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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 Jikozen office for access information.

Fri 7/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independence Day (HQ Office, Jikozen Office, and Preschool closed)
Sat 7/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hatsubon Memorial Service Time: 10:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, Location: Temple Hondo
Sun 7/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikozen Obon and Shotsuki Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 11:00 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i>
Sun 7/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN – Bon Dance Preparation (see page 5 for details)
Tue 7/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikozen Bon Dance practice session by Ko'olau Sakura Odori Kai Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Location: Social Hall
Sat 7/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JIKOEN BON DANCE (full details on page 12)
Sun 7/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN — Bon Dance Clean-up
Sun 7/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Sunday Service by Rev. Nishiyama Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama • Aloha Luncheon for Rev. Nishiyama Time: after service, Location: Social Hall
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICES AT JIKOEN FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST
Sat, 8/30 thru Sun, 8/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUOA Okinawan Festival (Hawaii Convention Center)

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

Dear Jikoen Ohana,

As I prepare to say goodbye, I reflect on the Buddha's teaching: all things are impermanent. However, knowing this truth doesn't make parting any easier. My time at Jikoen has been one of the most profound blessings of my life.

I still remember the first time I walked through these temple doors in 2005. I wasn't sure what to expect, but you welcomed me with warm smiles, kind hearts, and an open spirit. From that day forward, I knew I had found a second home.

Over the years, we've shared so much together. I remember the joy of Keirokai—celebrating our beloved elders with deep respect and affection. I think of the quiet Sunday mornings when our voices in chant filled this space with calm and peace. I remember the Bon Dances, during which we honored those who came before us and felt their presence in the rhythm of the drums and the movement of our steps. At the annual Bazaar, we worked hard, enjoyed sharing stories, eating Andagi together, and laughing a lot. Then, there were the quiet moments, the small conversations, the gentle smiles, and the peaceful silences we shared. These are the moments that taught me what it means to be part of this ohana.

It's challenging to find the right words to express how much each of you means to me. You have taught me so much. You've demonstrated the strength of the Uchinanchu spirit, the resilience of this community, and the boundless love that flows when people genuinely care for one another.

To our elders, you are the roots of this temple, deep and strong. Your wisdom, stories, and quiet strength have guided us all. Thank you for your example and for the grace you demonstrate each day.

To our volunteers and leaders, your quiet dedication keeps this temple alive. So much of what you do goes unseen, and yet the temple shines because of your efforts. Your love is in every detail.

To everyone, young and old, you are the heart of this sangha. Your kindness, presence, and faith make Jikoen so unique. Please continue to listen to the Dharma as the light of your journey and support our Jikoen!

To Temple Presidents Lois and Peiper Toyama, I appreciate

your support and understanding of my ministry! Your leadership is inclusive and clearly indicates our direction for creating a more meaningful Jikoen. And to the Board members, thank you for your unwavering leadership and care. You have helped shape this temple into a place where the Dharma thrives entirely.

Leaving isn't easy. I will miss your smiles, the sound of the bell, and the way the morning light filters through these windows during service. Most of all, I'll miss being surrounded by this community that has come to mean the world to me.

Though I will no longer stand here as your minister, my heart will never leave. Our bond is not defined by time or distance. It is held together by shared memories, the teachings of the Buddha, and the compassion that flows endlessly from Amida's Light.

My hope for Jikoen is simple: that you continue walking this path together. Celebrate life's joys, support one another through sorrow, and keep this temple strong, not just as a building, but as a living home for the Dharma. Treasure every moment; they pass quickly, but their echoes last a lifetime.

Before I go, I want to leave you with these words from Shinran Shonin:

How joyous I am, Gutoku Shinran, disciple of Sakyamuni! Rare is it to come upon the sacred scriptures from the westward land of India and the commentaries of the masters of China and Japan, but now I have been able to encounter them. Rare is it to hear them, but already I have been able to hear. Reverently entrusting myself to the teaching, practice, and realization that are the true essence of the Pure Land way, I am especially aware of the profundity of the Tathagata's benevolence. Here I rejoice in what I have heard and extol what I have attained.

Thank you, my dear Jikoen Ohana, for being my teacher, my inspiration, and my family. You have given me more than I could ever repay. My family—Suzie, Shanna, and Skyler—and I would like to say, Ippei Nihe Debiru, for your kindness and for sharing the Uchinanchu spirit, respect, and gratitude with us.

Take care of one another. May the boundless compassion of Amida always guide you.

Until we meet again, Sayonara and goodbye!

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*Namu Amida Butsu, Namoamidabutsu,
and Namoamidabutsu,*

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

(A full Japanese language version of Rev. Nishiyama's message will appear in next month's issue. Rev. Nishiyama welcomes you to stay in touch with him and Suzie. If you wish to contact the Nishiyama's, please inquire at the Jikoen office.)

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

On behalf of the ministers and members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2025.

This is a day of profound transition and celebration, marking not only the culmination of years of learning but also the beginning of new journeys yet to unfold.

These extraordinary graduates have been nurtured within a spiritual environment grounded in the timeless values of Wisdom and Compassion. They have grown not only in intellect but also in heart. They have learned not only to solve problems but also to understand and empathize with others. They have discovered not only what they are capable of but who they truly are.

This day is a celebration of their dedication, perseverance, and transformation. Yet it also reminds us of the deep interconnection of all things—that no one walks this path alone. Each achievement has been made possible by the workings of countless others: the steadfast support of family, the tireless dedication of teachers, the shared journey of friendship, and countless others, many of which we may not fully be aware.

The Buddha's teachings guide us to live with Wisdom—to see clearly that life is a tapestry intertwined with infinite causes and conditions—and to live with Compassion—to respond with gratitude, humility, and loving-kindness in all that we do.

Wisdom invites us to look beyond ourselves and honor the larger whole of which we are a part. Compassion calls us to live with open hearts, embrace diversity, and be a person who can relieve suffering and bring joy to the lives of others.

As our graduates step forward into the future, may

they carry with them the light of these teachings. May they walk their path with clarity and confidence, think critically, speak with honesty and kindness, and serve with purpose and humility. May they become beacons of hope and healing in a world that longs for understanding and peace.

Let us place our hands together in Gassho, and join our voices and hearts in gratitude, reciting the Buddha's Name in reverence for the immeasurable Wisdom and Compassion that embraces us, now and always.

Namo Amida Butsu.

TEMPLE NEWS

Congratulations to Our 2025 Graduates!

On May 25th, Jikoen Hongwanji held a Baccalaureate service to honor our 2025 graduates, **Jaci Horio and Elise Mirei Ogata**. Families and friends filled the hondo for the service. The Dharma speaker was **Doris Oshiro** who shared her life's journey and the ways her parents taught her to persevere in the face of struggles.

JoAnn Yosemite gave entertaining biographies of the girls. The event was especially poignant because most of the Sangha members have known both Jaci and Mirei

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Sharon Aiko Shimabukuro, 69, of Honolulu, passed away on July 1, 2024. Predeceased by parents, Alice Yoshiko (Iha) and Gilbert Shinkichi Shimabukuro. She is survived by her sister, Ruby K. Shimabukuro; brother, Brian H. (Cynthia) Shimabukuro; niece, Rebecca (Everett) Arizumi; and nephews, Derek Fujio and Kyle Shimabukuro.

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



BON ★ DANCE



JIKOEN TEMPLE

1731 N. SCHOOL ST

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T **JULY 19**

5:00 PM - 9:30 PM

SHORT OBON SERVICE AT 4:45 PM
FOOD BOOTHS OPEN AT 5:00 PM



OKINAWAN & JAPANESE
BON DANCE, CULTURAL
PERFORMANCES

FOOD - BBQ PLATES, ANDAGI,
SHAVE ICE & MORE!

CHILDRENS' GAMES

TEMPLE TOURS

PARKING AT KAPALAMA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2025

(808) 845-3422
JIKOENHONGWANJI.ORG

Bon Dance Volunteers Needed!

The annual Bon Dance requires the effort of many volunteers to create this wonderful event. It is a physical representation of the Buddhist teaching of Interconnectedness. Click on the link below to find out what kind of work is available on each day.

Volunteer work ranges from outdoor work (setting up tents, stringing lanterns, moving equipment, etc) to indoor work (stringing memorial ribbons to lanterns, food and supply prep, moving furniture, etc.) Please email jikoenprograms@gmail.com to sign up and/or to get more details about what type of volunteer work is needed per day. Remember to wear covered shoes!



- **Sunday, July 13: 8:00 AM – until done** — *MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for tent set-up (outside), chochin & takuan prep (inside)*
- **Thursday, July 17: 9:00 AM – until done** — *Volunteer help needed with yagura skirt (outside) and lantern and memorial ribbon prep (inside)*
- **Friday, July 18: 9:00 AM – until done** — *Stringing of chochin and netting (outside) and food prep for food concessions (inside)*
- **Friday, July 18: 6:30 PM – until done** — *Help needed with everything! From set-up in the early afternoon, concessions, etc.*
- **Saturday, July 19: 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM (various shifts)**
- **Sunday, July 20: 8:30 AM – Noon (or until done)** — *Cleanup: MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!*



Please sign up at the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/JHMOBON25>

If you have trouble with the sign-up link, you can email jikoenprograms@gmail.com with which day you would like to help.

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since they were toddlers and have seen them grow up over the years. Both of their families' connections to Jikoen go back generations. They are active volunteers at the



JoAnn Yosemite (left), Jaci Horio (center), and Elise Mirei Ogata (right).

temple, frequently serving as MC's for the service. In fact, even though it was Jaci's special day, she served as MC at the Baccalaureate!

Jaci will be attending UH Manoa and majoring in biology. She hopes to become a dental hygienist. Mirei will attend Boston University and major in a pre-med field.

We wish you all the best and look forward to hearing about your college experiences. Let us know when you'll be home for vacation so that we can hold an MC spot open for you!

Lumbini Preschool Graduation

The Lumbini Preschool Class of 2025, the Panda Bears, graduated in front of an audience of proud parents, grandparents, family and friends in the Jikoen social hall. They marched in proudly, wearing their caps and gowns.

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The program was emceed by Miss Vangie, and it was clear that the teachers worked hard to help the students learn their songs and the story that they acted out. Lois Toyama, Jikoen co-president, read her poem, "Ode to the Panda Bears." Following the ceremony, each student stood in their own designated area which featured that student's artwork.

Congratulations, Panda Bears, and thank you to all of the dedicated Lumbini staff for all of your loving care.

Ode to the Panda Bears

*I heard the Panda Bears are great
And that you're going to graduate!
You're moving on to big kids' school,
And we all know that's pretty cool.*

*You've learned a lot at Lumbini,
Made friends, and know your ABC's.
Had water play and sandbox fun,
Yup, Panda Bears are number one!*

*We're awfully sad to see you go,
But we hope that you'll always know
Lumbini teachers care for you,
Wish you the best in all you do!*



Old – New Amida Statue

In May, **Eric Yosemite, Pete Doktor, Kaycie Moribe, and Morris Moribe** joined Pieper in removing the Amida statue from the altar and packing it to ship to Japan for refurbishing. In place of the Amida statue that was packed, the old Amida statue that stood in the nokotsudo was moved into the hondo. That statue which stood in the nokotsudo for 61 years is the original statue that stood in the Houghtailing Temple. The refurbished statue will be returned to Jikoen in January 2026 and will become the



▲ Kaycie Moribe
(shown clockwise) ►
Morris Moribe, Eric
Yosemite, and Pete
Doktor

centerpiece of the new altar.

We were surprised that the statue and the rays behind it are fitted into the pedestal with no nails or screws. They are perfectly notched and were removed easily. Kaycie

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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

July 2025

- 05 Pieper Toyama
- 12 Rev. Richard Tennes
- 19 Mr. Josh Hernandez-Morse
- 26 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto

⚡ 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.

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gave the old-new Amida a good dusting while Eric, Pete, and Morris packed the statue for shipping.

Oubaitori

On June 8th, the PBA musical group Oubaitori performed at the Sunday Sangha service. Their name comes from the Kanji for the four trees that bloom in spring: cherry blossoms, plum, peach, and apricot. Each flower blooms in its own time, and the meaning behind the name is that we all grow and bloom at our own pace. It acts as a reminder that everyone has their own journey through life, and we should focus on our personal growth and not compare ourselves to others.

The Jikoen Sangha thanks Oubaitori for performing so

beautifully and for reminding us of such an important teaching.

After the service, they played in the social hall for everyone's enjoyment.



(L to R) Rev. Nishiyama, Maya Galvez, Sean Fitch, Sensei Jay Toyofuku, Addie Hernandez

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 August, 2025:

Sunao Afuso ~ August 10, 2014 (86)
Doris Toyoko Arakaki ~ August 12, 2022 (97)
Haruo Arakaki ~ August 20, 1996 (78)
Rachel Tamae Arakaki ~ August 20, 2018 (88)
Setsuko Makishi Arakaki ~ August 8, 2024 (95)
Ushi Arakaki ~ August 15, 1996 (90)
Katherine Hideko Asato ~ August 13, 2015 (89)
Tetsu Asato ~ August 1, 1988 (14)
Kame Azama ~ August 9, 1996 (93)
Shizuko Azama ~ August 2, 1995 (84)
Gregory E. Barboza ~ August 24, 2023 (77)
Emiko Demon ~ August 26, 1997 (64)
Yukiko Esaki ~ August 17, 2024 (91)
Masajiro Macky Gima ~ August 15, 2013 (90)
Maka Goya ~ August 14, 1999 (98)
Tsuruyo Hashiba ~ August 17, 1995 (86)
Cynthia Chiyoko Higa ~ August 14, 1996 (69)
James Seishun Higa ~ August 14, 2014 (84)
Kana Higa ~ August 25, 1988 (91)

Seian Hokama ~ August 16, 2009 (95)
Teruko Higa ~ August 1, 2014 (93)
Tom Takeyoshi Higa ~ August 18, 2005 (77)
Tamon Ikeda ~ August 4, 2024 (58)
Seiju Ifuku ~ August 18, 2004 (89)
Ushi Ige ~ August 22, 1989 (97)
Benjamin Shinichi Iha ~ August 7, 1997 (82)
Taru Irei ~ August 29, 1971 (92)
Grace Haruko Isa ~ August 27, 2022 (95)
Nancy Yoshiko Kamemoto ~ August 2, 2003 (71)
David Yoshiaki Kaneshiro ~ August 31, 2021 (73)
Ethel Chieko Kaneshiro ~ August 30, 1998 (66)
Kenneth Kosho Kaneshiro ~ August 12, 1995 (57)
Masanobu Kaneshiro ~ August 9, 2010 (77)
Roy Yasuo Kaneshiro ~ August 21, 2016 (96)
Setsuko Kaneshiro ~ August 29, 2023 (96)
Tsuneo Kaneshiro ~ August 31, 2002 (80)
Nobuyuki Kawabata ~ August 18, 2007 (88)
Kenko Kina ~ August 8, 2015 (90)
Kame Kinjo ~ August 7, 1988 (88)
Takeo Kohatsu ~ August 13, 1997 (88)
Satoru Kudaishi ~ August 1, 1999 (77)
Toshiharu James Kuniyuki ~ August 20, 2000 (83)
Hideo Miyashiro ~ August 9, 2002 (87)
Masaru Miyataki ~ August 7, 2008 (84)
Randal Masaji Morifuji ~ August 14, 2023 (62)
Hideki Muranaka ~ August 5, 2008 (88)
Thelma C. Nakamasu ~ August 9, 2002 (88)
Joe Nakamatsu ~ August 20, 2014 (93)

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HAWAII STATE LAY ASSOCIATION 62ND ANNUAL CONVENTION BULLETIN # I



May 2, 2025

TO: All Temple Presidents, District Presidents, & State Vice-Presidents

FROM: State President: Russell Nonaka

Convention Co-Chairs: Rene Mansho, Rick Tabor

SUBJECT: 62nd Annual Convention Invitation

You are cordially invited to the 2025 Hawaii State Lay Association Annual Convention. Please extend this invitation to your temple members and leaders and encourage them to join in and participate in a gathering of fellow Jodo Shinshu practitioners. In addition to the usual business agenda, we will conduct workshop discussions that may lead to major operations & leadership issues affecting all temples.

Convention Theme: "LET'S BE THE AUTHORS OF OUR FUTURE!"

When: September 12-13, 2025

Where: Fri. - 5:30 PM – Jikoen Hongwanji Social Hall

Sat –8:30 AM -Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

Cost: Regular Registration Fee, by July 16: \$75.00

Zoom Registration Fee, by July 16: \$45.00

2025 Lay Convention Website: (Under Construction)

<https://sites.google.com/view/hsla2025convention/home>

Registration Deadline: July 16, 2025.

Resolution Submittal Deadline: Per our Bylaws, resolutions requiring financing shall be submitted 60 days (**July 14**) prior to the convention. All other resolutions shall be submitted 5 weeks (**August 4**) prior to the convention.

Email resolution drafts to: **Dean Sakamoto** at **OahuLay@gmail.com**.

Nominations for 2025 Deadline: July 31, 2025. A Nominations Form which identifies the officer positions that each district shall provide a nominee will be included in Bulletin #2. Mahalo!

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- Jonalyn Mieko Nakamoto ~ August 25, 2002 (21)
- Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone ~ August 30, 2022 (89)
- Glenn Kiyoshi Nozawa ~ August 21, 2022 (72)
- Jason Yukio Oka ~ August 20, 2014 (43)
- Violet T. Oka ~ August 25, 2002 (75)
- Arlene Yaya Kaneshiro Okamura ~ August 6, 2022 (73)
- Nancy O. Okuma ~ August 16, 2014 (98)
- Clara Sueko Oshiro ~ August 9, 2009 (88)
- Kama Oshiro ~ August 25, 1989 (86)
- Kamaji Oshiro ~ August 11, 1989 (98)
- Roy Katsuaki Oshiro ~ August 22, 2007 (64)
- Chiyo Sadoyama ~ August 28, 2022 (99)
- Hiroko Sakihara ~ August 4, 2012 (94)
- Shintaro Shimabuku ~ August 9, 2009 (86)
- Derry Mitsuo Shimabukuro ~ August 10, 2022 (67)
- Gilbert Shinkichi Shimabukuro ~ August 6, 2009 (92)
- Kamata Shimabukuro ~ August 1, 1971 (82)
- Mitsunaga Shimabukuro ~ August 10, 2022 (67)
- Eizun Shimamoto ~ August 25, 2008 (101)
- Marshall Jitsuo Shimamoto ~ August 9, 2009 (63)
- Haruko Shinsato ~ August 27, 2012 (96)
- Thomas Etsuo Shiroma ~ August 31, 2022 (91)
- Chiyo Tabisola ~ August 13, 2024 (92)
- George Shoichi Takara ~ August 20, 2009 (90)

- Nora Osue Tamanaha ~ August 18, 2021 (93)
- Mineko Tamashiro ~ August 4, 2014 (88)
- Harold Jinko Tamaye ~ August 17, 2012 (91)
- Florence Tamayose ~ August 6, 2013 (88)
- Fumie Tengan ~ August 3, 2022 (91)
- Nancy Hatsumi Toguchi ~ August 24, 2012 (90)
- Seisaburo Tokuda ~ August 10, 2009 (84)
- Haruko Uehara ~ August 10, 2009 (93)
- Thelma Haruko Upton ~ August 12, 2010 (91)
- Ume Sakumoto ~ August 21, 1997 (92)
- Setsuko Wakukawa ~ August 6, 2019 (90)
- Doris Sachiye Wauke ~ August 9, 2016 (85)
- Jacob Shigeo Wauke ~ August 30, 2016 (88)
- Yukiko Yahiku ~ August 28, 2017 (96)
- Koei Yamashiro ~ August 20, 1988 (83)
- Shizuko Yamashiro ~ August 28, 2018 (98)
- Richard Seichi Yogi ~ August 22, 2012 (70)
- Aran Taro Yoza ~ August 5, 2012 (96)
- Jack Tokusuke Zaan ~ August 4, 2016 (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 MAY 16, 2025 THRU JUNE 17, 2025

General Operations (\$1 - \$99)

Bon Memorial Ribbons (\$100 - \$299)

Shotsuki (\$1 - \$99)

General Operations (\$100 - \$399)

IMO Sadako Tokuda

IMO Ushiya Higa

Shotsuki (\$100 - \$399)

Bon Memorial Ribbons (\$1 - \$99)

IMO Fumiko Yoshimoto

IMO Sadako Shimabukuro

Building Fund (\$100 - \$999)

Building Fund (\$1,000 - \$2,999)

Anonymous

Onaijin Restoration

for Pieper Toyama book

Miscellaneous (\$1 - \$99)

IMO Wallace & Kiyoko Chinen

IMO Jean A. Oshiro & Kay N. Wada

IMO Takejiro Nakamasu & Yoshio Kawabata (Father's Day)

Baccalaureate Service

IMO Ishisuke & Kami Uejo

IMO Shorukuo & Hana Shimabukuro

IMO Betty Uejo

IMO Kenneth Shimabukuro

IHO Anonymous BAU donor

Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$299)

IHO Reverend & Mrs. Nishiyama

IMO Steve Sadaaki Higa (Nokotsudo visitation)

IHO Anonymous BAU donor

BAU Books

IHO Terry Jean Arakaki

Offertory

5/18/25 Service\$143.00
Sangha Family Service

5/25/25 Service\$173.00
Baccalaureate Service

6/1/25 Service\$201.00
Shotsuki Service

6/8/25 Service\$166.00
Sangha Family Service

Thank you for your generous support!

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Honolulu United Buddhist Women's Association Joint Education and General Membership Conference

Seeing Dementia...Through Eyes of Compassion



Cloud "hands" holding the setting sun

August 16, 2025
8:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
In Person!

**Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
 Annex Temple and
 Main Social Hall**

The 2025 Hongwanji theme is *Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness*. Let us deepen our awareness and understanding of dementia. When friends/family members show signs of dementia, may we see their actions through eyes of compassion.

- Please join us for an opportunity to learn of the challenges that dementia presents and to share, in small groups, what we can do and say to help friends and family members with dementia feel warmly supported.
- Share the joy as we applaud the Dana Awards presentation, create clay roses, and celebrate the BWA ohana with a spirited *kachashi* dance!
- Remember to bring your own cup, *montoshikisho*, and a friend!

Schedule

8:00	Registration
8:30	Service <i>In Remembrance</i> of members who have passed. At the end of service, donations to HHMH for the Ministerial Training Fund will be collected.
9:30	Annual General Membership Meeting
10:20	<i>Seeing Dementia...Through Eyes of Compassion</i> – guest speaker
10:50	– small group interaction
11:25	Lunch and Dana Awards presentation
12:10	Membership Activity – create clay roses
12:40	Closing with <i>kachashi</i> dance

DEADLINE – JULY 27, 2025

Please make check payable to **HHHB BWA** and mail or drop off your envelope labeled **HHHB BWA, Attn: HUBWA Jt. Conf.** with reg. form and payment at the **HHHB Office**.

Name(s)	Bento	
Write guest name(s) under your name	Regular bento	Vegetarian bento
Name _____	_____	_____
Guest _____	_____	_____
Guest _____	_____	_____
Your phone # _____	Your e-mail _____	
No. of participants _____ X \$20.00 = _____ Cash Yes/No Check# _____		

Mail address (do not mail cash): HHHB BWA, 1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96813, Attn: HUBWA Jt. Conf.

BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER SUMMER SESSION



Save The Dates

Summer Session – August 4-8, 2025

6-8pm - Held In-person and via Zoom



As the 51st Annual Buddhist Study Center Summer Session features **Rev. Dr. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez** in an interactive learning series entitled:

“The Path Comes to Meet Me” Awakening to Namo Amida Butsu

You are invited to re-evaluate your understanding of the Dharma by exploring a series of encounters, relationships, and journeys. Relevant to both newcomers and experienced travelers on the Buddhist path. Professor Galvan-Alvarez is a Hongwanji Kyoshi minister and leader in the United Kingdom and Spanish Shin Buddhist European community.

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.

Call for Submissions 2026 HONGWANJI CALENDAR

Five-Year Theme (2025-2029): NURTURING NEMBUTSU.

2026 Slogan: Sharing Gratitude

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) Calendar Committee invites members, Dharma friends, and affiliates to provide photos for the 2026 Hongwanji Calendar that shows,

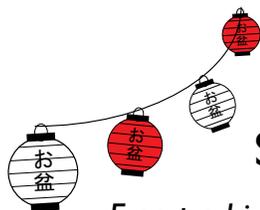
“NURTURING NEMBUTSU: SHARING GRATITUDE.”

- You may submit several photos for consideration by the Calendar Committee for the 2026 Hongwanji Calendar.
- We do welcome cell phone photos. Photos will need to be able to be clearly enlarged.
- Preferably, please submit pictures in landscape format (horizontal), like this flyer.
- For **EACH photo, please include a brief caption expressing the 2026 slogan** and your name/temple for photo credit.
- If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office at (808)522-9200 or email: hgs@honpahi.org.
- For photo submissions, please submit directly to Alan Kubota at lenscapes Hawaii@gmail.com. He will respond directly to any technical questions. Thank you.

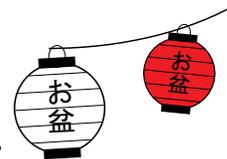


Deadline:
Monday, September 15, 2025.





2025 Jikoen Bon Dance



Saturday, July 19, 2025 – 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Free parking at Kapalama Elementary School from 3:00 p.m. (closes by 10:30 p.m.)

- 4:45 PM – Opening Processional – Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
- 5:00 PM – Dancing begins / Food, Games, and Vintage Clothing booths open
- 9:30 PM – End of Bon Dance

Volunteers needed for Bon Dance set-up, lantern assembly, food prep, booth sales, stockers/ runners, and clean-up for the following days:

- **Sunday, July 13:** Morning – Bon Dance structure set-up
- **Thursday, July 17:** Bon Dance Memorial Ribbon and Lantern assembly and food-prep
- **Friday, July 18:** Bon Dance physical set-up and food prep
- **Saturday, July 19:** Bon Dance set-up up, food prep, concessions, stockers/runners, clean-up
- **Sunday, July 20:** Bon Dance clean-up and takedown



We kindly ask that you email jikoenprograms@gmail.com for more information and to sign-up. All volunteers, no matter what task, are asked to wear covered shoes and to complete a liability waiver. MAHALO!

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