



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 Jikoehongwanji office for access information.

Sat, 3/28 thru Fri, 4/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bazaar Prep: Social Hall Closed
Fri 4/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Friday State Holiday (Office & Lumbini Preschool closed)
Fri, 4/3 thru Sun, 4/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YESS Camp 42 at Kona Hongwanji
Sat 4/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Jikoehongwanji Spring Bazaar (see page 12 for details) Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Location: Jikoehongwanji Social Hall
Sun 4/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOEHONGWANJI • Hawai'i Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. , Location: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Speaker: Dr. George Tanabe
Wed 4/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddha Day (HQ Office & Buddhist Studies Center closed)
Sun 4/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikoehongwanji Hanamatsuri & Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Mari Nishiyama
Fri 4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanamatsuri Day Observed (Office & Lumbini Preschool closed)
Sat 4/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhist Study Center (BSC) Spring Festival (see page 5 for details) Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Location: Buddhist Study Center
Sun 4/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JBWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Member Speaker: JoAnn Yosemite • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 11:00 a.m., On Zoom

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Sat 4/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hui O Laulima Garage Sale Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Location: Jikoen Social Hall
Sun 4/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Ohana Dharma Moment Service & Activity Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: TBA

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mari Nishiyama

Within the World "Okagesamade"

Time passes quickly, and we have already welcomed the month of April. Last month, the Kona storm brought heavy rains and affected many areas. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to all those who experienced damage.

As April arrives, we are reminded of the cherry blossoms so dear to Japan. Their brief yet full bloom is truly breathtaking. Some of you may be taking this opportunity to travel and enjoy the season.

Here at Jikoen, we have recently received our new altar furnishings. The previous ones, used and cherished with great devotion, have been sent to a Jodo Shinshu temple in Okayama, Japan, where they will continue to serve. I am deeply grateful for this meaningful connection.

During the transition period last month, many volunteers stepped forward to help. Moving the heavy altar pieces and preparing the *hondo* was not an easy task. With the Kona storm approaching, we were concerned about the weather, but everything was completed safely and without injury. This was made possible through everyone's support and cooperation.

When we say "okagesamade," we express gratitude not only for the visible support of those around us, but also for the unseen workings that quietly sustain our lives. In Jodo Shinshu, we understand that beneath these connections lies the working of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. Even before we are aware of it, we are already embraced and supported. The installation of the new altar furnishings came together through these causes and conditions.

After the installation, our board members continued working late into the evening, carefully cleaning the *hondo* and preparing everything for services. I am truly humbled by the way everyone continues to support this temple.

Jikoen Hongwanji exists today because it has been lovingly cared for and passed down by those who came before us. To receive their aspirations and continue their efforts is an important part of our path. When we encounter those who walk the Nembutsu path, we can see how the teaching lives on in everyday life as a living Buddhism.

In Jodo Shinshu, we are taught that those embraced by Amida Buddha's Primal Vow return to this world to guide others. When we look at Jikoen today, at the hands that built it and the lives that sustain it, we can feel this quiet working.

As Jikoen begins a new chapter this April with its new altar furnishings, I warmly invite all members to take part in its life. With gratitude for the connections entrusted to us, and guided by the light of Amida Buddha, let us continue walking together.

During the Dedication Service, Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, our guest speaker, shared the following message:

Congratulations on the dedication of the new inner altar.

More than its beauty, its true meaning lies in being a place where we listen to the Dharma and recite the Nembutsu.

Just as we are, we are embraced by Amida Buddha.

May this temple always be a place where everyone can return with peace.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Now that the Dedication Service has been completed, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude. Despite the stormy weather, many members gathered, and the service was carried out safely and meaningfully. From the preparation of the *hondo* to the arrangements made within a short period of time, every effort reflected the dedication and sincerity of our members.

As we reflect on this ceremony, may we carry this shared

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connection into our daily lives. May the gratitude we felt that day gently remind us of the unseen support that sustains us. We warmly welcome all who wish to walk this path together. Please join the Jikoen Ohana community.

Namo Amida Butsu

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

Nurturing What Is Unseen March, 2026

I would like to share a part of my Giseikai closing message. This reflection was inspired by *The Purpose-Driven Church*, written by Pastor Rick Warren. Pastor Warren, an American Christian minister and founder of Saddleback Church in California, writes about his love of gardening and the lessons it offers.

He describes a particular type of bamboo tree. When it is first planted, there is no visible growth for four or even five years. You water it and fertilize it, then water it and fertilize it again. You repeat this over and over, yet there is no visible growth. None at all. But around the fifth year, everything begins to change. In just about six weeks, the bamboo suddenly begins to grow, reaching as tall as 30 meters (100 feet). It may seem unbelievable that a plant which appeared to lie hidden underground for years would suddenly shoot up like a rocket.

Pastor Warren introduced this bamboo story and reflected that we should not worry too much about whether the church is growing. Instead, he admonished that we focus on whether the church is aligned with its God-given purpose. He wrote that we should faithfully continue to water, fertilize, cultivate the soil, pull out the weeds, and prune the branches. There may be years of service without visible results. Yet, beneath the surface, unseen by human eyes, something is happening. Deep underground, roots are spreading and being prepared.

This image of the bamboo offers us a meaningful perspective as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists.

In many ways, our own lives are like that of bamboo. Before we became aware of Amida Buddha's Compassionate work, before we awakened to the Nembutsu, there were countless causes and conditions supporting us. There were

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Janet Yasuko Ginoza, 99, of Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away on February 25, 2026. She was born in Yama, Okinawa. Predeceased by husband, Yoshimori Ginoza. She is survived by son, William "Willy" Y. (Shirley) Ginoza; daughters, Jane (Allen) Nakagawa, Helen (Eric) Kam, Nina (Russell) Kobayashi, Grace Ginoza; and sister, Masako (Toshimitsu) Higa.



Blanche Goya, 87, of Kaneohe, Hawaii, passed away on February 07, 2026. She was born in South Hilo to Hitoshi and Masako Morimoto and predeceased by husband, Toshio "Lefty" "Pop" Goya. She is survived by son, Scott; grandson, Diesel; predeceased by brother, Herbert Morimoto; survived by sisters, Irene Morimoto and Wilma Kawasaka.

Yoshiko Higa Kaneshiro, 87, of Aiea, Hawaii passed away on January 18, 2026. Predeceased by parents, Kama & Shinei Higa; husband, Jack Heisuke Kaneshiro, and son Duane Kiyoshi Kaneshiro. She is survived by son, Eric; daughters, Patricia Ann Davis, Joanne Kaneshiro, and Lynn (Craig) Oda.

Ethel Sonoe Teruya, 94, of Honolulu, passed away in Honolulu on Nov. 27, 2025. She was born in Lahaina to Ishu & Nahe (Nakandakari) Higaonna. Predeceased by husband, Harold Sunao and son, Wayne. They are founders of Armstrong Produce (FreshPoint Hawaii), Honolulu, Kona and Kula Produce. Survived by son, Mark (Joanie) Teruya and daughters, Diane (Rick) Phillips and Erma (Stan) Ishikawa.

Doris Toshiko Uehara, 95, passed away on March 5, 2026. She was born in Honolulu to Ryosuke and Ushi Arakaki and predeceased by husband, James Uehara. She is survived by daughters, Gail (Nelson) Tamashiro and Wendy (Ross) Nakahara.

May the O-Nembutsu and happy memories sustain you through this difficult time. Namu Amida Butsu.

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people who gently and patiently nurtured us—family members, ministers, and fellow Sangha—who helped prepare the ground for our awakening. They prepared the conditions for us to rise and grow.

Just as we have been nurtured through countless causes and conditions, now it is our turn to “water the soil” with sincerity and gratitude, staying aligned with our purpose as a Jodo Shinshu organization in Hawaii, so that others, too, may awaken to the joy of the Nembutsu. I firmly believe that every action we take today, no matter how large or small, creates the conditions for someone to discover true meaning in the Dharma. Even if the results are not yet visible, beneath the surface, something magnificent is unfolding.

Namo Amida Butsu

INTER-TEMPLE NEWS

Cultivating Peace & Refuge: Third Annual Interfaith Community Townhall & Iftar Dinner

On February 28, the ACLU of Hawai‘i hosted its third annual community Iftar Dinner — an evening of reflection on how we can cultivate refuge, peace, and solidarity to build a true and lasting foundation of belonging across our communities, again at Honpa Hongwanji.

At its heart, Iftar is far more than just the meal that breaks the fast during Ramadan. While the food is certainly a highlight, the true essence of the evening lies in its ability to pause and bring a community together for a shared moment of recalibration and reconnection, a universal spiritual practice to replenish compassion (*photos by Terry Arakaki*).



TEMPLE NEWS

Memorial Service Schedule – 2026

1st Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2025)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Mrs. Reiko Shimabukuro	90	Apr 5, 2025
Mrs. Kay Natsue Wada	83	Apr 6, 2025
Mrs. Masayo Abe Char	99	Apr 21, 2025
Mrs. Ella Hiromi Maneeley	70	May 13, 2025
Mr. Seishin Ganeku	93	May 22, 2025
Mrs. Laraine Fumie Miyahira	79	May 27, 2025

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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

April 2026

- **04 Bishop Takami Inoue**
Higashi Hongwanji of Hawaii
- **11 Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara**
Co-director BCA Center for Buddhist Education
- **18 Ms. Emi Hashi**
HMMH Children & Youth Activities Specialist
- **25 Ms. Maria Morales**
Project Dana-Executive Director

- ⚡ 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.

Buddhist Study Center

Spring Festival

APRIL 18, 2026

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Mr. Richard Jinkichi Bise	80	May 30, 2025
Mrs. Sumiko Uyesato	93	Jun 12, 2025
Mrs. Eiko Yamane	102	Jun 14, 2025
Mr. Fred Segen Higa	100	Jul 6, 2025
Mrs. Wakako Nakasone	92	Jul 16, 2025
Mrs. Jean Masako Sakihara	90	Jul 20, 2025
Mrs. Miyoko Kochi	85	Aug 2, 2025
Mrs. Setsuko Akamine	92	Aug 5, 2025
Mr. Yoshiharu Tengan	99	Sep 26, 2025
Mrs. Nancy Masae Kaneshiro*	104	Oct 25, 2025
Mr. Dean Nobuo Shimabukuro	67	Nov 4, 2025
Mrs. June Natsue Nakamasu*	76	Nov 19, 2025
Mrs. Ethel Sonoe Teruya	94	Nov 27, 2025

3rd Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2024)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Mr. Norma Tamashiro	87	Apr 6, 2024
Mr. Matsuo Momohara	95	Apr 6, 2024
Mr. Yoshio Tanaka	78	Apr 11, 2024
Mr. Koichi Miura	81	Apr 13, 2024
Mr. Arthur Tadashi Kaneshiro	81	Apr 24, 2024
Mr. Norman Noboru Higa	72	Apr 30, 2024
Mrs. Tieu Thi Arashiro	77	May 2, 2024
Mrs. Diane Harumi Ito	76	Jun 8, 2024
Mr. Roy Shigeo Sano	81	Jun 17, 2024
Ms. Marian Miyoko Wauke	90	July 9, 2024
Ms. Carla Masuyo Morioka	80	July 23, 2024
Mr. Tamon Ikeda	58	Aug 4, 2024
Mrs. Setuko Makishi Arakaki	95	Aug 8, 2024
Mr. Chiyo Tabisola	92	Aug 13, 2024
Mrs. Yukiko Esaki	91	Aug 17, 2024
Mrs. Judith Yoshiko Matsumoto	80	Aug 26, 2024
Mr. Sumiko Millen	84	Aug 29, 2024
Mr. Robert Shinsuke Ishihara	81	Aug 31, 2024
Mr. James Shigeo Higa	82	Sep 10, 2024
Mrs. Mary Yasuko Matsuo	75	Sep 12, 2024
Mrs. Doris Miyoko Kaneshiro	96	Sep 17, 2024
Mrs. Nancy Shizue Zukemura	101	Oct 10, 2024
Mr. Hitoshi Shoda	86	Oct 20, 2024
Mrs. Nancy Sayoko Kwamoto	90	Oct 24, 2024
Mr. Ronald Koshun Futenma	80	Oct 29, 2024
Mrs. Nobuko Yoshida	84	Nov 15, 2024
Mrs. Julie Masako Takara	80	Nov 24, 2024
Mr. Clyde Tadashi Gibo	75	Nov 24, 2024
Mrs. Sheila Audrey Kaneshiro	78	Dec 10, 2024
Mr. Thomas Kazuo Tamagusuku	94	Dec 24, 2024

7th Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2020)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Mrs. Kikuye Okuhara	97	Apr 9, 2020
Mr. Takemi Miyashiro	92	Apr 10, 2020
Mrs. Paula Igawa	73	Apr 12, 2020
Mr. Kenneth Matsumoto	78	Apr 23, 2020
Mrs. Hideko Higa	92	May 5, 2020
Mr. Shoei Kaneshiro	93	May 8, 2020
Mr. Tokucho Ige	100	Jun 2, 2020
Mrs. Jane Hanae Kaneshiro	84	Jun 11, 2020
Mr. Stanley Seiki Akamine	75	Jun 18, 2020
Mrs. Ruth Uchida	94	Jul 16, 2020
Mrs. Yoshiko Moribe	100	Jul 30, 2020
Mrs. Lilian Nakagwa	91	Jul 31, 2020
Mr. Seisun Shimabukuro	91	Jul 28, 2020
Mrs. Kazue Wauke	90	Sep 10, 2020
Mr. Kenneth Takashi Ebata	98	Sep 11, 2020
Mrs. Shizue Iseri	96	Sep 26, 2020
Mr. Bruce Tamanaha	69	Oct 6, 2020
Mr. Toshio Arakaki	104	Oct 18, 2020
Mrs. Rose Yamaguchi	98	Nov 10, 2020
Mrs. Yoshiko Kaneshiro	96	Nov 13, 2020
Mrs. Alice Arakaki	91	Nov 30, 2020
Mrs. Kimie Miyashiro	93	Dec 10, 2020
Mrs. Beatrice Kuba	91	Dec 14, 2020
Mrs. Hideko Ifuku	104	Dec 25, 2020

13th Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2014)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Mr. Lionel Masao Jakahi	71	Apr 14, 2014
Mr. Edward Kiyoshi Tomasu	81	Apr 15, 2014
Mrs. Harriet Ytome Goya	97	Apr 25, 2014
Mrs. Jane Kiyono Nakasone	89	May 7, 2014
Mrs. Myrtle Yukiko Oshiro	77	May 9, 2014
Ms. Dawn Yoshie Isa	55	May 19, 2014
Mr. Herbert Hironobu Onaga	89	May 24, 2014
Mr. Shunichi Kina	83	Jun 8, 2014
Ms. Florence Kiyoko Kamimura	90	Jun 17, 2014
Mrs. Tomiye Fukuhara	92	Jun 19, 2014
Mrs. Tsuruko Taira	97	Jun 21, 2014
Mr. Richard Hiroshi Zukemura	92	Jun 28, 2014
Mrs. Matsuko Tamashiro	90	Jul 13, 2014
Mrs. Haruko Morigoe	87	Jul 15, 2014
Mrs. Ruby Fumie Higa	90	Jul 15, 2014
Mrs. Toshi Miyashiro	88	Jul 18, 2014
Mr. Jinsho Nako	97	Jul 20, 2014
Mr. Shizuo Tokuda	89	Jul 30, 2014

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Ms. Teruko Higa	93	Aug 1, 2014
Mrs. Mineko Tamashiro	88	Aug 7, 2014
Mrs. Tsuruko Senga	86	Aug 7, 2014
Mr. Sunao Afuso	66	Aug 10, 2014
Mr. James Seishun Higa	84	Aug 14, 2014
Mr. Joe Yaichi Nakamatsu	93	Aug 20, 2014
Mr. Hiroshi Higa	94	Sep 15, 2014
Mr. Edward Haruki Kohagura	75	Sep 22, 2014
Mrs. Haruye Nakamura	96	Sep 23, 2014
Mrs. Kameko Zukemura	100	Sep 26, 2014
Mrs. Claire Yoshie Kiyama	90	Oct 3, 2014
Mr. James Harukichi Mearu	82	Oct 24, 2014
Mr. Yoshio Neil Oshiro	79	Oct 25, 2014
Mr. Toshimitsu Shimabukuro	89	Nov 4, 2014
Mr. Douglas Yoshio Jakahi	72	Nov 6, 2014
Mrs. Fumiko Kaneshiro	96	Nov 16, 2014
Mrs. Betty Toshi Bhagavan	85	Nov 30, 2014
Mrs. Haruko Oyama	96	Dec 2, 2014
Mrs. Sumiko Shiroma	96	Dec 12, 2014
Mr. Kiyoshi Nanbu	91	Dec 21, 2014
Mrs. Gail Setsuko Kaneshiro	84	Dec 25, 2014

17th Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2010)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Mrs. Kazue Higa	86	Apr 3, 2010
Mrs. Sue Teruko Omizo	87	Apr 8, 2010
Mr. Michael Saito	66	Apr 10, 2010
Mrs. Iku Nakamura	94	May 16, 2010
Mrs. Chieko Shinsato	94	May 25, 2010
Mr. Joji Oshiro	92	Jun 18, 2010
Mr. Paul Susumu Takushi	61	Jul 1, 2010
Mr. Paul Hiroshi Kaneshiro	62	Jul 12, 2010

- **For those who passed in 2002: 25th Year Memorial**
- **For those who passed in 1994: 33rd Year**

Journey to Our New Altar

The journey to our new altar began at a Board Meeting on December 11, 2024. At that meeting, Rev. Shindo Nishiyama and Co-President Pieper Toyama presented the case for building a new altar rather than refurbishing the old one. They pointed out that the cost of refurbishing the old altar was beyond the temple's financial resources, even if we launched a funding drive. The badly tarnished and, in some cases, damaged altar fittings and the termite damage were responsible for the high cost of



refurbishment.

The Jikoen Board agreed that a new altar could transform the hondo into a place that not only honors Jikoen's traditions but also enhances the temple as a peaceful and inspiring place to gather in Namu Amida Butsu. When Eric Yosemite reminded the Board that the new altar should not only be designed for us here and now, but

more importantly, for generations to come. In this way, the Board also saw this project as an opportunity to offer a new look through contemporary design that will resonate with young people and our Uchinanchu roots for years to come. They understood that they were building for the future. The membership approved the building of a new altar at Jikoen's 2025 Annual Membership Meeting.

A team was assembled and approved a design that was submitted by Wakabayashi Company. Fundraising began in October 2025. The goal was \$150,000 to cover the construction and installation of the altar and new sound and lighting equipment. Because of donors' extraordinary generosity, fundraising exceeded the goal by more than \$100,000 by January 2026. We will continue to accept donations through the end of 2026 as scheduled, and any funds in excess of the altar's total cost will be reserved for the altar's and the temple's maintenance.

In the new altar, Amida Buddha stands, unobstructed, openly for all to see, in a wooden house before a symbolic waterfall. It is a much humbler and simpler home than the golden palace that was his home in the old altar. On the walls surrounding the altar, we plan to project images to enhance the experience of peace, harmony, and gratitude during temple services. Please come to Sunday Service and experience Jikoen's new altar.



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Our Tax Bodhisattva

Jikoen Hongwanji's special guest lay speaker for March 2026 was our tax bodhisattva, Dorene Toma. Dorene reminds of a few tax tips:



- Deadlines for Tax Filing:
 - Federal, *April 15*
 - Hawaii, *April 20*
- Be careful and seek help from legitimate sources. Even if you are not required to file your income tax, you should consider doing so: you might be eligible for tax credits as a resident of the State of Hawai'i (refunds), and protect your identity from potential abuse in tax fraud.
- Check for changes from this year's 2025's "OBBS" budget (aka "big, beautiful" & "bloated, brutal" bill), go to IRS.gov for more information, and/or please feel free to contact Dorene via email or phone @ 808-562-4538 dorenetoma@gmail.com.



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES *(April, 2026)*

Buddhist Study Center Spring Festival

The Buddhist Study Center will be holding a Spring Festival on April 18, 2026, at 1436 University Ave. The goal of this event is for temple and community members

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

to enjoy an intergenerational event for the whole family, including gratitude chain, body & brain yoga, reading together, and intergenerational conversations workshops where you can have quick conversations between older and younger generations. There will also be food, andagi, matcha with a minister, "old time games", ask a Jr. YBA your tech questions, and more. Bring your whole family to the BSC on April 18!

YBICSE

The Young Buddhist International Cultural Exchange (YBICSE) will be held from June 30 to July 9, 2026, in Osaka, Kyoto, and Hiroshima, Japan. The program is open to high school graduates under the age of 24. Five participants will be selected to attend along with Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata as the minister advisor. The program includes a visit to our main temple Honzan, historical founder sites around Kyoto, Peace Tour in Hiroshima, and fellowship opportunities with other youth from the US mainland, Canada, South America, and Japan. The estimated cost is \$2000, and the application deadline is April 25. Contact Honpa Hongwanji for application.

Jr. YBA State Convention

The United of Hawaii Jr. YBA will host the 69th Jr. YBA State Convention on June 19-21, 2026, in Hilo. The convention theme is "Sangha Means Family" which is a spin off the Disney movie, Lilo and Stitch. Temples, organizations, and businesses are invited to support this fun weekend event by purchasing an ad in the convention booklet which will be printed and distributed to all the convention attendees. The deadline to submit an ad is April 1st.

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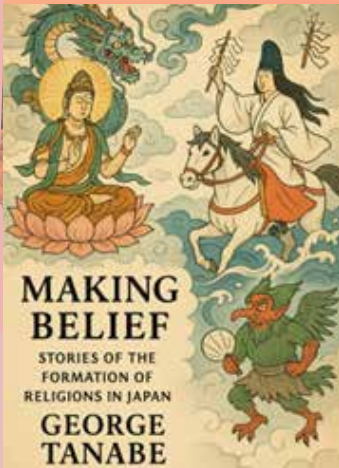
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- Carl Yasunobu Ajimine ~ May 9, 2021 (64)
- Tadao Akamine ~ May 16, 2009 (97)
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- Daniel Hiroyoshi Arakaki ~ May 31, 2013 (64)
- Haruko Mary Arakaki ~ May 9, 2003 (93)

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*The BDK-Yoshiaki
Interfaith Program
in collaboration with Moiliili
Hongwanji presents:*

The Power of Stories in Japanese Religions *with Dr. George Tanabe*



**April 25,
2026**
9AM-11:30AM

Across traditions, stories carry wisdom, memory, and meaning. Come explore the power of storytelling in Japanese religions with local author and Hawai'i Living Treasure, Dr. George Tanabe.

FREE PUBLIC EVENT



Venue:
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Masako “Nancy” Arakaki ~ May 18, 2019 (90)
Chosei Kenneth Arasaki ~ May 20, 2017 (98)
Thieu Thi Arashiro ~ May 2, 2024 (77)
Fumie Asato ~ May 4, 2015 (94)
Richard Jinkichi Bise ~ MY 30, 2025 (80)
Sandra Sueno Enokawa ~ May 19, 2019 (72)
Rev. Yoshiaki Steve Fujitani ~ May 17, 2021 (97)
Kenyu Ken Fukuhara ~ May 8, 2013 (92)
Sachie Futenma ~ May 2, 2016 (99)
Sherman Akira Futenma ~ May 9, 2019
Seishin Ganeku ~ May 22, 2025 (93)
Masakichi Gima ~ May 3, 2011 (89)
Harriet Utome Goya ~ May 2, 2014 (97)
Shinsuke Goya ~ May 13, 2019 (100)
Frances Fusae Hanashiro ~ May 4 2013 (90)
Kevin Masao Hasegawa ~ May 4, 2023 (52)
Dorothy Himeko Hieda ~ May 28, 2023 (98)
Edward Yoshio Higa ~ May 22, 1999 (81)
Hideko Higa ~ May 5, 2020 (92)
Kenneth Seiko Higa ~ May 27, 2006 (90)
Richard Higa ~ May 3, 1998 (69)
Richard Isamu Higa ~ May 12, 2003 (85)
Robert Yuumei Higa ~ May 1, 1999 (74)
Shozen Higa ~ May 8, 2004 (79)
Warren Takemitsu Higa ~ May 16, 2015 (95)
Yoshinobu Higa ~ May 27, 2013 (91)
Lawrence Takeichi Ige ~ May 7, 2003 (76)
Dawn Yoshie Isa ~ May 19, 2014 (55)
Ushi Isa ~ May 29, 1992 (102)
Yoshiko Ishimine ~ May 4, 2004 (87)
Juliet Yukiko Jakahi ~ May 12, 2022 (85)
Toshio Kajiura ~ May 25, 2012 (89)
Rachel Tazuru Kamiya ~ May 24, 2000 (73)
Deborah Yoshiko Kanayama ~ May 15, 2023 (62)
Haruo Kanbe ~ May 26, 2012 (79)
Masao Kaneshi ~ May 27, 2001 (83)
Bertha Kazuko Kaneshiro ~ May 24, 1999 (65)
Doris Haruko Kaneshiro ~ May 6, 2006 (87)
Haruko Kaneshiro ~ May 4, 2008 (95)
Hatsuyo Kaneshiro ~ May 5, 2000 (89)
Hayako Kaneshiro ~ May 27, 2007 (91)
Kama Kaneshiro ~ May 22, 1998 (90)
Natsuko Ella Kaneshiro ~ May 11, 2018 (85)
Shoei Kaneshiro ~ May 8, 2020 (93)
Yoshio Kawabata ~ May 29, 1981 (65)
Edward Masashi Kishimoto ~ May 16, 1992 (63)
Richard Shinichi Kiyuna ~ May 17, 1987 (69)
Yoshiko Kotani ~ May 28, 2008 (72)
Sueko Kunishige ~ May 30, 2008 (97)
Edward Masami Kuwana ~ May 24, 2006 (79)
Henry Hiroshi Kuwana ~ May 31, 2003 (83)
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Matthew Masao Asato Laroya ~ May 8, 2021 (33)
Shizuko Maeda ~ May 24, 2000 (65)
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Ella Hiromi Maneely ~ May 13 2025 (70)
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Ushi Miyashiro ~ May 3, 1997 (103)
Walter Takashi Miyashiro ~ May 24, 2013 (78)
Zenon Miyashiro ~ May 24, 2004 (90)
Naomi Moriyama ~ May 26, 2012 (67)
Setsuko Muramoto ~ May 31, 1993 (70)
James Isao Nagamine ~ May 9, 2013 (84)
Matsu Nagamine ~ May 8, 2012 (102)
Ryozen Alfred Nakama ~ May 11, 2004 (90)
Iku Nakamura ~ May 16, 2010 (94)
Shigeo Jane Nakamura ~ May 16, 2010 (94)
Haruko Nakasone ~ May 8, 2016 (95)
Jane Kiyono Nakasone ~ May 7, 2014 (89)
Jisuke Nishihara ~ May 16, 3006 (99)
Chotaro Ogimi ~ May 2, 1997 (97)
Matsu Ogimi ~ May 2, 1997 (97)
Cyril Norio Okamoto ~ May 16, 2010 (79)
Sakiko Okamoto ~ May 16, 2013 (98)
Zenshi Okuma ~ May 28, 1995 (92)
Herbert Onaga ~ May 23, 2014 (89)
Tomiko Betty Onaga ~ May 16, 2001 (74)
Mitsuko Osato ~ May 21, 2000 (79)
Aileen Aiko Oshiro ~ May 6, 2017 (63)
Brian Yoshinari Oshiro ~ May 8, 2011 (44)
Gregory Bunsei Oshiro ~ May 5, 2021 (68)
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Kensaburo Oshiro ~ May 26, 2008 (94)
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Sadako Shiira ~ May 21, 2003 (87)
Harold Komei Shimabuku ~ May 18, 2006 (79)
Amy Setsuko Shimabukuro ~ May 23, 1998 (58)
Jane Kyoko Shimabukuro ~ May 1, 2017 (87)
Roy Tokusei Shimabukuro ~ May 4, 2009 (94)
Shizue “Rose” Shimabukuro ~ May 24, 2009 (86)
Sunko Shimabukuro ~ May 25, 2017 (96)
Uta Shimabukuro ~ May 14, 1990 (94)
Max Wayne Yoshiteru Shinkawa ~ May 23, 2017 (71)
Chieko Shinsato ~ May 25, 2010 (94)
Chiyoko Shiroma ~ May 14, 2009 (97)
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- Stephen Shigenobu Tamayori ~ May 29, 2001 (82)
- Asayo Tengan ~ May 17, 2009 (91)
- Takeo Tengan ~ May 26, 2018 (93)
- Shigeru Teruya ~ May 13, 1999 (66)
- Taro Teruya ~ May 3, 1995 (89)
- Alice Masako Tokuda ~ May 7, 2018 (93)
- Hatsuyo Tokuda ~ May 8, 2006 (93)
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- Ayako Aichan Tomita ~ May 3, 2009 (77)
- Nancy Kameko Toyama ~ May 8, 2009 (92)
- Takehiro Toyama ~ May 28, 2023 (88)
- Liliane S. Tsuha ~ May 30, 2020 (78)
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- IMO Helen Asato
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- 3/08/26 Service

General Operations (\$100 - \$499)

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- IMO Masasuke Higa
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- IMO Masasuke Higa
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- IMO Tokuichi & Fumie Asato,
Jean Kawakami & Elsie Aki
Otani
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-
- 3/15/26 Service

**Ohigan & Shotsuki Service
3/01/26**

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- IMO Mrs. Matsu Tamashiro
-
- IMO Hatsuko Kaneshiro,
Yoshiko Maeshiro, & Jean
Oshiro

Shotsuki Memorial

-
- IMO Katherine Kanako Higa
-
- IMO Kamato Kaneshiro
-
- IMO Masae Shinsato
-
- IMO Aaron Shimabukuro and
Shoyei Shimabukuro (Ojichan)
-
- IMO George G. Yogi
-
- IMO Hatsuko Lillian Kaneshiro
- Shotsuki
-
- IMO Yoshiko Maeshiro -
Shotsuki

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- IMO Faye Yoshimura
-
- IMO Craig T. Oshiro
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- IMO Kosuke Oshiro

2026 Membership

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**HOKU BBQ Chicken
Fundraiser (2/14/2026)**

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Offertory

- 2/22/2026 Service\$125.00
- 3/01/2026 Ohigan & Shotsuki
Service\$260.00
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