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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 Jikoen office for access information.

Mon, 4/1 thru Tue, 4/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nabeya Maido Ramen Bowl Fundraiser Redemption Period continues (ends April 30)
Sun 4/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE at Jikoen due to the HBC Combined Bodhi Day Service • Set-up for Bazaar at Jikoen Social Hall
Mon, 4/8 thru Fri, 4/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set-up for Bazaar at Jikoen Social Hall Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sat 4/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikoen Bazaar Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Location: Jikoen Social Hall • Online Buddhist Education Series: Rev. Mutsumi Wondra on Kyogoshinsho: Teaching (see page 2 for details)
Sun 4/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikoen Hanamatsuri & Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Jon Matsuoka
Mon 4/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YESS Camp sign-up due (see QR Code on flyer on page 3)
Sun 4/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Service by JBWA Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Joanne Kealoha
Sun 4/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service to be conducted by Honolulu United Jr. YBA Time: 9:00 a.m.
Fri 5/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lumbini Preschool 60th Anniversary and May Day Program Time: 9:00 a.m. (School ends at 11:30 a.m.)
Sun 5/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoonko & Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Sol Kalu

INTER-TEMPLE NEWS

Triple Celebration Early Registration Deadline Extension

We are pleased to inform you that we will extend the Triple Celebration early registration deadline to *April 30, 2024*.

Please register for the Triple Celebration and let's celebrate this joyous occasion together.

We are offering two types of registration methods:

- (1) *The first is online registration and payment. Please go to the following link and fill out the registration form:*
<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/triple-celebration/>
 - (2) *The second is a paper registration form. Please fill out the form and mail it to H.Q. with a check.*
- The early registration deadline is April 30, 2024 and the registration fee is \$250.
 - The late registration deadline is July 31, 2024 and the registration fee is \$300.
 - The youth registration deadline is July 31, 2024 and registration fee is \$150 for those 25 years old or younger.
 - The registration cost includes one breakfast, one lunch banquet, services, workshops, and panel discussion.
 - We will provide a \$200 subsidy per person for neighbor

island participants.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email triple.celebration@honpahi.org or contact H.Q.

TEMPLE NEWS

Highlights from the March JBOD Meeting

Jikoen Board

- *Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Triple Celebration, September 7-8, 2024* – The board approved sponsoring \$5,000 to the celebration, subsidizing \$125 per participant for their registration fee, and subsidizing 100% of Reverend Nishiyama's registration fee.
- *Repairs* – The board approved \$37,000 for Lumbini Preschool repairs including the outdoor sinks, door replacements, and other miscellaneous repairs.

Hondo

- *Chairs* – The Toyama Family is funding the reupholstering of more chairs in memory of Happy Toyama.

Lumbini Preschool

- *May Day Program & 60th Anniversary Celebration,*

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HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII
TRIPLE CELEBRATION

ONLINE BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES



Scan to
register

APRIL 13, 10 AM
REV. MUTSUMI WONDRA

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**Kyogyoshinsho:
Teaching**

**Kyogyoshinsho:
Practice**

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MAY 18, 10 AM
REV. YUKI SUGAHARA



850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth
800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching
135th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii



Last year's recipients were Project Dana, a perpetual recipient, Adult Friends for Youth, in its final 3rd year, We Are Oceania, 2nd year, and two 1st year recipients, the Honolulu Police Community Foundation, and Project Hawaii, Inc.

In addition, one-time awards of \$1,000 each were awarded to four other non-profit organizations, Genki Ala Wai Project, Kids Hurt Too, Ma'i Movement Hawaii and

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Ellen Sakaye Miyashiro, 91, of Honolulu, passed away on December 25, 2023. She is survived by daughters, Laura Miyashiro and Cathy Miyashiro.

Annie Sumie "Sumi" Shimabukuro, 96, of Honolulu passed away on January 21, 2024. She was born in Amaulu Camp 4 in Hilo, Hawaii. Predeceased by parents Matsu and Matsu Higa; husband Samson Shimabukuro and sons Jay and Wes; siblings George Sanjiro (Kikue) Higa, Fumiko (Brian) Yoshimoto, Robert (Yoshiko) Higa, and Pat Sueko (Thomas) Shiroma. She is survived by her daughter Jill (Gary) Sugihara and 3 grandchildren.

She was a 1946 graduate of Farrington High School and retired from the Gas Company. She was a member of Gushikawa Shijin Kai, Jikoen Buddhist Women's Association (Fujinkai), Amaulu Club, and Hui O Laulima.

Yoshino Beatrice (Shiroma) Teruya, 103, of Honolulu, passed away in Honolulu on February 28, 2024. She was born in Kekaha, Kauai. Predeceased by her husband, Yukichi and granddaughter, Shannen-Leigh Namie Asato. She is survived by children: Linda K. Teruya (Darrell Asato), Iris M. Teruya, and Dexter Y. (Lori) Teruya; 7 grandchildren and a great-grandson. She was also a dedicated member of the Oroku Aza Jin Club.

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

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May 3, 2024 – Planning is underway for these events. More information will be forthcoming.

Events

- *Buddhist Study Center Spring Fair, April 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.* – Nurture you mind and body at the Spring Fair. Food booths, workshops, entertainment and various opportunities to learn about Buddhism will be offered. Parking at UH Manoa Lot 20. See flyer for more information.
- *Jikoen Annual Bazaar, April 13, 2024* – Please support our bazaar with donations as listed in the newsletter. Come and find that special treasure at our bazaar!
- *HHMH Triple Celebration* – Although the initial deadline for the celebration was March 31st, you may still attend the celebration held on September 7-8, 2024. Please contact Pieper or Lois Toyama if interested.

JBWA Dana Day

On February 11, 2024, JBWA held their annual JBWA Dana Day service. This service is a time to highlight and update our members about the Dana fund, a joint project of the Buddhist Women's Associations (BWA's) of Hawaii Betsuin, Moiliili Hongwanji, and Jikoen Hongwanji. They have been providing annual grants to non-profit organizations serving the elderly, women and children since 1965.

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Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii.

Finally, a \$3,000 donation was made to the Honpa Hongwanji Maui Wild Fire Fund earmarked for Lahaina Hongwanji.

Each year, the BWA's of the three (3) temples humbly ask their members and friends for monetary donations to continue the legacy of providing much needed assistance to organizations helping women, children, and the elderly.

We would like to acknowledge the donors for our 2024 Dana Fund in the amount of \$1,210:

Terry Jean Arakaki, Roy & Barbara Higa, Myrtle Hirayama, Grant Ito & JoAnn Yosemite, Masuo & Alice Kino, Morris & Ann Moribe, Judy Muramoto, Roy & June Nakamasu, Haruko Okita, Doris S. Oshiro, Ichiro & Amy Saito, James & Dorene Toma, Wayne & Sandy Toma, Pieper & Lois Toyama, & Janet Wakakuwa

Thank you for your generous donations. Namō Amida Butsu.

468 Mud Balls of Buddhist Values

When most think of Genki Balls, they think it's just to help the environment. Looking through a Buddhist lens, the balls tell us about interdependence and impermanence. And of course, there are Uchinanchu and Jikoen connections as well.

We invited Hiromichi Nago (Hiro) and the Genki Ala Wai Project to help us with our Genki Ball Family Dharma Moment. Hiro brought EM[®] to Hawaii, and EM[®] is an abbreviation for Effective Microorganisms[®] technology from Okinawa.

Hiro spent many years convincing regulators that EM[®] technology was safe and would help restore environmental balance to waterways like the Ala Wai canal. Making and tossing Genki balls has become one of the hottest events community groups and businesses take part in to positively change a small part of our environment.

A Jikoen Connection

Years before Hawaii heard about Genki Balls, Dr. Kenneth Kaneshiro, PhD, was championing taking care of the Ala Wai watershed and is part of a long-time Jikoen member family. Dr. Kaneshiro now heads the Hawaii Exemplary State Foundation under where the Genki Ala Wai Project nonprofit group is affiliated.



Lawson Kita, Judy Muramoto, Rev. Nishiyama, Doris Oshiro, and JoAnn Yosemite help the environment, live the Dharma, and have a (genki) ball at the same time.

Interdependence and Impermanence

The Waikiki we know today was once duck ponds and rice paddies. And even further back, the Makiki, Manoa and Palolo streams fed into a natural drainage basin before following into the ocean. How human "advancement" started to change things.

The Ala Wai Canal is not a natural water way and has become a depository for concentrated storm water and sediment from urbanization. The canal's design fails to transmit and dissipate the collected waters and deposits into the ocean. The causes and conditions from human advancement changed a balanced environment to imbalanced.

The Jikoen Ohana finally had its chance to have their Family Dharma Moment to make Genki Balls and play a part in improving conditions in the Ala Wai Canal. Nearly 50 members, families and friends took part in sifting, mixing, and forming 468 Genki Balls.

Making the Genki Balls was a true Nembutsu moment. Teams of six worked together to make perfect and imperfect mud balls of various sizes.

A Genki Ball tossing day will be scheduled and the Jikoen Ohana will have another moment to gather and deliver change to an area many times the size of each ball. In the water, the microorganisms will release from the mud ball and start to breakdown the sediment.

Data shows that in one area, the sediment layer was reduced from 23 inches to 3 inches. Water quality had significantly improved as well. The bottom of the canal became visible and marine life returned.

Get your arms ready and keep an eye out for the announcement of when the Jikoen Ohana will join other groups for a community Genki Ball tossing event. For

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now, the balls are curing and drying, waiting to do their work, and waiting for you to give them a toss.

JBWA Knows How to Party

At their Annual Luncheon on March 9, the members of Jikoan Buddhist Women's Association (JBWA) demonstrated their superior ability to party. Leading the charge was Jean Oshiro with her creativity, enthusiasm, and energy. She was supported by Terry Jean Arakaki, Sylvia Gushi, June Nakamasu, Suzie Nishiyama, Doris Oshiro, John Toguchi, James & Dorene Toma, Sandy Toma, JoAnn Yosemite, Marcie Moribe, Diane Kawakami, and Rose Yanagawa.

The events started with the honoring of the 21 JBWA members who were in their 90's. Their long and healthy lives are the best reasons for all to consider joining the JBWA. Think about it.

Activities then followed one after another along with fun and laughter. In keeping with the theme, "Days of Our Youth," we competed in Jan Ken Po with Kats Yamashiro taking the grand prize that equaled the total of \$1 collected from everyone attending. Losers went "fishing" for their consolation prizes. We competed in a paper airplane-making and flying contest. Then Bowling Teams were organized, and we went bowling at the Jikoan Bowling Lanes.

But wait, there's more. Roy Higa busted out old rock and roll tunes and we danced the Twist, Electric Slide, and some innovative rock and roll numbers led by Pieper Toyama. His Sprinkler/Lawnmower dance was a crowd pleaser. We even played Bingo and everyone won a prize! I love it when everyone wins. The day ended with some very good karaoke by the talented Barbara Higa and Dorene and Jimmy Toma.

You too can be a part of such joyous and fun company when you become a member of JBWA, which, by the way, is no longer a women only association.

Congratulations, Masuo Kino!!

Masuo Kino has completed all forty Great Aloha Runs. Joined in the latest run by eight family members from Hawaii and the Mainland, Masu, who will turn 95 this month, also has the honor of being the oldest finisher.

Masu's accomplishment was featured in a KHON

"Kupuna Life" segment recently. He said that he keeps in shape by walking three times a week either in his neighborhood or on a treadmill. He also enjoys working in his garden.

The Jikoan Ohana has been the beneficiary of his love of gardening, as Masu often brings his beautiful puakenikeni flowers to share with us and provides flowers for the altar as well. Not only does he garden at home, he can often be seen weeding, watering, and mowing the grounds of Jikoan.

Masu and his wife, Alice, have been married for sixty-eight years. Alice is a long-time JBWA member, and Masu served as temple treasurer and co-chair of the bazaar for decades. They have also been active participants in Project Dana.

Congratulations, Masu and Alice, and mahalo for all that you do for us and for the larger community.



Masuo Kino and his relatives from Los Angeles, Seattle, Philadelphia, and Florida at the 40th Great Aloha Run (photo credit: Pam Kino).

Welcome, Jr. YBA!!

On April twenty-eighth, the JrYBA will conduct the service at Jikoan Hongwanji. We are looking forward to having these young people, ages 12-23, perform all elements of the service. As we listen to the Dharma talk, we will learn more about what the JrYBA students do in their temples and in the community.

The Jikoan board is hoping to reactivate our Jikoan JrYBA Unit. We have several students in that age range who would benefit from participating in this group. They develop leadership skills, perform community service projects, and develop life-long friendships. Oh, and they have fun!!

We are asking everyone to attend this service to support and be inspired by these student leaders. If you are a

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parent or grandparent of a student in the 12-23 age range, please have them attend that day and come with them so that later you can discuss if this program will benefit your family.

Reflections on Huaka'i to Spiritual Wai'anae Sites

by Pete Doktor, SCC representative

As part of an effort to honor and revive interconnections between aboriginal Hawaiian and Buddhist settler communities in Hawai'i, the Honolulu Hongwanji Council and Mary Mikihala Foster Legacy Committee organized a *huaka'i*, or journey, of a spiritual tour of *Wahi Pana*, or sacred sites, along the Wai'anae coast with members from various temples including Jikoen, at the invite and guidance of Kahu Glen Kila, retired principal and lineal descendent from Wai'anae on March 15, 2024.

Among the sites visited included hearing the *mo'olelo*, or connections as stories behind various sites on the westside of O'ahu around Pō'ka'i Bay, Malaea (a traditional learning center), Kaneana Cave and Kane'ilio navigation site. Listening to the significance of various legends opened a sense of the sacred in places like Kaneana, a.k.a. Mākua Cave, a site that inspired Kānaka Maoli creation myths and religious protocol, later damaged by modernity from military use last century, and vandalism and illicit activities this century. One ongoing theme from Uncle Glen's tour was the urgency to re-cultivate respect as a community value, which he emphasized in the true sense of the word "respect," meaning "to see with fresh eyes." Regardless of past however, Uncle Glen was clear that anyone who call this place home now bares *kuleana*, an inherited responsibility, to take care of this 'āina, regardless of ethnicity.



Uncle Glen shared Wai'anae *mo'olelo* across generations such as how the community *kūpuna* consciously rejected industrial scale development decades ago to preserve the rural way of life that has served as a *pu'uhonua*, or place of refuge, which it continues to serve as a place for displaced Hawaiians across generations in colonized

Hawai'i. Stories are all that's left of former Okinawan and Japanese (that Kila unknowingly referred to as *Naichi*, an Okinawan reference, revealing their influence) plantation camps long gone, or the remnant cemetery that a handful of aging volunteers struggle to maintain from desecration. Hawaiian was the common language between these camps that lived together for generations before class would begin to separate these communities to different zip codes.

Our guide shared proverbial wisdom throughout the trip, such as the interconnectedness of all life expressed in Native Hawaiian proverbs and expressions. For example, Uncle Glen explained that the question "*O wai kou inoa?*" cannot simply be translated as "what is your name?" in English, but rather the literal translation, "*From which water you come (from)?*" acknowledging a connection one has to the land of one's birth, and water as this inseparable element from which we are also largely composed. Uncle referred to "human nature" as just "nature."

We wound down our journey with lunch at the Wai'anae

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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

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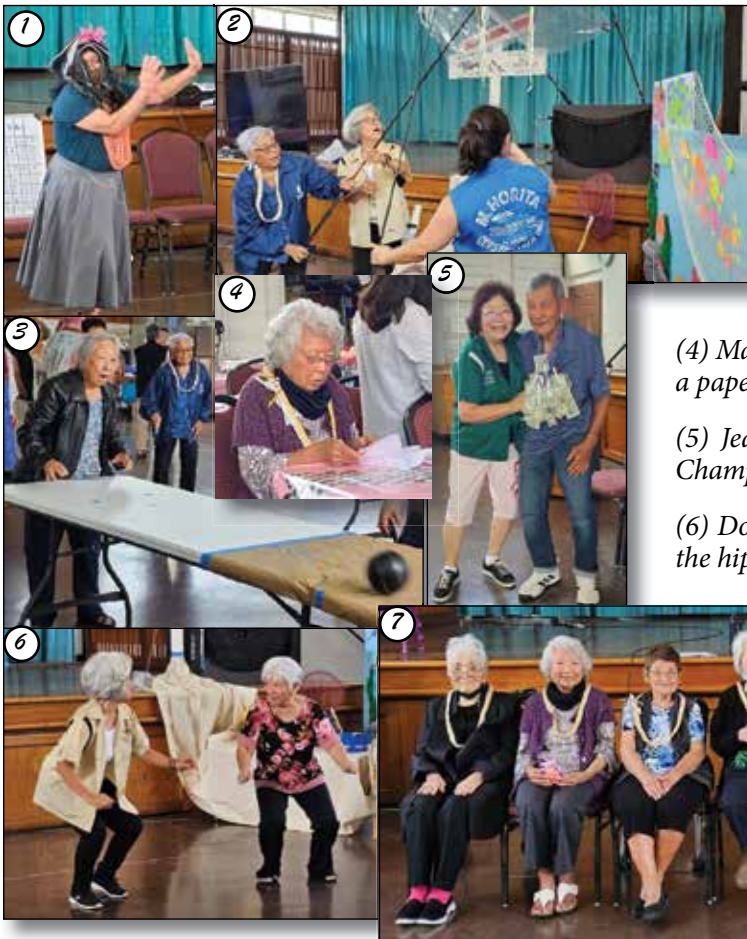
- 06 Bishop Tatsuya Aoki
- 13 Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara
- 20 Rev. Daido Baba
- 27 Dr. Jay Sakashita

✦ 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.

JBWA Luncheon 2024



(1) An unidentified Rock and Roll dancer stole the show with her seductive and athletic moves. Who was that beauty?!

(2) Karen Tamanaha, assisted by Doris Oshiro, fishing for her prize.

(3) Judy Matsumoto going for a strike at the Jikoen Bowling Lanes.

(4) Masako Oda busting her brain trying to remember how to make a paper airplane.

(5) Jean Oshiro congratulates Kats Yamashiro, 2024 Jan Ken Po Champion, adorned with his loot.

(6) Doris Oshiro and Diane Kawakami showing they still have all the hip moves in their upbeat rendition of the Twist.

(7) Jikoen women in their 90s (left to right):

- Lillian Gima
- Masako Oda
- Natsue Oshiro
- Sadako Oshiro
- Maizie Sakoda
- Karen Tamanaha
- Janet Wakakuwa

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Hongwanji, and listened to more stories from member and busy volunteer Roland Matsuda, including the challenges as an aging outpost temple. As a direct Wai‘anae descendent, Uncle Glen referred to what many refer to as “heiau,” or temple mounds built by later waves of Polynesians, as “*Ka‘a nani au*: sacred sites to manage the beauty of the season,” a beautiful way to see such religious spaces, and their relationship to community.

As we marveled over *Pōhaku ‘o La‘ila‘i*, a dragon-like deity that would be missed as pile of rocks to those unfamiliar with the mo‘olelo, or the god *Kanaloa* as a symbol of interdependence, I was compelled to bow and gashō deeply with reverence and gratitude, as I would leaving any temple. I left inspired knowing the Dharma was always here in Hawai‘i, it did not come here with Buddhists, but was always here available to those with awakened mind. We shared so many Nembutsu moments that day.

NEMBUTSU MOMENTS

Jikoen member Bryson Terazono shares a Nembutsu moment with his cat Alfred as they put their hands (and paws) together in Gassho in front of their butsudan.



Bryson explains, “That butsudan is actually from Jikoen. A few years back, I saved up some cash to buy my own—they can get pretty pricey. I remember one day after service, I mentioned to Sensei Nishiyama that Honpa was always out of stock at their bookstore. He said, “don't buy; please take this one for free.” So, I am really grateful for those occurrences, and especially now I can have a bit of Jikoen in my home.”

(Remember to send your Nembutsu Moment Photo to Lois_Toyama@yahoo.com.)

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 May, 2024:

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)
 Kevin Masao Hasegawa ~ May 4, 2023 (52)
 Dorothy Himeko Hieda ~ May 28, 2023 (98)
 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)
 Ushi Isa ~ May 29, 1992 (102)
 Yoshiko Ishimine ~ May 4, 2004 (87)
 Juliet Yukiko Jakahi ~ May 12, 2022 (85)
 Toshio Kajiura ~ May 25, 2012 (89)
 Rachel Tazuru Kamiya ~ May 24, 2000 (73)
 Deborah Yoshiko Kanayama ~ May 15, 2023 (62)
 Haruo Kanbe ~ May 26, 2012 (79)
 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)
 Hatsuyo Kaneshiro ~ May 5, 2000 (89)
 Hayako Kaneshiro ~ May 27, 2007 (91)
 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)
 Edward Masashi Kishimoto ~ May 16, 1992 (63)
 Richard Shinichi Kiyuna ~ May 17, 1987 (69)
 Yoshiko Kotani ~ May 28, 2008 (72)
 Sueko Kunishige ~ May 30, 2008 (97)
 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)
 Ushi Miyashiro ~ May 3, 1997 (103)
 Walter Takashi Miyashiro ~ May 24, 2013 (78)
 Zenan Miyashiro ~ May 24, 2004 (90)
 Naomi Moriyama ~ May 26, 2012 (67)
 Setsuko Muramoto ~ May 31, 1993 (70)
 James Isao Nagamine ~ May 9, 2013 (84)
 Matsu Nagamine ~ May 8, 2012 (102)
 Ryozen Alfred Nakama ~ May 11, 2004 (90)
 Iku Nakamura ~ May 16, 2010 (94)
 Shigeo Jane Nakamura ~ May 16, 2010 (94)
 Haruko Nakasone ~ May 8, 2016 (95)
 Jane Kiyono Nakasone ~ May 7, 2014 (89)
 Jisuke Nishihara ~ May 16, 2006 (99)
 Chotaro Ogimi ~ May 2, 1997 (97)
 Matsu Ogimi ~ May 2, 1997 (97)
 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)
 Kensaburo Oshiro ~ May 26, 2008 (94)
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IMO Joei & Clara Kikuye Irei

IMO Brian & Fumiko
Yoshimoto

Nabeya Maido Fundraiser
(\$1,000 - \$1,099)

Lumbini Preschool

Seattle Betsuin Fire Relief Fund

Miscellaneous (\$1 - \$99)

IMO Kamato Kaneshiro

IMO Masae Shinsato (Shotsuki)

Genki Ball event

Shotsuki

IMO Dr. Albert H. Miyasato

IMO Dickie Yokogawa
(Shotsuki)

Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$399)

IMO Takejiro Nakamasu
(Shotsuki)

IMO Hatsuko Kaneshiro
(Shotsuki)

IMO Yoshiko Maeshiro

(Shotsuki)

IMO Craig T. Oshiro (Shotsuki)

IMO Yoshiko Maeshiro
(Shotsuki)

IMO Hatsuko "Lillian"
Kaneshiro (Shotsuki)

Offertory

2/18/2024 Service\$134.00

2/25/2024 Service\$163.00

3/10/2024 Service\$183.00

Genki Ball event

**Thank you for your
generous support!**

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HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES (March, 2024)

Message From the Bishop Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

Within the HHMH Community, March 2 is widely recognized and celebrated as Hongwanji Day. The history of Hongwanji Temples in Hawaii began when Rev. Soryu Kagahi arrived in Honolulu on March 2, 1889, and established the foundation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Hawaii. This year marks the 135th Anniversary.

Many documents record the living conditions of the early Japanese immigrants in Hawaii. One worker at a plantation in Puunene on Maui said, "In those days, many Japanese people died by disease, and I was asked to bury them in the cemetery after my work. At that time, there were no temples and no ministers. So, I chanted the Shoshinge I had heard as a child." For the people of the time when there were no temples and no ministers, I believe that the Shoshinge chanted by this lay person must have quietly but surely reverberated through the lands of Hawaii and given peace of mind and courage to the people who left Japan and were living in Hawaii.

At that time, it seemed that there was not yet a strong

momentum for overseas propagation at Honzan. Still, when Rev. Kagahi learned about the harsh working and living conditions of Japanese immigrants in Hawaii, he was determined to cross the ocean on his initiative to spread the Light of the Buddha-Dharma.

"Kagahi was deeply touched by the difficulties of these immigrants living in a strange country, knowing neither Hawaiian nor English, lacking the support of a sangha, the sustenance of the dharma. It saddened him to think no priest was there to perform the reassuring Buddhist rituals that provide a spiritual rhythm to the natural flow of life and death. As he reflected on all this Soryu Kagahi made a personal commitment. He must propagate Jodoshinshu in Hawaii!" (From "A Grateful Past, A Promising Future")

There is no shortage of history when it comes to the Japanese immigrants and Jodo Shinshu in Hawaii. Through the untiring dedication of the successive ministers and lay followers, the Hongwanji temples steadily took root in Hawaii as 'abodes of Light and Love' (described by Bishop Imamura). Those who set foot in the abode of light and love entrusted themselves to the Light of Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha that illuminates all beings equally as if they were his only child, and lived their lives to the fullest in the face of adversity while reciting the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu.

Now, 135 years later, times and living conditions have

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changed dramatically. However, the Light of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion does not change. It always illuminates our hearts and minds, which are clouded by our own egos, and enables us to live a bright life that is embraced by the Light.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will observe the Triple Celebration on September 7 and 8 at the Ala Moana Hotel. I would like to invite everyone to join us in this commemorative event filled with the joy of Nembutsu. In deepest gratitude and appreciation to our Nembutsu predecessors whose names we cannot all mention but dedicated their lives to the growth and expansion of the HHMH and its temples and affiliated organizations, and with a grateful response to Amida Buddha's tireless calling, I recite Namu Amida Butsu.

Change of the Governing Board of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha


Honzan has announced the members of the new Governing Board of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha effective on March 11, 2024.

- 総長 荻野 昭裕 GOVERNOR GENERAL OGINO Shoyu
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- 総務 三好 慶祐 GOVERNOR MIYOSHI Keisuke
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in charge of International Department
- 副総務 加藤 尚史 VICE GOVERNOR KATO Shoshi
in charge of International Department
- 副総務 大河内 隆之 VICE GOVERNOR OKOCHI Ryushi

Condolences

Mrs. Florence Tomoe Sakae, a member of Makawao Hongwanji Mission, passed away on January 8, 2024. Mrs. Sakae served as the first female temple president (1987-1988) and president of Asoka Club (BWA) for more than 20 years. The Posthumous Title (INGO) of SHO-YO-IN 照曜院, which translates as "The one who illuminated with the light of compassion" in recognition of her life of Nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani on March 2, 2024.

Mrs. Fujiko Dochin, a member of Kamuela Hongwanji Mission, passed away on January 28, 2024. Mrs. Dochin worked hard and supported her temple for many years in various ways. The Posthumous Title (INGO) of MON-




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All you need to do is bring your ticket in and they'll exchange it for a bowl. The most important thing is that there are absolutely no exemptions for the grace period.

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SHIN-IN 聞信院, which translates as "The one who hears and entrusts oneself to Amida's Universal Vow" in recognition of her life of Nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani on March 16, 2024.

Rev. Charles Kenko Hasegawa, a retired minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away on March 16, 2024, in Stockton, California at the age of 84. Rev. Hasegawa's funeral service, co-officiated by the Buddhist Churches of America and the Buddhist Church of Stockton, will be held at the Buddhist Church of Stockton on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Hasegawa's funeral service will also be livestreamed on the Buddhist Church of Stockton's YouTube channel and can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@buddhistchurchofstockton9015>

Rev. Hasegawa became a Kaikyoshi Minister in March

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1974 and served the following temples:

April 1974 – October 1974
Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission (assistant)

October 1974 – June 1975
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

June 1975 – July 1978
Waimea Hongwanji

August 1978 – January 1981
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

January 1981 – February 1983
Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin

February 28, 1983
Resigned (transferred to BCA)

Rev. Hasegawa is survived by his wife, Mrs. Noriko Hasegawa (1964 Cottage Court, Stockton, CA 95207), stepmother Mrs. Atsuko Hasegawa, daughters, Eri (Micah) Furuyama and Aki (Brian) Zeck, and son, Jyotis Hasegawa (Britanie Grandinette), and grandchildren Keiden, Naya, and Christian.

It's Jikoen Bazaar Time!!

The bazaar is a wonderful opportunity to share Nembutsu Moments with our Dharma friends and to build our healthy Sangha. Don't miss out!!

Some dates to add to your calendar:

- **April 7th – No service at Jikoen. Bazaar set-up**

You can help move and set up tables

- **April 8th -12th – Bazaar Preparation**

You can drop off donated items from 8:30 a.m. to noon

Jewelry, clothing, linens, kitchenware, crafts, handbags, plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables

You can stay to help sort, display, and price sale items

- **April 13th – BAZAAR!**

You can park at Kapalama School

You can help to sell and pack items, collect scrips and money, answer questions.

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