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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 Jikoetsu office for access information.

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.), Location: Jikoetsu Social Hall
Sun 5/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gotan-e and Shotsuki Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. David Nakamoto
Tue 5/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YBICSE online application due
Sun 5/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Temple Hondo • Mother's Day
Fri 5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PBA Baccalaureate Service Time: 5:30 p.m., Location: Betsuin
Sun 5/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Temple Hondo • PBA Commencement Exercise Time: 11:00 a.m., Location: Moanalua HS Auditorium
Tue 5/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m., <i>On Zoom</i>
Fri 5/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lumbini Preschool Graduation Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Jikoetsu Social Hall
Sat, 5/25 thru Mon, 5/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YESS Camp Location: Buddhist Study Center
Sun 5/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha Family Service/Family Dharma Moments Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Temple Hondo

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Mon 5/27	• Memorial Day Observed (Office and Preschool closed)
Sun 6/2	• Shotsuki Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Temple Hondo

INTER-TEMPLE NEWS

YBICSE Is Back!!

The YBICSE (Young Buddhist International Cultural Exchange) which will be held on July 2-12, 2024.

YBICSE is a Hongwanji-sponsored educational trip to Japan. Participants will join others from the US Mainland, Canada, South America, and Japan to learn and experience Japanese culture. This is a special opportunity for Hawaii Buddhists to make and share Nembutsu Moments.

Applicants must be current 9th graders to age 25. They should be interested in and appreciate Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, be in good health, and must have a valid passport by May 31, 2024. Seven (7) delegates will be selected in May.

The registration fee for 2024 YBICSE is \$2,400. This includes travel from Honolulu International Airport to Japan but does not include inter-island travel to HNL. Personal spending money and some meals are not covered.

In addition to this online application form, you need to submit your profile, and reference from your resident minister and your temple member. All application materials must be received by May 7, 2024. Incomplete applications beginning May 8 will not be considered.

Application must be made online by May 7, 2024.

<https://forms.gle/aZ6N7gAnKGJGxiMP9>

Hongwanji Hosts Interfaith Community Town Hall & Iftar Dinner

Hawai'i Betsuin hosted a soulful interfaith community gathering of conscience and compassion-in-action in conjunction with the ACLU Hawai'i, a premier defender of civil rights, over dialog and Iftar dinner, a traditional meal partaken by Muslims at sundown to break their daily fast during their reflective season of Ramadan on April

2, 2024. Considering the place religion holds in violence around the world, it was inspiring to see different families of faith, including Buddhists, Christians, Jews, and Muslims fellowship together for peace and social justice within the context of each religion. A resounding theme across faiths and ethnicities was the dignity of each life and the collective aspiration for the ceasefire of war in Palestine out of our shared humanity.

Interconnectedness

Buddhism teaches us that we are all interconnected. This truth was made evident to us throughout the very busy month of April.

- On April 6th, the Buddhist Study Center invited Jikoen to have a booth at their Spring Festival. Our participation, along with that of many other Hongwanji temples, gave us opportunities to renew connections with many Oahu members.
- On April 13th, our Jikoen bazaar gave us physical evidence of interconnectedness as people dropped off donations. Some volunteers spent the week setting up displays of the items while others prepared food items for sale.
- On April 14th, Dr. Jon Matsuoka of Hawaii Betsuin was the guest speaker at our Hanamatsuri service.
- On April 21st, Our Eshinni and Kakushinni Day speaker was Joanne Kealoha, President of Moiliili Hongwanji.
- On April 28th, the Jr. YBA students of Honolulu led our service and shared information about their organization. They were supported by their advisor, Joy Nishida, of Windward Buddhist Temple.

When we recognize the generous support and aloha from so many we are filled with gratitude and can only say, "Namo Amida Butsu."

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Spring Festival

The Buddhist Study Center's Spring Festival was held on April 6, 2024. Jikoen participated with a food booth selling mini bentos lovingly made by **Dorene and Jimmy Toma** and ono-licious brownies by **Terry Jean Arakaki**. We also handed out Jikoen brochures and were able to make connections with people who stopped by our booth. It was a wonderful opportunity to see so many Hongwanji friends from around Oahu. We were fortunate to have four students from Japan who are studying at UH Manoa to help us in the Jikoen booth.

The program opened with a short service led by Bishop Umitani. Participants were then able to join workshop groups while others browsed the booths. Workshops included "Coping Skills" by Rev. David Nakamoto and Mel Hayase, "Yoga" by Lisa Yanagi, "Healthy Blue Zones Cooking" by Carolyn Uchiyama of Wahiwawa and our own **Barbara Higa**, and "Sustainable Living Using Bokashi" by Chikako Nago of EM Hawaii.

Temples and Oahu BWA had food booths, Hongwanji Bookstore had a booth featuring many children's books, and the Buddhist Education Committee handed out flyers, "Buddhism and Coming Out," promoting the inclusiveness of Jodo Shinshu where all are accepted. PBA taiko added excitement to the day with their energetic performance.

TEMPLE NEWS

2024 Jikoen Bazaar

Congratulations and Mahalo to **June Nakamasu, Dorene Toma, and Sandy Toma** for planning a very successful bazaar that took place on April 13, 2024. It takes over a week to collect donations, sort, display, and price items. Thanks to the volunteers who came every day to accomplish this huge task.

And the food for sale! There was a very long line to purchase food items such as our famous andagi, sushi, tsukemono, spam musubi, and baked goods. The tsukemono was prepared a week ahead of time, spam musubi was made by volunteers the morning of the bazaar, and the andagi team worked for hours preparing fresh andagi to the delight of our customers.

Mahalo to the many groups that helped with the Bazaar:

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Hatsue Gushiken, 103, passed away at home on November 14, 2023. Predeceased by husband Toshio, daughter Carole Ishimatsu and son-in-law Robert Yoshimura. She is survived by daughters Charlotte Yoshimura, Susan (Francis) Claveria; sons Thomas (Jeannie), Gary (Jane); 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Marilyn Yoshiko Kinjo, 79, passed away in Honolulu on September 21, 2023. She was born in Honolulu. Predeceased by husband Kiyoshi Kinjo. She is survived by son Mark E. Kinjo; daughter Tracee A. Kinjo (Troy Toyama); Grandchildren Mason Dasig and Kalyn Toyama; sister Susan Inouye and nephew, Reid Inouye.

Matsuo Momohara, 95, passed away in Honolulu on April 10, 2024. He was born in Laupāhoehoe, Hawai'i to the late Matsu and Kama Momohara. He is survived by wife Judy Chizuru Momohara, sons Dennis (Sandy), Gary (Aileen), Calvin (Coleen), daughter Karen (Ross) Sakuda, 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Jean Hatsue Sakumoto, 91, of 'Aiea passed away on November 16, 2023. She was born in Waipahu, Hawai'i.

Florence Fumiko Sueyoshi, 86, was born in Kalihi, Honolulu, Hawai'i. A graduate of Farrington High School, she passed away on January 8, 2024 in Los Angeles, California. She was predeceased by husband Thomas Sueyoshi and is survived by son, Stephen (Linda) Sueyoshi, granddaughter, Allison Sueyoshi, and siblings William, Víctor, Alice, and Carol.

Ethel Mitsue Teruya, 99, of Honolulu passed away at home on October 21, 2023. Born in Andrade Camp, Pepe'ekeo, Hawai'i to the late Sanra and Maushi Uyehara, she was predeceased by husband Wallace Takeshi Teruya (co-founder of Times Super Market and Teruya Brothers Ltd.) and son Raymond T. Teruya. She is survived by children Wayne (Sharon) Teruya, Rosemarie (Stephen) Love, Dexter T. (Valerie) Teruya, and daughter-in-law Diana Teruya, 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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

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Jikoen members
Jikoen Buddhist Women's Association
Hui O Laulima
Ukwanshin Kabudan
HOCA
HPD Explorers
Lanakila Okinawa Nenchoa Club
Friends of Jikoen

BAU - Born Again Uchinanchu Book Pre-order Update

If you have pre-ordered your BAU book through Jikoen Hongwanji, the book is now scheduled to debut sometime in the Fall of 2024. *The pre-ordered price at cost will be determined when the book is published.*

We will keep you informed of its progress. Mahalo for your patience and understanding.

Queen Maya dreamed entered her side before the birth of the Buddha.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Jon Matsuoka, used the occasion to speak about how the Hongwanji in Hawaii needs to experience a rebirth. He was direct in outlining what we must do now if the Hongwanji is to continue beyond the next ten years. He explained in clear terms that we need to open our doors to other groups who can find comfort in our teachings; that we need to apply our teachings to the real world through social action and community development. He concluded his inspiring talk by pointing out that our Buddhist teachings resonate with two groups and that we should consider reaching out to them. One group is the LBBTQ community and the other the Native Hawaiian community. Dr. Matsuoka offered sobering ideas for all who think about the future of Hongwanji in Hawaii.



(1) Andagi Team hard at work; (2) HPD Explorers helped direct traffic; (3) Toys R Us with Moribes and friends; (4) Spam musubi specialists on bazaar day; (5) JoAnn and Jayci setting up the treasures display; (6) Earl Kita's beautiful plants were a big seller

Hanamatsuri Reflection

Jikoen celebrated Hanamatsuri (the birth of the Buddha) on April 14 with a beautiful Hanamido. **Suzie Nishiyama** led the team of Moribe women who decorated the Hanamido and transformed it into a beautiful temple of flowers to house the statue of the baby Buddha. At Jikoen, the Hanamido is placed on a white elephant that

Ritual for Moment of Reflection at Sunday Services

Background:
We live in increasingly difficult times. Wars, violence, and misery have found their way into all the corners of the planet. As Buddhists, we may not be able to change the course of events immediately, but we all share the aspiration that humankind will awaken someday to this suffering and become the change we seek. If we cannot change the world right now, at least we can bear witness to what is happening and keep our aspiration burning brightly.

As Buddhists, we also recognize the many things,

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Jikoen Hongwanji Mission
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May 1, 2024

Dear Jikoen Ohana,

As we celebrate the Obon season, we take this time to remember our loved ones. We are giving families the opportunity to purchase Memorial Ribbon(s) to honor your departed loved one(s) and adorn the lanterns around the yagura. Ribbons will be available on a limited, first-come, first-served basis so make sure to get your request in on time.

Please mail your completed order form(s) and a “Memorial Ribbon Donation” of \$20.00 for each ribbon by **Friday, June 21, 2024**; check payable to: **Jikoen Hongwanji**. For more information, please contact the office at 808-845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com. Thank you!



In Gassho,

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, *Resident Minister*

2024 OBON MEMORIAL RIBBON Order Form

Please **PRINT** clearly. Mail order form and \$20.00 donation for each ribbon to Jikoen by **JUNE 21, 2024**. Please follow the character limits below. If you go over the limit, it will result in either a portion of the name being cut off or the name being printed very small. Your kokua is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

In Memory of

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Contact Name _____

Contact Phone _____ Email: _____

Address _____ City/St./Zip _____

Please mail your check and form to: **Jikoen Hongwanji 1731 N. School St. Honolulu HI 96819**

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people, and events in our lives and the world for which we are grateful. And we say Namō Amida Butsu in this recognition that we are not alone.

Ritual:

Once or twice each month, a member of Jikoen will introduce an event that has or is happening somewhere in the world that compels us to bear witness or express our gratitude. Rev. Nishiyama may invite a member or a member may volunteer. The person will select the event and introduce it in no more than two minutes at the start of Nembutsu Meditation. Following the introduction, Rev. Nishiyama will begin the Nembutsu Meditation.

Consider a Forever Gift of Gratitude

Many of us make weekly, monthly, or yearly donations to Jikoen. Our generosity is a gesture of our love and gratitude for Jikoen. With some planning, we can continue our gestures of generosity for generations to come. Even when we are no longer here, we can arrange for a stream

of donations to be made regularly for as long as there is a Jikoen. In this way we ensure that Jikoen thrives now and into the distant future.

- A Forever Gift of Gratitude can be designated in our will or trust.
- A Forever Gift of Gratitude can come from our retirement plan assets or our life insurance policy, by naming Jikoen as a partial beneficiary.

For more information on a Forever Gift of Gratitude, please leave a message at the Jikoen Office (808-845-3422) and Pieper Toyama will contact you.

The First of Nine Health Tips for a Happier and Healthier Life

TIP 1: We all know that being active is important. But we often forget that we can make chores a part of our daily exercise. Low-effort movements such as sweeping or vacuuming the floor, strolling down the grocery store aisle, climbing stairs, bobbing up and down on your legs while stirring a pot on the stove have been shown to be beneficial to a healthy life. Scientists have named this common low-effort movement: NEAT (non-exercise activity thermogenesis). So, increase your daily exercise. Crank up your NEAT.



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

May 2024

- **04 Mr. Alan Goto**
- **11 Rev. Sol Kalu**
- **18 Ms. Linda Nagai**
- **25 Rev. Shindo Nishiyama**

- ⚡ 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 NEWS

BWA Selects Convention Theme

The Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations has selected "Live Peace! Live Aloha! Live as One in the Nembutsu" as the theme for the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention. Hawaii will host the convention at the Hawaii Convention Center September 11th – 12th, 2027.

The HFBWA will be welcoming about 2,000 to 2,500 BWA members from Japan, the Buddhist Churches of America, the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, and the Buddhist Churches of South America.

Although the convention is three years away, the steering committee and the entertainment committee have already begun planning. An event of this scope and size will require many minds and hands, so there will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer as things progress.

Meanwhile, let's Live Aloha! Live Peace! Live as One in the Nembutsu!



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES (April, 2024)

Message From the Bishop

Eight months have passed since the Maui Wildfire devastated many houses and buildings and displaced thousands of people. We would like to express our appreciation to the ministers, members, and many people from within and outside the Hongwanji Community for your heartwarming words and compassionate actions for those affected by the Maui Wildfire. We would like to provide some updated reports of our emergency responses and recovery actions as Hawaii Kyodan.

As of March 29, 2024, HHMH has received \$872,292.86 in cash/check donations. Through the Committee on Social Concerns, we have processed omimai for each member of Lahaina Hongwanji and other individuals of our Hawaii Kyodan Ohana who have been impacted by the wildfires. We have also donated to various non-profit organizations to support their emergency relief efforts. As the needs of the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, its members, and the West Maui community arise, we will continue to provide support to facilitate the healing process. We are also assessing the significant funding requirements to reestablish the Temple as an integral part of the Lahaina community.

Many temples and individuals in Japan have extended their support directly to HHMH or through Honzan's fundraising campaign. The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, our headquarters in Kyoto, and its affiliated organizations have also contributed over \$240,000. Bishop Umitani attended the Shukai (Legislative Assembly) at Honzan on February 29, 2024, to make a presentation on the Maui Wildfires and officially express our appreciation for their ongoing support.

FEMA's site visit to Lahaina Hongwanji was held on March 11 and 12, 2024. The purpose of the visit was to enable FEMA to develop an estimate of reconstruction costs for lost structures. During the inspection, our team also met with FEMA Hazard Mitigation, Historical Preservation, & HIEMA. Rev. Hironaka, Derrick Inouye, Gary Murai, and several Lahaina Hongwanji Members represented the HHMH. The Maui County Right of Entry has been approved and the date for the Corps of Engineers to handle the debris cleanup has not yet been set.

As the scope of the Maui Wildfire Emergency Response Ad-Hoc Committee has shifted from emergency response to recovery/rebuilding, the Committee was disbanded on April 1, 2024, and the Lahaina Hongwanji Recovery and Rebuilding Committee was newly organized, chaired by Michael Munekiyo. The new Committee will focus on recovery-related coordination requirements with FEMA, the Corps of Engineers, and other State and County agencies. As well, the Committee will support the Lahaina Hongwanji Sangha in the various planning processes associated with the Temple reestablishment goal.

As fellow travelers of the Nembutsu, may we continue to stand in solidarity with those experiencing suffering and sorrow caused by this unprecedented disaster.

In Gassho,

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, Bishop

Derrick Inouye, Business Manager

Michael Munekiyo, Chair of the Lahaina Hongwanji Recovery and Rebuilding Committee

Statement by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii would like to share the Statement calling for an immediate ceasefire and end to warfare between Israel and Hamas presented by Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha in Kyoto, Japan. The statement was released on November 23, 2023.

STATEMENT CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND END TO WARFARE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS

On Russia's aggressive invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, we, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist organization adopted the following resolution on the occasion of our annual General Assembly (March 4,

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NEMBUTSU MOMENTS



Karen Tamanaha and Helen Asato share a Nembutsu Moment at the Jikoen Bazaar.

(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 June, 2024:

Karen Yoshie Agena ~ June 20, 2006 (65)
 Harry Seiichi Akamine ~ June 11, 2006 (91)
 Stanley Seiji Akamine ~ June 18, 2020 (75)
 Masao Arakaki ~ June 15, 2023 (92)
 Taro Arakaki ~ June 18, 2007 (88)
 Yasuko Arakaki ~ June 19, 2013 (101)
 Seitoku Arume ~ June 22, 1999 (89)
 Howard Tadashi Asato ~ June 20, 2019 (68)
 Ikuyo Bates ~ June 16, 2010 (75)
 Dr. Nadhipuram Bhagavan ~ June 17, 2018 (86)
 Janice Reiko Sumitani Buder ~ June 27, 2015 (66)
 Teiichiro Ted China ~ June 2, 2023 (84)
 Takamitsu Chinen ~ June 18, 2011 (97)
 Tsuru Chinen ~ June 16, 1995 (92)
 Richard Norio Fuji ~ June 5, 2013 (73)
 Uto Ganeku ~ June 13, 1990 (94)
 Haruko "Evelyn" Gushi ~ June 1, 2005 (90)
 Howard Fukuichi Gushiken ~ June 9, 2012 (82)
 Fumiko Higa ~ June 24, 1998 (87)
 Jinji Higa ~ June 29, 2022 (97)
 Nancy Mitsue Higa ~ June 10, 2008 (83)
 Sally Naoko Higa ~ June 18, 2012 (81)
 Thelma Hideko Higa ~ June 13, 2004 (79)
 Tokucho Ige ~ June 2, 2020 (100)
 Jane Inafuku ~ June 11, 2009 (63)
 Ethel Haruko Isa ~ June 19, 2017 (96)
 Walter Morio Kajiwara ~ June 30, 1992 (71)
 Karole Uchihira Kaneshiro ~ June 24, 2005 (79)
 Francis Kazuo "Frenchy" Kaneshiro ~ June 4, 2013 (82)
 Gary Jitsuo Kaneshiro ~ June 16, 2021 (80)
 Jane Hanae Kaneshiro ~ June 11, 2020 (84)
 Kenneth Keniichi Kaneshiro ~ June 7, 2006 (102)
 Masei Kaneshiro ~ June 19, 2001 (95)
 Mildred Mitsuyo Kaneshiro ~ June 14, 2018 (84)
 Natsue "Nat" Kaneshiro ~ June 26, 2009 (80)
 Nobuo Kaneshiro ~ June 5, 2007 (100)
 Florence Kamimura ~ June 17, 2014 (90)
 Shuichi Kina ~ June 8, 2014 (83)
 Kame Kiyabu ~ June 16, 1987 (90)
 Randal Sadao Kobashikawa ~ June 18, 2021 (63)

Kyoko Kamiya Kuniyuki ~ June 28, 2017 (82)
 Kameko Kuwae ~ June 5, 1987 (72)
 Gilbert Koyu Makishi ~ June 19, 1994
 Jane Kimie Matsumoto ~ June 12, 2019 (100)
 Janet Haruko Miyasato ~ June 8, 2007 (85)
 Robert Katsumi Miyasato ~ June 2, 2008 (80)
 Kenneth Kenichi Momohara ~ June 10, 1990 (72)
 Flora Shizuko Moriyama ~ June 22, 2019 (94)
 Rev. Norito Nagao ~ June 4, 2003 (83)
 Hisashi Nagai ~ June 20, 2013 (87)
 Matsu Nakachi ~ June 4, 1992 (98)
 Takeshi Nakagawa ~ June 10, 1998 (75)
 Shizuko Nakama ~ June 30, 2013 (97)
 Hanayo Kuniyuki Nakano ~ June 4, 2001 (96)
 Hisako Tobara Nakasato ~ June 16, 1996 (79)
 Richard Sadao Nakasone ~ June 1, 2011 (78)
 Jacqueline Noborikawa ~ June 15, 2019 (21)
 Elsie Usano Omori ~ June 7, 2013 (95)
 Yuriko Okamoto ~ June 21, 2015 (79)
 Sue Teruko Omizo ~ June 15, 2010 (87)
 Grant Kosei Onaga ~ June 1, 2019 (96)
 Herbert Toshiyuki Oshiro ~ June 7, 2017 (92)
 Joji Oshiro ~ June 18, 2010 (92)
 Nancy Hideko Oshiro ~ June 26, 2021 (86)
 Jean Yoshiko Sakanashi ~ June 18, 2006 (47)
 George Hiroyuki Sakoda ~ June 6, 2005 (73)
 Masaichi Sesoko ~ June 21, 2005 (83)
 Hiroshi Bob Shichida ~ June 4, 1992 (85)
 Bert Masamitsu Shiira ~ June 4, 2022 (81)
 Kimie Shikina ~ June 10, 2008 (92)
 Masahide Shimabuku ~ June 24, 1985
 George Shimabukuro ~ June 3, 2011 (82)
 Mike Kazuo Shimabukuro ~ June 12, 2000 (72)
 Sadako Shimabukuro ~ June 9, 2015 (90)
 Sume Shimabukuro ~ June 17, 2005 (83)
 Roy Rinkichi Shimabukuro ~ June 16, 2012 (92)
 Craig Sadao Shimizu ~ June 26, 2023 (71)
 Sumiko Sue Shinkawa ~ June 13, 2000 (71)
 Ivy Haruko Shiroma ~ June 6, 2022 (98)
 Masakichi Shiroma ~ June 18, 2000 (82)
 Shizuko Shiroma ~ June 20, 2017 (76)
 Yoshinori "Ginny" Taira ~ June 30, 2011 (82)
 Thomas Saneo Tamanaha ~ June 23, 1998 (59)
 Ernest Seijin Tamashiro ~ June 27, 2008 (87)
 Ted Gonsuke Tamashiro ~ June 18, 2001 (90)
 Warren Eiji Tamashiro ~ June 1, 2009 (80)
 Raymond "Shagg" Shigeru Tarasawa ~ June 14, 2014 (80)
 Shizu Toguchi ~ June 27, 2011 (81)
 Yoshino Toguchi ~ June 1, 2016 (90)

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Sadako Tokuda ~ June 7, 2021 (94)
Uto Tokuda ~ June 11, 1987 (94)
Larry Kenichi Tokuhara ~ June 16, 2019 (79)
Clarence Noboru Tonouchi ~ June 2, 2011 (70)
Don Shinichi Tsukahara ~ June 30, 2017 (52)
Takeno Tsukahara ~ June 26, 2015 (88)
Margaret Aiko Ueunten ~ June 30, 2022 (93)
Sharon Midori Uyehara ~ June 8, 2015 (56)

Herbert Eiyu Yamaguchi ~ June 20, 2015 (84)
Fumiko Yoshimoto ~ June 29, 2015 (92)
Satoru Wauke ~ June 14, 2003 (77)
Richard Hiroshi Zukemura ~ June 28, 2014 (92)

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.

DONATIONS FROM MARCH 16, 2024 THRU APRIL 18, 2024

<i>General Operations (\$1 - \$99)</i>	-----	-----	-----
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<i>General Operations (\$100 - \$299)</i>	-----	-----	<i>Nabeya Maido Fundraiser (\$1 - \$99)</i>
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<i>General Operations (\$300 - \$399)</i>	-----	-----	<i>Miscellaneous (\$1 - \$99)</i>
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<i>Bazaar Donations (\$1 - \$99)</i>	-----	-----	-----
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Shimabukuro (Shotsuki)

IMO Shoyei Shimabukuro
(Shotsuki)

Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$399)

IMO Shigeo Tamanaha

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IMO Elsie Asato

IMO Nobushige Nakasone
(Shotsuki)

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2022); “As people of Japan, the only nation that has been hit by atomic bombs, as Buddhists who cherish every life, and as Nembutsu followers who aspire for peace across the world, we condemn this aggression by disapproving the self-righteous excuses made by the authoritarian government. As learning from human history, we wish for this war to end at once.” Sadly, we must restate this passage once again as another armed conflict now takes place.

Triggered by Hamas’ October 7, 2023 missile attack, the warfare between Israel and Hamas has brought about a hellish situation to the Gaza Strip. A devastating attack by Israeli military of a hospital in Gaza City has stood out as an outrageous example of warfare’s cruelty and unlawfulness. This is a battle between armed forces who uses unarmed civilians as their human shield and the world’s leading powerful military who doesn’t mind victimizing those people. Lost in such battle are civilians’ lives, many of whom are women and children. As of November 11, it was reported that eleven thousand people have been killed, of which more than 40 percent or 4,506 were children. During a November 6 interview, UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres described the situation saying “Gaza is becoming a graveyard for children” and hearing so has struck our hearts greatly.

Shinran, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu teaching had also lived during a warring age in which many people suffered. Identifying himself as one [of] them, he described the most marginalized people as “they are... none other than we, who are like stones and tiles and pebbles.” Shinran never wished for his own happiness only, and in reference to himself and others as “we,” represents his deep feeling of bond with all humanity tied together through the Nembutsu teaching. It is a matter of course, that we would like to have his teaching as the basis of our lives, but it is also necessary for us to learn from his way of living.

As the saying goes, “Nobody wins a war.” In the first of the Forty-eight Vows that says “there should not be

hell, the realm of hungry spirits, or the realm of animals in my land,” Amida Tathagata pledged to guide us to a world that is free from suffering. As Nembutsu followers who have encountered this Buddha’s wish, we naturally come to aspire for a world in which everyone can live in peace and harmony. In accord with the Buddha’s vow, in consideration of those who have been suffering from this battle, we call for immediate ceasefire and an end to war.

November 23, 2023

Governor General IKEDA Gyoshin
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

BCA National Council Meeting

FEBRUARY 23 AND 24, 2024 AT THE
BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO

“EMBRACING THE DHARMA WITH HOPE AND JOY”

Derrick Inouye, Warren Tamamoto and Claire Tamamoto attended the Buddhist Churches of America National Council Meeting (BCA NCM) on February 23-25 at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. The BCA NCM is the annual business meeting for the BCA, similar to our own Legislative Assembly. (*shortened for space*)

John Arima, Chair of the Vision and Strategic Planning Committee reported that the committee is working to update BCA’s mission and vision statements. A poll was taken during the BCA NCM to better understand BCA stakeholders’ shared vision and values.

Glenn Inanaga, BCA President-elect gave a very interesting presentation titled “The Right Time is Now: Preparing Temple Leaders for Today’s Challenges.” The presentation discussed broad challenges that temples and the BCA face including declining membership, minister shortages, social media exposure, temple affiliated partnerships and financial sustainability. Glenn reminded us that on average the U.S. consumer pays \$500 to \$1000 per year for Netflix and similar subscription services (Netflix vs.

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The Nembutsu). Temples are like Netflix. Subscribers don't switch from Netflix to Hulu because it is cheaper. The key is content and community. Even now, members will pay for value. They don't stay for cost savings. Glenn challenged the assembly, "How do we create, highlight, and invest in content and community?"

Terri Omori, BCA President reported for the Bishop Selection Committee. The committee interviewed Bishop Marvin Harada and selected Bishop Harada for his second four-year term. The motion to ratify a second term (at the BCA NCM) for Bishop Harada was carried unanimously. Bishop Harada shared his goals for the BCA: increase membership, support the Dharma Forward campaign and fully staff all of the temples. Terri Omori, by the way, is the first woman President of the Buddhist Churches of America. She received a standing ovation from the assembly for her work over the past 2 years. Steven Terusaki was installed as the new President of the BCA. *(shortened for space)*

Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara reported on the activities of the Jodo Shinshu International Office. JSIO's goals are to develop programs and publications that share Jodo Shinshu teachings with the world. Please go to their website (jsinternational.org) for more information as they are working very hard to accomplish their goals.

I am able to share just a few of the highlights of the conference. Both days were filled with excellent presentations and discussion. The atmosphere was warm, and I felt a spirit of Aloha at the conference. The members of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento (with help from other Northern California District temple members) hosted the entire conference. Meetings, services, and meals were held in the gymnasium/multi-purpose room. The food was cooked by NoCal volunteers and the udon, teriyaki sandwiches, noodles and many other dishes were "ono." And we were treated to a fantastic prime rib dinner banquet at the close of the conference on Saturday.

We are grateful to the BCA Sangha for hosting us for three wonderful days! Aloha and Mahalo nui loa!

Warren Tamamoto
President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Kahuku Hongwanji Scholarship

The Kahuku Hongwanji Mission closed its doors in February 2013 after serving its membership for 111 years. To maintain the legacy of the Kahuku Hongwanji Mission

and to develop the future generations of the Hongwanji, Kahuku Hongwanji Mission established a scholarship to support students at the college level.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a student attending or registered for enrollment in an accredited university, college, or a post-high school program in the State of Hawaii.
 - The applicant must show interest in Buddhism, and be active in a Hongwanji program, either at the Hawaii Kyodan level or at a branch temple.
 - The applicant must be a full-time student and registered for a minimum of 12 college credits per semester.
 - The applicant, at the time of the application, must have a required minimum high school, college, or university in Hawaii GPA of 2.5.
- (*Those who registered for enrollment and not yet received Hawaii college/university GPA must submit their GPA after the first semester.)*
- The applicant must submit the application form with an essay on "Dharma and My Life".

Application Deadline: July 31st of the year of application

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000.00 each / two recipients

For more information of this scholarship, please contact the HHMH Headquarters at (808) 522-9200 or email at hqs@honpahi.org.

Save the Date

Pacific Buddhist Academy held its 18th Annual Taiko Festival on Sunday, March 17th at the Moanalua Performing Arts Center.

If you didn't get a chance to attend the live show, or if you want to relive some of your favorite pieces, a recording of the festival will air on 'Olelo Community Media.

Pacific Buddhist Academy's 18th Annual Taiko Festival Airdates		
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4/28/2024	6:00 PM	Olelo 53
5/1/2024	8:30 AM	Olelo 53
5/2/2024	2:30 PM	Olelo 53
5/5/2024	10:00 PM	Olelo 53

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- **Senior Health and Fitness Fair** — May 3, 2024 / 9:00 am / Hawaii Okinawa Center
- **HOSEP Andagi FUNdraiser (Hawaii-Okinawa Student Exchange Program)** — May 18, 2024 / 10:00 am–1:00 pm / Jikoen Hongwanji • *Preorder by Monday, May 13*
- **52nd Annual Hawaii Okinawan Invitational Golf Tournament** — May 25, 2024 / 6:00 am / *Registration required* / Pali Municipal Golf Course (Sponsored by HUOA)
- **"Warabi Ashibi" Children's Day Camp on Oahu (HOC)** — June 4–7, 2024 / Contact: HUOA (808) 621-1223; email: caro.h@huoa.org / *Registration limited, Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024*

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850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth
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135th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

ONLINE BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES APRIL-JULY

KYO: TEACHING

The Three Pure Land Sutras & the purport of the Larger Sutra.



Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

April 13, 10 am

GYO: PRACTICE

“Nembutsu - Hearing what the Buddhas Enjoy-”



Rev. Yuki Sugahara

May 18, 10 am

Kyogyoshinsho: Essence of Jodo Shinshu



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Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara

What Shinjin is & its connection with the nembutsu

SHIN: ENTRUSTING HEART

June 22, 10 am



Rev. Henry Adams

What it means to be born in the Pure Land and how we attain it?

SHO: REALIZATION

July 20, 10 am

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BSC Spring Festival (April 6, 2024)



◀ Barbara Higa demonstrating healthy cooking



◀ UH Manoa grad students from Japan who helped us
▼ Mini bentos for sale



Jikoen Hanamatsuri (April 14, 2024)



(Left) Hanamido, Temple of Flowers



(Right) Women of the Flowers: Ann, Kaycie, and Marcie Moribe



◀ Team Hanamatsuri: Suzue Nishiyama, Lois Toyama, Pieper Toyama, Dr. Jon Matsuoka, and Rev. Nishiyama