the evening of February 18th and was a huge success! Concert goers were treated to an hour of music featuring Seiya's piano arrangements of Okinawan and other familiar tunes with the help of a range of guest artists. Die-hard Jikoen supporters Shelby Oshiro (hula) and Chantel Ikehara (vocals) of Urizun graced the stage alongside familiar faces in the Okinawan community, Brandon Ing, Derek Fujio, and Jesse Shiroma who comprise the musical group Yuttai Kwattai. Making a special appearance for the first time at Jikoen was ukulele virtuoso and recording artist, Honoka. Yukie Shiroma-sensei and students from her University of Hawaii Okinawan dance class – of which Seiya was a part of for the last 2 semesters – took a break from volunteering to perform "Iwai Bushi." Of course, event coordinator, sound man, and emcee, Norman Kaneshiro, got a few numbers in as well on sanshin.

In attendance were over 200 people, including more than 30 volunteers who made the event run smoothly from start to finish. Their names appear at the end of this article along with a list of generous dessert contributors to the farewell party. A complete list of monetary donors can be found in this month's donations list. None of this would have been possible without the outpouring of support.

The event was able to raise over \$4,000 to support Jikoen's building maintenance. Of course, the joy and

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Yoshiko Gushi Uechi (96) passed away peacefully on November 30, 2022, in Pearl City, Hawaii. She was born on March 15, 1926 on Ishigaki Island, Okinawa.

Predeceased by her husband Douglas and son Kirk. She is survived by daughter Patricia Davison and Sandra (Robert) Glynn, five grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and sister Yoshiko Tokeshi of Okinawa.

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

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excitement that the concert and party brought cannot be quantified, but was definitely felt even well after the fact. Seiya returned home the following week with one last fond memory that punctuated his year-and-a-half stay in Hawaii.

Buddhism is knowing that we are connected and are grateful for connections with others that help us live a better life. The concert was a result of people and events coming together to create a wonderful and one-of-a-kind experience.

We are truly grateful for everyone's support and the many people and events that came and will continue to come together at Jikoen.

Mahalo Nui!

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Grace Carmichael, Lance Ferrer, Yuko Ida, Susan Imai, Ann Kamimura, Chihiro Komine, Kana Kurihara, Conrad Morikone, June Nakamasu, Dennis Nakamasu, Braden Ogata, Doris Oshiro, Shunki Sakihara, Janice Shiira, Mike Shimabukuro, Kokoro Shimamoto, Aya Shirayama, Stella Tamashiro Speed, Rumi Takahashi, Scott Tengan, John Toguchi, Jimmy Toma, Dorene Toma, Claire Uehara, Leah Wasil, Motoki Yamamori, Kaiya Yonamine, JoAnn Yosemori, Allen Zukemura, Morris Zukeran

Mahalo to the following contributors of delicious desserts:

Jim and June Higa: *European cookies with Belgium chocolate*
• Selina Higa: *brownies* • Gloria Kishi: *pound cake* • Jodie Mattos: *chocolate mochi* • Rene Nakama: *cake with nuts, lemon bars* • Lynn Nakamura: *Kind bars, chocolate candy, arare* • Doris Oshiro: *cookies* • Stella Tamashiro Speed: *matcha vanilla sour cream pound cake, matcha cookies, black sesame seed cookies* • Sandy Toma: *ube chocolate-chip brownies* • Janice Toma Shiira: *jello cake, pumpkin mochi* • Ginny Tully: *banana poi bread* • Uehira Ohana: *assorted desserts* • Doreen Yamashiro: *oranges, wafer cookies, puff-rice cake*

Please see this month's donations for the complete list of monetary donors to "Shima Piano."

Okinawa Delegation Appeals to Jikoen Community in "Bringing Our Ancestors Home"

A delegation from the Association for Research and Repatriation of Indigenous Ryūkyū Remains, led

by Ryūkyū University, Kyōtō Professor Yasukatsu Matsushima of Yaeyama, presented at the Jikoen Hongwanji in the community forum "Bringing Our Ancestors Home," February 26, co-sponsored by Ukwanshin Kabudan, HOA (Hawai'i Okinawa Alliance), Hawai'i Peace & Justice, and HUOA.

Matsushima-sensei and a team of academicians based in Japan shared their struggle to access and help return the bones of Ryūkyūan ancestors raided without permission just over a century ago where they remain inside boxes at Kyōtō Imperial University. Matsushima-sensei is also a plaintiff in a lawsuit to return their remains with familial descendants in Okinawa that have been refused return or access to their ancestors' remains causing continued familial anguish, as well as to others who share this indignity as indigenous people.

Traditionally, our shimanchu ancestors revered ancestral remains as both link between living generations as well as with the spiritual realm. This delegation also came to Hawai'i to learn from Native Hawaiians who have been successful in repatriating hundreds of human remains back from museums around the world, and have been briefing other indigenous peoples aspiring to do the same. That said, even modern-day nationalists sanctify human remains of their preference as illustrated by the passions to return and memorialize remains from fallen soldiers both in the USA and Japan. The earliest known human burial goes back almost 80,000 underscoring how we treat our loved ones remains is truly one of the universal markers of what makes us human.

Nevertheless, Kyōtō University leadership has broken from this tradition by weaponizing science to continue the dispossession of over a thousand remains raided from traditional Ryūkyūan family tombs by Imperial Japanese racist scientists that came with the genocidal overthrow of LūChū (Ryūkyū Kingdom), and maintain that these people's remains are objects of study and their private property. This is compounded by Japan's refusal to recognize Ryūkyūans as indigenous like the Ainu despite recognition by the United Nations and other First Nations. We can imagine our pain if UH staff stole without authorization family remains from our temple and family graves, and then refused to return what they considered their property.

Traditionally, it is the sukubun (kuleana) of each generation to care for their ancestral remains until it is one's time to join them, entrusting following generations to carry on this cycle of life. Appeals from Okinawa have

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fallen on deaf ears at Kyōtō University, unlike a Taiwan university that has returned similar human remains. An effort is beginning to help facilitate the return of stolen Ryūkyūan remains from Penn University. There are interfaith efforts in both Okinawa and Japan to share humanitarian concerns by various religious communities. It is now the kuleana for shimānchu worldwide including the Jikoen Sangha whether to hear and respond to calls for support from within Okinawa to appeal to the conscience of Japanese withholding familial remains, as well as human dignity and respect, to the descendants of both family and nation (LūChū). Returning these bones would bring healing both to generations of Okinawans, as well as restore the humanity of those people and institutions responsible for the continued detainment of our people.

Highlights of February Jikoen BOD Meeting

Events

- Family Dharma Partnership program and Family Dharma Moment Activities — At the 111th Legislative Assembly on February 11, 2023, Rev. Nishiyama and JoAnn Yosemori gave a partnership presentation on how Jikoen is addressing membership and organizational decline. Other temples have expressed interest.
- Jikoen hosted Bringing Our Ancestors Home: A Community Forum — was held on February 26, 2023 in Jikoen's hondo. The forum was sponsored by Ukwanshin Kabudan, Hawaii Peace and Justice, Hawaii Okinawa Alliance, and Hawaii United Okinawa Association.
- The Jikoen Bazaar — The committee is working hard on this April 1st event. We need volunteers for preparing food items to sell, baked good donations, and many other tasks.
- Bon Dance — Our first bon dance in four years will be held on one night only, July 22, 2023. This will be a joyous in-person event and your generous support is always welcome.

Lumbini Preschool

- Accreditation — Lumbini is now a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and beginning to work on the accreditation process.
- Kitchen and Restroom Renovations — These renovations were completed during spring break.

Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) Upcoming Events

- 50th Annual Hawaii Okinawan Invitational Golf Tournament
- May 27–28, 2023, 6:00 am
- Pali Municipal Golf Course – Sponsored by HUOA
- “Warabi Ashibi” Children’s Day Camp on Oahu – HOC
- June 6–9, 2023 Contact: HUOA (808) 676-5400, ext. 123; email: caro.h@huoa.org
- Senior Health and Fitness Fair
- June 16, 2023, 9:00 am, Hawaii Okinawa Center

Check HUOA website - www.huoa.org for more information.



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(March, 2023)

*“Here I rejoice in what I have heard and extol
what I have attained.”*

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

I would like to begin by sharing the Opening Aspiration and some thoughts which I gave at the start of our 111th Legislative Assembly held on February 10-11, 2023.

How joyous I am, my heart and mind being rooted in the Buddha-Dharma...of the universal Vow... my thoughts and feelings flowing within the dharma-ocean...I am deeply aware of the Tathagata's immense compassion...My joy grows ever fuller, my gratitude and indebtedness ever more compelling. Therefore, I have selected [passages expressing] the core of the Pure Land way and gathered its essentials...May those who see and hear this work be brought...to manifest shinjin within the power of the Vow and reveal the incomparable fruit of enlightenment in the land of peace.”

– Shinran Shonin

This should be all of our thoughts and aspiration too,

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especially in 2023 as we joyously and gratefully observe the auspicious Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of the Birth of Shinran Shonin and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of Jodo Shinshu including the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention.

Last year, our Hawaii Kyodan's slogan emphasized "Connecting with Others" and I emphasized that the primal and fundamental connection which we each should have is the connection with Amida Buddha. Then, from that connection, we, as Sangha members, further connect with others inspired by the Buddha, guided by the Dharma and motivated by gratitude for Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion. This becomes apparent in the guidance we are receiving from His Eminence Kojun Ohtani whether it is "Gratitude for the Jodo Shinshu Teaching" or "Our Pledge" which he composed for us.



WHITE WAY RADIO

Moiliili Hongwanji's Weekly
Dharma Message

✦ **Saturdays at 7:45 am – 8:00 am on
KZOO AM1210**

✦ Weekly messages go to
www.moililihongwanji.org

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- **01 Rev. Shingo Furusawa**
- **08 Mr. Alan Goto**
- **15 Rev. Sol Kalu**
- **22 Ms. Linda Nagai**
- **29 Mr. Steve Lohse**

✦ 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.

However, as I look at our Hawaii Kyodan and reflect on myself too, I have a concern that we have not connected with as many people as we would like to. What do you think? The steady decline in our membership suggests that we have not. Thus, today, I implore that we all share our joy for the Teachings and especially Amida Buddha's compassion with others. Let your family and friends know that temple is a big part of your life and the reasons why. If you don't people including your own family may not know. Just because you physically go to the temple a lot does not mean that those around you truly understand the significance of the temple and the Teachings in your life. As your Bishop and as a temple minister, I have come across, too many, families especially grand-children and great grandchildren of our most devoted members who didn't know just how precious the temple was to their Elders. Its only at the funeral service that they find out. I lament that it is a lost opportunity. If younger family members knew how important temple was to their Elders including the reason, they too, could have possibly connected more with the temple and Jodo Shinshu.

Even in the case of Shinran Shonin, I find, at least, 4 instances, one of which is the opening aspiration with which I started, in which he relates that out of the gratitude of realizing the benevolence of the Buddha and Joy, he collects passages about Jodo Shinshu so others can come to know Amida Buddha. I am not saying we all have to write a book like Shinran Shonin, but in our own way, within our own capacities, we can share about Buddhism with others. In Hawaii, we would say "We can all talk story." On second thought, however, our sharing does not necessarily have to involve lengthy words explaining Buddhism. I say this as I reflect on my own journey to Jodo Shinshu. My grandmother (Fuji Matsumoto), according to some like Rev. Yoshihide Matsubayashi, was a devout Jodo Shin Buddhist, but she could not speak English and I, in my Middle School and High School years, could not speak Japanese. Her way of connecting me to Buddhism was to have me see her doing her daily "Praising of the Buddha's Virtue" at the home altar (which was not in her bedroom, but in the family living room). She, also, gave me the responsibility of changing the flowers on the Home Altar. So, it was that in the Matsumoto household, a Middle School kid would regularly, on a weekly basis, change the flowers at the home butsudan. From within my family, it was the first recognizable (for me) step in the budding and growing relationship that I would have with Buddhism.

Sounding like a broken record, I still firmly believe that

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Sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
Commission on Buddhist Education
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AN
INVITATION
TO
ATTEND

LGBTQIA+ 101

Saturday, April 22
9:00 - 11:00 am
Buddhist Study Center
in-Person OR on Zoom



CAMARON MIYAMOTO

- Tenured faculty in the Department of Student Affairs
- Director of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Center
- Adjunct faculty in the Department of Ethnic Studies at the UH Mānoa (2002- present)

Learn more about the LGBTQIA+ community so we can ensure all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude.

We will talk about:

- **Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, ally and more identities**
- **An appreciation for the unique lives of LGBTQIA+ people**
- **Ways to be supportive and compassionate allies for LGBTQIA+ people**
- **Share ways to build respect, harmony, peace and gratitude for all**

Panel of LGBTQIA+ Community Members & their Families

- **Chihiro Okawa**
- **Jay Yokoyama**
- **Benjamin Bruch & Rudiger Ruckmann**
- **Richard & Gail Taira**
- **Pieper & Lois Toyama**

REGISTRATION LINK - deadline April 15, 2023

<https://forms.gle/Kwqn9QCGFUF5zcPn7>

QUESTIONS?

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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 May, 2023:

Roy Shoyei Agena ~ May 29, 2013 (85)
 Carl Yasunobu Ajimine~ May 9, 2021 (64)
 Tadao Akamine ~ May 16, 2009 (97)
 Chiyoko Arakaki ~ May 12, 2005 (86)
 Daniel Hiroyoshi Arakaki ~ May 31, 2013 (64)
 Haruko Mary Arakaki ~ May 9, 2003 (93)
 Masako "Nancy" Arakaki ~ May 18, 2019 (90)
 Chosei Kenneth Arasaki ~ May 20, 2017 (98)
 Fumie Asato ~ May 4, 2015 (94)
 Sandra Sueno Enokawa ~ May 19, 2019 (72)
 Rev. Yoshiaki Steve Fujitani ~ May 17, 2021 (97)
 Kenyu Ken Fukuhara ~ May 8, 2013 (92)
 Sachie Futenma ~ May 2, 2016 (99)
 Sherman Akira Futenma ~ May 9, 2019
 Masakichi Gima ~ May 3, 2011 (89)
 Harriet Utome Goya ~ May 2, 2014 (97)
 Shinsuke Goya ~ May 13, 2019 (100)
 Frances Fusae Hanashiro ~ May 4 2013 (90)
 Edward Yoshio Higa ~ May 22, 1999 (81)
 Hideko Higa ~ May 5, 2020 (92)
 Kenneth Seiko Higa ~ May 27, 2006 (90)
 Richard Higa ~ May 3, 1998 (69)
 Richard Isamu Higa ~ May 12, 2003 (85)
 Robert Yuumei Higa ~ May 1, 1999 (74)
 Shozen Higa ~ May 8, 2004 (79)
 Warren Takemitsu Higa ~ May 16, 2015 (95)
 Yoshinobu Higa ~ May 27, 2013 (91)
 Lawrence Takeichi Ige ~ May 7, 2003 (76)
 Dawn Yoshie Isa ~ May 19, 2014 (55)
 Yoshiko Ishimine ~ May 4, 2004 (87)
 Rachel Tazuru Kamiya ~ May 24, 2000 (73)
 Masao Kaneshi ~ May 27, 2001 (83)
 Bertha Kazuko Kaneshiro ~ May 24, 1999 (65)
 Doris Haruko Kaneshiro ~ May 6, 2006 (87)
 Haruko Kaneshiro ~ May 4, 2008 (95)
 Hayako Kaneshiro ~ May 27, 2007 (91)
 Hatsuyo Kaneshiro ~ May 5, 2000 (89)

Kama Kaneshiro ~ May 22, 1998 (90)
 Natsuko Ella Kaneshiro ~ May 11, 2018 (85)
 Shoei Kaneshiro ~ May 8, 2020 (93)
 Yoshio Kawabata ~ May 29, 1981 (65)
 Richard Shinichi Kiyuna ~ May 17, 1987 (69)
 Edward Masami Kuwana~May 24, 2006 (79)
 Henry Hiroshi Kuwana ~ May 31, 2003 (83)
 Mrs. Kameyo Kuwaye ~ May 13, 2013 (90)
 Matthew Masao Asato Laroya ~ May 8, 2021 (33)
 Shizuko Maeda ~ May 24, 2000 (65)
 Alice Hatsuko Makishi ~ May 29, 2001 (89)
 Ichiro Bert Minehira ~ May 12, 2001 (83)
 Walter Takashi Miyashiro ~ May 24, 2013 (78)
 Ushi Miyashiro ~ May 3, 1997 (103)
 Zenan Miyashiro ~ May 24, 2004 (90)
 Matsu Nagamine ~ May 8, 2012 (102)
 James Isao Nagamine ~ May 9, 2013 (84)
 Ryozen Alfred Nakama ~ May 11, 2004 (90)
 Iku Nakamura ~ May 16, 2010 (94)
 Haruko Nakasone ~ May 8, 2015 (95)
 Jane Kiyono Nakasone ~ May 7, 2014 (89)
 Jisuke Nishihara ~ May 16, 2006 (99)
 Matsu Ogimi ~ May 2, 1997 (97)
 Chotaro Ogimi ~ May 22, 2013 (91)
 Cyril Norio Okamoto ~ May 16, 2010 (79)
 Sakiko Okamoto ~ May 16, 2013 (98)
 Zenshi Okuma ~ May 28, 1995 (92)
 Herbert Onaga ~ May 23, 2014 (89)
 Tomiko Betty Onaga ~ May 16, 2001 (74)
 Mitsuko Osato ~ May 21, 2000 (79)
 Aileen Aiko Oshiro ~ May 6, 2017 (63)
 Brian Yoshinari Oshiro ~May 8, 2011 (44)
 Gregory Bunsei Oshiro ~ May 5, 2021 (68)
 Hatsuye Oshiro ~ May 4, 2017 (92)
 Kosei Oshiro ~ May 11, 2001 (85)
 Masako Oshiro ~ May 15, 2005 (92)
 Masao Oshiro ~ May 4, 2012 (78)
 Misao Oshiro ~ May 27, 2005 (90)
 Myrtle Yukiko Oshiro ~ May 9, 2014 (77)
 Setsuko Oshiro ~ May 26, 1999 (68)
 Sadako Shiira ~ May 21, 2003 (87)
 Harold Komei Shimabuku ~ May 18, 2006 (79)
 Amy Setsuko Shimabukuro ~ May 23, 1998 (58)
 Jane Kyoko Shimabukuro ~ May 1, 2017 (87)
 Shizue "Rose" Shimabukuro ~ May 24, 2009 (86)
 Jane Kyoko Shimabukuro ~ May 1, 2017 (87)
 Roy Tokusei Shimabukuro ~ May 4, 2009 (94)
 Sunko Shimabukuro ~ May 25, 2017 (96)
 Mrs. Uta Shimabukuro ~ May 14, 1990 (94)

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- Max Wayne Shinkawa ~ May 23, 2017 (71)
- Chieko Shinsato ~ May 25, 2010 (94)
- Chiyoko Shiroma ~ May 14, 2009 (97)
- John Saburo Taira ~ May 18, 1982 (81)
- George Hiromi Takara ~ May 23, 2004 (76)
- Shizu Tamanaha ~ May 12, 1999 (93)
- Stephen Shigenobu Tamayori ~ May 29, 2001 (82)
- Asayo Tengan ~ May 17, 2009 (91)
- Takeo Tengan ~ May 26, 2018 (93)
- Shigeru Teruya ~ May 13, 1999 (66)
- Taro Teruya ~ May 3, 1995 (89)
- Alice Masako Tokuda ~ May 7, 2018 (93)
- Hatsuyo Tokuda ~ May 8, 2006 (93)
- David Toma ~ May 3, 1998 (65)
- Ayako Aichan Tomita ~ May 3, 2009 (77)
- Nancy Kameko Toyama ~ May 8, 2009 (92)
- Liliane S. Tsuha ~ May 30, 2020 (78)
- George Tsuhako ~ May 17, 2007 (78)
- David Seiei Uechi ~ May 15, 2003 (77)

- Take Kana Uechi ~ May 13, 1999 (92)
- Ted Takeichi Uechi ~ May 14, 2007 (82)
- Shoichi Jonah Uehara ~ May 24, 2001 (80)
- Yukiko Uehara ~ May 11, 2004 (81)
- Shizuko Uezu ~ May 1, 2012 (93)
- Grant Michael Uyeshiro ~ May 11, 2006 (29)
- Eiji Watanabe ~ May 22, 2004 (78)
- Rev. Jikai Yamasato ~ May 27, 1990 (78)
- Doris Kikuye Yamashiro ~ May 18, 2016 (92)
- Kenji Yamashiro ~ May 1, 2012 (94)
- Shigeru Yamauchi ~ May 26, 2007 (96)
- Miyoko May Yokogawa ~ May 22, 2005 (87)
- Sharon Matsue Zaan Yonamine ~ May 12, 2011 (85)
- Haruko Zaa ~ May 22, 2005 (91)

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.

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IMO Richard Yokogawa (Shotsuki)

Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$299)

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Shima Piano Concert Donations at the Door
Anonymous

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**Shima Piano Concert Online
Donations**

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02/26/2023 Service\$164.00
03/05/2023 Service\$160.00
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**Thank you for your
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we need more of the Buddha-Dharma to inspire and guide us as a Sangha and one of our roles as the Sangha, not limited to ministers, is to create a connection to the Dharma for people. This is what will eventually connect to growing our membership. People are searching for a warm, harmonious, safe accepting place to belong where people are happy, empathetic, and joyous. Especially, as we come out of the Pandemic it is an important time to connect with others by sharing our Joy and Appreciation of the Nembutsu. It is essential, critical that we connect with more people. It is by connecting with more people that we can also address our declining membership. Thus, at this time, guided by our 2023 slogan “Sharing Joy Together,” I would like to ask all temples to create a membership committee or something similar to it, to address our declining membership. Further, I have brought to the attention of the State Ministers Association and the Ministerial Training Committee, our need to begin identifying and nurturing more individuals who can become ministers lay assistants or full-fledged overseas ministers. However, a committee can only do so much. The real work of connecting takes place at the temple level by each one of us. First, please let that Heart and Mind of True Entrusting being given by Amida Buddha blossom. Then, naturally, share your Joy and Appreciation of Dharma especially that of Namu Amida Butsu with others by living the life of a Nembutsu follower as shared by His Eminence Kojun Ohtani.

To conclude, to one and all, please know that your devotion, dedication, contributions and efforts are deeply appreciated and I express my deepest gratitude to you. Please join me in gassho/anjali and in awareness, joy and gratitude, join me to recite Namu Amida Butsu, The Buddha’s Name Which I Call in gratitude in response to Namu Amida Butsu, The Buddha’s Name Which Calls Me to entrust. Namu Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-

Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

Ministerial Assignment

Rev. Mieko Majima, currently serving at the Headquarters as the Office of Buddhist Education Assistant and Kapaa Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister, will be relieved from her current duties and assigned to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission as its full-time resident minister as of April 1, 2023.

Temples’ Anniversary Articles

Hongwanji International Center in Kyoto put together the HHMH Temples’ Anniversary articles on their website. You may visit their website https://international.hongwanji.or.jp/html/2302_1.html or read attached documents.

A Book Launch Conversation

The Institute of Buddhist of Buddhist Center in conjunction with the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies, announces a new book launching: “Grief, Translation, and the Wonder of Friendship: Conversation on ‘one long listening’ by Chenxing Han.

Lecture and discussion with coauthors Dr. Chenxing Han and Dr. Paula Arai. This is a “Dana” event and donations are welcome. Please follow the link : <https://www.buddhistinquiry.org/course/grief-translation-and-the-wonder-of-friendship/> for more information.

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (HST)

Place: Zoom

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PBA Artist Showcase

Pacific Buddhist Academy invites you to join us in showcasing student artwork! Visit us on-campus on April 6th, from 4 pm–7 pm to view work from classes like ceramics, acrylics, and jewelry making. We will also have a market filled with student, staff, and alumni small businesses. We hope to see you there! Visit us online for more information at: <https://pacificbuddhistacademy.org/student-life/artist-showcase>

Special Presentation of Jataka Tales

Following the Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day service at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2023, there will be a special presentation of Jataka Tales by Jeff Gere with a violinist Lesley Kline.

Jataka Tales are Buddhist Teaching Tales in which the Buddha appears as an animal with life lessons. In this delightful family-friendly performance, popular Oahu storyteller JEFF GERE tells these simple profound tales in his animated dramatic style, and with shadow puppets. Innovative violin wizard LESLEY KLINE adds her rich musical textures.

You can watch it as live presentation through the HBC YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/live/o-OU5-mwdow?feature=share>

For those who live on the Oahu Island, you can join the in-person event at Jodo Mission of Hawaii.

(1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu)

Save the Date

The date of the 2023 BSC Summer Session has been changed. Please mark your calendar.


Date & Time: June 5–9, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji (Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church)

Place: In person at the Buddhist Study Center and online via Zoom

Change the Date

Pacific Buddhist Academy Commencement Exercise is rescheduled on **Sunday May 7, 2023**, at Moanalua High School Performing Arts Center.



Join us in a celebration of achievement within PBA's fine arts program! Students will showcase work from following classes:

- Abstract Art
- Ceramics
- Drawing
- Jewelry Making
- Knitting
- Pastels
- Photography and Film


April 6, 2023
4 PM - 7 PM

Pacific Buddhist Academy
1754 Lusitana Street
Honolulu, HI 96815

Enjoy music from PBA's rock band and Jay Toyofuku on acoustic guitar. Shop a market of student, staff, and alumni-owned small businesses.

Our 6:00 program will include a retirement send off for beloved art teacher Wayne Takazono and student art awards ceremony.

Check out the market area for these items!



Kayla Akemi Macrame Welo Jewelry Wayne Takazono Art

Knot and Pot Ceramics Kurua Seam Clothing Pieper Toyama Book Signing

Verena Mellein Ceramics

Support PBA's economics class while supplies last!

- Keep it Juanhundred Mexican Food
- Cafe drinks
- Cozy Corner Self Care
- Baked goods
- Plants and crafts

Jikoen is following the CDC, State, and local guidelines; however, our office hours are not set. You can still call/ email us for questions or concerns:

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Office Hours

Jikoen's Office is staffed by volunteers and a part-time office assistant; therefore, regular office hours are not guaranteed.

Please call the office before planning to visit the temple or to make an appointment. Leave your name and contact number and we'll be happy to get back to you.

The office will be closed on State and Federal Holidays.

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

To visit the Nokotsudo, please call the office at 808-845-3422 at least **two days in advance** to make arrangements to open the Nokotsudo for you.

Emergency Ministerial Services

For emergency ministerial services, please contact Rev. Nishiyama at 808-754-3737.

Mahalo for your patience and understanding.

AmazonSmile Update

Jikoen Hongwanji Mission was issued a \$132.78 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2022.

The AmazonSmile program was discontinued on February 20, 2023.

Disbursements: In the upcoming months, eligible charities will receive up to 2 more payments:

- One payment in late April to early May for the funds accrued in Q1 2023 before the AmazonSmile program was discontinued.
- One final bonus payment in May that will be equivalent to an estimated 3 months of payments based on what the charity accrued in 2022.

We thank you very much for your support.

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