

# 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 Jikoem office for access information.*

<b>Sun 10/6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</li> </ul>
<b>Sun 10/13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sangha Family Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Lay Speaker: Stephen Chinen</li> </ul>
<b>Sun 10/20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sangha Family Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</li> <li>• <b>JBOD Meeting</b> Time: 10:30 a.m., via ZOOM</li> </ul>
<b>Sun 10/27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family Dharma Moments – Hallowe'en Costume Contest</b> Time: 9:00 a.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Sun 11/3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eitaikyo/Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Barbara Brennan</li> </ul>
<b>Sun 11/10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Veterans Day Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Pieper Toyama</li> <li>• <b>JBOD Meeting</b> Time: 10:30 a.m., via ZOOM</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 11/15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pacific Buddhist Academy Lighting Our Way Banquet</b> (see page 13 for details) Time: 5:00 p.m., Location: Ala Moana Hotel</li> </ul>

### JIKOEN POPEYES CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

On behalf of Jikoem Hongwanji Mission, we would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratefully acknowledge your continued support. We thank you very much for purchasing and selling tickets and for your generous donations.

- **Please note the tickets are valid thru Saturday, November 30, 2024.**
- For additional tickets, please call our office at (808) 845-3422 or email [jikoem.info@gmail.com](mailto:jikoem.info@gmail.com)

*Mahalo! Ippei nifee debiru! Dooom arigato gozaimasu!*

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

### *War & Revenge*

Nothing good ever comes of war. It only produces sadness, despair, and a desire for revenge, making the chain of conflict and violence never-ending. Shinran's teacher, Honen, lost his father to a rival samurai when he was young. As his father lay dying, he told the young Honen, "Revenge produces more revenge." His father's last words before his death were, "Rather than taking revenge, living without a desire for revenge will lead to peace for all." From then on, Honen treasured his father's words, entered the priesthood, studied Buddhism, and pursued the truth.

In Buddhism, we always value respect for others. Because our lives are not just ours, but the result of all the other lives that have ever supported us and the ones we are interconnected with. So, killing someone is also ending your own life, and not being able to respect someone means not being able to respect yourself. There are various views and ways of thinking around us all the time in our daily lives. If there are two people, there will be two different ways of thinking and seeing the world. Yet we often criticize others who think differently from us because we have this self-centered idea that our thoughts are correct. However, there is no truly right answer anywhere in this world. That is why Shinran described this world as "corrupted."

So, how should we live? We must look closely at ourselves; we must learn from Buddhism how egotistical, self-centered creatures such as ourselves can live with each other. Shinran described "ordinary people" as those who cannot see the truth of existence. Enlightenment is the world of truth. It is a world completely devoid of self-centeredness. It is a world in which we live respecting other lives and our own lives through the truth and light of the Buddha. The Buddha never gives up on us and delivers the voice of compassion and wisdom—the call of truth—*Namu Amida Butsu*. *Namu Amida Butsu* is the invisible work of the Buddha and is his vow to awaken us all.

I hope that the universal teachings of Buddhism will spread in this world of endless conflict and that peace will come, where everyone respects each other and values life. I hope that one day, there will be no need to use those two words: "war" and "revenge."

*Namoamidabutsu.*

## INTER-TEMPLE NEWS

### *Triple Celebration: A Special Gathering*

On September 7 and 8, Hongwanji members from throughout the state gathered at the Ala Moana Hotel to celebrate three significant events: the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth, the 800th anniversary of the Establishment of Jodo Shinshu Teachings, and the 135th anniversary of the Hongwanji in Hawaii. We celebrated by enjoying the massed choir (singers representing temples from across the state standing shoulder to shoulder across the entire banquet hall) which sang two preludes — *When I Look Up At the Sky* and *Moments Like This*. We were awed at the opening service by our ministers chanting a melodic version of the Shonshinge that was written for this occasion. We were inspired by Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji, the keynote speaker, who spoke of the magnificence of the Nembutsu Moment when we, from our limited lives, connect to the Great Life of Unlimited Compassion where we are accepted just as we are through *Namo Amida Butsu*. We were touched by the Yamaguchi Gagaku Kai, a guest group of Gagaku performers from Japan, who performed *Hawaii Aloha*. It was chicken skin to hear orchestral instruments dating back over 1,200 years ago performing a song dear to the hearts of all those who live in Hawaii. We gave them a standing ovation.

We attended workshop on topics that included: *The Establishment of the Shin Buddhist Tradition, Historical Highlights of the Hongwanji in Hawaii, Shin Buddhist Social Engagement, Greening the Hongwanji: Awareness and Connection, and The Giving Tree*. I participated in the Social Engagement Workshop and was part of a lively small group discussion that ranged from homelessness to gun control. The Giving Tree workshop by Dharma School teachers challenged my origami skills, which is non-existent.

At the Sunday service, Bishop Umitani spoke of the Nembutsu as Amida's voice welcoming us home and as our voice calling out that we are home.

The two-day event ended with a panel discussion with Edythe Vassall, Dan Thompson, and Rev. Hironaka and moderated by Rev. Dr. Miyaji. Each panelist share personal experiences that reflected the depth of the Nembutsu in the face of not only joy but great sadness and tragedy.

The Co-Chairs of this event, Rev. Tomo Hojo and Rev. Ai Hironaka, did a wonderful job in inspiring and educating us and in providing an important opportunity for us to renew bonds with friends from across the state.

*Community Involvement*

Although there were no services held at Jikoen in August, our members were engaged in living the Dharma in various ways. August 24th was a busy day. Several Jikoen members attended the “WE Are Kalihi; Celebrating US” event at Kapalama Elementary School. The event featured activities by many of the ethnic groups that contribute to the community’s rich cultural diversity.

Following that event, those attending were joined by more Jikoen members and friends as they went to the Ala Wai to toss Genki Balls into the water. The Genki Balls work to clean the water, which will create a more hospitable environment for marine life as well as for recreational use.

On August 22nd, **Pete Doktor** wrote an article for the Honolulu Star Advertiser entitled, “Parallels between Japan WWII tragedy and Palestinian plight.” Pete is a member of Veterans for Peace–Hawaii, the Hawaii Okinawa Alliance, and Jewish Voices for Peace–Hawaii.

Living the Dharma through fostering our interconnectedness with our neighbors and with our environment and promoting peace throughout the world — our members are making a difference.

*Chair News*

Next time you are in the temple, look at the chair you are about to sit in. You most likely are about to sit in one of 53 reupholstered chairs. For this blessing to your okole, you have **Earl Kita** and the **Toyama Family** to thank. Earl Kita started the ball rolling by arranging to have 17 chairs reupholstered. The Toyama Family (**Rocky, Barney, Pieper and Lois Toyama**) then finished the project by funding the reupholstering for the last 36 chairs in honor of their late Uncle Happy. John’s Furniture Upholstery in Kaneohe did the work and **John Toguchi** and his handy dandy electric screwdrivers helped Pieper disassemble the old seats and reassemble the newly upholstered seats. The final result of 53 chairs with new life is a testament to team effort.

*Stripping and Waxing of Hondo Temple Floor*

All of us at Jikoen Hongwanji would like to thank the Monthly Hondo Floor Cleaning Crew for donating the cost to strip and wax the hondo floor.

Thank you to chairperson **Masuo Kino** and donors: **Roy Nakamasu, Kenneth Nishihara, Michael Shiroma and Roy Tamayori**.

This is the fourth time (2015, 2017, 2021, and 2024) they have participated in funding the cost to strip and wax the floor by Arai Distributors.

There were also behind the scene volunteers who helped clear out the hondo in preparation for the waxing. Much Mahalo to all!

Masuo Kino at age 95 is retiring from taking leadership as chairperson of this crew. We are truly grateful for his many years of leadership in the upkeep of the temple floor. Mahalo, Mr. Kino for your many years as a dedicated Jikoen volunteer!

*Lei of Peace*

Pete Doktor and his family recently visited the Tsushima Maru Museum in Okinawa, where they presented the lei of peace created by Jikoen members and friends who attended the June Irei No Hi Memorial service.



According to Pete, “The Tsushima Maru Museum Foundation members were overwhelmed with gratitude just for us remembering and acknowledging this history, and our thoughtfulness of lei and donation! They immediately hung it up in the museum, with other peace cranes from other community visits. They thought ours was so unique and beautiful, it will remain in the museum, should you ever go visit!

*Forever Gift of Gratitude*

Many of us place a donation in the koa bowl when we do oshoko at Sunday services. Others write checks and donate to our chicken sale, bazaar, and at special services. Still others write a monthly or yearly check to support Jikoen.

Did you know there is a way for your donations to continue forever? A planned gift to Jikoen through the Forever Gift Of Gratitude Program can insure that your donations will continue as long as Jikoen exists.

You can make Planned Gifts in the following ways:

**1. A Provision in your Will**

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Below is some suggested language that you can take to your attorney for inclusion in your Will or revocable living trust:

*I give/I instruct my trustee to give (specific dollar amount, property to be given, proportion of estate, or rest and residue of estate) to Jikoem, a Hawaii not-for-profit corporation located in Honolulu, Hawaii, to be used (specifically for \_\_\_\_\_ OR wherever the need is greatest OR in accordance with the terms of the most recent written directive I have signed with Jikoem).*

## 2. Insurance Policy and Retirement Plan Beneficiary Designations Are Free

Naming JIKOEN as a partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy costs you nothing during your lifetime and can provide a significant future gift to JIKOEN. All you have to do is request a beneficiary form from your policy administrator, then complete and return it.

A retirement plan beneficiary designation costs you nothing now and is also a very tax-efficient charitable gift. There are no taxes on retirement plan assets left to charity. Therefore, a tax-efficient charitable plan can be to leave retirement assets to charity and other assets to your heirs. Your plan administrator can provide you with a beneficiary form. You can indicate whether you want to leave all or a percentage of your retirement plan assets to charity.

## 3. A Paid-up Life Insurance Policy: a Large Gift at Little Cost to You

If you have a paid-up life insurance policy that you no longer need, you can give the policy to JIKOEN, receive a current income tax deduction, and make a significant future gift to perpetuate Buddhist values. You can contact your policy advisor to make JIKOEN the owner and beneficiary of your paid-up policy. You can also purchase a new policy and make JIKOEN the owner and beneficiary, enabling you to make a larger gift at lower cost.

If you want more information on Planned Gifts, contact Pieper Toyama: [pieper.toyama@gmail.com](mailto:pieper.toyama@gmail.com)

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

TIP 5: *Be creative.* Research shows that making art or even viewing art reduces levels of stress and increases feel-good

hormones. Any creative act will do. You can be creative in cooking, gardening, or just doodling. You can learn to do crafts or take an art class in drawing and painting. Go to Walmart or Target or Barnes and Noble and look for kits to start a new art hobby. Go and visit the Honolulu Museum of Art. They have a wonderful Asian art section.

## NEMBUTSU MOMENTS

### *Gifts*

by Judy Muramoto

Following a tsuru ornament making practice session for our upcoming HUBWA membership meeting at Betsuin, Gayle Hirohata Goto and Jo DesMarets pointed out their mini garden under the stairwell near the Lotus and Eshinni rooms.

Gayle then guided me to the ground level of the front/Ewa end of the Annex, and there was a large plastic tub with murky water, and in it... lotus pods, several lotus flowers, and on one single stem was a lotus pod reaching for the sun!

Slowly bending down, I carefully looked and thought, "These look like the charms on my blue bracelet set." I picked up my bracelets, and sure enough, there was the charm with the lotus seed pods!

How happy and grateful I felt that my grand-niece in Florida had sent me this special gift. I was thankful, too, to Jo and Gayle for sharing the lotus in its natural, physical form. Such an unexpected, humbling, and awesome moment in time. Namo Amida Butsu.

Finally, just prior to sharing this lotus connection on August 19th, my niece in Florida sent me a picture of her daughter who had sent me the bracelet. Unbelievable but so thankfully connected. Namo Amida Butsu!



(Remember to send your Nembutsu Moment Photo to [Lois\\_Toyama@yahoo.com](mailto:Lois_Toyama@yahoo.com).)

# OPEN HOUSE AND BAZAAR

**OCTOBER 6**  
**9AM - 1PM**

LOCATION :

MOILILI HONGWANJI  
902 UNIVERSITY AVE

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WILLIE CHEN



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KA PĀ HULA 'O KA'OHUKUILEHUA



## HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(August, 2024)

### *Message From the Bishop*

Today, we gather here in solemn remembrance of one of the darkest chapters in human history – the devastating bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. The city of Hiroshima, a city once vibrant with life, became the epicenter of unimaginable suffering, sorrow, and loss. On this day, we pause for a moment to honor the memory of those who lost their lives and to show our commitment to stand in solidarity with those whose lives were affected by the consequences of war.

Prince Shotoku, the Imperial Regent in Japan during the early 7th century, is widely regarded as the founding figure of Buddhism in Japan. He wrote the following in the Seventeen-Article Constitution.

“For all men have hearts, and each heart has its own leanings. Their right is our wrong, and our right is their wrong. We are not unquestionably sages, nor are they unquestionably fools. Both of us are simply ordinary beings (Bonbu). ...For we are all, one with another, wise and foolish, like a ring with no end.”

It is a stern admonishment to us all. It is easy to criticize or judge others, to see the flaws in others while remaining blind to our own. “Bonbu,” a term that refers to ordinary beings, signifies our inherent limitations – our ego-centeredness, our propensity for judgment, and our inability to see beyond our own perspective. Prince Shotoku’s words caution us against the arrogance of assuming we hold the ultimate truth, as this very mindset is what leads to division, conflict, and, ultimately, the horrors of war.

Yet, even as we acknowledge our own bonbu-nature, we find hope in the teaching of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Shinran Shonin taught us that such a “bonbu” like ourselves is the primal target of Amida Buddha, the Buddha of all-inclusive Wisdom and Compassion. The Light of Wisdom and Compassion shines upon us, illuminating the path from our ego-centered existence to a life of oneness and understanding. It is through this Light that we can transform our minds clouded by greed, anger, and ignorance into hearts of generosity, compassion, and wisdom.

As beneficiaries of this all-inclusive Wisdom and Compassion, I believe each of us bears a responsibility.

With hearts of self-reflection, we must cultivate an environment where wisdom and compassion toward one another flourish, transcending boundaries of nationality, race, religion, and all others that separate us. The journey from hatred to understanding, from conflict to peace, begins within each of us.

In one of the Buddhist scriptures called “Sanbutsuge” from the Sutra of the Buddha of Immeasurable Life, a statement goes as follows: “The great voice of the Perfectly Enlightened One resounds throughout the ten quarters.” It teaches us that there is no place where the voice of Truth does not reach. As we hit the Hiroshima Peace Bell today in commemorating the 79th Anniversary of the Bombing of Hiroshima, may we all listen to this voice of truth, the voice of Wisdom and Compassion, and rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of peace, reconciliation, and the creation of a society where every individual can live in peace, joy, and gratitude.

With humble reflection, I recite the name of the Buddha.  
*Namo Amida Butsu.*

*Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani*



## 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)

### October 2024

- 05 Rev. Richard Tennes
- 12 Rev. Marcos Sawada
- 19 Rev. Kerry Kiyohara
- 26 Ms. Carolyn Uchiyama

⚡ 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.

# KAGIRINAKI AI TO JIHI: TOWARD LGBTQ+ EQUITY & INCLUSION IN HAWAI`I'S JAPANESE COMMUNITIES

**Friday, October 25 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
**Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai`i**  
**2454 S Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96826**

**Sharing Stories & Interactive Panel Discussion with:**

## **Justice Sabrina Shizue McKenna**

The first openly LGBTQ+ Asian American to serve on a state supreme court, she came out publicly to show that anything is possible.



## **Bill Kaneko**

As president of the Honolulu chapter of the JACL, he led the national organization to become the first non-LGBT civil rights organization to support marriage equality.



## **Marsha & Aiden Aizumi**



Marsha is an author (*Two Spirits, One Heart*), educator, & LGBTQ+ activist. She co-founded the first PFLAG chapter for Asian-Pacific islanders and founded Okaeri - a Nikkei LGBTQ+ community.

Aiden, her transgender son and co-author of the book, lived as a female for the first 20 years of his life. In 2008 he came out as transgender & transitioned from female to male. He is the President of PFLAG, Pasadena Chapter.

**Please RSVP -  
Deadline is Friday,  
October 18**



**Click on this [link](#)  
to RSVP, or use  
this QR Code**

**Questions? Please contact Jon Matsuoka, Honpa Hongwanji Hawai`i Betsuin  
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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 November, 2024:*

Sonny P. Abangan ~ November 1, 2015 (86)  
 Isamu "Isao" Agena ~ November 3, 2005 (91)  
 Takemitsu Akamine ~ November 19, 2021 (92)  
 Alice Asato Arakaki ~ November 30, 2020 (91)  
 Paul Takejiro Arakaki ~ November 29, 2008 (87)  
 Shirley Masako Arakaki ~ November 4, 2008 (95)  
 Elsie Setsuko Asato ~ November 24, 2023 (93)  
 Kameko Asato ~ November 1, 2006 (87)  
 Betty Yukiko Brock ~ November 22, 2019 (94)  
 Edward Sadanobu China ~ November 6, 2013 (94)  
 Florence Hatsuyo Estes ~ November 2, 2015 (90)  
 Utoyo Fukuhara ~ November 5, 2005 (84)  
 Munetatsu Furuken ~ November 2, 2021 (92)  
 Hatsue Gushiken ~ November 14, 2023 (103)  
 Bernice Haruko Higa ~ November 15, 2013 (95)  
 Gladys Matsue Higa ~ November 10, 2015 (98)  
 Kenji Higa ~ November 3, 2000 (77)  
 Nobuko Higa ~ November 13, 2012 (77)  
 Howard Masayasu Ige ~ November 8, 2018 (88)  
 Nancy Kazuko Ikehara ~ November 29, 2013 (96)  
 Judy O. Ishikawa ~ November 30, 2009 (80)  
 Teruko Kaji ~ November 26, 2008 (96)  
 Thomas Kakazu ~ November 12, 2002 (89)  
 Harold Tatsuo Kaneshiro ~ November 27, 2019 (83)  
 Hideji Kaneshiro ~ November 1, 2000 (87)  
 Jack Heisuke Kaneshiro ~ November 26, 2003 (84)  
 Mildred Yoshimi Kaneshiro ~ November 26, 2010 (96)  
 Minoru Kaneshiro ~ November 9, 2011 (85)  
 Shigemitsu Kaneshiro ~ November 28, 2016 (95)  
 Yoshiko (Takushi) Kaneshiro ~ November 13, 2020 (96)  
 Yoshiko Kaneshiro ~ November 23, 2008 (93)  
 Guy Henry Kmett ~ November 07, 2018 (61)  
 Andrew Sadamitsu Kobashigawa ~ November 9, 2006 (72)  
 Seigin Kobashigawa ~ November 29, 2013 (92)  
 Yoshi Kobashigawa ~ November 8, 2008 (76)  
 Henry Hisato Kuniyuki ~ November 9, 2000 (88)  
 Chiyoko Maeda ~ November 14, 2014 (102)  
 Glenn Mayeshiro ~ November 26, 2016 (64)

Yoshiko Miyahira ~ November 24, 1999 (82)  
 Shizuo Miyasato ~ November 22, 2017 (90)  
 Haruko Nagamine ~ November 1, 1996 (84)  
 Sunao Nakama ~ November 3, 2013 (87)  
 Nobue Nakamaejo ~ November 14, 2017 (90)  
 Shinsuke Nakamine ~ November 22, 2003 (91)  
 Yejiro Nakamoto ~ November 21, 1999 (71)  
 Sonsei Nakamura ~ November 1, 2018 (102)  
 Clarence Tomokazu Nakasone ~ November 10, 2019 (89)  
 Robert Hoyei Nako ~ November 1, 2006 (80)  
 Violet Aiko Nako ~ November 14, 2003 (74)  
 Lillian Yukie Nanbu ~ November 3, 2017 (100)  
 Frank Morito Nishimura ~ November 11, 2008 (90)  
 Shizuyo Okino ~ November 02, 1997 (86)  
 Hiroshi Okuhara ~ November 1, 2004 (83)  
 Henry Sadao Okuma ~ November 9, 2020 (93)  
 Kama Oshiro ~ November 1, 1996 (98)  
 Masakichi Joe Oshiro ~ November, 4, 1998 (83)  
 Jean Hatsue Sakumoto ~ November 16, 2023 (91)  
 Emiko Inoue Sauer ~ November 30, 2019 (88)  
 Ronald Christopher Scott ~ November 1, 2012 (45)  
 Jimmy Seikichi Senaga ~ November 7, 2007 (82)  
 Seiki "Lefty" Shimabuku ~ November 14, 2019 (90)  
 Elton Ichio Shimabukuro ~ November 27, 2008 (58)  
 Juliet A. Shimabukuro ~ November 11, 2021 (63)  
 Rinsei Shimabukuro ~ November 26, 1996 (76)  
 Toshimitsu Shimabukuro ~ November 4, 2014 (89)  
 James H. Shimotsukasa ~ November 21, 2021 (79)  
 Raymond Yoshiwo Shiroma ~ November 4, 1999 (82)  
 Michael Shigeo Tamaye ~ November 12, 2015 (88)  
 Clarence Yayoi Tamayori ~ November 30, 2017 (96)  
 Nobuichi Tamayose ~ November 22, 2022 (98)  
 Dorothy Teruko Teruya ~ November 17, 1999 (84)  
 Clara Otome Tobata ~ November 23, 2015 (99)  
 Masakazu Toguchi ~ November 29, 2015 (63)  
 Seiyu Toguchi ~ November 19, 2013 (89)  
 Yukio Tokuda ~ November 11, 2015 (93)  
 Lillian Shizue Tokujo ~ November 28, 2003 (81)  
 Kameko Tokumine ~ November 1, 2013 (93)  
 Thomas Hiroshi Tokumoto ~ November 29, 2015 (82)  
 Takeo Toma ~ November 17, 1996 (92)  
 Wilbert S. Toma ~ November 12, 2017 (72)  
 Florence Hideko Tome ~ November 26, 2012 (94)  
 William Eiji Uehara ~ November 5, 1999 (57)  
 Harue Uechi ~ November 15, 2010 (91)  
 Kirk Ryo Uechi ~ November 14, 2012 (63)  
 Yoshiko Uechi ~ November 30, 2022 (96)  
 Take Ueyehara ~ November 05, 2003 (99)

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6th Virtual Dharma School Gathering

# SHARING JOY TOGETHER: THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE

**Sunday, November 17, 2024 via Zoom**

8:45 am Dharma Educators Session  
10:00 am Intergenerational Service  
10:40 am Breakout Room Activities  
11:30 Group Sharing Session  
12:00 End

*All are welcome to this  
intergenerational event!!!*

Any questions?  
Contact Debbie Kubota  
dekub88@gmail.com

*Guest Speaker:  
D. Trinidad Hunt  
Granddaughter of  
Rev. Dorothy Hunt,  
author of the  
Golden Chain of Love*



**RSVP Deadline: Saturday, November 9**  
Link to register (or use camera to scan code):  
<https://forms.gle/2CKeiiGafIN3pbWY9>  
Zoom link will be emailed by Friday, 11/15

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Winston Kenyei Uyehara ~ November 30, 1998 (71)  
Rose Minoye Yamaguchi ~ November 10, 2020 (98)  
Haruko Yamasato ~ November 11, 1997 (79)  
Fred Hideo Yara ~ November 25, 1996 (82)  
Clytie Kikue Yogi ~ November 21, 2016 (95)  
Robert Seitsu Yonamine ~ November 1, 2011 (94)  
Harry Chusuke Yonashiro ~ November 21, 1999 (83)

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 JULY 17, 2024 THRU SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

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

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IMO Harue Uechi Family  
Ryusei Honryu Ryuko Kai  
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August & September

**General Operations (\$100 - \$299)**

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**General Operations (\$300 - \$399)**

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**General Operations (\$500 - \$599)**

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**General Operations (\$4,000 - \$4,999)**

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**Bon Dance (\$1 - \$99)**

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IMO Jerome Masami Higa  
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IMO Sojo Jitchaku  
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IMO Helen T. Kaneshiro  
(Hatsubon)  
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IMO Jenshin & Toku Arakaki  
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IMO Harry Iwao Miyashiro  
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IMO Kosuke & Kameko  
Nakaganeku  
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IMO Hanako Nakasone  
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IHO Judy Muramoto & Doris  
Oshiro  
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IMO Helen Shirai

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IMO Masayo Oshiro

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IMO Komao Mochizuki  
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IMO Yamamoto & Hiramoto  
Families  
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**Bon Dance (\$100 - \$299)**

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IMO Takemitsu Akamine  
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IMO Yoshiko Uechi  
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IMO Beatrice Higa Nishizawa  
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IMO Edward & Katherine K.  
Higa  
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IMO Shizuko Jakahi

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IMO Shoyei Yamashiro

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Miyasato

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Okumoto, Suzuo & Jeanette  
Yamada

IMO Brian & Fumiko  
Yoshimoto

IMO Kameko Zukemura

**Bon Dance (\$300 - \$499)**

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*IMO Arlene Yaya Okamura (August Shotsuki)*  
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*Thank you for use of andagi equipments*  
*Triple Celebration*  
*Thank you for use of Hondo*  
*Thank you Art & Awamori event*  
*IMO Kameko Zukemura (September Shotsuki)*

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◀ Jikoen members who attended the Triple Celebration (see page 2 “Triple Celebration”)

▼ Sisters Judy Muramoto (L) and Doris Oshiro (R) showing Jikoen Pride at “WE are Kalihi.” (see page 3 “Community Involvement”)



▼ Learning how to toss Genki Balls into the Ala Wai (see page 3 “Community Involvement”)



◀ “Lei of Peace” on display at the Tsushima Maru Museum in Okinawa (see page 3 “Lei of Peace”)



▶ Pete Doktor presenting the lei created by Jikoen members and friends who attended the June Irei No Hi Memorial service. (see page 3 “Lei of Peace”)



▲ (left to right) (1) The condition of our hondo seat cushions before the restoration work. (2) The beautiful results after the work. (3) 36 chairs were restored in memory of Uncle “Happy” Toyama. (see page 3 “Chair News”)



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