

Monthly Newsletter

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

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

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

Sun 11/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eitaikyo & Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Mari Nishiyama
Tue 11/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election Day – mail-in ballots ASAP (Lumbini Preschool & Jikoen Office closed)
Sun 11/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lay Speaker Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Lay Speaker: Justin Hong
Wed 11/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans/Armistice Day Holiday (Lumbini Preschool & Jikoen Office closed)
Sun 11/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keirokai Recognition Service & Luncheon (see page 7 for details) Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Mari Nishiyama, all are welcome, please RSVP by November 4
Sun 11/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sangha Family & Community Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: TBA• Special Community Art Activity/Build Time: 11:00 a.m., Location: Social Hall
Mon 11/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jikoen BOD meeting Time: 7:00 p.m., online meeting

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JIKOEN POPEYES CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

Thank you for all who supported our fundraisers over the last couple of months. Those who purchased Popeyes Chicken tickets, you may redeem them thru **November 30**.

You may still purchase additional tickets toward this fundraiser. Please contact the office at 808-845-3422 or email Jikoen.info@gmail.com.

Mahalo! Ippei niffee debiru! Dooom arigato gozaimasu!

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Thu, 11/26 thru Fri, 11/27	• Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend (Lumibini Preschool & Jikoen Office closed)
Sun 11/29	• Family Dharma Moments Service & Activity Time: 9:00 a.m.
Sun 12/6	• NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN • Bodhi Day Service by Hawaii Buddhist Council Time: 9:30 a.m., Location: Hawaii Betsuin
Sun 12/13	• Family Dharma Moments Service Time: 9:00 a.m.
Sat 12/19	• Jikoen 'Ohana Holiday Gingerbread Gathering Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Location: Social Hall, <i>All welcome to this intergenerational tradition!</i>

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mari Nishiyama

Preparing What We Can

It has already been a year since I came to Jikoen. Looking back, it feels as though the time has passed in an instant. As I grow older, time seems to move faster. Am I the only one who feels this way?

We often think about what lies ahead. We make plans for next week, next month, and even next year. But sometimes I find myself stopping to ask, “How have I spent this past year?” and “How do I want to spend the time I have?”

These questions reminded me of a member of Hilo Betsuin whom I came to know while serving there. She often welcomed me into her home.

As I visited her over time, I began to notice that she had fewer and fewer belongings. A piece of furniture that had been there before would be gone. On my next visit, something else had disappeared. Little by little, she was putting her home in order. She was not planning to move. One day, I asked why she was letting go of so many things.

She said, “You never know what might happen to me, or when. So I thought I should put things in order while I

still can. That way, it will be easier for my children later.”

Those words have stayed with me.

At the time, I simply thought, “She really keeps her home neat.” Looking back now, I see something more. She was doing what she could while she could, with a gentle concern for her children. There was a quiet kindness in that.

Many of us try to make similar preparations: sorting through our belongings, organizing important papers, or sharing our wishes with our families. These preparations can be a thoughtful gift to those we leave behind. But even when we prepare carefully, there are things we cannot control.

We do not know how long we will remain healthy. We do not know when we will have to part from someone we love. We do not know when our own lives will end.

“You never know what might happen, or when.”

Her words apply to all of us. Everything in our lives is constantly changing. Nothing stays exactly as it is.

A flower withering shows us this change. But a bud opening shows us the same thing. Change brings endings, but it also brings new blossoms.

Once, at an event, I chose some small flowers in little

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plastic pots to take home. Someone nearby said, “They won’t last very long.”

That was true. Their blooming season would soon be over. Yet those little flowers brought a quiet peace to my heart. They did not have to last forever to be precious.

As I looked at them, I quietly said, “Thank you.”

Our lives are like that, too. Knowing that our time is limited helps us notice what we so easily take for granted: a conversation with a friend, a meal with family, or someone asking, “How are you?” These ordinary moments cannot be held forever, but we can appreciate them right now.

Thinking about the end of life reminds us to care for one another, to express our gratitude, and to say the words we do not want to leave unspoken.

Still, another question remains.

Even if I put my belongings in order, can I put my heart in order? Can I stop worrying? Can I let go of everyone and everything I love? Can I make myself completely ready for whatever comes next?

I cannot honestly say that I can.

Making practical preparations does not give us complete control over our feelings or our future. But in Jōdo Shinshū, we hear that Amida Buddha’s compassion is already reaching us, even when we are worried, afraid, or unprepared.

This does not mean we will never feel sorrow or fear. It means that even in our sorrow and fear, we are not left outside that compassion.

We do not have to fix everything or reach a perfect state of mind to receive this compassion. Amida Buddha’s Primal Vow was made for people like us—not for those who have already put their hearts in perfect order.

Namo Amida Butsu is Amida Buddha’s compassionate call reaching us. It is not something we say to make ourselves ready for death or to earn Amida’s compassion. As we hear this call, gratitude arises within us, and the Nembutsu comes from our lips, sometimes with joy, and sometimes through tears.

When I think back to those days in Hilo, I remember her kindness and the words she shared with me.

“You never know what might happen, or when.”

Because that is true, we do what we can today. We put things in order. We care for one another. We say “thank you.”

And what we cannot settle on our own does not need to become a burden we carry alone. Even before we are ready, Amida Buddha’s Primal Vow is already reaching us.

Preparing for the end of life is more than organizing what we leave behind. It is also an opportunity to listen to this compassionate call.

Like those little flowers, our lives are always changing. And that is what makes the time we share precious.

So in this changing life, with all its gratitude, worry, love, and uncertainty, we continue to hear Amida Buddha’s compassionate call: Even before we are ready, we are already **embraced** by the Primal Vow. Namō Amida Butsu.

BISHOP’S MESSAGE

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

Reflections at Dawn, 12,000 Meters Above the Earth

by Rev. Hiromi Kawaji

translated by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

Floating in the vast and infinite universe is our beautiful green planet, Earth. Within the solar system, it rotates and revolves in perfect harmony, bringing day and night, the changing of the four seasons, and nurturing countless forms of life.

Here and now, on this Earth, I have been given the precious gift of human life, living this eternal present moment that comes only once and never returns. How wondrous, how inconceivable, how truly beyond comprehension! My heart is filled with gratitude.

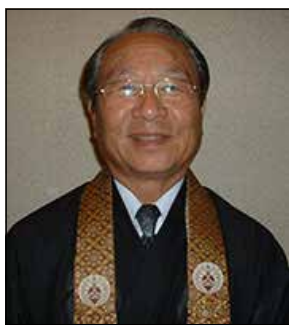
Because this life is ours only once, because this human life can never be lived over again, this life, here and now, is precious, and this day is truly wonderful. Everything I see, everything I hear, everything I touch—I receive it all with gratitude as a precious gift given to me. I bow in gratitude before all the countless blessings that sustain and nurture my life.

This is one of the poems written by Rev. Hiromi Kawaji, who passed away on July 16, 2026. Whenever I read

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this poem, I picture Kawaji Sensei with his hands together in gassho, always expressing his gratitude to those around him. I feel that these words beautifully reflect how he lived his life—a life of joy and gratitude in the Nembutsu.



Rev. Hiromi Kawaji

On October 10, 2026, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii held a Hawaii Kyodan Funeral Service to honor Rev. Kawaji and express our heartfelt appreciation for his many years of dedicated service. On behalf of the Hawaii Kyodan, I extend my deepest condolences to his family and all those who were touched by his life.

Rev. Kawaji was appointed as a Kaikyoshi minister in 1961 and served the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for more than forty years. His ministerial assignments included Hawaii Betsuin, Executive Secretary, Kapaa, Kealia, Pearl City, Mililani, Wailuku, and Aiea Hongwanji Missions. From 1994 to 2002, he served as Rimban (Chief Minister) of Hawaii Betsuin. Even after his retirement in 2004, he continued to share the Dharma and support our temples and Sangha.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, Honzan, the Worldwide Headquarters of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha denomination, bestowed upon him the Posthumous Title (Ingō) of **Ken-Toku-In** (顕徳院). The characters Ken (顕) and Toku (徳) may be understood as “revealing the virtues” of Amida Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion. I feel this title beautifully expresses Kawaji Sensei’s life. Through his gentle words, warm smile, and kindness toward everyone, he revealed the Compassion of Amida Buddha through the way he lived.

I was fortunate to serve under Kawaji Sensei when I was a young and inexperienced Kaikyoshi minister at Hawaii Betsuin. I learned so much from his guidance and example. I can still picture him standing at the podium, smiling and sharing the heartwarming messages in words everyone could understand. He treated everyone equally and with kindness, often saying, “Arigato ne, arigato ne” “Thank you, thank you.”

This reminded us that the Jodo Shinshu teaching has been passed down across generations and oceans through the dedication of countless individuals. Kawaji Sensei was one of those precious people who helped spread the Nembutsu teaching here in Hawaii. Through his life,

many of us encountered the warmth of Amida Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion.

Although we can no longer meet Kawaji Sensei in this world, the Jodo Shinshu teaching assures us that he has attained Enlightenment in the Pure Land and continues to guide us. He continues to live within our voice of Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu. As we remember his life, may we deepen our appreciation for this precious and irreplaceable life and continue to share the joy and gratitude of the Nembutsu with others.

Kawaji Sensei, *Arigato Gozaimashita*. Thank you for everything you have given us. We will continue to live a life of Nembutsu until the day we meet again in the Pure Land. Namo Amida Butsu.



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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

November 2026

- **07 Mrs. Claire Tamamoto**
- **14 Rev. Charlene Kihara**
- **21 Rev. Yuki Sugahara**
- **28 Rev. Gene Sekiya**

⚡ 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.

TEMPLE NEWS

Life Can Be Contrary

by Bruce Nakamura
former Jikoen Hongwanji Minister (retired)

The following is an excerpt from Ō-Higan Service, September 20, 2026 at Jikoen (full talk to be posted on Jikoen's YouTube video library)

"I want to be good, but I do bad things. Things more often don't go the way intended."

An anecdotal joke my dad told us:

Two samurai—one *Yamatunchu* from Imperial Japan, the other *Uchinānchu* from the Ryūkyū Kingdom—were at wit's end. The Yamatunchu samurai in need of retaining his honor whips out his short sword and slits his belly in *seppuku*, a very painful ritual death. Next, the Uchinānchu samurai whips out his *sanshin*, starts strumming away, and crooning like there's no tomorrow, as he imbibes his *awamori*, and gets dead drunk,

passing out.

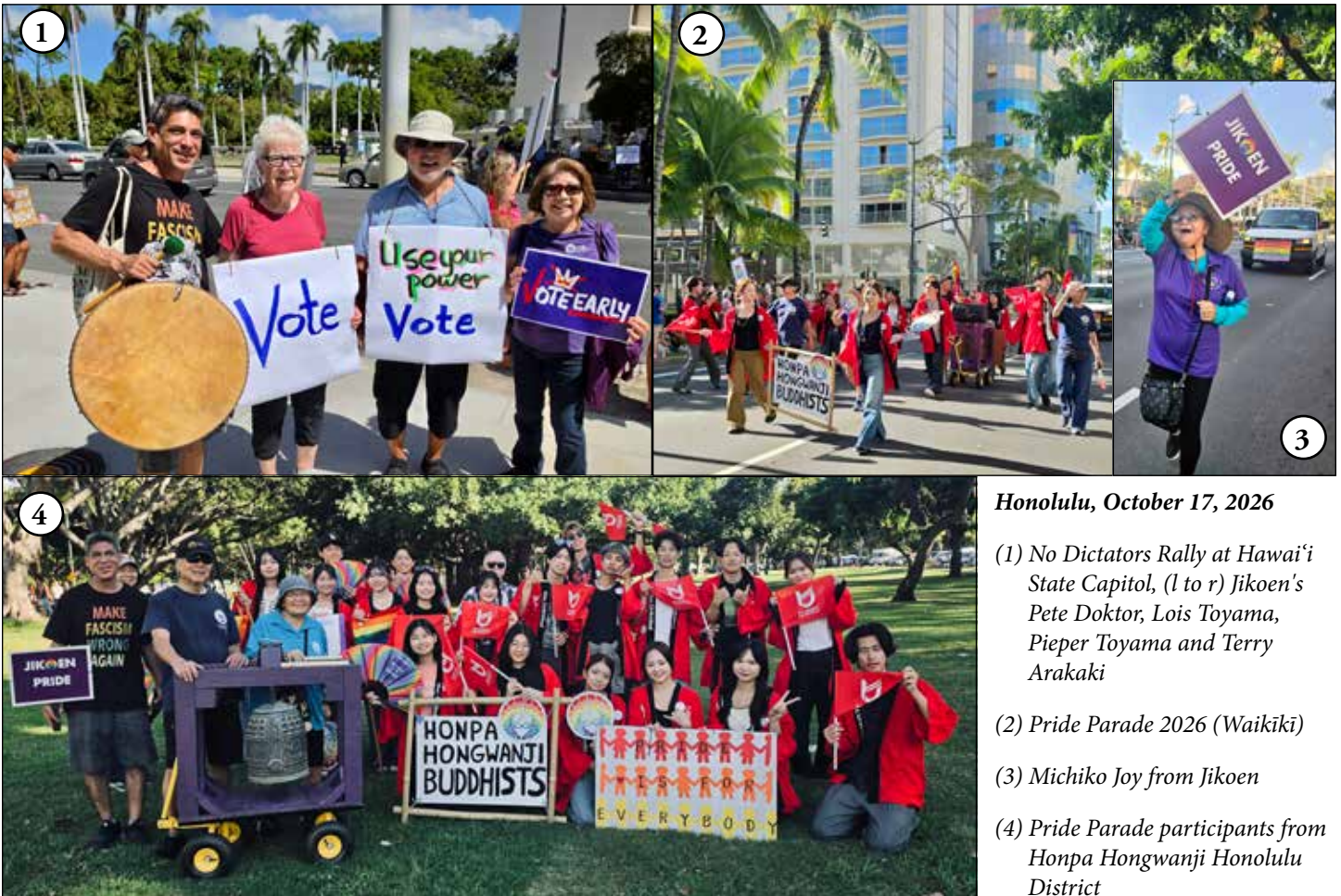
This quaint anecdote survives due to the cultural discrimination endured by Ryukyuan people under Japan's dominance, cultural bias and occupation. Okinawan culture has been closer to Imperial China than Japan historically, so it's commonplace among Okinawans culturally to raise and butcher hogs part of their food culture combined with fresh vegetables, tofu, bitter melon, sweet potatoes, etc.

Those who make their way in this world drawing nets, hunting in the moors and mountains for fowl, and those in trade or cultivating fields and paddies are all the same. If the the Karmic cause that it so prompts us, will commit any kind of act (mine) to live.

— Tannisho

Most of our teen years, we saw death, herefords, hogs, etc., dispatched for freezers for family consumption. The turning point for me was a pellet rifle, when I shot an

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Honolulu, October 17, 2026

(1) No Dictators Rally at Hawai'i State Capitol, (l to r) Jikoen's Pete Doktor, Lois Toyama, Pieper Toyama and Terry Arakaki

(2) Pride Parade 2026 (Waikiki)

(3) Michiko Joy from Jikoen

(4) Pride Parade participants from Honpa Hongwanji Honolulu District

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innocent finch picking at ripe papaya at our family farm. Just yards away, I raised my pellet rifle, aimed, and fired.

The poor bird seemed to barely raise his eyes looking back at me, whispering as if surprised, “But, I am here just for a nibble of fruit.”

I never used or shot that pellet rifle again.

From the words of our Eighth Gomonsu Rennyo Shonin:

Our minds are very hard like stones, its hardness of greed, anger and delusion cover our true and real selves. Amida’s Mind and Heart of True and Real Entrusting *Shinjin* (“faith/trust”) is given over freely to each of us flowing like water everywhere. As water drops falling on the same spot it will penetrate a perfect hole through the hard rock after a long period of time, so too will Amida Buddha’s immeasurable Wisdom and Compassion

penetrate, absorbing our beings completely in the Other Power of Namo Amida Butsu. Thus gifted Amida’s True Real Entrusting Mind and Heart (*Shinjin*), we echo the gratitude of Namo Amida Butsu forthwith.

Note: To see a perfect hole made through stone by nature, just look outside Jikoen’s entrance gate, near the restrooms adjacent to the hedges.

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>
Mr. Dean Nobuo Shimabukuro	67	Nov 4, 2025
Mrs. June Natsue Nakamasu	76	Nov 19, 2025
Mrs. Ethel Sonoe Teruya	94	Nov 27, 2025

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Much Mahalo to all our generous donors for your continued support and for participating in Foodland’s 2026 Give Aloha Community Matching Gifts Program. Foodland does not send us the list of donors so please turn in your receipts to Jikoen so we can recognize your donation.

Thank you to the following members and supporters who took the time to participate and turned in their receipts:

Terry Jean Arakaki • Ann Moribe • Morris Moribe • Janet C. Miyahira (Wailuku Maui) • Judy F. Muramoto • Kenneth & Myrna Nishihara • Brandon T. Oshiro
(IMO Masaichi Oshiro, Craig Oshiro, Nobushige & Masako Nakasone) • Doris S. Oshiro • Amy & Ichiro Saito • Ross & Karen Sakuda • John & Lisa Toguchi • Jimmy & Dorene Toma • Wayne & Sandy Toma • Gertrude Tomokiyo • Lois Toyama • Pieper Toyama • Katsuo & Jean Yamashiro • Chihoko Yosemite • Eric Yosemite • Joann Yosemite & Grant Ito

Jikoen Hongwanji Mission Donations

\$4,755.00

Foodland’s Matching Gift

\$1,679.47 (35%+)

GRAND TOTAL

\$6,434.47



**JIKOEN KEIROKAI MEMBER RECOGNITION
“HONORING OUR ELDERS 80+”**



Sunday, November 15, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

You and your family are invited to our 2026 Keirokai Recognition Service and Brunch.

All members 80 years old and above will be honored, with special recognition going to members celebrating their **80th, 88th, 90th, 97th, 99th and 100th birthdays** this year!

**9:00 a.m. Service in the Hall
Bento Lunch & Entertainment**

Please use the RSVP form below and mail to Jikoen by November 4.

You may also submit your information by calling the Jikoen Office at (808) 845-3422 or emailing jikoen.info@gmail.com.

2026 KEIROKAI RSVP FORM - PLEASE RETURN BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

NAME: _____

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

CARE/OF (IF APPLICABLE): _____

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

ADDRESS: _____

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIPCODE

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____ **NO. IN GROUP:** _____

IS ANYONE IN YOUR GROUP 80 & ABOVE? PLEASE PROVIDE NAME(S) AND BIRTH

YEAR: _____

NAMES OF OTHER ADULTS AND CHILDREN 4 & ABOVE: _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN 3 & UNDER: _____

☐ **Sorry, Unable to attend.**

Mail to: Jikoen Hongwanji Mission - 1731 N School St - Honolulu HI 96819

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

Name	Age	Date of Death
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

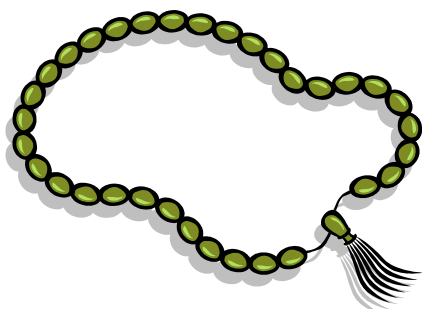
7th Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2020)

Name	Age	Date of Death
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)

Name	Age	Date of Death
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

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



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES (October, 2026)

Condolences

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani conferred the following Posthumous Title (Ingo) on those who recently passed away, in recognition of their significant contributions to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and its efforts to share the Nembutsu Teaching.

• Mr. Roy Miyamoto

Temple: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

Ingo: Jo-Sho-In 常照院

Meaning: “The one who is taken into the Buddha’s heart at all times and places”

• Mrs. Yoshiko “Dimples” Kano

Temple: Kapaa Hongwanji Mission

Ingo: Hen-Pu-In 遍風院

Meaning: “The one, like a gentle breeze, spread the exquisite Dharma”

• Mr. Wayde Yasuo Toyama

Temple: Kahului Hongwanji Mission

Ingo: Toku-Sho-In 徳照院

Meaning: “The one whose life was illuminated by the virtues of Amida Buddha and who reflected that light through his life”

Recordings of Hawaii Gathas

Thirty-eight English gathas, written by Hawaii Hongwanji members and never before published in Hawaii’s gatha book, Praises of the Buddha, are now included in the 5th edition (2024) and may be heard on recordings now available.

A generous Propagation Project Grant of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for the biennium 2025-2026 enabled the Hawaii Kyodan Music Committee to commission soprano Laurie Rubin and keyboardist Jennifer Taira to complete recording the set of 38 gathas.

Available to all temples, these recordings are intended as singalong aids to congregational singing, particularly in the absence of organist or choir. They also have multiple uses, including gatha familiarization and listening

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enjoyment.

To access the recordings: Visit hongwanjihawaii.com/ music, then scroll down to “38 Gathas by Hongwanji Hawaii Composers — New to Praises of the Buddha 5th Edition (2024).” You’ll see a button to access the audio files page.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s original Gatha Book, “Praises of the Buddha” (5th edition, 2024), is available for purchase at the Headquarters Bookstore for \$20

per copy. Please contact Yoshiko Umitani at (808) 522-9202 or hqbooks@honpahi.org with any inquiries.

Committee on Social Concerns

November invites us to pause in gratitude. Through our Eitaikyo observance and the Thanksgiving holiday, we honor the countless causes and conditions that sustain our lives and awaken us to our deep connection with one another and the world. Inspired by this spirit of gratitude,

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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 December, 2026:

Marion Mitsuko Akamine ~ December 18, 2020 (93)
Kathy Yoko Arakaki ~ December 15, 1998 (63)
Helen Toshiko Asato ~ December 29, 2025 (93)
Alice Yaeko Azama ~ December 8, 1989 (59)
Yoshino Azama ~ December 17, 2016 (94)
Kikumi China ~ December 24, 2009 (83)
Elina Mitsuyo Chinen ~ December 5, 2019 (86)
Masayoshi Chinen ~ December 2, 2015 (88)
Wallace Seiko Chinen ~ December 17, 2002 (87)
Troy Emoto ~ December 10, 1983 (21)
Kathleen Otsumi Fukumoto ~ December 25, 2017 (98)
Shizuko Okita Furumoto ~ December 3, 2006 (98)
Betty Yoshiko Higa ~ December 5, 2020 (94)
Masako Higa ~ December 13, 2009 (94)
Masanobu Higa ~ December 10, 2006 (92)
Tadanobu Higa ~ December 21, 2013 (100)
Teisho Higa ~ December 30, 2011 (89)
Uto Higa ~ December 24, 2006 (99)
Kenneth Kenji “Ken” Horio ~ December 11, 1999 (74)
Hideko Ifuku ~ December 25, 2020 (104)
Jeannette Sanae Ige ~ December 2, 2018 (74)
Violet Chiyoko Iha ~ December 31, 2008 (99)
Bill Yoshikiyo Isa ~ December 22, 2016 (66)
Herbert Masaru Isa ~ December 22, 2012 (82)
Lance Isa ~ December 28, 2015 (53)

Saburo Robert Isa ~ December 28, 1996 (74)
Violet Chiyoko Iha ~ December 31, 2008 (99)
Kanyei Izumigawa ~ December 16, 1999 (95)
Shizuko Jakahi ~ December 12, 2012 (96)
Charles Tetsuichi Jitchaku ~ December 22, 2012 (91)
Harold Bokuichi Kaneshiro ~ December 29, 2006 (90)
Harry Nobuichi Kaneshiro ~ December 9, 1997 (62)
Helen Tatsuno Kaneshiro ~ December 31, 2023 (95)
Melvin Naoya Kaneshiro ~ December 23, 2012 (71)
Setsuko Gail Kaneshiro ~ December 11, 2014 (84)
Tsuruko Kaneshiro ~ December 20, 2019 (95)
Jean Kimiko Kawakami ~ December 14, 2011 (68)
Kokuji Kochi ~ December 16, 2018 (83)
Nobuhara Kohagura ~ December 26, 2005 (63)
Natsuko Komesu ~ December 29, 2002 (88)
Rosaline Sumiko Kotani ~ December 5, 2016 (88)
Beatrice Kuba ~ December 14, 2020 (91)
Kama Kushimaejo ~ December 21, 1997 (96)
Doris Asano Kuwana ~ December 11, 2022 (93)
Ted Katsumi Matsuura ~ December 26 (72)
Aileen Sanae Miyahira ~ December 19, 2021 (69)
Melanie Miyasato-Crawford ~ December 5, 1989 (inf.)
Ellen Sakaye Miyashiro ~ December 25, 2023 (91)
Kimmie Miyashiro ~ December 10, 2020 (93)
George Moribe ~ December 31, 2007 (82)
Jiro Muramoto ~ December 14, 2006 (86)
Hatsu Nagamine ~ December 20, 2002 (85)
Takeo Nakachi ~ December 22, 2005 (84)
Seitaro Nakamoto ~ December 14, 2009 (86)
Alice Masue Nakamura ~ December 29, 1997 (68)
Helen Tsuneko Nakamura ~ December 4, 2008 (84)
Richard Shigeru Nakamura ~ December 29, 2016 (79)
Shigeo Roy Nakasone ~ December 14, 2009 (85)
Stanley Kiyoshi Nakasone ~ December 12, 2016 (79)

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Tsuruko Nakasone ~ December 26, 2011 (101)
 Kiyoshi Nanbu ~ December 21, 2014 (91)
 Shinko Nohara ~ December 12, 2009 (88)
 Toyoyuki Oda ~ December 31, 2008 (85)
 Lynn Midori Oganeku ~ December 11, 2009 (79)
 Toshio Onaga ~ December 16, 2018 (93)
 Haruko Oyama ~ December 2, 2014 (96)
 James Kazumi Ono ~ December 11, 2013 (71)
 Daniel Koyei Oshiro ~ December 9, 2013 (89)
 Kenneth Shigemi Oshiro ~ December 6, 2005 (60)
 Kiichi Oshiro ~ December 14, 2019 (100)
 Kimie Oshiro ~ December 22, 2009 (92)
 Masaichi Oshiro ~ December 29, 1992 (67)
 Yaeko Oshiro ~ December 2, 2018 (88)
 Haruko Oyama ~ December 2, 2014 (96)
 Janet Setsuko Sasaki ~ December 18, 2017 (88)
 Lillian Eiko Sato ~ December 16, 2014 (86)
 Chiyo Shinsato ~ December 18, 2015 (97)
 Gail Keiko Shimabukuro ~ December 7, 1989 (26)
 Hisako Shimabukuro ~ December 5, 2008 (85)
 Phyllis Keiko Shimabukuro ~ December 31, 2009 (62)
 Walter Kamesuke Shimabukuro ~ December 28, 1989 (77)
 Kameichi Shiroma ~ December 30, 1989 (73)
 Sumiko Shiroma ~ December 12, 2014 (96)
 Frank Takemori Sueyoshi ~ December 23, 2016 (97)
 Chiyo Takara ~ December 22, 1999 (89)

Seiei Takayasu ~ December 23, 1989 (83)
 David Kenzo Takushi ~ December 26, 2016 (87)
 Iris Yoshiko Tamashiro ~ December 4, 2009 (99)
 Thomas Kazuo Tamagusuku ~ December 24, 2024 (94)
 Shinsuke Tamayose ~ December 29, 1996 (68)
 Alice Kiyono Tengan ~ December 26, 2023 (94)
 Hideko Toguchi ~ December 26, 1999 (85)
 Albert Mitsuo Tomei ~ December 13, 2015 (59)
 Masao Uchida ~ December 19, 2013 (89)
 Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno ~ December 13, 2014 (85)
 Fumiko Uyeno ~ December 23, 2004 (57)
 Haruko Wauke ~ December 31, 2020 (101)
 Richard Masayoshi Yamada ~ December 23, 2005 (63)
 Rev. Ryoza Yamaguchi ~ December 29, 2021 (69)
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 Shigeru Yamaguchi ~ December 14, 2021 (94)
 Sheila Audrey Yamamoto ~ December 10, 2024 (78)
 Matsue Yara ~ December 2, 1996 (76)
 Charles Isao Yamashiro ~ December 21, 2008 (91)
 Janet Tsuruko Yoon ~ December 28, 2021 (93)
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 Charles Eizo Yoshimura ~ December 11, 2019 (85)

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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 THRU OCTOBER 17, 2026

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IMO Eunice Chinen Dela Cruz

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General Operations (\$100 - \$499)

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October

Sep.-Dec. Shotsuki Memorial & Birthdays

IMO S. Gushiken

October

General Operations (\$1000-\$4999)

IMO Grace Matsuye Ueunten

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Fall Ohigan & August Shotsuki 9/13/26

September Shotsuki 9/20/26

IMO Faye Matsue Tamashiro

IMO Shigeru Tamashiro

October Shotsuki 10/04/26

IMO Jerry Kaneshiro

IMO Sophie Tokuda

IMO Natsuko Tamashiro

IMO Uta Shimabukuro

Popeyes Chicken Fundraiser

Hawaii Senbukan Goju Ryu Karate

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Offertory

9/13/2026 Fall Ohigan & Aug. Shotsuki\$212.00
 9/20/2026 Sept. Shotsuki.....\$174.00
 9/27/2026 HNL-Oahu & FDM Joint Service\$208.00
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 10/11/2026 Sangha Family Service.....\$252.00

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
AT JIKOEN HONGWANJI

STARTS AT 10:00 AM

RSVP with your name and number of attendees
by December 4th to Terry Jean
by email: tjmiyoko@gmail.com or
call the Jikoen Office (808) 845-3422



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we invite you to join our **2026-2027 Social Concerns Fund Drive**.

Together, our generosity becomes a powerful expression of compassion. Your gift helps the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii support organizations and programs that strengthen our communities, provide relief and hope after disasters, and respond with care to challenges at home and around the world.

In 2026, that compassion reached people affected by numerous natural disasters, including the Kumamoto earthquake in Japan; wildfires in Spokane, Washington; the Kona Lows storm; and Hurricanes Lala and Nolo here at home. It also strengthened the vital work of community organizations, including Vibrant Hawaii on Hawaii Island, Roots Reborn on Maui, and food banks statewide.

This shared commitment continues through **Golden Chain Grants**, which empower Sangha-based compassionate action, and **Dana Matching Grants**, which amplify the charitable giving of organizations in the Hawaii Kyodan Ohana. We invite you to embrace

these innovative programs and help carry our values of compassion, generosity, and service into the wider community.

The campaign runs from November 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027. Please act today: make your gift and submit it to your temple. Every contribution strengthens our collective ability to bring compassion, relief, and hope to communities in need. *Make all checks payable to your temple.* Your temple will then send a single combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii by the end of September 2027.

Join us in turning gratitude into compassionate action through the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. Every gift, no matter the amount, brings relief, strengthens communities, and offers hope where it is needed most. *Give today—and invite others to join you.* Together, we can make a lasting difference through selfless giving. Mahalo!



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