

Sangha family services are offered weekly on Sundays from 9:00a.m. (exceptions appear in the schedule). Dates and times subject to change without notice.

Sun 6/2	 Jikoen Gotan-E Shinran's Birthday & Shotsuki Service Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: after service, Location: Temple Hondo
Tue, 6/4 thru Thu, 6/6	• 2019 State Minister Seminar on Lanai
Sun 6/9	 Jikoen Baccalaureate & Dharma School Recognition Ceremony Guest Speaker
Wed 6/12	• NO LIVING DHARMA SESSION
Sun 6/16	 Sangha Family Service Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama JBWA Monthly Meeting Time: after service, Location: Temple Hondo
Sun 6/23	• Irei no Hi Okinawa War Memorial Service Speaker: Ryokichi Higashionna
Sun 6/30	• Sangha Family Service Guest Minister
Sat 7/6	• Hatsubon the First Obon Memorial Service (see page 3 for details) Time: 9:00 a.m., Location: Temple Hondo, Speaker: Rev. Nishiyama
Sun 7/7	 Jikoen Bon Memorial Service Speaker: Rev. Nishiyama Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: after service, Location: Temple Hondo



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES (May, 2019)

Message from His Eminence Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani on The 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching

January 9, 2019

The year 2023 will mark the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth and 2024 will be the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. To commemorate these occasions, we will be having the joint celebratory observance in 2023.

Shinran Shonin was born in 1173 and entered the priesthood at the age of nine. However, after devoting many years to monastic Buddhist practices on Mt. Hiei, he decided to descend the mountain at the age of 29. Following the guidance from his new mentor Honen Shonin, who introduced him to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, Shinran Shonin came to entrust himself to the Nembutsu teaching preached by his master. Several years later, their Nembutsu teaching was banned and Shinran Shonin was exiled to Echigo, present Niigata. Following his pardon, Shinran Shonin moved to the Kanto region where he engaged in propagation of the Nembutsu teaching of Other Power, namely the working of Amida's great wisdom and compassion. It is believed to be then when he began writing his main literary work, The True Teaching, Practice and Realization of the Pure Land Way, known as Kyōgyōshinshō. Since the essence of his teaching that emphasizes entrusting oneself to the Buddha's working of Other Power and recitation of the Nembutsu was clarified in the composition, the Kyōgyōshinshō is also referred to as gohonden, or the most foundational scripture of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. Based on Shinran Shonin's own inscription in the writing stating that he was 52 years of age at the time, the year 1224 became designated as the year when the Jodo Shinshu teaching was established.

Buddhism began approximately 2500 years ago when Śākyamuni became a Buddha, awakening to the true reality of this world, such as, the principles of dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. However, ordinary people like us are neither able to realize the truth of enlightenment nor practice a life of nonattachment. To the contrary, we see things from our egocentric viewpoint and because of that we constantly suffer, encounter hardship, and fight with one another. That is why Śākyamuni Buddha informs us of the existence of Amida Buddha who had vowed to save all ordinary and foolish beings like us, by guiding us to supreme enlightenment. Furthermore, Shinran Shonin clarifies that we, as the recipient of Amida's working, have already received the Buddha's wish in the form of the Name, Namo Amida Butsu.

As the manifestation of the ultimate wisdom and compassion that accepts everything as it is, Amida Buddha's working equally embraces every living being, never to abandon us no matter how egoistic and filled with blind passions we may be. When truly realizing how vast the Buddha's compassion is, we cannot help but feel ashamed of our way of living that is a far cry from Amida Buddha's wish. That is why Shinran Shonin laments, "How ugly it is! How wretched!" in referring to himself. However, this feeling of shamefulness could motivate us to endeavor to lessen the Buddha's sorrow even if only limited results were expected. Furthermore, that sentiment should synchronize with our efforts of sharing the Buddha's Vow with as many people as possible and feeling others' grief and joy as our own, because these acts are in accord with the wishes of Amida Buddha, and also Shinran Shonin who aspires for peace and tranquility and the Buddha's teaching to spread throughout the world.

Let us appreciate the Dharma and Nembutsu teaching even more deeply, and together strive to realize a society in which everyone can live in peace and harmony, resonating in the hearts and minds of all. As the first step of this movement, I would like to ask for everyone's cooperation in continuing our organizational plans for the future and successfully conducting the joint celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching.

Service Schedule

At the conclusion of the annual commemorative ceremony of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching on April 15, 2019, Sennyo Monshu unveiled the schedule of the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. The ceremonies will be conducted in 2023.

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Jikoen Hongwanji Mission

1731 N. School Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

June 1, 2019

Dear Family of a Late Loved One,

Jikoen Hongwanji Temple invites you to observe the Hatsubon Memorial Service (the first Bon memorial service) for those who have passed away since Obon (July) of last year. It will be held at the temple on Saturday, July 6, 2019 from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

If you are not able to attend this special service, you may schedule your own separate service with the Rev. Shindo Nishiyama by calling our temple office at 845-3422.

Please come at least 15 minutes before the service begins to register your loved one's name at the entrance. Envelopes will be available for you to make your Hatsubon monetary offering to Jikoen and the honorarium to the Rev. Nishiyama.

We will not be accepting any flowers or mochi for the altar. You do NOT need to bring your family record (*kakocho*) nor the memorial tablet (*ihai*).

Please RSVP at 845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com to reserve your space with your name and contact phone number, the name of the deceased, and the number of attendees (only immediate family due to limited seats).

Unfortunately, for our wheelchair-bound participants, our chairlift is out of service and we are currently fundraising through our capital campaign to install an elevator-lift. Please be prepared with another arrangement to help them go up the stairs. We sincerely apologize for this unfortunate situation.

At our annual Bon Dance, we will be hanging Memorial Ribbons with the names of those who have come before us on the lanterns around our Yagura. If you would like to purchase Memorial Ribbons to honor your loved ones, please see the included form.

We look forward to seeing you at this special Hatsubon Memorial Service in memory of your loved one. Please feel free to call or email us if you have any questions.

Arigato and Aloha,

Doris Oshira

Doris Oshiro, Kyodan President

Enclosure

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Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will form a State Committee to plan a special tour to attend the service in Honzan.

Bishop's Corner

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we observe Shinran Shonin's Birthday (Gotan-E), this year, let us turn our attention to the recent Message from His Eminence Kojun Ohtani about the upcoming Eight Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and Eight Hundredth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching which will be observed in 2023, in that message, he states,

"When truly realizing how vast the Buddha's compassion is, we cannot help but feel ashamed of our way of living that is a far cry from Amida Buddha's wish. That is why Shinran Shonin laments, "How ugly it is! How wretched!" in referring to himself. However, this feeling of shamefulness could motivate us to endeavor to lessen the Buddha's sorrow even if only limited results were expected. Furthermore, that sentiment should synchronize with our efforts of sharing the Buddha's Vow with as many people as possible and feeling others' grief and joy as our own, because these acts are in accord with the wishes of Amida Buddha, and also Shinran Shonin who aspires for peace and tranquility and the Buddha's teaching to spread throughout the world."

As I reflect on Gomonshu's guidance, I recall the phrase "...to live the Nembutsu" as found in Lamp for the Latter Ages, Letter 16 in which Shinran Shonin's says "One must seek to cast off the evil of this world and to cease doing wretched deeds; this is what it means to reject the world and to live the Nembutsu." To be sure, it says "to live the nembutsu." "Rejecting the world" does not mean to abandon the world as meaningless and worthless. It means lamenting one's negativity and grateful responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Unconditional Compassion and thus care about this world by trying, imperfect and inconsistent as I am, to live my life according to the Dharma.

Speaking of gratitude, in the Pali language, gratitude is defined as "knowing what has been done." In the Chinese language, one of the Chinese characters for gratitude is comprised of two parts, one which means "cause" and the other refers to the "heart-and-mind." Thus, it reminds us to keep the cause (of why we are grateful) always in mind and moves the heart. A well-known expression goes "Knowing Gratitude, Respond in Gratitude." In the Japanese language, the word "arigatou" comes from the word "arigatai" literally meaning "difficult to have" with the implication of how precious and rare. It can be about a person, an object, an encounter and even being or existence (life) itself.

Gratitude is such a powerful force. It is more than just a feeling or emotion. True gratitude is life changing. Life transforming. In The Teaching of Buddha, it shares that the Wise show appreciation not only to the person(s) who helped (them) by returning some act of kindness, but to all those around them. Thus, expanding the circle of gratitude. Gratitude can change us and the world. In our current times with so much uncertainty, fear, violence. hatred and negativity what we need is a positive universal force in society to bring about more peace, harmony and kindness in the world. Truly, illuminated by Amida Buddha's Nurturing Light, encouraged by Shinran Shonin, may we "live the Nembutsu" motivated by the power of gratitude for Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion. Namo Amida Butsu.

Message from the Governor General of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha Bishop Chiko Iwagami for 2019 PBA Baccalaureate

In his message which was read at the PBA Baccalaureate Service on May 9, 2019, Bishop Chiko Iwagami congratulated the class of 2019.

He shared with the graduates, the spiritual legacy of the School, i.e., the Buddhist concepts of kansha and shojin, each of which refers to "gratitude" and "devotion;" and explained and illustrated these concepts.

Bishop Iwagami stated that at times, things may go as planned, while other times it may be very challenging. In society, we have a tendency to value the outcome. Therefore, it is natural to focus only on the result, however, though the results may not turn out as expected, do not let it keep you down for long, or continue dragging this feeling with you. The same could be said for when things go well. Boasting about your achievement and staying in that state will not get you anywhere. It is important to continue aiming for your next goal and being able to continue moving forward. Only then, can one truly become an admirable and beautiful person in the true sense.

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

June 1, 2019

Dear Jikoen Ohana,

As we celebrate the Obon season, we take this time to remember our loved ones. We are giving families an opportunity to purchase a memorial ribbon(s) to honor your departed loved one(s) and adorn the lanterns around the yagura at our **Bon Dance on July 19 and 20, 2019**. Ribbons will be available on a limited, first-come, first-served basis so make sure to get your request in on time.

Please turn in your completed order form(s) and a "Memorial Donation" of \$20.00 for each ribbon by Friday, June 28, 2019; check payable to Jikoen Hongwanji. For more information, please contact the Jikoen office at 808-845-3422. Thank You!

In Gassho,

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Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, Resident Minister

2019 OBON MEMORIAL RIBBON Order Form

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Please PRINT clearly. Mail order form and \$20.00 donation for each ribbon to Jikoen by <u>JUNE 28, 2019</u>. Please follow the character limits below. If you go over the limit, it will result in either a portion of the name being cut off or the name being printed very small. Your kokua is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

In Memory of

First Name(s) (Please limit to 15 characters):
Last Name(s) (Please limit to 15 characters):
Donated by (Please limit to 30 characters)
Contact Name
Contact Phone
Address

Please make your check payable to: Jikoen Hongwanji

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In concluding his message, Bishop Iwagami said:

As you, the graduating class of 2019, continue to expand your wealth of knowledge, it is my hope that you will continue to say "Thank you" with the spiritual legacy of this school expressing "gratitude" within each of yourselves throughout life, becoming a person of respect and characteristic beauty. Doing so, I am confident that a bright future will await you. In closing, let me once again congratulate you on your graduation. Thank you.

Condolences

Mr. Stanley Mitsuo Kunitomo, a member of Kona Hongwanji, passed away on April 9, 2019. Mr. Kunitomo served as Kyodan President and was an active volunteer.

61st Annual Honpa Hongwanji State Ministers' Association Seminar

The 61st Annual Seminar will be held on June 4-6, 2019 on the island of Maui hosted by Maui District Ministers' Association. The theme of the seminar is "Secure Trusting Mind in Yourself and Guide Others on the Same Path." The guest lecturer will be Dr. Dennis Hirota, Professor Emeritus of Shin Buddhist Studies at Ryukoku University.

62nd Jr. YBA State Convention

The Jr. YBA State Convention will be held on June 28-30, 2019 at the Pagoda Hotel hosted by the Oahu United Jr. YBA. The theme of this year's convention is "Okagesamade: Oh, The Places We'll Go!"

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Will Participate in the Pan-Pacific Parade

HHMH will march in the Pan-Pacific Festival Parade on June 9, 2019. The Hongwanji Ohana will walk to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of HHMH and to promote "Walk in Peace" (Hawaii Kyodan's Theme/Slogan) and Peace Day Hawaii on September 21. Symbolic Sadako cranes will be carried by the walkers.

BWA News

16th World Buddhist Women's Convention: A total of 139 delegates will attend the Convention in San Francisco from August 31 to September 1, 2019. Going are: 55 from Honolulu United, 29 from Oahu United, 7 from Kauai, 24 from Maui, and 24 from Hawaii Island. The theme of the Convention is "Live the Nembutsu." Carol Valentine of Kauai will be Hawaii's panel speaker. Keynote speakers will be Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi and Keiko Toro.

Preceding the World Convention, there will be a meeting of the World Representatives. Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Honorary Advisor; Tamayo Matsumoto, Honorary President; Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, Minister Advisor; Lois Toyama, Fed. BWA President, and Linda Nagai, Fed. BWA 1st Vice-President will attend.

Eshin-ni – Kakushin-ni Endowed Chair at the Institute of Buddhist Studies

Hawaii exceeded our fundraising goal of \$11,000 to support the establishment of this endowed chair. We raised over \$14,000. The check was presented to Peggy Okabayashi and Janice Doi, BCA World Buddhist Representatives, at our March 2, 2019 Federation Meeting.

Honolulu Museum of Art

Following the March 2, 2019 meeting of the BWA Federation, attendees toured the Buddhist Exhibit at the Museum. The docent-led tour, supplemented by comments from Bishop Matsumoto and Rev. Arthur Kaufmann, was very informative and interesting. This permanent exhibit is definitely worth viewing.

Wailuku Hongwanji Dharma School Educational Trip To Kauai

Wailuku Hongwanji Dharma School and parents went to Kauai from April 19 to 21. They visited Kapaa and Lihue Hongwanji temples and learned the wonderful history of each temple. Dharma school students participated in Lihue Hongwanji's Sunday morning service and shared skits with Lihue Hongwanji members. They experienced warm feelings of Aloha from both Kapaa and Lihue Hongwanji Members.



Jikoen Social Hall 6:30pm - 9:00pm

- Friday, June 7
- Friday, June 14
- Friday, June 28
- Friday, July 5
- Friday, July 12

Please note: dates and times are subject to change

Confirm by email to: info@youngokinawans.org or visit: www.youngokinawans.org

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 2019 Obon Schedule

HONOLULU TEMPLES	PHONE	BON SERVICE	BON DANCE
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin 1727 Pali Hwy., Honolulu	(808) 536-7044	July 7, 8:00 AM Japanese; 9:30 AM English	June 28–29 <i>,</i> 6:30 PM
JIKOEN HONGWANJI MISSION 1731 N. School St., Honolulu	(808) 845-3422	July 7, 9:00 AM	July 19–20, 5:30 PM
Moiliili Hongwanji Mission 902 University Ave., Honolulu	(808) 949-1659	July 14, 9:00 AM	July 5–6, 5:00 PM
WINDWARD BUDDHIST TEMPLE 268A Kuulei Rd., Kailua	(808) 262-4560	July 7, 9:00 AM	July 13, 7:00 PM

OAHU TEMPLES	PHONE	BON SERVICE	BON DANCE
Aiea Hongwanji Mission 99-186 Puakala St., Aiea	(808) 487-2626	July 27, 6:00 PM	July 27, 7:00 PM
Ewa Hongwanji Mission 91-1133 Renton Rd., Ewa	(808) 681-5222	June 15, 6:00 PM	June 15, 7:00 PM
Mililani Hongwanji Mission 95-257 Kaloapau St., Mililani	(808) 625-0925	August 11, 9:00 AM	August 16–17, 7:00 PM
PEARL CITY HONGWANJI MISSION 858 2nd St., Pearl City	(808) 455-1680	July 28, 8:30 AM	August 9–10, 7:00 PM
Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission 1067 California Ave., Wahiawa	(808) 622-4320	June 15, 6:00 PM	June 21–22, 7:00 PM
WAIALUA HONGWANJI MISSION 67-313 Kealohanui St., Waialua	(808) 637-4395	August 3, 6:00 PM	August 3, 7:00 PM
WAIANAE HONGWANJI MISSION 85-762 Old Government Rd., Waianae	(808) 677-4221	July 14, 10:30 AM	July 20, 6:30 PM
Waipaнu Hongwanji Mission 94-821 Kuhaulua St., Waipahu	(808) 677-4221	July 13, 6:00 PM	July 13, 7:00 PM

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 will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00am, in memory of those whose date of death falls in that month. We also recognize the efforts of those who have passed before us and thank them for their continuing influence in our lives and for giving us the opportunity to share the Dharma.

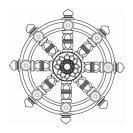
Here are our loved ones who will be remembered on Sunday, June 2:

Nahe Aka ~ June 5, 1987 (98) Taro Arakaki ~ June 18, 2007 (88) Yasuko Arakaki ~ June 19, 2013 (101) Seitoku Arume - June 22, 1999 (89) Dr. Nadhipuram Bhagavan ~ June 17, 2018 (86) Takamitsu Chinen ~ June 18, 2011 (97) Tsuru Chinen ~ June 16, 1995 (92) Richard Norio Fuji - June 5, 2013 (73) Haruko "Evelyn" Gushi ~ June 1, 2005 (90) Fumiko Higa ~ June 24, 1998 (87) Thelma Hideko Higa ~ June 13, 2004 (79) Ethel Haruko Isa - June 19, 2017 (96) Francis Kazuo "Frenchy" Kaneshiro - June 4, 2013 (82) Masei Kaneshiro ~ June 19, 2001 (95) Natsue "Nat" Kaneshiro ~ June 26, 2009 (80) Nobuo Kaneshiro - June 5, 2007 (100) Florence Kamimura ~ June 17, 2014 (90) Shuichi Kina ~ June 8, 2014 (83) Kame Kiyabu ~ June 16, 1987 (90) Kyoko Kamiya Kuniyuki ~ June 28, 2017 (82) Kameko Kuwae ~ June 5, 1987 (72) Janet Haruko Miyasato ~ June 8, 2007 (85) Rev. Norito Nagao ~ June 4, 2003 (83) Hisashi Nagai - June 20, 2013 (87) Shizuko Nakama - June 30, 2013 (97) Hanavo Kunivuki Nakano ~ June 04, 2001 (96) Richard Sadao Nakasone ~ June 1, 2011 (78) Elsie Usano Omori ~ June 7, 2013 (95) Yuriko Okamoto ~ June 21, 2015 (79) Herbert Toshiyuki Oshiro - June 7, 2017 (92) George Shimabukuro ~ June 3, 2011 (82) Sadako Shimabukuro ~ June 9, 2015 (90) Mike Kazuo Shimabukuro ~ June 12, 2000 (72) Sumiko Shinkawa - June 13, 2000 (71) Masakichi Shiroma ~ June 18, 2000 (82) Shizuko Shiroma - June 20, 2017 (76) Yoshinori "Ginny" Taira ~ June 30, 2011 (82) Thomas Saneo Tamanaha ~ June 23, 1998 (57)

Raymond "Shagg" Shigeru Tarasawa ~ June 14, 2014 (80) Shizu Toguchi ~ June 27, 2011 (81) Yoshino Toguchi ~ June 1, 2016 (90) Uto Tokuda ~ June 11, 1987 (94) Don Shinichi Tsukahara ~ June 30, 2017 (52) Takeno Tsukahara ~ June 26, 2015 (88) Sharon Midori Uyehara ~ June 8, 2015 (56) Herbert Eiyu Yamaguchi ~ June 20, 2015 (84) Fumiko Yoshimoto ~ June 29, 2015 (92) Satoru Wauke ~ June 14, 2003 (77) Richard Hiroshi Zukemura ~ June 28, 2014 (92)

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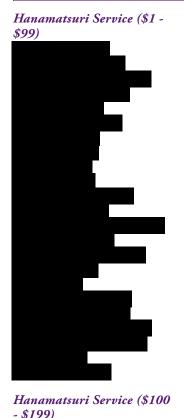
If you would like to honor your loved one, please call the office at 845-3422 or email to jikoen.info@gmail.com.



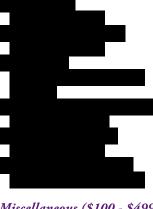


Mahalo!

DONATIONS FROM APRIL 1 THRU APRIL 30. 2019







Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$499)





Shotsuki Memorial (\$100 -\$199)



Offertory	
4/01/19 Service	\$130
4/14/19 Service	\$190
4/21/19 Service	\$139
4/28/19 Service	\$160

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- Jikoen Hongwanji Social Hall
- Please commit to preparing and serving meals (breakfast or dinner) or being a Sleep Over Volunteer.
- Schedules and sign up to follow.
- Donations are welcome.

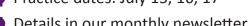
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- Volunteers needed!!
- Practice dates: July 15, 16, 17

- Details in our monthly newsletter



📕 🗳 Jikoen Bon Dance

July 19 Friday & July 20 Saturday

5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Okinawan & Japanese style Bon dance PLUS: ono food and keiki games

Clean-up after the bon dance on both nights

Break-down and clean-up on Sunday, July 21

See page 5 for Memorial Ribbon form

Your Kokua will be deeply appreciated!

Set-up on Sunday, July 14 at 8:00am

- Fundraiser
 - OCT 6 / HHMH 130th Anniversary Community Event at Jikoen
- SEP 21 / Drive Thru BBQ Chicken
- needed) • AUG 11–18 / Family Promise

hosting at Jikoen



Please mark your calendar for the following dates: