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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

All scheduled Sunday services will be held in-person and via Zoom in the Hondo unless otherwise noted. All other in-person activities and events as noted. Please keep in mind that service schedules are subject to change without notice. Thank you for your understanding.

For all Zoom services and programs please contact the Jikoen office for access information.

Sun 10/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Mari Nishiyama
Sun 10/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Lay Speaker: Chase Urasaki
Sun 10/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Mari Nishiyama• Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 11:00 a.m., On Zoom
Sun 10/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Dharma Moments – Halloween Costume Contest Time: 9:00 a.m.
Sun 11/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eitaikyo & Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Mari Nishiyama
Sun 11/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans Day Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Lay Speaker: Pete Doktor
Sun 11/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keirokai Recognition Service & Luncheon Time: 9:00 a.m.

JIKOEN POPEYES CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

On behalf of Jikoen 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 Sunday, November 30, 2025.**
- For additional tickets, please call our office at (808) 845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com

Mahalo! Ippei niffee debiru! Domo arigato gozaimasu!

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mari Nishiyama

The Inconceivable Nature of Life

ALOHA, everyone. Nice to meet you.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be connected with the Jikoen Sangha. Thank you very much for your warm welcome.

The hot summer has passed and October has arrived, a season of transition before the rainy season begins. Sometimes passing showers greet us, but they are often followed by beautiful rainbows, one of the special charms of autumn in Hawai'i. Today, I would like to reflect on "The Inconceivable Nature of Life."

In the Homage, it is said that to be born into human life is very difficult. It happens through profound connections. In other words, we are alive today not by our own power alone, but thanks to countless causes and conditions.

Please remember the time when you became a parent or when a child was born into your family. You wished from your heart, "may this child be born safely." The birth of a child shows us the wonder and preciousness of life.

How can we live this life calmly and happily? This is an essential question for everyone.

But life does not always go the way we want it to. Sometimes things are difficult or do not turn out as we had hoped. In those moments, we may feel lost or even alone.

Yet the Buddha's teachings remind you that you are never truly alone. Amida Buddha's great compassion always embraces you, even when life feels heavy. When you remember this, you can find the strength to take the next step, no matter how difficult it may be.

These words remind us deeply:

Ah, none of us has grown up by ourselves; we have all been supported and cared for by many people and many forms of life.

From now on, I look forward to seeing everyone at Jikoen continuing to help one another, sharing the Buddha's teachings, and cherishing Okinawan culture through dance, music, and food, while building warm friendships in our Sangha. I am sure that our Sunday services will be filled with smiles and kind hearts. Seeing such a scene is the ultimate blessing.

We can learn from each other within the Jikoen Sangha through our encounters with the Buddha's teachings. Jikoen Hongwanji works as your spiritual life, a place where we share the Dharma, respect culture, and support one another as one Sangha family. Here, we learn and grow together, finding joy in walking the path side by side.

I warmly invite you and your family to join us, to learn Buddhism together, and to enjoy the experience of being part of this Sangha.

To learn the Buddha's teaching is to look beyond what we see, to open our eyes to deeper connections and the world of the Buddha. Just as looking into a mirror and seeing your reflection are not two separate things, learning the Buddha's teaching and discovering your true self, and working both at the same time.

In Jodo Shinshu, we awaken to the working of Amida Buddha's wisdom. Anytime, anywhere, we say: *Namo Amida Butsu*. Let us continue to walk the Pure Land path together and learn the Buddha's teaching in our everyday lives. *Namoamidabutsu...*

TEMPLE NEWS

Fundraising Begins for Jikoen's New Altar

The engraving on the Okinawan Stone in front of Jikoen reminds us that we are all brothers and sisters. It has been our tradition to welcome and embrace all. In October, we begin fundraising for a new altar, which will serve as the second symbol of our welcoming spirit. The new altar is humble in design with simple lines that appeal to the aesthetic sensibilities of younger and diverse generations. Natural woodwork will be incorporated into the design to complement the extensive koa paneling, which is an integral part of our temple and a reflection of our connection to Hawaii.

The Board reviewed the entire project and approved the fundraising effort with a goal of \$150,000. This will cover the total cost of the new altar, asbestos removal from the altar ceiling, repainting of the altar area, and installation of new sound, light, and projection systems.

The new altar will replace the current altar that has been ravaged by age and termites. The 60-year-old altar has served three generations of Jikoen members well, and with the introduction of the new altar, another

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three generations will be served. The Board believes the simplicity of its design will serve us well into the future as it appeals to people of all ages and to the diverse cultural backgrounds of Hawaii's people.

The official start of the Campaign is in October, 2025. Please check your mail for the official announcement. We are asking members to consider donating in remembrance and recognition of their loved ones. Their names will be placed on a plaque in the hondo.

Pledges can be paid in a single lump sum or divided into annual or quarterly payments through 2028. Charge card payments will be accepted for all donations. Planned gifts are also accepted as an additional or alternative donor option.



Temple Clean-Up

Thanks to all who showed up for the Temple Clean-Up on Sunday, August 24th. In spite of the schedule conflict with many other events, a strong group of members and friends worked really hard to clean Jikoen.

The good attendance could be attributed to Co-President Pieper Toyama's daily emails in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS encouraging (threatening?) everyone to SHOW UP! More likely, it was due to the dedication and commitment of the wonderful members of our Sangha.

Cleaning projects ranged from the large, such as windows

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Setsuko Higa Akamine, 92, of Honolulu passed away in Honolulu on August 5, 2025.

Tomoko Noma Akamine, 98, passed away on July 31, 2025. Predeceased by husband, Takemitsu and son, Allan. She is survived by daughters, Naomi (Anthony) Bartholomew and Pauline (Tookie) Akamine-Adams.

Yukio Higa, 100, passed away on July 4, 2025, in Kaneohe Hawaii. He was born in Pualae, Hawaii. Survived by sons, Gaylord (Robin) and Grant, daughters, Lorelei (Kenneth) Kawaoka, Donna Higa and Susan Irei; sister, Edith K. Higa.

Jean Miyoko Kochi, 85, passed away on August 2, 2025. Predeceased by husband, Kokuji Kochi. She was born in Oyakebaru, Okinawa, Japan. They were the owners of Kuulei Delicatessen in Kailua from 1972-2004. Survived by sons, James and Eric; brothers, Shigeru, Takashi, Tsuyoshi and Sanehiko Gima; and sister, Chikako Kawabata.

Kosei Nago, 97, of Honolulu, passed away on August 3, 2025 at Hale Ho Aloha. He was born in Paia, Maui. He is survived by sons, Hiromichi (Chikako) and Hiroaki; daughter, Lisa (John) Char; sister, Jane Lo.

Jean Masako Sakihara, 90, passed away on July 20, 2025. She was born in Tokyo to Ryoki Miyasato and Yoshi Kato. Predeceased by husband, Dr. Michael Mitsugu Sakihara, author of the *Okinawa-English Wordbook*. Jean Sakihara sensei was a dedicated teacher of Japanese language and culture for over 40 years at the University Laboratory School at the University of Hawaii Manoa in Honolulu.

She was recognized with the prestigious award of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays by the Emperor of Japan, for her lifetime dedication to

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

On August 14, 2025, to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and community members gathered at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin for a special Commemoration Service titled "In Remembrance and Reflection: Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of World War II." During the Commemoration Service, Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani delivered the following aspiration.

The Amida Tathagata, out of boundless compassion for beings lost in the defilements of this world, stood up and raised inconceivable vows, fulfilled the sacred practice of embracing and never abandoning a single being, and established the Pure Land of peace and bliss.

This compassionate calling of the Buddha, as the sacred Name, Namo Amida Butsu, resounds throughout the ten directions. The Buddha continues to call out to us, guiding all who wander in the darkness of ignorance.

And yet, this world of the three realms is like a burning house, ever impermanent. Our human ignorance and foolishness are deeply rooted. Consumed by desires for fame, gain, and pleasure, we ignite flames of anger and fall into endless conflict. We harm ourselves, we harm others, and the cycle does not cease.

Eighty years ago, the Second World War, a conflict that affected countries across the globe, came to an end. Countless precious lives were lost. Many cities were reduced to ruins. Many people lost their families, friends, homes, and endured unimaginable pain. How deep, how unbearable, their sorrow must have been.

The cries born from that suffering and the tears shed in that grief reach us today as a silent yet powerful plea for peace.

Shakyamuni Buddha taught: "Hatreds never cease by hatreds in this world. By love alone do they cease. This is an ancient Law." He taught us that all living beings are interconnected, sharing in the great web of life. The path that destroys others is the path that ultimately destroys oneself. The path that allows others to live is the path on which we, too, are truly brought to life.

These timeless truths we must now, more than ever, take deeply into our hearts. In this time of division and conflict, may each of us gathered here today listen closely to these voices and embrace the aspirations of our

predecessors who longed for a world of tranquility and harmony. May we uphold human dignity, nurture a mind of compassion, and ensure the tragedies of the past are never repeated.

Let us walk forward together—to carry forward the message of peace from our predecessors, to ease the suffering of those who live among us today, and to protect the smiles of those who are yet to be born.

With humble hearts, I offer this aspiration. Namo Amida Butsu.



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

October 2025

- **04 Mr. Alan Goto**
- **11 Dr. Jay Sakashita**
- **18 Rev. Kerry Kiyohara**
- **25 Rev. Dianna Thompson**

⚡ 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.

Hawai'i State Lay Association Public Reminder

Just a courtesy reminder that October is open-enrollment month for health insurance.

Have questions about Medicare? The State Insurance Assistance Program offers a **free** helpline: **888-875-9229**

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and tables in the social hall and the whole preschool to the more detailed such as the gold work on the altar. Our yard crew came in on Saturday and some came back on Sunday!

The rumor is that he's already recruiting for next year, so sign up as soon as possible!

Jikoen Hongwanji Peace Day Service

Jikoen recognized International Peace Day (9/21) at the September 14 service, in addition to Shotsuki. Social concerns representative **Pete Doktor** shared a dedication to the people of Palestine facing genocide, famine and untold horrors evocative of the Battle of Okinawa, in terms of scale of civilian casualties and destruction. Some 20,000 children have been killed—an average of one each hour for the past 23 months of Israeli onslaught, which is a crime against humanity, not self-defense. As our ancestors taught, "Nuchi du takara: life is a treasure." Peace is an inherent value of Buddhism, and right of humanity, for which we stand in solidarity, so as to not lose our humanity, but to be part of the change, such is impermanence and our interdependence as global 'ohana, we come together as a Sangha to advocate for both world and inner peace: Namo Amida Butsu.

Mahalo, Team!

Almost any time you stop by Jikoen, you'll see some of our Jikoen Kijimuna Menhunes at work. If you come early, look for **Masuo Kino** working in the yard revitalizing the ground cover. Any time of day, you might see **John Toguchi, Jimmy Toma, and Morris Moribe** cleaning up the minister's residence in preparation for the renovations that are coming soon to welcome **Reverend Mari Nishiyama**.

Our carpentry team includes **Bill Gushi, Earl Kita, Dennis Nakamasu, Roy Tamayori, Mike Shimabukuro, and Allen Zukemura**. They are making new table tops for the preschool tables and then replacing the old ones. This is a huge job.

Providing sustenance for all these hard workers are our gourmet chefs Esther Kita and Sylvia Gushi.

All of these projects are initiated by the volunteers. They see a need, and they work to fill it. They are the personification of Dana, or selfless giving.

Lighting Our Way Banquet

Pacific Buddhist Academy's Lighting Our Way Banquet will be held on November 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the Kahala Hotel.

Jikoen ohana, let's go and support our members, **Leigh Ann Miyasato and Hoyt Zia** who are being honored at this event. They are both being recognized for their work in the community and for lighting the way by serving as examples for the youth.

Enjoy an evening by the ocean, some fine dining, maybe some wining, and of course take advantage of some great items at the silent auction.

See you there!



JBWA NEWS

Honolulu United BWA Conference

Members of the Honolulu United Buddhist Women's Association held their annual joint conference at the Hawaii Betsuin in August. The day began with a service honoring members who have passed away during the past year. Following that, the annual meeting, presided over by President Lois Ohta, was held in the social hall.

The speaker, who spoke on recognizing and caring for people with dementia, followed up her presentation with small group discussions which gave members an opportunity to share their experiences.

Dana Committee Chair, Liane Wong, then announced the 2025 HUBWA Dana Awards. With the exception of the Perpetual Dana Award of \$2,000, which Project Dana receives every year, each Dana Awardee receives \$1,000 annually for a total of three years. Lynn Nakata presented the awards: 1. Perpetual Dana Award – Project Dana (Maria Morales), 2. Third Year Dana Award – Honolulu

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- 1) "I can see clearly now..." (see page 3 "Temple Clean-Up")
- 2) Da Luna directing the crew (see page 3 "Temple Clean-Up")
- 3) precision cleaning crew at the altar (see page 3 "Temple Clean-Up")
- 4) taking a well-deserved break (see page 5 "Mahalo Team")
- 5) constructing tabletops (see page 5 "Mahalo Team")

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Police Community Foundation (Paul Putzulu), 3. Second Year Dana Award – Mediation Center of the Pacific (Tracey Wiltgen and Bruce McEwan), 4. First Year Dana Award – Ma'i Movement (Brandy Yee).

Of course, any activity sponsored by the BWA has to



include some fun times. The program ended with a craft activity which was followed by a joyful Kachashi.

See Jikoen's BWA President, Dorene Toma, if you'd like to join this group.



Jikoen BWA members participate in crafting fun (left) and kachashi (right).

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preserving Japanese culture in Hawaii.

She is survived by daughter, Mana Sakihara. She was a member of Shuri-Naha Club of the HUAO.

Fumiko “Leiko” Tamayose, 85, of Kaneohe, passed away

on June 5, 2025. She was born in Okinawa to Junichi and Tsuru Nakamoto. Fumiko is survived by her husband, Francis and daughter, Michelle Tamayose (Myles).

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

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, 2025:

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)

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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 7, 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 2, 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)
Raymond Yoshiwo Shiroma ~ November 4, 1999 (82)
Julie Masako Takara ~ November 24, 2024 (80)
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 Uyehara ~ November 5, 2003 (99)
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)
Nobuko Yoshida ~ November 15, 2024 (84)

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 JUNE 21, 2025 THRU SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

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IMO Wallace S. & Kay K. Chinen

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Obon (\$300 - \$599)

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Muramoto

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Popeyes Chicken (\$100 - \$299)

Popeyes Chicken (\$300 - \$499)

Shotsuki (\$100 - \$299)

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**IHO Rev. Shindo & Mrs.
Nishiyama's Farewell
Luncheon**

Anonymous

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**Building Fund (\$7,000 -
\$7,999)**

Anonymous

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IMO Jean Masako Sakihara

Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$299)

IMO Eunice S. Nakasato, Jean
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In gratitude for use of andagi
equipment

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

IMO Shoyei & Uta Shimabukuro
& Sadako Shimabukuro

Offertory

7/27/25 Service\$640.00

Rev. Nishiyama last service

9/7/25 Service\$157.00

Fall Ohigan & August Shotsuki



**Thank you for your
generous support!**

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Thank you for donating during Foodland's "Give Aloha" 2025 program which ended September 30! The final total will be provided in the November newsletter.

Please turn in your receipts so we can recognize your donation.

Sincere mahalo for your generous donations & continued support!





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SAVE THE DATE: SAT. OCT 4TH, 1PM HST

LETTERS TO HOME 2025 BOOK TOUR: HAWAI'I LGBTQ+



Join us for the last stop of our 2025 book tour, which also coincides with Honolulu Pride!

Letters to Home is an anthology of essays, poetry, and art by LGBTQ+ Japanese Americans and allies. Through sharing lived experiences both positive and negative, contributors explore themes of identity, community, acceptance, and "home."

Speakers: Jill Guillermo-Togawa, Jessica Kawamura, Keith Nishida, & Aiden Aizumi

Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin Social Hall, 1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96813

1:00PM-3:00PM HST

Attendance is FREE!
Please RSVP at: bit.ly/lth-hawaii
or via the QR code by Saturday, 9/27



Event Sponsors: Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin & Honolulu Hongwanji Council

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If you have special skills, experience or knowledge and can serve on any of the committees or help on any projects, we welcome your help.



We are in need of volunteers to help us with cleaning, landscape & beautification, monthly newsletter mail out, flower arrangements, recycling redemption, ongoing projects and fundraisers.

The upkeep of our temple and our ongoing events cannot continue without the tireless efforts and dedication of our volunteers and supporters.

If you are able to assist in any way for an hour or two, once a month or once a week, please call the office at (808) 845-3422, or email us at jikoen.info@gmail.com with your contact information.

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