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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. 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 Jikoem office for access information.

Fri 3/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraiser Redemption Period begins (ends April 30th; details on page 12)
Sun 3/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Ohigan & Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa
Sat 3/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikoem BWA Luncheon Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Location: Jikoem Social Hall
Sun 3/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Social Hall • Genki Ball Making Activity (see page 11 for details) Time: following service
Sun 3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay Speaker Sunday Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Bryan Horikami • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m., On Zoom • PBA Taiko Festival Time: 4:00 p.m., Location: Moanalua High School Auditorium
Mon, 3/18 thru Fri, 3/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lumbini Preschool Spring Break • Driveway Repair Work
Sun 3/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOEM
Sun 3/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Dharma Moments (FDM) — “Nembutsu Moments” Time: 9:00 a.m. • Deadline for Early Registration (\$250) for Triple Celebration

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGES

From Lois Toyama

“You are not alone.” Rev. Nishiyama often reminds us. As Pieper and I begin our term as co-presidents, I am very much heartened to find that this is true. Jikoen’s past presidents and volunteers are continuing to work together to ensure that activities and programs continue during this transition.

“You are not alone.” I’m amazed and very appreciative that every person we asked to serve on a committee has agreed to do so. Jikoen is indeed a special place. It is especially encouraging that some of our younger members have agreed to step into leadership roles. That bodes well for our future.

I’m looking forward to working with the members and friends of Jikoen to support the temple and to develop new programs that will meet the needs of our community. As Pieper said, if you have ideas that you think would benefit our members, let us know!

From Pieper Toyama

They say the Year of the Dragon will bring change, regeneration and innovation. This might be particularly true for Jikoen as the recent change in the By-Laws that allows Co-Presidents, certainly opens the door for potential innovation. When Lois and I talked about accepting the nomination, we were very much aware of this door and we were excited to walk through it.

We both realize that innovation and regeneration will be challenging as our temple grows smaller. But we also realize that there are members who willing to step up into new roles and responsibilities with energy and enthusiasm. This willingness of members to engage minimizes the issue of size and fills us with optimism.

During our term as Co-Presidents, we are setting as our goals the following:

1. Continue to create a joyful Jikoen by encouraging all to participate in all facets of temple life, from Sunday Services, to Social Events, to Fundraising Events, to Educational Activities.
2. Increase efficiencies so temple operations can continue with fewer hands.
3. Create a welcoming space for those who seek friendship and spiritual comfort.
4. Sustain the comforting and supporting heart of Namo Amida Butsu in our lives.

The first step towards our goals is to look at what we have and to listen to your ideas, for the energy of regeneration must come from the hearts, hands, and minds of temple members like yourselves. Please join us.

INTER-TEMPLE NEWS

112th Legislative Assembly of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Delegates and observers from Jodo Shinshu temples around the state convened in Honolulu and online via Zoom on February 9-10, 2024, for the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s 112th Legislative Assembly, or Giseikai. The delegates took part in business matters, such as discussing and approving the 2024 budget and passing resolutions, and benefited from presentations on fundraising, Pacific Buddhist Academy, the Lahaina wildfire disaster, Jr. YBA, and other topics.

At the business meetings, delegates considered and voted on several resolutions. There was significant discussion about the 2024 subsidy for Pacific Buddhist Academy. After discussion, a decision about whether to renew

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PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY
March 17, 2024
YARAMAIKA! GO FOR IT!
18th ANNUAL TAIKO FESTIVAL

4:00 PM
MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
PURCHASE TICKETS AT:
<https://pacificbuddhistacademy.org/giving/taiko-festival>

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the subsidy and where the funds would come from was delegated to the board of directors.

Another budget-related matter was whether to forgive Lahaina Hongwanji's annual assessments for the second half of 2023 and the full calendar years of 2024, 2025, and 2026 in the aftermath of the wildfire disaster. After discussion, it was decided that Lahaina's assessment would be forgiven, but that the funding would not be from increasing assessments on other temples. The matter was delegated to the board to determine the source of funds.

In a Friday afternoon presentation, Rev. Ai Hironaka shared dramatic photos and videos of the Lahaina fire and the post-fire condition of Lahaina Hongwanji. He emphasized the importance of having the Office of the Bishop and a Business Manager in getting immediate support to Lahaina members after the fire.

As is tradition, on the evening prior to the Legislative Assembly, some delegates and observers gathered for a "rap session" to discuss a topic of interest to temple sanghas. At this year's Rap Session, Dr. Jeff Wilson spoke via Zoom from Waterloo, Ontario. (For our younger readers, "rap session" is an old-school term for getting together to talk story, not an event where we attempt to express ourselves through hip-hop music.)

The theme was "Engaged Buddhism for Engaging Youth." Dr. Wilson related this list of what he understands young people "want" in their lives: 1) peer support; 2) to be a part of a peer group; 3) connections to older people in the form of mentorship; 4) independence; and 5) making a difference in the lives of others.

Dr. Wilson suggested that when planning activities for young people, leaders should take these "wants" into consideration.

Annual Reconciliation Interfaith Service Honors Hawaiian Allies of Religious Tolerance

The 2024 Queen Lili'uokalani Ho'oku'ikahi Reconciliation Interfaith Service was hosted by Honpa Hongwanji on January 19, honoring Mary Mikahala Foster, known as the first Kānaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) Buddhist and benefactor of much of the land of which the Betsuin, PBA and so forth continues to thrive generations later. It was very enheartening to see Hawaiian protocol and so many different religious traditions including all the historical churches of Hawai'i together at Honpa Hongwanji, harmoniously join in an united acknowledgement of



historical injustice that has dispossessed the Hawaiian people, as well as indebtedness towards the example of Queen Lili'uokalani, who attended a Gotan-Ē service in 1902 to demonstrate her solidarity for Christian religious tolerance in the Lāhui (Nation) that was under attack.

The varied program included chanting and praying together, as well as apology statements by the Methodist and UCC churches. One of the many artistic highlights was a historical re-enactment of an issei plantation worker, inspired by periodical records by actor Shiro Kawai, who had marched from an afar plantation to help defend the Hawaiian nation from the illegal U.S. overthrow, due to the Queen's constitutional protection of otherwise disabused plantation workers, and the maltreatment of Asian immigrants in America.

Triple Celebration

On September 7 and 8 of this year, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is preparing to celebrate three significant events in Jodo Shinshu history:

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1. The 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth
2. The 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teachings
3. The 135th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

The Celebration Planning Committee announced these events for the two-day celebration that will take place at the Ala Moana Hotel.

Saturday, September 7, 2024

- 10:00 am – 11:00 am: Opening Service (Shin Gohonden Saho in commemoration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth & 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching)
- 11:15 am – 12:15 pm: Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji works as a part-time minister at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church in Union City, CA. In addition, he is an assistant professor at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, California.

- 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm: Workshops

Sunday, September 8, 2024

- 9:00 am – 10:00 am HHMH 135th Anniversary Commemorative Service
- 10:15 am – 11:30 am: Panel Discussion "Sharing of the Joy of Nembutsu Together"
- 11:30 am – 12:00 pm: Closing

Workshops

- *Significance of the Establishment of Jodo Shinshu Tradition and Doctrine* – Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara
- *History of Hawaii Kyodan* – Archives Committee
- *Compassion in Action: Shin Buddhist Social Engagement* – Social Concerns Committee
- *Sharing the Joy of Nembutsu Together: Our Living Heart of Gratitude* – Green Hongwanji Initiative Committee
- *The Giving Gratitude Tree* – Dharma School

Interested in Attending? Please email the Jikoen Office and leave your name. The Office will contact you with registration details.

George Takei Reflects on Buddhism, Compassion & Social Justice

Legendary actor George Takei spoke at Honpa Hongwanji on February 18 as a Dharma talk special guest and for a PBA fundraiser. Takei became famous as a pioneering Asian-American actor as well as a champion for human rights, both for redress for internment survivors and compassion on sexual orientation. Takei courageously became public with his own orientation after the California governor vetoed marriage equality in 2005.

Takei shared his experiences as a child enduring life in concentration camps for Americans of Japanese and Okinawan ancestry (JAs) for the Day of Remembrance of the racist hysteria manifest in Executive Order 9066, just months after the Imperial Japan bombing of military targets in the Hawaiian Islands 78 years ago. He described how JAs were radicalized for justice after efforts to enlist immediately after the Pearl Harbor campaign, were met instead with racism and bayonets forcing them from homes and businesses into prisons in ungodly climates surrounded by barbed-wire, machine guns and tanks, and were forced to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

It wasn't until a labor shortage prompted the U.S. government to rethink its hasty policy, and enabled JAs to fight for the government imprisoning their families back home and eventually rescind the pointless order which released JAs to start over in some of the most abhorrent conditions including continued racism. Takei described the shame that kept JAs silent for many years about this injustice was not theirs, but that of the nation's, and a testament and mandate for collective participation for a just social order that Takei said the pioneering show Star Trek represented as a multiethnic democratic experiment the U.S.A. represents. For Takei, the Day of Remembrance isn't so much about remembering a historic event in the past, but a remembering of historical lessons for matters in the present, which Takei pointed out is in jeopardy once again.

At a Dharma talk televised at Jikoen, Takei shared a Buddhist lesson he received about how human egos are like white caps of momentary waves that mistakenly think we're "individuals" separate from the ocean and all the many causes and conditions that creates impermanent waves. Takei emphasized the importance of engaging our lives while we have them, and that social change for the realization of compassionate justice will not come for those waiting, but rather demands our engagement to be the change. Recipient of many awards, Takei exemplifies the interdependent intersections between civil rights, LGTBQIA+ equality, civic engagement and Buddhist compassionate wisdom.

Update on Watermain Break Damage

In December 2023, a 16-inch water main pipe burst on North School Street, fronting Jikoen Hongwanji's driveway. Water flooded the social hall and caused significant damage to the driveway and parking lot. After the hall was inspected, we were fortunate that no damage was found to the structure or to the performance stage. Professionals that were contracted by the temple's insurance company cleaned the hall in time for our Shinnen Enkai New Year's luncheon at the end of January 2024.

The Board of Water Supply will contract work to repair the driveway area sometime during Spring Break, March 18 to 22, 2024. Lumbini Preschool will be on their break. The specific date(s) of the driveway repair will be announced when it's confirmed.

The repaving of the parking lot will be done during the summer months of 2024.

Highlights of the February JBOD Meeting

Jikoen Board

- *New JBOD, Advisors and Friends* – Pieper and Lois Toyama, newly elected co-presidents of Jikoen Hongwanji Mission, presided over the first board meeting of their two-year term on February 18, 2024. They shared their vision and goals for the board.
- *Water Main Repair Work* – The board has been updated on the repaving of our parking lot. We are grateful to Island Insurance for their exceptional service.
- *Seattle Betsuin Arson Restoration Fund* – The board approved collecting donations for the fire damages at Seattle Betsuin. Over \$1,700.00 was collected at Jikoen's General Membership Meeting and New Year's Celebration on January 28, 2024.

Minister's Assignments

- Reverend Fujimoto will be assigned to Moiliili Hongwanji temple on March 1, 2024.

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2024 Jikoen BAZAAR

- Mark your calendars for Saturday, **April 13 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon**. In addition to an array of donated items, we will be selling maki sushi, takuan, andagi and baked goods.
- Additional parking will be available at Kapalama Elementary School.
- We welcome the following donations: *gently used clothing, linen, kitchenware, crafts, handbags, plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables.*
- Beginning March 18th, you may drop off items at the Social Hall between 8:30 am. to noon on weekdays (Monday-Friday). Call the office – (808) 845-3422 – before dropping off to be sure someone is available to receive items.
- We appreciate any volunteers willing to help with set-up from April 8th to 12th. Don't miss this opportunity to work and socialize with our wonderful Jikoen members and friends! It's fun!!
- While we need donations for the bazaar, we CANNOT ACCEPT the following items. Please carefully review the list below and DO NOT BRING:
 - ⊗ Books (hard copy, paperback, encyclopedias), magazines, sheet music
 - ⊗ CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes, vinyl records
 - ⊗ Sporting goods – equipment, sport bags
 - ⊗ Luggage – suitcases of any size, duffel bags, overnight bags, etc.
 - ⊗ Audio/visual items – televisions, radios, record players, CD-DVD players, speakers, etc.
 - ⊗ Computers/laptops and accessories (monitors, keyboards, printers, etc.)
 - ⊗ Major appliances/equipment – stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, water heaters, fax machines, copy machines, vacuum cleaners, exercise machines
 - ⊗ Lighting fixtures, Halogen lamps, fluorescent light bulbs
 - ⊗ Office/home furnishings – metal desks, cabinets, mattresses, bed frames, etc.
 - ⊗ Hazardous waste materials – chemicals, paints, poisons, oils
 - ⊗ Infant/toddler/child car seats, cribs, strollers, walkers, high chairs, swings
 - ⊗ Medical aid equipment – shower seats, wheelchairs, bed pans, commodes, etc.



We appreciate any help you can provide with this bazaar and look forward to seeing you.

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- Reverend Kalu will be assigned to Mililani Hongwanji temple part-time as he continues to work at the Bishops office.
- Reverend Sumikawa will voluntarily advise Reverend Barbara Brennen at the Kailua Buddhist Church.

Events

- *Nabeya Maido Fundraiser* – Thank you for supporting Jikoen's fundraiser. Redemption is from March 1 to April 30, 2024.
- *JBWA Luncheon* – Co-chairs Jean Oshiro and June Nakamasu are working hard on a wonderful luncheon at our social hall on March 9, 2024.
- *Jikoen Annual Bazaar* – Our bazaar will be held on April 13, 2024. More information about donations will be forthcoming.

Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers

On January 28, 2024, Jikoen held its annual meeting and election of officers. Rev. Nishiyama installed the following members to a two-year term on the Board of Directors:

2024-2025 Jikoen Board of Directors

President (Co-Presidents)

Lois Toyama and Pieper Toyama

Vice Presidents

John Toguchi, Eric Yosemite, Pete Doktor

Secretary

Terry Jean Arakaki

Assistant Secretary

Claire Uehara

Treasurer

Wayne Toma

Assistant Treasurers

Joyce Colotario, June Nakamasu

Auditors

Ed Hanashiro, Ai Ogata

Directors

Norman Kaneshiro, Marcie Moribe, Mernie Miyasato-Crawford, Myrna Nishihara, Jaryd Oshiro, Chase Urasaki, JoAnn Yosemite

Advisers

Jon Itomura, Colbert Matsumoto, Doris Oshiro

Ex-officio Members (non-elected)

Resident Minister: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

Pre-School Director (non-voting): Suzue Nishiyama

Friends of Jikoen (non-voting):

Earl Kita, Esther Kita, Lawson Kita, Brandon Ing, Collin Hoo

Jikoen Shinnen Enkai

Jikoen swung open the doors of the Okinawa Memorial Hall on January 28, 2024 to celebrate the new year with food, song, and dance. For this wonderful gathering, we thank **Pete Doktor** – MC; **Norman Kaneshiro** – Sound System; **Dorene Toma** – Chairperson in charge of all the small and big stuff; **Jean Oshiro and Judy Muramoto** – Door Prizes; **June Nakamasu, Amy Saito & JoAnn Yosemite** – Reception Table; Esther Kita – Buffet Line; **Eric Yosemite** – Parking; **Suzie Nishiyama** – Leis; **John Toguchi and Rev. Nishiyama** – Communications and Gifts; **Jimmy Toma** – Beverages, Kitchen, and everything else.

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WHITE WAY RADIO

Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji's Weekly
Dharma Message

⚡ **Saturdays at 7:45 am – 8:00 am on KZOO AM1210 or Spectrum 888 KZOO Radio**

⚡ Weekly messages go to www.moililihongwanji.org

March 2024

- **02 Rev. Yuika Hasebe**
- **09 Rev. Kazunori Takahashi**
- **16 Rev. Shigenori Makino**
- **23 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto**
- **30 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio**

⚡ 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 Hawai'i Betsuin and are archived on their website

⚡ Your donation to Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji will be greatly appreciated to help support the White Way Radio broadcasts.

Jikoen Shinnen Enkai 2024



(1) MC Pete Doktor warmly connected the audience with every performance.

(2) Marcie, Kaycie and Ann Moribe performed the traditional Okinawan folk dance, “Timatu.” It is a love story about a government official and a lovely maiden who lived in the Tiima district in Northern Okinawa.

(3) Keith Oshiro opened with “Bashin Tui” (The flight of the eagle). This dance describes the flight of the majestic eagle in the New Year sky.

(4) Special guest singer all the way from Kyushu, Subarashi Shindo, shared his heart-felt rendering of Nada Sou Sou. Women threw nearly \$100 at his feet in their excitement and appreciation of his velvet voice.

(5) Jikoen’s own Happy Harmonica Hooters blew us away. Sandy Toma led Kats Yamashiro, Masu Kino and Ken Nishihara in harmonica classics. The audience called for an encore and the Hooters offered Auld Lang Syne. Kats, Masu, and Ken are all in their 90’s.

(6) The talented trio, Keith Nakaganeku, Norman Kaneshiro, and Eric Wada treated Jikoen to soulful, traditional Uchinanchu music. Their rousing Kachashi music drew enthusiastic dancers to the floor.

(7) HOCA students and visiting students from Okinawa shared their talents and reminded us that Uchinanchu music is alive and well for another generation.

(8) Bishop Umitani and his wife, Yoshiko, danced kachashi for the first time. They loved it so much that the Board is considering making them honorary Uchinanchu.

(9) The PBA singing group, Oubaitori, led by Jay Toyofuku sensei, shared their renderings of sweet Uchinanchu songs such as Nada Sou Sou and Shima Uta.

(10) No Uchinanchu celebration is complete without the antics of the shishimai. Thanks to Hawaii Okinawa Creative Arts (HOCA), shishimai arrived in force. Little ones and big ones!

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 usually held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m., 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 April, 2024:

Thomas Amii - April 13, 2012 (81)
 Jinei Arakaki - April 25, 2020 (98)
 Kamesuke Arakaki - April 6, 1992 (88)
 Takemitsu Arakaki - April 25, 2016 (91)
 Eisuke Asato - April 22, 1996 (74)
 Tsuru Asato - April 4, 1990 (88)
 Ginei Bise - April 28, 1990 (80)
 Yoriko Daikoku - April 6, 2008 (85)
 Kenneth Shinso Dote - April 16, 2012 (77)
 Carol Hatsuyo Kaneshiro Espiritu - April 26, 2023 (76)
 Laura Shigeno Maeshiro Freeman - April 3, 2018 (88)
 Toshiko Fujita - April 27, 2015 (89)
 Yasuo Gushi - April 29, 2003 (91)
 George Isao Hieda - April 30, 2018 (90)
 Laura F. Hieda - April 13, 2020 (84)
 Katherine Matsui Higa - April 6, 1999 (86)
 Kazue Higa - April 3, 2010 (86)
 Maka Higa - April 1, 1992 (98)
 Miyeko Higa - April 10, 1999 (76)
 Mrs. Yoshi K. Higa - April 17, 2012 (81)
 Eiso Hokama - April 18, 2005 (82)
 Kame Ige - April 5, 1992 (90)
 Fusa Iha - April 24, 2008 (92)
 Harry Ishikawa - April 24, 2015 (75)
 Kiyoko Ishikawa - April 6, 2014 (98)
 Takashi "Rosa" Ito - April 7, 2021 (92)
 Eleanor Mitsue Itomura - April 10, 2013 (81)
 Lionel Jakahi - April 14, 2014 (71)
 Mrs. Kazumi Kaneshiro - April 28, 2013 (90)
 Kenneth Kiyoshi Kaneshiro - April 6, 2020 (90)
 Kikue Kaneshiro - April 7, 2016 (98)
 Mildred Kimie Kaneshiro - April 23, 2018 (103)
 Richard Tsutomu Kaneshiro - April 2, 2012 (76)
 Thomas Masaichi Kaneshiro - April 18, 2001 (73)
 Margaret Naomi Kawashima - April 16, 2015 (58)
 Hisashi Kikuchi - April 20, 2001 (85)
 Kazuko Kinjo - April 30, 2021 (90)
 Masao Kinjo - April 14, 2019 (90)
 Shizue Kino - April 30, 2015 (101)
 Chizuko Kishimoto - April 28, 2005 (92)

Shinichi Kiyabu - April 19, 1998 (68)
 Shizuko Kohagura - April 30, 2008 (92)
 James Yoshio Kotani - April 9, 2009 (78)
 Toshiko Kotani - April 9, 2001 (79)
 Muneo Machida - April 2, 2012 (64)
 Sadako Matayoshi - April 19, 2004 (84)
 Kenneth Katsuyoshi Matsumoto - April 23, 2020 (78)
 Chosei Maekawa - April 11, 2022 (92)
 Takemi Miyashiro - April 10, 2020 (92)
 Tatsuko Miyasato - April 27, 2017 (94)
 Shigeeko Kiyabu Nakahara - April 3, 2016 (96)
 Fukuo Nakai - April 5, 2016 (90)
 Kyoko Nakama - April 18, 2000 (97)
 Clara Mieko Nakasone - April 1, 2019 (98)
 Nobushige Nakasone - April 8, 2003 (91)
 Beatrice Kimiko Higa Nishizawa - April 12, 2015 (94)
 June Hatsue Oganeku - April 26, 2021 (88)
 Kikuye Okuhara - April 9, 2020 (97)
 Henry Oshiro - April 15, 2013 (91)
 Jeanette Misaye Oshiro - April 30, 2019 (73)
 James Seiei Oshiro - April 12, 2003 (78)
 Kosuke Oshiro - April 19, 1999 (94)
 Lillian Yukie Oshiro - April 14, 2022 (81)
 Russell Kazuyoshi Oshiro - April 29, 1992 (43)
 Sadako Beatrice Oshiro - April 22, 2023 (97)
 Michael Saito - April 10, 2010 (66)
 Seitaro Sakihara - April 12, 1990 (74)
 Akira Sakima - April 6, 2007 (88)
 Aaron Sunao Shimabukuro - April 13, 2021 (70)
 Shoyei Shimabukuro - April 25, 1992 (98)
 Tsuruko Shimabukuro - April 20, 2008 (80)
 Yoshiko Shinsato - April 4, 2013 (89)
 Derek Ichiro Shiroma - April 27, 2019 (57)
 Dr. Teitsu Shiota, Jr. - April 15, 2017 (75)
 Kikuyo O. Sueyoshi - April 19, 2021 (89)
 Yasuo Takamiya - April 27, 2012 (76)
 Warren Seizen Tamanaha - April 11, 1990 (64)
 Matsu Tamashiro - April 15, 1990 (92)
 Rose Tokie Tamashiro - April 25, 2013 (84)
 Hiroshi Tamayori - April 2, 2011 (94)
 Chiyoko Jean Tamayoshi - April 18, 2008 (83)
 Doris Miyome Tanaka - April 4, 2018 (100)
 Tom Tomotaro Tasato - April 29, 2011 (87)
 Dora Mitsue Tengan - April 21, 2009 (84)
 Jared Makana Isamu Teruya - April 7, 2013 (12)
 Chiyo Tokuda - April 17, 2008 (87)
 Yoshiko Toma - April 23, 2013 (90)
 Edward Kiyoshi Tomasu - April 14, 2014 (71)
 Eric Matsuyoshi Toyama - April 9, 2023 (64)

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You are invited to

Hawaii Betsuin's Spring Higan Talk Story with Rev. Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka

Followed by Potluck lunch
& Triple Celebration Lecture Series Watch party



Date	March 16, 2024 (Saturday)
Place	Hawaii Betsuin Annex Temple & Lounge
12:00PM-1:00PM	Talk Story with Rev. Tomioka (Hybrid)
1:00PM-2:00PM	Potluck Lunch
2:00PM-3:30PM	Triple Celebration Watch party

Lecturer: Prof. Eisho Nasu

“Significance of establishment of Jodo Shinshu Tradition”



Please register from the link below or via QR code.

Registration deadline is March 10.

<https://forms.gle/uTxB1pseqAuQuQkP7>



Rev. Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka

Born Shimane., Japan.

Majored in Intercultural Communication at Ryukoku University and received M.A literature Shin Buddhism.

Ministerial Assignments:

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple over-seeing Pahala and Naalehu Hongwanji.

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The gifted performers treated us to a wonderful array of music and dance that touched our Uchinanchu souls. Please look at the photos of the event carefully and you will be able to again appreciate their talent. (see page 7 for photo spread)

Genki Ball-Making Activity

How often do you get to make mud balls these days? The Jikoen Ohana is holding a Genki Ball making event on Sunday, March 10th as one of our Family Dharma Moment (FDM) Sunday services. This is your chance to literally get your hands dirty.

Genki Balls are a mixture of soil, rice bran, and molasses formed into balls that are used to deliver a mix of microorganisms to help clean bodies of waters like the Ala Wai Canal. The microorganism mix was developed by an Uchinanchu professor, Dr. Teruo Higa.

This is the first of a two-part FDM that is also a community service project. The second yet to be scheduled part will be tossing the balls into the Ala Wai Canal together with other groups from the community.

We will start at 9:00 a.m. with an abbreviated Sunday

service in the social hall and “roll” into making Genki Balls. Disposable gloves and aprons will be provided but please come dressed for mud ball making.

Sharing Nembutsu Moments by Lois Toyama

This photo captures a Nembutsu Moment that I had at Shinnenkai. Rev. Nishiyama and Jikoen BWA President Dorene Toma spontaneously joined in singing Nada Sou Sou as the Pacific Buddhist Academy band played and sang the song on stage. Look at the joy on their faces!




Let’s be aware of these moments as they happen to us, whether at Jikoen, at home, out in nature, or at work. The more aware we are, the more Nembutsu Moments we’ll see.

We’d like to have a Nembutsu Moments corner in every newsletter this year. If you have an experience that causes you to say, “Namu Amida Butsu,” snap a photo with your phone. Send it to lois_toyama@yahoo.com along with a short description, and we’ll put as many as we can into the newsletters.

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DR. MATSUMOTO



YOUTUBE VIDEO IS AVAILABLE

What is Pure Land Buddhism?

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Significance of establishment of Jodo Shinshu Tradition


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MARCH 16, 2 PM
PROF. EISHO NASU

APRIL 13, 10 AM
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