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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.

Fri 12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lumbini Preschool Winter Program Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Jikoen Social Hall
Sun 12/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bodhi Day Service – HBC Hawaii Buddhist Council• NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN
Sun 12/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holiday Activity – Gingerbread Cookie Making (see page 11 for details) Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Jikoen Social Hall
Sun 12/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jikoen Bodhi Day & Monthly Shotsuki Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Mari Nishiyama
Thu 12/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Holiday (Office & Preschool closed)
Sun 12/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sangha Family Service – Intergenerational Activity Time: 9:00 a.m.• Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 11:00 a.m., On Zoom
Wed 12/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joya-E New Year's Eve Service (see page 12 for details) Time: 6:00 p.m., Speaker: Rev. Mari Nishiyama



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 新年明けましてお目出度うございます!



Thu 1/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Year's Holiday (Office & Preschool closed)
Sun 1/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shinran's Memorial & Monthly Shotsuki Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Mari Nishiyama
Mon 1/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lumbini Teachers' Workday – Preschool closed

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mari Nishiyama

Experiencing Pain, Held by Amida's Light

Aloha, everyone. I hope you are all doing well today. As we enter the last month of the year, many of us may already be thinking about what kind of year we hope to create in the coming one. People often say, *"family comes first."* Caring for one's family is deeply rooted in local culture. At the same time, it is within families, precisely because of their closeness, that some of the most painful conflicts can arise. One example of this involves issues related to caregiving and inheritance.

There was a pair of siblings. The older brother moved to the mainland when he was young, while the younger sister remained in Hawai'i and lived with their parents. She took responsibility for every aspect of their care: medical appointments, shopping, meal preparation, and responding to changes in their health even in the middle of the night. She supported them completely on her own. After many years, their parents passed away. Sometime later, the brother called his sister and said that as the eldest son, the family home belonged to him. Their parents had made no legal arrangements regarding inheritance. Although the siblings had been close, this comment created a sudden distance between them. Situations like this are common in many places. The important question is not simply about identifying who is right or wrong. What becomes visible in this story is the nature of the human heart. *Why do such conflicts arise?* Buddhism answers honestly by teaching that our blind passions, known as *bonnō*, are always at work. Greed, anger, jealousy, comparison, and the tendency to insist on being right are all part of human nature.

Shinran Shonin referred to these uncontrollable inner tendencies as *aku-gō*, or karmic habits. Because of them, even if one gains the desired property or "wins" an argument, the heart does not find peace. The same patterns repeat in different forms throughout one's life. This is the cycle of karma. Shinran Shonin said that "Evil karma cannot be defeated by self-effort."

It is easy to feel that the brother behaved unfairly. Many of us would feel that way. However, Buddhist teaching encourages us to look more deeply. Shinran Shonin described human beings as foolish beings filled with blind passions. The impulses that led the brother to act as he did are not unique to him; they are tendencies shared by all human beings. His actions did not arise because he was

simply a bad person, but because he was being pulled by the force of his own blind passions. This is the meaning of *aku-gō* in Shin Buddhism. The sister may have wanted to avoid a fight or felt that she did not want to hate her brother. She was very kind, but she probably carried a deep hurt inside her heart. Situations like this show how strong and long-lasting our karmic habits can be. When people experience pain within their families, it is natural to wonder how to heal these wounds.

We often hear the word "healing." However, Jodo Shin Buddhism does not teach that suffering will simply disappear. Instead, it teaches that we are held by the Light of Amida Buddha even while our suffering remains. The sister's hurt may have been very deep, but meeting Amida's Light can gently change how she relates to that pain. Her painful feelings may slowly soften. She may begin to see that her brother was also confused and struggling. Her own pain may help her understand the pain of others. This quiet change within her heart is the working of Amida Buddha, and it becomes a source of deeper understanding and growth.

Amida Buddha does not seek people who are strong, righteous, or untroubled. The ones most embraced by Amida are those who feel weak or hurt, who cannot yet forgive, or who do not know what to do. It is precisely such people whom Amida wishes to hold most gently. The sister's pain is not meaningless. Within that very pain, the Light is already present. If even one person in a family awakens to this truth, the direction of the entire family can change. A person who refrains from continuing conflict, who does not impose their own sense of correctness on others, or who gradually loosens their grip on resentment can become the one who brings peace to the family. As the year ends, it is worthwhile to reflect on your own life. In the Light of Amida Buddha, please entrust your heart, saying: *Namo Amida Butsu*. We would love to see you at our Sunday service.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

Waianae Hongwanji Mission held its final service on Sunday, November 9, 2025, with ministers, lay leaders, temple members, and friends in attendance. Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani delivered the following Dharma Message.

*How joyous I am, my heart and mind being rooted
in the Buddha-ground of the universal Vow, and my*

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thoughts and feelings flowing within the dharma-ocean, which is beyond comprehension! I am deeply aware of the Tathagata's immense compassion, and I sincerely revere the benevolent care behind the master's teaching activity. My joy grows ever fuller, my gratitude and indebtedness ever more compelling.
(Shinran Shonin)

Good morning, everyone. Today, with the presence of ministers, members, and friends of the Waianae Hongwanji Mission, we gather to observe the final service of this temple as we prepare for its permanent closing at the end of this year. As I stand before you, my heart is filled with mixed emotions — gratitude, sadness, and deep reflection — as we mark the conclusion of a long and meaningful chapter in the history of Waianae Hongwanji.

The story of this temple began even before its official founding. Records tell us that Bishop Yemyo Imamura visited this area monthly to share the Buddha-Dharma with the early Japanese immigrants who had settled here. In 1901, Rev. Josho Yempuku of Waipahu Hongwanji continued Bishop Imamura's efforts, reaching out to the residents of Waianae and planning for the construction of a temple. His successor, Rev. Eun Miyamoto, led the groundbreaking and completion of the temple, which was formally dedicated in July 1904 by Rev. Shojitsu Asaeda. These are the beginnings of the long and rich history of Waianae Hongwanji Mission.

When I think of those pioneer ministers and the devoted members who established the foundation of this temple, I am moved by their commitment, vision, and perseverance. Behind these historical facts are countless personal stories — stories of laughter, fellowship, hardship, hope, and unshakable dedication to share the light of the Buddha-Dharma in this community.

In those days, ministers' duty extended far beyond temple walls. Many ministers traveled 20 or 30 miles from their homes, sometimes on horseback, sometimes by slow-moving train, and often on foot. They faced the sun, rain, and wind, lost their way in the mountains and fields, fell into ditches, and received unwelcoming messages and criticism. However, they kept going. Guided by the Nembutsu and sustained by the support of devoted members, they continued to move forward, sharing the Dharma. Together, they built this temple here in Waianae.

For more than a century since then, Waianae Hongwanji has been a place of refuge, learning, and fellowship. It has

been a true spiritual home for generations of families — a place where they came to share joy and sorrow, to express gratitude, and to find comfort in the Nembutsu.

The light of the Dharma first illuminated by our pioneers continued to shine through the dedication of successive ministers, leaders, and members. Each person — including your parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends — played an integral part in shaping this temple's story. There are no words sufficient to express our gratitude for their compassion and devotion. I am simply humbled and thankful to all who kept the light of the Nembutsu shining brightly over the decades.

I often wonder how many people have entered this temple — how many have stood before this Amida Buddha, offered incense, placed their hands together, and said *Namo Amida Butsu*. Some people recited the Nembutsu with joy and gratitude; others recited in sadness, burdened by loss or hardship in life. And this Amida Buddha gently and tirelessly stood by each of them — always listening, embracing, and illuminating their lives with Wisdom and Compassion.

For more than one hundred years, this Buddha has silently witnessed the lives of the Waianae community — its celebrations and its sorrows — gently embracing all

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Edith Setsuko Wauke Mihalco, 95, of St. George, UT, passed away in Texas on September 13, 2025. She was the 12th sibling and the last of 14 children of the late Jiro and Kama Wauke.

Yoshiharu Tengan, 99, of Honolulu, passed away in Aiea on September 26, 2025. He was born in Aza Gushikawa, Okinawa, Japan. Predeceased by wife Shizuko Y. Tengan. He is survived by sons, Eric T. and Walter M. Tengan.

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

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beings with its warm presence. Today, as we say farewell to this sacred space, I recite the Nembutsu in deep gratitude to Amida Buddha for having stood here all these years, shining the light of Compassion upon all who entered.

Thank you, Amida Buddha, for guiding and embracing us. Thank you, Waianae Hongwanji temple, for protecting this sacred space and nurturing a community of Dharma and friendship.

As Buddhists, we are always reminded of the impermanence of all things. Everything that takes form will one day change; everything that comes together will one day part. Yet the teaching of impermanence is not only about endings — it is also about beginnings. When the leaves fall from the tree, they become part of the earth, nurturing new life.

Throughout Buddhist history, temples have risen, declined, and transformed — yet the Dharma has never ceased to flow. We must ensure that the legacy of Waianae Hongwanji continues to live on in new forms, and that its stories remain part of the great tapestry of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Although the temple building will close its doors soon, the light of the Buddha-Dharma does not end here.

There are two poems that I would like to share with you today.

「恋しくば 南無阿弥陀仏を 称うべし 我も六字のうちにこそ住め」

If you miss me, just say Namō Amida Butsu. I shall live within those six characters.

「我となえ 我聞くなれど 南無阿弥陀 連れて行くぞの 親の呼び声」

Though it is I who recite and I who hear Namō Amida Butsu, it is truly the voice of my loving parent, Amida Buddha, gently calling — 'I will take you without fail.'

These poems express the very heart of our tradition. It reminds us that the true temple and the true refuge are not found outside ourselves, but within our voice of the Nembutsu. The Nembutsu is the living presence of the Buddha — the call of Amida's boundless Compassion reaching out to each of us, assuring us, "I am with you always."

Even though this physical temple will close, the essence of Waianae Hongwanji — the Wisdom and Compassion

of Amida Buddha — will continue to live on in our voice of *Namō Amida Butsu*. The spirit of this sangha, the friendships, the memories, and the joy of the Nembutsu that we shared here at Waianae will continue to live on in all of us. Any place where people recite the Nembutsu is the Waianae Hongwanji Mission.

Today marks the closing of one chapter, but also the beginning of a new one in the unfolding history of Jodo Shinshu in Hawaii. The question before us is: What kind of history shall we write next? That is in our hands. May we carry forward the light and spirit of this temple to our respective sanghas and communities, so that the flame of the Dharma first lit by our pioneers will continue to shine brightly for generations to come.

On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, and as the present Bishop, I express my deepest gratitude to all people, past and present, who have supported and sustained Waianae Hongwanji through the years — its

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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

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- **06 Rev. Koshin Kamuro**
- **13 Rev. Blayne Higa**
- **20 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka**
- **27 Rev. David Fujimoto**

⚡ 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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ministers, leaders, members, and friends. Honto ni Arigato Gozaimashita. Thank you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Though we may no longer gather in this physical place, please remember that we remain connected through the Nembutsu. Please continue to live your lives as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. The legacy and the history of Waianae Hongwanji will continue in each of our hearts.

Namo Amida Butsu.

TEMPLE NEWS

New Altar Campaign Launches Successfully

In October, Jikoen members and supporters received an invitation to participate in the campaign to raise \$150,000 to fund a new altar with upgraded sound, lighting, and projection systems. Over 500 invitations were mailed, and in a matter of only three weeks, we received over 18% participation. Normally, the overall

expected rate of response to such invitations is 5% to 9%. This tremendous response is an indication of Jikoen members' and supporters' commitment to Jikoen and its future.

If you still have not replied to our invitation to participate, please use the Donation Form in this newsletter (page 7) and mail in your pledge.

Honolulu Gay Pride Parade

A contingent of Hongwanji members colorfully represented our temples in the Gay Pride Parade on October 18, 2025. Led by Bishop and Mrs. Umitani, members joined to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community. If you've never participated in or watched this parade, check it out next year. Floats and costumes are so creative, and the parade watchers are very appreciative and enthusiastic.



Jikoen Hallowe'en Fun

On the last Sunday of October, Jikoen members come to service dressed in costume. It's always fun to admire each other's creativity. This year the costumes were judged by three experts: **Janet Wakakua, Karen Tamanaha, and Rev. Mari Nishiyama** (pictured left to right).



Our new altar in the process of being completed.

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Thank you to our creative members for participating in our annual Halloween Costume Contest!

Keirokai, Celebration of Experience & Wisdom

On November 16, we honored our senior members, with a luncheon and entertainment. This year's Keirokai honored the following members:

Glen Arakaki
Ryokichi Higashionna
Jack Isa
Kimiko Ishiki (*Momoju – 100 years old*)
Nobuku Kida
Hiroshi Kishimoto
Violet Miyahira
June Miyasato
Shizue Miyasato
Nancy Okuma (*Beiju – 88 years old*)
Sadako Oshiro (*Hakuju – 99 years old*)
Edwin Shimabukuro (*80 years old*)
Doris Uehara (*Kajimaya – 97 years old*)
Aiko Watanabe (*Sotsuju – 90 years old*)

Keith Oshiro opened the entertainment by performing *Kajadifu*, the most auspicious of all Ryukuan dances that honors the bond between the king and his eldest son. The dance is traditionally the first number to be performed at important gatherings.

Judy Muramoto, MC, introduced the lineup of talented performances that included **the Hong Family**, **the Moribe Family**, group singing led by **Pete Doktor** on the *sanshin*, and surprise singer from Oregon, **Rev. Shindo Nishiyama**. A very special appearance was made by the girls from Farrington High School, who danced to a Tahitian love song. The eight girls participate in the afternoon program, Ho'oulu I Ke Aloha, that meets in Jikoen's social hall three days a week. This was the first time Farrington students participated in Jikoen's Keirokai Program. To show Jikoen's solidarity with Farrington, Jikoen Governors alumni, joined the girls in a rousing

rendition of the Farrington High School Alma Mater. Chickenskin!

One of the most remarkable moments of the day was when the Farrington girls all stood up and joined in *kachashi*! It was wonderful to see the coming together of cultures. It is experiences such as these that ensure this treasured Uchinanchu tradition at Jikoen will continue to touch others. How fortunate we are! (see photos on page 10)

Social Concerns Donations

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find an envelope for your donation to the social concerns committee.

The current Social Concerns collection period runs through August 2026. Your contributions make it possible for the Hongwanji Hawaii's Committee on Social Concerns (CSC) to support food banks and other community services, fund innovative temple social concerns programs, and contribute to disaster/war relief efforts.

Please make your check out to Jikoen Hongwanji with "Social Concerns" in the memo line and mail or drop it off to:

Jikoen Hongwanji Mission
1731 N. School Street
Honolulu, HI 96819

We will send one check to Honpa Hongwanji Headquarters by September 30, 2026.

Veterans & Armistice Day Speaker: Pete Doktor

In a talk-story style, **Pete Doktor** shared his personal thoughts about a Buddhist way of honoring veterans. He opened his talk by listing his family's long history of military involvement, going back to the Civil War and ending with his enlistment in the Army. Pete's comments ranged over a spectrum of issues and thoughts. He spoke to the questions: Is war inevitable? Is war a part of human nature? To which he answered, no. Wars start over the distribution of wealth, differences in culture, and social hierarchy. He spoke of the differences between "soldiers" and "warriors." He defined "soldiers" as those who fight for a government and "warriors" as those who defend and protect the land. He cited Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. as "warriors." In his conclusion, he pointed to the Eightfold Path as the Buddhist response to

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My Donation to Jikoen's New Altar

Name (print) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

I wish to make a total donation in the amount of \$ _____

I will make my donation:

- ☐ In one payment, which is enclosed.
- ☐ In equal annual payments through the years 2026 - 2028.
- ☐ In quarterly payments through the years 2026 - 2028.
- ☐ Through my credit card.

Type of Card _____

Name on Card _____

Number _____

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Signature _____

I wish to be acknowledged for my donation:

- ☐ With my name as printed
- ☐ In Memory of _____
- ☐ Both of the above
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Remain anonymous

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war. If we are to honor veterans in a Buddhist way, then we need to work for peace and work for change by being the change we want.

Congratulations!

Jikoen members **Leigh-Ann Miyasato and Hoyt Zia** were recently recognized by the Pacific Buddhist Academy as Inspirational Leaders. Both Leigh-Ann and Hoyt are attorneys who worked together on the Korematsu v. United States case. Korematsu was convicted of resisting the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. Their legal team succeeded in vacating his conviction.



Hoyt (rear center) and Leigh-Ann (front center) with family and friends.

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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 January, 2025:

Kamado Agena ~ January 23, 1996 (97)
Mitsue Aka ~ January 22, 2018 (97)
Fumiyo Akamine ~ January 27, 2002 (87)
Sally Hatsuko Arakawa ~ January 31, 2018 (93)
Otome Atta ~ January 24, 2015 (92)
Gladys Setsuko Chinen ~ January 17, 2018 (87)
Doris Yasuko Higa ~ January 5, 2025 (94)
Harry Teisuke Higa ~ January 17, 2014 (92)
David Shigemitsu Horiuchi ~ January 18, 2013 (77)
Kiyoko Doris Ige Isa ~ January 20, 2018 (95)
Yoshinori Isa ~ January 7, 2014 (84)
Fred Junzo Ito ~ January 22, 21 (91)
Walter Y. Jakahi ~ January 24, 2001 (65)
Ruby Fumie Jitchaku ~ January 31, 2017 (93)
James Masayuki Kagawa ~ January 19, 1996 (65)
Naoye Kaneshi ~ January 30, 2018 (90)
Janet Yemiko Kaneshiro ~ January 4, 2021 (88)
Otome Kaneshiro ~ January 8, 2011 (101)
Mildred Kimie Kiyama ~ January 22, 2020 (95)
Shinyu Kiyuna ~ January 1, 2017 (96)
Gordon Masamitsu Kushimaejo ~ January 13, 2019 (87)

Toshihiro Matsuda ~ January 2, 2023 (84)
Betsy Taye Miyahira ~ January 10, 2021 (93)
Tokutaro Miyahira ~ January 2, 2004 (101)
Yoshiko Miyashiro ~ January 16, 2017 (91)
Stanley Shojin Moriyama ~ January 8, 2004 (90)
Donald Nagahide Nakachi ~ January 28, 2005 (75)
Betsy Aiko Nakamoto ~ January 15, 2016 (87)
Helen Harue Nakamura ~ January 27, 2004 (79)
Masako Nakasone ~ January 4, 2007 (90)
Toshii Yamazaki Nakasone ~ January 1, 2007 (74)
Wallace Hitoshi Nakasone ~ January 13, 2009 (64)
Masuyo Nakatani ~ January 15, 2008 (99)
Miyoko Noborikawa ~ January 5, 1998 (80)
Barbara Nobuko Nohara ~ January 17, 2021 (96)
Toshiko Noji ~ January 3, 2014 (84)
Violet Ogawa ~ January 29, 2015 (90)
Sueko Okuhara ~ January 9, 2022 (95)
Colonel Ellison Onizuka ~ January 28, 1984 (39)
Sadano Oshiro ~ January 27, 2013 (73)
Stuart Shoji Oshiro ~ January 18, 2022 (63)
Uto Akamine Oshiro ~ January 9, 2007 (102)
Michael Mitsugu Sakihara ~ January 15, 2001 (71)
Janet Setsuko Sasaki ~ January 18, 2018 (88)
Jane Kimie Shiira ~ January 8, 2013 (67)
Earl Seisho Shima ~ January 22, 2008 (93)
Annie Sumie Shimabukuro ~ January 21, 2024 (96)
Gary Tadashi Shimabukuro ~ January 26, 2014 (84)
Walter Hisao Shinkawa, Sr. ~ January 19, 2004 (76)
Harue Shinsato ~ January 27, 1996 (61)
Lawrence Kaoru Shinsato ~ January 14, 2008 (60)

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Betty Y. Suenishi ~ January 31, 2016 (72)
Elizabeth Betsy Sugihara ~ January 22, 2008 (85)
Albert Kanji Tatsuguchi ~ January 24, 2008 (87)
Amy Teruya ~ January 7, 2016 (58)
Matsumori Archibald Teruya ~ January 30, 2008 (90)
Terry Masaji Toguchi ~ January 23, 2014 (66)
Ralph Y. Tokumoto ~ January 4, 2000 (77)
JoAnn Kazue Tokushige ~ January 10, 2020 (68)
Kiyoko Toma ~ January 19, 2020 (98)
Edward Kiyoshi Tomasu ~ January 29, 2016 (56)
Bert Shigeo Uyehara ~ January 11, 2008 (87)
Betty K. Uejo ~ January 28, 2015 (89)
Sentei Ueunten ~ January 3, 2002 (73)
Louise Toshie Wakakuwa ~ January 29, 2004 (63)
James Noboru Uyeunten ~ January 27, 2020 (75)
Barbara Mitsue Yamada ~ January 12, 2018 (90)
Helen Hanako Yamaguchi ~ January 27, 2014 (91)
Thomas Iwao Yamamoto ~ January 3, 2007 (77)
Jane Yukie Yamashita ~ January 10, 2010 (68)
Haruyo Yoshii ~ January 26, 2022 (95)
Frances Tsuyako Yoshimura ~ January 7, 2020 (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 with your name and contact information and we will get back to you.

Corrections

We would like to make the following corrections for the Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service from the last issue:

- *The first name in the following Shotsuki entry was displayed incorrectly as "Wayne" in last month's newsletter. Here is the correct entry:*

Melvin Naoya Kaneshiro ~ December 23, 2022 (71)

- *The last name for the following was displayed incorrectly as "Kaneshiro." Here is the corrected entry:*

Sheila Audrey Yamamoto ~ December 10, 2024 (78)

The Shotsuki service for December will be on Sunday, December 21, 2025. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

DONATIONS FROM OCTOBER 17, 2025 THRU NOVEMBER 16, 2025

General Operations (\$1 - \$99)

Anonymous
IMO Violet (Nakasone) Sahara
Anonymous
IMO Kelly Naomi (Okuma)
Uyeda

IMO Elaine (Ishikawa) Hirashiki

General Operations (\$100 - \$499)

IMO Steve Sadaaki Higa

IMO Matsusuke & Matsu
Shimabukuro

IMO Tsuneko Makabe

IMO Tsuneko Makabe

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IMO Shoyei Andy Yamashiro

Obon: IMO Seijun, Mineko &
Kazue Tamashiro

IMO Nobuko Yoshida - 1 Year
Memorial

Eitaikyo (\$1-\$99)

Eitaikyo (\$100-499)

Keirokai (\$1-\$99)

Keirokai (\$100-499)

Shotsuki (\$1 - \$99)

IMO Eunice Chinen Dela Cruz

IMO Minoru Kaneshiro

IMO Yukio Tokuda

Shotsuki (\$100 - \$499)

IMO Clytie K. Yogi

Popeyes Chicken (\$1 - \$99)

Popeyes Chicken (\$100 - \$299)

Social Concerns (\$500 - \$999)

Offertory

10/19/2025 Service\$83.00

10/26/2025 Service\$120.00

11/02/2025 Service\$130.00

Eitaikyo & Shotsuki

11/09/2025 Service\$138.00

Veterans Day

11/16/2025 Service\$236.00

Keirokai

*Thank you for your
generous support!*

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Both have served in leadership roles in various organizations in Hawaii and nationally. Since retiring, they have devoted their time to issues that they care about most, such as defending democracy and upholding the rule of law. When asked if they had a final message, they advised, "People need to stand up and fight and do whatever they can to protect our country from where it's

now going."

(This content is abbreviated from the profile of Leigh-Ann and Hoyt which was written by Pacific Buddhist Academy students.)



Keirokai Photo Highlights



(1) Keith Oshiro opened the program with "Kajadifu," a traditional dance that opens important gatherings.

(2) Suki Hong performs "The Two Grenadiers" on her violin.

(3) The girls of Farrington High School dance "Pahoho," a Tahitian love song.

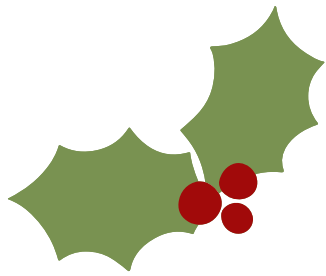
(4) Farrington Girls try their hand at kachashi.

(5) Jikoen Keirosha, Glenn Arakaki (seated) and

Dr. Ryokichi Higashionna (standing right), with Pieper Toyama (standing left) and Rev. Mari Nishiyama (standing center).

(6) All honorees and guests (honoree Edwin Shimabukuro added in left corner).



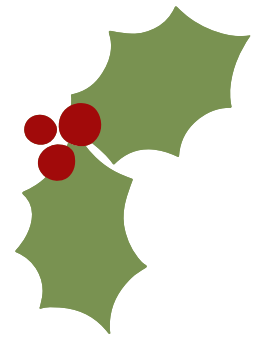


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HOLIDAY FAMILY DHARMA MOMENT

**December 14th
9:00 am**



**LET'S MAKE GINGERBREAD
COOKIES TOGETHER!**

Short service at 9:00 am
followed by Holiday Activities
in the Social Hall

**Please RSVP by December 4th at the link
<https://tinyurl.com/JikoenGingerbread25>
or by calling the Jikoen Office (808) 845-3422**

Please provide name and number of people attending

Questions? Email Terry Jean at tjmiyoko@gmail.com



Jikoen Joya-E New Year's Eve Service

December 31, 2025 (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

Please join us *in person* or via Zoom with family and friends to greet the New Year on Wednesday, December 31 at 6:00 p.m. for Jikoen's New Year's Eve Service and ringing of the bell. *Elevator-lift is available.*

Generally, this is a time for reflection! A year-end service to bring the year to a close. It gives us an opportunity to reflect on the past year and to rejoice with gratitude in the life we have at the present time!

Refreshments and fellowship to follow after the service.

Come and celebrate the end of 2025 and welcome the beginning of 2026 with us. Hope to see you! Everyone is welcome!



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