

# Monthly Newsletter

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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 Jikoeh office for access information.

Sun 6/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shotsuki Memorial Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</li> </ul>
Sun 6/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sangha Family Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</li> </ul>
Tue 6/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>King Kamehameha Day (Office and Preschool closed)</b></li> </ul>
Sun 6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lay Speaker Sunday</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Jaryd Oshiro</li> <li>• <b>Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting</b> Time: 10:30 a.m., On Zoom</li> </ul>
Wed 6/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Juneteenth Day (Office and Preschool closed)</b></li> </ul>
Fri, 6/21 thru Sun, 6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jr. YBA State Convention (Maui)</b></li> </ul>
Sun 6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Irei no Hi Peace Memorial Service</b> Time: 12:00 p.m. (note time change), Location: Temple Hondo</li> </ul>
Sat 6/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hui O Laulima Luncheon</b></li> </ul>
Sun 6/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sangha Family Service/Family Dharma Moments—Volunteer &amp; Youth Recognition</b> Time: 9:00 a.m.</li> </ul>
Thu 7/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Independence Day (Office and Preschool closed)</b></li> </ul>

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Sat  
7/6

• **Hatsubon Memorial Service**  
Time: 10:00 a.m., Location: Temple Hondo

Sun  
7/7

• **Bon and Shotsuki Memorial Service**  
Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Michael Endo (BCS)

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

*This poem was written by Misuzu Kaneko, a highly regarded children's poet from the early 20th century. Her simple yet profound words can help us reflect on the Universal Truth and remind us to live each day in gratitude and joy by trusting in the universal wisdom and unconditional love of the Buddha.*

蓮と鶏  
金子みすゞ

泥のなかから 蓮が咲く  
それをするのは 蓮じゃない  
卵のなかから 鶏が出る  
それをするのは 鶏じゃない  
それに私は 気がついた  
それも私の せいじゃない。

### *The Lotus and the Chick*

Misuzu Kaneko

The lotus blooms out of the mud,  
But this is not by its own will or desire;  
The chick emerges from its egg,  
But the chick does not bring this about by itself.  
When I reflect on these things,  
Even the realization I have is not my own.

## TEMPLE NEWS

### *Highlights from the April JBOD Meeting*

#### **Jikoen Board**

- *Transferring Funds* – The board approved transferring matured TCD funds to our Capital Fund.
- *Andagi Production* – We need more volunteers to help provide our famous, delicious andagi at various events,

like our upcoming bon dance. Please contact the office if you are interested.

- *YESS Camp* – The board approved donating \$50 to YESS Camp and paying the registration fee for any Jikoen participant attending the camp.

#### **Facilities**

- *Preschool Sand Box Roof Replacement* – The roof will be repaired with the board's approval of \$5,000.
- *Minister's Residence Roof* – \$80,000 was approved by the board to reroof the minister's residence.

#### **Lumbini Preschool**

- *Graduation, May 24, 9:00 a.m.* – Lumbini will hold its graduation ceremony for the 4-year-old class.
- *Summer Fun Program, June–July* – There are still openings for the 3-year-old class.

#### **Events**

- *Irei No Hi Special Memorial, June 23 in the afternoon* – Plans are being developed to host this special event at Jikoen. The public is invited, and we hope to welcome many people interested in promoting peace.
- *Bon Dance, July 20* – Co-Chairs JoAnn Yosemite, Marcie Moribe, and Chase Urasaki are planning this major event. Please call the office if you are interested in volunteering for our bon dance.
- *Triple Celebration and Lay Association Convention, September 7 & 8* – Please contact Pieper or Lois Toyama if interested in attending.



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### *Lumbini May Day and 60th Anniversary Celebration*

On May 3, Lumbini faculty put on a complete May Day Program by paying attention to all the details. The stage was elaborately decorated with flowers, greenery, and leis. The festivities opened with a little one blowing the conch shell. All the islands were represented by a prince and princess dressed in their island's colors. There were kahili and ho'okupu bearers who accompanied the May Day Queen and King, Kaley Salcedo and Kingston Hill.

Lumbini students wearing bright aloha colors filled the chairs in front of the stage and, when called on, enthusiastically entertained parents and friends with joyful singing and dancing. Every parent and grandparent wore huge smiles on their faces watching the children perform. But the one thing everyone there had to admire was Suzie Nishiyama and the teachers. They were watchful, organized and loving. Lumbini's May Day Program was a reflection of the spirit of compassion and joy that is the essence of Lumbini Preschool.

The celebration of Lumbini's 60th Anniversary immediately followed the May Day Program. The



*The court of the May Day King and Queen, complete with Kahili Bearers. Note how the children were taught to hold their hands. Such attention to detail!*



*Enthusiastic rendition of Happy Anniversary, complete with signs, by the entire cast of Lumbini Preschool.*

children sang Happy Anniversary with energy and spirit, waving signs. In his remarks, CoPresident Pieper Toyama



*Rev. and Suzie Nishiyama, the couple responsible for the May Day-60th Anniversary Extravaganza. Thank you!*

recognized the Rev. Jikai Yamasato and his wife, Haruko, who started the preschool in 1964 and named it Lumbini, after the garden in which Shakyamuni Buddha was born over 2500 years ago. Mrs. Chihoko Yosemite who worked tirelessly to strengthen the preschool program was also recognized. And finally, the 2024 teachers were thanked, Ms. Kathleen, Ms. Emiko, Ms. Cori, Ms. Letty, Ms. Yukiko, Ms. Keiko, Ms. Adela, Ms. Vangie, Ms. Ami, Ms. Mariko, Mr. Mario and of course, Rev. Shindo and Mrs. Suzue Nishiyama, for making Lumbini an important part of how Honolulu families care for their children.

Following the Anniversary speech and singing, the children dispersed to play games, get tatoos, and pot plants for Mother Earth.

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### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

**Norman Noburu Higa**, 72, of Honolulu passed away on April 30, 2024. Norman is survived by wife, Yvonne Higa; siblings, Harold (Laverne) Higa, Eddie (Tina) Higa; step-children, Danny (Ida) Young, Charlie (Jen) Young. He was a member of the Yomitan Club.

**Janet Hatsue Uyehara**, 95, of Kāne'ohe, passed away in Ewa Beach on March 2, 2024. She was born in Hilo, Hawaii. Predeceased by husband, Eddie Koho Uyehara and daughter, Karen Hatsuyo Uyehara. Survived by son, Ronald (Amy) Uyehara.

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

# ANNUAL IREI NO HI OKINAWA PEACE MEMORIAL

JIKOEN HONGWANJI 1731 N SCHOOL ST KĀLIHI

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## *How a Forever Gift of Gratitude Works*

- A Gift of Gratitude is made to Jikoen by:
  1. Designating Jikoen as one of the beneficiaries of a life insurance policy or a retirement plan such as an IRA, 401k, or 403B.
  2. Designating Jikoen as a beneficiary in one's will or living trust.
- The proceeds from this gift are deposited into Jikoen's FOREVER GIFT OF GRATITUDE account in the Combined Fund managed by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (Hawaii Kyodan).
- Each year the Jikoen treasurer requests a percentage of the three-year average of the balance in the account. The current standard is to request 3% of the three-year average which is less than the total interest paid on the principal. In this way, Jikoen only uses a part of the interest and never touches the principal. This is how the original gift continues to grow forever.
- HQ Business Manager sends a check to Jikoen.

Please contact the Jikoen office in you want more information on how to make a Forever Gift of Gratitude. Pieper Toyama will contact you.

## *The Second of Nine Ways to Become Healthier Without Trying Very Hard*

TIP 2: If you are trying to lose weight, try cutting down on your food craving by adding more fiber to your diet. Fiber also lowers cholesterol and inflammation and controls blood sugar levels. Here are examples of good sources of fiber: fresh fruits, raw vegetables, low-fat popcorn, whole-grain crackers, nuts, chia seeds, dark chocolate, oatmeal. I hope you checked out the second to the last item on the list!

## NEMBUTSU MOMENTS

### *My Nembutsu Moment*

Terry Jean Arakaki

On the last days of living in her home in Kohala, my 94-year-old mom and I decided to bake her famous sweet bread for her neighbors and her younger brother, the only sibling still residing in Kohala. As the five loaves were cooling and we were cleaning the huge mixing bowl, round cake pans, and towels, she exclaimed, "You take these supplies to Honolulu with you—you keep using them." I told mom I already baked her bread and had my own stuff, but she could give her supplies to her

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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](mailto: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**

**First Name(s)** (Please limit to 15 characters only):

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**Last Name(s)** (Please limit to 15 characters only):

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**Donated by** (Please limit to 30 characters only)

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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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granddaughter Amber. So, we put all the supplies and some left-over ingredients in the large mixing bowl and tied everything up with the rice-bag towel that she used to cover rising loaves of bread. The next day we drove to her care home in Hilo, stopping at my brother's house along the way. I watched mom hand over the bundle of baking supplies to my niece. Mom was smiling—she knew more sweet bread would still be baked with her cherished supplies.

(Remember to send your Nembutsu Moment Photo to Lois\_Toyama@yahoo.com.)



## HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(May, 2024)

### *Message From the Bishop*

The graduation season has arrived, a time of celebration and reflection. The Pacific Buddhist Academy, the high school of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha tradition, conducted its Baccalaureate Service at Hawaii Betsuin on May 17 and the Commencement Ceremony at the Moanalua High School Performing Arts Center on May 19. This year marks the 18th graduation at PBA, and we are proud to announce that 13 students have successfully graduated from their Alma Mater, ready to embark on their next journey.

Mr. Joshua Hernandez Morse, the Head of School at PBA, asked me to come up with an appropriate Kanji phrase for the cover of the Baccalaureate/Commencement Program for their graduation. After careful contemplation, I chose the Kanji phrase “白色白光 (Byaku-Shiki-Byak-Ko),” which translates to “White Color, White Radiance.” This phrase comes from the Amida Sutra, and here is a part of the sutra that includes the phrase I chose.

Again, Sariputra, in the Land of Perfect Bliss there are many pools of seven kinds of jewels, full of water with the eight excellent qualities. There are lotus flowers, as large as chariot wheels, growing in the pools. Those of blue color emit blue radiance; those of yellow color emit yellow radiance; those of red

color emit red radiance; and those of white color emit white radiance. They are exquisite, wonderful, fragrant and pure. Sariputra, the Land of Perfect Bliss is filled with such splendor and adornments.

In the rich tapestry of life, every flower and every life, no matter how different, adds to the beauty of the whole. Buddha-Dharma teaches us that the essence of life is interconnectedness. This truth of interconnectedness goes beyond race, religion, gender, and any other distinctions that may seem to divide us. This specific section in the Amida Sutra tells us that each flower shines with its unique color and contributes to the beauty of the whole. Its message of “you are beautiful just the way you are” affirms our individuality and, at the same time, encourages us to recognize and value the unique qualities that each person brings to the collective human experience. By embracing differences, we not only enrich our own lives but also contribute to a more harmonious and peaceful world.

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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](http://www.moililihongwanji.org)

### June 2024

- 01 Rev. David Nakamoto
- 08 Rev. Irene Nakamoto
- 15 Rev. Jan Youth
- 22 Dr. George Tanabe
- 29 Rev. Mariko 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 Hawaii 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.



## Bon Dance Practices

Jikoen Social Hall / Fridays, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.:

June 7  
June 14  
June 21 - NO PRACTICE  
June 28

July 5  
July 12  
July 19 - NO PRACTICE

Please note dates and times may be subject to change. Confirm by email to: [youngokihi@gmail.com](mailto:youngokihi@gmail.com)

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I hope that the graduating students will discover the beauty in every aspect of life and strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels accepted, valued, and empowered to contribute their unique skills and experiences. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Class of 2024!

*Namo Amida Butsu*

*Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani*

### *President's Message for 2024 PBA Baccalaureate*

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Head of School Josh Morse, ministers, teachers, parents and most importantly, the graduating class of 2024, good evening. It is my privilege to offer congratulations on behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to you, the Pacific Buddhist Academy Class of 2024. We, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, consider ourselves to be a parent or a partner organization to the Pacific Buddhist Academy. We are proud and happy that you chose the Pacific Buddhist Academy.

Today I would like to share with you a quote which is credited to Mr. Nainoa Thompson, one of the original navigators aboard the sailing vessel Hōkūle'a (Star of Gladness). You may have learned about the sailing vessel Hōkūle'a, first built and launched in the 1970s (way before you were born) as a way to preserve the voyaging heritage of the Polynesian people and help to restore their cultural identity.

Mr. Nainoa Thompson learned the ancient way of navigating (also called wayfaring) the open ocean using the waves, currents, wind and stars. Hōkūle'a has sailed throughout the Pacific and recently completed a round-the-world voyage. Imagine sailing thousands of miles across the open ocean without modern instruments. This

is an incredible feat.

Mr. Thompson, in speaking about the art of wayfaring has said, **“You only know where you are when you navigate by memorizing where you have come from.”** Imagine that you are in the middle of the Pacific Ocean: “You only know where you are when you navigate by memorizing where you have come from.”

I am using this phrase as a metaphor that can apply to any of us here today. But especially for you, graduates, as you navigate your way through life. The person that you are today is a result of everything that has happened to you and around you. It includes the skills, knowledge and values that you have gained through your hard work, nurtured by your parents and your school community. And, it includes the qualities of diligence, patience, dana (selfless giving), compassion and gratitude that you have developed. All of these are “where you have come from.”

We know that the journey of life doesn't always go exactly the way that we plan. Plans change. You will have your own challenges. The saying goes, “Life is a bumpy road.”

If, at sometime in the future, you are disoriented or unsure of your path, then remember Mr. Nainoa Thompson's words, **“You only know where you are when you navigate by memorizing where you have come from,”** because “where you have come from” is a wonderful place.

*Aloha and Best Wishes,  
Namo Amida Butsu.*

*Dr. Warren Tamamoto  
President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii*

### *Ministerial Assignments*

**Rev. Joshin Kamuro**, an Associate Minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, will be relieved from his current assignment and will be transferred to the Mililani

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## SHOTSUKI JOYOUS MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Shotsuki Monthly Service is a time to remember our loved ones and a time to express gratitude in Gassho. This memorial service is 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 July, 2024:*

Kiyoko Akamine ~ July 30, 1997 (86)  
 Mae Setsue Arakaki ~ July 25, 1997 (61)  
 Toshio Arakaki ~ July 2, 2019 (104)  
 Francis T. Arata ~ July 22, 1997 (89)  
 Agnes Tsugiyu Asato ~ July 30, 2009 (95)  
 Shokazu Asato ~ July 21, 1997 (82)  
 Maka Awakuni ~ July 3, 1971 (80)  
 Howard William Bates ~ July 8, 2010 (74)  
 Moga Gaza ~ July 2, 1989 (85)  
 Tsuruko Gushikuma ~ July 26, 2019 (89)  
 Shintoku Hamadon ~ July 1, 1999 (69)  
 Haruko Miyasato Higa ~ July 11, 2009 (96)  
 Jinichi Higa ~ July 7, 1988 (74)  
 Kameko Higa ~ July 31, 1999 (90)  
 Kamatoku Higa ~ July 23, 2003 (99)  
 Loren Masami Hieda ~ July 16, 2021 (65)  
 Masako Higa ~ July 5, 2014 (76)  
 Nancy Michie Higa ~ July 06, 2002 (77)  
 Robert Jenko Higa ~ July 15, 2012 (84)  
 Ruby Fumie Higa ~ July 15, 2014 (90)  
 Steve Sadaaki Higa ~ July 3, 2021 (97)  
 Takeshi Higa ~ July 21, 1997 (96)  
 Ushiya Higa ~ July 23, 1989 (96)  
 Nae Higashionna ~ July 2, 2011 (95)  
 Yasushige Ifuku ~ July 14, 2004 (91)  
 Clara Kikuye Irei ~ July 19, 2021 (95)  
 Shozen Irei ~ July 6, 1971 (94)  
 Robert Takeo Isa ~ July 2, 2016 (98)  
 Donald Seisuke Ishiki ~ July 8, 2006 (89)  
 Betsy Tatsue Kakuni ~ July 26, 2022 (96)  
 Elaine Kaneshiro ~ July 31, 2004 (89)  
 Koichi Kaneshiro ~ July 16, 2008 (81)  
 Masaichi Kaneshiro ~ July 28, 2004 (91)  
 Otsuru Kaneshiro ~ July 6, 2012 (101)  
 Paul Hiroshi Kaneshiro ~ July 12, 2010 (62)  
 Seichi Kenneth Kaneshiro ~ July 23, 2007 (83)  
 Albert Hajime Kawabata ~ July 6, 2016 (74)  
 Harry Kido ~ July 28, 2009 (94)  
 Akiko Kishi Kie ~ July 23, 2021 (95)  
 Charles Noboru Kimura ~ July 28, 2009 (91)

Sadako "Sadie" Kinoshita ~ July 26, 2012 (94)  
 Kazue Ella Kipi ~ July 31, 2003 (83)  
 Mitzie Mitsuko Kiyabu ~ July 17, 2022 (97)  
 Dennis Kiyuna ~ July 31, 1995 (50)  
 Kiichi Kobashigawa ~ July 31, 2010 (91)  
 Hanami Kohatsu ~ July 23, 2017 (86)  
 Byron Tetsuo Kuwana ~ July 15, 2000 (45)  
 Betty Maeshiro ~ July 20, 2018 (92)  
 Kamato Minei ~ July 4, 1988 (89)  
 Rev. Takeo Yesuo Miura ~ July 20, 1991 (88)  
 Riyosuke Miyahara ~ July 18, 2007 (91)  
 Toshio Miyamoto ~ July 27, 2010 (92)  
 Karen Yukie Miyasato ~ July 25, 2017 (87)  
 Seiko Miyasato ~ July 18, 2019 (99)  
 Shizuko Miyasato ~ July 16, 2007 (96)  
 Shizuko Miyashiro ~ July 14, 2011 (95)  
 Toshi "Frances" Miyashiro ~ July 18, 2014 (88)  
 Yoshiko Moribe ~ July 30, 2020 (100)  
 Robert Shoichi Moriyama ~ July 4, 2006 (94)  
 Steven Kunio Muramoto ~ July 4, 2018 (71)  
 Nabe Nagamine ~ July 28, 1989 (84)  
 Alfred Nakachi ~ July 19, 1988 (63)  
 Lillian Setsuko Nakagawa ~ July 31, 2020 (91)  
 Tsuneo Nakama ~ July 19, 2022 (91)  
 Barbara Sachiko Nakamatsu ~ July 22, 2023 (84)  
 Harold Yoshimitsu Nakamura ~ July 20, 2017 (68)  
 Hideki Nakamura ~ July 28, 2012 (90)  
 Rose Sadako Nakamura ~ July 10, 2020 (91)  
 Mrs. Usa Nakamura ~ July 7, 1999 (97)  
 Iwao Nakasato ~ July 10, 2022 (84)  
 Takao Nakasato ~ July 13, 1979 ( )  
 Glenn Jitsuo Nakasone ~ July 8, 2013 (64)  
 Kame Yoshiko Nakasone ~ July 10, 1999 (91)  
 Warren Susumu Nakasone ~ July 10, 2019 (77)  
 Wayne Take Nakasone ~ July 14, 2009 (56)  
 Jinsho Nako ~ July 20, 2014 (97)  
 Makoto Nishimura ~ July 8, 2008 (84)  
 Ryoko Makisan Norris ~ July 6, 2013 (82)  
 Haruko Kaneshiro Ohara ~ July 19, 2018 (102)  
 Marian S. Okimoto ~ July 20, 2004 (86)  
 Kiyoshi Okuhara ~ July 24, 2009 (92)  
 Leslie Toshimichi Onaga ~ July 18, 2013 (55)  
 Takeyei Onaga ~ July 21, 2016 (91)  
 Dulcie Chizuka Inake Oshiro ~ July 15, 2008 (58)  
 James Shunyei Oshiro ~ July 22, 2010 (83)  
 Jerry Oshiro ~ July 28, 2018 (83)  
 Kame Oshiro ~ July 20, 2000 (100)  
 Kami Oshiro ~ July 23, 1989 (93)  
 Kimie Oshiro ~ July 2, 2021 (95)

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- Kimiye Oshiro ~ July 2, 2021 (95)
- Mitsuo Oshiro ~ July 25, 2003 (95)
- Nancy Natsue Oshiro ~ July 18, 2016 (82)
- Tokusho Oshiro ~ July 16, 1989 (78)
- Jane Fumie Sakima ~ July 26, 2016 (92)
- Jane F. Serikaku ~ July 6, 2018 (79)
- Taeko Serizawa ~ July 13, 2006 (80)
- Matsui Shimabukuro ~ July 24, 1995 (94)
- Matsuko Shimabukuro ~ July 14, 1989 (87)
- Sachiko Shimabukuro ~ July 12, 2008 (87)
- Seisun Shimabukuro ~ July 28, 2020 (91)
- Takeichi Shimabukuro ~ July 12, 1998 (83)
- Rev. Yoshiko Shimabukuro ~ July 20, 2021 (109)
- Yoshiko Yoza Shimabukuro ~ July 17, 2013 (99)
- Ohide Shimamoto ~ July 9, 2003 (91)
- Alan Genichi Shinsato ~ July 12, 2003 (48)
- Masae Doreen Shinsato ~ July 24, 2006 (81)
- Omito Shinsato ~ July 7, 1998 (97)
- Ian Takashiba ~ July 10, 2018 (40)
- Edward Chiyotoku Takara ~ July 26, 2000 (64)
- Paul Susumu Takushi ~ July 1, 2010 (61)
- Hideko Tamanaha ~ July 15, 2017 (85)
- Mito Tamashiro ~ July 14, 2003 (91)
- Thelma Tamayo Tamashiro ~ July 5, 2001 (76)
- Geroge Soyei Tamayose ~ July 29, 2021 (87)
- Albert Takeo Teruya ~ July 21, 2002 (89)
- Naokichi "Bobby" Teruya ~ July 14, 2020 (91)

- Sachiko Teruya ~ July 7, 2017 (94)
- Wallace Takeshi Teruya ~ July 13, 2005 (90)
- Shizuo "Billy" Tokuda ~ July 30, 2014 (89)
- Haruko Torigoe ~ July 15, 2014 (87)
- Ruth Uchida ~ July 7, 2020 (94)
- Senji Ueunten ~ July 31, 2003 (79)
- Rick Yasuhiro Uezu ~ July 23, 1990 (infant)
- Yasuo Uezu ~ July 20, 2011 (91)
- Kameyo Uyehara ~ July 20, 1996 (98)
- Kami Uyehara ~ July 4, 1989 (94)
- Yasunobu Uyezu ~ July 6, 2008 (93)
- Ellicy Shizue Wakabayashi ~ July 13, 1995 (72)
- Satoru Wakakuwa ~ July 29, 2019 (89)
- Mitsuyo Watanabe ~ July 19, 1989 (93)
- Bernice Kiyoko Yamane ~ July 9, 2015 (82)
- Yoshiko Yamashiro ~ July 5, 2005 (85)
- Nancy Y. Yamauchi ~ July 4, 2017 (100)
- James Keitoku Yasuda ~ July 18, 2009 (94)
- Chiro Yosemite ~ July 16, 1986 (92)
- Lincoln Masato Yoshimitsu ~ July 26, 2012 (89)
- Chiyoko Yoza ~ July 2, 2015 (93)
- Ronald Jiro Yoza ~ July 18, 2018 (71)

*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](mailto:jikoen.info@gmail.com) with your name and contact information and we will get back to you.

**DONATIONS FROM APRIL 19, 2024 THRU MAY 21, 2024**

*General Operations (\$1 - \$99)*

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*Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Service (\$1 - \$99)*

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*Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Service (\$100 - \$299)*

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*Gotan-E Service (\$1 - \$99)*

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*Hanamatsuri (\$100 - \$299)*

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*Lumbini 60th Anniversary (\$1 - \$99)*

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*Lumbini 60th Anniversary (\$100 - \$199)*

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*Gotan-E Service (\$100 - \$199)*

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*Obon (\$1 - \$99)*

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*Hanamatsuri (\$1 - \$99)*

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**Obon (\$400 - \$599)**

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**Miscellaneous (\$1 - \$99)**

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IMO Guy Henry Kmett

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IMO Frances Tomi Uehara

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IMO Edward Y. Higa (Shotsuki)

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IMO Kame Kaneshiro (Shotsuki)

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IMO Shigeru Yamaguchi (Shotsuki)

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IMO Annie Shimabukuro

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Mother's Day Service

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IHO Dawn & Scott Fraser 25th Wedding Anniversary

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IHO Myrtle Hirayama

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IHO Myrtle Hirayama

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Nokotsudo (Isa Family)

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IMO Annie Shimabukuro

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**Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$399)**

Anonymous

IHO Myrtle Hirayama

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IMO Edward Yoshio Higa (Shotsuki)

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IMO Edward Kishimoto

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IMO Edward Kishimoto

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IMO Nobushige Nakasone

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IHO Myrtle Hirayama

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IMO Nobushige Nakasone (Birthday)

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IMO Hanako (Shimabukuro) Nakasone (Shotsuki)

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IMO Setsuko Muramoto

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IMO Yoshio Kawabata (Shotsuki)

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IMO Richard & Ayano Nishimiya (Feb Shotsuki)

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IHO Myrtle Hirayama

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IHO Myrtle Hirayama

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IMO Uta Shimabukuro (Shotsuki)

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IMO Larry Kenichi Tokuhara

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**Miscellaneous (\$1,000 - \$1,099)**

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IMO Jack Kaneshiro

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**Offertory**

4/21/24 Service .....\$137.00

Eshinni-Kakushinni Day Service

4/28/24 Service .....\$172.00

Jr. YBA

5/5/24 Service .....\$152.00

Gotan-e Service

5/12/24 Service .....\$167.00

Mother's Day Service

5/19/24 Service .....\$149.00

**Thank you for your generous support!**

**有難うございます**

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Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister as of August 1, 2024.

**Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata**, an Associate Minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin and the Chaplain of the Pacific Buddhist Academy, will be relieved from his current assignments and will be transferred to the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Associate Minister as of August 1, 2024. He will also oversee the Hamakua Temples (Honohina-Papaaloa, Honomu, and Papaikou Hongwanji Missions) with Rimban Kazunori Takahashi.

**Rev. Barbara Brennan**, a Kaikyoshi-ho (Minister's Aide) assigned to the Kailua Hongwanji Mission (DBA Windward Buddhist Temple), will resign from the active ministry at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of July 31, 2024. Rev. Barbara has been serving Hawaii Kyodan as a Kaikyoshi-ho Minister since November 2022.

**Rev. David Fujimoto**, currently serving at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister and overseeing Ewa Hongwanji Mission as its Oversee Minister, will be assigned as the School Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of August 1, 2024.

**Triple Celebration Room Reservations at Ala Moana Hotel**

The Triple Celebration Steering Committee has reserved a room block at the Ala Moana Hotel. The advantage of our

room block is no resort fees, complimentary high-speed internet / Wi-Fi, & use of the fitness center. Currently only 30 of the 85 rooms have been reserved. Please make your reservation before August 6, 2024. If you would like to have a "staycation," the room block is available 3 days before and 3 days after the celebration.

Kona Tower..... \$194.00 plus tax  
Waikiki Tower ..... \$224.00 plus tax  
No resort fees



Online: If you would like to reserve online, use this link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50708991>

Reservation by phone: Local call 808-955-4811  
Toll free 800-367-6025

Be sure to mention Honpa Hongwanji Triple Celebration.

**Dana Matching Grant Program**

To encourage the practice of Dana and to amplify the power of giving, the Committee on Social Concerns has established the "Dana Matching Grant" program to enable temples and organizations affiliated with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii the ability to double the impact of their charitable giving in the community.

Dana is the Buddhist teaching of *selfless giving* and encourages us to care for others without expecting

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anything in return. Offering financial support to nonprofit organizations and programs aligned with Buddhist values promotes a temple-based culture of compassion and service that seeks to alleviate suffering in our world. We encourage all temples and affiliated organizations to share our Buddhist values by actively supporting nonprofit organizations and programs serving your community.

The Dana Matching Grant will match your temple or affiliated organization's donation amount—dollar-for-dollar up to \$1500 per grant—to double the impact of your Dana in the greater community.

Example: Jr. YBA wants to support a local nonprofit focused on alleviating hunger in the greater community. Jr. YBA plans a fundraiser, applies for the Dana Matching Grant program in advance, achieves fund-raising goals, receives the Dana Matching Grant and, thus, is able to double the impact of their Dana.

#### Grant Information

1. Any temple or organization affiliated with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii may request any number of matching grants totaling \$1,500.00 per calendar year.
2. To apply, submit a letter indicating the following:
  - Name and address of non-profit organization or program being supported and for what purpose.
  - Amount your temple or organization plans to donate.
  - Amount being requested in matching funds.
  - Temple/Organization President, Resident Minister or Advisor must sign letter.
  - Letter should be addressed to:  
Committee on Social Concerns  
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
1727 Pali Highway  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Attn: Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair  
*OR Email to: bhiga@honpahi.org*
3. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as they are received.
4. If approved, a check will be remitted to your temple/organization to be included with your donation.
5. A copy of your donation letter to the nonprofit organization or program must be sent to the Committee on Social Concerns.

## *BSC Summer Session*

Save The Dates

**Summer Session – August 5-9, 2024  
6–8p.m. — Held In-person and via Zoom**

The 50th Annual Buddhist Study Center Summer Session features Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi in an interactive learning opportunity on:

*“Shifting From ‘Please’ to ‘Thank You’ – A Path to Awakening:  
A Contemporary Interpretation of Shin Buddhism”*

For all those seeking solutions to common concerns, Shin has provided a path for ordinary people for 800 years. Relevant to newcomer and experienced travelers on the Buddhist path.

Each session will be an interactive workshop that leads to an experience of the benefits of Shin Buddhism. This is a practical guide of how being a Shin Buddhist in the 21st century can resolve many issues.

Come learn how to bring joy into the flow of ordinary life. For more information and registration, visit: <https://bschawaii.org/summer-session/> or contact the Buddhist Study Center.

### *Propagation Program Grant*

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii “Propagation Program Grant Committee” would like to announce to all of you that “Propagation Program Grant” is available to all of you for “New and wonderful ideas for propagating Nembutsu teachings into our community.” Would you like to share your wonderful and creative Dharma projects with all of our community? If so, take action right away! We all are looking forward to seeing your innovative ideas!

The committee reviews all grants applications, which meet the following criteria:

1. New, innovative, creative ideas or activities focusing on Buddhist Education and the propagation of the Dharma.
2. Each project may be funded only once within 5 years.
3. The maximum amount of the grant must not exceed \$10,000.00
4. The project would have statewide implications/potential.

For more information regarding this program or to apply, please check with your resident minister or HQ.



# HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII TRIPLE CELEBRATION 2024

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

## 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



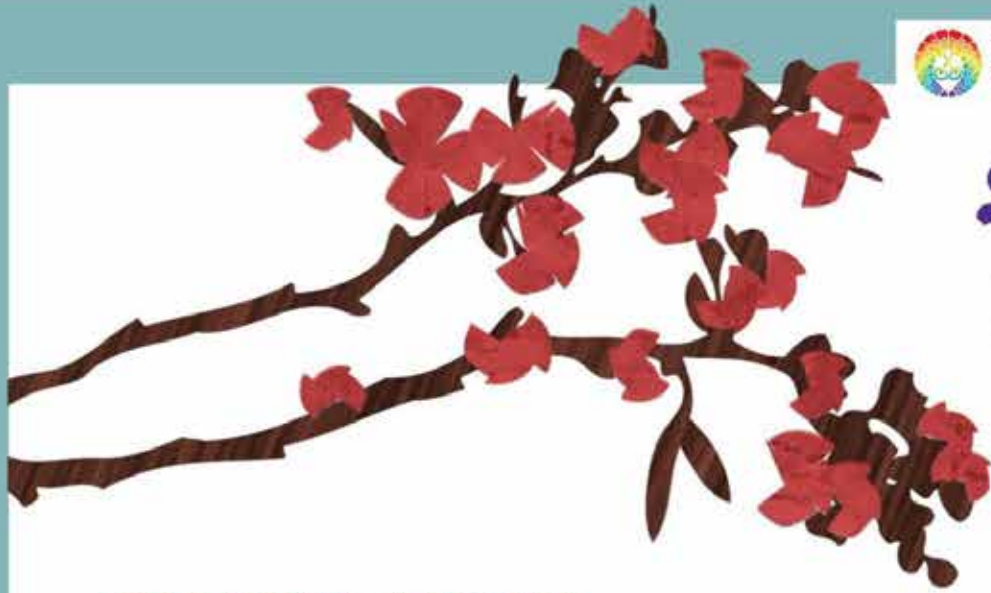
Rev. Henry Adams

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

### SHO: REALIZATION

July 20, 10 am

Email:  
triple.celebration@honpahi.org



Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji  
A Jodo Shinshu Buddhist temple



PROJECT  
DANA

Invite you to  
this Seminar

# TALKING ABOUT **COMMUNITY TRAUMA** AND PATHWAYS TO HEALING

**KEVIN Y. KAWAMOTO, MSW, PH.D.**

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA CENTER ON AGING

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024**

**9 TO 10:30 A.M.**

**MO'ILI'ILI HONGWANJI MISSION**

**902 UNIVERSITY AVENUE**



We live in a world where bad news travels fast. Throughout the day and for weeks if not months on end, we often hear stories about traumatic events such as natural disasters, acts of violence that cause death and suffering, and human conflicts that turn residential communities into war zones. How does repeated exposure to bad news affect our emotional health as individuals and as a community? Let's talk about community trauma and pathways to healing at this free community event open to the public.

For more information please contact Moilili Hongwanji at (808)949-1659 or  
Email [mhm@moililihongwanji.org](mailto:mhm@moililihongwanji.org)

YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE SHOWING OF

# CARVING THE DIVINE

6:30 PM-  
9:00 PM

FRIDAY  
JUNE 14

AIEA  
HONGWANJI  
SOCIAL HALL

*99-186 Puakala St. Aiea, HI 96701*



Carving the Divine is a documentary film directed by Yujiro Seki that offers a rare look into a 1400-year old Buddhist woodcarving tradition.



Milan International Filmmaker Festival 2019 - Best Director of a Foreign Language Documentary Award & more!

Meet the Director, talk story, view displays and enjoy popcorn!



Donations accepted

Commission on Buddhist Education &  
the Buddhist Study Center Committee



# Sharing Your NEMBUTSU MOMENTS

2024 HONGWANJI SLOGAN

*“Sharing Nembutsu Moments”*

## WHAT IS A “NEMBUTSU MOMENT?”

When you see or hear or experience something so beautiful, touching and profound that it leaves you speechless and all you can say is “Wow!” After that, as one continues to be in awe of that life changing encounter, you continue to say “Wow.” This moment is explained in The Collected Works of Shinran, Volume Two as “...the moment of awakening of shinjin (True Entrusting) and saying the nembutsu is a moment both in and out of time.

---Reverend Eric Matsumoto

WE WILL SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES  
IN THE KA LEO KAHEA, TEMPLE  
NEWSLETTERS OR IN A COLLECTION  
FOR A BOOK.

## SUBMIT YOUR EXPERIENCE HERE!

<https://forms.gle/6cVKBwqszaYg5XrHA>



**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:  
AUGUST 31, 2024**

## ??? QUESTIONS ???

Please contact Debbie Kubota  
[dekub88@gmail.com](mailto:dekub88@gmail.com)

# HBWA STUDENT EXCHANGE TO JAPAN IN 2025

After a 5 year hiatus, the Hawaii Federation of BWAs-sponsored Student Exchange Program to Japan is back on track. Young women, ages 17 to 23 as of June 30, 2025 are encouraged to apply for this approximate 10 day summer trip in July, 2025.

Included is a 2-3 day homestay and a visit to Honzan to meet Lady Ruzumi Ohtani. Two will be selected and travel together.

All forms may be found in the PROGRAMS tab at [hawaiibwa.org](http://hawaiibwa.org) — pull down page STUDENT EXCHANGE.

**The deadline is *October 31, 2024.***



## Calling All Volunteers!!

Jikoen's Bon Dance will be held on Saturday, July 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### We will need volunteers for...

► **For set-up and preparation:**

- Sunday, July 14
- Thursday, July 18
- Friday, July 19
- Saturday, July 20 (Day of Bon Dance)

► **Bon Dance Evening: Saturday, July 20**

► **Post Bon Dance Clean-up and Break-Down: Sunday, July 21**

If you look at the graphic on the Characteristics of Social Connectedness elsewhere in this newsletter, you can see the many benefits of volunteering at Jikoen. Social connections are an important factor in living a long and healthy life.

To sign-up or to get more information, please email [jikoenprograms@gmail.com](mailto:jikoenprograms@gmail.com). MAHALO!



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